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FORMER LEICESTER POLICE OFFICER RETIRES

Photo Courtesy

The Leicester Police Department congratulates former Leicester Police Officer and current Auburn police Det. Eric Dyson, Sr., on his retirement. Dyson is retiring after 33 years of law enforcement service to local communities. “To say you will be missed would be an understatement, but we wish you all the best in your retirement,” read a statement released by the Auburn PD.

Local runners hit the road for Tarentino Charitable Fund

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Several local runners are excited to represent the Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr., Charitable Fund, which will participate for the first time in the ASICS Falmouth Road Race. Set for Aug. 15, the 49th Falmouth Road Race will bring together 160 teams representing multiple charitable organizations. Members of the Ronald Tarentino, Jr., Charitable Fund’s team are participating in the event as part of the Numbers for Nonprofit program. “They are excited to have been granted bibs in this year’s race and be a part of this amazing tradition,” read a statement released by Tricia Tarentino, the wife of fallen Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino. This year, Falmouth Road Race coordinators are expecting approximately 8,000 runners to embark on the seven-mile course, plus many others who are running the race virtually. The Tarentino running team is comprised of two educators and three officers. The two educators, Susan Lauder and Beth Johnson, shared the idea of getting involved in the race during one of their weekly runs with Tricia Tarentino. The three have been running together for several years, and often use their time together to spark ideas for projects and events. “I am truly honored to be running the FRR as part of Team Tarentino for 2021,” Johnson said. “I have been lucky enough to get to know Tricia Tarentino over the past few years, and have found not only a dedicated running buddy, but a true and inspirational friend. She and her family are amazing – and so is the work that they do through their charitable fund. I am so proud to be a part of their Falmouth team this year.” When team members hit the road on Aug. 15, they will no doubt have plenty of reasons fueling them through the miles. “Each runner has their own personal story that inspires them, from cancer survivor to experiencing the loss of a loved one,” Tarentino added. “They have committed to this race as a way to honor Ron and other fallen heroes, including the most recent loss of Manny

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Incoming Kindergarteners invited to take first bus ride

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – Members of AA Transportation Co., Inc., invite the incoming Kindergarten class and their parents to take their first ride on a school bus. This year’s “First Ride for Safety” program is set for Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. Held each year to help promote safety for young riders, the award-winning program received a certificate from the Mass. Registry of Motor Vehicles for outstanding efforts in school bus safety. The event will take place at AA Transportation’s East Brookfield bus yard on Route 9 (174 West Main St., East Brookfield). Youngsters and their family members are invited to have fun at the event while learning about school bus safety and rules. “This program is conducted in an open house format – stop by whenever you can and stay as long as you like,” read a statement released by AA Transportation, which serves the transportation needs of several local school districts. “Bus rides will begin every 15 minutes or so. Parents, bring your camera.” During previous AA Transportation bus safety programs, vehicle safety representatives from the State of Massachusetts were in attendance. Also attending was Brian Cristy, the state’s Director of the D.P.U. for

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Senior Center Director steps down after 18 years

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – When Pamela Woodbury started as Senior Center Director, space was limited and programming was almost nonexistent. Flash forward nearly two decades to Woodbury’s retirement last month, and she leaves behind a robust venue she built from the ground up. After 18 years of leading the Senior Center, Woodbury’s last day on the job was July 29. Seniors and officials celebrated her career with a sendoff gathering and lunch. “She did a marvelous job and always worked so hard for the seniors,” said Selectman Ralph Hicks. “During the COVID crisis, she worked nights and weekends to help seniors get their vaccine appointments. She went way above and beyond.” Throughout the height of the pandemic, with businesses and municipal centers closed, Woodbury and her team were committed to finding ways to continue serving seniors. While many senior centers across the state shut

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Photo Courtesy

Pamela Woodbury celebrates her retirement with her husband, Gary Woodbury.

West Brookfield church collecting school supplies

WEST BROOKFIELD – Members of the First Congregational Church, UCC, are collecting items to assist local students as they head back to school. Items being collected are: one pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip only); three 70-page spiral notebooks, wide rule; one 12-inch ruler; one handheld pencil sharpener; one large eraser; six new pencils with erasers; and one box of 24 crayons. The items can be dropped off on Sunday mornings during the church’s 10 a.m. worship service, or during the annual flea market on the West Brookfield Town Common (Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). You can also call the church during the week to alert Rev. Ann Michele that you will drop off supplies.

The last day of the collection is Sunday, Sept. 12. The church is located across the street from the Common at 36 North Main Street. For more information, call the church at 508-867-7078, or call Millie at 413-436-7125. You can also send an email to millieg2@comcast.net.



Banners go up on North Brookfield Town House to announce ROAR programming

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The community came together in North Brookfield on a beautiful Sunday morning to hang banners announcing ROAR (Rural Opportunity through Art and Restoration) creative programming, developed by the Friends of the Town House in collaboration with Long View Entertainment, and partially funded by a generous donation from FLEXcon.

As Jim Buzzell, President of the Friends looked on, members of the North Brookfield

Fire Department, Jesse Crockett Sears, Ronnie Barrows and Darin Anderson, and contractor Peter Procopio worked to attach the banners to the front façade of the Town House.

The colorful banners were made possible through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council via the North Brookfield Local Cultural Council.

The Friends of the Town House want to thank all those involved in raising the banners.

Residents of all area communities are invited to take part in

the free ROAR pilot programs. For class descriptions and to sign up, visit the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House website at www.nbtownhouse.com.

ROAR programs will be taking place at alternative North Brookfield venues until work on the historic Town House is complete. Donations to pay for the plans and permits necessary to make the building restoration shovel ready also may be made via the Web site.



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Spencer Summer Concerts continue with the Island Castaways Band

SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2021 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer with The Island Castaways Band.

The Island Castaways Band was formed in 2008 as Jimmy Buffett tribute act and have evolved into one of New England's most popular trop rock bands. They have made several appearances performing at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox at Margaritaville Night celebrations and at Patriot Place in Foxborough. Their live show features a balanced mix of Jimmy Buffett, tropical rock and a few songs of their own. Their May 2021 single release "Return to Cayo Hueso" reached the top 10 in airplay at hundreds independent country and country rock stations across the USA.

Following The Island Castaways will be The Ed Sullivan's on Aug. 22.

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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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Local golf results

Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club

Pit's Crew

First place: Kent Seith, Rick Wheeler, Ron Goulet, Fran Elliott
Second place: Gary Herl, Bob Demaio, Pit Caron, Kevin Grace
Third place: Doug Perkins, Ron Jette, Ron Olson, Charlie Keys

Kettle Brook Golf Club

Kettle One League Week 15
First place: Craig Nussey and Todd Wozniak, +11
Second place: Al Morin and Kris Houston, +8
High individual: Todd Wozniak, +6
Closest to the Pin on No. 12: Sal Goodman

Lake Association to hold Eighth Annual Paddle Poker Run

REGION — The Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association (QQLA) will hold its eighth annual Paddle Poker Run Saturday, Sept. 11, with registration open to the general public starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Lake Quaboag (North Pond) boat launch. Co-Chairs for this year's event are QQLA co-president, Bill Seabourne and member Randy Weiss.

Participants may compete in kayaks, canoes, row boats, or on paddle boards, any vessel that may be paddled or rowed. Registration begins at 11 a.m. The poker run competition begins at noon and ends at 4:00 p.m. at the Quaboag boat

ramp. The entrance fee is \$20 per poker hand. There is no limit to the number of poker hands a paddler may play.

Paddlers will pick up one playing card at each of 5 dock locations around the lake and return to the boat ramp with a five-card poker hand. Upon returning to the boat launch, players may attempt to improve their hand by trading individual cards for an additional cost. At the end of play, the top hand will win the grand prize of \$250. Several other prizes will also be awarded including a substantial prize for the player with the worst hand.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will

support the efforts of QQLA, a volunteer, non-profit organization of nearly 200 member families dedicated to preserving and protecting the quality of Lake Quaboag and Lake Quacumquasit and the surrounding watershed through the promotion of responsible, effective environmental policies. Better known as North (Quaboag) and South (Quacumquasit) Ponds, the lakes are located in Brookfield, East Brookfield and Sturbridge.

For more information about QQLA, you may visit their Web site at QQLA.org or their Facebook Page at [Facebook.com/QQLA.org](https://www.facebook.com/QQLA.org).

Lake Wickaboag to receive weed treatment Aug. 19

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WEST BROOKFIELD — The West Brookfield Board of Health along with Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association (LWPA), have announced that on Thursday, August 19th, Lake Wickaboag will receive a follow up application to treat for residual weeds.

SOLitude Lake Management, the contractor hired by the West Brookfield Board of Health to apply the herbicide, has requested that the use of the lake's

water be restricted as follows:

Swimming, fishing and boating one day – Aug. 19

Livestock watering for two days- Aug. 19, 20

Direct Drinking for four days-Aug. 19, 20, 21, 22

Irrigation for six days-Aug. 19-24

Members of the LWPA will notify boaters and swimmers by placing signs on streets leading to the lake and by placing red flag buoys on the lake.

Leicester's Ava Richard named to RPI Dean's List

TROY, N.Y. — Ava P. Richard, a resident of Leicester, and a freshman majoring in Biochemistry and Biophysics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), was named to the Dean's Honors List for obtaining a 4.0/4.0 for Fall 2020.

Leicester Parks and Recreation awards

JV Division
Free throw champion: Braden Wilson
Runner-up: Robert O'Neil
Two-on-two champions: Jeremy Ledbetter, Domenic Casavecchia
Varsity Division
Free throw champion: Noah Carney
Runner-up: Landon Beveridge
Two-on-two champions: Jack Ledbetter, Jason O'Brien
William McGrail Award: Braden Wilson

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The Leicester Public Schools Student Services Office has reviewed records of students who have left the district after June 2014 and will initiate the destruction of those records after August 31, 2021. No other copies will exist as of that date. Please notify the Office if you wish to review and/or receive these records prior to their destruction by calling 508-892-7040 X9002.

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Thank you Tony for all that you do for the town of Spencer and for taking care of our parks for the young families in town and all who enjoy them.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank hires Thomas Henry as Digital Marketing Manager and Graphic Designer



Tom Henry

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Thomas Henry, a resident of Wilbraham, is the newest addition to the Marketing Team at North Brookfield Savings Bank. North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of

Thomas Henry as Digital Marketing Manager, Graphic Designer to the Bank's Marketing Department headquartered in North Brookfield. "Tom's extensive background and broad knowledge in the financial services industry strengthens our Marketing Team, allowing us to continue to grow our presence within Massachusetts and Connecticut," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President Marco Bernasconi. "I am confident he will be a key team member to our continued success." Henry will complement the skills and resources of this talented team with his photography, graphic design, and communications skillset. He will be responsible for managing various aspects of the Bank's Marketing Department including, brand management, website management, social media strategy, product/service promotion, marketing campaign creative, photography, and internal/external event coordination. Henry comes to us from MassMutual Financial Group. Over his 25-year career there, he served as a Creative Director, where he orchestrated the creative execution of the company's image across all business units,

a Photographer, capturing annual report photography, event photography and business portraits. Additionally, as a Brand and Marketing Consultant, he spearheaded the design, marketing, and branding of MassMutual Top Financial Advisors, generating creative solutions for unique communication challenges. As a Continuous Improvement Leader, he influenced a continuous improvement mindset through a collaborative feedback-based partnership with leaders and associates in Life and Disability Claims, New Business, Underwriting, and Information Technology departments. Henry has a strong background and has worked with contacts worldwide to complete many projects and solve problems for the company and clients alike. Tom is a graduate of Franklin Pierce University and holds a BA in Graphic Communications. "Tom joined our team in June 2021; he has already displayed his creative and innovative ideas, most recently with the Best of Central MA campaign, helping us earn a spot in the final voting beginning Sept. 1. His background makes him the perfect fit for this position," said SVP, Chief Administrative Officer, Andrea Healy. "While still absorbing

NBSB culture and Values, Tom specified that his number one goal is to connect with the customer through creativity while being a strong Bank ambassador. In just a few short weeks, Tom's efforts have already started to make an impact. We are excited for what Tom brings to the table now and in the future." Henry is a firm believer in supporting his local communities through volunteering. He has provided his skills in photography at various events for the Hampden/Wilbraham School District, CHR- Mary Ann's Kids, American Heart Association, and the Hampden Theater Guild, to name a few. "After 25 years working in a large corporation, I am most excited about being part of a small team at the "Best Community Bank" in Central and Western MA," said Digital Marketing Manager and Graphic Designer, Tom Henry. "Through my creativity and continuous improvement mindset, I have a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the Banks longstanding traditions and Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Kindness, Teamwork, and Community."

Spencer resident graduates from Saint Anselm College

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the list of graduates for the 2020-2021 school year. The in-person celebration of commencement marked the end of a year of Covid restrictions. On Saturday, May 15, Sarah St. Germain of Spencer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Work. During Saint Anselm College's 128th commencement exercises speaker and honorary degree recipient Edward A. Hjerpe III, Ph.D. (Class of 1981) addressed the members of the class of 2021, "Much has changed in the world

in the last year ... that's a lot for any class to endure, but out of adversity comes resilience and out of challenges come opportunities. You are entering the post college world at an inflection point in many ways but you are resilient, you have endless opportunity and you will make the world a better place." Hjerpe is president and CEO of Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and spent many years in the banking and economics industry. He also served the community through many philanthropic endeavors including as chair of the college's Board of Trustees.

College President Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D. reflected on the contrasting emotions of sadness and excitement that the Class of 2021's final event brought about, explaining that commencement is not the end, but the beginning. "Ready or not, the exploration now commences. And guess what? No one knows where the exploring will end," said Dr. Favazza. "Just as the monks have discovered their forever home on this Hilltop and vowed never to leave it, you have discovered your forever home and, I hope, vow to never leave it behind."

Jacob Fulmer of Spencer graduates from University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford congratulates Jacob Fulmer of Spencer for graduating in May of 2021. Fulmer was one of nearly 900 undergraduates who celebrated the completion of their

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Man faces charges following armed confrontation

SPENCER – A man is facing several charges after pointing a firearm during a confrontation last week.

Shortly after 8 p.m. on Aug. 3, Spencer Police officers were dispatched to 13 Linden St. for reports of a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers were told a man had pointed a gun at another man's head.

The two men were arguing over parking in the driveway of

the multi-family building, police said. The defendant, Robert Bourn, Jr., 63, who recently moved to the address, allegedly drew a firearm from a holster and placed it against the victim's head.

The victim's reaction was to move quickly and punch the defendant, knocking the firearm from his hand, police said.

No shots were fired in the incident and no one was injured.

Bourn was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon; disorderly conduct; and disturbing the peace. He was released on bail and was arraigned in Western Worcester District Court in East Brookfield.

Bourn's firearm and license to carry were seized by police. The license was immediately suspended by the issuing agency, police said.



Photo Courtesy

A weapon was recovered following an arrest in Spencer last week.

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, including Magdalen S. Paul of Spencer.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of

573 students representing 24 states received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

About Saint Anselm College
Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century

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Jayven is an inquisitive boy of African-American and Hispanic descent. He loves board games and is always happy to play one, either with his friends or with an adult. Jayven also likes to be outside, and his favorite outdoor activity is playing football, which he is currently doing with Pop Warner Football. Jayven likes playing football so much that when he grows up, he would like to play for the NFL. Just in case he isn't drafted, though, he is also considering careers as a detective or as a piano teacher. Jayven is currently doing well in school.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayven is looking for a loving and patient family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Jayven is very close with his younger brother and has expressed a desire to be a role model for him. An ideal family for Jayven will be open to helping him maintain this relationship.

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EDITORIAL

Helicopter parenting a college student

Gone are the days when your child would head off to college to only place a collect call home once a week, or perhaps would send a letter once a month. In those days, our parents had no idea what we were doing on a daily basis, who we were with or where we were at. They had no idea what test scores were coming in or what we had for dinner.

In current times, college students are in instant, constant contact with their parents and we're not so sure that's a good thing. Sure, it's nice to keep in touch but at what cost to your child? Do we really need to know about every fleeting moment of our child's lives? Naturally, we want to protect our children and keep them safe, but this is not the way to do it. Teach them the skills to protect themselves long before they fill out that college application.

To make things worse, most universities now have Facebook pages for parents. While this can be a great resource, it is also a breeding ground for parents to enable other parents, to enable their children, to lack independence and the skills to be resourceful.

Way back when, children had to be home by dark. In today's world, you have parents posting questions on parent's pages on whether or not to use Tide Pods in the washers at school. Why not let your child head off to the laundry mat at school, with a Tide Pod and figure it out for themselves? Other questions are often posed in regard to the furniture in dorm rooms, where parents are asking other parents for pictures so they can better prepare their student prior to moving in. Window sizes, storage space under the bed, outlets, you name it, it's been asked. Again, why not let your college student figure these things out for themselves along with their roommates? They are not in middle school anymore and can very well handle figuring out what they need on their own. If they ask for your help, then of course step in.

Point blank, parents are asking questions on behalf of their children. If a student has a question about parking, or a class or something in regard to move in day, teach them to pick up the phone and call the appropriate person, you know, like an adult would do.

While we think parent to parent support is a great resource, it has gone too far. Parents are posting pictures of their child in their dorm rooms as if it is their first day of Kindergarten. We know that parents are proud, as they should be, but wouldn't those pictures be better suited for a private page for friends and family to see, instead of potentially embarrassing your child?

If a student is having an issue with a roommate, parents are leaning on these pages to sort it out, asking for advice on how to handle it. Why not just tell your student, how to handle it themselves? It is natural for parents to want to swoop in and save the day and fix everything, but in doing so you are creating a way for your young adult to not be self-sufficient. Common sense tells us, that if your student is having a roommate issue, they need to talk to their hall director.

Parents have asked questions such as 'What winter jackets are boys wearing this year?' 'Does my child need an umbrella?' 'Does anyone do grocery delivery?' 'Where can my son sign up for activities?' These appear to us to be a bit over the top.

Trust in your parenting and trust in your child to take care of their own needs. When parents hover, it can have adverse effects. This doesn't mean parents can't be involved or shouldn't be involved in some way.

When helicopter parents overparent, they are sending the message to their student that they cannot do these simple things on their own. A survey of 450 students with helicopter parents, discovered that these individuals lacked the confidence in thinking they could accomplish their own goals in the workplace. As a result, they were more dependent on others and had difficulty coping which led to an increase in anxiety and panic attacks when put under pressure. You will not be around forever.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This has been a test

To the Editor:

By now, most of us are accustomed to the loud tones of the emergency alert system. They are usually followed by the announcement, "had this been an actual alert, you would have received emergency instructions." One might assume that those instructions would originate, from a source qualified to provide them. In our situation, I would expect those instructions to come from the CDC, NIH, health department authorities, or even your doctor.

If you are following advice about this pandemic from a politician, and they are not referring you to an appropriate source, it makes about as much sense as contacting your MD, for advice on an electrical or plumbing issue. Setting aside the fact that the person who graduates last in their class from medical school, is still called doctor; it brings to mind the sign my brother in law kept in his garage, with an hourly rate and steps that went up for "if you help" and "if you screwed it up and now want me to fix it" Of course, this is short sighted, as, in this pandemic, we are all riding the same bus, on the same highway.

Like driving my vehicle on roads, used by other citizens, life in this pandemic, is like having faith that you are sharing the road with capable competent drivers, who will not drive impaired, run into you, drive with no brakes or lights.

I believe that the masking vacation, afforded to vaccinated individuals

will soon, of necessity, end. Knowing the nature of the anti-vax, anti-mask "proponents, who have always characterized risking the lives of the most vulnerable among us, as "freedom." Of course, even without their MAGA hats, they will soon be revealing themselves, by their actions. Nikki Haley has taken the position, that parents should decide whether kids should wear masks. What that means, is that, as sure as GOD made little apples, anti vax, anti-mask parents will virtually assure that remote learning will be coming like an out of control freight train, to a venue near you.

If an enemy were assaulting our beaches, most of us would take any needed action, to ward them off. Whatever support our fighting forces needed, we would be there for them. The only way we can be defeated, is when good people do nothing. The list of countries and instances where this has proved true is long. This war can be won by something as simple a getting vaccinated, if you can, and wearing a mask until it is over. It is hard to conceive of the alternative here, but not everywhere. Imagine retiring to Florida, only to die at the behest of the governor.

Say goodbye to Covid, make voting safe and simple, spend the nation's resources on its people. This has been a test.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Moms rising across America

To the Editor:

A new women's movement is on the rise across the nation, but it's actually more of a mothers' movement. Defending their children against school curriculum that they consider to be toxic and racist at its core, these moms are taking the lead in asserting parental rights in their children's education. Formerly found largely in liberal colleges and university studies, Critical Race Theory (CRT) is now found in grades K-12 throughout the country. While children were not attending in-school classrooms these last 18 months, but instead in "virtual classrooms" at home in front of computers, parents discovered what was being taught. White children are being taught that they are oppressors, and black children are being taught that they are perpetually the oppressed.

Mothers from all backgrounds, races, ethnicities and political persuasions are showing up at these meetings in record numbers to push back. In the last several months, news headlines read:

In Loudon County, Va., a mom who survived Mao's China, Xi Van Fleet, blasts CRT - "The Communist regime used the same critical theory to divide people. The only difference is they used class instead of race."

Mother cut off at school board meeting by its president in PA, speaking out against CRT, Iranian immigrant and mother of three Anita Edgarian: "My motherland was ravaged by Communism."

Black mother goes to war against CRT - Florida: Kiesha King, representing the group "Moms for Liberty."

Another black mom, again in Loudon County, Va., Kira Davis gave a fiery speech

denouncing the practice of CRT at a school committee meeting.

In Rhode Island, a branch of a major teachers' union is suing a R.I. Mom over CRT public records requests, citing teacher privacy. Mom Nicole Solas argues that academic transparency is 'a parental right.'

Axios reported that there have been more school board member recall efforts in 2021 than in any year since 2006, tracking 54 recalls with 135 members targeted. The typical year between 2006 and 2020 has seen an average of 23 recall efforts against 52 school board members.

Closer to home, North Brookfield moms have also taken up the fight to their School Board Committee and asserted their rights as parents to be involved in the content of their children's education. Congratulations to the Women of North Brookfield! Well done!

Let us never forget the great race unifier and American Civil Rights icon, Martin Luther King, who famously said at the March on Washington in his "I have a dream" speech (Aug. 28, 1963): "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

We must keep MLK's dream alive and reject the hate and division of Critical Race Theory. The stakes are just too high. Not only moms, but also dads, grandparents, taxpayers, all of us American citizens, need to understand, learn more and get involved; silence is no longer an option.

ANNE STARZYK
WEST BROOKFIELD

Tokyo Olympiad 2021: Some observations

To the Editor:

Well, the Great Quadrennial Sporting Spectacular, a.k.a. the Tokyo Olympics, is now history, and for the first time in my life--thanks to the "woke" American delegation--I didn't watch a single event. Not one, not even baseball.

Like most Americans of my generation, the Summer Olympics, for me and the family in which I was raised, were as much a part of our cultural experience then as the World Series, the Super Bowl, March Madness, the Bowl Games on New Years Day, the Boston Marathon, the Indy 500, and so on are in contemporary America. My father told me stories when I was a boy of the legendary Olympic exploits of such icons as Jesse Owens, Jim Thorpe, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Johnny Weissmuller, and others who made me proud to be an American. In later life, I was enthralled by the performances of people like Mark Spitz, Joan Benoit, Wilma Rudolph, Cassius Marcellus Clay (much more interesting name than the one to which he changed), Carl Lewis, Cathy Rigby, George Foreman, Evelyn Ashford, and too many others to recount here. All great athletes and good representatives of our country, and unafraid to stand tall and proud and show proper respect when their country's national anthem

was played to honor their best-in-the-world accomplishments.

That great tradition of exhibiting pride in one's flag and country, sadly, began to crumble there in Mexico City in 1968, when John Carlos and Tommie Smith had to interject their political feelings into the medal awards ceremony with their bowed heads and raised fists of black power. And things have never been the same since. Let's see, that was 53 years ago. Weird, isn't it? Can you name one single country in all that time--other than the feckless United States--whose athletes have even once taken the opportunity when the world's attention was on them to attempt to shame and humiliate the country which had given them the opportunity to "reach to the stars?" Despite my well-known power of photographic memory and recall, I can't think of even one instance of such boorish behavior on the part of any other country's representatives. Can you? I'd like to know.

Not that there weren't countries that cried out for total shaming on the world stage like the Soviet Union, East Germany, Cuba, many Middle Eastern hellholes, and today, China. The only problem for athletes from those places is if they dared to embarrass their prison-nation, they knew the moment they stepped off the plane upon returning

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Review your IRA, 401(k) beneficiaries

If you've had an IRA and a 401(k) for many years, you may occasionally ask yourself some questions: "Am I contributing enough?" "Am I still funding these accounts with the right mix of investments for my goals and risk tolerance?" But here's one inquiry you might be overlooking: "Have I used the correct beneficiary designations?" And the answer you get is important.

It wouldn't be surprising if you haven't thought much about the beneficiary designation -- after all, it was just something you once signed, possibly a long time ago. Is it really that big a deal?

It could be. For one thing, what if your family circumstances have changed since you named a beneficiary? If you've remarried, you may not want your former spouse to receive your IRA and 401(k) assets or the proceeds of your life insurance policy, for which you also named a beneficiary.

However, upon remarriage, many people do review their estate plans, including their wills, living trusts, durable powers of attorney and health care directives. If you've revised

these documents, do you have to worry about the old beneficiary designations? You might be surprised to learn that these previous designations can supersede what's in your updated will and other documents. The end result could be an "accidental" inheritance in which your retirement accounts and insurance proceeds could end up going to someone who is no longer in your life.

Furthermore, your retirement plans and insurance policy may not just require a single beneficiary -- you may also be asked to name a contingent beneficiary, to whom assets will pass if the primary beneficiary has already died. As you can imagine, the situation could become quite muddled if stepchildren are involved in a remarriage.

To avoid these potential problems, make sure to review the beneficiary designations on all of your accounts at some point -- and especially after a significant change in your family situation. If you see something that is outdated or incorrect, contact your retirement account administrator -- or your insurance representative, in the case of life insurance -- to request a change-of-beneficiary form.

And if you really want to be on the safe side, you may want to enlist a legal professional to help you with this review to make sure the beneficiary designations reflect your current family situation and are consistent with what's in your estate plans.

In fact, if you're already working with an experienced estate planning attorney -- and you should -- you might also pick up some other suggestions for dealing with beneficiaries. Just to name one, it's generally not a good idea to name minor children as beneficiaries. Because children can't control the assets until they become adults, a court would likely have to name a guardian -- one that you might not have wanted. Instead, you could either name your own custodian to manage the assets designated to the minor or establish a trust for the benefit of the minor, which can distribute the money in several disbursements over a period of years -- which is often a good move, since young adults aren't always the best at managing large lump sums.

If you're like many people, you have a strong desire to leave something behind. But you'll want to do it in the right way. So, pay close attention to your beneficiary designations -- when you first create them and throughout your life.

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er, and your child is capable of handling things on their own. The purpose of child rearing is to teach them how to navigate the world on their own, so they can live the best quality of life possible.

The solution is to have a conversation with your child, and ask them how they want you to be involved and how and when you can support them.



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Tuna fishing was red hot last week, with numerous reports of successful anglers landing some giants. This past weekend Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge landed a 500-pound tuna aboard the Fire Escape Charters with Captain Mark Pettit. This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine with the huge tuna that was landed, with a team effort of the three anglers on board. Nice fish!

False Albacore should be arriving soon on coastal waters. Catching one of these fish on light spinning rods on fly's is exciting and are targeted by many anglers. One of

my favorite spots is the outer West Wall in Point Judith, R.I. Mel True of Fish Net Charters has had his clients catching 30 to 40 lb. stripers on almost every trip. They were using eels. Unfortunately, most fish had to be released because of the slot size.

Seabass are still being caught in Rhode Island, but the limit still remains at three fish daily. Anglers are still picking through a lot of short fluke in Rhode Island, and some anglers do manage to keep a couple 19 inch-plus fluke during a full day on the water. Many released fluke do not survive after being released, but no one seems to be concerned.

Feeding songbirds is not recommended at this time, as most residents have heard about

the rare disease that is killing them in the Mid-Atlantic states. Some birds have also been found dead in Mass. but may or may not be linked to the Mid-Atlantic states. This past week, some ducks near or in Boston, are also dying from an unknown source. Numerous fish kills were reported along some of the saltwater beaches, from some mysterious infection.

Bear and bobcat sightings are on the rise locally! Reports from various residents of the valley, are increasing weekly on these two newest resident animals. They do not pose a danger to residents, but small dogs and cats should not be allowed to roam freely. Coyotes & Fisher cats also pose a threat to unattended dog and cats, and

their species are also growing locally. Deer and turkey sightings are reported daily with a good number of them surviving the wet spring and summer months. Wildlife in the valley continues to grow annually, which is good news for sportsmen.

During the pandemic, many people were forced to work from home. Many families purchased a pet for themselves, or their family members, and many have become attached to their new family members, realizing the joy and company that a pet brings to them. A recent letter from my Veterinarian for their old and new pet owners to be patient with their services, due to the sharp rise in veterinarian's business.

You can now go online to find out the status of your doe permit from the Mass. Fish & Wildlife Web site. Log on to the Massfishhunt site, and you will be able to check your permit status. If you did win an antlerless deer permit you will need to pay a \$5 fee using your credit card or debit car. The extra permits in Zones 9-10-11-13 and 14 that are not purchased in numerous zones, will go on sale on in late September. Next year, if passed, all permits and stamps will slowly increase annually to \$6 in 2022 to \$30 IN 2026.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Antique, collectibles, and auction news



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There's been plenty of noteworthy antiques, collectibles, and auction news since I last covered the latest news well over a month ago.

Last month, I discussed how prices for some collectibles have exploded recently. The recent sale of a 1996 Super Mario 64 game further highlights this trend. Smithsonian Magazine reports that "Nintendo released 'Super Mario 64' as one of the first games for its Nintendo 64 console in 1996." The games originally sold for about \$60 and Nintendo sold around 12 million copies. According to Smithsonian Magazine, the "'Super Mario 64' was the first Mario game to feature three-dimensional environments." The recently sold unopened game graded a near perfect 9.8 out of 10. It set a video game auction record of \$1.56 million, surpassing the previous record for a

"Legend of Zelda" cartridge that sold for \$870,000 two days prior.

The most prized card in sports collectibles is being auctioned again. T206 Honus Wagner cards were produced between 1909 and 1911 by American Tobacco Company. Forbes reports that the card "is in extremely limited supply and has been setting price records for more than 80 years, most recently in 2016 at \$3.12 million." Only 60 copies of the Honus Wagner card are known to exist. Some believe Wagner didn't want his name associated with tobacco out of concern that children would start smoking cigarettes. Others say he simply couldn't agree on his compensation with the American Tobacco Company. The previous auction record was for a 1952 Mickey Mantle card which sold for \$5.2 million this past January. The bidding for the Wagner card had reached \$4.8 million as of Sunday, August 8th. When the bidding ends on August 15th, there could very well be a new sports card auction record.

Closer to home, a 1919 Picasso, Le Tricorne, painting that was recently discovered in a New England closet just sold at auction in Massachusetts. According to MassLive, "Le Tricorne is a framed mixed media work of art

on paper that measures 16 by 16 inches." Picasso designed the maquette (preliminary sketch) while working on his larger work of the same name at the New York Historical Society. The unidentified painting owner said the painting belonged to their great aunt. They said that their great aunt studied in England and their grandmother studied in France in the 1920s. Their uncle owned mills in Maine. The owner said, "they were some of the first women to fly to Asia on a trip to buy silk with their uncle," according to MassLive. The Picasso and several other paintings had been stored in a closet for over 50 years. The painting sold for \$150,000. Be sure not to brush things over when cleaning out your closets.

Bidding is underway for our online sports memorabilia auction featuring a Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig signed baseball, Mickey Mantle rookie card, and Tom Brady autographed rookie card. We are currently cataloging a Webster estate auction with Corvettes, vintage boat motors, boats and many other items. We will also soon be finishing the cataloging of another online model railroad and die-cast car auction. Our virtual appraisal day for the Townsend



Historical Society will be on November 13th. Registration is underway for my November 10th "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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Why are you the way you are?

I've always wondered why people are the way they are. Why is one person happy, and motivated, and why is another depressed, and unmotivated?

There are many factors—genetics, upbringing, and environment. A specific event or a chain of events may have happened to cause a person to be a certain way.

Most of us probably know someone living with addiction. A person with an

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addiction is unable to abstain from their addiction. It's their priority, their obsession, the primary part of their daily activity. They find it incredibly difficult to stop.

Some addictions are less severe and are debatable as to how harmful they are. A Mormon friend I knew refused to walk into a coffee house with me, "that place is a den of iniquity," he said!

Maybe he's right! I'm strung out on coffee all day long!

fee all day long!

I remember being surprised to learn that gambling is an addiction. I didn't understand why. I thought substances like alcohol, nicotine, drugs, or caffeine cause addictions. It turns out that chronic gamblers are addicted to the rush they feel when they roll the dice. What causes that rush? The simple answer is their brain.

They've programmed themselves to become addicted to a neurochemical cocktail that causes them to feel the gamblers rush.

What is a feeling? A feeling is produced by a neurochemical or a blend of neurochemicals called peptides.

What causes the peptides to be produced by the brain? Generally speaking, it's the thoughts you think. Every thought produces a peptide or a blend of peptides which cause you to have feelings.

Feelings are the byproduct of a chemical reaction that starts with a single thought.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The end times, days are becoming more realistic!

To the Editor:

Unless we the people stand firm and support our republic, democracy, country, nation that was established on July 4, 1776 by the Continental Congress, giving us, the people, the choice, the voice, votes, to elect those people we wanted to represent us, this country. We have been given the responsibility to elect those people we wanted in office with our votes, voice, and unless we override this new democratic administration that is trying to establish socialism, a government ruled by the government not the people, we will lose our freedom.

That is why this new administration has opened the border and is letting in hundreds of thousands of immigrants so that these immigrants will vote for this present Democratic socialist government and override us, the people's present republic, democracy, and take away our republic freedom. Stop and think about how ironic this is — this administration wants to mandate that all federal people, employees, will have to take the shot; however, they are letting hundreds of thousands of immigrants with no mandate to take the shot. Where is the justice! There is no justice! That is called Socialism, Democratic socialist government. We are becoming second-class citizens.

Come on, people, open your eyes and see the fraud, deception and ask yourself, why are the immigrants given priority over us citizens of this country? I am not against immigrants. I believe they need to enter this country America the same way our ancestors [parents] did and studied and worked hard to become citizens and enjoy the freedom of this Republic Country

America blessed of God.

Do you realize, do you understand, what socialisms is, what it stands for? We the people will lose our everyday freedom —freedom of speech, to vote, to live.

We are presently a Republic Democracy, we have the choice, voice, vote to elect who we want to represent us as a country and nation, and unless we override this present administration in the coming elections in 2022 and 2024 we are going to lose our Republic freedom under God that the Continental Congress has given us in 1776. Do your own research!

What are the end times, last days that we are being warned about? You will find the answer in the Bible. The Bible warns us to take "'heed" and if you don't want to listen, believe, you have know one to blame but yourself.

The fact is, we are presently witnessing some of the end time events today, and unless we take "heed" we have know one to blame but our self. Some of you may not believe in God Jesus, that is your choice. However, let me assure you God is very much alive today "and" what I am sharing with you is fact, Biblically sound, truth. I realize you may not believe, your choice, it is still fact, real, we are witnessing people today rising up against each other. There is much destruction in some states, cities and there are destructive storms happening and many are witnesses "and" there is the possibility of a civil war, "and" this was all predicted way back yesteryears in the days of Jesus by Jesus in [Matthew 24: 6-13] This is history, people; not the history they teach in school today. This is history you are responsible to search for

yourself in the Bible, schools will not teach this.

If you take the time and interest to read and study, we have all been warned by the Bible, by God, Jesus, that the day will come that we will be witnessing, experiencing persecution, some of us are experiencing trials and neglect today. [Mark 13:10]

We are being warned that many of us who believe in God Jesus will experience tension and persecution; however, Jesus teaches us do not fear, Jesus is with us, Jesus will comfort us with His peace if we are truly repented, obedient, born again in Jesus. [John 16: 33]

We who believe in our heart that Jesus is the Son of God, God, Jesus, and have repented will have no fear of these end times, last days. Why? Because God has promised His people, those who have accepted Jesus they will be lifted up [raptured] to meet the Lord Jesus in the air, clouds. Amen! Have no fear we have the promise of God Jesus for eternal life. [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17]

We are presently witnessing the last days, end of time, as we know it. Jesus will be coming back the second time soon. No one knows the day or the time, it will just happen in matter of minutes "and" we need to be ready. What does it mean to be ready, we need to guard our heart from worldly inappropriate pleasures, and we must not participate in today's worldly immoral social pleasure or pressure. We who are godly, believers in God Jesus must stand against the evil we are presently witnessing and be obedient to God's moral law. The choice is ours; yours, ignoring God's moral law and indulging in worldly inappropriate pleasures

will cost you your eternal life, a life in the presence of God, heavenly. [2 Timothy 3:1-4]

For those of us who made a confession of faith in God, Jesus, who are born again have no fear of the end times, last days, they, we have God's promise of the rapture, to be lifted up in the air to meet Jesus and taken to heaven, "and" to live in the presence of God, Jesus, in heaven and one day on the New earth, the new Jerusalem where God will live amongst us His people, Just as God became man in Jesus Christ and lived amongst us yesteryear, God will reign with us in peace and security for eternity. Amen! [John 1:14] [Revelation 21:1] We all need to take the time and thank Jesus for His love and sacrifice.

If, for whatever reason, we are not a people who will be in the rapture we have no one to blame but our self because we have been warned by God, Jesus, what our responsibilities are. I have been warned through God's Word Jesus in the Bible and you have been warned by me who is convicted to share this coming event, the rapture with you and how to avoid the end times, the last days and the anti christ.

We can avoid some of these present-day tragic events in the future by overriding this present day administration and elect to keep our Republic Democracy.

Do you want to be blessed in this world and saved to live eternally with the Triune God in the next world; we must live by God's moral law.

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

Harvest and enjoy mint from the garden



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Add a bit of cool flavor to your beverages, meals and desserts this summer with homegrown mint. Try using peppermint leaves in fruit cocktails and ice cream. Add spearmint to your tea or use the leaves to season lamb and jelly. Or try chocolate mint for a unique, sweet and refreshing flavor in desserts and drinks.

Mint is easy to grow and suited to container gardens. In fact, growing it in a pot will help keep this vigorous herb contained. Or sink a container of mint in the garden or plant where surrounding walks and walls will keep it in check. Keep a watchful eye and remove any unwanted plants as they appear.

Grow mint in a full sun to partial shade location with moist, well-drained soil. Mulch the soil to conserve moisture. Though hardy in zones 3 to 11, you will need to provide a bit of winter protection when growing mint in containers in colder regions. Either sink the container in a vacant spot in the garden or move the planter into an unheated garage. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is thawed and dry.

Gardeners lacking outdoor growing

space or in areas with cold winters can also grow this herb indoors. Grow mint in a quality well-drained potting mix. Place in a sunny window or under artificial lights and keep the soil evenly moist.

Harvest the mint leaves as needed. Cut leafy stems off the plant just above a healthy leaf or bud so the wound closes faster and the remaining plant will look better. Rinse off the clippings and remove tough stems and bad leaves before adding mint to your favorite beverage or dish.

You'll enjoy the most intense flavor when harvesting mint just before the plants begin to flower. This is the best time to make larger harvests for drying and freezing. Fortunately, you can remove up to 75% of foliage from an established plant. Watch for fresh, new growth and continue to harvest as needed.

Store any extra mint cuttings in a vase of water, loosely cover with a plastic bag and place in the refrigerator.

Consider including mint in your patio, balcony or deck plantings. Keeping it close to the kitchen and outdoor living space will make it easy for you to harvest and use. Plus, your guests will enjoy plucking a few fresh mint leaves to add to their iced tea, mojito, other favorite summer beverage or salad.

Not only does this easy-to-grow herb add flavor, but it also aids digestion. Add a garnish of mint to dress up the dessert plate and calm a queasy stomach. And use it to increase the manga-



Photo Melinda Myers

Fresh-from-the-garden mint is easy to grow and adds a cool, fresh flavor to meals, beverages and desserts.

nese, vitamin C and vitamin A levels in your diet.

Make this the year you plant, harvest and enjoy some minty fresh flavor straight from the garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The*

Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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home their fate would be sealed: execution or imprisonment. But our dissidents, our hate-America/hate-the-flag jock churls, come home expecting to be seen as great martyrs, if not heroes. How sad to be so bitter, so angry, so resentful, and so ungrateful at so young an age.

But, I was sent some YouTube videos of a few outstanding moments emerging from this summer's extravaganza. Did you, for example, see the interview with the newest gold medal winner of Women's Freestyle Wrestling, the young black American, Tamyra Mensah-Stock? If not, do yourself a favor and find it. This kid (O.K., she's 26, but has all the excitement and irrepressible joy of a teenager) is the daughter of immigrants (legal!) from Ghana, to whom she is eternally grateful for having made the effort to give her a chance at life where her opportunities are limited only by herself. Her father, hugely responsible for getting her off on the right track early in life, was, unfortunately, killed in a car wreck after

dropping his daughter off at practice several years ago. She holds his memory in the forefront of her thoughts constantly, especially now after having scaled the tallest mountain to reach the pinnacle of success in her sport, thanks in no small part to his sacrifice and wise counsel. She is wildly happy about representing her nation, wraps herself in its flag, and, as an outspoken Christian, gives all credit to God, her parents, and our country. Her rapturous happiness, her pride in her status as the Gold Medalist, and her love for America should bring a tear of joy to any patriot's eye. There was no one on the American Olympic Team more genuinely African American than Tamyra, and real Americans should be proud of her and happy that she's one of us.

Another incredibly impressive personality came to my attention thanks to a forwarded video. Sydney McGlaughlin, a black 21-year old trackster, took a gold in the 400m high hurdles, and yet another as a member of the 400m relay. She, and the teammate she barely edged out in the hurdles, Dalilah Muhammed, celebrated the results of the sweep for the U.S. by running together around

the track with their arms outstretched from their sides with American flags gripped securely in their hands. Each wore wide, sparkling smiles and shining faces of complete joy. In her interview, Sydney, another articulate and authentic Christian, immediately gave all praise and credit to her Savior, Jesus Christ, and allowed as to how humbled and proud she was to represent the United States. You know this absolutely kills all the "better" people who so desperately want members of their favorite victims' group to put on a face that is unsmiling and suffused with barely repressed rage. But, the wrestler and the hurdler didn't get the memo!

This is the way it should be: young people happy to be able to put their gifts and talents to work, grateful for the very rare chance to compete for their country, and understanding their success depended on forces and other people who guided and directed them--and produced results--at least as much as the athletic advantages they enjoyed as a result of their natural endowments.

Contrast the maturity, the sheer exultation of winning, and the vindication of decades of work and discipline as

seen in the faces of these two young women--and many others, I'm sure, both men and women--with the sullen, resentful, and, in my opinion, disgusting behavior exhibited by the pathetic members of the less-than-memorable U.S. Women's Soccer Team, the U.S. Men's Basketball Team, and a few other soon-to-be-forgotten individuals who disrespect our flag and appear to be ashamed to represent our country, and I think you'll agree: the kneelers, the scowling ingrates, the-face it-losers, deserve not our enmity, but, rather, our pity. It was, for them, a great and golden opportunity thrown away. Now, they just disappear into the sports-history book of also-rans.

Thank you, young American athletes who stood up for your country, who refused to be cowed into submission by the haters; you just brought more honor to the most honorable and greatest country in the history of the world. Your countrymen and women are so very proud of you!

JOHN MCRAE
EAST BROOKFIELD



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down completely, Woodbury’s team maintained a small level of continuity while adhering to challenging restrictions. This involved scheduling personal appointments for services with mask use and social distancing in place, as well as running some group programs outdoors under tents to ensure distancing.

“There were a lot of restrictions, but we wanted to keep our seniors active and prevent them from being isolated,” Woodbury said. “We also did as much as we could to help people get vaccinated. One of the people who helped me the most was Fire Chief Bob Parsons. He coordinated everything with the Rutland [vaccination clinic], and he was available seven days a week for tips and

information.”

In total, Woodbury helped seniors schedule over 200 vaccinations. While many families will remember her for the tireless work she put in during the pandemic, she was also celebrated for transforming the center since 2003.

“For many years, the Senior Center was a tiny hole in the wall with very few activities. She helped expand it into what it is today,” added Selectman Hicks.

When Woodbury first arrived, the Senior Center was renting space at a building on Wall Street, with only a few hours of availability each week and a glaring dearth of programs. Committed to improving the quality of services and programming for seniors, Woodbury began to slowly build up activities.

“I asked the seniors what they wanted to do for classes, lessons, and recreational opportunities,” Woodbury told the New Leader.

One class and program at a time, the center began to expand its schedule and its base of seniors. With increased popularity came better attendance, and within a few years the center began to outgrow its venue. This led to the next major challenge for Woodbury, who had a rapidly expanding core of seniors with inadequate facilities.

For the next several years, the center bounced around from place to place, including a rental arrangement with the Spencer Fish and Game Club. But seniors longed for a facility to call their own.

Finally, in 2015, an opportunity presented itself for seniors to move into the former Maple Street School. Under Woodbury’s

leadership – and with town approval – seniors made the transition to the school building, which they have called home ever since.

“There was a lot of work involved in getting it running, but the seniors love it there,” Woodbury said. “They wanted their own space, so we kept plugging away.”

Looking back on her career and the countless unforgettable moments with Spencer’s seniors, Woodbury can’t believe how quickly the time has gone. On taking the job, she didn’t plan to be in a leadership role long-term, but the seniors fueled her passion for nearly two decades.

“I initially said I would do it for six months, and it turned into 18 years,” Woodbury said.

April Caruso has taken over as the new Senior Center director.



LEGALS

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P2491EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Charles Jeffrey Knox
Also known as:
Charles J. Knox
Date of Death: 05/08/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gregory M. Knox of Framingham MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Gregory M. Knox of Framingham MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/31/2021**.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 29, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 13, 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: Kevin Kosakowski has filed a RDA with the Spencer Conservation Commis-

sion to remove an oak tree located at 23 Sherman Grove, Spencer, MA. Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, August 25, 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, Chairwoman August 13, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO21P2467EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Joan Veinot
Date of Death: 04/24/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **David P Veinot of West Brookfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **David P Veinot of West Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/24/2021**.

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

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Stephanie K. Fattman,
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August 13, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
The annual report of the Warren Rural Improvement Association is available at the address noted below for inspection by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of availability.

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August 5, 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

EXHIBIT “A”
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: BE ADVISED THAT DAMIEN D. BERTHIAUME, BERTHIAUME & BERTHIAUME, 4 ELM ST., P.O. BOX 190, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA 01535; (508) 867-6885; db@berthiaumelegal.com; HAS FILED A COMPLAINT IN THE WORCESTER SUPERIOR COURT AS DOCKET NO. 2185CV294 ON BEHALF OF JUDITH A. MALONEY AND ROBERT MALONEY SEEKING TO ESTABLISH TITLE TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF STILES RESERVOIR AND THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF CHICKERING ROAD IN SPENCER, MA. YOU MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT BY CONTACTING ATTORNEY BERTHIAUME. IN THE EVENT THAT YOU CONTEST THIS CLAIM YOU MUST FILE AN ANSWER WITH WORCESTER SUPERIOR COURT WITH A COPY PROVIDED TO ATTORNEY BERTHIAUME ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2021.

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 13, 2021
August 20, 2021
August 27, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday, September 7 at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street.
The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from Walter Bernier to add an above ground swimming pool on his property located at 72 Long Hill Road. This requires a variance as per Section 7) Dimensional Requirements, sub-section C) Dimensional Regulation Table, of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. The lot is non-conforming and is located in the Rural Residential District.
Timothy Simon – ZBA Chairman
August 13, 2021
August 20, 2021

August is National Peach Month



TAKE
THE
HINT

KAREN
TRAINOR

Here in New England, late summer is celebrated with the long awaited peach crop. Native peaches are offered up by area orchards, local farmers markets and roadside stands. In recognition of the refreshing, ever so sweet, summertime peach, August has been deemed National Peach Month. Read on for some “peachy” information on peaches! **

Peaches’ Past: As noted previously in this column, peaches were first grown in China, traced as far back as 551 BC. Peaches are a member of the same family as the rose, which accounts for its sweet fragrance. But early peaches, which were tiny and tart with a larger pit and lots of fuzz, barely resembled today’s plump, juicy fruits. Despite its shortcomings, the historic peach earned its place in early Chinese folklore, as it was considered to bring luck and immortality. In fact, today, the Chinese still consider peaches are proper birthday gifts.

Strains of early peaches attracted favor and the tasty fruit traveled from China through Europe and finally to the “New World,” gaining legions of fans along the way. The Romans fondly dubbed peaches “Persian Apples,” for the country that first introduced the sweet fruit to the west. Louis XIV of France was so fond of peaches that he once awarded a pension to the man who provided him with peaches from Montreuil, a suburb of Paris.

While Spanish explorers brought the

peach to America, Native Americans are credited with spreading their cultivation. Eventually, Georgia was named the Peach State, for its abundant peach crops, which flourished in the warm, southern climate.

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Picking Perfect Peaches

*Peaches should be picked at their prime of ripeness as the fruit does not always ripen well after its been plucked off the tree. Choose your peaches carefully, as a fruit picked prematurely could spoil before it ripens. A peach that is ripe to be picked has a yellowish color, which extends to the stem area. Avoid peaches that show a greenish tinge, as they may have been picked too early to contain the desired sweetness. And ignore the peach’s red blush, as it does not promise superior taste, simply an abundance of sun exposure.

*Not sure which peach to pick? If all are ready to harvest, choose the larger fruits as they have been on the tree longer, upping the odds of a sweeter pick. To properly pick a peach, carefully twist the stem off the tree. Experts advise handling freshly picked peaches as if they were eggs to avoid bruising. A soft tree-picked peach should be eaten within two days of picking.

*To ripen peaches at home, spread them on a flat surface and do not allow them to touch. Bruising can be fatal to a peach, so keep handling to a minimum. Or place peaches in a brown paper bag to escalate ripening. Do not pile peaches in the bag, rather spread them out so they do not touch. Ripened peaches will keep their flavor for up to five days in the vegetable crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

Health Benefits of Peaches: Peaches are low in calories and are high in beta-carotene, vitamin C, calcium, boron, magnesium, phosphorus, potas-

sium and flavonoids. In fact, one average peach is typically under 50 calories and provides almost three quarters of the daily vitamin C requirement!

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Peaches are also an antioxidant, diuretic, expectorant, and a laxative. Studies show the potassium in peaches, coupled with the fiber of the fruit, can help lower blood pressure.

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Peachy Salsa

This Salsa balances sweet and hot, for a versatile topping that’s sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Ingredients: one pound peaches, (about three medium); one tablespoon lemon juice; two ripe tomatoes; six large green onions; one tablespoon canned jalapeno peppers, chopped; 12 tablespoons good quality olive oil; six tablespoon sherry vinegar; two tablespoon honey

Instructions: Dip peaches into boiling water and then peel the skins. Cut peaches into thin strips, throw away pits.. Toss with lemon juice. Dip tomatoes into boiling water, then peel and seed them. Cut into medium julienne strips. Combine peaches and tomatoes. Add onions and peppers. Whisk together oil, vinegar and honey. Pour over other ingredients. Refrigerate.

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Peach Cobbler

Just like grandma used to make!

Ingredients: eight cups fresh peaches, sliced and peeled; two cups sugar; one quarter cup flour; half teaspoon ground cinnamon; quarter teaspoon ground nutmeg; one third cup butter, melted. Pastry for double-crust pie.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 475°F. Combine the peaches, sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg in a Dutch oven. Allow to set until sugar is dissolved and a syrup forms. Over medium heat, bring

the peach mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to low and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in melted butter. Set aside and keep warm. Roll out half the pastry as for a pie, but cut it into an 8-inch square. Spoon half the peach mixture into a lightly buttered 8-inch square Pyrex dish. Cover with the pastry square. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and spoon remaining peach mixture over the baked pastry. Roll out the remaining pastry, and cut into strips about an inch wide. Arrange strips in a loose lattice weave over the peach mixture. Sprinkle lightly with granulated sugar, if desired. Bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes or until browned.

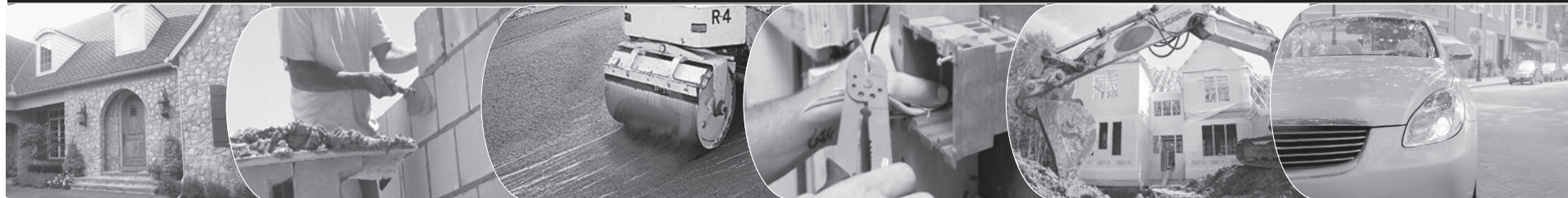
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OBITUARIES

Priscilla A. Hatch, 98

NORTH BROOKFIELD- Priscilla A. (Mauhin) Hatch 98, loving and devoted wife of the late Henry E. Hatch, passed away on August 2, 2021 in Life Care Center of Wilbraham.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Harold L. and Gladys C. (LaRoch) Mauhin.

Priscilla was a graduate of Slater Secretarial School.

She retired after 20 years of employment as a secretary for Quaboag Regional High School.

Previously, she had worked for 10 years at McLaurin Jones, in Brookfield. Priscilla loved painting and working with crafts. As a young woman she loved singing in the choir of her church; and performed in a chorus at Mechanic's Hall for many years. Priscilla was an avid swimmer and often credited her many years of swimming for her longevity. In more recent years, she took much pleasure in participating in "Ladies Night" at the North Brookfield American Legion. In addition to her parents and husband,

Priscilla was predeceased by her twin sister Elizabeth who passed away as an infant,

and her step son Len Hatch, of West Brookfield. She is survived by her beloved cat Meghan as well as her longtime friends, Sibyl, Dot, Joanne , and others too numerous to name.

Priscilla was grateful to Julie, Maggie and many other caregivers for the love and care they provided as well as the nursing staff at Life Care.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, August 14, 2021 in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, Elm St., North Brookfield. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions in Priscilla's name may be made to Second Chance Animal Services Adoption Center, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA 01515

Pillsbury Funeral Home, North Brookfield is entrusted with arrangements. Please visit pillsburyfuneralhome.com to leave a message of condolence.

Shirley Datz, 95

WEST BROOKFIELD- Shirley Datz, 95, of Longmeadow, MA and recently of Delray Beach, FL, died on July 25, 2021 after a brief illness.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY on October 19, 1925 to Louis and Pauline Schoenfeld and is survived by her daughter, Carol Ann Breunig of Canfield, OH, and her son, Robert W. Datz of West Brookfield.

Shirley also leaves five grandchildren, James Breunig of Columbus, OH, Deborah Breunig of Baltimore, OH, Jacob Datz of Boston, Hannah Datz of Philadelphia, Dana Winters of Boardman, OH, and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Seymour Datz, died in 1982 and her brother Hyman Julius, died in 2018.

She was raised in New York City, where she graduated from Washington Irving High School and met her future

husband and the love of her life. World War II consigned the relationship to frequent letter-writing and they were married after the war in 1946. Together they moved to Cleveland, OH and enjoyed the theater, astronomy, literature, the arts and civic awareness.

After some part-time work in marketing, Shirley earned an Associate's Degree in the 1960s in the emerging field of computer programming and was among the early women to work as a programmer and systems analyst. Her employers included Picker X-Ray, Hannaford Corp., the former Western Reserve University and Brandeis University, from which she retired in 1994 and moved to Florida. She returned to New England in 2019.

A memorial ceremony is to be scheduled. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to Doctors Without Borders. Arrangements are under the care Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield.

MOORE

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In the book "Evolve your Brain," Joe Dispenza says, "Conscious thoughts, repeated often enough, become unconscious thinking."

Most people meditate on the same thought patterns for so long they program their brain to produce a blend of peptides unconsciously without even thinking about it, these peptides cause them to feel a certain way.

Even when a pattern of thinking causes a person pain, it's difficult for them to change; oftentimes it's because they are addicted to their emotions. This is a major reason most people find changing their thought patterns impossibly difficult.

I spent many years taking

acting classes. The method of acting I studied taught me that I should never act, instead I should authentically feel what my character is supposed to feel. Rather than pretend to cry, I was taught to find a way to truly cry. It's not easy for me to cry during a performance, but I've done it a few times on stage, and for the camera. The way I do it is by thinking thoughts that make me cry; sad thoughts, depressing thoughts.

Good actors are living proof that changing your thoughts will change your feelings.

A good question to ask yourself is, "Where have my thoughts led me?" Thoughts are like the steering wheel of a car; they are steering your destiny. Have your thoughts led you to feel emotions that

keep you from the life you really want?

We've been taught from an early age that drug and alcohol addictions will ruin your life; is it possible to be addicted to negative emotions?

It is possible to change; at any age.

Sometimes it helps to think about what you have rather than

what you don't have. The glass half full approach!

Instead of allowing your thoughts to make you feel bad, you can use your thoughts to make you feel good.

Joe Dispenza says "The process of change requires unlearning. It requires breaking the habit of the old self and reinventing a new self."

When you change the way you think, you become a new person. Jesus called this process "Repentance."

If you want to change the way you feel, an excellent place to start is by changing the thoughts that you think.

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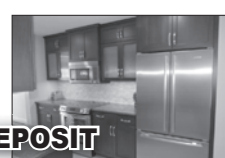
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B. 21 1 13 13 15 11
Clue: Period of learning

C. 6 1 5 3 1 1
Clue: Academic rank

D. 25 1 19 23 2 1 3
Clue: One who instructs

Answers: A. educate B. lesson C. degree D. teacher

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7	9	5	2	1	4	6	3	8
4	3	8	7	6	9	5	2	1
2	6	1	3	5	8	7	4	9
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12:03 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mechanic Street), info taken; 1:51-2:20 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:24 a.m.: DPW call (LaCaire Lane), tree on power lines; 2:40-3:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:29 a.m.: DPW call (Browning Pond Road), low-hanging branch; 6:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 8:45 a.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 10:50 a.m.: 911 call (Columbine Road), hang-up; 11:11 a.m.: suspicious persons (Gauthier Road), investigated; 11:30 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Ash Street), investigated; 11:55 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 12:13 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:02 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 2:27 p.m.: juvenile matter (Cranberry Meadow Road), poss. lost child; 2:27 p.m.: DPW call (Pleasant Street), no water; 2:43 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 3:30 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Mechanic Street); 5:12 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 5:28 p.m.: restraining order service (Cherry Street); 6:13 p.m.: mv complaint (Paxton Road), dirt bike on athletic field; 6:46 p.m.: accident (Howe Road), report taken; 7:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Chickering Road), dead goose; 8:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Street), spoken to; 8:41 p.m.: suspicious person (Paxton Road), lights in abandoned house; 10:01 p.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 11:46 p.m.: fire alarm (Pond Street), referred; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

THURSDAY, JULY 29
1:05-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:47 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 7:57 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost cell phone; 9:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), services rendered; 9:58 a.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), spoken to; 11:08 a.m.: mutual aid (Smithville Road), message delivered; 11:25 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 11:38 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 12:59 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 1:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Sullivan Street), cat missing; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Buteau Road), poss. lost cat; 2:56 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), noise complaint; 4:20 p.m.: fire alarm (Jolicoeur Avenue), referred; 5:14 p.m.: parking violation (West Main Street), ticket issued; 6:08 p.m.: fire alarm (West Main Street), referred; 6:11 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:20 p.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), arcing wire; 6:46 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Greenville Street); 7:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), family issue; 7:52 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), fight at restaurant; 8:07 p.m.: suspicious persons (Buteau Road), investigated; 8:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), bolo Toyota Siena; 9:14 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), North Brookfield PD bolo; 9:06 p.m.: suspicious mv (North Spencer Road), shooting from pickup window; 9:45 p.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 10:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), services rendered; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

FRIDAY, JULY 30
12:41 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:55 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:12 a.m.: sex offender registration/monthly (West Main Street), assisted; 9:12 a.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), poss. missing/injured person; 10:50 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 11:19 a.m.: warrant service (Main Street), Katherine Lynn Metcalf, 18, 24 Pearl Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 11:25 a.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 11:45 a.m.: lost/found (North Spencer Road), lost dealer tag; 1:27 p.m.: fraud (Bell Street), lost c/c; 1:57 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Summit Street); 2:30 p.m.: residential alarm (Delude Avenue), services rendered; 2:50 p.m.: larceny (Lambs Grove), rep. stolen property; 2:51 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), neighbor issues; 3:08 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), re: previous incident; 4:32 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 5:43 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 6:24 p.m.: trespassing (McCormick Road), dirt bikes in cornfield; 7:26 p.m.: mv complaint (Ashview Drive), neighbors speeding; 7:37 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), juveniles interfering w/traffic/Leicester; 7:38 p.m.: vandalism (Summit Street), male trashing apartment; 7:55 p.m.: 911 call (Clark Road), open line; 8:42 p.m.: commercial alarm (Point Eastale Drive), services rendered; 9:08 p.m.: mutual aid (Bixby

Road), assist Leicester; 9:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), unwanted party; 9:31 p.m.: officer wanted (Wilson Avenue), overcharged by taxi; 11:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Cranberry Meadow Road), trailer/no lights; 11:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Wire Village Road), investigated; (Total daily mv stops – 3).

SATURDAY, JULY 31
12:36 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 12:47 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:51 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), noise complaint; 3:37 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 6:37 a.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), investigated; 9:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Briarcliff Lane), barking dog; 9:35 a.m.: elderly matter (Howe Village), services rendered; 10:45 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 11:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Bacon Hill Road), poss. sick fox; 12:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), barking dog; 2:12 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), spoken to; 3:01 p.m.: suspicious persons (Howe Village), investigated; 3:09 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Hastings Road), services rendered; 3:16 p.m.: burglary (Mechanic Street), door kicked in; 3:29 p.m.: medical/general (Browning Pond Road); 3:40 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), info taken; 3:43 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), restraining order inquiry; 4:32 p.m.: elderly matter (Chickering Road), services rendered; 4:59 p.m.: suspicious persons (Wilson Street), investigated; 5:20 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 6:35 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), investigated; 8:49 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Smithville Road); 9:06 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Chickering Road); 9:22 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), speeding; 11:56 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street), accidental; (Total daily mv stops – 5).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
1:01-3:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:09 a.m.: elderly matter (Howe Village), family issue; 7:14 a.m.: animal complaint (Kingsbury Road), loose cows; 10:12 a.m.: animal complaint (Howe Village), dead rabbit; 12:53 p.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 2:16 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), unruly tenant; 3:36 p.m.: illegal dumping (Main Street), black Jeep dumping items; 3:40 p.m.: juvenile matter (Rustic Lane), neighbor dispute; 4:08 p.m.: 911 call (Holmes Street), open line/hang-up; 4:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Collier Circle), loose dog; 4:30 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry re: fellow tenant; 4:59 p.m.: medical/general (Kittredge Road); 5:26 p.m.: incident redacted from police log; 5:59 p.m.: parking complaint (Chestnut Street), mv partially blocking lane; appx. 6:15 p.m.: medical/general (no address given on police log); 8:21 p.m.: officer wanted (McCormick Road), mv vs fawn; 8:50 p.m.: building checked, secure; 8:51 p.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/run; 10:25 p.m.: commercial alarm (Donnelly Road), services rendered; (Total daily mv stops – 2).

MONDAY, AUGUST 2
1:13 a.m.: incident redacted from police log; 1:19 a.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 2:28-2:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:40 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 5:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Oak Lane), welfare check; 6:00 a.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 8:03 a.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost car keys; 8:37 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 8:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), harassment; 9:16 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 9:56 a.m.: disturbance (Church Street), personal dispute; 10:10 a.m.: disturbance (Church Street), 2 fems arguing; 10:32 a.m.: suspicious persons (Donnelly Cross Road), info taken; 12:06 p.m.: incident redacted from police log; 12:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Olde Main Street), mail box vandalized; 2:02 p.m.: mutual aid (Mechanic Street), serve RMV suspension notice; 2:18 p.m.: illegal dumping (Cottage Street), trash at abandoned house; 2:36 p.m.: residential fire (Greenville Street), referred; 2:40 p.m.: medical/general (South Street); 2:42 p.m.: restraining order service (Church Street); 3:05 p.m.: disabled mv (Mechanic Street), fem fell off m/c; 3:42 p.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street), lift assist; 4:06 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry re: poss. warrant; 4:08 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), missing iPhone; 4:55 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:02 p.m.: warrant service (Northwest Road), Dustin Michael Kelly, 27, 185 Northwest Road, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 5:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), baking dog; 6:11 p.m.: warrant service (Mechanic Street),

Christopher B. Rich, 28, 47 Mechanic Street, Spencer, warrant, arrest; 6:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), misdial; 6:50 p.m.: vandalism (Lake Street), windows broken; 7:05 p.m.: RV complaint (Howe Road), 4-wheelers in road; 7:21 p.m.: 911 call (Condon Drive), non-emergency; 7:22 p.m.: medical/general (Sherman Grove), req. welfare check; 8:03 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Road); 8:24 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 8:26 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:31 p.m.: residential fire (Main Street), referred; 11:11 p.m.: disturbance (R. Jones Road), verbal altercation; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
12:02 a.m.: fire alarm (East Charlton Road), referred; 1:34 a.m.: officer wanted (Kittredge Road), spoken to; 1:39 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:17 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 7:57 a.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 8:42 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:25 a.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 9:51 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), cell phone found; 11:21 a.m.: fire (Lincoln Street), referred; 11:36 a.m.: commercial alarm (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 11:55 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 11:57 a.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), park closed/algae bloom; 12:31 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), spoken to; 12:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dog; 2:16 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost wallet; 2:20 p.m.: fraud (Briarwood Lane), unemployment scam; 3:52 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 3:53 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 4:08 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 4:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), barking dog; 5:54 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 5:34 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), poss. restraining order violation; 6:42 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), re: home security cancellation; 8:03 p.m.: assault (Linden Street), Robert V. Bourn, Junior, 63, 13 Linden Street, Spencer, assault w/dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, arrest; 10:43 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:36 p.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), branch in travel lane; (Total daily mv stops – 4).

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THURSDAY, JULY 29
1:31 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Courtney Boiland, 27, 21 Intervale Road, Dudley, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, speeding, failure to stop/yield, arrest; 8:54 a.m.: investigation (Umass Medical Center Drug Lab), services rendered; 10:22 a.m.: threats (Oakwood Lane), assisted; 10:36 a.m.: investigation (Cricklewood Drive), services rendered; 10:46 a.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 10:53 a.m.: disturbance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 11:19 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Whittemore Street), unable to serve; 12:18 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Lakeview Drive), services rendered; 12:52 p.m.: accident (Charles Street), transported to hospital; 5:13 p.m.: summons service (Lake Avenue), unable to serve; 6:14 p.m.: harassment (Redfield Road), report taken; 9:05 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:16 p.m.: assist other PD (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning.

FRIDAY, JULY 30
12:03 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), unable to locate; 5:56 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:36 a.m.: arrest warrant service (Whittemore Street), transported; 11:59 a.m.: investigation (Clark Street), services rendered; 2:11 p.m.: mutual aid (Stoneland Road, Worcester), transported to hospital; 3:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:22 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), written warning; 4:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:39 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: property found (Dale Street), report taken; 7:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 7:46 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:07 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 8:18 p.m.: suspicious person (McCarthy Avenue), unable to locate; 8:48 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning; 9:40 p.m.:

mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 9:50 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), investigation; 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, JULY 31
3:50 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Spencer), assisted; 9:04 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 12:45 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Willow Hill Road), no action required; 1:27 p.m.: welfare check (Pine Street), spoken to; 4:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:28 p.m.: assist citizen (Soojians Drive), report taken; 4:57 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:58 p.m.: disturbance (Whittemore Street), unable to locate; 9:22 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:39 p.m.: disturbance (Marshall Street), unable to locate.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
12:18 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:36 a.m.: ambulance (Fairview Drive), transported; 9:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:19 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:24 a.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), written warning; 10:00 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 10:09 a.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:08 p.m.: suspicious activity (Lynde Brook Drive), spoken to; 4:51 p.m.: suspicious activity (Stafford Street), spoken to; 5:03 p.m.: animal complaint (Green Street), services rendered; 5:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, report taken; 6:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:24 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, criminal application issued; 8:13 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), services rendered; 8:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:23 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 10:25 p.m.: disturbance (Church Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2
1:35 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 2:47 a.m.: residential alarm (Birchwood Drive), investigated; 8:58 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:23 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 9:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:26 p.m.: summons service (Pine Street), served; 3:59 p.m.: summons service (Coppage Street, Worcester), served; 6:56 p.m.: malicious mischief (Chapel Street), assisted; 11:04 p.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), services rendered.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 8:45 a.m.: investigation (Marlboro Drive), spoken to; 9:02 a.m.: investigation (Fernecroft Road), services rendered; 10:34 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:20 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 7:55 p.m.: restraining order service (Pine Street), served; 8:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:29 p.m.: gunshots heard (Main Street), unable to locate.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4
12:04 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:26 a.m.: suspicious person (Carleton Road), spoken to; 1:10 a.m.: assist citizen (Carleton Road), no service; 2:20 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), unfounded; 7:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Mannville Street), report taken; 10:08 a.m.: vandalism (Main Street), report taken; 10:10 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 2:30 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 3:38 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Pleasant Street), report taken; 4:52 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:56 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), spoken to; 5:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:16 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 6:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 7:58 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 8:16 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:22 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:58 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:09 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

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Investigation continues into Spencer crash

SPENCER – Police continue to investigate a single-vehicle crash last month that left two juvenile occupants seriously injured.

At 3:35 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, Spencer Police, Fire, and EMS responded to an accident at the intersection of Main

Street and Maple Street. A single vehicle had crashed into a traffic light pole, causing heavy damage to the front of the 2021 Mazda SUV.

The driver and passenger were both found unconscious with serious injuries, police said.

The driver, a 17-year-old male from Webster, was transported by ambulance to UMass Memorial Medical Center. The passenger, a 17-year-old male from Worcester, was transported via Life Flight to UMass Medical Center.

The investigation is ongoing.

As of press time, no charges had been filed.

Photo Courtesy

Two occupants were seriously injured in this wreck last month.



BUS RIDE

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school bus licensing.

"They came from their Boston offices with numerous staff members to see the program firsthand and were impressed," the AA Transportation statement read.

Among other activities at the event, students will be able to take a ride on

a school bus; learn about the "danger zone" in front of each bus; learn about school bus lights and policies; and learn how to safely cross in front of the bus.

"Many of our drivers and school personnel from North Brookfield, Leicester, Spencer, and East Brookfield will be here to answer your questions," the AA Transportation statement read.

To learn more about the event, contact AA Transportation Co., Inc., by calling 508-867-4500.

Meanwhile, AA Transportation has released the school schedules of the districts it serves to allow students and parents to be ready for back-to-school time.

The first days of school for 2021-22 are as follows: Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District (Tuesday, Aug. 31); Leicester Public Schools (Wednesday, Aug. 25); North Brookfield Public Schools (Wednesday, Sept. 1); Tantasqua Regional School District (Tuesday, Aug. 31).

AA Transportation is currently finalizing the bus routes in each town for the upcoming school year. Information will be posted in the New Leader as it becomes available.

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