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# Spencer police launch new Web site

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — With the recent launch of its new-look Web site, the Spencer Police Department has improved efficiency and navigability for visitors. The site received several upgrades to better assist community members in accessing a variety of information and resources. Guests can now complete a number of forms using the website, which will be sent directly to the police department for expedient service.

New Spencer Police Chief Michael Befford, who took over in March, spearheaded the upgrades after reviewing the site. The goal was to improve the accessibility and overall experience for visitors.

“In looking at our online forms, I discovered that we had no mechanism for citizens to complete and submit directly online,” Befford said. “We worked with our IT department to streamline the process, and to date it has worked out well.”

Forms accessible on the upgraded website include traffic enforcement requests; alarm registration; community security camera registration; crash reports; records requests; and crime tip submissions.

In addition to these features, the site also offers several helpful links and information on various ser-

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# McCance to continue as School Committee Chair

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LEICESTER — At its first meeting after the election, the School Committee voted to authorize member Donna McCance to continue chairing the committee.

With a 3-1 vote at the June 20 meeting, McCance’s nomination as Chair was approved. Member Jonathan Boisjolie, who did not respond to the New Leader’s requests for comment by press time, voted against the nomination.

Member Dylan Lambert was voted as Vice chair of the committee, with Boisjolie chosen as Secretary.

The School Committee is currently short a member following Scott Weikel’s resignation in the spring. The seat has been posted and will eventually be filled by selectmen and School Committee members with a joint appointment.

For McCance, it meant a lot to once again earn the support of fellow members. Even though the committee typically shifts to a different chairperson each year, members felt strongly enough about McCance’s leadership to keep her at the helm.

“I look forward to continuing to advocate for our students and setting our district in the direction of innovative practices, such as the vocational technical programs that Dr. Kustigian is implementing,” McCance said.

The Select Board recently voted to use ARPA funds

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# Intergenerational pen pals meet face to face

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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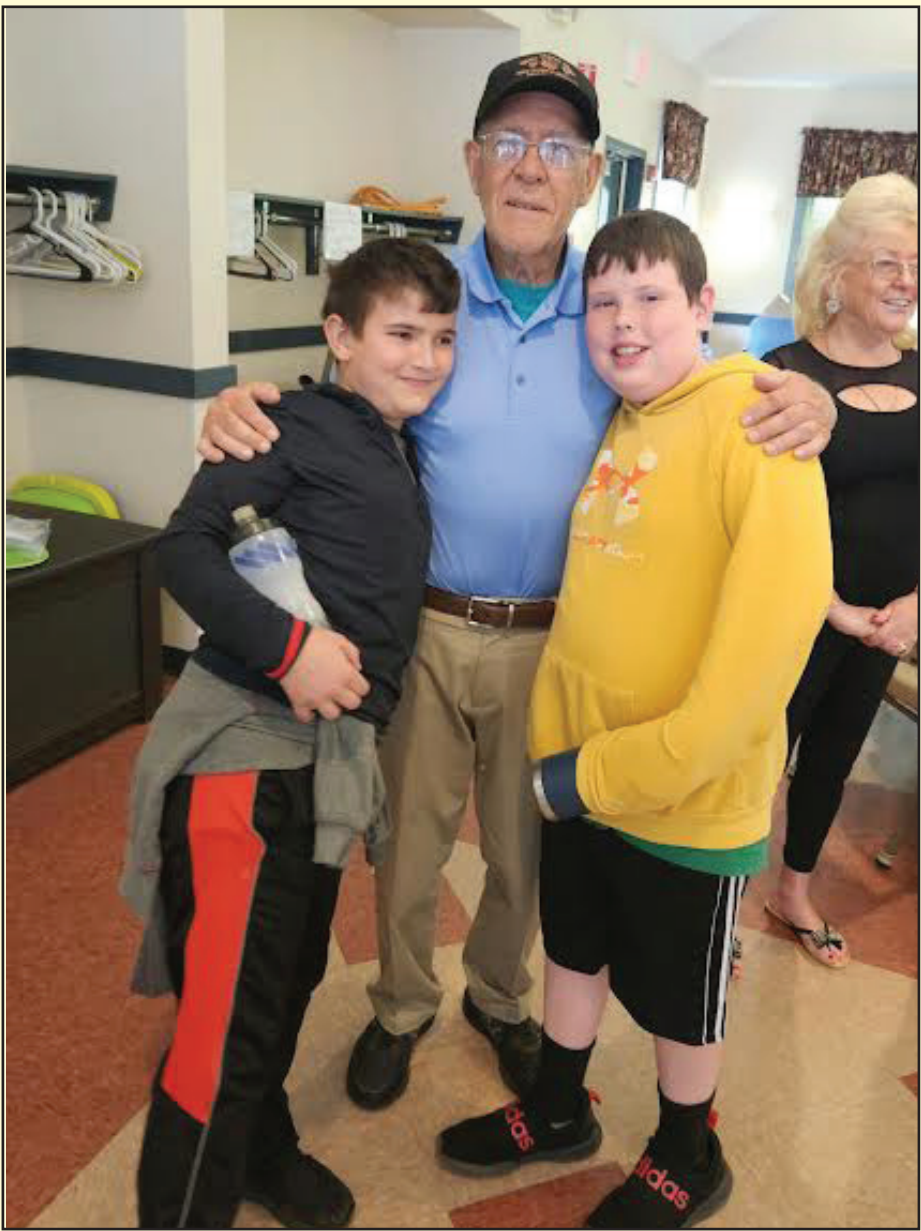
LEICESTER — After exchanging pen pal letters since the beginning of the school year, local seniors and students recently met in person at a pizza party.

Held on June 9, the party brought together seniors from the Leicester Senior Center and their fourth-grade pen pals from Leicester Elementary School. The event took place at the Senior Center, providing an intergenerational meet-and-greet for local seniors and youngsters who have gotten to know each other well through their letters.

“The seniors and students both enjoyed this immensely,” said Ruth Dowgielewicz, a senior participant in the program. “I loved hearing about my pen pal’s school and personal life, and we developed a relationship through our writing. Everyone had fun at the pizza party, and seeing each other face to face was fun as well.”

The pen pal program was spearheaded by Senior Center Director Rachele Cloutier, who has worked closely with school officials to augment intergenerational programming in recent years. After the pandemic kept seniors and students isolated at home, the hard work of Cloutier and her staff has brought them back together through unique experiences.

“This program served as part of our mission toward developing intergenerational connections within the community,” Cloutier said. “We had great success with the pen pal program before, which was coordinated by Nancy Lamb, our Outreach Coordinator, but it was put on pause for several years due to the pandemic. We were



Courtesy

Leicester pen pals meet at a pizza party after writing to each other throughout the school year.

very excited to bring it back.”

Donna McCance, who serves as both the Chair of the School Committee and a member of the Council on Aging, coordinated this year’s pen pal program. She and other local leaders were thrilled with the results reported by students and seniors alike.

“Each month, they would write letters to each other, highlighting their lives and activities. They were very diligent about getting their letters out, and they all looked forward to receiv-

ing them,” McCance said. “Everyone was so excited about the reveal, seeing the person behind the letters, enjoying a meal together, and sharing stories.”

School officials and Senior Center leaders agree that writing letters to a pen pal helps to create lasting bonds among correspondents. Pen pals often continue writing to each other for several years.

“The pen pal program is a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop lifelong skills while making mean-

ingful intergenerational connections,” said Leicester Elementary School Principal Tina Boss. “The opportunity for students to meet their pen pals in person was a great way to end the year.”

Added LES fourth-grade teacher Katie Ford, “Watching the excitement that my students had to write and receive letters was truly heartwarming. They made real connections with their pen pals and sat and chatted with them over pizza as if

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# EBES hosts annual sixth grade sendoff



Kevin Flanders

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — As they transition into the next chapter of their educational journeys, East Brookfield Elementary School sixth-graders were congratulated last week by the school community.

The annual EBES Sixth-Grade Sendoff, held this year on June 20, welcomed families and friends of students for a special ceremony. The tradition serves as the students’ final milestone at EBES before moving on to middle school.

“This is the best sixth-grade class we have had since I’ve been at this school,” Principal Ron Tomlin told families and guests. “They were leaders in the building and excellent role models.”

The EBES Class of 2023 has enjoyed plenty of unforgettable moments in their young educational careers. These include fun trips, academic accomplishments, extracurricular experiences, and other favorite memories.

But the journey has also been filled with challenges, most notably the cancellation of classes in the spring of 2020 due to COVID-19, followed by two years of pandemic restrictions and altered events.

“It took so much persistence and discipline—you have not ceased to amaze us,” said sixth-grade teacher Christine Lavin of her students’ dedication throughout the pandemic challenges. “We see amazing futures ahead for all of you.”



# Eight students gain real-world experience with Cornerstone Bank internships



Pictured from left to right: Adnan Sajid, Javen Nazario, Michael Peloza, Tristan Franchere, Logan Salvatore, Claire Hill, Henrietta Murtagh and Ivori Hidalgo Batista.

W O R C E S T E R — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has welcomed eight college students to its internship program this summer. The goal is to provide the students with hands-on experience that complements their studies and allows them to explore career opportunities and begin to build a professional network.

“Our program provides students with experiential learning that integrates things they learn in the classroom with real-life experiences in a professional setting,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “Our interns gain valuable skills, work on meaningful projects and make professional connections.”

This year’s group of interns spans a variety of departments: Human Resources Intern Tristan Franchere is from Coventry, Conn., and attends school at Bryant University in Smithfield,

Rhode Island.

Community Relations Intern Ivori Hidalgo Batista is from Worcester and attends College of the Holy Cross.

Finance Intern Claire Hill is from Brimfield and attends Western New England University in Springfield.

Commercial Credit Intern Henrietta Murtagh is originally from Northbridge and attends school online at Southern New Hampshire University.

Learning and Development Intern Javen Nazario is from Sutton and attends Worcester State University.

Investments Intern Michael Peloza is from Sturbridge and attends Nichols College in Dudley.

Retail Banking Intern Adnan Sajid is from Framingham and attends Framingham State University.

Retail Banking Intern Logan Salvatore is from Sutton and attends Bryant University.

The Cornerstone interns attend an orientation on their first day before diving into their respective departments.

“Throughout the program, we meet regularly with the students to make sure they’re getting what they want out of their experience and see if there is anything that we can help with,” said Cornerstone’s Chief Culture Officer Maria Salvatore. “We also give them opportunities to support our community, attend Cornerstone Bank events and network with each other. At the end of the summer, we ask them to reflect on their experiences and provide us with feedback, allowing us to continue to improve the program.”

Cornerstone’s internship program started in 2021 and is open to both high school and college students. It offers both part-time and full-time internships, with most students choosing to intern for 40 hours per week. Each intern goes through an interview process so that they can be placed into the department that best aligns with their goals and interests. All interns are paid and are eligible to get school credit upon completion of the program.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank’s local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tag line, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank’s personal and business banking offerings, please visit [cornerstonebank.com](http://cornerstonebank.com) or call 800-939-9103.

## Flea market on the W. Brookfield Common

WEST BROOKFIELD — The tradition continues! The First Congregational Church 36 N. Main St., W. Brookfield, has been hosting their Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years.

This year, the Flea Market on the W. Brookfield Common will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sellers of all kinds are welcome - flea folk, antique sellers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics! No food vendors, please. Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20-by-20-foot grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. E-mail Dee at [fcocfwb@gmail.com](mailto:fcocfwb@gmail.com) for an application.

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# Country Bank announces promotions

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce recent promotions.

Jessica McGarry has been promoted to Senior Vice President, East Region Commercial Lending Team Lead. McGarry has more than 20 years of experience in the banking industry and has been a commercial lender in the Worcester market for the past ten years, with the entirety of her career spent in a community bank setting. She earned her Bachelor's degree in business from Nichols College, received the Forty Under 40 designation in 2014 from the Worcester Business Journal, and was a member of the Leadership Worcester class of 2015-16. She also gives back to the community, currently serving on the Board of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Worcester Business Development Corporation. Additionally, she remains active in volunteer opportunities through various organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Be Like Brit, and the Community Harvest Project.

Shantie Prashad, Cindy Saucier, and Blair Robidoux have been promoted to Assistant Vice Presidents, Retail Banking. Shantie Prashad has more than 26 years of sales and leadership experience, most recently serving as the Retail Banking Officer of the Park Ave, Worcester location. She graduated from The New England School for Financial Studies in 2022 and is highly active in the Worcester community. She serves on the Board for the Learning First Foundation and the YWCA, and serves as an Ambassador for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy Saucier has more than 20 years of banking and leadership experience, serving as the Retail Banking Officer of the Charlton Banking Center. She graduated from the New England School for Financial Studies in 2021 and is a Board Member and Vice Chair for the Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce, along with various non-profits and committees within the Charlton community.

Blair Robidoux currently leads the West Street Banking Center and has more than 17 years of experience in the retail division. Blair has held various roles throughout her tenure at Country Bank and graduated from the New England School for Financial Studies in 2019. Throughout her career, Blair has been an integral part of the community within her market and treats every interaction as an opportunity to make a difference for her customers. Blair serves on the Board of the Ware Business and Civic Association.

"Congratulations to Jess, Blair, Cindy and Shantie. We are excited to announce their promotions, not just in recognition of their contributions to the Bank's success but also because each individual's history with the Bank demonstrates the various career paths available in community banking. We are committed to helping each team member identify their career goals and work with them to reach those objectives. Their performance contributes to the Bank's overall success, and we're pleased to be able to promote these individuals for their hard work and dedication to the organization," said Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President, Chief Culture and Development Officer of Country Bank.

About Country Bank Country Bank is one of the most highly capitalized mutual savings banks in the Commonwealth offering full-service consumer and commercial banking services. Country Bank serves Central and Western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, Springfield and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

## DPHS grad awarded Harrington Hospital Auxiliary scholarship



Courtesy Patricia May Motyka, Harrington Auxiliary scholarship committee member, congratulates Lindsey Soter upon winning a \$1,000 scholarship.

SOUTHBRIDGE — In June 2023, the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Committee awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to area students planning to pursue a career in a healthcare field. The first Harrington Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship was awarded in 1959. Since that time tuition costs and student needs have increased, thus motivating the Harrington Auxiliary to adopt more fundraising endeavors to support more scholarships. Today, the primary scholarship fundraising activities include the Auxiliary's Annual Lucky Duck and Family Fun Day and the Harrington Auxiliary Gift Shop.

Students residing in the communities served by the UMass Memorial Harrington HealthCare System were invited to apply for one of the scholarships. The committee received several applications, with at least one student representing the many communities in the Harrington Hospital service area.

The Harrington Auxiliary Scholarship Committee members presented \$1,000 scholarships to five recipients for a total of \$5,000.

Victoria Spitz is a graduate of Bartlett High School and is pursuing a career in nursing at Worcester State University. Emily St. Martin graduated from Putnam High School, and will be studying nursing at Endicott College.

Arminda Simoes is a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and plans a career in psychology at Wheaton College.

Lindsey Soter graduated from David Prouty High School and will be attending Assumption University to pursue a career in nursing.

Javier DeJesus is a graduate of Tourtellote High School and is enrolled in the nursing program at UCONN of Hartford.

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## Trinity Catholic Academy honor roll

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Grade 4  
High Honors: Jayden Kotarba  
Honors: Jaliany Cruz, Angel Delgado, Sydney Fitzgibbons, Ainsley Heckendorf, Evelyn Howard-Donlin, Olivia Latour, Emily Legacy

Grade 5  
High Honors: Adele James  
Honors: Olivia Kentley Freeman, Celia Ladd, Ayden Rodriguez, Ella Sawyer, Heer Swadia, Alexio Yacavace

Grade 6  
High Honors: Layla Beu  
Honors: Chloe Cahill, Lucas Cournoyer, David Gil, Sofia Henao, Lily Nellis, Kylar Norris, Anthony Postale, Kerstin Smaltz

Grade 7  
High Honors: Alivia Gauvin, Great Thompson  
Honors: Aedyn Esser, Heather Kennedy, Isabella Lamica, Oliver MacDonald, Matilda Paradis, Aleya Pereira, Noah Smeltzer, Noah Waterhouse

Grade 8  
High Honors: Apollo Logan, Yashi Swadia  
Honors: Jeremy Figueroa, Michael Gasperini, Melany Ngo, Nico Yacavace

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# Spencer library announces adult programs for July

SPENCER — The Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, proudly present Summer programs for adults and teens (Grades nine and up)!

The Richard Sugden Library, Spencer, is having the following programs all Summer.

Mondays, Spencer History Chats are held from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. at the Library. These informal chats begin with Spencer history and then go where they may. Join us for some fun conversation.

Tuesdays, Pause: Meditation is held from 9 – 10 a.m. It is in-person at Library / via Zoom with Wendy O’Leary. Contact: woleary25@gmail.com to sign up.

Neighborhood Strolls are held Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on

July 12 Meet: Front Gate Spencer Fairgrounds (Park @ Exhibit Hall)

July 19 Meet: Front of Library (Stroll Mechanic St.)

July 26 Meet: Front of Library (Stroll Main St.)

Aug. 2 Meet: (Red barn, on Route 31 South) 195 Charlton Rd (Friendly Ass Farm) Rain date: Aug. 9.

Aug. 9 Meet: Town Hall (Stroll Town Hall), unless the Aug. 2 rain date is being held today.

Beginning Thursday, July 13, Hand Drumming Circles with Tim Kane from 3 – 4 p.m. at Powdermill Park. (In case of rain drum circles will be held at the Town Hall’s Great Hall; same day and time). All ages are invited to join us for any or all of the following days: Thursday, July 13, Thursday, July 27, Tuesday, Aug. 1, and Thursday, Aug. 10. Space is limited. Registration required. Please sign up at [www.spencerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.spencerpubliclibrary.org). Bring lawn chairs

to the park. No experience necessary. Discover new cultures and techniques in hand drumming on djembes and frame drums of all sizes. We’ll provide a wide variety of drums for up to 25 participants. Personal percussion also welcome. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Thursday, July 13 the Importance of Bees will be held from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer. Join local beekeeper, John Hedly, as he presents artifacts and information about beekeeping. He will discuss topics such as starting a beehive, collecting honey, the physical structure of a beehive, the bee colony and how it’s organized, bee chores in and out of the hive, and the importance of pollination. Sponsor: Friends of the Richard Sugden Library, Spencer.

Monday, July 17 Whisper Not with Sarah Clay and the StarCats from 6 – 7 p.m. at the American Legion (175 Main St.). Cash bar available. This free concert includes Retro-Pop, Swing, Blues, & Latin Jazz. Songs that tell a story: True history or tall tale? Protest or praise? Love song or kiss-off? Social justice or social call? Come, decide for yourself! For more about the StarCats, visit [www.clayjazz.com](http://www.clayjazz.com). This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Thursdays (July 20, July 27 & Aug. 3) Award winning watercolor artist Debbie Roberts Kirk will be giving a beginner watercolor class (three-part

series) from 6-8 p.m. (must attend all three). Sign up at [www.spencerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.spencerpubliclibrary.org). This will be an introductory workshop to expose participants to the enjoyment and techniques of exploring watercolor. Materials will be provided for use during the workshop. This is a relaxing program. No experience necessary. To see more of the artist’s work, go to [www.drobertskirkart.com](http://www.drobertskirkart.com). This program is offered free of charge and is supported in part by a grant from Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Monday, July 24 Knock On Wood (High Energy Acoustic Folk Rock Duo) will be performing a free concert from 6 – 7 p.m. at Prouty Park. The park is on the same side of the street as the American Legion. Heading Route 9 East, the park is on your left after the American Legion Post. Parking: Spaces in front of Prouty Senior Living on Main St, on North Street and Grove Street. Rain Venue: American Legion (175 Main St.). This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Tuesday, July 25, Book Bites Book Discussion will discuss “Easy Beauty: A Memoir” by Chloe Cooper Jones from 11 a.m. - noon at the library / via Zoom. Sign up requested. Sign up at [www.spencerpubliclibrary.org](http://www.spencerpubliclibrary.org). This is a groundbreaking memoir about disability, motherhood, and the search for a new way of seeing and being seen. This book is a Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Memoir or Autobiography. A New York Times Notable Book of 2022 \* Vulture’s #1 Memoir of 2022

\* A Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Time, BuzzFeed, Publishers Weekly, Booklist, and New York Public Library Best Book of the Year.

Monday, July 31 Capoeira will be performing from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Spencer Town Hall, Great Hall. This free performance includes: live music, singing, acrobatic solos, a capoeira roda; a complete experience of playing capoeira in a traditional circle, Maculelê (a warrior dance with sticks) and other Afro-Brazilian arts and music styles. Adults, teens and families are invited. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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## Local residents named to Clark University Dean’s List

WORCESTER — The following local residents were named to Clark University’s Spring 2023 Dean’s List:

Miranda G. Bartley, of Brookfield was named to second honors.

Abigail E. Gahagan, of Leicester was named to first honors.

Ashley D. Leighton, of Spencer was named to first honors.

Robbie S. Wilson, of West Brookfield was named to first honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Excited movements

8. Soap opera actress Patsy

13. Unknowing

14. Dangerous mosquitos

15. Exaggerated and sensationalized

19. Military policeman

20. Touch softly

21. Wrap

22. A story of one's life

23. Midway between east and southeast

24. Toward the mouth or oral region

25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant

26. Changes the meaning of

30. Semitic Sun god

31. Sneaker parts
32. Capital of Zimbabwe

33. Breezed through

34. Partner to pedi

35. Becomes less intense

38. Bottoms

39. Tested

40. Vistas

44. Take care of

45. Traditional rhythmic pattern

46. S. African political party

47. Cologne

48. Men

49. The Science Guy

50. Gospel author (abbr.)

51. Act of signing up

55. Human feet

57. A very short time

58. Streetcars

59. Cuplike cavities

### CLUES DOWN

1. A type of pool

2. Malaise

3. Seasoned

4. A pair

5. Young male

6. Make a mistake

7. Experienced

8. It often accompanies injury

9. Old world, new

10. Commercial

11. Course of lectures

12. Promote

16. Female horses

17. Greek mythological figure

18. Small amount

22. Orthodox church altar

25. Actress Tomei

27. Excited

28. Looked directly at

29. Popular cold desserts
30. More reasonable

32. Disk above the head of a saint

34. Devoted to the extreme

35. Make an effort

36. It's in the surf

37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan

38. Discounts

40. Cliff in Hawaii

41. Extremely wild person

42. All persons

43. Aromas

45. Popular kids' game

48. A difficult situation

51. Popular Georgia rockers

52. It's in all living cells

53. Unspoken language

54. ‘Talk to you’ abbreviation

56. Influential lawyer

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# EBES students enjoy a ‘magic’ Field Day

EAST BROOKFIELD — Students at East Brookfield Elementary School had to wait a few extra days, but it was well worth it once Field Day activities got underway.

Pushed back two days to June 15 due to rain, Field Day offered multiple stations for all students to enjoy. This year’s activities featured a “Harry Potter” theme, with Russ Kennedy and his DJ company Good Vibrations providing musical entertainment for the event.

“The kids had a blast with their classmates, playing games like Dobby’s Sock Toss, a Quidditch water activity, Platform 9 ¾ relay race, Olivander’s wand making class, and an ice cream treat from Jerry’s Ice Cream truck,” said EBES teacher Christine Lavin.

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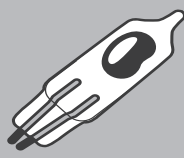
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Prevention of cyberbullying is also a major emphasis for local officials. The DA's Office regularly visits area schools to spread awareness and answer questions from students of all ages.

"They learned about digital safety and smart online choices to show empathy and support to others," read a statement released by the DA's Office.

Courtesy Brookfield Elementary School students recently learned about cyber safety from the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

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Onboard, a naturalist will provide us with information about whales' lives, and explain their behaviors. Should be a wonderful day on the sea. I would suggest a suitable waterproof jacket, binoculars and maybe sea sick pills if you think you may need them.

We plan to depart the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St., at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, with a scheduled return to Paxton by 8 p.m.

Before boarding the Privateer IV, we will have lunch in Beverly at the famous Historic 1890s working train station. Choices for Entrees are Top Sirloin, Chicken Marsala or Baked Haddock. Our delicious meal also includes salad, potato, coffee/tea and ice cream for dessert.

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## EDITORIAL

# Embrace the rays — making the most out of summer

After enduring a seemingly unseasonable spring, characterized by relentless rain and cold temperatures, summer has finally arrived with its warmth and vibrant energy. As we step into this long-awaited season, it is crucial that we seize the opportunity to embrace the outdoors, bask in the sun's rays, and make the most of these few precious summer months.

The transitional period from spring to summer has been marked by an uncharacteristic gloom, with the dreary weather dampening spirits and limiting outdoor activities. But as the days grow longer and the sun regains its strength, let us reinvigorate our spirits with the bright prospects of summer.

There is an inherent enchantment that comes with this season, leading us to explore and indulge in the myriad of activities that the warmer months offer. It is the time to relish in the simple pleasures that nature provides, to feel the grass beneath our feet and to savor the coolness of a refreshing dip in the water.

Embracing summer not only renews our connection with the natural world but also nurtures our mental and physical well-being. Studies have consistently shown the positive impact of spending time outdoors, from reducing stress and anxiety to improving overall mood and cognitive function. It is during these sunny months that we have the opportunity to recharge our batteries, to foster a sense of balance, and to enhance our overall quality of life.

Summertime presents us with a golden chance to reconnect with our communities. Festivals, concerts, and outdoor events are resuming, offering opportunities for shared experiences and the celebration of the arts and culture that make our society thrive. By participating in these activities, we not only support local economies but also foster a sense of unity and togetherness that can heal the wounds inflicted by recent hardships.

Moreover, summer offers an array of recreational pursuits that cater to everyone. Whether it is hiking, picnicking in scenic spots, trying out water sports, or simply lounging in the sun with a captivating book, there is something for everyone. These leisurely activities allow us to create lasting memories, deepen relationships, and inspire a sense of adventure within us.

As we immerse ourselves in the joys of summer, remember to do so responsibly. Climate change is an ever-present threat, and our actions must reflect a commitment to the environment. As we embrace outdoor activities, let us also prioritize sustainable practices, such as reducing waste, conserving water, and protecting natural habitats. By doing so, we can ensure that future generations will have the privilege to enjoy the beauty of summer as we do today. Let us make this one summer to remember!

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# VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Address correction for Pine Grove Cemetery

To the Editor:

In the June 9 New Leader, I wrote a letter asking people to help Pine Grove Cemetery unfortunately I made a mistake in the address. The post office was delivering them but has said they are going to start returning them. If yours gets returned, the correct address is:  
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I am very sorry for the mistake. I also want to say thank you for all the donations; it is appreciated.

BETH MCPHERSON  
SPENCER

## Karma

To the Editor:

Congrats to the GOP voters who have created and funded the most expensive and unashamedly partisan clown show in history. You almost don't know where to start. There is the story of the POTUS who promised to support and defend the Constitution, ignored it for four years, then tried to overturn it when he lost the election. Hopefully, he will finally get his just reward for that; Mitch McConnell noted to be the appropriate path, immediately after not convicting him in impeachment.

I wonder how many people are still sending money to a grifter with owns his own jetliner but does not pay his taxes. I wonder how many people think him calling Georgia asking them to find 11,780 votes did not mean ditch that many legitimate Biden votes. I wonder how many people still believe he is not a pervert, did not grab E. Jean Carroll and others. I wonder how many people believe that he did not violate all established records requirements, between flushing documents down toilets, putting documents no longer his, in jeopardy at insecure locations and in inappropriate reveals. You will note, I have included no question marks. It would be a waste; everyone's mind is made up.

This week, Hunter Biden, the imperfect son of our President, has addressed a variety of his missteps. He is clearly getting more scrutiny than even other presidential offspring that actually had security clearances and cashed in bigger. In spite of his drug and alcohol abuse, he is a Yale trained lawyer and well connected. I am unclear why that makes him worse than an untrained financial investment broker to a Saudi prince who murdered an American journalist. How many trips did we the people finance setting this up? You have just gotten the \$4 million, six-year FBI investigation nothingburger, like the millions wasted on recounts and other investigations, while your GOP is again looking to cut Social Security.

Chet and David and Walter Cronkite are dead. If you follow the money, you will realize what networks used to consider a non-partisan fact based drain on their revenue, has now been upgraded to a capitalist based partisan pep rally. While some of it is just the old "do you still beat your wife?" style journalism, some is pure lies, and some is staged. RJR used to drop off their brand of cigarettes at doctors' offices, then interview them the following week to see what brand they smoked. An example being, when Trump cut off all South American aid, the people it paid led the exodus here. People actually blame Biden for the Afghanistan withdrawal, but how many know it was Pompeo, Trump's Secretary of State, who surrendered to the Taliban, abandoning the Afghan government and army and putting Steven Miller (the author of Trumps Muslim ban) in charge of rescuing our Muslim collaborators. They had reduced troop strength so much, we had to add some to leave and bring allies out, as we no longer controlled anything but one airport, and nothing else. Although we lost people vetting who could enter the airport, imagine if the bomber was inside.

While I am not a fan of any of the GOP candidates in this cycle, I would be ashamed to belong to a party with a felon leading its polls. The only way he could "win" is a repeat of his conspiracy of January 6. Until voters learn that coming in second is akin to coming in last, our whole way of life will become as convoluted and mismanaged as the military industrial complex. Ike told us they would take our last dollar and let us starve. At least take the cap off F.I.C.A. payments (Musk, Bezos and Gates pay it off first week) and call it the (what it costs to care for those citizens who need it tax).

We are living the Chinese curse "May you live in interesting times." Karma.

KEN KIMBALL  
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## Unplug and recharge

To the Editor:

We so often find ourselves being concerned with things going on in the world that are out of our control. Whether it's the latest happening in the news, or an on-going event that has everyone "plugged in."

These days we are all connected in a much faster and easier way thanks to our smart phones and computers than ever before. While the internet might be a great source for information and the ability to communicate at incredible speeds, we often don't think of the repercussions of being over-socialized and engaged on every front.

This also goes for the television as well. Constantly consuming news and being told what to think can warp one's perspective on life in general as well as interfere with one's ability to reason for themselves. All of this can and will after time have an effect on your mental and spiritual health.

I'm not advocating for totally unplugging, in fact it's very important to be aware of and care about the larger picture and even stand against injustices. However, we should all take more time to focus on the smaller world. Our own lives, our families and home. Going into nature on a hike with friends or even solo can do wonders with helping you regain yourself and de-stress. Getting in shape, dieting, and exercise is another great way to help with not only your physical well being but also your mental.

Now that summer is here, it is a perfect time to unwind and enjoy life with those you care about. Achieve something for yourself. So go ahead and unplug from the larger world and the news media once in a while. Most of it is just meant to intentionally upset and demoralize you anyways. Find joy in your own sphere once in a while.

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## Can you build an estate plan like a house?



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If you've ever been involved in building a house — or even if you've just heard about it — you know that there's a well-defined process to be followed. But here's something to think about: Some of the same steps connected to constructing a home are the same as those needed to build an estate plan.

What are those steps? Here are some to consider:

Get the right "builder." Unless you're an experienced do-it-yourselfer, you'll probably have to hire someone to build a house for you. Of course, you'll make your wishes known about what you want your house to look like, but you'll be relying on the builder's expertise. And the same is true with estate planning — you'll want to share your goals and vision with a legal professional who's experienced in creating comprehensive estate plans.

Build a strong foundation. "Every house needs a strong foundation" isn't just a metaphor — it's true for every house that's built. And when you create an estate plan, you also need a foundation that includes whatever basic elements are appropriate for your situation — a will, a living trust, power of attorney and so on.

Make the necessary additions. Even if you're pleased with your new house, you may eventually decide to make some changes, such as adding on a new bedroom or bathroom. And the structure of your estate plan may need to undergo some modifications, too. For example, if you drew up a will two decades ago, but haven't looked at it since, it may be out of date — especially if you've experienced changes in your life, such as new children or a divorce and remarriage. That's why it's a good idea to review your estate plans at least every few years.

Protect your investment. Of course, when you build a new house, you'll have to insure it properly. And while there's no actual "insurance policy" for an estate plan, you do have ways to protect it. For one thing, you need to make sure beneficiary designations on retirement plans, investment accounts, insurance policies and other assets are correct. These designations are powerful and can even supersede the instructions in your estate-planning documents. So, as mentioned, if you've had significant life changes involving your family, you need to ensure your beneficiary designations are updated if you want to protect how insurance proceeds, investments and other assets are distributed.

Watch for mistakes. It's unfortunate, but mistakes do happen in home construction. Water stains can indicate that water is seeping through cracks in the foundation. Or cracks in retaining walls and garage floors could be a sign that the concrete structures were installed improperly. Estate plans can also contain errors or bad choices. Some are inadvertent, such as failing to put intended assets into a trust, but others are done with the best of intentions, such as naming adult children as joint owners of your assets. Even if your children are quite responsible, this move could give their creditors access to your money. If you want your children to be able to step in as needed, you could find other methods, such as giving them power of attorney.

Following these "construction" techniques can help you create an estate plan that can last a lifetime — and beyond.

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# In search of seabass

Saltwater fishing remains very good in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island, as this week's pictures show. Seabass fishing was great if you could find a spot out of the wind. This past week, my buddy Matt and I had hoped for a good day of fishing a week ago Wednesday. We should have paid more attention to the weatherman. We had a light east wind blowing around 10 knots when we arrived at the boat ramp in Galilee, R.I. There were a good number of boat trailers in the parking lot when we arrived, and the winds were still light out of the East.

We quickly launched the boat and headed out to the West Breaker Wall, and as we started to navigate the boat towards the outer East Wall, in the area of the Bell buoy marker, the waves kept building and Matt decided to go back to the West Wall, where the wind was not as bad. We tried fishing in numerous spots, but the tide was too fast. Matt landed a couple of short fluke before we decided to find another spot to fish, but the East wind was too much. We decided to call it a day around 11 a.m.! When we arrived back at the dock we noticed a couple of anglers with a 21-foot boat, getting ready to pull



Don Cook of Uxbridge with an impressive seabass taken in Buzzards Bay last week. It was one of many his buddies landed last week.



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their boat out. I asked them how they made out. "We just came back from Block island," the

Captain muttered. It was a scary ride back to the mainland, he stated. Numerous other boats were also pulling up to the dock. They had managed to catch some large bluefish outside of the East wall, but were forced to stop fishing, because of the wind, and headed for the boat ramp.

I mentioned to Matt that we should stop at



Big seabass are the number one choice to catch by many anglers. Don cooks buddy Joe with a really nice seabass.

one of the eating establishments and grab a few clam cakes for the ride home.

"Sounds like a good Idea," Matt replied.

I ordered a dozen clam cakes at one restaurant on the water. I could smell them cooking as I waited outside the restaurant. \$19 for a dozen clam cakes? As soon as I got back to the truck,

we quickly started to eat one. It was like eating a doughnut. No clams were found in them, so we set them aside. Finding a restaurant with good seafood near the ocean is hard. I raided the refrigerator as soon as I got home. The next day, I went to Lindys in Rhode Island for fish & chips. Excellent food.

We heard from a couple

of other anglers that went to Buzzards Bay to fish for the day and they did very well, catching some large seabass. They mentioned that the wind on the bay was lighter than what we had endured.

On the fresh water scene anglers are catching some impressive bass. One angler mentioned catching a six pound-plus largemouth bass at the Uxbridge club pond last week. Now that is a nice bass for fresh water. After a photo shoot he released the bass to fight another day. Many small ponds produce some large bass every year. Many bass anglers own boats that cost thousands of dollars, and catch some nice fish, but every once in a while some angler fishing from shore catches a really impressive fish.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club members and officers would like to thank all that enjoyed the recent clambake. It was a great success, but a lot of work. Hopefully, other Rod & Gun Clubs will resume their outdoor bakes & Bar B Q this year. The pandemic sure had a negative effect on these cookouts, but it is time to get them back. The public is waiting!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Readers Share Favorite Tips

It's time to take a peek into the Take the Hint! snail mail and virtual mailboxes. Thanks to all the readers who have taken time from their busy summer schedule to send in their great tips for dealing with the little nuisances in life. And remember readers, your tip puts you in the running for a three course dinner for two at the Publick House! From preventing drain clogs to DIY name labels, readers share their favorite hints in this week's column.

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This clever reader offers two moneysaving hints to simplify this season's chores:

**Tip #1:** Here is a great tip for parents sending their kids to summer camp. You have to label everything and it can be a tedious task if you have multiple kids. Instead of buying custom, expensive stamps or iron-on labels, buy iron on patch-

es for \$2 or \$3 in the craft section at Walmart or dollar store, write names and cut. Use a flat iron (for straightening hair) to easily adhere the label to the garment.

**Tip #2:** I have a helpful hint just in time for gardening. Save paper bags. Cut out the bottom and lay the sheets of paper down in the garden before planting as a weed barrier. I usually spray it with the hose and let it settle down before poking holes and planting. It worked great last year and it just breaks down into the dirt when you till it next season.

Laurie Sunderland  
Charlton, MA  
**\*\***

Repurposing colorful tags into bookmarks is a labor of love for this creative reader:

Here's how to make bookmarks that are personalized, homemade, and lots of fun:  
I made one for my great

grandson Matthew. I took the tag from a soft, huggable Spiderman toy, which is heavy cardboard with a hole already in a corner. I placed a 16 inch long ribbon (about ¼ inch wide) in the hole. Double the ribbon, slip it through the hole; pull tied end through the loop and pull tight.

Many tags from clothing or other items already have corner holes, making this project easy.

To make a bookmark from photos, crop two photos as required to make them uniform in size. Glue to each side of a heavy piece of scrap mail; punch a hole in the corner and loop a ribbon through as above.

Imelda Lundstrom  
Southbridge, MA  
**\*\***

To save money and hassles, try this simple, yet effective tip that works as good today as it has for generations past:

To keep your drains clean and fresh, pour



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baking soda and vinegar down the drain. Using a ratio of 1:1, pour baking soda into the sink drain. Then pour down straight vinegar. (A half cup of each works well). Allow ingredients to sit for a few minutes, then run water to flush it down.

Do this periodically to deodorize drains and prevent clogs.

Barbara Clancy  
Brookfield, MA  
**\*\***

This reader discovered an easy way to save that manicure while working in the garden:

Although I sometimes enjoy weeding, I never enjoy trying to clean my fingernails when the task

is complete. My solution is to wear finger covers that are suggested for cuts and burns but work well to keep soil from under the fingernails. I cover only those fingers that I use to weed. Cover these with well-fitting gloves. When the task is done remove your gloves then the finger covers and toss them.

You can find the finger covers in the medical section at Walmart. They come 36 in a box and are not expensive.

Michelle Terkanian

**Prize Winner**  
Congratulations to Imelda Lundstrom of Southbridge, whose name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House. She shared the tip for making bookmarks above.  
**\*\***

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in

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

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

## The 411 on antique and vintage telephones

Before discussing vintage and antique telephones, a friendly reminder that the Brimfield Flea Market will take place from July 11 through the 16th.

You may remember learning about the invention of the telephone during grade school history classes. In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell spoke the first words over a telephone when he told his assistant: "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you."

However, there's debate about whether Bell is deserving of all the credit. The Library of Congress website states that Antonio Meucci began developing a talking telegraph in 1849.

He filed a caveat (aka notice of an invention) in 1871, but he couldn't pursue his invention due to economic hardships. His work was overlooked for many years, but in 2002 the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution honoring Meucci and his contributions to the telephone. Some historians have also reported that Elisha Gray, a professor at Oberlin College, applied for a caveat for the telephone the same day as Bell. Bell's attorney reached the patent office first though and recorded the fifth patent of the day while Oberlin's invention was the 39th.

In 1876, Bell developed transmitters and receivers to use his new tech-

nology. The styles later evolved into what we're more familiar with today. Maximiliano Augusto Herrmann invented the wooden wall telephone in 1880. Later models typically have a crank, an earpiece/receiver on a cradle, and a speaker on the front. The candlestick telephone was developed in the 1890s. It's shaped like a candlestick with a cradle and features a receiver on the side plus a mouthpiece on the front similar to wood wall phones. The first candlestick phones had no dial. When you picked up the phone, you'd be connected to an operator who routed your call. Telephone styles kept up with design trends. During the 1930s, art deco telephones with round

or tapered bases fit in well with other art deco objects in many homes. In the 1950s, telephones started coming in a variety of colors.

Here are some recent auction values for old telephones. Two candlestick telephones sold for \$45 and \$70 each recently at auction. Two oak wall telephones recently reached \$100 and \$120.

As with other antiques and collectibles, rarer pieces can be very valuable. A circa 1881 model of Alexander Graham Bell's telephone sold for \$30,000 in August 2018. A circa 1879 American Speaking Telephone Co. Subscriber Set with Edison carbon transmitter and Phelps's Pony

Crown receiver brought \$45,000 in March 2022. A very ornate wall Ericsson Telephone for the Royal Castle in Oslo dialed up a strong price selling for €60,000 (\$65,588 USD) in November 2021.

Our next online auction begins this week, and will feature candlestick telephones, deco telephones, and a pink pay phone. There's also a wide range of other items including gold and costume jewelry, sterling silver, nautical paintings and memorabilia, other art, pocket watches, stoneware, duck decoys, antique firearms, and more. Bidding will end in July. Please visit our Web site, <https://central-massauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.



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# Are you asking life for a penny?

Have you ever read this old yet poignant poem by Jessie B. Rittenhouse?

“I bargained with life for a penny,  
And life would pay no more,  
However, I begged at the evening  
When I counted my scanty store.

For life is a just employer,  
It gives you what you ask,  
But once you have set the wages,  
Why, you must bear the task.

I worked for a menial's hire,  
Only to learn, dismayed,  
That any wage I had asked of life,  
Life would have willingly paid.”

The poem underscores that life is prepared to offer us whatever we ask of it. But is that true?

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You might wonder, “I’ve dreamed of a better life, yet it hasn’t materialized. I’ve often asked, ‘Why can’t I be a movie star? A pro athlete? Or even rich?’”

Are you asking, or are you complaining?

Grumbling about the life you desire yet don’t have or envying what others possess points to a bigger issue – a heart steeped in bitterness.

This self-victimization and surrender to circumstances turns into a life of negativity.

Ancient scriptures tell us that when we genuinely ask, we receive. But they also warn that grumbling lips can lead to ruin.

The poem hints at a nuanced interpretation of the word ‘ask.’

In this context, ‘ask’

could be synonymous with ‘expect.’ So, when you ask life for your desires, do you anticipate them materializing?

What have you sincerely requested and expected from life?

I’ve heard it said that when you ask for something and actively move toward it, unseen forces come to your aid.

Numerous individuals who have achieved remarkable feats have personally witnessed this phenomenon. I’ve seen it in my life.

Things align, the right people appear as if by magic, opportunities and situations fall into place, and the door to possibility swings wide open.

When you transition from a state of complaint and bitterness to asking with expectation, you evolve into a dreamer, an adventurer. You develop the faith that what you’ve

asked for has already been granted; you need only continue working with a cheerful heart, secure in your impending triumph.

Think about this: How would you chase your dreams if you knew you couldn’t fail?

Would you gripe about your dreams not materializing quickly enough? Or would you work tirelessly, filled with gratitude, to seize what life has offered you?

Tony Robbins shares a story of encountering a drunken man in a town square who asked him for a quarter.

Robbins pondered if he should reward this type of behavior. He has a giving heart, so he chose to give, attempting to impart a lesson simultaneously.

He asked the man, “All you want is a quarter?” as he leaped through a stack of hundred-dollar

bills, searching for some change.

The man’s eyes bulged at the sight of the money, and he said something like, “Yes sir, a quarter would change my life.” as he anticipated receiving hundred-dollar bills, even though he’d only requested a quarter.

Robbins handed him a quarter, leaving the man to label him “weird” as he staggered into the night.

Life can sometimes be a harsh teacher. What are you asking of it? Are you pleading for just enough to get by, or are you seeking your dreams?

I’ve encountered folks who argue that it’s wrong to aspire to great things when so many have so little.

I believe the universe has unlimited blessings to offer to those who ask and move toward their goals with the expectation of success.

Am I suggesting that those who have nothing have done something wrong?

Not at all. We all face unique advantages and disadvantages; some are born into hopeless situations with no apparent escape; unless people like you and I align our purpose to lend a helping hand.

Perhaps we are the miracle they’ve been asking for.

Dare to dream big. You can become the shining light of hope for those in need.

Life is always ready to reward our audacity to dream, our courage to ask, and our commitment to chase those dreams.

Reflecting on Jessie B. Rittenhouse’s poem: Are we asking life for a penny or a wealth of experiences, opportunities, and joy?

# Make gardening with kids enjoyable

Gardening is good for the mind, body, and spirit. It is also good for the youngsters in our lives. Research shows gardening helps relieve stress, improve focus, positively impacts mood and psychological well-being, builds a sense of confidence, and more.

Look for creative ways to get children involved in gardening. Tap into other interests or skills like art, reading, writing, insects, math, and computers if you need to persuade reluctant participants into growing plants.

Include lots of colors and unique plants that kids will love. Crested celosia resembles brains, making it a good choice for the zombie fans in the group. Eyeball plant (Acmella oleracea), balloon plant (Gomphocarpus physocarpus) with its hairy inflated seedpods, snake plant, and kangaroo paws (Anigozanthos favius) are a few to consider. Gardeners of all ages will appreciate the popcorn plant (Senna didymobotrya) with its buttered popcorn-scented leaves

or bat-faced cuphea and the hummingbirds it will attract.

Consider adding features that make the garden a fun space to visit. There is a reason bean teepees, sunflower houses, and tunnels in the garden have remained popular with kids of all ages for decades. Or grow a garden shaped like a slice of pizza planted with all the key ingredients or a salsa garden. Everyone will benefit when using freshly harvested ingredients to create these dishes.

A pot or flat of grass makes a nice field for superheroes and a lawn for dolls. A bare patch of soil is perfect for digging, driving cars and trucks, or sculpting hills and valleys. All these build skills that can be applied to future gardening efforts.

Plant some salad radishes that are ready to harvest in 25 to 30 days. This will help keep the kids interested in the garden when waiting for the tomatoes, beans, and other vegetables to ripen. Call it harvesting when you are thinning the rad-



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ish planting. Use these greens as a snack or in a salad. Harvesting and eating is more fun for all of us than just thinning the excess plants.

Use rainy days to create plant labels from paint sticks or stones. Paint individual words on some of the stones and place them in the garden. Let children leave messages for each other or write poetry. Or repurpose pickle jars into garden treasure jars. Have children decorate the jars. Then you fill the jars with messages or treasures before hiding them in the garden.

Explore ways to reuse and recycle landscape trimmings. Put twigs to use creating small-scale wattle fences for a fairy, gnome, or zombie garden. This is great practice for building a larger-scale wattle fence for

the garden.

Go on a bug hunt to see who is living in your garden, yard, or neighborhood. Look for good bugs like lady beetles that eat plant-damaging aphids and bees that pollinate our flowers. Then log what you find in a backyard journal.

Gentle guidance, realistic expectations, and age-appropriate activities will help get kids excited about gardening. The gardens they create and the plants they grow are often amazing but more importantly, it is the experience of growing together that makes it worthwhile.

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Including a teepee or using it as a trellis for pole beans is a fun addition to any kid’s garden.

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# National Night Out promotes unity

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD — Guests are invited to help promote unity within their community this summer at the town's second annual National Night Out celebration.

Organized by the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield, this year's program will take place on Thursday, Aug. 3, from 4-8 p.m.

Activities at the event will include music, food trucks, a craft fair, fun programs for the entire family, and a touch-a-truck session for youngsters. Local first responders, community leaders, and resource organizations will also be in attendance throughout the evening.

Vendor setup for the event will begin at 1:30 p.m. Officials are still looking for participants to help make the program a great community experience.

If you are a local crafter, farmers' market seller, community resource

vendor, or owner of a food truck, please reach out to the event leadership team for more information about the program.

For the second straight year, the event will take place at North Brookfield Public Schools (10 New School Dr.). After seeing an impressive crowd for the debut event, officials are hoping to see another packed attendance of local residents and their families.

The event fee for profit vendors is \$30, plus a raffle item donation. Profit vendors include all crafters and farmers' market participants.

There is no event fee for community resource vendors who are not profiting from the event. Moreover, raffle basket donations are appreciated but not required of community resource vendors.

A fee of \$100 is required for food truck vendors, plus a raffle item donation. Your fee includes the required Board of

Health permit.

For more information about how to get involved in the event or sign up as a vendor, check out the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield's Facebook page. You can also send an email to [events@CoalitionForAHealthyNB.org](mailto:events@CoalitionForAHealthyNB.org).

Held in towns large and small across the country, National Night Out is an annual community-building effort that promotes neighborhood camaraderie. In addition to offering valuable informational resources to residents, the program also allows guests to meet public safety officials in a relaxed, informal environment.

"National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community," read a statement released by the National Night Out leadership team. "Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."

Millions of people nationwide take part in National Night Out activities each year. Neighborhood celebrations often include block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events.

To learn more about the National Night Out organization, visit [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org).

## Leicester Garden Club meetins July 13

LEICESTER — The Leicester Garden Club will host a meeting, Thursday, July 13 at the Leicester Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave.

Dawn Pettinelli, Associate Extension Director at the University of Connecticut, will present a program on soil testing. She manages the UConn Home and Garden Education and the UConn Soil Nutrient Analysis. Both facilities provide information, testing and advice to homeowners and commercial clientele. The center educates clients through its web site, free monthly e-newsletter, weekly log posts and newspaper articles as well as professional presentations. She also teaches an undergraduate writing class. In 2009, she developed the UConn Master Composter Program, now in its 14th year. Soil testing is an under-utilized tool for gardeners and farmers alike. Come and learn why soil testing is important, how to collect a soil sample and what the results will tell you. Bring a half cup for a free soil PH test and limestone recommendation. The public is invited. Come and see how your soil is rated.

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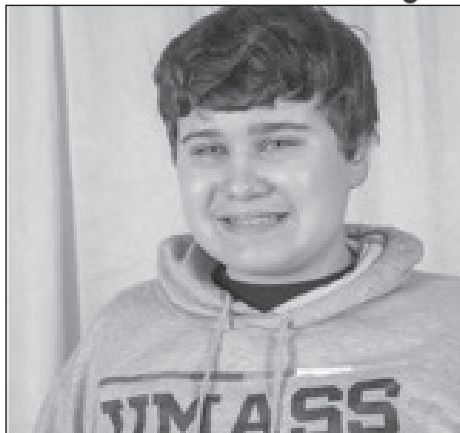
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## Friday's Child



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Hi! My name is Grady and I want to be an EMT when I grow up !!

Grady is a sweet boy with a great sense of humor who describes himself as very smart and outgoing. Grady also enjoys playing video games, watching movies, reading graphic novels and anime. Grady has stated that he would like to be an EMT when he is older. He likes the idea of being able to help people in need. Grady loves to receive praise and positive attention. He is also quick to praise others for their work. Grady hopes to one day be

able to earn his own money and be able to spend it!

Grady is very smart and loves to learn new things in school. Grady does well in all his courses at school and particularly enjoys and excels in math and science. Grady does well with building and maintaining positive relationships with his peers and teachers at school.

Grady will do best in a two-parent household either as an only child or the youngest in the family. Grady will fit well into a home that is less active or one that can encourage him to be more active. A family for Grady will need to be supportive of his relationship with his birth mother and brother.

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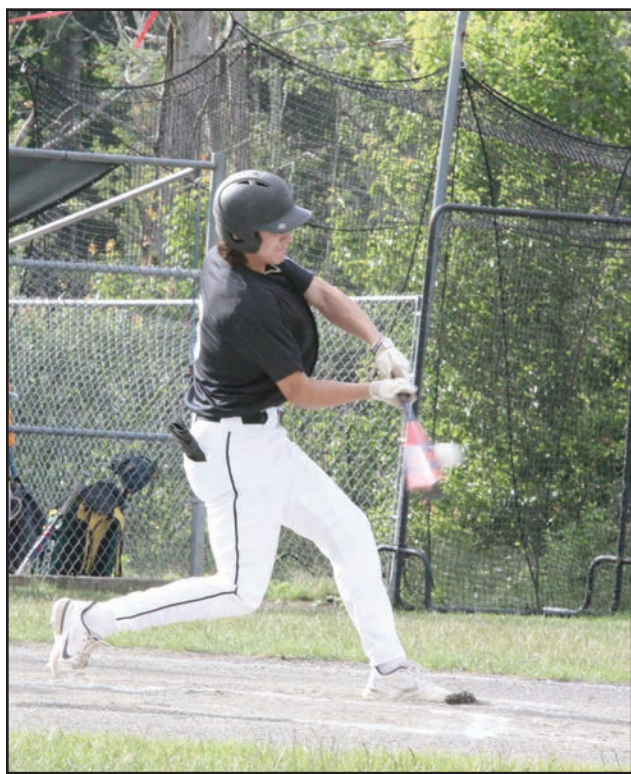
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# SPORTS

## Big second inning helps Cherry Valley Legion outlast Sturbridge



Nick Ethier photos

Cherry Valley's Lucas Lambert puts his bat to ball for a first inning single.



Sturbridge pitcher Ben Yarter rears back his right arm while throwing the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

STURBRIDGE — Sometimes, all it takes is one inning to make a difference in a baseball game's outcome. That certainly proved to be true for Cherry Valley's Post 443 squad when they played Sturbridge Post 109 at Tantasqua Regional on Monday, June 19. Cherry Valley and Sturbridge were tied

at 1-1 after an inning of play, but Post 443 exploded for six runs in the top of the second. After scoring twice more in the top of the third frame to grab a 9-1 lead, Cherry Valley withstood a four-run bottom of the third rally by Sturbridge to remain ahead, 9-5. That wound up being the final score of the game. Cherry Valley head



Devin Krochmalnyckyj of Sturbridge receives congratulations from teammates after clubbing a home run.

coach Jim Stephens said that putting the ball in play, and then effective base running, was the key to the second inning success. "Put the ball in play and let them make mistakes," said Stephens. "That inning we ran the bases great." Post 109 committed four errors in that fateful second inning. Jake Delvalle opened the frame by reaching base on an error and scored on a Colin Moody RBI groundout. Later, with the bases loaded, Evan Remington drew a walk to plate another. Evan Brindisi was up next, and his result was a fielder's choice from an error, which scored two. Matt Kustigian then hit an RBI single, and another error plated a second runner. "It killed us," said Sturbridge head coach Jim Rosseel of the miscues. "We need to make the plays we should make." Post 109 did so going forward, as they made just one more error the rest of the way. Post 443 made it a 9-1 game in the third with a two-RBI hit by Remington, but Sturbridge cut into the lead when Devin Krochmalnyckyj — who had previously hit a solo homer in the bottom of the first — drove in two more with a double. Keenan Wetherbee fol-

lowed with an RBI single, and he later scored on a wild pitch. "Pitch with the lead," Stephens said of what Delvalle, the starter, struggled with in that frame. "You've just to get out there, not walk guys and throw strikes. You've got to battle." Delvalle battled from there, as he (5-2/3 innings) and reliever Lucas Lambert (1-1/3 innings) didn't allow a run the rest of the way. The same can be said of Ben Yarter, Sturbridge's starter, and Tim Paine, who pitched the final inning. Cherry Valley is now 2-3 and riding a two-game winning streak. "I'm looking forward to going to North County Thursday and hopefully we get a good outing from Matt Kustigian and maybe we even it up, back to .500. That's what we're battling for," said Stephens. Post 443, unfortunately, lost that game to North County, 9-7, to dip to 2-4. Sturbridge, meanwhile, dropped to 0-4, but Rosseel was encouraged with the outing. "We scored some runs. I don't need these young kids getting discouraged," said Rosseel of a day prior when Post 109 lost to Leominster, 24-0. "It was painful. "We showed that we resembled somewhat of a team," added Rosseel. Sturbridge then lost closer games later in the week to Hudson (5-4) and North County (1-0), and then fell to a strong Northborough squad (14-5), as their record dipped to 0-7.



Jake Delvalle of Cherry Valley motions toward the plate before tossing a pitch.



Cherry Valley's Gavin Parker waits as much as he can before fouling off the incoming pitch.



Second baseman Ethan LaPlante of Sturbridge sees the ball into his glove on a grounder.



Shortstop Evan Remington of Cherry Valley watches his throw sail toward first base.

## Henderson makes hole-in-one at Kettle Brook

On Sunday, June 25, Dan Henderson got a hole-in-one on Kettle Brook Golf Club's eighth hole from 132 yards out using a gap wedge. The ace was attested by Al Morin, Roger Pontbriand and Stein Berthiaume.

## AUBURN RECREATION AND CULTURE SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

**GIRLS' LEAGUE**

Tuesday, June 20  
Bay Path 28, Auburn 16  
Millbury 28, Northbridge 21  
Uxbridge29, Tantasqua 26  
Grafton 32, Leicester 28  
Shepherd Hill 36, Sutton 29  
Worcester South 59, Worcester North 11

Thursday, June 22  
Uxbridge 31, Worcester North 29  
Worcester South 41, Auburn 12  
Shepherd Hill 25, Northbridge 21  
Grafton 39, Bay Path 34  
Millbury 34, Leicester 24  
Sutton 34, Tantasqua 28

Standings  
Uxbridge (2-0)  
Millbury (2-0)  
Grafton (2-0)  
Shepherd Hill (2-0)  
Worcester South (2-0)  
Sutton (1-1)  
Bay Path (1-1)  
Tantasqua (0-2)  
Northbridge (0-2)  
Auburn (0-2)  
Leicester (0-2)  
Worcester North (0-2)

**BOYS' LEAGUE**

Wednesday, June 21  
Bartlett 45, Auburn 38  
Bay Path 59, Blackstone Valley Tech

25  
David Prouty 51, Douglas 45  
Hopedale 52, Grafton 48  
Millbury 52, Leicester 29  
Northbridge 62, Nipmuc 44  
Oxford 45, Quabbin 43  
Quaboag 49, Shepherd Hill 42  
Southbridge 49, Sutton 31  
Uxbridge 57, Tahanto 45

Thursday, June 22  
Whitinsville Christian 51, West Boylston 41

Standings  
Bartlett (1-0)  
Bay Path (1-0)  
David Prouty (1-0)  
Hopedale (1-0)  
Millbury (1-0)  
Northbridge (1-0)  
Oxford (1-0)  
Quaboag (1-0)  
Southbridge (1-0)  
Uxbridge (1-0)  
Whitinsville Christian (1-0)  
Auburn (0-1)  
Blackstone Valley Tech (0-1)  
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Greendale Men's League  
First place (-5): Bill Gaudette, Roger Godbout, Ron Parse, Bill Parsons  
Second place (-2): Mike Dyer, Jim Hester, Don Lindbergh, Gary Ward  
Third place (-2): Kent Seith, Rick Wheeler, Glenn Wuerthele, Dick Whippee  
Fourth place (-1): Bob Gonyea, Lou Gouin, Ken Miller, Ken Frost  
Fifth place (+2): Ken Carlson, Randy Ellis, Steven Russo  
Sixth place (+3): Bernie McMenemy, Lou Lebel, Steve Dame

Pit's Crew Results  
First place (-7): Tom Zadek, Rick Gendreau, Mert Kenniston, Kevin Grace  
Second place (-7): Joe Nichols, Dick Ford, Steve O'Brien, Mike Bokus  
Third place (-7): Rich Ford, Jim Mckeon, Joe Condelli

Still Harts League  
First place (+13): Kevin Kokansky and Jack Dorman  
Second place (+10): Garrett Lacroix and Dave Woodward  
Third place (+8): Craig Gariepy and Chip Wetherell  
Most over quota (+9): Jack Dorman

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There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Bird on left front row facing other direction 2. Mesh missing 3. Extra food 4. Third knot missing top right

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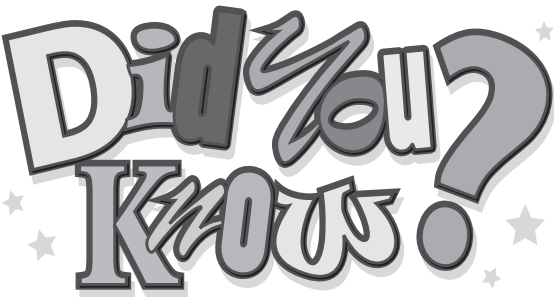


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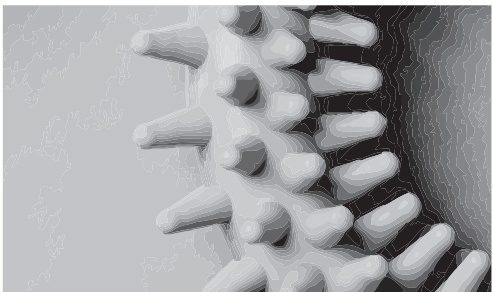
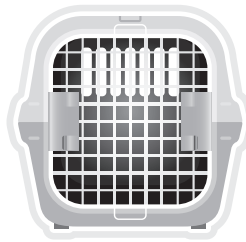
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ANSWER: DOG CHEW TOY



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- A. 25 6 3 18**  
Clue: Uncomfortable feeling
- B. 10 15 6 20**  
Clue: Top of body
- C. 6 26 23 6**  
Clue: Sensory stimulus
- D. 23 15 14 3 15 4**  
Clue: Freed from symptoms

Answers: A. pain B. head C. aura D. relief

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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3	2	1	7	6	8	4	5	9
6	8	9	4	5	2	3	7	1
4	7	5	6	3	1	2	8	9
1	4	7	3	8	9	5	6	2
8	6	3	1	2	5	7	9	4
5	9	2	6	7	4	8	1	3

ANSWER:



# POLICE REPORTS

## Leicester Police Log

THURSDAY, JUNE 15  
12:59 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:25 a.m.: suspicious mv (Homestead Lane), spoken to; 5:46 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 7:20 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 7:30 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), referred; 9:11 a.m.: keep the peace (Main Street), assisted; 12:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), gone on arrival; 1:44 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:49 p.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), Scott Michael Jubinville, 28, 395 Pleasant Street, Leicester, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, disturbing the peace, arrest; 2:50 p.m.: property found (Soojians Drive), assisted; 5:09 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Spencer), transported; 7:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 7:32 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 8:57 p.m.: disturbance/gathering (Mulberry Street), unable to locate; 11:50 p.m.: ambulance (North Spencer Road, Spencer), transported.  
FRIDAY, JUNE 16  
12:16 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 12:33 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:37 a.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), resolved; 1:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:06 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 8:28 a.m.: summons service (Winslow Avenue), unable to serve; 8:42 a.m.: summons service (Rawson Street), served; 9:23 a.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), report taken; 9:27 a.m.: animal complaint (Winslow Avenue), referred to ACO; 11:45 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:54 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), written warning; 12:07 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 1:02 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:17 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:24 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Boyd Street), referred to ACO; 4:26 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation, criminal application issued; 4:28 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:32 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 4:41 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:51 mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 4:51 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 4:57 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 5:16 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 5:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:37 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), report taken; 11:24 p.m.: disturbance (Mannville Street), resolved.  
SATURDAY, JUNE 17  
12:16 a.m.: mv stop (Mannville Street), verbal warning; 1:19 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 1:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:07 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:24 p.m.: assist other PD (Bottomly Avenue), services rendered; 3:15 p.m.: hit/run accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:26 p.m.: assist other agency (Clark Street), resolved; 8:08 p.m.: parking complaint (Charles Street), resolved.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 18  
4:48 a.m.: debris in road (Charles Street), referred; 6:30 a.m.: malicious mischief (Mayflower Road), services rendered; 10:23 a.m.: welfare check (Grove Street), services rendered; 11:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Church Street), referred to ACO; 12:43 a.m.: threats (Stafford Street), report taken; 1:37 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 3:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:08 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 4:20 p.m.: mv stop (South Street), citation issued; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 4:45 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Cayli Anne Branconnier, 35, 15 Collettee Drive, Holland, false ID furnished to law enforcement, possession Class E drug, possession Class B drug, using electronic device while op mv, op w/suspended license/subsequent offense, arrest; 4:53 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Spencer), transported; 4:55 p.m.: welfare check (Paxton Street), report taken; 5:16 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 5:54 p.m.: assist other PD (Paxton Street), services rendered; 8:23 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 8:25 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 8:39 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:50 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), resolved; 8:54 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:26 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 10:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 10:35 p.m.: welfare check (Collier Avenue), resolved.  
MONDAY, JUNE 19  
1:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), services rendered; 9:01 a.m.: summons service (Massasoit Drive), served; 10:13 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 10:53 p.m.: arrest warrant service (Main Street), Peter Junior Rivera, 39, 68 Locust Street, Cherry Valley, straight warrant, arrest; 11:04 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 11:25 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 11:43 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 2:14 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 4:53 p.m.: mv stop (Burncoat Street), verbal warning; 6:42 p.m.: missing person (Main Street), services rendered; 8:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 8:52 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 9:23 p.m.: suspicious mv (Mannville Street), no action required; 9:30 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 9:32 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, speeding, criminal application issued; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:01 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 11:13 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate.  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20  
12:15 a.m.: ambulance (Siani Road), transported; 12:17 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 1:05 p.m.: mv stop (Hyland Avenue), verbal warning; 1:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), no action required; 3:25 a.m.: ambulance (Lake Avenue), transported; 6:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Winslow Avenue), referred to ACO; 8:29 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:41 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), resolved; 9:49 a.m.: assist citizen (Beech Street), assisted; 10:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Redfield Road), referred to ACO; 10:32 a.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), transported; 1:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), referred to ACO; 4:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Pine Street), referred to ACO; 4:45 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, no inspection sticker, criminal application issued; 6:26 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:03 p.m.: harassment (Tobin Road), assisted; 7:36 p.m.: assist citizen (Craig Street); 8:05 p.m.: accident (Charles Street), report taken; 8:30 p.m.: ambulance (Brookside Drive), transported; 8:48 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 9:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:11 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 9:17 p.m.: mv stop (Hyland Avenue), verbal warning; 10:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), resolved.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21  
12:36 a.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), gone on arrival; 12:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:45 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 5:55 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 6:10 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 7:16 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), spoken to; 8:09 a.m.: ambulance (Ryan's Way), transported; 11:25 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, passing violation, marked lanes violation, citation issued; 1:20 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported. 1:57 p.m.: summons service (Main Street), unable to serve; 2:07 p.m.: lockout (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 4:30 p.m.: ambulance (Burncoat Lane), transported; 6:12 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), services rendered; 6:37 p.m.: erratic operator (Oak Bluff Lane), investigated; 8:58 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), resolved; 10:06 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street).

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## Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14  
12:13-2:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:30 a.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:28 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street), lift assist; 7:00 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 8:36 a.m.: medical/general (Lyford Road); 10:06 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 10:14 a.m.: larceny (Meadow Road), filing report; 10:18 a.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street), open line/hang-up; 10:24 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 10:57 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 11:23 a.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), re: three-legged cat; 12:20 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Street), kids throwing stuff; 1:09 p.m.: fire alarm (Clark Street), referred; 1:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Howe Road), heron tangled in fishing line; 1:34 p.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), re: txr sta. sticker; 1:58 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 2:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), dead chicken/side of road; 2:32 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (G.H. Wilson Road), burn/construction debris; 5:15 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Southbridge PD req. avail. officers; 6:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Kittredge Road), re: concern for dog; 6:34 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 8:20 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), restraining order violation; 9:05 p.m.: 911 call (Chestnut Street), hang-up; (total daily mv stops – 4).  
THURSDAY, JUNE 15  
12:28-2:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:44 a.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 2:10 a.m.: parking violation (McDonald Street), ticket issued; 5:28 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:43 a.m.: parking violation (Church Street), ticket issued; 8:11 a.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 9:27 a.m.: 911 call (Smithville Road), hang-up; 9:36 a.m.: disturbance (Woodchuck Lane), heard gunshots; 10:00 a.m.: fraud (Brooks Pond Road), re: poss. scam; 10:45 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 11:23 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: cats/skunk on 2nd floor; 11:47 a.m.: nature of incident and response redacted from police log (Paxton Road); 12:25 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 12:30 p.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), referred; 1:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Ledge Avenue), re: domestic issue; 1:19 p.m.: intelligence/parole (West Main Street), info taken; 1:31 p.m.: mutual aid (Main Street), assist State Police; 1:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), re: scam call; 2:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Road), no signs for tree work; 2:07 p.m.: suspicious mv (Shore Drive), investigated; 3:51 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), referred; 4:03 p.m.: fraud (Adams Street), computer hacked; 4:33 p.m.: nature of incident and response redacted from police log (Smithville Road); 4:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Adams Street), daughter/cyber bullied; 4:59 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:07 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost wallet; 6:46 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 7:21 p.m.: suspicious persons (Donnelly Cross Road), investigated; 7:43 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:10 p.m.: juvenile matter (Ash Street), prelude to fight; 11:42 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:42 p.m.: accident (North Spencer Road), report taken; (total daily mv stops – 3).  
FRIDAY, JUNE 16  
12:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), party lost in woods; 1:49 a.m.: suspicious persons (Valley Street), investigated; 1:56-3:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:53-3:13 a.m.: parking violations (South, Casey, Chestnut streets), tickets issued; 5:13 a.m.: medical/general (Clark Street), lift assist; 5:47 a.m.: parking violation (Cherry Street), ticket issued; 5:54 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 6:02 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 7:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:03 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), att. to serve restraining order; 8:11 a.m.: disabled mv (Adams Street), resolved; 8:22 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 8:59 a.m.: medical/general (Debbie Drive); 9:14 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), fox in area; 9:43 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 10:17 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 11:29 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 12:27 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Street); 12:59 p.m.: commercial alarm (Maple Street), services rendered; 1:14 p.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), hole in sidewalk; 2:44 p.m.: medical/general I(Summit Street); 2:57 a.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Road); 3:55 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 3:59 p.m.: suspicious persons (West Main Street), investigated; 5:44 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), mv tailgating/passing; 9:07 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 9:23 p.m.: disturbance (Wilson Avenue), noise complaint; 11:14 p.m.: medical/general (Jones Street); (total daily mv stops – 5).  
SATURDAY, JUNE 17  
2:11-3:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:53 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), testing; 8:00 a.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 9:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Park Street), re: dog in park; 10:36 a.m.: animal cruelty (Greenville Street), bag of live chickens found; 10:43 a.m.: 911 call (Mechanic Street), hang-up; 10:47 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 11:12 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 12:00 p.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), assisted; 12:01

p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), erratic operator; 5:57 p.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 6:16 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), someone following sister; 7:05 p.m.: disturbance (Wilson Street), hears yelling; 7:05 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), sewer cover off; 7:47 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 9:02 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 9:28 p.m.: disturbance (Paxton Road), req. extra patrols; 10:06 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), pallet in road; 11:25 p.m.: transportation (West Main Street), courtesy transport; (total daily mv stops – 0).  
SUNDAY, JUNE 18  
1:23-2:23 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:28 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 2:11 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:53 a.m.: medical/general (Bell Street); 9:46 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:02 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 1:17 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Park Street), referred; 2:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Norcross Road), lg. bear in area; 3:30 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 4:03 p.m.: RV complaint (Cooney Road), re: dirt bike; 6:55 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), unwanted party; 7:57 p.m.: medical/general (Debbie Drive); 10:14 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 11:12 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); (total daily mv stops – 3).  
MONDAY, JUNE 19  
1:17-3:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:28 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:48 a.m.: animal complaint (Casey Street), req. ACO call; 10:26 a.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), unwanted party; 10:28 a.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), erratic operator/car carrier; 11:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Cranberry Meadow Roads), info taken; 12:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Borkum Road), re: target shooting on property; 1:46 p.m.: medical/general (Westland Drive); 2:23 p.m.: building checked, secure; 2:36 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street), referred; 2:59 p.m.: mv fire (Main Street), trailer fire/referred; 3:13 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 3:30 p.m.: hit/run accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:55 p.m.: 911 call (Temple Street), misdial; 5:03 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 5:22 p.m.: 911 call (Salem Street), hang-up; 5:36 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), 2 mvs speeding/passing; 5:41 p.m.: medical/general (Treadwell Drive); 6:35 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: threats rec'd; 7:25 p.m.: mv lockout (Barclay Road), services rendered; 7:56 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Treadwell Terrace), illegal burn; (total daily mv stops – 5).  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20  
12:36-4:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:48 a.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 1:44 a.m.: medical/general (School Street); 4:47 a.m.: medical/general (Roy's Drive); 8:31 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), misdial; 9:37 a.m.: mv complaint (Route 49), c/o o/weight trailers; 9:43 a.m.: disturbance (Woodside Road), neighbor issue; 10:15 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 10:37 a.m.: medical/general (High Street); 10:51 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 2:28 p.m.: mv complaint (North Brookfield Road), issue w/mv operator; 3:04 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), neighbor issue; 3:49 p.m.: mv complaint (Condon Drive), speeding; 4:25 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), water shutoff rec'd; 5:01 p.m.: suspicious persons (North Spencer Road), investigated; 7:08 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. restraining order violation; 8:04 p.m.: restraining order service (High Street); 8:35 p.m.: commercial fire (Main Street), Jenna Stebbins, 20, 87 Millbury Street, Oxford, b&e in the nighttime, arson of a dwelling, arrest; 9:47 p.m.: residential alarm (Washburn Drive), services rendered; (total daily mv stops – 3).  
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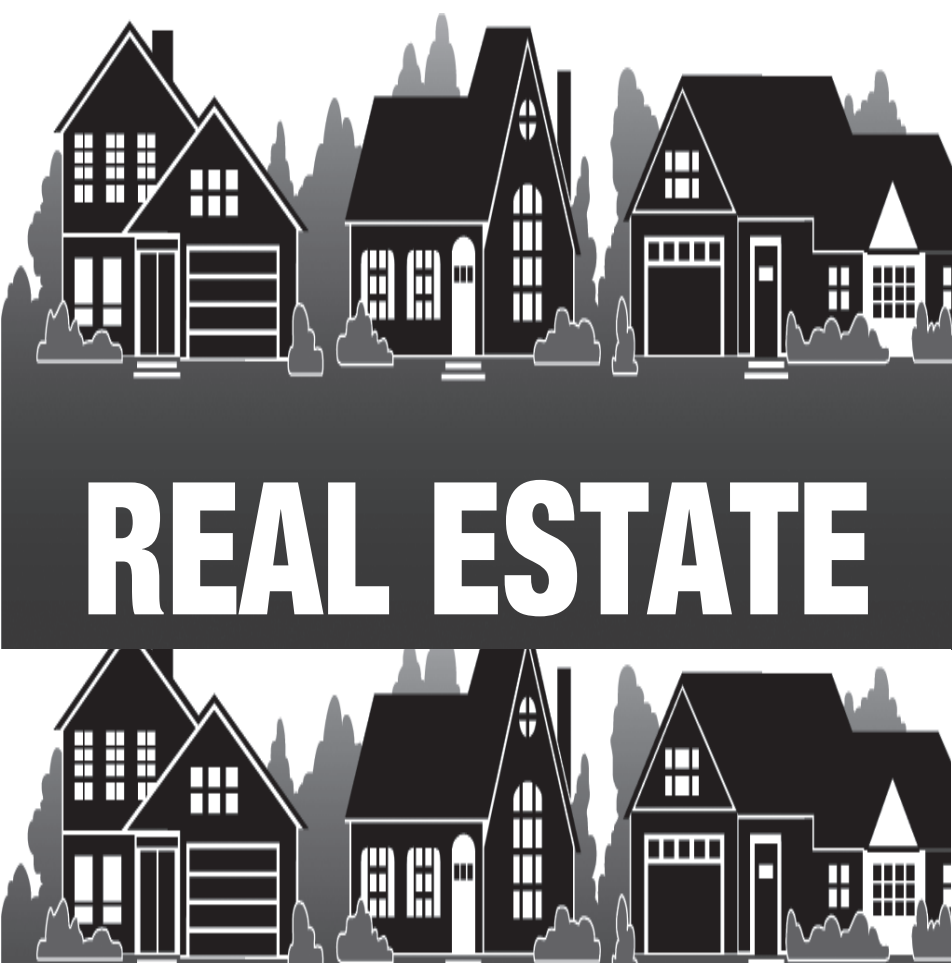
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**Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law: **Brian Kennen** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission for an after the fact shed and play area located at **7 Debbie Drive**, 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, July 12, 2023 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.  
Mary McLaughlin  
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
June 30, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. W023P2148EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:**  
Donald Cox Coker  
**Also Known As: Donald C. Coker**

**Date of Death: 04/23/2023**  
To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jane D. Hughes** of **Medway MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Jane D. Hughes** of **Medway 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 07/25/2023.**  
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: June 21, 2023  
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate  
June 30, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. W023C0342CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
**In the matter of:**  
**Aria Antoinette Ramsey**  
**A Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Aria Antoinette Ramsey** of **East Brookfield** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Aria Marie McCubrey**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/18/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**  
**WITNESS, HON. LEILAH A KEAMY,**

**First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: June 16, 2023  
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate  
June 30, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department WORCESTER, Division Docket No.23W0766 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
Lindsay Yeager, Plaintiff  
V.  
Abimael Figueroa Mendoza, Defendant  
To the above named Defendant: Abimael Figueroa Mendoza  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Omar Navarro, seeking Paternity. A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking Complaint for Custody, Support and Parenting Time. You are required to serve upon Lindsay Yeager, whose address is 200 Pierce Road, West Brookfield, MA 01585, your answer on or before September 11, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at WORCESTER.  
Witness, Leilah A. Kearny, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester, this 13th Day of June 2023.  
Stephanie Fattman  
June 30, 2023



# Leicester Senior Citizens Club announces upcoming trips

LEICESTER — The Leicester Senior Citizens Club has announced six upcoming bus trips for local seniors to enjoy.

The next trip will take place on Friday, July 14, with guests taking part in a visit to Warren's Lobster House in Maine. The cost of the trip, which also includes shopping opportunities in Maine, is \$108 per person.

On Friday, Aug. 18, a trip will be offered to Hart's Turkey Farm & Castle in the Clouds. The cost is \$99 per person.

A trip slated for Wednesday, Sept. 6, will enable guests to see "Jersey Boys" at Theatre by the Sea. The trip, which also includes lunch, is \$99 per person.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, guests will visit Warren's Lobster House and the Ogunquit Playhouse. The cost is \$155 per person.

On Monday, Nov. 13, guests will visit Newport Playhouse and enjoy a buffet luncheon. The cost is \$116 per person.

Finally, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, guests will enjoy a Christmas celebration with The Corvettes at Log Cabin (\$125 per person).

For more information about each trip and how to sign up, contact David Wood at 508-330-1118.

# Eastern student Julia Trainor of Rochdale makes Dean's List

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester, in which nearly 1,300 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them is full-time student Julia Trainor of Rochdale, a sophomore who majors in Secondary Education and English.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state of Connecticut's public liberal arts university, serving upwards of 4,100 students annually on its Willimantic campus. In addition to attracting students from 160 of Connecticut's 169 towns, Eastern also draws students from 32 states and eight countries. A residential campus offering 41 majors and 68 minors, Eastern offers students a strong liberal arts foundation grounded in a variety of applied learning opportunities. Ranked among the top 20 public institutions in the North by U.S. News & World Report in its 2022-23 Best Colleges ratings, Eastern has also been awarded 'Green Campus' status by the Princeton Review 13 years in a row. For more information, visit [www.easternct.edu](http://www.easternct.edu).

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# Western New England University students named to Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University recently named over 570 students to the Spring Semester 2023 Dean's List.

Sydney Corfe of West Brookfield is majoring in Psychology.

Kevin O'Neil of Brookfield is majoring in Computer Science.

Kiarra Dorman of West Brookfield is majoring in Business Analytics & Information Management.

Nathan Sullivan of North Brookfield is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

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PEN PALS

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they were chatting to a friend they had known their entire lives. I look forward to participating in this program again

next year.”

Officials are hopeful that the bonds created through this year’s pen pal program will expand into longtime friendships. Leicester senior Marilyn Hyland recent-

ly spoke at a meeting of The Senior Club about the friendship she developed as a result of her participation in the pen pal program many years ago. She first began writing to her pen pal, Cole Delage, when he was a

fourth grader at Leicester Elementary School. Eight years later, Delage just graduated from Leicester High School and continues to inspire his pen pal with accomplishments in music, athletics, and community service.

“Cole was awarded The Senior Club’s Annual Scholarship, which made me very proud, as I got to know him through many years of maintaining our pen pal relationship,” Hyland said.

Cloutier and her team look forward to returning the pen pal program in the fall and welcoming the next wave of inter-generational buddies.

MCCANCE

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to support the school budget through a challenging period. The transfer of \$1.5 million in ARPA funding is expected to help the schools avoid major cuts to staff and programs this upcoming year. Meanwhile, approvals for additional funding sources to support the schools will be sought at

the Fall Town Meeting. The recently approved funds will also help the school department continue to advance its new vocational technical pathway program, officials said.

Looking ahead, McCance and her team are also eager to continue promoting transparency within the district and strong communications with other town boards.

“The School Committee will continue to be responsive and transparent with the community we serve,” McCance added. “Maintaining high standards for high student achievement is a vision that cannot be swayed for any reason. Our students deserve the best, which is our obligation under the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as

School Committee members.”

McCance joins fellow school officials in thanking Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian for his efforts and leadership in a challenging first year at the head of the district. Despite facing significant adversity, Kustigian and the School Committee were able to successfully transition LHS juniors

and seniors to their new home on the former Becker College campus well ahead of schedule. The school department also saw several other successes this year with augmented programming, and officials look forward to a promising year ahead.

“Our goal is to improve educational opportunities for all students, and our team will continue to strive for that,” McCance

told the New Leader.

To learn more about the opening on the School Committee, visit [www.leicesterma.org](http://www.leicesterma.org). Interested candidates must fill out a volunteer form and email it to Superintendent Kustigian ([kustigianb@lpsma.net](mailto:kustigianb@lpsma.net)) or School Committee Chair McCance ([mccanced@lpsma.net](mailto:mccanced@lpsma.net)).

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The sendoff ceremony also included special community guests like State Rep. Donald Berthiaume and East Brookfield Finance Committee member Mark Carpentier.

“I’m looking forward to seeing where you will all go throughout your careers. My best advice is to be nice to everyone,” Rep. Berthiaume told students.

Carpentier thanked teachers for their daily efforts in preparing students for the journey ahead.

“Every day you greet your students with a

smile on your face. Your students are your dedication,” Carpentier said.

Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey congratulated outgoing EBES students and wished them well in their next chapters. Many students will continue on to Knox Trail Middle School and eventually attend David Prouty High School.

“Many of you have been here since the beginning of your education. We look forward to all of the wonderful things you will continue to do,” Haughey said.

Parents, families, teachers, and staff mem-

bers are all thanked for the roles they played in shaping students’ success. Family education-

al support systems were particularly important during the pandemic shutdown and remote

learning phases, officials said.

The sendoff ceremony concluded with the pre-

sentation of student certificates and gift baskets.

More than 6,500 University of Rhode Island students named to Dean’s List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2023 Dean’s List. Students named to the Dean’s List represent nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

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Country Bank announces Stonier graduate

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial intuition serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to congratulate one of its Difference Makers, Dianna Lussier, Vice President of Risk, on her recent graduation from the American Bankers Association, Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

The ABA Stonier Graduate School of Banking continues to lead the way as the industry’s preeminent graduate banking program. Professional development is important now more than ever, and Stonier delivers the highest standard of executive education through its highly regarded program. Graduates receive both a Stonier Diploma and a Wharton Leadership Certificate.

“During the past three years, I gained valuable insights into leadership, innovation, ethics, business strategy, and change management. I’ve learned new perspectives and skillsets and built meaningful connections with leaders in the banking industry across the country. I know these connections will be a great resource for me throughout my career. Thank you to Country Bank for providing me with this opportunity to advance my leadership and other developmental skills that will make a difference in my career, for my team, and the Bank,” said Lussier.

“We couldn’t be prouder of Dianna for her dedication to the completion of the American Bankers Association Stonier School of Banking. She has worked hard over the course of this three-year program designed to enhance her leadership skills as a Banker, a risk professional and a thought leader for the Bank. Dianna has always been enthusiastic about the learning opportunities offered by the Bank through her career at Country Bank and we are appreciative of her continued commitment to excellence,” said Miriam Siegel, FSVP, Chief Culture & Development Officer.

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## Roger Williams University announces Dean's List

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Bella Miles of Brookfield  
Abigail Morrison of Rochdale  
Isaiah Saint-Vil of Spencer

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