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Friday, September 10, 2021



Voters will have final say on purchase of Becker campus

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Voters will have the final say this month on whether the town acquires the Becker College campus.

Two affirmative votes are needed to greenlight the Becker acquisition. The first is a Special Town Meeting set for Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place inside the Becker College gym (963 Main Street, Leicester).

The second required authorization is a Special Election on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The election will take place from noon to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall gym (3 Washburn Square).

At the special election, a debt exclusion of \$19.9 million will be requested for the acquisition of the property.

In preparation for the town's upcoming votes on the acquisition, officials recently held a pair of open house events on the Becker campus. Officials are excited about the once-in-a-lifetime chance for the town to acquire the campus.

"The cost is very affordable for the town," said Selectman Allen Phillips. "There will be no proposition 2 ½ override. Becker will be purchased through a debt exclusion. In the first two years, we will

only be paying back interest; this puts the cost breakdown as basically about 25 cents per day per household, based on a \$259,000 evaluation. After the two years, the town has other debt that will come off and thus will lower the rates for the other 18 years going forward."

The college, which closed at the end of this past academic year, features 19 buildings on 28 acres adjacent to the Town Common. The property includes a new turf field; a campus center; a veterinary health clinic; a gymnasium; the historic May House; several dormitories and other residences; and the Swan Library. Additionally, the college's kitchen, gym equipment, and veterinary equipment are included in the sale, as well as the IT network and equipment.

If the campus is acquired, portions would be used to significantly improve the town's schooling situation. Last year, voters rejected a new school proposal, and officials have scrambled to find a different solution to aging buildings and outdated equipment.

"Our educators will be able to offer different programs and vocational types of class-

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Photo Courtesy

Paul Sawyer made the decision to enter his second IRONMAN® race this year with a very clear inspiration in mind — his brother-in-law, Steve Ide.

Local triathlete's IRONMAN® journey raising awareness for pancreatic cancer

WEST BROOKFIELD — An IRONMAN® Triathlon is not something undertaken by the faint of heart. It consists of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run, all done in that order, all done in one day.

Paul Sawyer of West Brookfield made the decision to enter his second IRONMAN® race with a very clear inspiration in mind — his brother-in-law, Steve Ide.

When Ide, born and raised in Charlton and a longtime resident of Southbridge, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2017, his friends and family rallied around him, helping him to bear the physical burden of treatment and to enjoy the company of those that loved him most in his time of need. Having already completed an IRONMAN® in 2018, Sawyer decided that the best way he could honor his brother-in-law's battle would be to start training for another, helping through his efforts to raise money and awareness for the millions of people affected by this unforgiving illness.

Sadly, Ide passed away in March of 2020. Soon thereafter, it became clear that there wasn't going to be an IRONMAN® race for Sawyer to compete in that year. The race was cancelled.

Ide's passing was an enormous loss to his family and friends. Though grieving and unsure of when he would be able to compete due to the pandemic, Sawyer's resolve to complete another IRONMAN® in Ide's memory only strengthened. Despite the daunting prospect of another year of arduous training, Paul kept going, just as Steve had done during his many months of treatment. Paul knew that none of his training would come close to the physical and emotional challenges that cancer patients endure every day. And so, he recalibrated his training schedule, refocused his efforts, and set his sights on 2021.

Sawyer will be competing in this year's IRONMAN® Maryland, which will be held on Sept. 18 in Cambridge, Md.

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Photo Courtesy

Spencer Police K9 Officer Brandon Fullam and his four-legged partner, Curtis, recently benefited from a donation made by a nonprofit organization.

Leicester Harvest Fair returns Sept. 18

LEICESTER – A hint of autumn in the air can only mean one thing for local crafters and shoppers – the return of beloved fall-time festivals.

The 21st annual Leicester Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents from throughout the area will once again descend on the Leicester Town Common for a day of crafting, shopping, music, entertainment, and more.

Harvest Fair brochures are available at the Town Hall, Senior Center, Leicester Public Library, and at local business-

es. In addition to dozens of vendors, the event will include exhibits featuring garden vegetables and flowers; canned and baked goods; homebrew; photography; and fiber crafts.

Additionally, skilled artisans will demonstrate historic crafts, and local crafters will sell their wares. Many area vendors have been unable to sell their products for over a year due to COVID-19 cancellations, and they can't wait to get back out there this fall and reconnect with customers.

For area musicians and performers, the return of fall

events is also a major relief. Several performers went many months without a live gig, missing out on critical opportunities for income and exposure.

At the Leicester Harvest Fair, traditional folk music performances will take place at the band stand. Meanwhile, activities for children will entertain families and fairgoers of all ages.

The event is also a great way for residents to reconnect after a long period of staying most-

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K9 team to receive body armor thanks to local nonprofit

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Thanks to the dogged efforts of a nonprofit organization, the Spencer Police Department will benefit from specialized K9 body armor.

SPD K9 Officer Brandon Fullam has been working hard over the last year to train his four-legged partner Curtis. Now, with a donation received from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., the SPD will receive addi-

tional gear to ensure Curtis's safety on the job.

The SPD will receive a vest that adds protection for Curtis against bullets and stabs. The vest will be embroidered with the sentiment, "This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc."

Delivery of the vest is expected within eight to 10 weeks, police said. SPD Chief David Darrin and his staff were

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es, and create a college type of learning, thus preparing our kids for the future," Selectman Phillips said of the potential acquisition. "Leicester can become an education destination."

Added Selectman John Shocik, in a previous interview, "After town voters rejected last year's new school project by a vast majority, this gives the town options on how to use the existing Becker College buildings for the School Dept. at a substantial savings compared to what the original project was going to cost town taxpayers."

Officials are also emphasizing the historical significance of acquiring the campus. They are especially interested in preserving the May House, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

"From a historical and town aspect, the acquisition will only bolster our commu-

nity," Phillips said.

Town Administrator David Genereux and several other officials are also in favor of the acquisition.

"This is a unique opportunity to acquire a property located in the most historic section of the town, and be able to control how that property would be redeveloped," Genereux said in a previous interview.

There are multiple outside suitors interested in acquiring various portions of the Becker campus. If the town does not purchase the property, it would likely be broken up and sold to several buyers. These could include for-profit groups, private businesses, and specialized housing organizations that may not place the same value on historical preservation as town leaders.

To learn more about the acquisition proposal, visit the town website: www.leicesterma.org. You can also contact the Town Administrator's office at 508-892-7077.

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The event is called "IRONMAN®" for a reason. As one might imagine, it demands intense physical strength and endurance. Sawyer's weekly training schedule for the last two years - including during vacations and holidays - has looked like this: three swims

ranging from one to two miles, four or five bike rides ranging from 30 - 100 miles and running three times a week.

As the race date approaches, Paul is focused and excited. At Ide's request, all the proceeds Sawyer has raised will be donated to Harrington Hospital Cancer Center, where Ide received excellent locally-based care during the course of his illness. Donations can be made at <https://gofund.me/b56f74f0>.

Tacking on another year of training to an already mammoth undertaking has not been easy for Sawyer. But all along, he has kept his motivation clear: he's doing it for Ide, because Ide would've done it for him.

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Spencer police recover weapons during search

SPENCER – Two men are facing multiple weapons charges stemming from an incident last month.

On Aug. 22, police were called to an apartment on Prospect Street at approximately 8 p.m. The caller told police that his family had been watching television when a bullet came through the ceiling from the apartment above them.

When police arrived at the apartment in question, forcible entry was made to the third-floor unit, as police feared for the occupant's safety due to the discharged bullet. Police did not locate anyone inside the apartment, but they observed a cache of weapons.

The apartment was subsequently secured and a search warrant was obtained. The weapons were seized and police began their search for the occupants of the apartment at the time the shot was fired: Kyle Blouin, 21, of Spencer, as well as Taylor Macleod, 24, of Foxboro.

Macleod later surrendered to police, admitting that he improperly discharged the firearm. Blouin was located at his parents' home in Charlton, along with a semiautomatic pistol.

Blouin faces charges of carrying a firearm without a license; possession of large capacity magazines; and improper storage of a firearm.

Macleod faces charges of improper discharge of a firearm; possession of a firearm without a license; and possession of a firearm without an FID card.

Both men were released on bail pending a future court appearance.



Police recovered multiple weapons following an incident in Spencer.

Photo Courtesy

SPENCER NEW LEADER

ACCURACY WATCH

The Spencer New Leader is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur.

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Investigation continues into fatal moped crash

WEST BROOKFIELD — Police on Martha's Vineyard continue to investigate the moped accident that took the life of a West Brookfield woman last month.

Hannah Iozzo, 20, was killed in the Aug. 28 crash on South Road in Chilmark. The driver of the moped, a 20-year-old man, was airlifted to a Rhode Island hospital with serious injuries. As of our press deadline for this week's edition, police had not provided an update on his condition.

Iozzo was on a family vacation at Martha's Vineyard when the wreck took

place. She graduated from Charlton's Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in 2019. She was a third-year electrical apprentice with Local Union 96.

The crash occurred at noontime. Witnesses reported that the moped veered across the double-yellow line and collided with an oncoming SUV driven by an Edgartown man. Both occupants of the moped were thrown to the road by the collision, police said.

The State Police are also investigating.

Attention North Brookfield Water Users: WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Aug. 30, 2021 through Sept. 17, 2021

The North Brookfield Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout town beginning Monday, August 30 through Friday, September 17, 2021.

The purpose of the flushing is to remove sediment buildup in the mains. The flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles dislodged during the flushing. This discoloration might stain your laundry, especially white materials.

Flushing is performed between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. We post our daily flushing schedule on the North Brookfield Water Department's Facebook page. If you would like additional information, please call the Water Department at (508) 867-0207.

PERSON of the WEEK

OFFICER MICHAEL LOMBARDOZZI OF THE LEICESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Lombardozzi is being recognized for always working somewhere within the Leicester community and has dedicated his life to serving its people. He is a wonderful person who deserves kudos for a job well done.

Thank you, Officer Lombardozzi, for all that you do to keep our town safe and to help make it a great place to live.
— Submitted by Linda Monahan

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Second place (59): Nick Aufiero, Hudson Bennett, Josh Russell, Mj Briggs

Third place (62): John Sbronga, Mark Piscillo, Tom Schnare, Howie Letendre

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Second place (-8): Roger Beland, Pat Romano, Gary Miner, Dennis King

Third place (-8): Peter Lessard, Tom Lewandowski, Steve O'Brien, Paul Boyton

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ly apart. And local fairs are always a reliable venue for holiday gift buying. Many vendors sell seasonal and holiday-themed items, including plenty of decorations for your Halloween displays. Others will sell items like handmade soaps, jewelry, knitted items, and more.

"Don't miss the return of this annual community gathering," read a statement released by fair organizers.

To learn more about the event on the Town Common, visit www.leicesterma.org.



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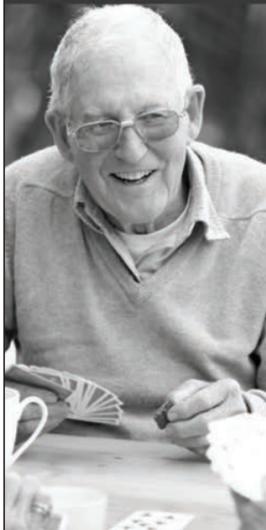
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ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING!

Spencer library announces fall programming

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Even though a fun summer has come to an end, patrons are looking forward to an exciting and educational lineup of programs this fall at Richard Sugden Public Library.

A program called “Superfoods 101 for Adults and Teens” will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Set to take place in the Great Hall of Spencer Town Hall, this program will highlight the powerful properties of popular superfoods. The presentation will also provide tips and include

unique superfood samplings, such as cacao protein balls, acai smoothies, and more.

Registration is required for this event, which is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council. You can sign up for the program by visiting the library, or by calling the library at 508-885-7513 (extension 1).

Also taking place at Town Hall later this month, a tea and fine chocolate program is designed for adults and teens (grades 9-plus). The event will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, from 7-8 p.m. Library officials and patrons alike are looking forward to the tasty program.

“This educational program will high-

light the history and health benefits of tea and dark chocolate, and includes samplings of tea infusions, tea-infused food, various chocolate creations, trivia, fun poetry, an antique teapot/lace display, and more,” read a statement released by the library.

Registration is also required for this event.

Later in the month, on Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m., local historian and educator Frank Morrill will share stories about the Bullard photography exhibit on display at the library. The exhibit contains photographs from a previous display that was located at the Worcester Art Museum.

During his Spencer visit, Morrill will share stories and a slideshow that includes people in the exhibit and their descendants. The presentation will be held in the Great Hall at Spencer Town Hall, where there is plenty of room to social distance.

Bullard’s collection of 5,400 glass negatives were taken primarily in Worcester County. Adults and teens are invited to join library officials for an entertaining evening of pictures and stories.

To learn more about upcoming events this fall at the library, visit www.spencerpubliclibrary.org.

ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS



DON'T MISS A THING!

Apple Country Fair to be held Oct. 9 in Brookfield

BROOKFIELD — Showcasing the work of more than 70 local crafters, the Apple Country Fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Brookfield Town Common.

The Fair also will feature live music, children’s games, baked goods, raffles and an apple pie contest — all to benefit the Brookfield Community Club, a charitable organization that makes grants to enrich community life.

Fairgoers can browse and buy hand-knit sweaters and blankets, carved wooden bowls and décor, beaded jewelry, specialty soaps and lotions, hand-crafted toys, locally-produced honey and more.

Children will enjoy games and prizes, face-painting, sand art and a moon bounce. Various food vendors will offer concessions throughout the day. The bake table will tempt with homemade

fudge, candied apples, applesauce, cookies, brownies and, of course, pie.

A raffle will offer chances to win prizes including the community-stitched quilt, family passes to local museums and attractions, and gift certificates to local restaurants and stores. Tickets will be available at the Fair and through the summer at the Merrick Public Library and from Community Club members. Entries for the apple pie contest will be accepted at the Fire Barn next to the Town Hall until 10 a.m. the day of the Fair. Judging categories are for children under 12, ages 13-19, and adults ages 20 and older.

Web site: www.applecountryfair.com

Facebook: @applecountryfair

Instagram: @applecountryfair01506

The Brookfield Community Club has been organizing the Apple Country Fair since 1979. The money raised at

the Apple Country Fair has helped pay transportation costs for the Brookfield Elementary School’s sixth grade class to attend an environmental program at Camp Bournedale on Cape Cod and generated grant money for a number of community service projects, from the town’s monthly newsletter, the Brookfield Citizen, to holiday programs for Brookfield seniors.

The fair is held outside on The Common rain or shine.

*Volunteers are always needed to bake and help with the raffle and children’s games. To volunteer, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9AC2EA7FDC25-volunteer>.

Applications for food trucks, crafters and non-profits who would like to participate can be found at <http://applecountryfair.com/applications.html>.

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Leicester Arts Council invites funding proposals

LEICESTER — The Leicester Arts Council invites interested organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support community-based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences. The Leicester Arts Council is a local agency funded by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

To be eligible, applications must be submitted online by Friday, Oct. 15.

Application forms, complete information on the new online grant application process, and specific guidelines for Leicester applicants are available at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process>. An online information session will be available on Sept. 9.

Grants can support a variety of projects and activities in Leicester- including exhibits, performances, festivals, workshops and lectures, as well as school field trips and short-term artist residencies or performances in schools.

Previously funded projects have included: Leicester Concerts on the Common, art classes at the Leicester Public Library, visiting artists and field trips to cultural events for Leicester school children and the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, music and drama performances for the Leicester Senior Center, historical programs at the Swan Tavern, and grants to local artists.

The Leicester Arts Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting

thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities and sciences every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Each council awards money based on individual community cultural needs, assessed and set by local council members.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PUBLIC RELEASE

Contact: Laurie Cascione, Director of Food Services 508-892-7030 x1190 or email: cascionel@lpsma.net

Children need healthy meals to learn. Leicester Public Schools is providing free meals to all students under the USDA’s Child Nutrition Programs (Seamless Summer Option or Summer Food Service Program).

Children enrolled in the district (or in the community) are eligible for these free meals regardless of eligibility through June 30, 2022. Even though meals are free, it is recommended that school districts still collect applications and notify households of the results.

Annually, we update the information and forms on our website. Forms are sent home with every student during the first week of school. They are also available at all schools, the Central Office (3 Washburn Square, 3rd Flr. Leicester, MA) and can be mailed to homes when necessary

If you are not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and have been approved for free school meals, you may be eligible for SNAP which provides monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries to Massachusetts residents who qualify. Find out if you are eligible for SNAP today by calling Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 and a counselor can help you apply over the phone. You can also apply on your own online at DTA Connect: <https://dtacconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/apply>

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- Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household’s income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2021-2022

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| 2 | \$32,227 | \$2,686 | \$620 |
| 3 | \$40,626 | \$3,386 | \$782 |
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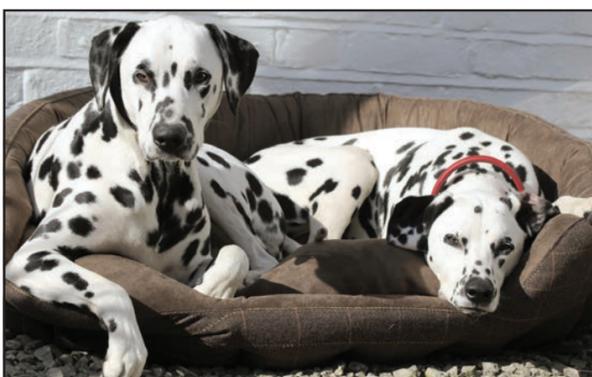
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Featured artist, Laura Dusty, shows Emma, Macy and Maddie Donas how to paint with watercolors and salt.



Volunteers Autumn Feeley, Lillian Sturges, and Whitney Reno called attention to the event.



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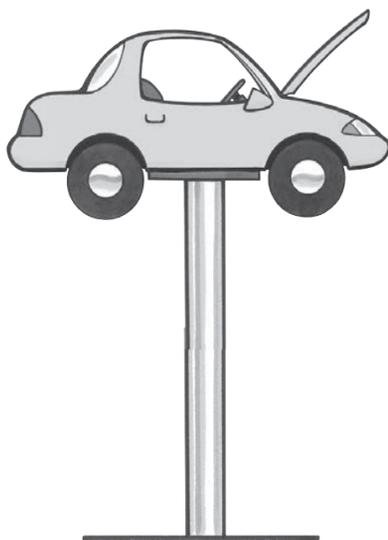
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EDITORIAL

'Tis the season... for fairs

The first day of fall is just around the corner, and while we love the summer months, there is no season better than fall. One of the reasons for that is, of course, the slew of county fairs taking place all around us.

While entertainment and rides have evolved over the years, there is something so refreshingly simple about a fair that brings everyone down a few notches. When we remember why county fairs came to be, we are reminded of the simplicity that once was the way of life for our ancestors.

Each year, the fair served as a vehicle for farmers to show off their produce and livestock in various categories. As the years progressed, more activities of course took place, however at the core is farm life.

When walking around through the different exhibits, complete with crafts and baked goods, the feeling of down home, old fashioned living welcomes us like a warm morning sunrise. To make things even better, it is the one place where just about the entire community will venture off too, making for a grand reunion of sorts.

We cannot write about a fair, without talking about fair food. Each year, we tell ourselves the same thing — 'no fair food this year.' Or perhaps you tell yourself something completely different, such as 'I cannot wait for fried dough and maple syrup'. But the fact remains, you should not exit the fair gates without eating a caramel apple or a steak bomb. An honorable mention goes out to kettle corn, fresh lemonade, soft pretzels and nachos.

The music scene at the county fair tends to lean towards country. This is just fine with us, as it helps to set the perfect backdrop to our ears for watching a draft horse pull or a demolition derby.

There is never a dull moment at a fair, especially for youngsters. There are petting zoos, contests and plenty of stores selling anything you can think of. Funny thing about the shops, they seem to be selling the same things they had in stock for the past 25 years. Mirrors, with a horse pictured in the middle with the silver or gold trimmed frame, invisible ink, rabbit foot key chains and a plethora of leather goods.

The midway games are a treat. We never really could figure out the basketball hoop, although we know there's a trick to it. The dart game, where you send one, hopefully straight into a balloon is a blast, but again, there's a technique involved.

In the states, the first fair took place in Pittsfield, Mass. in 1807, and was organized by Franklin Watson. Eventually, it became known as the Berkshire Country Fair and is still running today.

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VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right wing conspiracies

To the Editor:
In the Aug. 27 issue, Mr. McRae writes "if the monomaniacal left prevails through their willingness to lie, cheat, steal, and even murder..." Wow.

If we read that list, it's quite a way down the Qanon hole. All he needs to add is Hillary eating babies.

Why are Republicans so susceptible to insane ideas? They think vaccines are an evil plot (by Democrats, of course), that COVID doesn't exist, that masks don't work, that Jan. 6 was a love fest at the Capitol, that the climate isn't changing, etc., etc.? Oh, and Qanon. No Democrat believes in Qanon; that's a Republican mental illness.

When I go to vote in my town, I see a group of townspeople. Those checking me in, voters, and those checking me out. I know that half of them are probably Republicans, but I don't think they would lie, cheat, steal, or murder. I'm

naive, I guess. McRae knows half those people are devils.

After the 2016 Iowa Republican caucus, Trump took to Twitter to accuse Ted Cruz of cheating, and to call for Iowa's caucus results to be overturned. So, I guess McRae needs to add Ted Cruz to the list of people who cheated Trump. Trump rages, to this day, that he was cheated of the presidency and asked to have votes thrown out or votes found; whatever it takes to let him win. The common factor is Trump whining that he was cheated. He is a sore loser. Republicans believe his conspiracy totally; they don't believe in voting any more.

I agree there is nobody like Trump on the Democratic side. And that's not a bad thing.

ALLAN JOHANNESSEN
LEICESTER

Maybe I should make my first car an electric

To the Editor:

It's likely most people have at least considered the new craze for cleaner, electric vehicles, possibly with the hope that someday they'll replace our antiquated gas-powered cars. Though, of course with any promising technology with the potential to improve a flawed oil-focused industry, we remain distracted by the negatives that would scare us away from completely welcoming electric vehicles. I get the scare, but even though I have never owned a car myself, it's time to consider their potential.

We all know now that gas car emissions are harming our atmosphere, but it's worth noting how the initial acquisition of this fuel warrants just as much attention. Anyone in touch with the news in the last 30 years is aware of the humanitarian impacts that being involved with our oil suppliers in the Middle East have. This necessity to fuel our gas-guzzlers has forced us to be involved with our foreign suppliers that, as we all know, never leads to anything peaceful. We would all love to

move away from this reliance of foreign oil that comes with strings attached, and some policymakers might have this in mind when they support the drive towards all-electric vehicles.

Some would argue that the impact of greenhouse gas emissions are far less harmful than the process of obtaining resources to build electric vehicles. For example, the sourcing of cobalt, which companies like Tesla use to make their batteries, has been known to employ and endanger children. However, as numerous companies, most notably Ford, are joining the race for consumer electric cars, newer batteries are being considered to replace cobalt with nickel, which would not rely on child labor.

The drive automakers and policymakers are making towards a cleaner future, supported by clear advantages, has convinced me that maybe the first car I buy should be electric.

Thank you,

ZAVIER MORALES
LEICESTER

What is Marxism/Socialist government?

To the Editor:

There are many people today who are being deceived [gullible], believing in socialism, a Socialist Government, originating from Russia, the Soviet Union socialist government country that was introduced by Mr. Karl Marx and conformed into Marxism [socialism]. It is produced to entice you by giving you money, paying for your needs; you don't need to work, and today, this new Democratic elected administration wants to encourage you, introduce and engage us the American people to accept this socialist government. That is why this present administration is giving away so much money; they want to entice us with money instead of work so you can become dependent on them and eventually accept this socialist government instead of being independent, free, freedom and become controlled by this new democratic socialist government.

Marxism, Socialism are like book ends; they work together, compliment each other at our expense, wanting us to lose our republic democratic freedom and become controlled by the leaders of this new Democratic Socialist [communism] governing administration. Shame on you if you allow

this new administration to take away your our republic freedom. We need to pledge our allegiance to God Jesus for this country America, these united states. This country has been a republic democracy and we need to continue pledging our allegiance to these United States. Don't be foolish [stupid] and give up your freedom for a hand full of dirty money that will only lead to democratic dependency, slavery.

The Bible, Proverbs 6:6, warns us about becoming sluggards; it only leads to destruction when we depend on the government for financial dependency. That can only lead to the loss of our freedom. What is a sluggard? It is defined as lazy, free loader, sloth. God Jesus is warning us to reject this temptation of easy money that will eventually cause you to be dependent on this new socialist administration and cause you to lose your freedom. I am suggesting you do some serious soul searching, confess, repent, reaching out to God today for His blessings, guidance to be able to live peacefully now in this world and eternal security with God Jesus in heaven.

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

Home of the brave — remember the fallen

To the Editor:

It had been a long time—ten months, in fact—since our confraternity of area patriots had found ourselves together on the street with our flags and signs promoting our cause, which typically was that of proclaiming with signs and flags our love for America and our support of those most likely to be effective in protecting and sustaining the freedoms and opportunities we have enjoyed during our lifetimes, and which we hope to be the continuing birthright of those who will follow us.

But, there we were, together again with our paraphernalia, renewing old friendships and acquaintances on a sparkling September Saturday morning at an intersection in Spencer which we had traditionally used as a stand-out site due to its being a strategically well-situated location for us to promote our political interests. It was especially gratifying for me to see the old crowd back together again, as I have come to view the various types of people who declared for our side to be among the

best individuals—kind, generous, brave, grateful, and well-informed—I had had the privilege of knowing over a long lifetime. An eclectic collection of male and female, young and old, financially comfortable or struggling, well-educated or not so much, physically sound or beset with serious if not debilitating health issues, with or without veteran status, believers or agnostic...it doesn't matter with these folks; they come out to stand and identify themselves as real lovers of America and its one-of-a-kind status among the nations of the world as the place to be if one would make the most of one's God-given potential and opportunities. It is no mystery to people such as these why American immigration issues are—and have always been—a one-way street operation: millions want to come here, and no one wants to leave. As old Marines used to say, "It's hard to be humble when you're the best!"

Well, then, what brought us out on a day when we could've been over at the

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Enthusiasm

When people decide to pursue a dream, they usually get fired up and motivated. They lose weight; make a business plan, build the team, hire the lawyers, contact the agents, write the book, rent the office, and tell everyone they know; They make sure to dot all the i's and cross all the t's!

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It's easy at the beginning of a dream to keep a good attitude; we know our success is imminent. It is in this stage of a plan when people's enthusiasm is usually through the roof.

If the dream doesn't happen as fast as we think it ought to, sometimes people quickly become depressed, the negative voices in their head begin to say, "it's been too long; it's never gonna happen" "Just give up; who do you think you are?" "You weren't cut out for this! stop wasting your time!" "No reason to stay sober, just have a drink and smoke!"

Suddenly, the enthusiasm is gone. What was once a happy and exciting endeavor has now become something different. Fear, doubt, complacency may have set in, and being fired up and excited about the possibilities is just a fading memory.

For most, this is just too much to handle. After just a couple of days of feeling like that, they'll give up and wish they'd never have tried in the first place.

What happened? It started so well! Lots of things can happen that lead to a downfall of a dream, but the most dangerous thing that can happen is a loss of enthusiasm.

Without the enthusiasm that was first brought to the dream, the dream may become unobtainable. Sometimes it takes so long that when the opportunity for success finally presents itself, it's ruined because the loss of enthusiasm can make you uninteresting at best, jaded and bitter at worst.

Without that original fire you brought to the dream, it will be hard for anyone to want to buy what you're selling or even want to be of any help whatsoever.

Have you ever had a non-enthusiastic teacher hold your attention for very long? How long can you sit through a sermon from a pastor who doesn't seem to care what they are teaching? Have you ever wanted to buy a product from a non-enthusiastic salesperson? How do you feel when your waiter acts like they hate their life? Do you want to tip them?

I got my oil changed a couple of weeks back, and I was the first customer of the day! I drove into the garage, sure to be greeted with a smile. The young man working the front just glared at me as I pulled in; it was uncomfortable! He was heartbroken at my presence; I wanted to drive away as fast as possible, but unfortunately for him and me, I had to get the oil changed right then and there.

The one ingredient missing from the above scenarios that would make everything better is enthusiasm! Without enthusiasm, you're blah!

Enthusiasm makes you likable, it makes you interesting, and it makes people want to help you!

On the long road of accomplishing a significant dream, finding a way to keep your enthusiasm will be your most important task and maybe your most difficult.

Napoleon Hill said that "Enthusiasm is the steam that makes the engine work."

The word "enthusiasm" has its origins in the Greek language and translates to "God Within!"

The ancient Greeks used it to describe people who possessed superhuman abilities! If you accomplished great things, the Greeks would say you have Enthusiasm!

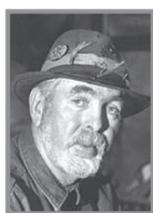
Have you ever seen a non-enthusiastic person described as having a god within them?

It's almost exclusively the fired-up, motivated, interested, and person who is full of life who has that quality! That's the type of person the Greeks would say has a god living within them!

Have you lost your enthusiasm? Get it back! Get fired up! Let people see the power inside of you!



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Mass. Fish & Wildlife released information on the upcoming fall stocking last week that reported more than 65,000 trout would be available for this year. They are hoping to start stocking in mid-September if the waters cool. You can check out the daily stocking list starting in Mid-September on the MFW Web site.

A public hearing will be held on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 28, on the proposed changes in the pheasant hunting regulations. A proposal to allow bird hunters to harvest an unlimited amount of pheasant annually, and add a pheasant & quail stamp to requirements for all bird hunters will be discussed. For more information, go to the Mass. Fish & Wildlife hearings page. The Fish & Wildlife board will take up the proposal immediately following the hearing.

A freshwater invasive snakehead was recently caught in Mass. waters. The invasive species could cause a lot of problems to the native species if they become out of control. It is illegal to stock any species of fish in Massachusetts waters without a permit, especially nonnative fish.

The early Canada Goose season opened Sept. 1 in Central Massachusetts! The early season runs through Sept. 24, with a 15-bird daily bag limit. The early goose season is geared to alleviate the overpopulation of nuisance birds that are fouling our water, beaches and golf courses. The first segment of the Mass. waterfowl season opens on Oct. 11 in the Central District. For a complete list of



This week's picture shows Don Cook of Uxbridge with his 250-pound Thresher shark he caught last week with a few of his buddies while fish at Stellwagen Bank.

all the waterfowl regulations, go to the Mass. Fish & Wildlife Web site.

This week's picture of Don Cook with his Thresher shark that was brought to the boat in less than 20 minutes. This species of shark is very good eating, and this writer was given a steak from the big fish to convince me that they are very good eating. It was great. Tasted like a piece of swordfish after grilling it.

This week's second picture shows Eva and Logan Henchey with a few seabass that they caught while fishing with their Mom, Grandfather and Papa last week. They were fishing on the Southwest side of block Island.

Reports of numerous sightings of bear and bobcat for the last few weeks in the

valley is good news for some residents, and a bit scary for others. Last week, a large bobcat was spotted in South Uxbridge by numerous residents. They have been blamed for the loss of small pets over the years, but they are not a concern for adults. Residents in rural areas need to keep a watchful eye on their pets and young children. Deer populations are also high, but they will have plenty of food to sustain them through the winter, with the huge Achorn crop this year.

Deer hunters are already setting up their tree stands in anticipation of opening day of archery season on Nov. 27. A youth deer hunt will be held on Oct. 2 this year and a paraplegic hunt



Andrea and Logan Henchey with a few seabass they caught last week while fishing on a charter boat out of Galilee, R.I.!

is planned for three days starting on Oct. 28. If you no someone that is confined to a wheelchair, or some other major disability, invite them to join you for the three-day deer hunt. There are many veterans that would appreciate the invite, and time spent in the outdoors. Who deserves it more!

The Whitinsville fish & Game Club is getting ready for their annual field Day which will be held on Sept. 18 this year. They are planning a big day for all to enjoy, with a chicken bar BBQ, and plenty of other food from the kitchen. The Chicken BBQ tickets need to be purchased prior to the event. All ranges will be open to the public and there is plenty of free parking and music!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Keep gardening after the first fall frost

There is nothing worse than frost in the forecast and a garden full of vegetables not quite ready for picking. Use some simple strategies to extend the growing season and keep enjoying garden-fresh vegetables.



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temperatures climb above freezing. Keep them handy and be ready to cover whenever frost is in the forecast.

Make it easier by using all-purpose garden fabric covers. This spun material allows air, light, and water through while protecting the plants from frost. Loosely cover the plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or garden pins. You only need to remove the fabric to harvest ripe vegetables. Otherwise, it can stay in place until the vegetables stop producing or you decide it is time to end the season.

Create a high tunnel over garden beds filled with large plants. Use hoops and row covers to allow easy access for harvesting while protecting the plants. Systems like Maxi Garden Hoops stand seven feet tall and five feet wide when installed. Simply cover the set of three hoops with row cover fabric.

Cloches have long been used to jump start the season or extend it beyond the first fall frost. You will find a variety of shapes and sizes available. Select one large enough to cover your plants and protect them as needed. Look for those with vents to prevent

plants from overheating and ones like the cool weather row cloches (gardeners.com) that allow water through while trapping in the heat.

Don't let unripe tomatoes go to waste if you are unable or unwilling to protect them from frost. Harvest any that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The bottom of the tomato should be greenish white or starting to color up. Store your green tomatoes in a cool (60 to 65 degrees) location to extend their storage life.

Spread the tomatoes out on heavy paper or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit do not touch. They will ripen over the next few weeks. Speed up the process by moving a few tomatoes to a warm, bright location a few days before they are needed. Enjoy green tomatoes fried, in relish, salsa, pies or one of many more ways.

And when the season finally ends for you, start planning for next year. Many of these same strategies can be used to jump start the season for an earlier harvest.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She



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High tunnel systems with hoops and row covers work well on garden beds filled with large plants, allowing easy access for harvesting while protecting the plants.

hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. 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.

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Spencer Fair watching a tractor-pull, or pretending to enjoy some cotton candy with mask-less kids? You might ask Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, the Cruella Deville of American politics, for it was she who drove us to the streets. Just when you thought this ruling class, obscenely over-privileged, mumbling, incoherent, totally corrupt Baltimore-born fishwife; this callous, lying, hypocritical, vicious, antediluvian harridan; this American Madame Caucescu; this octogenarian guttersnipe couldn't descend any deeper on the scale of human decency, she reached an all-time low even for her when, last week, she denied members of the "People's House" the time to read aloud, from the floor, the names of the 13 young Americans whose lives were brutally ended in a cataclysmic (for our country's future and for freedom-loving people around the world) suicide bombing by the usual suspects outside the fence at the Kabul Airport last week.

You don't have to possess the cerebral matter of the Amazing Kreskin to discern the thoughts crossing the mind of this evil, conniving witch when, given the opportunity to—requiring less than a minute-honor the service and sacrifice of these young heroes (not to mention offer at least a tiny bit of consolation to grieving mothers and dads, sisters and brothers, and wives of the murdered victims) by simply reading their names aloud and having them entered into the Congressional Record for posterity. "What?" says Congress'

Marie Antoinette, "read these names and further embarrass this Democrat Administration? Meh. Let them eat MRE's."

So, recalling the immortal words of the little brightly-colored coral snake traitor/ingrate of the Congress, Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minnesota, commenting on the actions of her fellow Islamic extremists of Sept. 11, 2001, "...some people did something." In the case extant, a few determined patriots also decided something had to be done, if only to serve as a pressure relief valve for our increasing fury and disgust at the fools and Judases of the ruling political/military class who sent these young and promising American youths to their doom, and who are now determined to wipe this catastrophic event from the consciousness of the normal, decent American people.

We researched their names, branch of service, rank, and home state, and proceeded to create hand-held signboards to be displayed to the passing traffic with each honored individual's information shown on one of 13 disparate placards. Those of our little coterie of patriots who didn't have a sign to hold picked up an American flag—either current or from history—or one from a military organization, and took their place along the roadside, a little behind the line of card holders. Our flags are our trade marks, and we do love 'em, you understand.

The response from the passing drivers and passengers was overwhelmingly positive and appreciative. For once, there were no upraised middle fingers, no screamed obscenities, no

thumbs down, and no mindless outrage directed at us. We had determined that this was to be an apolitical event, and no provocative signage or apparel of any kind would be tolerated. This was to be entirely about those kids (and, to people of our age, they could with the greatest affection and respect, be called "kids"), and the passers-by quickly saw what it was we were trying to do, and they responded massively in support of our efforts. It is always good to get out and test the waters on the political street and find there are clearly more of our countrymen and women who love America and want to see it saved for their descendants than the opposite, the haters of their own country.

For those of us in our little stand-out who have felt badly discouraged and disillusioned by the political scene over the past ten months, our batteries have been re-charged; maybe the end of our beloved Republic is not at hand just yet. In fact, so encouraged were we that another such event was, by acclamation, determined to be held at the same time and place only 48 hours later, on Labor Day. We're also considering taking the show on the road to Leicester Center for a somber commemoration of the events of Sept. 11, 2001, as well as the most recent Afghanistan horror, where innocent American lives were sacrificed at the altar of political expediency and cowardice.

For those of you, dear readers, who may not be familiar with these young heroic Americans, their names are hereby submitted for you to remember in your thoughts and prayers and

for their families as we go forward to try to extricate ourselves from this disaster that was so gratuitously thrust upon us. Don't let them be forgotten: S/SGT Ryan Knauss, U.S. Army, (Tennessee); HM2 Maxton Sowiak, U.S. Navy (Ohio) (the following 11 were all U.S. Marines): S/SGT Darin T. Hoover, (Utah); Sgt. Johnny Rosariopichardo, (Massachusetts); Sgt. Nicole Gee, (California); Cpl. Hunter Lopez (California); Cpl. Daegan Page (Nebraska); Cpl. Humberto Sanchez (Indiana); L/Cpl. David Espinoza (Texas); L/Cpl. Jared Schmitz (Missouri); L/Cpl. Rylee McCollum (Wyoming); L/Cpl. Dylan Merola (California); L/Cpl. Kareem Nickoui (California).

As we were leaving the area after our encouraging interaction with the passing flow of fellow Americans, an elderly gentleman whom we all know suffers from serious medical issues but who, nonetheless, stood fast with his sign in the bright September sun for two hours, approached us and said, "Well, I've just spent two hours with this young man (as he pointed to the name on the sign), and I don't expect to ever forget his name for the rest of my life." We thanked him again for coming, for caring, and left believing that at least in his case the mission we had attempted to carry out had been successfully completed.

One of the signs that lovely day read "Honor the Brave!" I leave you with that admonition.

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

Some of my best estate finds

People often ask me "what's the most interesting or valuable item you've sold?" After selling antiques and collectibles for over 30 years and running auctions for over 20, there are plenty of items that come to mind.



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WAYNE TUISKULA

ding had served in the South Pacific during World War II and had many photographic negatives from his time in the service as well as other times during his life, including photos and negatives from the 1939 New York World's Fair. These photos and negatives sold for well over \$1,000 when split into several lots.

One of the first estates I handled after starting my auction business was full of treasures that were literally buried. The estate belonged to a doctor who served as an officer during World War II. He held on to many things throughout his lifetime, including newspapers and magazines. His newspapers covered many valuable items that were hidden beneath.

However, there were larger items that were clearly visible when I first walked through the home. There were marble-top Victorian tables as well as other Victorian era furniture. Furniture sold much better 20 years ago than it does now, and we sold marble-top tables from the estate for around \$400 then. Two fireplace mantles that were also from the Victorian era sold for just under \$1,000 each. There were five or six stacking bookcases that brought around \$200 per stack at auction then.

I had to dig a bit deeper for other smaller valuable pieces. I found a wooden folding camera in a purple velvet lined box brought a little over \$1,000 at auction. A bookcase held a small bud vase marked "LCT." The approximately six-inch vase was a "pulled feather pattern" by Louis Comfort Tiffany and sold for close to \$1,000 at auction.

The doctor whose estate I was han-

There were also some paintings in the estate, including one by Impressionist painter Joseph H. Greenwood of Spencer, Mass. According to a Worcester Art Museum biography, Greenwood "left school at age 11 to work in the local boot factory and later wire mill. Meanwhile, he scavenged chicken feathers for brushes and wallpaper scraps for pigment to create his first works of art." A wealthy mill owner recognized his artistic talent and paid for two terms of study for Greenwood at Wilbraham Academy. Greenwood made a living painting local landscapes. The Greenwood painting I found in this estate had been damaged, but still sold for over \$2,000.

A collection of phonographs was the most valuable find. There were Edison cylinder players that were selling in the \$300 to \$500 range at the time. A metal sign advertising Edison records picturing Thomas Edison sold for nearly \$1,000. But the best find was a Berliner gramophone. Emile Berliner manufactured phonographs that played discs in competition with Edison's cylinder players. The Berliner gramophone hit a high note with bidders when it sold for over \$5,000 at one of our auctions.

Our current online model railroad and die-cast car auction ends on Sept.



22. Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items will be open for bidding by September 22nd. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" night class Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton and on Nov. 13 I'll also be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

12:00-1:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:18 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 1:42 a.m.: building checked, secure; 9:36 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), lost wallet in Worcester; 9:50 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:01 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), spoken to; 10:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apt. lockout; 12:49 p.m.: restraining order service (Pleasant Street); 12:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Sullivan Street), req. welfare check; 1:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Meadow Road), dog left in mv; 1:04 p.m.: accident (Valley Street), mv vs deer; 1:41 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 2:03 p.m.: arrest warrant service (address redacted from police log), Joseph Michael Smith, 59, 2 Old Farm Road, Spencer, open and gross lewdness, arrest; 2:37 p.m.: parking complaint (North Spencer Road), mv blocking line of sight; 2:50 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 3:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Summit Street), spoken to; 3:27 p.m.: suspicious activity (West Main Street), services rendered; 3:42 p.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), debris in road; 3:50 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 5:10 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:14 p.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), tree on wires; 6:00 p.m.: juvenile matter (Browning Pond Road), unattended child; 6:06 p.m.: suspicious persons (Charron Street), investigated; 6:46 p.m.: suspicious persons (Brooks

Pond Road), investigated; 8:45 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:20-9:25 p.m.: buildings checked; (Total daily mv stops - 5).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

12:42-2:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:32 a.m.: fire (West Main Street), referred; 9:51 a.m.: fraud (Spring Street), SS scam call; 10:32 a.m.: threats (Pleasant Street), male rec. threats; 11:36 a.m.: officer wanted (G.H. Wilson Road), req. welfare check; 11:43 a.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 12:29 p.m.: medical/general (Pond Street); 12:43 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. restraining order violation; 12:47 p.m.: DPW call (Wilson Street), brown water; 12:55 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), re-register; 2:34 p.m.: arrest warrant service (West Main Street), Frank D. Rivers, 35, 24 Mechanic Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 2:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), family matter; 4:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), dog locked in mv; 6:54 p.m.: medical/general (Lakeshore Drive); 7:43 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Charron Street); 9:25-11:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 2).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

12:20 a.m.: medical/general (Sullivan Street); 6:07 a.m.: 911 call (Olde Main Street), accidental; 6:48 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:57 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 8:59 a.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 9:04 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), bat on ceiling; 9:34 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 9:42 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:06 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 10:07 a.m.: ani-

mal complaint (Old Farm Road), sick/dead bird; 11:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), injured duck; 11:20 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 12:42 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:13 p.m.: vandalism (Church Street), window broken; 1:19 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 1:20 p.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), sick porcupine; 1:28 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 1:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: lost meds; 2:50 p.m.: RV complaint (Lambs Grove), mini bikes; 3:04 p.m.: fire alarm (Grove Street), referred; 3:15 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:58 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), investigated; 4:38 p.m.: 911 call (Fourth Avenue), misdial; 4:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Smithville Road), bottle thrown at juvenile; 5:23 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 6:21 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 6:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Lyford Cross Road), loose/aggressive dog; 6:45 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), rep. male shoplifting; 6:55 p.m.: medical/general (Whittemore Court); 7:42 p.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), neighbor issues; 8:20 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), info taken; 8:53 p.m.: disturbance (Irving Street), neighbor issues; 9:52 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 10:25 p.m.: DPW call (Valley Street), tree in road; 10:29 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 11:21 p.m.: juvenile matter (Debbie Drive), teen left home; 11:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), individuals behind bank; (Total daily mv stops - 0).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

12:05-12:31 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:32 a.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), male exposing self;

1:32-1:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13 a.m.: 911 call (Duggan Street), open line; 2:59 a.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 3:48 a.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), poss. b&e; 8:47 a.m.: animal complaint (Langevin Street), sick animal; 9:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), loose dogs; 11:39 a.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 11:43 a.m.: medical/general (Borkum Road); 12:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), loose chickens; 1:27 p.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), open line; 2:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check; 3:02 p.m.: mv lockout (Clark Road), assisted; 3:48 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), lift assist; 4:49 p.m.: juvenile matter (Meadow Road), kids/bikes; 5:13 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 5:28 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 11:54 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), loose dogs; 11:55-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 0).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

12:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:08 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Road), investigated; 12:19 a.m.: suspicious mv (Donnelly Cross Road), investigated; 12:31-12:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:56 a.m.: open door (Main Street), door kicked in; 8:52 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 9:32 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 11:41 a.m.: 911 call (Ledge Avenue), hang-up; 1:00 p.m.: DPW call (Ash Street), low-hanging wire; 1:22 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:36 p.m.: lost/found (Northwest Road), wallet found; 1:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), spoken to; 2:18

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Tips to Preserve Garden's Bounty the Old Fashioned Way

The pleasures of the New England harvest season are truly bountiful. Ripe, red tomatoes heavy on the vine, stately rows of corn stalks, and pots of leafy herbs promise home grown goodness for the family table. 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.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

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.

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.

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.

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.

Onions and shallots can be braided in the same manner.

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 jalapenos, 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

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

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 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.)

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thrilled about the donation and the added protection it will bring. Officers thank Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., for their program that helps keep K9 units safe across the country.

"The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies," read a statement released by the SPD. "K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States."

Established in 2009, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) charity whose

mission is to provide protective vests and other gear to dogs serving law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. All K9 body armor is custom-fitted and NIJ certified.

Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., has provided more than 4,300 vests to agencies in all 50 states. The estimated value of the combined donations is \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

In order for the organization to continue its high-level contributions to protect law enforcement dogs, ongoing support is needed from residents and businesses. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount.

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For more information about the organization, or to learn about volunteer and donation opportunities, call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., also lists events and accepts donations at its website: www.vik9s.org.

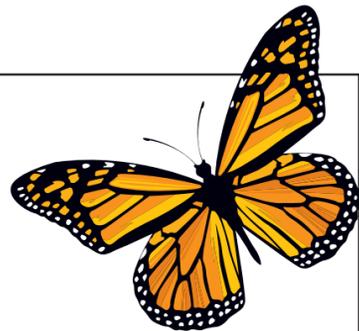
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Meanwhile, Officer Fullam and his partner Curtis continue to sharpen their skills and readiness for all types of situations. They recently attended a pet CPR and first aid certification class at the House of Klein Dog Training center in Spencer. The class was funded by the Spencer Dog Owners Association.

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p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 2:32 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 3:44 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), re: tenant parking; 4:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 5:29 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 5:45 p.m.: larceny (Grove Street), bicycle stolen; 6:05 p.m.: mv complaint (Northwest Road), speeding mcs; 9:43 p.m.: 911 call (Valley Street), investigated; 11:11 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: emergency restraining order; 11:42 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; (Total daily mv stop - 0)

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

2:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:17 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 9:05 a.m.: suspicious persons (Water Street), male jumping into traffic; 9:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Charlton Road), poss. scam; 9:58 a.m.: accident (Donnelly Road), services rendered; 12:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), gas drive-off; 12:03 a.m.: accident (Grove Street), services rendered; 12:45 a.m.: officer wanted (Gold Nugget Road), spoken to; 2:14 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street), loose dog; 2:55 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:58 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 4:25 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 4:31 p.m.: medical/general (Adams Street); 4:51 p.m.: mutual aid (Cherry Street), assist MSP; 5:10 p.m.: parking complaint (Main Street), car blocking line of sight; 5:51 p.m.: disturbance (Brooks Pond Road), issue w/juveniles; 6:06 p.m.: RV complaint (Rustic Lane), dirt bikes; 10:04-10:05 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), info taken; 10:13-10:20 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:27 p.m.: medical/overdose (Bixby Road); 11:55 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; (Total daily mv stops - 3).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

2:18-2:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:44 a.m.: residential alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 2:47 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:18 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 7:54 a.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Road); 8:51 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 9:27 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Howe Village), acciden-

tal; 12:00 p.m.: restraining order service (Main Street); 12:32 p.m.: mv repossessed (High Street), info taken; 2:32 p.m.: building checked, secure; 3:26 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:48 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), info taken; 3:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Starr Street), missing cat; 5:59 p.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 7:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Summit Street), stray cat; 8:10 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD bolo; 9:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), male party not home; (Total daily mv stops - 0).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

7:38 a.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), unable to locate; 7:44 a.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 2:38 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:49 p.m.: assist citizen (Water Street), services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: disturbance (Spring Street), assisted; 7:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

9:04 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 9:12 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:15 a.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 10:27 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:20 p.m.: family problem (Rawson Street), report taken; 3:43 p.m.: assist other agency (Auburn Street), services rendered; 5:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Winslow Avenue); 6:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Dale Street), unable to locate; 8:55 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:17 p.m.: suspicious activity (Hankey Street), no action required.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

12:08 a.m.: suspicious person (Towtoid Street), unable to locate; 2:25 a.m.: mv stop (Auburn Street), spoken to; 2:37 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), John A. LaBaire, 40, 591 Wachusett Street, Holden, failure to appear in court after release, arrest; 9:30 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 11:32 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), services rendered; 12:04 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 12:37 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 1:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Chapel Street); 4:31

p.m.: arrest warrant service (Collier Avenue), unable to serve; 4:35 p.m.: domestic disturbance (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 4:38 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), Lysandra Rohena, 23, 227 Main Street, #3, Leicester, straight warrant, arrest; 6:30 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Pine Street), unable to serve; 7:44 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 8:00 p.m.: disturbance (White Birch Street), unfounded; 8:28 p.m.: disturbance (Chapel Street), spoken to; 8:58 p.m.: assist other PD (Paxton Street), services rendered; 9:00 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Jeffrey T. Olszowy, 29, 17 Douglas Rd. #109, Whitinsville, straight warrant, arrest; 10:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

5:03 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 7:31 a.m.: malicious mischief (Tobin Road), report taken; 10:22 a.m.: harassment (Hammond Street), report taken; 10:57 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 11:09 a.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 12:05 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), services rendered; 12:33 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 2:31 p.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 3:10 p.m.: keep the peace (Spring Street), peace restored; 5:10 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:47 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 6:25 p.m.: property found (Stafford Street), unfounded; 7:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/ suspended registration, criminal application issued; 7:42 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 8:24 p.m.: suspicious activity (Mannville Street), services rendered; 9:33 p.m.: family problem (Boyd Street), spoken to; 10:16 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unfounded.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

1:04 a.m.: investigation (Waite Street), report taken; 9:41 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 9:49 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:46 a.m.: disabled mv (Sargent Street), no action required; 10:54 a.m.: hazardous condition (Main Street), referred; 11:02 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), William Joseph Boria, 55, 54 Davis Street, Millbury, failure to appear upon recognizance, no inspection sticker, arrest; 11:06 a.m.: disabled mv (Main

Street), no service; 2:04 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), no action required; 4:28 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Princeton Street), spoken to; 6:20 p.m.: restraining order service (Spring Street), unable to serve; 6:48 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), assisted; 6:50 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 7:50 p.m.: restraining order service (Spring Street), served; 10:52 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

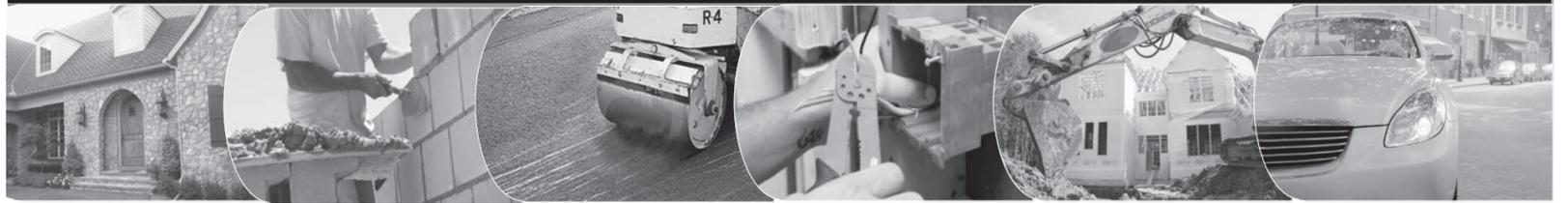
2:29 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 6:07 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 8:59 a.m.: b&e/mv (Stafford Street), no action required; 9:41 a.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), unfounded; 11:06 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), report taken; 1:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 3:17 p.m.: accident (Paxton Street), mv towed; 6:00 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), written warning; 6:42 p.m.: suspicious person (Pine Street), no action required; 7:05 p.m.: assist citizen (McCarthy Avenue), report taken; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, unregistered mv, mv towed; 8:32 p.m.: larceny (Brookside Drive), report taken.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

3:53 a.m.: disturbance (Towtoid Street), unfounded; 4:13 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 10:43 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 10:52 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:59 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 12:14 p.m.: summons service (Tobin Road), served; 12:22 p.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 1:18 p.m.: fraud (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 1:49 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 2:02 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 2:26 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 2:38 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 3:25 p.m.: summons served (Peter Salem Road), unable to serve; 4:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:01 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 8:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwin Street), spoken to; 9:56 p.m.: disturbance (Boyd Street), spoken to.

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A certain tract of parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Oakland Drive in the town of Spencer, in the County of Worcester, containing forty-four thousand six hundred and sixteen (44,616) square feet more or less and being shown as lot #6 on plan to show Division of Land in Spencer, Mass. Owned by G. & C. Lussier Builders by Kenneth Shaw, dated August 23, 1972, recorded with Worcester District Deeds, Plan Book 371, Plan 56. Premises to the conveyed are more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner of the tract to be conveyed at an angle in the northerly line of Oakland Drive at the southeasterly corner of Lot #7. THENCE by Lot #7 N. 49° 49' 49" E., 342.79 feet to an angle. THENCE by Lot #7 N. 29° 37' 49" E., 120.00 feet to a rail fence. THENCE by rail fence N. 85° 37' 49" E. 101.92 feet to a ring of stones. THENCE by Lot #5 S. 35° 49' 17" W. 492.63 feet to Oakland Drive. THENCE by Oakland Drive N. 63° 47' 29" W. 150.00 feet to the point of beginning. For title, see deed recorded herewith. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 53781, Page 336.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:15PM at the Police Station Conference Room, 55 School St., North Brookfield, MA. Public opinion will be received regarding amending the Zoning Bylaw. The following changes are proposed: Section II. Definitions by adding Adult Entertainment and Drive-through operations definitions, add Section IV.E.5.e. Drive-through operations, (Section IV.E.6.c. would change to b.), change Section IV. D through G. to E. through H. and add new Section IV.D. Business General 2 District, add Business General 2 District to Table 3- Dimensional Requirements and change Zoning Map to include Business General 2 District. Also, propose changing zoning of 5.48 acre property located at 2 W. Brookfield Rd. and Town of N. Brookfield property located at intersection of W. Brookfield Rd. and Brookfield Rd.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard should appear at the above stated time and place. A copy of the proposed bylaw and map amendments is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA.

William King, Chair
September 3, 2021
September 10, 2021

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Docket No. WO21P2778EA
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Estate of:

Elroy Timothy Beaudry
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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 09/28/2021.**

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Stephanie K. Fattman,
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September 10, 2021

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: Francis White has filed an NOI with the

Spencer Conservation Commission to Upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 69 West Main Street, Spencer, MA.

Thomas Little has filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to take down some trees at 66 Browning Pond Road, Spencer, MA. Keith & Jennifer Gilchrist have filed an NOI with the Spencer Conservation Commission to take down some trees at 75 Bacon Hill 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, September 22, 2021, at which time all persons having an interest may be present and participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 7:00 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
September 10, 2021

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Kara Banosian, Trustee of the AE-RIE Trust, for the property located at 6 Hillside Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to demolish the existing house and rebuild a new house in the Neighborhood Residential District. This requires a special permit as per section, -1.52 Nonconformity: §1.52 (a) Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Renee Adams White
Clerk
September 10, 2021
September 17, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. W021C0392CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of:

Maureen Susan McDermott
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Maureen Susan McDermott of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 23, 2021

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September 10, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. W021C0222CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of:

Riley Simone Constance Smith
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Riley Simone Constance Smith of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Riley Simone Alice Caracciolo

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Michelle May Ward
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Michelle May Ward of Spencer MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Hanabi May Ward

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P2088GD NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor In the interests of Connor E Yacino of North Brookfield, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **06/17/2021** by **Kimberly N St. Denis** of North Brookfield, MA

Gary B St. Denis of North Brookfield, MA will be held **09/23/2021 08:30 AM Guardianship of a Minor Hearing** Located **Magistrate Hearing Zoom 160 280 6833 of Call 646-828-7666**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

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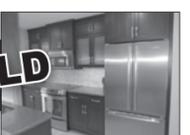
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Judith A. Vitkos, 79



SPENCER: Judith A. (Gordon) Vitkos, 79, of Bacon Hill Road died Thursday, September 2 in UMass Memorial Hospital.

She leaves her husband of 60 years, James A. Vitkos, a son Todd J. Vitkos and his wife Angelique of Spencer, two daughters Melanie A. Williamson and her husband Arthur of Spencer and Kelly A. Vitkos of Spencer, four brothers;

Jack Gordon and his wife Eleanor of Spencer, Gerald Gordon and his wife Elaine of Spencer, James Gordon of Spencer and Jan Gordon and his wife Jeanne of Spencer, six grandchildren; Adam, Emily, Kory, Katelyn, Nikko & Adrian, three great grandchildren; Liliana, Mateo & Owen and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by several siblings.

Judith was born in Worcester, daughter of Joseph and Helen (Barrett) Gordon. First and foremost, she was a loving Wife, Mother, and homemaker and she cherished her role as

“Grandma.” She enjoyed playing bingo and taking bus trips to the casino. She ran the kitchen at the Knight of Columbus for several years.

At Judith’s request funeral services will be held privately. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish Memorial Fund, 46 Maple Street, Spencer, MA 01562. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements.

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blow fallen leaves. Classroom pets and chalk dust in schools (although chalkboards are largely a thing of the past) are other autumn allergens.

The good news is that many natural remedies work just as effectively as over-the-counter medications in regard to combatting ragweed and pollen problems. Here's how to beat the fall allergy blues.

- Stay away from pollen. Stay away from pollen and prevent it from being tracked indoors. Remove shoes when walking through the door. Take off clothes worn outside and launder them promptly, showering to wash pollen off of the body. Use an air conditioner or keep windows closed when the pollen count is high.

- Increase omega-3 fatty acids. It is well documented that fatty acids are good for brain health and cardiovascular well-being. But these acids also may help with allergies. A German study linked foods high in omega-3 fatty acids with the ability to fight inflammation, which is a hallmark of allergy suffering. Foods that are high in fatty acids include walnuts, flax, eggs, and cold-water fatty fish.

- Rinse off pollen. Use a mild cleanser to rinse the eyelids and eyelashes of pollen, as this is where it tends to congregate after being outdoors. Use saline spray to clear nasal passages of excess pollen as well.

- Take natural supplements. A study published in the journal Clinical and Experimental Allergy found participants who used tablets of the herb butterbar showed significant allergy relief after only one week. Select herbs from reputable manufacturers who certify them.

- Use eucalyptus oil. This oil is great to have in the house to help clear up sinuses and provide nasal congestion relief. Mix a small amount with coconut oil and rub onto the chest. There

also is some evidence that adding a few drops of eucalyptus oil to cleansing products can help kill dust mites around the house.

- Wear a mask. When doing housework or yard work, wear a mask to reduce the inhalation of specific allergens.

Avoid seasonal allergies by exploring natural ways to find prevention or relief of symptoms. TF189314

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