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Community and police leaders take part in the grand opening of Tarentino Memorial Park at Community Field.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Officials and residents recently celebrated the grand opening of Tarentino Memorial Park at Community Field. Established by the Parks and Recreation Committee, the memorial park and basketball court honor the life and legacy of fallen Auburn Police Officer Ronald

Tarentino, Jr. On Aug. 15, Tarentino family, town officials, and a small number of residents took part in a socially distanced celebration. Officer Tarentino, who lived in Leicester and previously served on the town's police force, was known for his frequent involvement in the community. He coached youth basketball in town and served as an adult league game official. He also

played in Leicester's men's league at Town Hall, and he even washed the floor afterward and took part in other maintenance tasks. Shortly after Tarentino's death in 2016, Leicester Parks and Recreation Committee member Robert Pingeton came up with the idea to honor him with a memorial park and basketball court at Community Field. Four years later, the court has

been transformed from a vision to a reality. Special signage was recently added to honor a man who was "a friend to all." "The project came out great. Everyone did an excellent job, and we are very proud of the result," said Patrick McKay, the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, in an interview earlier

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## SEBRSD adopts hybrid model for re-opening

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee voted last week to reopen schools using a hybrid model. At the committee's Aug. 10 meeting, members voted 6-1 in support of the hybrid reopening model for the 2020-21 school year. For grades PreK-3, students will experience a blend of in-person and remote learning. Students will attend school Monday-Thursday on an alternating "A-week, B-week" schedule. Fridays will be a remote learning day, giving the district time to fully sanitize its facilities in preparation for the next week. "Students will return to a hybrid model of learning with safety precautions within our regional school dis-

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## Officials tighten restrictions on social gatherings

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – State officials are tightening regulations and enforcement policies in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. On Aug. 11, Gov. Charlie Baker announced a new set of initiatives aimed at curbing a recent statewide uptick in new cases. These include stricter rules for gatherings on both public and private properties. Baker has expressed frustration in recent weeks over residents ignoring mask and social distancing guidelines at large gatherings. State officials are worried that many residents have become too complacent. "The notable decline in COVID in Massachusetts, especially in comparison to many other states, has caused some residents to feel a bit too relaxed about the seriousness of this virus," Baker said. "There have been sever-

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Gov. Charlie Baker announces new regulations to slow the spread of COVID-19.

## School District restores cut teacher positions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District is restoring the teaching positions that were cut in June. SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey announced last week that the district will restore all 22 positions that were affected as school leaders awaited state funding estimates in June. Many school districts statewide issued layoff and non-renewal notices due to the uncertainty surrounding Chapter 70 state education funding during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Massachusetts Teachers Association,

more than 2,000 of its members received layoff or non-renewal notices this spring and summer. Teachers, education support professionals, and other staff members in 47 school districts across the state were affected. For SEBRSD officials, it was a devastating decision to cut the teaching positions in June. School leaders are proud to fully restore all positions before the 2020-21 school year. "We are thrilled to be able to bring back the teachers that were pink-slipped earlier this summer," said Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee Chairman Jason Monette. "It breaks our hearts to have to pink-slip anyone

due to budgetary reasons, so we are so grateful to be able to restore those positions." Gov. Charlie Baker's administration recently committed to maintaining local and school aid at last year's levels. The Baker Administration will also provide an additional \$107 million in school aid to cover inflation and enrollment factors. Projections released by the state last week include sufficient Chapter 70 funding for the SEBRSD in fiscal year 2021. Back in June, it was difficult for school leaders to project how much money districts would receive from the state. This led to the decision to cut

the teaching positions, but officials are thrilled by the Governor's support of schools statewide amid the pandemic. "We were planning on a best-case scenario and a worst-case scenario," Superintendent Haughey said. "Because of receiving this latest information, we now have the ability to bring those individuals back." Haughey said the district hopes to quickly fill all remaining positions to help principals with the scheduling of each school as they plan for a hybrid model of learning this fall. With a 6-1 vote, the School Committee

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# Saltwater fishing opportunities



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Fly fishermen are ready to enjoy some great fishing on saltwater in the coming weeks. Bonito and False Albacore migrate to numerous saltwater bays and estuaries in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island during the month of August. They provide the angler with some great exciting fly fishing, and they are edible table fare, although many anglers release their catch because of the somewhat strong taste of the fish.

They travel in somewhat large schools, and are often spotted by their constant feeding habits on or near the surface of the water, similar to bluefish. They also are caught on small lures and plastic baits, and provide a lot of fun catching them on light spin cast rods. It can become a bit crazy on the water, as anglers chase after the schools of bonito and false albacore with their boats, trying to stay with a school of active feeding fish.

Many of the fly-fishing public take their fishing seriously and become quite agitated with “GOGANS” (week-end warriors) as they plow through an actively feeding school of fish with their boats, driving the fish away from the area. I find it best just to sit and wait for a school of bonito to resurface and start feeding right around the boat. The areas

around Galilee RI provide a lot of action every year for this hard fighting fish.

Fluke and seabass fishing around Carpenters Beach area to the Charlestown Breachway area is best during a high tide. The outgoing tide seem to provide the best action. Fishing for seabass around the “Hooter” is also providing some great seabass fishing. The seabass limit in Rhode Island increases to six fish on Sept. 1. Hopefully, no major storms like tropical depressions will be heading up our coastline in the coming weeks. It sure can negatively impact the fishing for a week or more

Massachusetts has decided to extend their seabass season for anglers fishing on charter boats only? The season was slated to end on Sept. 9, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic, their season was started late, and will now be extended to Oct. 9 of this year. “The extra days should result in the same harvest, if they had started the season on time,” the report stated.

The extra 31 days will not include anglers fishing from shore or in there privately owned vessel, which will end on September 8 of this year. “Because black Seabass catch rates are at their peak in the spring when the fish are near shore, aggregated, and aggressively feeding and interest in the fishery, it is at its highest,” the report stated.

Do not forget to go online at “MASSFISHHUNT” and check out the status of your antlerless deer permit application. It is quick and easy!

Local bass anglers are enjoying some great freshwater fishing, with numerous largemouth bass being caught almost every week. Releasing the fish to fight another day is extremely important and will provide another



er angler with the thrill of catching it again. Many anglers are taking the opportunity of entering the fish into the MF&W freshwater fishing awards program. The catch and release program only require you to submit a photo of the fish, along with some other simple requirements necessary to win a pin. Check it out on page 13 of your 2020 hunting and fishing abstracts.

Joe Gareri recently took a trip to Maine to do a little freshwater bass fishing, and was rewarded with a five pound, 11 ounce largemouth bass, as shown in this week’s picture. Nice fish!

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# Efforts to preserve Mosquito Ballroom's history gain momentum

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A local resident's mission to learn more about the defunct Mosquito Ballroom is gaining strength thanks to community support.

Also known as Lashaway Dance Hall, the Mosquito Ballroom was a popular venue during its operation from 1932-1941. Located on Green Road near Lake Lashaway, the dance hall drew local guests and also residents from throughout the area.

For Patricia O'Connor, whose grandparents owned the dance hall, it is important to keep its memory alive. During its nine years of existence between world wars, the hall was one of the most popular sites in the area for dancing. O'Connor's grandparents, Felix and Alice White, built the dance hall and eventually lived there as well.

After discussing the Mosquito Ballroom with the New Leader earlier this summer and reaching out to the community, O'Connor has received several stories and pieces of information from residents.

"Growing up, we LeBlanc/O'Connor cousins heard so much about the Mosquito Ballroom – built, owned, and managed by our grandparents – where our parents worked, played in the band, and met their future spouses on the dance floor," O'Connor said. "Our grandparents remodeled and lived in the same building after the war, and when we visited them, there were signs that their home had clearly had a more glamorous life in the past."

As a result of O'Connor's efforts



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This poster celebrated the grand opening of the now defunct Lashaway Dance Hall, also known as the Mosquito Ballroom.

to preserve the memory of the dance hall, the East Brookfield Historical Commission's Facebook page now has an ongoing dialogue about the building. It took several months of hard work and investigating to reach this point where the dance hall is back in the forefront.

When O'Connor began her extensive research, she discovered that hardly any town records of the facility exist.

But after months spent researching the dance hall and reaching out to residents, O'Connor is quickly making progress. She even uncovered an old poster advertising the grand opening of the dance hall.

The venue closed at the start of World War II. During the height of its popularity in the '30s, guests often traveled from as far away as Worcester, many of them taking a bus from the city and arriving at the dock in East Brookfield. From there, they took a boat across Lake Lashaway and walked up a hill to go dancing at the hall.

"Over the years, I've heard so many fond reminiscences from people in Worcester, as well as the Brookfields and Spencer, about dance contests with trophies and a mirror ball," O'Connor said. "So many long-married couples met and courted there. Someone told me that when the war broke out, all the guys enlisted and immediately married their favorite dance partner."

The dance pavilion also featured live swing bands on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as various dance contests. Al Kane and the Georgians were an opening night headliner, and O'Connor's father later played trumpet at the hall as part of the Johnny Cutler Band.

O'Connor has sought records pertaining to the hall at the library and historical society, but she couldn't find much information there. Local residents and their family members continue to be her strongest source of information.

If you or a family member can help provide information or anecdotes on the dance hall, contact O'Connor at poc1675poc@gmail.com.

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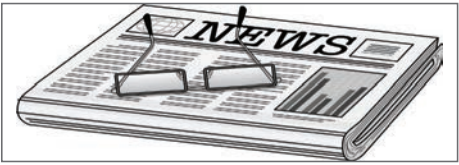
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approved the hybrid reopening model on Aug. 10.

"Staffing levels similar to last year will have a positive effect, which you'll see in the reopening proposal," Haughey added. "This includes our class sizes, which then have a positive effect on spacing within each of our classrooms."

Additional information on the district's reopening plan will be announced in the coming weeks.



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iPad with assistance. In her current placement, Alyssa seeks out staff for attention and responds well to positive praise. Alyssa likes to face where she can see her peers and she will seek interaction by reaching for others or holding hands.

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Jennie Palleria of Spencer

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— June Simakauskas

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Hanging bundles of herbs to dry is a long-time practice that works. Harvest herbs in the morning just after the dew has dried off the leaves. Rinse, allow them to dry, and remove any damaged or dried leaves.

Gather the dry herbs into small bun-

# Preserve your garden produce for delicious winter meals

dles and secure with a rubber band. Use a spring-type clothespin to hang the bundles from a clothesline or hanger in a warm, dry, airy place out of direct sunlight.

A modern twist on this tradition is the space-saving StackIt Herb Drying Rack (gardeners.com) hung from the ceiling. You will be able to dry large quantities of herbs in any narrow, out-of-the-way space.

Extend the life, flavor, and nutritional value of squash with proper harvesting and storage. Only store blemish- and damage-free fruits and vegetables to reduce the risk of mold and decay developing during storage.

Harvest zucchini when the fruit is six to eight inches long and scalloped squash when three to six inches in diameter. Store these in a plastic bag inside the vegetable crisper drawer in your refrigerator for several days.

Wait to harvest winter squash when the fruit is full-sized, and the rinds are firm and glossy. The portion touching the ground turns from cream to orange when the fruit is ripe. Use a pruner to harvest the fruit, leaving a one-inch stem on each fruit. Cure all winter squash, except for acorn, in a warm, humid location. Then move to a cool, dry, well-ventilated area to store for several months. In the past, gar-



## GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

deners stored these, potatoes, onions, and fruit in wooden racks that maximized storage space and allowed air to reach each layer of produce. An updated version, Gardener’s Supply Orchard Rack, adds convenient drawers to this traditional storage system.

Boost your cabbage harvest with this trick. Remove firm full-sized heads but leave the lower ring of leaves and roots intact. The plant will form several smaller heads.

Harvest cucumbers based on how you plan to use them. Pick the fruit when it is 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches long if you plan on making sweet pickles. Allow the cucumbers to grow a bit bigger, three to four inches, if dill pickles are on the menu. Harvest those for slicing when the skin is firm, bright green and the fruit is six to nine inches long.

Turn a portion of your harvest into something delicious. Fermentation is a relatively easy preservation technique used for thousands of years. Preserve some of your cucumbers as pickles, cabbage as sauerkraut, and berries as preserves with fermentation. Store fermented fruits and vegetables in a cool, dark place or extend their shelf life by canning the finished product. For most projects, you just need the fruit or vegetables, water, salt, and spices.

The desired ingredients are placed in a covered vessel, like Gardener’s Supply three-gallon Fermentation Crock. Weights are used to keep the fruit and vegetables submerged in water throughout the fermentation process.

If your garden is still producing when frost is in the forecast, extend the harvest season. Cold frames and cloches are tried-and-true techniques used for extending the growing season. A modern method employs floating row covers. These spun fabrics allow air, light, and water through while protecting plants from frosty conditions. Cover the plantings and anchor the fabric in place. Lift to harvest and enjoy several more weeks and even months of garden-fresh produce.

Select the storage and preservation methods that work best for your garden produce, growing location, and lifestyle. Once you enjoy home-grown produce in winter meals, you will start growing more produce to eat fresh, share and preserve.

Melinda Myers is the author of numerous gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Gardener’s Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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Thank you. Your letters and emails expressing your prayers, good wishes and concern for my recovery are overwhelming. I always do everything I can to answer each correspondence, so if you haven’t yet received a reply, you will. Thank you for your care and concern. It strengthens and encourages me.

After expressing encouragement, the most asked question is, “How can you remain so positive while facing so much?” It’s a question I have been asked most of my adult life. The answer is simple but not easy.

I remain strong and positive because of my chosen optimism. I say chosen because it is a choice. I could crumble under the weight of stage 4 stomach cancer and mentally give into it and my body will quickly do the same ... or I can expect the best outcome and fight with my medical team to extend my life and overcome the odds. It is a choice I’ve made. Like I said, “simple but not easy.”

It’s simplistic to say I choose to be optimistic when you look at the data. Fewer than 5% of the people afflicted with stomach cancer live five years. It’s easier to give in and say I have a 95% chance of dying, rather than making the harder assumption, that I’ll be one of the 5% to live beyond five years. I must sell and convince myself I’m a “five percent!” If I just look at the data and take it at face value, I’d begin believing I have no responsibility for my health. The numbers already tell me what will happen. The data insinuates there is no patient impact on who lives and dies. I know that’s not true and understand the choices I make about my health do have a profound impact.



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I am not powerless in this fight. One of the important aspects I’ve learned about surviving stomach cancer is my overall health, so I make a list and carry it with me as a reminder of all the positives I have going for me in my battle.

I don’t smoke and have never smoked or used tobacco in any way.

I’m not overweight.

I am not a diabetic.

I don’t have any other health problem.

I walk and keep moving.

Okay. That all works in my favor. What else?

Almost every doctor or medical professional will tell you that the attitude and outlook of the patient plays an important role in treatment and recovery.

I believe I will be a survivor.

The next question is always, “How can just believing help?”

If I believe I will survive, my mind and body conspire together to make it so.

Think logically about this ... if I believe I can survive, I wake up in the morning and get my body moving. I go about my daily business believing I’ll still be here in five years and plan accordingly. My mind believes and my body responds.

Of course, I realize, as I always say, there are some medical realities that optimism may not overcome. No person lives forever. There is always an end of life

here on earth, but numerous studies prove that optimistic people live longer, happier, and more successful lives than pessimistic people do.

So, a long answer to your question of how I can remain positive under the weight of a negative diagnosis. It is a simple answer but not easy in execution. It all begins with the choice to live and not die.

A charming young lady, ninety-one years young, wrote to me this week saying, “I was born a pessimist and I rely on you and your column to keep me going.”

She was born a pessimist? Now she can be a “born again” optimist! In the ninth decade of her life, she’s reading this column and using it to change her mindset. You are never too old ... it is never too late to join us! As I always say, it begins with a choice. Make the decision to change your life and become more optimistic. You really can do it.

Imagine what our nation and world would be like if the majority chose optimism. Optimists don’t riot, loot, or destroy property. A nation of optimists would not act this way, but that’s a subject for next week.

For me, I choose to live, and in addition to longer life, optimistic people are happier, healthier, and more productive than others.

Why would you choose otherwise?

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# Simen Nodland named to Millikin University Spring 2020 Dean’s List

DECATUR, Ill. — Millikin University is pleased to announce that student Simen Nodland of Moss, is among the outstanding undergraduates who have been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester.

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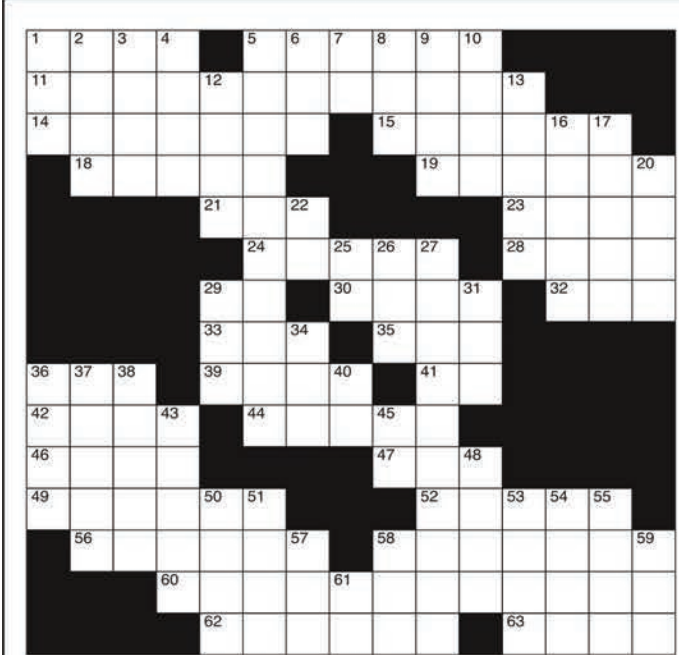
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The students named to the Dean’s List at Millikin University are listed in alphabetical

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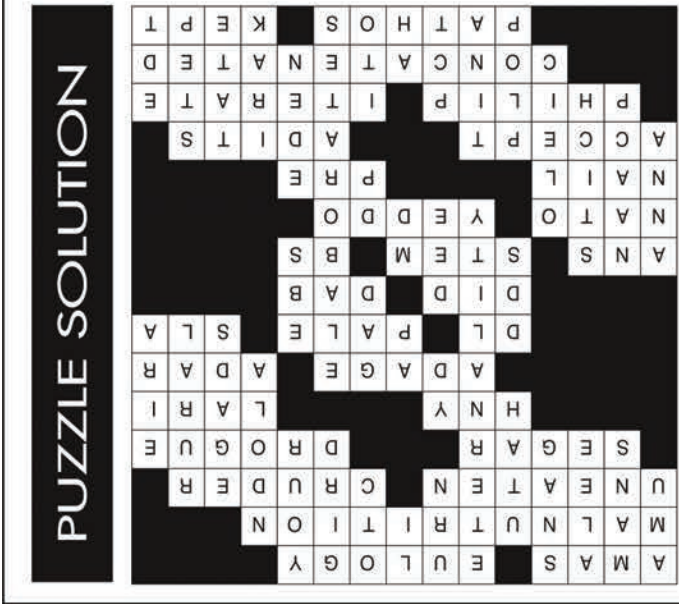


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular musical awards show
5. Speech in one’s honor
11. A state of poor nutrition
14. Not ingested
15. More lacking in taste
18. “Popeye” cartoonist
19. Helps to reduce speed
21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
23. Georgian currency
24. Proverb expressing a truth
28. Jewish calendar month
29. Volume measurement
30. Fair-skinned
32. Patti Hearst’s captors
33. Have already done
35. Touch lightly
36. Autonomic nervous system
39. Plant part
41. College degree
42. Military alliance
44. Tokyo’s former name
46. Carpenter’s tool
47. Before
49. Consent to receive
52. Passages
56. The Duke of Edinburgh
58. Utter repeatedly
60. Linked together in a chain
62. Quality that evokes pity
63. Maintained possession of

### CLUES DOWN

1. U.S. military school
2. Controls
3. Away from wind
4. Grab quickly
5. Being everlasting
6. Vase
7. Atomic #3
8. Type of medication
9. Encircle with a belt
10. Belonging to you
12. American state
13. City in Zambia
16. Good Gosh!
17. Of the country
20. Helsinki district
22. 36 inches
25. Reporters’ group
26. The voice of Olaf
27. Explains in detail
29. Tooth caregiver
31. One point south of due east
34. Scottish river
36. Elsa’s sister
37. Civil Rights group
38. Line of poetry
40. Doctor
43. Fatty acid
45. Avatar (abbr.)
48. Awe-inspiring garden
50. Fall down
51. Rock icon Turner
53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
54. UK museum network
55. Stairs have at least one
57. Part of (abbr.)
58. Simpson trial judge
59. Sun up in New York
61. Exclamation of surprise



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# Tips to Preserve Harvest's Bounty the Old Fashioned Way

The pleasures of the New England harvest season are truly bountiful. Whether plucked from your own backyard or purchased fresh from local gardens or farmers' markets, preserving the "just picked" flavor of the New England harvest is a seasonal quest.

While freezing has long been a favorite form of "keeping" crops and traditional canning is enjoying a comeback, the old fashioned method of drying garden vegetables often gets overlooked by home gardeners. A modern dehydrator isn't necessary, as all it takes is an oven, some trays and a bit of time to maintain all the flavor, integrity and wholesomeness of the season's harvest.

Dry to Preserve Garden's Bounty  
Drying is one of the oldest forms of food preservation, and a reliable technique that can be easily employed to stretch the goodness of home grown vegetables. Dehydrating removes moisture and therefore halts the growth of bacteria and molds, extending the life of precious garden crops.

Proper preparation of vegetables to dry is very important. Pick produce at peak of ripeness and rinse in cool water to remove dirt and debris. Dry thoroughly and cut into uniform thicknesses to ensure even drying time. Some vegetables, such as tomatoes, corn, carrots



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and potatoes should be blanched before drying to kill potential bacteria and enzymes that can decrease flavor and color during storage. Common foods that do not require pre blanching include mushrooms, peppers, onions, garlic and herbs. Blanch vegetables by boiling or steaming. Immediately drop into cold water briefly to stop cooking and drain and dry vegetables while still warm. (The warmth will aid the drying process.)

Place vegetables in a food dehydrator, or if drying in oven, arrange in a single layer on a wire cake cooling rack set on top of a sheet tray to allow air circulation. The optimum temperature for successful drying is 140 degrees. This low temperature ensures moisture has completely evaporated, therefore lowering the risk of mold from any trapped moisture. If your oven doesn't have as low a setting, try the "warm" setting checking the temperature with a thermometer to avoid cooking the vegetables. Check temperature periodically to ensure oven maintains an even 140 degrees.

It can take several hours for garden produce to be properly dried. Sufficiently dehydrated vegetables and herbs will be crisp and brittle. Vegetables cut in thicker slices such as tomatoes should be dry but not hard (a

bit pliable). Dried goods must be cooled completely before storing. Air tight containers such as zipper lock bags, glass mason jars and plastic freezer tubs are all good candidates for storage of dehydrated vegetables. Dried produce should be stored in a cool, dark place and can last from a few months up to a year, depending upon the vegetable. Refrigeration can extend the life of some dried vegetables, just be sure they are stored in an air tight container and always use within one year of packing. To ensure the product remains dehydrated, it is very important to check the contents periodically and discard any food that has become rehydrated, smells "off", or is moldy or tainted in any way.

From Décor to Diet: Garlic Braids and Pepper Wreaths

Garlic braids dangling from kitchen rafters and colorful hot pepper wreaths hung near the chopping block offer not only homegrown décor, but a handy "pick as you use" year round supply of garden produce. Storing garden garlic and dried peppers in a creative way is not only satisfying for the home gardener, but the finished products serve as ideal "garden gifts" throughout the seasons.

Garlic Braid: Give Bountiful Bulbs a "Twist." Garlic is easy to grow, and even a novice gardener can produce enough garlic bulbs to store for use all

year round via a well constructed garlic braid.

To do: Gather up about a dozen of fresh garlic bulbs with greens attached. Begin braiding greens of three garlic bulbs, and then begin adding more bulbs as you continue up the braid. Add a new bulb on the right and work it into the braid, then a new one in the middle and do the same, then add a bulb on the left, layering the bulbs in an attractive braid as you move up the length. At this point the braid technique resembles "French braiding" of hair. For larger bulbs bring greens in from the outer edges (forming an x with the other greens) for an attractive French braiding rope. Continue braiding until all bulbs are used.

To finish off your garlic rope, wind a length of twine or raffia around the greens close to the top bulb. Tie off and tie ends together to form a loop to hang the rope. Hang in a well ventilated, warm area to dry for two to three weeks. When dry, simply snip off desired bulbs. For long term storage, hang braid in a cool storage area or root cellar.

Pepper Wreath: Pick Perfect Peppers  
Note: Before stringing hot peppers be sure to wear gloves to ensure safety while handling. Texas A & M University advises using waxed dental floss to string and dry hot peppers like jala-

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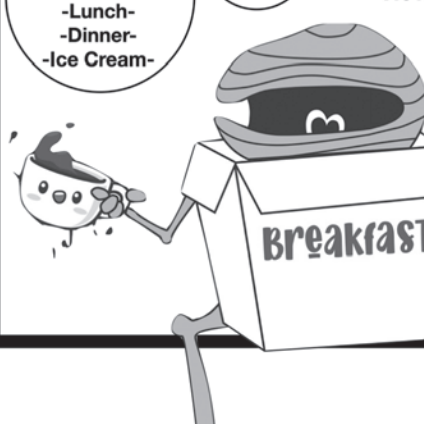
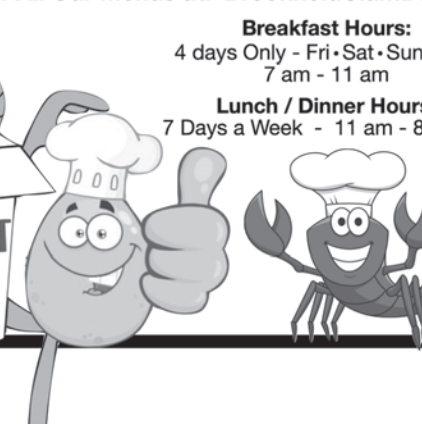

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# Warren police and fire departments switch to Swift-911

WARREN – The police and fire departments recently announced that they will be switching to Swift-911, a reverse 9-1-1 system now being utilized by the town.

Registration information for residents is available in several forms, including on the police department’s social media pages. Additionally, officials will send out a mass mailer to residents in the next few days. Paper copies will also be available.

“After creating an account, you can then subscribe to National Weather Service

alerts, Worcester County Life Safety alerts, and emergency alerts for the Town of Warren, as well as non-emergency alerts,” read a statement released by the police department.

Residents are asked to use their physical addresses when registering for the service. Please do not use your P.O. box number.

For residents who do not register online, completed forms can be dropped off at the Warren Police Department (use the lobby drop-box).

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this summer.

Several businesses, organizations, volunteers, and town officials came together to fund, plan, and build the basketball court. Senator Michael Moore helped secure a \$50,000 grant, and the State Police boxing team contributed another \$10,000.

Construction work was completed by Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing, Inc., of Monroe, New Hampshire. The Leicester Highway Department also played an instrumental role in the project, specifically Highway Superintendent Dennis Griffin.

Officials also thank the Tarentino family for their support of the project. Every detail of the memorial court has a special meaning, even the coloration of the surface (blue in honor of police officers, and maroon to reflect the town’s primary color).

“We got the family involved right away, and we wanted to make sure everything was done right,” Pingeton said in a previous interview. “I can’t be prouder of how this court came out. It exceeds my expectations.”

Looking long-term, officials are thrilled that the court will forever preserve Officer Tarentino’s legacy of kindness and community service. He was also a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Several Leicester Police Department officials took part in the opening ceremony as well, a few who served with Tarentino. They thank Parks and Recreation Committee members for all of their efforts.

“The Tarentino family was in attendance to watch the unveiling of the beautiful sign. Great work done by all involved, especially Bob Pingeton and Pat McKay,” read a statement released by the police department.

## RE-OPENING

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trict – with all available district resources and supports in place to support our youngest children in their early years,” read a statement released by SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey.

Students in grades four through 12, meanwhile, will return to a remote learning model this fall. School Committee members understand that many students and parents will be disappointed with the reopening structure, but they made decisions to enhance safety for all students and staff amid an unpredictable climate.

“We respect everyone’s opinions on how we should return to school, and at this point it’s tough to determine what the right answer is,” said SEBRSD Chairman Jason Monette. “Our decision was based on all input and what we felt as a committee is the best option for our students and district.”

Special education students in grades PreK-12 will be provided with opportunities to learn in-person with safety precautions in place. This includes all students with disabilities requiring 502.4 programming and service delivery.

Moreover, English language learners will also be given opportunities to learn in-person with safety precautions. This instruction will be available to students who are designated in Level 1 or 2; all others will be provided with remote learning opportunities.

Title I targeted assistance will also be offered to students in-person or remotely, by appointment. Students requiring targeted assistance and support in MTSS (Tier II and III) will be provided opportunities for in-person meetings with faculty, also by appointment. This includes any student demonstrating social-emotional learning issues as a result of the pandemic.

Additionally, all SEBRSD students will receive an electronic device to augment remote learning. Students in grades PreK-2 will receive an iPad, while students in grades three to 12 will receive a Chromebook.

Also, all students will have Google accounts to assist with remote learning. If COVID-19 conditions worsen this fall and all grades are forced to return to remote learning, officials want students to be well-prepared.

## RESTRICTIONS

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al reports of big parties, illegal sports camps, and weddings.”

Effective Aug. 11, the limit on attendees at outdoor gatherings was reduced from 100 to 50 people (the indoor gatherings limit will remain at 25 people). These restrictions apply to all types of gatherings, including those on both public and private property.

Additionally, due to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases, step two of the Commonwealth’s third phase of reopening has been postponed indefinitely. The Baker Administration hopes to see a renewed statewide commitment toward slowing the spread.

“We have asked a lot from the people of Massachusetts since March. Businesses have been closed for months, and everyone continues to sacrifice to deal with this virus,” Baker said. “But we have to continue working hard to keep this virus out of our communities as we head into the fall.”

The Baker Administration also announced that, starting

last week, additional town-by-town data will be published weekly to better illustrate the spread of COVID-19 at the community level.

Also, free COVID-19 testing sites in 17 communities have been extended through Sept. 12. Locations include Agawam, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Framingham, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Marlborough, Methuen, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, Taunton, and Worcester.

Restaurant rules have also been updated as part of the Governor’s latest guidance. Effective Aug. 11, alcoholic beverages may only be served for on-site consumption if accompanied by orders for food prepared on-site.

State officials will also be stepping up enforcement to ensure compliance.

“The administration will be taking measures to ensure that bars masquerading as restaurants will be closed,” read a statement released by the Baker Administration. “Public safety officials, including state and local law enforcement, have the jurisdiction to enforce these orders. Event hosts in violation

of these orders will be subject to fines or cease-and-desist orders.”

In addition to utilizing police resources, the Baker Administration has assembled a COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team that will be responsible for ensuring compliance. Members will receive and review complaints against businesses that aren’t following state regulations.

The COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team includes members of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; the State Police; the Department of Labor Standards; the Division of Professional Licensure; the Department of Public Health; and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC), among several others.

The intervention team will work closely with the ABCC and local licensing boards to identify and fine noncompliant restaurants. The suspension or revocation of liquor licenses is also possible for businesses that do not comply with safety regulations.

For more information about the Governor’s latest regulations, visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

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EDITORIAL

A change  
of opinion  
signals growth

As the world turns, so do people's opinions — even moreso now that it's an election year. Further, there has been so much civil unrest currently, in addition to the fact that we are all living through a global pandemic. We are all constantly being bombarded with opinions. You see them on social media, the radio, television, newspapers, and even on signs in people's yards.

As overwhelming, and sometimes unsettling, as this can be, it is actually quite healthy to have and share your opinions. Some individuals have no issue sharing their opinions, while others tend to shy away. Perhaps the latter is on to something but we digress. As we write this, and as you read it, somewhere, two people are in the midst of a debate.

When we share opinions, it's a sign that we are yearning to be more educated and more knowledgeable about the world we live in. The problem arises when a person will insult, lie and attack to turn their opinion into truth. It's important during a debate or heated discussion to remain open minded, as hard as that can be at times. When harsh words are exchanged, they are here for good.

There's also a difference between facts and opinions. When an uninformed person tosses out talking points with misinformation, the point of the conversation goes right out the window. Likewise, both facts and opinions can and do change. Sometimes a person will have a light bulb moment that changes everything they thought they once knew, leading to a change in their mindset. A researcher can find new discoveries, which can alter something that prior, was fact.

A person's viewpoint on something can change over the course of their lifetime. Growth happens every day with all of us. What we once thought when we were 17, could be and is likely vastly different than how we think at 50.

With that said, it's also important to not hold an individual to past statements or actions that may have been troubling. When we hold people accountable to things they did and said in the distant past, they are less likely to share their opinions, and that would be a bad thing.

Opinions are important to share, but that doesn't mean they are right. Backing up an opinion with facts is crucial and responsible. We can all agree that when it comes to personal choices that don't hurt anyone else, other's opinions are irrelevant.

We must also remember that as individuals, our life experiences have brought us each to a unique place, unlike anyone else we encounter, therefore nothing is ever cut and dry. We are seeing this too much in today's politics. Instead of looking at things issue by issue, people are automatically jumping behind one party and calling it a day. The fact remains that we are living in a complicated world, and our thoughts are naturally all over the place, and that's a good thing. Rejecting labels is refreshing.

As we grow our opinions evolve and shape who we are. So while we all have opinions, (on more than just politics) it's important to be flexible with them. Changing how we think does not make us weak, it's a sign of maturity and intelligence.

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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wennerberg is who she says she is

To the Editor:  
A funny thing happened at the Leicester Town Democratic Committee Caucus in February.  
For those who haven't attended a caucus, its purpose is to select people to attend the State Democratic Convention. It's also a chance for Democrats running for public office to speak about their platforms and have their nomination papers signed.  
Kasia Wennerberg, running for Register of Probate, previously attended a few of our meetings, as well as this one. We were introduced to two newcomers, Padraic Rafferty for Governor's Council, and John Dolan's wife, there to speak on his behalf as he wasn't able to make the meeting. Here's the funny part: Mr. Rafferty spoke for John Dolan.  
During a question and answer period, I asked if John Dolan had always been a Democrat. His wife answered that he changed his affiliation from Democrat to Republican during Stephanie

Fattman's tenure, in order to keep his job as Administrative Deputy Assistant of Probate. Public record shows he changed from Democrat to Republican in March of 2015, then Republican to Democrat in January of 2018.  
Say what? You are required to change your political affiliation to keep a job you've held for over 20 years? Is that legal? If so, it's certainly not ethical. Did keeping his job include substantial donations to Republican candidates, according to OCPF records? Since he's changed his affiliation back to Democrat, is his job in jeopardy?  
Kasia Wennerberg is a practicing Family Law Attorney who deals with the Probate court on a daily basis. Please vote for her in the Democratic Primary Sept. 1. She is who she says she is, and does what she says she will do.

BECKY BENOIT  
CHERRY VALLEY

A ‘Grassroots’ statement on Morse

To the Editor:  
The Massachusetts Primary is just two weeks away, and a very important election is on the ballot – namely, the race between Alex Morse and Richard Neal. The winner will represent the First Massachusetts Congressional District.  
I am writing as a co-coordinator of the group, Grassroots Central Mass, and as an organization, we stand by our endorsement of Alex Morse. Our support is based upon his positions on important issues such as: access to health care, mental health awareness and treatment, environmental justice, and job security. We believe Alex Morse will work much more effectively to further our interests than the current representative for MA District 1, Richard Neal.  
At this moment, unsubstantiated allegations against Morse have been brought forward by some members of the College

Democrats of Massachusetts (CDMA), but at the same time grave concerns exist about the timing of the release of the student comments and their possible use of inappropriate political connections to create their statement. Until impartial investigations clarify this situation, we remain firmly committed to the candidacy of Alex Morse.  
We believe deep harm has been done to members of the LGBTQ+ community due to this situation. Such harm must be addressed, therefore Grassroots Central Mass wishes to strongly reaffirm our commitment to inclusiveness, justice, human rights, gender equity, and respect for all.

REGINA EDMONDS  
CO-COORDINATOR, GRASSROOTS  
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Same ol’, same ol’

To the Editor:  
As I usually do, I will start with a few responses...  
Mr. Annuziata – are you suggesting we have a political ideology test for all teachers and professors? Who should set the standards for what can be taught and what can't? Can we not depend on our young people to take in information from a variety of sources and use critical thinking skills to come to their own conclusions? I know you really hate George Soros, but how do you feel about Sheldon Adelson, Steve Wynn, Charles Koch, and Paul Singer? It seems they are all attacking our legal

system to undermine the United States but the latter are doing it to re-elect Trump. It sounds like you prefer indoctrination and re-education camps similar to what is going on in Xinjiang although you want the GOP controlling the curriculum and not the CCP.  
Mr. Herholz – I believe you are being intentionally obtuse rather than missing the point, but I will spell it out again. It is your right to bring your children to a rally, and it is their right to participate; however, in my opinion, it is inappropriate. They are not standing out for what THEY

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Standing tall

To the Editor:  
Fellow Patriots, I am bursting with Red Blooded American Pride. You have, once again, stepped up and outdone yourselves. The turnout on the 14th in Leicester Center was many times that of a Biden rally! A conservative estimate (see what I did there?) of between 75 to 100 people were in attendance, and, as it has been in all of the previous Stand Outs, the positive responses from those driving by were heavily in the majority!  
Unlike the rally in Brookfield, nobody from the BLM/Biden faction made it out to join us on this picture perfect day. But, fear not! Nearing the end of the Stand Out, a representative from the LGBT community showed up to provide the much needed diversi-

ty us conservatives so obviously lack. Wearing a Disturbed T-Shirt (I hope I'm not the only one who saw the irony in that) and draped in a rainbow flag, this 'slacktivist' made it a point to weave his way through the crowd, getting close enough to try and elicit a reaction, but far enough away to not violate Lord Baker's six feet of separation or mask mandate. Unfortunately, one or two of my contemporaries took the bait and gave the drama [seeker] exactly what he wanted. The police were called, and an Oscar worthy performance ensued. The award for Best Supporting SIActor goes to Price Ponytail, who I assume was [the other man's] partner (not that there is anything wrong with that).

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Where David Brooks stands (and not so far away, me too)

To the Editor:  
David Brooks has a rock-solid conservative background. "Schooled" by William Buckley at the National Review and to a lesser degree Milton Freedman at the University of Chicago, He went onto edit the Wall Street Journal Opinion Page. He now comments for the New York Times, National Public Radio, and others.  
Recently, he wrote a column titled, "This Is Where I Stand."  
In it, he wrote (within the parenthesis are my words) "Radicals (Left or Right) are good at opening our eyes to social problems and expanding the realm of what's possible" providing Black Lives Matter for racial Injustice- and Trump supporters for the alienation there is in

"Middle America" (including some in our towns).  
Then he went on to say that radicals need to give way to more prudent and moderate wings of their coalitions (or political parties).  
He calls these needed leaders "Conservative Radicals," listing as examples Alexander Hamilton, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt (for broadening balances, I might include Martin Luther King, Cesar Chavez, Elizabeth Warren, Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson).  
Brooks goes on: "They have an awareness that the (skin) of civilization is thin and if you simply start breaking things (like President Trump has done

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What does an  
unplanned career  
transition mean  
for you?



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The COVID-19 pandemic has unsettled the country's employment picture for months and will likely continue to do so for a while. However, the nature and terminology of this disruption varies greatly among individuals – some have seen their jobs disappear, others have been "furloughed" and still others have been offered an early retirement. If you're in this final group – those either offered, or feeling forced to accept, an early retirement, how should you respond?

Try to look at your situation holistically, rather than strictly in a short-term manner. Consider these four areas:

Retirement – What does retirement really look like to you? Are you ready to fully retire or would you like to work part time? Are you confident that you can work somewhere else for a few years before retiring on your own terms? If you're not certain you can work elsewhere, how can you adjust your desired retirement lifestyle – what you planned to do, where you hoped to live, etc. – to meet your new reality?

Income – Just how financially affected you'll be from an early retirement depends on several factors: how much you've already saved and invested, whether you're married and have a working spouse, whether you've paid off your mortgage, and so on. In any case, though, you'll need to answer several questions, including these: Do I need to start taking withdrawals from my IRA and 401(k)? If so, how much can I afford to take out each year without running the risk of outliving my resources? Should I adjust my current investment mix? If I haven't yet started collecting Social Security, should I do so now, or can I afford to wait until my monthly payments will be bigger? Are there any other sources of income I can leverage? You may want to work with a financial professional to address these and other key income-related issues.

Insurance – If you received health insurance through your employer, an early retirement could present you with a dilemma, especially if you're not quite old enough for Medicare. You might be eligible for COBRA, which provides ex-employees and their dependents the option of continued health insurance for potentially up to 36 months, but this coverage can be expensive. As an alternative, you might be able to negotiate an extended severance package, which could provide you with health insurance for several months. Or, you might be able to get on the health insurance plan of your working spouse.

Legacy –Many people want to take care of their family while they're alive – and leave something behind when they're gone. If you take an early retirement, you might lose your employer's group life insurance. Of course, if this plan was not sufficient, you may have already supplemented it with your own policy, but, if you haven't, you may need to shop around for some coverage, particularly if you have children still at home. You also may want to take this opportunity to review your key financial accounts to make sure your beneficiary designations still accurately reflect your wishes.

Going through an unplanned career transition is certainly challenging. But looking closely at the four areas describe above, and making the appropriate moves, may help you reduce some of the stress and can put you in a better position to start the next phase of your life.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### It's about respect

To the Editor:  
In acknowledgement of Brother McRae's reference to the liberal KKK (Kane, Kimball and Kaspi), I had hoped to respond in kind with an acronym like BLM or ACLU, but had to settle for a proper name as incongruent with conservative beliefs, as mine is with the KKK. I have just refreshed myself reading MAHR (McRae, Annunziata, Herholz and Robillard).

Setting aside the probability that conservative position on the electoral college is that it keeps New York and California from electing presidents, I hope they realize that what that actually means is that Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania and Michigan will actually be the states that make the selection.

I have not decided if the standouts are just to make sure no one overlooks your waste of time and effort, or you think you might sway voters. Massachusetts' electoral votes will go to the same party as last year, probably by 30 percent at least, and that was even true when we were the only state McGovern carried. With no electoral college, your Trump vote would count. Now it will be a footnote.

I grew up in a family that flew a flag with four blue stars in the front window in WWII. My father and his brothers (as well as all of my uncles) were in the military. The home guard was scrounging for metal, rationing gas, and women were in the fray in support of the war effort. I have many nostalgic stories I try to memorialize as a family historian. On 9/11, both of my sons were in Army uniforms, and thankfully they both made it home. My oldest granddaughter is in the USAF

in California. Our family is strong in faith, patriotism, and morality, which for reasons that escape me, is rumored to be inconsistent with liberal views.

What I find most disturbing is that the American spirit that we exemplified in WWII, and which so united us after 9/11, has gone AWOL. We are actively impacted by a pandemic, the likes of which has not been seen in a hundred years. Our economy has been impacted by these events reminiscent of the great depression of the 1930s. In these trying times, I do my level best to live by the life philosophy and Christian upbringing in which I was raised. "Hold your family and friends close. Grant honor and respect to all you encounter — They need not earn it, but it is theirs to lose."

I will leave it to each of you to decide if you summarily pigeonhole people or at least have the respect to hear them out and judge arguments on their merits. I will finish with a few questions. You need not respond to me; I only ask you to consider your answers for your own sake.

1) The President has recently appointed a new Postmaster, who is removing mail boxes and sorting machines. Does this seem like a good time or situation to be restructuring? If absentee ballots can be safely mailed anywhere in the country, do you have any thoughts on why they can't be delivered to your local precinct?

2) Considering that the USA is among the most advanced nations in medicine, do you think that at 4 percent of world population, we should have 25 percent of cases and deaths, with no end in sight?

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### We must ask for God's help

To the Editor:  
Is there anyone out there who doesn't think that this is an important election coming up? Is there anyone out there who thinks that this country can solve its problems without God's help? Personally, I believe that our country is in such a mess right now that only God can save us. If you think likewise, then I invite you to join me in a time of fasting and prayer for our elections and our country. Pretend it's lent! Fast, pray, do acts of kindness. Ask God to save us.

In the Old Testament of the Bible, all of the chariots and charioteers of Israel's enemies were useless against God's power. And I choose to believe that all the lies, manipulations and acts of violence of those would destroy us

are also useless against God's power. But we who profess to belong to him must ask, beg for his help. So I invite you to join me, whatever your religion, in fasting and prayer. May God be our help in this dark time.

For those of you who are Catholic, did you know that there is also a 54-day rosary novena going on right now asking for God's blessing on our election and for peace in our country? It started August 15, but I assume that anyone could start it at any time, 27 days for this petition, and 27 days in thanksgiving. I invite you to join us!

NANCY J. NOWAK  
SPENCER

### Critical thinking

To the Editor:  
I continue to be amazed by the type of BS that circulates in conservative circles about liberals and Democrats.

They say that the Democrats are soft on crime when Biden and Hillary were both attacked on their left for supporting the Violent Crime and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 that was signed into law by Bill Clinton. Kamala Harris, the newly minted VP nominee is a former prosecutor and Attorney General of California and she has put many people in jail for a long time. It is almost like the Dems get painted as being soft on crime because they aren't willing to be outright cruel or they consider the ramifications of incarcerating people forever and the effect that will have on their families and communities.

They say that the Democrats haven't done anything about welfare, but welfare reform occurred under Bill Clinton. Remember "workfare," the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation act of 1996? The effects of this were mixed and while it did force people to work it didn't necessarily save the government money as now childcare had to be dealt with and the subsequent lack of family support for the children only undermined their upbringing making the generational cycle even harder to escape. Pro's and cons aside, it was under Bill Clinton that we ended welfare as we knew it.

They say that the Democrats don't like religion, and in Donald Trump's words, "hurt God." This is nominally a secular country, so it is hard to see how this would even be relevant to a country such as ours. Even so, how did Trump become the defender of the faith? The [uninformed defender], the three marriages, extramarital affairs, wanting to abort Tiffany, paying off

### Thank you

To the Editor:  
I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to the two gentlemen who helped me on Friday, Aug. 14.

I was returning home from Sturbridge about 1 p.m. when I realized that the pressure gauge on the dashboard was signaling that there was a problem. I stopped and saw that one of the tires on my truck was flat.

A Jeep pulled over, and the driver offered assistance, sharing that this was what his business was. I gladly

accepted, and I was on my way home in minutes.

He would not accept any payment. I am so lucky to have been the recipient of his kindness. During these unpredictable COVID and politically divided times, it was nice to see that unselfish acts like this are still happening.

Many thanks again to these gentlemen.

R. TORRES  
NORTH BROOKFIELD

### The seductive power of quotes

To the Editor:  
I know my fondness for quotes to buttress my political argument(s) is an annoyance for some-liberal-readers of this page, but that's just...a shame. I am powerless before the draw, the allure of the poignant, acerbic, and concise wit and wisdom of people far more capable of persuasive expression than myself. Quotes are my "crack," my two martinis before dinner; I just can't leave them alone. Help! Stop me before I quote again!

But, here's one I just absolutely must share with you. I never heard of it's originator, but he sounds like an astute observer of the human condition: "Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. Weak men create hard times.»

G. Michael Hofstetter  
I submit to you, nothing could be more demonstrably true than the wisdom contained in this aphorism.

A cursory look at history bears this out, with the prime example being the men and women of the "Greatest Generation." Toughened by the exigencies of the Great Depression and the nearly impossible challenges of WWII,

they went on to create unfathomable prosperity and ease for their children and grandchildren.

Ah! There's the rub: their descendants, many of them, couldn't handle comfort and opportunity, and became "weak," undisciplined, and spoiled men and women utterly unaware and unappreciative of all their great and undeserved advantages bequeathed to them by the sacrifice and service of a previous, better class of Americans.

We ended up with the "Flower Children," the burned out, smug, ingrates of the '60s which led, in time, to the current crop of America-loathing, ignorant, rioting, burning, looting, hate-filled creatures of Antifa (and their related kin: BLM, The Revolutionary Communist Party, and others), enemies of the people tolerated, if not applauded, by our current culture comprised of too many weak and faint-hearted men and women (most notably liberal Democrats and their useless RINO-Republican contemporaries.)

There is, at present, a paucity of men like those of the Greatest Generation, for, to be sure:

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### It's the hands in the pants!

To the Editor:  
Me and my wife were originally from Worcester, in the Burncoat Street area. I had grown up there, went to Burncoat High, bought my parents' house. My wife was from the same area. We met, got married and started a family. The Burncoat area of Worcester was a very nice area. Growing up, we all played hide n seek, played whiffle ball in the streets, and kids played outside trouble free. On my street alone, there were two Worcester police officers and a state police officer who was the father of my best friend.

After we had our first child, my wife decided she wanted to get some exercise by walking. The streets had nice sidewalks and pleasant neighborhoods. After she came home from one such walk, she was visibly disturbed. She said some guy was following her. She described him as a colored teenager.

### WeChat madness

To the Editor:  
President Trump really hates China; that is no secret. In his empty Tulsa stadium temper tantrum, he has also lashed out at WeChat (微信; pinyin: Wēixìn) as another enemy of the state. Not only are we pursuing policy based on personal grievances, which sends us down a deep dark Banana Republic hole — we are also harming American business.

WeChat is a Chinese social media, messaging, and mobile payment app so it is much like Facebook and Venmo combined with over one billion active users. WeChat does collect a lot of data on its users, no different from Facebook and Venmo (both American firms that do business internationally). The Chinese government does ostensibly have the ability to flex its muscles and gain access to the data, just like Edward Snowden revealed the U.S. government does with American firms.

President Trump has signed an executive order banning WeChat, along with TikTok from doing business in the United States or with any American firm. I suppose it is a national security threat to allow a Chinese company to track our citizens who voluntarily download the app in the same way we track our own citizens. I suppose it isn't fair for a foreign country to have any market share in global tech when it

### Protests

To the Editor:  
Recently, there was a horrific crime in North Carolina where a five-year-old white kid riding his bike was shot in the back of the head. Allegedly, a black neighbor walked up to him and shot Cannon Hinnan at point blank range. The suspect had been a neighbor for eight years prior, had never had any issues with them, and even had dinner and drinks with the kid's father the night before the shooting.

The suspect was swiftly arrested, charged with First Degree murder, and denied bond. Nothing has been released as to motive. Based on what is publicly known, it looks like a severe mental illness — without a motive, and with a guaranty of being caught what else could explain it? Perhaps he was schizophrenic and didn't know it. Perhaps he was off his meds. Perhaps his condition was well managed, but his physiology changed rapidly before his next check-up.

Since this horrific event, I have noticed a theme on Facebook... Many of those that opposed Black Lives Matter or would post pro-cop propaganda started wondering why there weren't protests for this five-year old. They were comparing this kid to George Floyd, and said the lack of protests shows how hollow BLM is. Many were calling for riots and looting in honor of this slain

rightfully is American companies that should be doing business worldwide, making money worldwide, and feeding intelligence back to the NSA. While at first glance it really is sticking it to the Chinese in a strong, "America first!" kind of way, reality is always more nuanced.

A social media platform is only as good as the other users on it. Nobody would use Facebook if all of their friends used Vkontakte (most popular social media app in Russia) and only people who have friends and family in Russia would bother using Vkontakte here. The business of social media has little to do with the quality of service and everything to do with where your friends hang out.

WeChat has one billion users, but it seems that only 1.5 million of them are in the United States. WeChat is by far the most popular social media app for Chinese language consumers and does very little business with anybody else which helps explain by Facebook has 100x the users in the U.S. In one sense it shouldn't be that big of a deal to ban it if nobody is using it, but in another sense, it shouldn't be a big deal if we just let 1.5 million Chinese speakers in the U.S. use it. We could even force Apple and Google to spy on consumers who use

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child. Reading this was jarring because clearly those people, three months after George Floyd's death, and after 25 million Americans took to the streets to protest still don't understand.

Trying to compare the tragic death of George Floyd to the tragic death of Cannon Hinnan is apples and oranges. George Floyd was killed at the hands of the state, by a state actor on payroll, while ostensibly performing official functions. Cannon Hinnan was killed by a random individual. We protest state action, inaction, or policy. We protest to drive real change in those areas. We protest because the elected officials have turned and looked the other way for too long and we tell them as a 25 million person force, "Enough is enough" and force them to go on record with their position. We protest "the system" not random acts of individuals.

In the case of George Floyd, not only was he killed at the hands of the state, the state refused to take appropriate action. Minneapolis apparently needed to burn before George Floyd's killers would be dealt with appropriately. It took days to arrest George Floyd's murderer despite it being on camera from several angles. It took more days to arrest the accomplices in blue uniforms. There was state action, and then

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Strong men would not tolerate the senseless destruction of their country's major cities.

They would refuse to permit millionaire spoiled-brat athletes to openly spit on the sacrifices of better men than themselves by disrespecting the symbols under which those better men served.

Strong men would not allow pathetic, scrawny “men” to dictate to them which pronouns they must use when addressing people confused about their identity.

They would never stand for having their livelihood threatened simply because of their support of a disfavored politician, like the President of the United States.

Strong men would not wring their hands when told their star athlete daughter must compete against a biological male in an event where the male has an insuperable advantage; they would fight for their kid.

Nor would strong men agree to pay sky-high taxes to support a school system which systematically—from grades K through 12—instructs his children that people like him—straight, white, working class men who may own a gun or go to church—are responsible for all the problems in the world.

Strong men would refuse to be talked down to by overbearing, know-it-all, “educated” feminist crackpots who hate the fact that the men are stronger than they are and probably produce more good for the culture in terms of real, necessary work in a week than they do with all their paper-shuffling,

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Do you think that putting doctors in charge, instead of VP might have helped?

Do you think what you will hear from the radiologist Trump has hired as medical spokesman will be anything but in line with the loyalty pledge?

3) Do you think there is anything the President won't try to remain in power, hoping to outlast the statute of limitations in the Michael Cohen case, where he is individual #1 the tax and fraud violations the State of New York will bring, and the 14 pending sex cases pending?

4) Do you think there will likely be, a last minute, Comey style revelation from lap dog Barr, citing that the Obama administration did not follow the appropriate procedures while inves-

pretend-to-matter “work” in a year.

Strong men wouldn't apologize for being horrified by the state-sanctioned destruction of a full-term human baby, and they would refuse to recant for ever having said in candor that you can believe what you want, but for him a “marriage” means what it has meant for, oh, 3,000 or so years.

Strong men wouldn't pretend to understand why liberals seriously demand that across the country, even in high-crime, very dangerous areas, the police be defunded and disbanded. Strong men are not fools, and they know that without the cops, it becomes the law of the jungle, and it's now up to them to protect their families, their property, and their neighbors...and they would plan and prepare accordingly.

I could go on, but I think you get the point.

Poor Trump, an alpha male of the first order, had to come in at a time when weak men (Clinton, Dubya, and Obama) had just about brought the country to its knees. Captain Trump righted the good ship America almost single-handedly. If there is a stronger man in the history of the country than Trump (having survived the relentless, savage, and unprecedented --in presidential history--mistreatment of him by nearly everyone in a position to harm him), I have never read or heard of that man.

Thanks to several weak and foolish occupants of the Oval Office prior to Trump, we are now in very hard times, indeed, despite his first three years which were incontestably excellent by any honest measure for most Americans (except for those pathetic souls poisoned by irrational hatred of

tigating a man running for president, who's campaign had 125 contacts with Russians, a national security advisor on Turkish payroll, with Russian ties, and a Wikileaks help desk?

5) Do you choose a man as your spiritual leader, who has five kids by three wives, all of whom he cheated on, and paid bigly to conceal, Has a tendency to stretch the truth (reportedly 20,000 times) and claims the moral high ground of being anti-abortion, while locking kids in cages, and presently failing to feed and protect those victims of this pandemic?

Even I watch Fox sometimes. Do yourself the favor of watching MSNBC or CNN occasionally

If you are going to present something as truth, do yourself and the rest of us, the favor of confirmation.

KEN KIMBALL  
BROOKFIELD

and S. Korea) will remain compatible.

Chinese consumers were polled about whether they would keep their iPhone without WeChat or switch to Android and 95 percent of them answered they would switch to Android to keep WeChat. This would represent a 25-30 percent reduction in global sales for Apple.

America first? Hobble the only major cell phone company we have overseas?

Even if you are willing to power through the economic authoritarianism, the hypocrisy, and policy shooting from the hip fresh off of being embarrassed...Shouldn't we care about American jobs? Between Apple and its 9,000 domestic suppliers they support two million jobs in the U.S.. Apple sells 20% of all cell phones in China. Why would we give that up to foreign companies over a temper tantrum?

RICHARD TAYLOR  
SPENCER

so why don't we have protests when a black guy kills a white kid?" If so, what signs should the protestors hold? "Justice for Cannon?" His killer was swiftly arrested and charged so what else do they want? What further justice are they after?

Are these folks smart enough to know it is apples and oranges but are just trying to throw darts and poke holes in the BLM movement so we can go back to status quo?

It makes me wonder, is this call to protest a black person killing a white person, actually a call to protest the black community generally? Is this a

the man.) Now, the question is: can the Republic survive when nearly half of it seems prepared to roll over and die by handing it over to a gang of race-obsessed, embittered, anti-American crazy people called Democrats?

We'll soon find out. The only way I can see for the left to tie down and defeat--like the Lilliputians and Gulliver--our strong man, our Samson, is through massive voter fraud, and mail-in balloting. If the men of this country ever wake up and see what they're about to lose should our strong man go down, maybe they'll get up off the couch, reclaim their birthright as freeborn American men, and get out and do something to stop the theft of their children's future.

A lot of strong men and women across the state are standing out in the hot sun with their signs and flags throughout the summer for the President--as they understand what's at stake. You can join them--if you're strong enough--this Friday in Charlton Center from 4 to 6 p.m. You'll be amazed at the posi-

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house. I found out from some neighbors that it was a house for troubled and disturbed teens. How nice they put that in our neighborhood of families. In Worcester, you have no say because the unions and social activists have the run of the city council. That, in combination with the gang activity in the schools, is when I decided Worcester would not be a great place to raise my family. I picked up and moved to Spencer, where your folks still have a hand in running the town. Our leaving had nothing to do with the man being colored, but everything to do with his stalking and the hands down his pants!

So in today's climate, what would happen today if my wife was being stalked by this man and she reported it to a police officer? The news would report it as an innocent colored man being accosted by the police for his race. They would not mention the fact that he was stalking her. The police, and my wife, would be vilified. The police would be called racist and my wife labeled a “Karen.” Probably get protestors and nasty letters. The guy's mother would be on the news crying how her baby boy was facing discrimination. Others would cry out “they are using white privilege as a weapon.” They don't understand that a safe and free environment is not a privilege based on your race. It is a right given to us all by

ROSENBERG

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Americans. Apparently, four people killed in an attack on a consulate in hostile territory is still more important than the 100 or so veteran deaths at the Soldier's Home due to the pandemic he mismanaged, or the 170,000 deaths and counting (and accelerating) of all Americans.

They say that the Democrats don't care about the Constitution or the country, and only the GOP are the true defenders, yet the author of the “Art of the Deal” simply end-runs congress with executive orders when he can't close the deal. He has declared a national emergency to build a few miles of his wall, which Congress specifically and intentionally did not appropriate. He sent money congress did not appropriate to unemployed people. He is admitting that he is trying to undermine the upcoming election by knee-capping the postal service to benefit his reelection.

The Democrats aren't perfect by any means, but it should be clear that it

call to protest state policy, action, and inaction? Is it a call to protest the Civil Rights Acts of the 1950's and 1960's? Do those that have a visceral reaction to Black Lives Matter really want to repeal the Civil Rights era laws so that they can Make America Great Again and re-segregate society? Are they after something even more sinister?

Personally, I like to give the benefit of the doubt and I think it is more stupid than it is evil and the root cause is that people still don't understand systemic racism or our de facto caste system. I think people still don't understand the difference between state action by a

tive reaction the standout gets from the passing traffic. I'm almost feeling “... the earth... move...under my feet...” like Carole King did in 1971. Something is happening out there with fed-up working class America; come sense it with us.

Oh, wait, I thought I could get through this without again succumbing to the urge to quote, but I can't; I'm just not strong enough.

I leave you with “It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.” (Father James Keller of the Christophers, 1945.)

These are dark times; we need more candle lighters which is what those of us supporting the President are doing, even on a hot street in the bright sun of a summer afternoon.

Stay strong, Patriots. “Never give in! Never, give in! Never, nev...Oops, there I go again.

JOHN MCRAE  
EAST BROOKFIELD

the Constitution and enforced by those brave officers on our streets. This same right should be given to the good people of Chicago, Baltimore, New York, and in every community. People of all races should have the right to expect their families can be outside enjoying freedom and not be raped, robbed, or murdered.

In today's climate, the media and the Democrats are playing you. They race bait you and ignore the facts that most of those stopped or questioned by the police are committing a crime. They conveniently leave those facts out, or diminish them to seem trivial. They know they control the people by controlling the information. The dimwitted who don't question it become their army of sheep. They are doing this every day to destroy our safe country and demonize our police. So, the question you need to ask yourself this fall is: Do you want an effective police force to keep those with hands down their pants away from your wives and daughters or do you want to defund the police so these guys can freely express themselves to your loved ones?

I personally, for the safety of my family, want the police fully funded and out there. I know a vote for Trump is a vote to keep our neighborhoods safe. Maybe in jail these perverts can get the counseling they need to get their hands out of their pants. I hope you feel the same.

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

takes two sides to play fair and only 1 side to break everything. We are seeing asymmetric polarization and the GOP BS is being gobbled by conservatives. My favorite flag I have seen on homes in the area is “Trump 2020. No more [BS].” Give me a break; Trump is full of more BS than every other politician in Washington combined.

The people were supposed to be the final backstop, and the fact that Trump's coalition moves right with him as though he were their cult leader is disturbing. It took a gentleman's agreement among those in power not to break the system. Presidential systems have failed nearly everywhere they were tried (Latin America, former Soviet states, Indonesia) and the U.S. was the notable exception. The gentleman's agreement was that the system was more important than any party or political goal and that the idiots were to be ignored. The gentleman's agreement we had is broken.

DAVID ROSENBERG  
SPENCER

state actor and a stray bullet between two criminals.

Recently another author wrote that he doesn't see racism practiced around here making me wonder what his standard is – is he looking for Klan march down Main Street or a cross burning? I laugh but it's really not funny... I know what racism is, but I am curious what the standards are to notice it being practiced by those who will boycott professional sports over their support of Black Lives Matter.

TERRANCE WASHINGTON  
SPENCER

LEGALS

Town of Spencer  
Conservation Commission  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:

Stephen Dayutis has filed an RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commission for a proposed driveway and walkway at 3 Sherwood Drive, Spencer, MA John Lucey has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission for a proposed addition to the home, deck and driveway located at 17 Sherman Grove, Spencer, MA.

James Schwartz of Independence Solar has filed to Amend the Order of Conditions with the Spencer Conservation Commission at 32 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA

Chris Chanis has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a new septic system at 47 Joli-

coeur Avenue, Spencer, MA Steve Goyette has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to install a new septic system at 101 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA Sunpin Solar has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to construct a solar facility at 22 Norcross Road, Spencer, MA

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A 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, August 26, 2020, at which time all persons having an interest may be present remotely and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
August 21, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. W019P1925EA  
Estate of:  
Steven Nicolosi  
Date of Death: 02/08/2019  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR ORDER OF  
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Renee Nicolosi of Denver CO requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition

from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/08/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court  
August 07, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate  
August 21, 2020



# Leicester Fire Department to receive federal grant

LEICESTER —The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today \$42.3 million in direct assistance grants to 290 fire departments nationwide through the agency's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Additional phases will soon be announced.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program includes grants to the following fire departments in Massachusetts:

Chelmsford – Federal share of \$293,491 for potable and mobile radios

Dennis –Federal share of \$102,922 for vehicle extrication equipment

Fitchburg –Federal share of \$387,709 for firefighter breathing apparatus

Hanover –Federal share of \$106,986 for power stretchers and ambulance power load systems

Hopkinton –Regional grant award with Ashland -Federal share of \$350,000 for portable radios

Hyannis Fire District – Barnstable - Federal share of \$63,505 for vehicle extrication equipment and vehicle extrication training

Ipswich –Federal share of \$44,762 for an air compressor – breathing apparatus refill system

Lakeville –Federal share of \$14,162 for firefighting hose and nozzles

Lanesboro –Federal share of \$27,943 for vehicle extrication equipment

Leicester – Federal share of \$280,000 for firefighter breathing apparatus

Medfield –Federal share of \$211,428 for firefighter breathing apparatus

Orleans –Federal share of \$ 25,714 for vehicle extrication equipment

Reading –Federal share of \$88,555 for power stretchers and ambulance power load systems

Rowley –Regional grant award with Hamilton and Boxford, MA – Federal share of \$713,291 for portable radios

Sharon –Federal share of \$168,800 for firefighter breathing apparatus

Swampscott –Federal share of \$37,619 for a protective gear washer and dryer

Westfield–Federal share of \$30,445 for (4) protective gear dryers

Since 2001, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

This grant is funded through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Eligible applicants include local fire departments, fire districts, nonaffiliated

EMS organizations, tribal fire departments and State Fire Training Academies. The grant applications are submitted from each agency directly to FEMA, where the applications are reviewed and scored by fire service personnel from throughout the nation.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the recipient agencies. It is the recipient agency's responsibility to manage their grant award within federal guidelines with technical assistance and monitoring provided by FEMA Fire Program Specialists.

Additional information about FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters grant program(s) may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

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penos, as the strength of their oils can dissolve normal thread.

Wreath: To make a pepper wreath with slim peppers, you'll need to wash and dry a generous amount of fresh peppers. With a sharp knife, make two slits at the top of each pepper, under the cap. Using 12 gauge wires form a sturdy round circle (for larger wreaths double the wire or use a heavier gauge. To form circle, stretch wire over a bucket or clay flower pot. Make a loop at one end. Thread peppers onto the wire through the slits, pushing them together at different angles until the wreath is full and looks attractive. Make a hook at the end of the wire and hook onto the loop. Hang up to dry for about two weeks.

Swag: To string a swag of peppers, wash and dry thoroughly. Thread a heavy duty needle with fishing line or unflavored wax dental floss. Tie a

knot at the end of the line and thread through the stem of the pepper, pushing peppers close together and off to each side as you form the swag. For decorative effect, alternate red and green peppers. Continue stringing until swag is desired size. Tie off and loop top and hang to dry.

Mock "Sun" Dried Tomatoes  
What could be better than freshly picked tomatoes? How about enjoying the rich flavor of garden grown tomatoes throughout the year? Sun dried tomatoes offer a delicious way to preserve the unique tastes of the season.

The heat of an ordinary oven is a safe and reliable alternative to drying tomatoes in the sun. To make approximately one pint of sun dried tomatoes, you'll need about five pounds garden ripe tomatoes, a sprinkling of herbs, salt, black pepper, sugar, and good quality olive oil for packing.

To do: Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Slice tomatoes about a half inch thick. If you slice them thinner, they will dry sooner, but for best results cut at

least 1/3" thick to prevent hard, tough tomatoes. Lay tomatoes out in a single layer on a baking sheet lined with paper towels, sprinkle with salt and allow to set for up to an hour to draw out the natural juices. Drain moisture, discard paper towels and place tomatoes on a tinfoil lined baking sheet. Bake for several hours, turning over at least twice until tomatoes have shrunk and dried but are pliable (think raisins). Allow to cool on wire cake racks.

To pack sun dried tomatoes, mix together a good quality olive oil, black pepper, salt, a dash of sugar (optional), and add herbs of choice and garlic cloves to taste. Pack tomatoes in sterilized jars and cover with olive oil mixture. Store in the refrigerator or tomatoes can be frozen for longer storage.

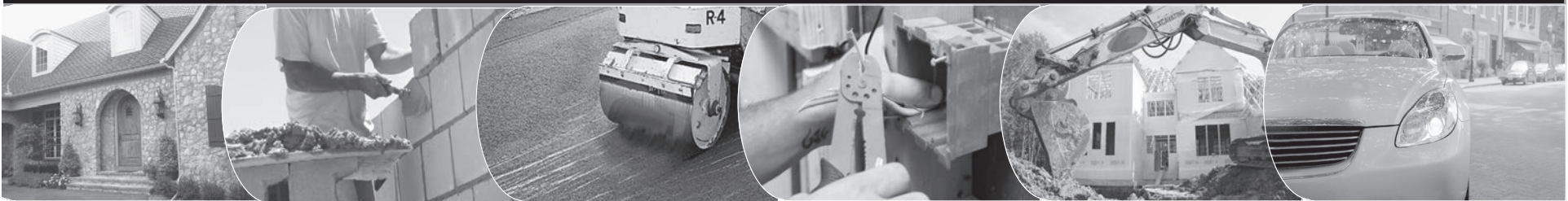
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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

*Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

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# SONG to open office in Ware

BROOKFIELD – Supporting Orphans Nationally and Globally (SONG, Inc.) recently announced that it will open a satellite office and retail shop in Ware.

The office will be located at 5 North St., Suite 4, Ware, MA 01082 (located above Hanna Devine's Restaurant).

Brookfield-based SONG is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that supports orphaned children internationally, as well as foster children in the U.S.

“Our shop will feature cultural items from the areas around the globe where we have provided support to orphaned children,” read a statement released by the organiza-

tion. “These include some things made by the children themselves. Other items include greeting cards created by the children, antiques, collectibles, and various resale goods.”

Local residents are invited to stop by the shop and register for ongoing free drawings and raffle opportunities. All proceeds from sales and events will directly support children in need around the globe.

While you're visiting, you can also view presentations and slideshows of the countless children assisted by SONG over the years. The organization relies on the generosity of donations from local residents, whose

contributions have made several international projects possible.

Residents are also asked to consider donating items for resale to help advance SONG's mission. Calendar raffle tickets for September 2020 are also available at Talk of the Town and Hanna Devine's Restaurant.

Currently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the shop will not keep regular hours right away. Look for a sidewalk sign that will be posted when the shop is open.

For more information about how you can help children in need, call 413-813-8100 or visit the organization's Web site: [www.supportingorphans.org](http://www.supportingorphans.org).

# Flutie Foundation seatbelt covers available to Leicester residents



Photo Courtesy

Leicester recently received donations of seatbelt covers thanks to the Doug Flutie, Jr., Foundation for Autism.

LEICESTER – The town recently received donations of seatbelt covers from the Doug Flutie, Jr., Foundation for Autism.

The covers will assist police, fire, and EMS personnel with identifying children with autism in the event they are separated from their parents in an emergency.

“We have a limited amount of seatbelt covers available. At this time, we are limiting these to Leicester residents due to our limited quantity,” read a statement released by the Leicester Police Department.

If you are interested in acquiring a seatbelt cover, contact Officer James Murphy at [murphyj@leicesterpd.org](mailto:murphyj@leicesterpd.org).

## Merriam-Gilbert Library welcomes ‘Susan B. Anthony’

WEST BROOKFIELD — On Wednesday, Aug. 26 from 3-8 p.m., the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library and Sheryl Faye Presents invite you to the pre-recorded online program “Susan B. Anthony - Failure is Impossible,” celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment Ratification. Sheryl Faye portrays Susan B. Anthony, women’s rights activist.

Call or email the library for more information.

# Welcome to our 2nd Annual ABC's of Summer Scramble!

The Winner of a random drawing of all entries is Julie Caron of West Brookfield

Thank you to all who entered our Scramble Contest and to all of our ABC Businesses.

Hope you will join us again in the Fall!

An illustration of beach-themed items: a large grey starfish, a smaller white seashell, and a slice of watermelon with a star-shaped cutout in the center.

## ABC'S OF SUMMER SCRAMBLE ANSWERS

(These are not in alphabetical order)

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3. INHIGSG EERYNG RVNEALTIEA Higgins Energy Alternative	16. DGBUXREI OEHDOPCTSR Uxbridge Orthopedics
4. WHIRDCKA MSRAREF Hardwick Farmers	17. DTVICNEAHRZ ALRE STEETA Vanderzicht Real Estate
5. KIAEAML ADN NJUE Mikaela and June	18. GRYSA TRETSUG Garys Gutters
6. EMRIROC EELSWJER Cormier Jewelers	19. LCLIHA ETRI NDA AUTO Cahill Tire and Auto
7. EBNS KALETC HKSCA Bens Tackle Shack	20. SODOYW TUAO YDOB Woodys Auto Body
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13. BE STAFTL EB Flatts	26. TEH MIVGON ERWC The Moving Crew



# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5  
12:06 a.m.: 911 call (Lincoln Street), unintelligible; 12:06 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:32-2:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:46 a.m.: medical/general (Lake Street); 2:46-2:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:02 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Charlton PD bolo; 4:05 a.m.: officer wanted (West Min Street), suspicious activity; 8:37 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:53 a.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), services rendered; between 9:53-10:17 a.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 10:18 a.m.: fire alarm (Hastings Road), CO detector; 10:18 a.m.: fraud (North Spencer Road), elderly male swindled; 10:43 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 12:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), dog left in mv; 12:12 p.m.: medical/general (Salem Street); 12:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 12:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Wesr Main Street), unwanted party; 1:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), neglected dog; 1:22 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), services rendered; 2:24 p.m.: DPW call (Jolicoeur Avenue), tree/wires down; 2:36 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 3:51 p.m.: restraining order service (Wilson Street); 3:54 p.m.: suspicious mv (Chestnut Street), investigated; 4:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apartment lockout; 5:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), injured rabbit; 5:48 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 6:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog left in car; 6:21 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:26 p.m.: disturbance (Northwest Road), neighbor dispute; 6:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), welfare check; 6:45 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), loud/unruly male; 7:26 p.m.: DPW call (Cherry Street), neighbor's sewage into street; 7:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), welfare check; 7:39 p.m.: commercial alarm (Lake Street), power outage; 7:44 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), cell phone found; 7:57 p.m.: medical/general (Brown Street); 8:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), neglectd cat; 8:30 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Mechanic Street), poss. illegal burn; 8:57 p.m.: parking violation (Temple Street), ticket issued; 8:59 p.m.: parking violation (Church Street), ticket issued; 9:30 p.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 9:34-10:07 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:16 p.m.: suspicious persons (McCormick Road), investigated; 11:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:43 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; (Total daily mv stops – 30).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6  
12:05-12:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:25 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 12:37-1:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:12 a.m.: fireworks complaint (North Spencer Road), going off for ½ hour; 1:24 a.m.: officer wanted (G.H. Wilson Road), welfare check; 2:01-2:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:56 p.m.: 911 call (Salem Street), accidental; 6:33 a.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 7:24 a.m.: residential alarm (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 8:06 a.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), low-hanging cable; 8:57 a.m.: DPW call (Meadow Road), water/sewer main repair; 9:07 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), welfare check; 10:33 a.m.: restraining order service (Woodside Road); 11:09 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost wallet; 11:25 a.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Street), poss. theft; 11:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 12:23 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:48 p.m.: DPW call (Northwest Road), low-hanging wire; 2:31 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), hang-up; 2:33 p.m.: medical/general (Duggan Street); 2:45 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), noise complaint; 2:50 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), failure to stop; 3:05 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:14 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 3:15 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 3:40 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 4:07 p.m.: mutual aid (North Spencer Road), assist DCF; 4:58 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 5:25 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 7:26 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:40 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Clark Street), poss. utility pole fire; 8:25 p.m.: DPW call (Oakland Drive), live wire down; 9:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 9:12 p.m.: disturbance (Briarcliff Lane), neighbor dispute; 9:12 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:22 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Howe Road), child w/phone; 9:27 p.m.: fireworks complaint (North Spencer Road), near solar array; 10:23-10:42 p.m.: parking violations (Prospect, Brown, Church, Grove streets), tickets issued; 11:08 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Kingsbury Road), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 18).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7  
12:51-3:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:16 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), req. speak to ACO; 9:21 a.m.: lost/found (Park Street), lost wallet; 10:02 a.m.: restraining order ser-

vice (West Main Street); 10:05 a.m.: residential alarm (Clark Street), services rendered; 10:38 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 12:02 p.m.: restraining order service (Northwest Road); 12:19 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), family dispute; 1:02 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), bounced check; 1:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Hebert Road), req. wire inspector; 1:03 p.m.: larcny (West Main Street), bounced check; 1:19 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 2:35 p.m.: restraining order service (Maple Street); 2:47 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 2:52 p.m.: fraud (R. Jones Road), SS scam call; 3:17 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:18 p.m.: larceny (Duggan Street), bicycle stolen; 3:18 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (West Main Street), info taken; 3:28 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Wilson Avenue), poss. illegal burn; 3:37 p.m.: medical/general (McCormick Road); 4:05 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:19 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:24 p.m.: medical/overdose (Condon Drive); 5:00 p.m.: residential alarm (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 5:39 p.m.: DPW call (Cherry Street), c/o sewer work; 6:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), services rendered; 6:45 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 8:47 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:51 p.m.: parking violation (Summit Street), ticket issued; 8:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Cherisa . Gazaille, 35, 172 Hunt Road, Oakham, possession Class A drug, possession Class B drug, arrest; Kevin A. Vacca, 35, 172 Hunt Road, Oakham, possession Class A drug, arrest; 10:01-10:05 p.m.: parking violations (Brown, Duggan streets), tickets issued; 10:12 p.m.: suspicious mv (Smithville Road), investigated; 10:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 10:39 p.m.: fire (South Spencer Road), services rendered; 11:06 p.m.: disturbance (Paxton Road), noise complaint/neighbor; 11:36 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 27).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8  
12:07-1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: mv stop (Charlton Road), Anthony R. Trottier, 29, 16 Temple Street, Spencer, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest; 1:11 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 3:30 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Linden Street), barking dog; 6:21 a.m.: medical/general (Brooks Pond Road); 7:12 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 7:16 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo; 8:24 a.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 9:52 a.m.: animal complaint (R. Jones Road), missing cat; 11:08 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), services rendered; 11:51 a.m.: officer wanted (Temple Street), scam call; 11:55 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no contact; 12:37 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 109 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 3:14 p.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), investigated; between 3:14-4:00 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 4:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), Robert A. Waite, 68, 204 Main Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 4:09 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 4:19 p.m.: officer wanted (South Spencer Road), verbal altercation; 4:36 p.m.: accident (Grove Street), report taken; 5:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Northwest Road), loose dog; 6:00 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 6:30 p.m.: residential alarm (Lincoln Street), services rendered; 6:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), locked in park; 7:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), custody dispute; 7:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), missing cat; 8:05 p.m.: medical/general (Overlook Drive); 8:11 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 10:32 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:44 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:08 p.m.: suspicious persons (Howe Road), investigated; 11:26-11:29 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:32 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; (Total daily mv stop – 13).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9  
12:13-2:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:05 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 8:50 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 10:56 a.m.: vandalism (Valley Street), lock broken off football shack; 11:33 a.m.: parking violation (Maple Street), ticket issued; 11:39 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:57 a.m.: medical/general (Gold Nugget Road); 12:09 p.m.: parking complaint (Maple Street), mvs on sidewalk; 12:13 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), m/f dispute; 12:24 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:46 p.m.: medical/general (Earley Street); 12:56 p.m.: mv lockout (Main Street), assisted; 12:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Marble Road), poss. theft; 1:06 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), belligerent customer; 1:22 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 1:58 p.m.: 911 call (Route 49), hang-up; 2:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 3:53 p.m.: DPW call (Northwest Road), tree down in road; 4:21 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Lake Avenue); 4:47 p.m.: 911 call (North Spencer Road), hang-up; 4:55 p.m.: juvenile mater (Bay Path Road), family issue; 5:01 p.m.: officer

wated (Bixby Road), Harrington CT down; 5:02 p.m.: 911 call (Pauls Drive), open line; 5:45 p.m.: officer wnted (Main Street), phone hacked; between 6:00-7:53 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 7:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), loose cows; 8:11 p.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), spoken to; 8:52 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 10:21 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 10:32 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 10:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), no contact; 11:09 p.m.: suspicious persons (Lyford Roa), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 10).

MONDAY, AUGUST 10  
12:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), noise complaint; 12:45-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), investigated; 3:26 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Oakham PD bolo; 3:46 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), spoken to; 7:00 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 7:37 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), bat issue; 9:38 a.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 10:18 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info given; 10:39 a.m.: parking complaint (Williams Drive), services rendered; 10:44 a.m.: mv lockout (Ash Street), assisted; 10:46 a.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 10:50 a.m.: fraud (Dale Street), SS scam call; 12:00 p.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 12:08 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), info taken; 12:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), spoken to; 12:27 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 1:08 p.m.: medical/overdose (Condon Road); 1:16 p.m.: disturbance (Grove Street), services rendered; 2:46 p.m.: suspicious persons (Irving Street), poss. theft; 3:13 p.m.: elderly matter (Paxton Road), welfare check; 3:18 p.m.: fire/structure (Main Street), services rendered; 3:24 p.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 3:39 p.m.: medica/general (Howe Village); 4:32 p.m.: disturbance (Bixby Road), unwanted party; 4:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), assist other agency; 5:55 p.m.: mv lockout (Min Street), assisted; 6:17 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 6:18 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Webster PD bolo; 6:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Woodside Road), spoken to; 7:32 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Bixby Road) fem. states no emergency; 7:46 p.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street), accidental; 7:49 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), services rendered; 8:47 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street), lift assist; 9:22-9:28 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:05 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Salem Street), misdial; 10:08 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), mv vs possum; 11:46 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); (Total daily mv stop – 19).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11  
12:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:26 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:29 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:39 a.m.: suspicious mv (Howe Road), investigated; 12:44-1:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:41 a.m.: disturbance (Mechani Street), noise complaint; 1:41-2:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:31 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:52 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (South Spencer Road), accidental; 9:58 a.m.: lost/found (Greenville Street), blower fell from truck; 10:31 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Sunset Lane), illegal burn; 10:44 a.m.: 911 call (Meadow Road), open line; 10:44 a.m.: officer wanted (High Street), re: package delivered; 10:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), welfare check; 10:55 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 11:22 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 12:11 p.m.: medical/general (Westland Drive); 12:44 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), info taken; 12:45 p.m.: elderly matter (Lincoln Street), spoken to; 12:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Adams Street), loose dog; 1:04 p.m.: suspicious persons (Paxton Road), investigated; 1:46 p.m.: larceny (Lloyd Dyer Drive), money missing; 3:54 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), drunk/belligerent male; 3:54 p.m.: anandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:13 multiple LTC issued/5 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:26 p.m.: lost/found (May Street), cc found; 4:30 p.m.: FID issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:49 p.m.: juvenile matter (Meadow Road), kids/bikes in traffic; 5:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 5:33 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), kittens in yard; 7:10 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), accidental; 8:05 p.m.: harassing phone calls (Mechanic Street), issue w/landlord; 9:43 p.m.: suspicious mv (Highland Street), investigated; 9:50 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 10:15 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Street), noise complaint; 11:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; (Total daily mv stops – 41).

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## Leicester Police

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6  
9:33 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 11:09 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 11:33

a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 12:19 p.m.: assist citizen (Folsom Street); 1:02 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), Mark D. Carey, 59, 34 Grove Street, #2, Worcester, warrant, arrest; 1:14 p.m.: welfare check (Clark Street), peace restored; 1:39 p.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), assisted; 3:55 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7  
1:38 a.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), removed; 10:07 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:32 a.m.: family problem (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 11:25 a.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: welfare check (Edward Street), spoken to; 2:07 p.m.: restraining order service (Collier Avenue), served; 2:20 p.m.: investigation (East Central Street, Worcester), services rendered; 3:18 p.m.: stolen mv (Soojians Drive), assisted; 4:26 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 6:47 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 7:18 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 10:08 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 10:42 p.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), peace restored; 11:52 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8  
12:45 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mulberry Street), services rendered; 10:02 a.m.: assist citizen (Elmwood Avenue), report taken; 1:38 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 6:19 p.m.: mutual aid (Crestwood Road, Paxton), services rendered; 10:46 p.m.: suspicious activity (Gleason Way), spoken to.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9  
12:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:41 a.m.: welfare check (Marshall Street), services rendered 1:16 a.m.; mv stop (South Main Street), vebal warning; 10:28 a.m.: residential alarm (Pleasant Street), false alarm; 11:05 a.m.: mv stop (Marshall Street), written warning; 1:13 p.m.: erratic operator (Pine Street), unable to locate; 3:21 p.m.: assist other agency (Clark Street), services rendered; 4:03 p.m.: harassment (South Main Street), report taken; 5:17 p.m.: stolen mv (Whittemore Street), Joshua W. Robator, 35, 1050 Whittemore Street, Leicester, op w/suspended license, reckless operation, OUI liquor, possession Class B drug, speeding, arrest; 7:45 p.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), services rendered; 8:28 p.m.: erratic operator (Pleasant Street), no action required.

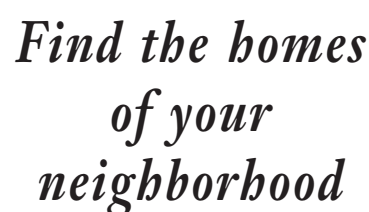
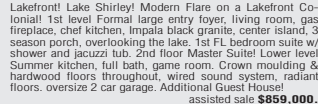
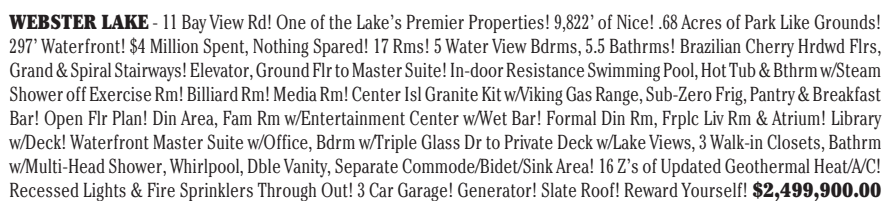
MONDAY, AUGUST 10  
1:30 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 5:43 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 12:53 p.m.: fraud (Winslow Avenue), report taken; 1:39 p.m.: investigation (Rawson Street), report taken; 1:47 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 4:14 p.m.: suspicious person (Hammond Street), spoken to; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/ suspended registration, report taken; 6:32 p.m.: parking complaint (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 7:52 p.m.: parking complaint (West Street), spoken to; 9:24 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), services rendered.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11  
12:39 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 2:55 a.m.: assist other PD (Mill Street), services rendered; 11:20 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 12:16 p.m.: RV complaint (Boyd Street), gone on arrival; 12:53 p.m.: accident (Main Street), 4:20 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 4:23 p.m.: investigation (Crestwood Road), services rendered; 5:37 p.m.: investigation (out of town, no location specified in police log), services rendered; 9:04 p.m.: assist citizen (Lake Avenue), advised civil action.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12  
11:37 a.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 1:58 p.m.: restraining order service (Bond Street), served; 2:05 p.m.: restraining order service (Moose Hill Road), unable to serve; 2:13 p.m.: disturbance (Boyd Street), no service; 3:39 p.m.: restraining order service (Moose Hill Road), unable to serve; 4:07 p.m.: RV complaint (Main Street), unable to locate; 4:09 p.m.: restraining order servie (Pine Street), report taken; 4:38 p.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 5:53 p.m.: restraining order service (Moose Hill Road), unable to serve; 8:45 p.m.: larceny (Watson Street), assisted; 9:09 p.m.: restraining order service (Moose Hill Road), unable to serve.









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with international alliances and now the Post Office) you get nihilism (or destruction), not progress.”

“(The ‘Conservative Radicals’) also understand that in moments of historical transition, it is prudent to be bold... when your society is crumbling the only way to restore stability is to address the problems that are breaking it.”

“When they are making big change(s)...conservative radicals channel revolutionary impulses into reformist action... (such as) Lincoln... bring(ing) a whole nation around to the abolition of slavery.”

Brooks goes on to say that now America has a situation when dramatic change is necessary. We are in the middle of another historic transition where the crises tearing at our society are well known — economic inequality, racial injustice, dissolving...communities (to which I would add a badly declining environment, uncontrolled Covid-19, and across-the-board weakened public institutions).

Then Brooks says that he’s convinced that the forces that brought ...Biden the nomination are far more powerful than a few extremists in Portland and ... leftist (college) campus illiberals. He is hopeful that Biden, Harris, Pelosi and

Schumer will provide a new conservative radicalism.

The reasons, according to Brooks are that Biden etc.

- have lived in the American liberal system,
- understand the art of politics, and
- draw support from an astonishing wide bands of conservatives, moderates and liberals (of various colors and beliefs).

Brooks indicates now is the time for each of us to make up our minds, where in this time of flux, we stand politically (and in the upcoming election).

Regarding himself Brooks says “I find I have moved to the ‘left’ on race and economic issues and a bit to the ‘right’ on community, family and social ones.”

In our current situation, I find David Brooks and I standing close, if at slightly different locations. Thanks in part to the New Leader Opinion page, I may have moved to the “right” on the importance of preserving American institutions, whether it be the military, the Justice Department, Social Security, or free and fair voting all of which are under assault by Trump. Under him after four more years, these and other institutions will be unlikely to avoid “destruction.”

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