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Photos Kevin Flanders

The Hall and Lubianez families spend a fun night on the Common.



Guests enjoy live music on the Common.

LEICESTER – Mother Nature certainly hasn’t been kind to this year’s Concerts on the Common series, but that hasn’t dampened guests’ excitement for live summer music.

Despite multiple postponements in the 31st year of the program, the concerts have still seen strong attendances on the makeup nights. On July 22, a big crowd arrived on the Common to see Abraxas, a band celebrating the great Carlos Santana.

On Aug. 18, The Otters will be in town at 6:30 p.m. for a fun night of rock and roll. A mixture of music from the fifties, sixties, and seventies will be played.

The concerts are supported, in part, by a grant from the Leicester Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

To check for updated information or postponements, visit the town Web site.

Concerts on the Common bring music and fun to Leicester



Abraxas, a band celebrating Carlos Santana, performs in Leicester.



Local youngsters make sure our four-legged friend, Brody, gets plenty of love.

Third generation optometrist joins family practice

SPENCER — Doctors Brian Thamel and Valarie Ricciardi of Vision Source of Worcester and Spencer welcome their daughter as the “newest” Dr. Thamel.

Dr. Lauren Thamel graduated from Wachusett Reginal High School in 2013, Temple University in 2017, and the New England College of Optometry on May 16, with honors. She served as the President of Student Council and President of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrist Student Association and looks forward to continuing to be a leader in both her profession and her community.



Lauren Thamel

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North Brookfield Savings Bank’s Back to School Supply Drive returns for fourth year

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings is proud to be a staunch supporter of local school systems and the talented and ambitious students who attend them. Especially after the toll this past school year has taken on our students and teachers alike, we are glad to be able to step up and provide some much-needed support to start things off right. We believe that every child, regardless of their financial circumstances, should have the opportunity to start the school year feeling confident, excited, and ready to learn. That is why North Brookfield Savings Bank is kicking off their 4th year of the overwhelmingly popular Back to School Supply Drive.

Throughout the entire month of August, North Brookfield Savings Bank will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations at all branch locations in North Brookfield, East



Photo Courtesy

Branch Manager, Meagan Brousseau, Assistant Branch Manager, Mary Antinovitch and Branch Manager, Kim Brown proudly display the donations they received at the West Brookfield Branch in 2019 before the pandemic.

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Volunteers pitch in to clean up Greenville Pond

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Thanks to the support of members and residents, Common Ground Land Trust’s newest property recently received a much-needed clean-up.

The property is located at Greenville Pond in Rochdale. This past spring, volunteers descended on the site to take part in several cleanup activities, including the removal of trash and five old tires that had been dumped.

Volunteer David Durkin disposed of the trash bags, while CGLT President Jan Parke transported the tires to

Leicester’s recycling center.

In other cleanup projects at Greenville Pond, CGLT’s board contracted with an ecological restoration firm to control the highly invasive Japanese knotweed that has invaded the shoreline and blocked visibility and access from River Street. Knotweed also grows at CGLT’s property on Kettle Brook in Cherry Valley, and removal from both properties will require a three-year project costing approximately \$15,000.

“We now have permitted filings to move forward with professional treatment of the knotweed,” said CGLT President Jan Parke. “The fundraising

for the project has begun with encouraging donations from our membership and the general public. The neighbors in these two areas have been most supportive, and the general public will see a great change in these parcels as they travel past on two very busy roads.”

Additionally, CGLT recently received a \$5,000 matching challenge donation from a generous member. The funds will be used to continue the removal of knotweed on both properties. Residents are encouraged to consider matching the challenge by donating to the project.

Looking ahead, CGLT members know

their battle to preserve Greenville Pond is far from over. The pond is also under attack by the alien water chestnut weed, which is spreading quickly and choking out pond life.

“Our goal for Greenville Pond is to restore the shoreline with native plants and trees, as well as creating safe areas for

visitors to sit in the shade near the water,” read a statement released by CGLT, a nonprofit organization working to protect open spaces in Leicester and Spencer. “The pond is

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Death and taxes

Benjamin Franklin said, “... nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” He wasn’t the originator of the phrase, but he certainly helped to cement it as a mainstream idiom here in America.

I’ve begun to feel that the idiom isn’t precisely true. Sure, death comes to us all, and we all must pay taxes. To me, it makes more sense to say, “nothing is certain, except loss and taxes.”

All of us deal with loss in our lifetimes. Coping with a loss is never easy. Loss comes in many forms and all shapes and sizes.

Some people can go through life not losing much at all, and others sometimes lose everything.

Zig Ziglar said, “It’s not what happens to you; it’s how you handle what happens to you that will make the difference...Two brothers had an alcoholic father. One brother became a happy, successful person, and when asked why he said, “I had no choice; my father was an alcoholic.” The other brother became a miserable alcoholic, and when asked why he said, “I had no choice; my father was an alcoholic.”

The brothers had the same experience but created different narratives.

When I was younger, I met a beautiful girl. I don’t believe in love at first sight, but this was the closest thing to it. It was a short relationship, only seven months. She left me abruptly after telling me many times that she loved me.

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TOBY MOORE

I felt as if my whole world was ending. I became bitter and hostile for a time, and despite my positive upbringing, it was the first time I’d lost something that had such profound meaning. My reaction made things much worse. I created a narrative in my mind that became a destructive thought pattern that brought even more heartache; I allowed it to fester, nourished it, and it became my personality for a time.

My father, Gary W. Moore, the founder of this column, lost a business that he poured into his heart and soul. He built a business from scratch that sold state-of-the-art water filtration systems. He had a factory, sales teams, and offices around the country. His offices in New Orleans had become his most profitable. The future seemed bright; little did he know that loss was knocking at his door.

It all started when his business partner embezzled several hundred thousand dollars. Then the managers of his most profitable sales offices in Louisiana made counterfeit water filters, selling them, keeping the money, bypassing the inventory process. Sales slumped, lawsuits were filed. Then came Hurricane Katrina; it destroyed all of his offices in New Orleans. The business had collapsed. Through all of this, he was determined to recover. Limping along, barely surviving, the housing collapse of 2008 brought it to an end.

He could have become negative. He could have positioned himself as a vic-

tim. He could have given up, and nobody would’ve blamed him.

He did the opposite and seamlessly moved into a new career as an author. He convinced himself that he would succeed, that it would only be a matter of time before his books would sell. It wasn’t long, and his books were selling. An Oscar-winning producer optioned his first book, and his second book was adapted into a screenplay by a different Oscar-winning producer! What are the odds? Did it have anything to do with the narrative he created in his mind?

Gary passed away on July 14. It was a terrible loss for the whole family. He was our anchor.

For the past several years, I spoke to my father daily. We have written screenplays together and started what we think will be a very successful business.

As I move forward without him, sometimes the thoughts creep in, “I can’t do this, I wasn’t meant to succeed, my business will be an utter failure without my dad.”

Observing my father and studying how other successful people cope with loss, I know enough to kill those thoughts right as they manifest. I am instead telling myself what my father would have said to himself if he were in my position, “I can do this; I was born to win; the business will be wildly successful!”

Toby Moore is a columnist.

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service, he graduated from Wentworth. During his career as president of sales for Armour Porter/Robinson Metals, and VP of sales at Rice Barton, he dedicated some of his time to Brookfield and served as tax collector, was a Cub Scout

leader, and Master Mason with the Masonic fraternity. Lew enjoyed woodworking and golf, and is still very close to and very proud of his family. He was one of the first move-ins to The Overlook when they opened over 15 years ago.

Happy Birthday Lew! May you enjoy many more years of happiness, and THANK YOU for your service in WWII!

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DRIVE

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Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers. All donations collected will be delivered to local public schools to be distributed to school children who may not have the needed supplies to start their year. To get things underway, the Bank will kick off the fundraiser by purchasing supply donations to display at each branch. The branch teams, equipped with brightly patterned backpacks, lunchboxes, pencil cases, notebooks, and various other fun supplies, are getting creative with their “Back to School” themed tables, in hopes it will encourage those visiting the branch to donate as well.

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Suzanne Geary Nagle Foundation announces \$6,000 in scholarships awarded to high school seniors

REGION — It is with great pleasure that the Suzanne Geary Nagle Educational Foundation announces the scholarship recipients for the 2021 academic year.

From Quaboag Regional High, Sadie Bridges, an able and capable student, is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Bridges finished first in her class with a long list of student involvement, including National Honor Society, theater, co-founder of the student Environmental Club, plus many other activities. This fall, she will be attending the University of Vermont studying neurosciences. We have no doubt that she will excel in all she does.

North Brookfield has chosen Summer Simpson as their 2021 SGN Foundation awardee of a \$1,000 scholarship. A good student, Simpson will be going to Northern Vermont University to study biology and animal sciences.

From Tantasqua Regional High School, Ethan Kenyon was in the last in Suzanne Nagle's last class at Brookfield Elementary School. The \$1,000 award should help Kenyon with the expenses. He will be attending Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y., pursuing a major in Physical Therapy. His love of all sports

fostered his intended major. As a good academic student at Tantasqua, Kenyon will do very well as a physical therapist. Best wishes.

From Cleveland High, the Foundation is pleased to award Jacob Dulmaine another \$1,000 scholarship. Graduating with high honors, Dulmaine was in the high school band for six years. He was recently inducted into the Order of Eagle Scouts. Dulmaine, very active in his church, participated in several trips to rural areas to help where needed. He will be attending the University of North Carolina to study computer sciences.

Another graduate of Brookfield Elementary and Tantasqua High School the Foundation has given a \$1,000 scholarship to is Lauren Glennon. Her list of accomplishments is impressive. National Honor Society, Student Council, lifeguard at an area school for challenged students and many other achievements have demonstrated that she is exceptional. She recently "soloed" and earned her pilot's license. She will be attending the University of North Dakota to study Aeronautical Science. Continue to fly high!

Finally, a \$1,000 grant was given to the

needs based academic fund at St. Joseph Regional High in Montvale, N.J. in gratitude for their academic excellence provided to students over the past 55 years.

For more than five years, it has been a great honor of the Suzanne Geary Nagle Educational Foundation to provide scholarships to worthy students, a sponsor of a lunch program for needy kids and their parents, training for emergency situations and several community projects.

Summer Concert Series continues with Elvis tribute

SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2021 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer with New England's premier Elvis Presley tribute, Fellowship of The King, featuring Dan Fontaine.

Fellowship of The King is debuting a new sound and new songs that take you on a journey through the best and most recognizable highlights from Elvis' concert years of 1968-1977. The songs are delivered "with skill, respect, passion, love and above all, authenticity -- and, as always, non-parody and no-nonsense!"

Following Fellowship of The King, next up in this series that continues every Sunday through August 22 will be The Island Castaways Band on August 15.

The concert series is proudly sponsored by Cornerstone Bank. Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester.



STCC celebrates the Class of 2021

SPRINGFIELD — STCC celebrates the graduates from fall 2020, spring 2021 and summer 2021. Members of the Class of 2021 were recognized during a virtual ceremony streamed on June 18 and available on STCC's YouTube channel.

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Theresa Ruiz, of North Brookfield graduated from the college.

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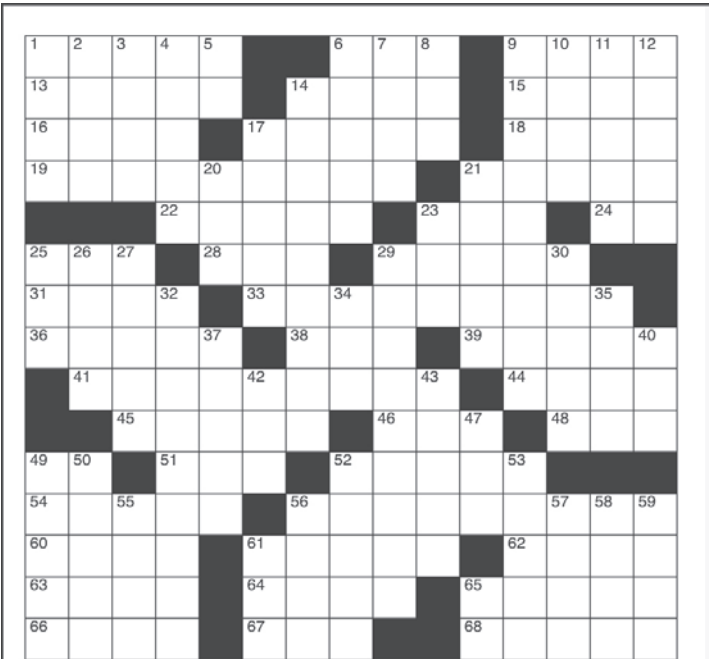
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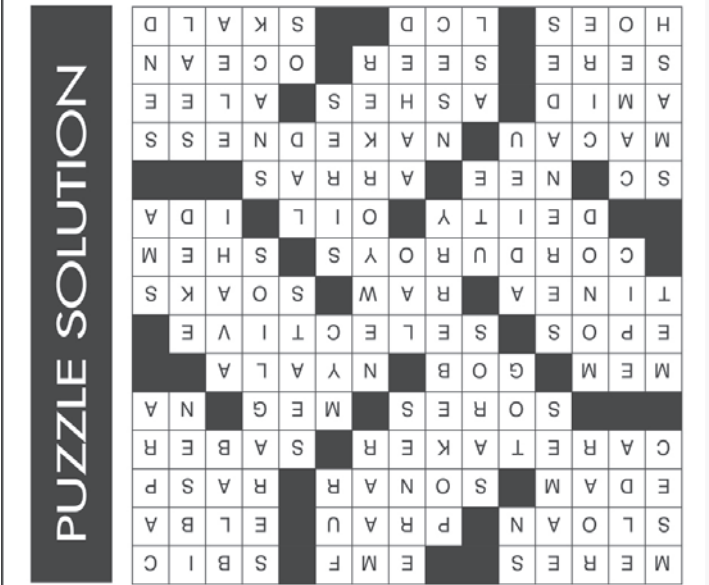
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 - 6. "Unbelievable" musicians
 - 9. Invests in little enterprises
 - 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
 - 14. Small sailboat
 - 15. "Luther" actor
 - 16. Round Dutch cheese
 - 17. Detects underwater objects
 - 18. Harsh, grating noise
 - 19. Steward
 - 21. Fencing sword
 - 22. Painful places on the body
 - 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
 - 24. Sodium
 - 25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
 - 28. Small lump
 - 29. African antelope
 - 31. Electronic point of sale
 - 33. Carefully chooses
 - 36. Ringworm
 - 38. Unrefined
 - 39. Drenches
 - 41. Type of pants
 - 44. Son of Noah
 - 45. Spiritual being
 - 46. Upton Sinclair novel
 - 48. Journalist Tarbell
 - 49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
 - 51. Born of
 - 52. Rich tapestry
 - 54. S. China seaport
 - 56. Being without clothes
 - 60. Surrounded by
 - 61. Remains
 - 62. Away from wind
 - 63. Dried-up
 - 64. One who can see the future
 - 65. A very large body of water
 - 66. Digs up earth
 - 67. Type of screen
 - 68. Old Norse poet

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- 1. Millisecond
 - 2. Spanish city
 - 3. Sudden, very loud sound
 - 4. Type of chair
 - 5. Tin
 - 6. Sea eagles
 - 7. Broad volcanic crater
 - 8. Some animals have it
 - 9. Ottoman palaces
 - 10. Divulge a secret
 - 11. "A Doll's House" playwright
 - 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
 - 14. Poisonous perennial
 - 17. Gulf in the Aegean
 - 20. Clothes
 - 21. Chairs
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 - 26. Impressive in size or scope
 - 27. Jacques __, Fr. biologist
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 - 32. Sings to
 - 34. River in southern Italy
 - 35. Supplemented with difficulty
 - 37. Farewell
 - 40. Senior officer
 - 42. Utah resident
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 - 47. Boy
 - 49. Violently break
 - 50. Brief appearance
 - 52. Expressed pleasure
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Create your own backyard paradise



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

You don't need a plane ticket, tank full of gas or train ride to enjoy a bit of paradise. Create your own in a small alcove, large patio, or deck in your own backyard.

Start by visualizing what paradise looks and feels like to you. A table and chair surrounded by beautiful plants makes a wonderful space to relax, read a book and enjoy some alone time. For some, it means a patio or deck filled with colorful planters and surrounded by ornamental grasses, vine covered trellises, flowering shrubs, and evergreens. These will help define the space, provide privacy, mask unwanted noise, and provide a great space for entertaining.

Don't let a lack of space, patio, or deck stop you from building a backyard getaway. Look for those underutilized areas. Perhaps it is a back corner of the yard, space next to the garage, side yard or a spot under a big shade tree. A vine covered arbor, piece of indoor-outdoor carpet and a few planters can turn any space into a backyard retreat.

Once you identify the space and desired function, think about the ambience you want to create. For a tropical escape, include leafy plants like elephant ears and bananas in pots, wicker furniture, a water feature and colorful flowers like begonias, hibiscus, and mandevilla. Don't overlook hardy

perennials. Plants like big leaf hostas, variegated Solomon's seal, crocosmia, cassia and others help create the look and feel of the tropics. Continue this theme by using bamboo, wicker, and wood for any needed screening.

If it is a visit to the Mediterranean you prefer, include stonework, planters with silver foliage plants like dusty miller, and sage and a few evergreens. Use upright junipers and grapevines trained on arbors for screening. An urn or topiary make an attractive focal point. Fill the garden space with herbs, blue oat grass, calendula, salvia, and alliums.

For a casual visit to England, craft yourself a cottage garden. Construct a narrow path leading through an archway at the entrance to your secret garden. Create an informal collection of flowers, herbs, and medicinal plants. Use a birdbath, piece of garden art or water feature as your focal point.

If it's the north woods you prefer, make a firepit the focal point, add some rustic furnishings and complete the scene with native plants. Or let your personality shine with a colorful bistro set, garden art, and flowers of orange, red, and yellow.

As your vision comes into focus, it is time to start putting your ideas on paper. A simple sketch will help you define the space, arrange the plants, and identify the appropriate furnishings and building materials. It is much easier to move items on paper than once they are set into the ground.

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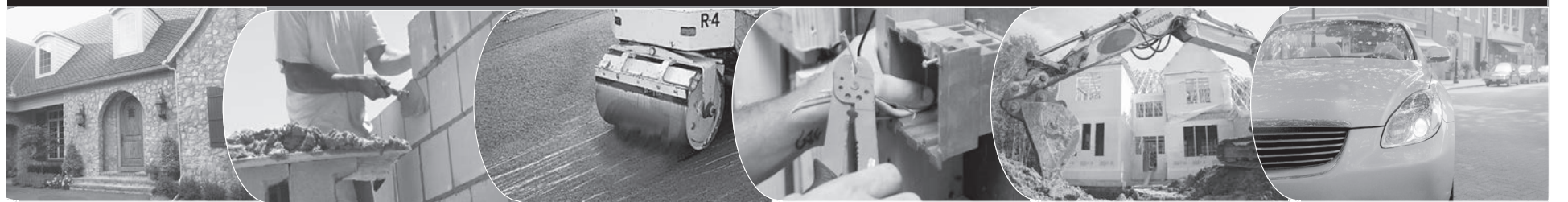
Because this important step is often overlooked, August 11th has become National 811 Day. It's a reminder to include this important step when undertaking any landscape project, large or small. And remind others to do the same.

Once complete, you'll simply be able to step out your back door and enjoy

your slice of paradise.

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Guide to Harvesting Your Backyard Crop



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It's harvest time and backyard gardeners everywhere are anticipating the well earned fruits of their labor. From plucking peppers to cutting cauliflower, proper harvesting ensures optimum flavor and nutrients from your home garden. Read on for the ways to up the odds of culling "the cream of the crop" from common vegetable and fruit plants.

Experts say the most important rule at harvest time is to pick vegetables daily. Plucking them as soon as they ripen not only offers superior taste, but this practice encourages plant production. Simply stated, harvesting on the day that the produce ripens can help you yield more from your seasonal crop. Furthermore, gardeners should be aware that some vegetables are best harvested when they appear premature. Examples include summer squash, zucchini and green beans, all vegetables can become tough and lose flavor when they are allowed to sit on the vine too long. Seed company Burpee offers expert advice on harvesting common fruits and vegetables:

Herbs. Pinch or cut back herbs frequently to keep them producing more stems and leaves (the parts we eat) and to keep them from blooming, which changes the flavor. If that means you have surplus thyme or oregano, dry it in a brown paper bag. Basil, especially, needs frequent pinching back to keep it bushy and productive. At some point in July or August everybody has too much basil, which is why the Italians invented pesto (find many recipes on the internet).

Tomatoes. There is a huge range of tomato varieties. Many kinds are red when ripe, but some are orange, yellow, striped or even green. Learn what to expect from your variety and monitor the plant closely as its due date nears. Generally, a tomato is fully ripe when it releases easily from the stem. If you misjudge a bit it's no tragedy, because

tomatoes will ripen somewhat after picking. But they develop the fullest sweet flavor if they ripen in the sun on the vine. Once you have picked the first few tomatoes of a particular variety, you will get a feel for what a ripe one will look and taste like. Some tomatoes are "determinate" types, which will stop bearing after a few weeks. Most are "indeterminate" kinds, which will keep flowering and setting fruit until killed by frost, although colder weather will slow production. It's a good idea to pick your green tomatoes a week or so before your area's average first frost date. The more mature ones will ripen indoors if they are stored at room temperature, wrapped in newspaper so they don't touch. Or make fried green tomatoes.

Peppers. Peppers are mature and ready to eat when full-sized but still green. If left on the vine longer, they will change color to red, orange, yellow or brown, depending on the variety, and will deepen in flavor and become less crisp in texture. Hot peppers left to change color will get hotter. So whether you pick at the green stage or later will depend on the variety and what you plan to use the pepper for. As with tomatoes, the first few you pick will teach you to gauge ripeness.

Lettuce. It's important to pick lettuce before hot weather encourages the plant to "bolt," or develop a flower stalk, which makes the leaves taste bitter. With leaf lettuce and many other greens, you can "cut and come again" while the leaves are young and tender, no more than five inches long. Use scissors to cut the largest leaves individually from the plants. When the smaller leaves get big enough, harvest those. You may be able to come back to a plant two, three or four times, a few days apart, before it gives up in the summer heat. To prolong the lettuce harvest, look for bolt-resistant varieties and sow seeds several times at two-week intervals. A tent of shade cloth or translucent row cover -- or a site in part shade -- also may delay bolting in hot climates. In late summer, sow green seeds again for a fall crop.

Green beans. Green beans are an easy vegetable to harvest. Pick the pods when they are a little shy of their maximum size, to be sure that they are tender, with immature seeds. If you delay, the seeds will mature and

harden and the pod will become tough. Don't pick green beans in the morning when the dew is still on the vines; wait until they are fully dry to avoid spreading disease. Be sure to keep up with regular picking to encourage the vine to keep flowering and producing pods.

Peas. For garden peas, pick a test pod and open it when the seeds have begun to swell inside. You're looking for peas that are round but still tender. Pick peas just before you are ready to shell and cook them. For snow peas and sugar snaps, taste a pod when it nears full size. You want a crisp, crunchy, fresh-tasting pod, in which the seeds have started developing but are nowhere near round. Pods left too long on the vine get tough and stringy.

Cantaloupes, muskmelons and honeydews: Harvesting melons can be tricky, even for melon farmers. You can thump the melon and listen for a dull, hollow sound or sniff it to see if it smells sweet. A ripe cantaloupe or muskmelon will begin to have a tan or yellowish color beneath the corky «netting» on its skin. A honeydew will feel smooth, not hairy. Cut the stem rather than breaking the fruit off, which creates a wound that invites the fruit to rot. Let the fruit ripen for another day or two at room temperature before cutting into it.

Watermelons. When the spot beneath the melon, where it sits on the ground, turns yellowish, rather than white or green, the melon is close to ripe. The rind also gets tougher, so test it with your thumbnail to how easily it dents. For old-fashioned full-sized watermelons, the traditional ripeness test is to thump and listen for a dull, hollow sound, but this may not work as well with the smaller «icebox» varieties. Ultimately, you'll have to cut one open and decide if it's ripe, and use that as a standard for the rest of the crop.

Cucumbers. Check the seed packet to see how large your variety of cucumber will get and how long that is expected to take. But bear in mind that you can pick cucumbers at any stage, depending on what you want to use them for. Smaller ones will be more tender, with thinner skins and few or immature seeds. Too-old cucumbers get dry and woody. Like melons, cucumbers should be cut from the vine, not pulled.

Sweet corn. Timing is everything with sweet corn. The kernels begin to lose sweetness and flavor the instant the ear is picked, so the great advantage of growing your own is so you can wait until the last minute. The traditional rule was to get the pot of water boiling to cook the corn and then go out and pick it. Sweet corn is ready to eat when you can feel full, rounded kernels beneath the husk; the silk at the top of the ear is drying out; and a squished kernel produces a milky sap.

Root vegetables. Read the seed packet to see how long it should take before you start checking to see if your variety of carrots, beets, turnips, radishes or parsnips is ready for harvest. When it's about time, loosen the soil gently and pull one up to see how big it is. Root vegetables are more tender and delicate in flavor if eaten younger and smaller; as they get older and larger, they get tougher, woodier and more pungent. If that's okay with you, you can store some root crops right in the cold ground after the tops die. Spread a thick layer of leaves, straw or other mulch to keep the ground from freezing so you can still dig them up, and you may be able to harvest carrots, turnips or parsnips.

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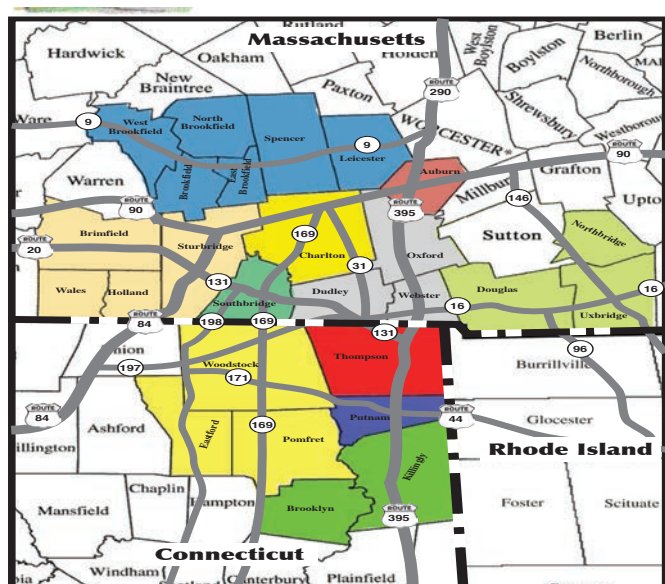
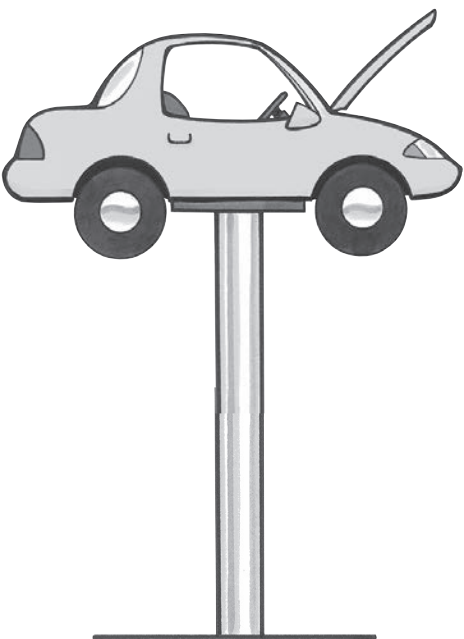
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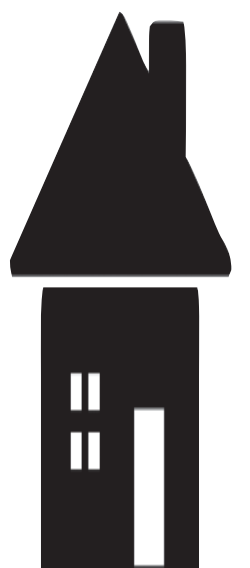
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EDITORIAL

Olympic trivia

It's nice to have a distraction from the rollercoaster that was 2020, with the summer Olympics plastered all over television and social media. Watching athletes from all over the globe show off what they've been training for shows us all what can be possible when we set a goal.

With that said, we thought it would be interesting to share some Olympic trivia.

In 1998, Surya Bonaly, a figure skater from France fell during the winter games in Nagano. Since she knew she lost a chance to medal, she decided to do a move that had been banned since 1976. She did a backflip and landed on the blade of one skate. No one has attempted the trick since then, making her Olympic performance, one to remember.

From 1912 through 1954, individuals could earn medals for art, as long as it was inspired by a sport of some kind. The art could include painting, literature, sculpture or music. Eventually, this was tossed out, as most professional artists sell their work to earn a living.

In 2002, during the Winter Olympics, speed skater Steven Bradbury of Australia was racing in the 1,000 meter short track finals and was lagging behind. During the race, the leaders crashed into each other, leaving Bradbury far enough behind to avoid the collision. He was able to skate by and win gold.

The first modern Olympic Marathon (26.2-mile road race) took place in 1904. Most of the runners had never run that far before. One competitor showed up to the start line in dress pants. Fourteen out of the 32 racers were able to finish. One racer, Fred Lorz who won, actually jumped in a car for 11 miles of it due to a cramp. Another runner, Felix Carvajal ate a rotten apple halfway through and stopped to take a nap. He finished fourth. The gold officially was given to Thomas Hicks who was carried over the finish line having hallucinations that he had 20 more miles to go.

During the summer of 1992, the Lithuanian basketball team did not have enough money to compete in the Summer Olympics due to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Coming to the rescue and offering aid to the team was, unexpectedly and, frankly, bizarrely, the Grateful Dead, the rock band with a legendary reputation for imbibing, shall we say, 'illicit substances.' Beyond donating money to make the trip possible, the band allowed the team to sell Grateful Dead merchandise. The team competed in tie-dyed uniforms, and took bronze.

In 1984, McDonald's offered free food every time an American won a medal. During those summer games, the Soviet Union boycotted the games, leaving many open spaces for medals available. This ended up costing the fast food chain a significant amount of money.

True sportsmanship was shown during the Winter Olympics in 2006, held in Torino, Italy, when skier Sara Renner broke her ski pole halfway through an event. Bjornar Haakensmoen, the Norwegian ski coach handed her a spare. The Canadians went on to win silver, while the Norwegians took fourth. To show gratitude the Canadians gifted Haakensmoen with five tons of maple syrup. Both governments waived import duties.

The medals for the Tokyo Olympics are made from recycled electronics to include cameras, smartphones and laptops.

The McDonald's in the Olympic Village is free for all athletes and coaches; however, in 2016 in Rio, McDonald's capped the amount of items that could be ordered at one time to 20.

From 1900-1920, Tug of War was an Olympic sport, with Great Britain winning the most medals and the USA coming in a close second.

In 1936, two Japanese pole vaulters, who were friends had to compete against each other to decide who took silver and who took bronze. The requested that they share the honors, but were told no. Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe had their medals cut in half and fused together, into the medals of friendship.

In 2012, women were finally allowed to compete in boxing. Since 1991, anytime a new event is introduced to the games, women must be included.

Dr. Spock, a well known pediatrician and author, won Olympic Gold as part of the 1924 U.S. rowing team.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The American Way!

To the Editor:
I bring your attention to Mr. Ken Kimball Viewpoint Friday, July 16, "Truth, justice, and the American way." That way of life is becoming very difficult under the Biden's Administration. Their focus is to establish and support Democratic Socialism. We the people need to support a Republic Democracy, pledging allegiance to these United States of America, for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all, "or" be controlled by a socialist government.

The Declaration of Independence has been alive and well, that is how we became a free America. It was

approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and it announced, approved that we are to be a free and independent states, "that is until now," the Biden Administration wants to make us come under a Socialist Government, governed by the government, "we the people" must not let that happen, we must not let this administration take away our freedom, our voice, our votes, our choice as to who we will allow to represent us, we the people, Americans, this Country America.

God bless us all, this country America!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

The buck still stops here

To the Editor:
It was President Harry Truman who made it clear where the responsibility belonged, during his administration. Upon the passing of FDR, Truman inherited the continuing war in the Pacific, and made the final decision, that saw the only use ever, of the atom bomb. Although he was eligible to run again, he opted out in 1952, and he and his wife Bess, hopped in the family car and returned to Missouri. Although he had been invited to join boards of directors, by many blue chip companies, his response was direct. "You don't want me, what you want is the prestige of the presidency, and it's not for sale."

It was the time of the rise of Stalin and the USSR. McCarthy was touting the red menace and they were black-listing celebrities as socialists. Social Security, Federal Deposit Insurance, and other government steps for the people were being attacked as socialism.

It was common practice to equate Communism to socialism.

When your house catches fire, and the fire department shows up and saves your home and family, that is socialism. Although Ben Franklin attempted to start Capitalist Fire

Companies in Philadelphia, as evidenced by many placards that may still be found on row homes in that city, it was quickly determined that not addressing fires in adjacent non-subscribing homes, could not work. Hence, like the local police, most municipalities fund fire protection.

Conversely, when the insurance company denies your claim, that is capitalism. The big bucks customarily paid to insurance execs, needs to come from somewhere, and like health insurance, comes in abundance from subscribers. Maybe, one day, we will evolve enough to realize that adding bureaucracy to necessary services, just makes it more expensive, not better.

Donald Trump is back to super spreader rallies, Florida is unmasked, and I expect the right will try to blame the Biden administration, when mask mandates return full force. We would still be dealing with polio and smallpox, using the logic that I am seeing. If you are a hospital nurse, and not vaccinated, are you really smart enough to care for patients?

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Right wing fantasies

To the Editor:
Mr. Robillard's posting is filled with misinformation due to his immersion in right wing media.

He says that the BLM protest launched missiles at the White House. That lie was first told by Hannity in February, months after the peaceful D.C. protest. I suppose that lie about "violence" is embedded in Right Wing Culture by now. It's true that Trump hid in the bunker, but that's just because he's a coward, not because there were "missiles." Also, he said he would go to the Capital with the mob, but went to his TV room. He claimed "bone spurs" to avoid the draft, while playing various collegiate sports. Cowardice throughout.

Vilifying BLM is essential on the right. Backlash against BLM has extended to claiming that CRT is being taught in schools. The CRT nonsense is a hysterical reaction to a cop being convicted of strangling a black man to death in the street.

In congressional testimony, Trump-appointed FBI Director Christopher Wray declared Jan. 6 a day of Domestic Terrorism. If he had his head as firmly up the butt of Fox, as does Mr. Robillard, he would have had a different view.

Mr. Robillard advances the theory that the insurrections were "invited in" and then arrested. It was a trick! This is a creative fabrication. Anyone who cared to observe the well-recorded events can see that the people attacked the officers, breaching barriers outside, then breaching doors and windows to get inside. The first person to crawl through the smashed window of

an inner door was shot! This was no "invitation." None were arrested, since the officers were overwhelmed.

Right wing nuts first suggested that the mob was antifa, disguised as Trump supporters. That didn't fly. Lately, there have been suggestions that they were actors or FBI or whatever. I think what Trump has settled on is that they were all "peaceful, loving, patriots". What a pile of crap. I guess the 140 officers who were hospitalized were just faking it. Mr. Robillard doesn't go there, he just claims the mob were patriots who were tricked. They weren't chanting "hang Mike Pence" or calling for "Nancy" in his fantasy. They were patriots, wearing bearskin and horns, waving confederate flags, defecating in the halls, leaving with the speaker's podium. You know, like your typical tourists.

This past week, Kevin McCarthy claimed that the riot was Nancy's fault for not having enough officers on duty. This is pretty twisted. First, she doesn't manage police assignments. That aside, if the problem was that the rioters were not controlled, then that indicates that there were rioters. I.e. not "peaceful, loving, patriots." Kevin's concept would also imply that the rioters deserved to be arrested, not that they were peaceful and "tricked." Too bad Mr. Robillard didn't have a chance to catch up with the newest of the many Republican lies about the insurrection before he sent his article. Kevin's new concept is going to be pretty difficult to defend.

ALLAN JOHANNESSEN
LEICESTER

CLEANUP

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owned by the Town of Leicester, so we are working with Leicester's town staff to identify potential grant funding for treating the pond, which is very expensive."

In other CGLT news, the Baker Family Trust is donating 30 acres of woodlands in Spencer that run along the northern side of Turkey Hill Brook between Lower Wire Village Road and Cooney Road. The property abuts the Small's Farm Memorial Trail that begins at Route 31 and North Spencer Road. The donation will allow the trail to continue along the river in the

direction of Hastings Road to form the second segment of the proposed Wire Village Historic Trail.

To learn more about these trail developments, check out www.CommonGroundLT.org. You can also visit the organization's

Facebook page for details and announcements.

Finally, CGLT recently formed a Land Acquisition Committee, whose members will be identifying key areas and properties in Spencer and Leicester to target for ongoing land protection work. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Mary Baker-Wood at mbakerwood@gmail.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Those who can, do; those who can't...indoctrinate

To the Editor:
As anyone who reads my letters will recall, I have had many different jobs in my life—probably around 35 or so—most of which involved unskilled labor for which I was never lavishly compensated and which were performed largely because I couldn't find anything better at the time. Other than learning a lot about life and people, my greatest consolation as I look back on over seven decades of labor starting with delivering newspapers at age ten or so, is that in all that time I never had to collect unemployment compensation, go on welfare, or stand forlornly at some dreary municipal intersection with a cardboard sign begging for spare change.

I am gratified to report my life as a “horny-handed son of toil” continues despite the ever-increasing signs of the frailties that come with the passing years. My latest foray into the world of work—for the past several years now—has been that of a part-time truck driver which turns out to be one of the best jobs so far: not too hard, decent money, and a chance for an old guy to still feel like he's a part of the work-a-day world, which sensation is important if one is old enough, as I am, to remember one's uncles coming home from World War II.

Of all the many different ways I earned my keep, though, over the decades, teaching school was far and

away the most rewarding (in a number of ways), memorable, and, frankly, the easiest and most natural of them all for someone with my interests and love of history, geography, and English—not to mention the fact I actually enjoyed being around junior high school-age kids. Well....a lot of them. Many days, my teaching buddies—mostly guys who liked sports, politics, and their students—and I would laugh and ask each other as we went to our cars to leave for the day: “Can you believe we got paid to do this today!?” Our schools were generally happy places that made sense, and we actually taught things that we thought mattered.

But that's all changed now that liberals via the teachers' unions have ruined the public schools just as they have devastated nearly everything else that once functioned quite nicely: churches, big time professional and collegiate sports, the Olympics, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, television, movies, higher education, nearly every big city, police work, family life, immigration—nearly everything including, God help us, the military. The McRae Corollary says “If you want to utterly annihilate successful things generations of hard-working people have built, let a few liberals worm their way into key positions of trust and responsibility and, before you know it, hesto presto, it's gone.”

I actually loved teaching school, and

am still physically and mentally able to do it again if an opportunity arose. But, folks, it's a different world now. If I had to choose between returning to a classroom under today's conditions or being staked down on a fire ant mound in the red clay flatlands of Alabama on a 100-degree day with a couple bottles of Vermont Maid Maple syrup slathered all over my gloriously naked—yet not entirely unimpressive—body, I would have to think it over. This would be the classic Cornelian dilemma or, better yet, like being stuck between Scylla and Charybdis...if you know what I mean. But, it indicates the low estate to which our once-great public schools have, in my opinion, sunk. Just as we now ask, who would want to be a police officer under these conditions, what bright, energetic, honest, motivated and enthusiastic young man or woman would care to be a teacher?

Who to blame? Liberals, of course, but more specifically young millennial, not-very-bright, radical feminist products of the Schools of Education which are staffed by left wing professors who learned early in their careers they didn't care for real education in the classroom or for the kids who sit in them, so they moved on up to the really cushy job of indoctrinating “young skulls full of mush,” as Professor Limbaugh was wont to call them.

As roughly 85 percent of the teachers in American elementary schools are now females, and almost certainly uniformly “progressive” in their world view (otherwise they wouldn't have been hired), this is where all the damage begins. These are the people who see it as some sort of divine right of theirs to take other people's children—no matter how young and innocent—and force feed them a diet of radical racial and sexual propaganda which is, by the standards of most normal and traditional parents, entirely inappropriate, unprofessional, and unethical. God bless and protect the young typical American boy who has to be handed over to the tender ministrations of these Nurse Ratched know-it-all battleaxes with their degrees in early childhood education.

When I read and hear of these malevolent, millennial, Marxist classroom purveyors of all the lies and distortions about America and the white people who, in the main (and whether one wants to acknowledge it or not) built the greatest, freest, most generous, most incredibly successful—and all the other superlatives you can think of—country in the history of the world, I feel a sense of shame in ever having spent the bulk of my productive work life in the same “profession” these classless ingrates claim as theirs.

We who stood out on the roads for our President Trump over the past summer and fall saw first-hand the specimens of the current crop of young students produced by the brainwashing they've experienced in their pathetic classrooms: car loads of young people—mostly girls—riding by and hanging out the windows with faces contorted with rage, screaming, cursing, reviling us in every way they could think of. It happened every time we were out, no matter where we went. Theirs were the faces of Chinese communist students under Mao Tse Tung during the Cultural Revolution: convulsed in a murderous rage and blinded by a mindless hatred of anything some teacher had told them was “racist” and deserved to be destroyed. We had never seen anything quite like it. Who says “It Can't Happen Here?”

I think these “educators” must be stupefyingly ignorant of just about anything beyond their cell phone and their social media life. To embrace the horrific history of Marxism—as they do when they celebrate Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project and other radical left movements alive in education today, tells me one of a few things: First, they are historical illiterates and simply don't understand that Marxism/communism is synonymous with mass murder, slave labor, concentration camps, economic collapse, unrelieved failure, hatred, bigotry, censorship, constant surveillance, and abject misery of almost all who have to live under the system. If anyone of them had ever read probably the most important book of the 20th Century, “The Gulag Archipelago” by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, it is inconceivable they could ever stand idly by and watch this pernicious system take root in our country—as it most decidedly is at the present time.

If, on the other hand, they are not ignorant of what even a mildly well-educated person ought to know about Communism, and they nonetheless sign onto this madness playing out in American schools, then, I'm sorry, they're simply evil; they've crossed over to the dark side and have made themselves implacable enemies of hundreds of millions of Americans of all races, religions and classes who love America and who will, when their backs are to the wall, fight to save her from these cretinous dupes, these haters of the Marxist left.

Another possibility, for me, is they may simply lack guts, and, though they see as well as the rest of us the menace CRT, BLM, Antifa, etc. pose to the very survival of our country, they can't summon up the moral and physical courage it would take as a classroom teacher and union member to say “I can't do this, this is immoral and deceitful and I won't disgrace my family's good name by being a part of it.”

Anyway, unless things change very soon, the public schools are headed for the junk heap of history. People are finally waking up and saying, “Not with my kid, you don't!”

And, for those of us who experienced the schools when they worked well, when good people taught and administered in them, this is all too sad because it's completely unnecessary. Our schools should and could be the best in the world as they were until not that long ago. If things continue on down this unsustainable path, then, regrettably, I hope the collapse and failure comes fast...don't let the death be protracted and agonizing. Unlike the sheer joy I took this past week when the U.S. Women's Olympic Soccer Team—a gaggle of man-hating, America-loathing harridans—got eliminated by Canada, or when the Men's Basketball Team—millionaires who won't show respect for the flag of the country that allows them to live like kings—got knocked off by France (of all countries!), I won't exult when the schools go down. I'll just chalk it all up to another colossal failure of liberals, and hope that what will be built in its place will be run by good, intelligent, realistic, adults who love America, its freedom, and its history...warts and all.

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD

America played bigtime

To the Editor:
No doubt most people living in our beautiful country areas have seen the big solar farms that have popped up in our areas. The natural habitat of the animals has been clear cut to make way for gravel paths and ugly solar panels. The result is, the water flows directly off these farms onto our roads and adjacent houses. I guess it doesn't matter if your family member hits a patch of ice from this runoff and gets killed. I guess it doesn't matter that the animals and habitat that supported them has been destroyed. After all, according to the Climate Change Radicals, we need to do this to save the earth for future generations.

But you see, we are being played. Played big time by China and the money they funnel in to finance the propaganda. Go on the Internet and look what the Global Energy Report reports. Presently, China generates 53 percent of the world's coal-fired power, and they plan on expanding big time. The report says “China plans to expand the capacity of its coal fired plants thru 2035. Its coal-generation alone will be more than three times as large as the global limit on coal power use as determined by the governmental Panel on Climate Change to keep global warming well below 2 degrees C.” So, what's driving their need for this expansion? They need to power to drive the manufacturing of cheap solar panels, wind turbines, and electric vehicles parts to be sold in the US.

So, the result is that China becomes the world's biggest polluter and the biggest manufacturing power. The money they make will power their buildup of military to take Taiwan. If they get big enough, maybe Japan and Australia. They will argue it's in their world sphere of influence. The US manufacturer's face bigger regulations, higher labor costs, and political intrusion. This will effectively kill our economy and put us in debt to the Chinese. Our

once great oil industry that was powering our economy to greatest in history was shut off by China Joe, bringing us into generational debt of over \$200,000 per US citizen. Our army neutered by racial conflict to make it ineffective and weak. We will be forced to pay exorbitant energy costs to heat our homes and power our vehicles. We can take out loans to get Chinese made solar panels installed and destroy the natural beauty of our country. We can buy expensive electric vehicles with most components made in China.

I guess this is what you expect from a president whose family is getting rich off their Chinese political connections. Imagine if Trump, Jr. had a laptop such as Hunter's. The contents would have been leaked day 1 to the Washington Post and the president would be getting impeached. With Biden and Hunter's laptop, you hear guess what... crickets. Imagine if a Republican Congressman was found sleeping with a Chinese spy controlled by China. He would be expelled from Congress on treason charges. With a Democratic such as Swalwell you hear what, crickets. You see, it's China that is pulling the strings behind these politicians and their agenda. They were the ones funding BLM, and the funding of the Democrats. They are the ones encouraging big tech to censor the opposition with promises of access to their markets. Their only goal is to weaken America and build their country into the number one world power. Thanks to the greed and corruption of Biden, the Democrats, and big tech they are right on schedule. So believe the lies and feel good about it until you find you've been duped. Our country will be weaker and there will be no changes in the climate except that China will be our masters. At that point, you can pound your fist on a table and cry.

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THAMEL

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During her time, she tutored her peers, testified on behalf of the students at the State House on a recently passed legislation affecting the profession, was a member of Beta Sigma Kappa and she traveled to Puerto Rico to provide eye care to underserved populations. She was also a panelist for the college's Industry Collaborative hosting 60 of the eye care industries top leaders.

During graduation, she was honored to receive an award from the faculty for excellence in Low Vision as well as an award from her peers for commitment to her school and to the profession of Optometry. During her fourth-year rotations she rotated through, West Haven Veterans Affairs Low Vision Clinic, Community Health Center of Cape Cod and Brockton Veterans Affairs. Dr. Thamel will be doing her residency in Low Vision and Acquired Brain injury at the Jamaica Plain VA. She then plans to join her family's practice full time located in Worcester and Spencer which was started by her grandfather, the late Dr. Theodore Thamel, and has provided vision care over the past 60 years to Central Massachusetts. Dr. Lauren Thamel will be the 3rd generation Optometrist in the family and will practice alongside her mother, father and cousin Dr. Nicole Cerio. She will be available for appointments for both low vision and primary care in the fall while she completes her Residency.

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This week's second picture shows my beagle Molly after a great hunt on a cotton tail rabbit.

Planet earth is under attack on all fronts again. Wildfires in the West and floods in other parts of the country, along with mud slides, are extremely devastating to the people and wildlife, in the areas. Not to forget to mention tornadoes that are ripping apart whole towns in their path. Now we need to deal with a new Delta variant of Covid-19. Will life ever get back to normal? Whatever that is!

Finally, my little 13-inch beagle Molly has opened up on rabbits, and had the longest drive of her life in my backyard this past Sunday afternoon. She started to bark in the backyard, so I walked down to the back gate to see what all of the commotion was about. I spotted a cottontail rabbit a hundred feet or less from the back gate. I quickly opened the gate and she



Fishing on the Helen H in Hyannis. Lots of sea bass and porgies. From left to right: Logan Henchey, five, Mason Letellier, nine, Brendan Packard, nine, Nate Packard, Mike Letellier, Mykayla Kenmuir, 14, Lexi Letellier, 15, and Eva Henchey, eight.

shot out of the gate entrance like a bullet. She was quickly vocal as she ran towards the rabbit that quickly disappeared into the brush. Soon she was barking and yodeling as she trailed the elusive rabbit. The rabbits seem to have as much fun as the beagle, as they try to outsmart the dog.

I could hardly believe what my ears were hearing. For years, this writer had owned beagles that I ran on snowshoe hare a couple of times a week at the Douglas state forest with a couple of friends. Back in the day we had a half dozen dogs or more chasing and driving rabbits for hours. Rabbit populations are exploding throughout the valley and show no signs of slowing down. Maybe the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club could once again have their members hunting rabbits and owning beagles like we once did back in the day. Unfortunately, there



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The third picture shows Frank Padula with an impressive largemouth bass he caught recently.

are very few snowshoe hare to run the dogs on, but cottontail are still a lot of fun to hunt and train the beagles on. This week's picture shows the happy beagle Molly.

Every dog had a different bark. Some yodeled, some squeaked, some had a distinct bark, so that every dog owner could identify his dog. Hopefully, Molly will continue to improve before the hunting season. Maybe just maybe, she will continue to be vocal and hunt down a few pheasant for me to harvest, as beagles are great for hunting both rabbits and pheasant. Hunting season is not far away! I know I am rushing it!

Captain Mel True, Jr. had a party of anglers enjoyed a day of fishing on his boat "Fish Net Charters" last week. The four anglers landed their limit of stripers, but not before releasing 30- & 40-pound fish because they were too large or too small. Then they

limited out on large seabass, and finally finished catching a good number of huge bluefish. Sounds like they had a good day.

Freshwater bass fishing also remained strong this past week with this week's photo showing an angler with a 5.5-pound beauty. One local angler reported catching 16 largemouth bass last week at a small pond in Uxbridge, while fishing from his kayak. The largest was three and a half pounds! Numerous smallmouth bass were also reported last week.

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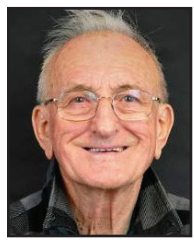
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth E. Grimes, 88

Brookfield - Kenneth E. Grimes, 88, of Gay Rd., passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Mabel F. (Lyons) Grimes.



Kenny leaves his son, Donald Grimes and his wife Sharon of Brookfield; two grandchildren, Derek and Brett Grimes; his sister Edna Thresher and her husband David, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends whom he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his wife Mabel F. (Lyons) Grimes, and three siblings, Forrest, Warren, and Lester Grimes. Kenny was born in Brookfield, the son of

the late George and Gladys (Walker) Grimes. He was a life-long resident of Brookfield, and was an avid member in the greater Brookfield community for his whole life. After serving his country in the Korean War in the United States Army, Kenny returned home and found work at Gavitt Wire & Cable Company in Brookfield as a wire extruder. It was at Gavitt's where Kenny met and eventually married the love of his life, Mabel F. (Lyons) Grimes in 1961 to whom he was married to for 53 wonderful years. After a few years of being married to Mabel, they had one child, their pride and joy Donald Grimes. Kenny and Mabel enjoyed traveling all over North America together visiting Mexico, Hawaii, The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, California, Alaska, and many more states and national parks. After decades of working at Gavitt's, and 26 years as the Union Steward from 1972-1998, Kenny retired and filled his free time with more hours volunteering and spending time on hobbies or with his family. For decades before and during his retirement, Kenny would carve and paint wooden birds and was an avid member of the Monson Wood Wackers Carving

Club. He would repair or recondition just about anything from antique furniture to carving and re-leathering belows. He was a Master Mason of the Hayden Lodge in North Brookfield for over 65 years. Throughout his life, Kenny could be seen at various local farmers markets or community fairs and festivals selling either his crafts or honey from him and Donald's honey farm. In 2012, Kenny was the recipient of the Lucy Stone Achievement Award by the Quaboag Historical Society where he was recognized as an individual with incredible citizenship in the greater community. Kenny was also heavily involved and dedicated to his church, the Brookfield Congregational Church where he served as a deacon there for several years. Kenny was very much into volunteerism and dedicated his time and expertise for decades on various boards, committees and community-wide events, projects, or celebrations. Kenny particularly took pride in serving as the Grand Marshall for the Memorial Day parade each year in Brookfield for many years and also playing as Santa Claus at the Brookfield tree lighting for nearly 60 years. When not volunteering, Kenny also enjoyed meticulously caring for his lawn, baking delicious foods from scratch, swimming, gardening, visiting friends and family, staying active, and in the summers going to the beach with his grandchildren. Most of all, the highlight of Kenny's life was spending time with his family whom he loved dearly.

A Funeral Service for Kenny will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 11:00AM in the Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Common St., in Brookfield. Burial with Military Honors will be in Brookfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Brookfield Congregational Church, P.O. Box 457, Brookfield, MA 01506.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Raymond S. Haire, 90

West Brookfield - Raymond S. Haire, 90, of West Brookfield, died on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer. He has gone home to be with his Lord and savior Jesus Christ.



He leaves the love of his life, his wife of 54 years, Carol A. (Blais) Haire and his son and best friend, Wayne R. Haire of West Brookfield. He also leaves his sister, Bette-Ann Lussier of Ware, and many members of his extended family. He was born in Brookfield, son of the late Arthur E. and Fannie (Hall) Haire. He was predeceased by his brothers Arthur and Wayne Haire, step-father George Boynton, and

brother-in-law Roger Lussier.

Shortly after his 21st birthday, Ray enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the Army Corp of Engineers during the Korean War. After his service, he worked as a Traffic Manager at the former McLaurin-Jones Co. in Brookfield and Ludlow Papers in Ware for 33 years, and then as a Renewal Specialist at Blue Cross Blue Shield for 10 years before retiring in 1994 to spend time with his loving family.

Ray loved dessert (especially vanilla cake with vanilla frosting), pot roast with mashed potatoes, iced tea, sitting on his porch with his family, watching television and movies in his recliner, reading the funnies in the newspaper every morning, taking a good nap, his cats, camping, mowing the lawn, cars, and watching the Red Sox and Patriots. Most importantly he loved spending time with his wife and son and was the best husband and father they could have ever asked for.

He was a Past Master and member of Hayden Lodge of Masons in North Brookfield, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Melha Shrine, the American Legion Post 244 in West Brookfield, and was a parishioner at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in West Brookfield.

A Funeral Mass for Ray was held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 10:30am in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 22 West Main St., in West Brookfield. Everyone should meet directly at the church. Burial with military honors will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield following mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Christine Davies, 76

LEICESTER: Christine Davies, 76, of 189 Paxton St., Leicester, died Saturday, July 24.

She leaves her sisters; Bonnie Ann Fricchione of Holden and Marilyn Westfall of Kelseyville, CA and her nieces: Alexandra Nicole Means, April Dearnley and Joi Manley.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of David N. and Marion G. (Ljunggren) Davies.

She was a member of the First

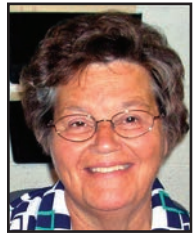
Congregational Church of Spencer.

Private funeral services and burial were held in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. The MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main St., Leicester is assisting the family with arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Donations can be made in Christine's name to the Meningitis Foundation of America at <https://www.musa.org/donate>

Barbara Joan Witowski, 77

NORTH BROOKFIELD --- Barbara Joan (Stanczyk) Witowski, 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at home on July 25, 2021.



She leaves her husband of 53 years, Paul F. Witowski; her son, Adam P. Witowski and his wife Ronda of Quinebaug, CT, her daughter, Lisa M. (Witowski) Benoit and her wife Alicia of Spencer;

her grandchildren, Melissa and Walter Johnson III of Spencer; her brother, John J. Stanczyk and his wife Joyce of Westerly, RI; her sister Dorothy (Stanczyk) Wojtowicz and her husband Stanley of North Grafton and many nieces and nephews who she loved very much.

Barbara was born on February 12, 1944 in Worcester, MA to the late Frank and Mary (Pietrewicz) Stanczyk. She was a graduate of Saint Mary's High School in Worcester, class of 1961. She worked for the town of North Brookfield Police Department for eighteen years where she was part of the D.O.T (Decorate Our Town), the S.O.S. (Strong On Sports), and the 175th Anniversary Parade Committee's for the town. She

also worked at the Worcester Jewish Community Center for twenty-one years, retiring in 2012.

She was an avid cheerleader for her children and grandchildren's sporting events, never missing a game. She looked forward to summer vacations at Hampton Beach and Bears Den in Wells, ME. During retirement, she enjoyed traveling with Paul visiting all the lighthouses in Maine.

She loved taking her son and grandson fishing when they were younger and having scrabble tournaments with her daughter. During her spare time, you could find her reading mystery books and watching old films on Turner Classic Movies with her granddaughter.

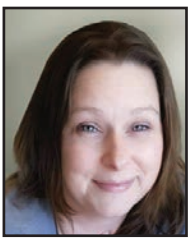
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name can be made to the North Brookfield Police Assn. in c/o North Brookfield Savings Bank, 9 Gilbert St, North Brookfield, MA 01535. A scholarship will be presented to a graduating senior at the High School in the Spring 2022.

At Barbara's request, a private service was held on Monday August 2nd, 2021 at Graham Putnam and Mahoney Funeral Parlors, 838 Main Street, Worcester, MA from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Online condolences can be made at gpmfunerals.com.



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East Brookfield- Lorianne Hawkins 40, passed away on July 25, 2021 at UMass Memorial Health at Harrington in Southbridge after a year and a half battle with breast cancer. Lorianne was born in Leominster, resided in East Brookfield for the past 3 years; having previously lived in Charlton for 7 years. She was employed as Officer Manager for McDonald Heating in Auburn, MA.

Lorianne was a 1999 graduate of Leominster High School and attended Northeastern University in Boston.

In addition to her devoted and loving partner Justin Martel of 10 years Lorianne is survived by her son Levi Martel; her step son Hylan Decoff of NY; her Paternal aunt Bobbi Hawkins of NY; her Maternal grandmother Jeannine Murphy of Winchendon; Justin's parents, Susan and Joseph

Martel of East Brookfield; her furry baby Vienna; her cousin Jasmine Barry of Princeton whom was like a sister as well aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends and co-workers. She was predeceased by her grandfather, Dick Murphy, with whom she had a very special bond.

Lorianne will be remembered for her love of dancing, her infectious smile, her wit and humor, her unconditional love for Levi, her love for ice cream and a rare steak with sour cream, car karaoke with her cousin Jasmine, gardening, but most of all being surrounded by her dear family and friends.

A celebration of her life is being planned and will be announced. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made to GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/7a533ab2> Pillsbury Funeral Home, North Brookfield is entrusted with arrangements. Please visit pillsburyfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence.

Kenneth R. Sundquist, 91

SPENCER- Kenneth R. Sundquist 91, passed away on July 24, 2021. Born in Worcester, on September 25, 1929 the son of the late Gustaf A. and Ruth C. (Swenson) Sundquist, he was a 50 year resident of Spencer; prior to living in Leicester; and in Worcester where he grew up. Kenneth was an honorably discharged veteran;



who proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a tool and die maker for many years at Anderson Tool and Die in Worcester, and then also at Temp-Flex Cable Inc. in South Grafton as a machinist. Ken was an extremely talented artist. He painted various scenes from around

Massachusetts. He loved hiking and bird watching. Kenneth is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Beverly

(Veroneau) Sundquist; three sons, Gary Sundquist and his wife Deborah Sundquist, Mark Sundquist and his wife Christine Sundquist, and Brian Sundquist and his wife Robin Sundquist. He also leaves his sisters,

Carol McCarthy and Janet Ormond; 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. There will be no funeral or memorial service per Kenneth's wishes. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 163 Main St., in entrusted with arrangements. pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Shawn P Mullens, 42

Shawn P Mullens, 42, of Spencer, passed away unexpectedly, Friday, July 23rd at his home.



He leaves behind his parents; Douglas K and Kathryn L. (Lacasse) Mullens of Spencer, whom he lived with. He was a beloved Father to his three beautiful children: Brandon D. Mullens and Isabella S. Mullens of Barre and Alaina M. Karnes of Spencer. He also leaves behind two brothers: Douglas Mullens of Spencer and Keith Mullens of Brookfield and a sister.

Shawn was a man of many trades,

with his profession being construction which he worked in for many years. In his free time, he enjoyed tinkering around "the farm" which consisted of working on his four-wheeler, tractor and Jeep. He enjoyed spending time listening to music in the barn, watching a good movie or playing some of his favorite video games.

Private funeral services and burial were held in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice in Shawn's name.

J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Terri A. Wilkin** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation dated October 26, 2018, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59599, Page 174; said mortgage was then assigned to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency by virtue of an assignment dated January 17, 2020, and recorded in Book 61856, Page 397, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 10:00 AM on **August 26, 2021**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 135 Howe Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land known and designated as 135 Howe Street, East Brookfield, Massachusetts, situated on the north-easterly side of Howe Street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof, in the northeasterly line of Howe Street, at land now of formerly of Fremont N. Turgeon; Thence N. 69° 25' E. on a wall by said Turgeon land 50 feet to an iron pin at land of Ryo R. Meader et ux; Thence N. 36° 50' W. by said Meader land 100 feet to an iron pin; Thence S. 69° 25' W. by said Meader land 150 feet to the northeasterly line of Howe Street; Thence southeasterly by the north-easterly line of Howe Street 100 feet to the place of beginning. Containing about 15,475 square feet of land. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor by deed of John J. Larkham recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at

the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: July 8, 2021 Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency
By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 56353 (WILKIN)
July 23, 2021
July 30, 2021
August 6, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P2436EA
Estate of:
Timothy J. Wrobel
Date Of Death: June 25, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jean M. Wrobel of Warren MA Jean M. Wrobel of Warren MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
August 6, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P2405EA
Estate of:
Bernadette T McAdams
Also Known As:
Bernadette McAdams
Date Of Death: March 2, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Anne M. (Mantha) Hebert of Spencer MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Anne M. (Mantha) Hebert of Spencer MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
August 6, 2020

**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. WO21C0315CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Wallace Donald Horne
A Petition to Change Name of Adult**

has been filed by **Wallace Donald Horne of North Brookfield MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Donald Wallace Horne IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/17/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 28, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

August 6, 2021

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Raymond W. Clinton and Nancy L. Lewis to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for NE Moves Mortgage, LLC, "Lender" and its successors and assigns dated August 27, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41710, Page 167, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated February 6, 2013 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 50467, Page 299 and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated June 26, 2017 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 58403, Page 68 and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated January 7, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 59913, Page 115 and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated April 4, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 60246, Page 240 and as assigned by Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated May 29, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 60492, Page 44 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 3:00 PM, on August 27, 2021**, on the premises known as **40 Ash Street, Spencer, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit: The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, on the west side of Ash Street in said Spencer, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner thereof on the west side of Ash Street; Thence southerly by said street about 82 feet to the center of a brook; Thence westerly by the center of said brook about 90.0 feet; Thence northerly by a fence about 96.0 feet, the last two courses being by land conveyed to Charles Perron; Thence easterly by land now or formerly of George Walker about 86.0 feet to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagors by deed dated August 22, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith in Book 41710 Page 165. Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record. Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within forty-five (45) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this

Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.
Dated: July 30, 2021
Present holder of said mortgage NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by its Attorneys Guaetta and Benson, LLC
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire
P.O. Box 519
Chelmsford, MA 01824
August 6, 2021
August 13, 2021
August 20, 2021

(SEAL)

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

WHEREAS A Complaint was filed in our Superior Court
Wherein it is seeking to: Establish title to an area of land located to the Southeast of Chickering Road, between the roadway to Stiles Reservoir to Adverse Possession.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on or within such **9/20/21** further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:

Date Issued 07/26/2021
Clerk of Courts/Assit. Clerk
Laurie Jurgiel
August 8, 2021
August 13, 2021
August 29, 2021

**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. WO21C0323CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Nicole Michelle Kurilov
A Petition to Change Name of Adult**

has been filed by **Nicole Michelle Kurilov of Brookfield MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Sairsha Nicole Kurilova**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/24/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 22, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

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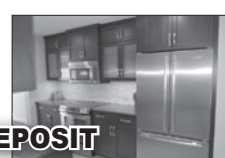
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Cole Cashman of Spencer graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting.

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Isabella Clowes named to WPI Dean's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Isabella Clowes, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring semester of 2021.

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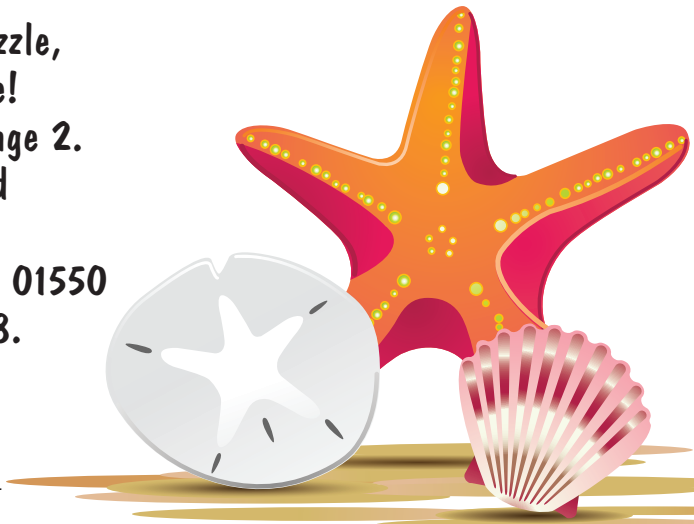
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