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Help needed to purchase diabetic alert dog for local girl

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The Deja New team is seeking community fundraising support to cover the costs of purchasing a diabetic alert dog needed for an incoming LHS freshman.

The Bethany's Angel Fund campaign will benefit 14-year-old Bethany Parke, who is set to begin her freshman year at Leicester High School this fall. Diagnosed with hereditary pancreatitis at the age of three, Bethany endured escalating pain and hospital visits for several years before undergoing a total pancreatectomy and auto islet cell transplantation in 2016. The surgery removed her pancreas, gallbladder, spleen, and part of her duodenum.

As a result of her surgery, Bethany no longer suffers pancreatic attacks. Yet even though she now enjoys an improved quality of life, the complex surgery resulted in her diagnosis as a type 3C diabetic.

"The islet cell transplant part of her surgery transplanted her islet cells from her pancreas into her liver," read a statement released by the Deja New team, which is leading the fundraising effort. "Her liver was able to produce her insulin successfully for a short time. A year and a half ago, Bethany's islet cells started failing and she gradually became fully insulin dependent."

In July 2021, Bethany was put on an insulin pump full-time, as well as a continuous glucose monitor (CGM). The CGM takes her blood sugar readings every five minutes and sends the information to her pump, which helps control her levels.

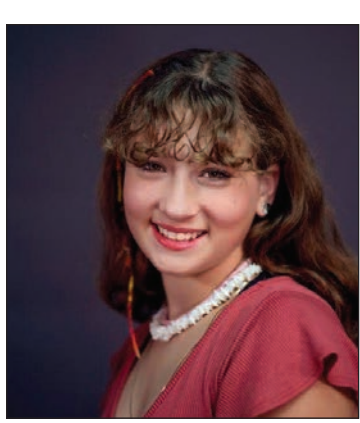


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Community support is requested to purchase Angel, a Labradoodle trained as a diabetic alert dog for Leicester teen Bethany Parke.

Although Bethany has worked closely with her school nurse to monitor her blood sugars during the school day, she still contends with unexpected daily challenges.

"Her diabetes is very unpredictable and can fluctuate quickly," the Deja New-issued statement read. "When Bethany experiences diabetic lows and high blood sugars, she often feels shaky and dizzy, has blurred vision and nausea, can get headaches, and has trouble concentrating. More concerning is that she is at risk of becoming unconscious."

Bethany's parents recently reached out to Nevada-based Diabetic Alert Dogs of America. In June 2022, Bethany was paired with Angel, a white

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Local first responders enjoy the event. Photos Kevin Flanders

Community comes together for National Night Out

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – After enduring long stretches of isolation in recent years, it was especially meaningful for the community to come together last week during North Brookfield's National Night Out (NNO) program.

Held on Aug. 2 at North Brookfield Schools, the event united the entire community. Guests included police and fire officials; local legislators and municipal leaders; community organizations; church and school groups; local businesses; and residents from throughout the area.

Organized by the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield and its NNO Committee, the event required planning contributions from several members. These included Sue Lewandowski; Katelin Gaines; Brooke Canada; Tashena Marie; Nancy Waldron; Anne Adams; Katelinde Grenevech; Police Chief Mark Smith; Lisa Kuhne; Kaylee Kuhne; and Jillian Phillips.

While the event provided plenty of reasons for celebration, it also served as an opportunity to connect residents struggling with various challenges to helpful resources. Since the pandemic began in 2020, local residents and families have dealt with a sharp increase of adversities, including substance use, depression, eating disorders, domestic violence, and anxiety. At the Aug. 2 event, representatives from several organizations and networks were available for guests seeking information or assistance.

The event also brought community members and police officers together for a fun night. Similar community-building NNO events were held in towns and states across the country, and local officials were thrilled by the work of the organizing committee to bring NNO to North Brookfield.

"As the NB liaison to the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition and Substance Use Alliance, I have participated in their multifaceted

North Brookfield selectmen's race to end on Primary Day

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – In a selectmen's race whose unexpected twists and turns have played out more like a novel plot, voters will author the final chapter on Primary Day.

The roller coaster of unlikely events began at the May 2 Annual Town Election, when incumbent Selectman Dale Kiley and challenger Elizabeth Brooke Canada tied with 351 votes each. A hand count confirmed the original vote tabulation, and the result represented the first tie for a major race in North Brookfield's election history.

Town Clerk Tara Hayes worked with town counsel and the State Elections Division under the Secretary of State to determine the next steps in the process.

After it was decided to hold a new election on Primary Day, Sept. 6, news surfaced that Kiley had pulled out of the race. Earlier this month, Kiley confirmed to the New Leader that he decided not to seek another term, and will not participate in the Sept. 6 election.

"My plans changed, and I will be moving out of North Brookfield next year. I decided not to run again, as I would not be able to complete a full term," Kiley said.

With Kiley's exit from the race, Canada was seemingly poised to claim an uncontested seat. But in an election process steeped in plot twists, residents were hardly surprised to learn of yet another development, when Patrick Gustafson announced his candidacy despite not running in the initial election.

Gustafson could not be reached for comment about the timing of his decision to enter the race.

Even though Kiley and Canada tied in the spring election, with no other candidates vying for the seat at the time, election results

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Spencer police continue to investigate drowning

SPENCER – Police continue to investigate a drowning on Lake Whittemore last weekend.

A 51-year-old woman drowned on the lake on Saturday, Aug. 6. Her body was found floating near the shore in Luther Hill Park, Spencer Police said.

The victim, who was not identified by press time, had previously been reported missing to police. Her body was discovered by a lifeguard on duty at the beach.

The park was closed for the remainder of the day.

Spencer Police and State Police detectives are investigating the drowning.

Antique and collectibles auction news

There's been plenty of antique, collectibles, and auction news hot off the press this summer, starting with some shipwrecked treasures heading to auction this fall. USA Today reports that items from an 1857 shipwreck heading to the block include "a pair of work pants and wedding rings to letters and a first edition of 'The Count of Monte Cristo.'" The Steamship Central America was traveling from San Francisco to New York carrying many passengers who became rich during the California Gold Rush, meaning the ship was also transporting tons of gold. A hurricane off the Carolina Coast sank the ship, killing 475 people and sending its precious cargo 7,000 feet below sea level. USA today report that the ship sinking marked "the greatest economic disaster in U.S. maritime history and contributed to a global panic." Items were recovered from the wreck in the 1990s and again in 2014. Many of the estimates are in the hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars.

Here on land, online bidding is open for a bitter 1971 letter sent from John Lennon to Paul McCartney. TMZ reports that the letter came in response to an interview McCartney did with Melody Maker, a British music mag-



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azine. According to Ultimate Classic Rock and Culture, Paul wanted only the four Beatles present when they signed a paper agreeing to a split. Lennon's letter to McCartney read, "Maybe there's an answer there somewhere ... but for the millionth time in these past few years, I repeat, what about the TAX?" Along with the tax issue, Lennon also took offense with the fact that McCartney wanted just the four Beatles to meet. He wrote "I thought you'd have understood BY NOW that I'm JOHNANDYOKO." The auction estimate for the letter is \$30,000.

A Honus Wagner T206 baseball tobacco card once again set an auction record recently. The Wagner card is considered the Holy Grail or Mona Lisa of baseball cards. Wagner didn't want his likeness depicted on tobacco cards because he thought they would encourage tobacco use by young fans. Major League Baseball's website reports that "there are thought to be only 50-60 copies of the card in existence, making it one of the rarest sports cards in the world." In August of last year, a Wagner T206 card sold for \$6.6 million. This Wagner card sold for \$7.25 million last month.

The jacket that Buzz Aldrin wore to



the moon also recently set a record, fetching the highest price for a jacket ever sold for at action. The jacket featured Aldrin's name and an Apollo 11 patch. Forbes reports that it was the only garment worn to the moon that was ever available at auction. The previous record for an American space flown artifact was a lunar dust bag which brought \$1.8 million in 2017. The previous record for a jacket was for the one worn by Michael Jackson in the Thriller video which also sold for \$1.8 million in 2011. Aldrin's jacket exceeded the \$1 to \$2 million estimate, selling for \$2.8 million last month. A rare space item selling like truly only happens once in a blue moon.

We are still accepting consignments for our upcoming fall multi-estates

auction. Other events this fall include my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path high school in Charlton on September 13th, an appraisal event at the Townsend Historical Society on October 15th, an appraisal event at the Worcester Senior Center from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on October 18th and an appraisal event for the Leicester Historical Society on November 5th. Please visit our website <https://central-massauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

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Worcester Art Museum to debut works from first Japanese print collection of its kind

WORCESTER — This fall, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will present "The Floating World: Japanese Prints from the Bancroft Collection," an exhibition of 50 Japanese prints from the Museum's collection, 48 of which will be displayed for the first time. On view Nov. 26-March 5, 2023, the exhibition will take a comprehensive look at the diverse ukiyo-e genre through the lens of John Chandler Bancroft (1835-1901), one of the earliest and most significant collectors of Japanese prints in the United States. Bancroft's collection of over 3,700 Japanese woodblock prints was bequeathed to WAM in 1901 and is considered the Museum's first major collection. Illustrating the breadth of this transformative gift, "The Floating World" will feature works ranging in size, material, date, and subject matter, including works by renowned artists like Utagawa Hiroshige, Katsushika Hokusai, and Utagawa Kunisada. The exhibition is curated by Dr. Rachel Parikh, Associate Curator of the Arts of Asia and the Islamic World and Fiona Collins, Curatorial Assistant of Asian Art.

Organized chronologically and by artist, The Floating World illustrates the evolution of ukiyo-e artworks throughout Japan's Edo period (1603-1868). Through these works, visitors will gain insight into the complexity and breadth of ukiyo-e, or "pictures of the floating world," an artistic genre that sent lasting ripples of influence throughout the world. The exhibition will be a chance to see this impact firsthand, including Hiroshige's featured Sudden Shower over Shin-hashi Bridge and Atake (1857), which inspired

Vincent van Gogh's Bridge in the Rain (after Hiroshige) (1887). Similarly, these works significantly shaped the work of American artist John La Farge, who collected Japanese prints alongside Bancroft starting in the 1860s.

Created in a period of economic growth, ukiyo-e prints often depict scenes of leisure and arts, highlighting the ability of the working class to participate in the entertainment culture of urban centers like Edo (Japan). Born from book illustrations, ukiyo-e prints tell stories, often presented as intricate tableaux of everyday life portraying courtesans, kabuki actors, sumo wrestlers, dwellings, and landscapes. Intricate and colorful, these artworks were produced using innovative and collaborative processes involving planning, designing, carving, and hand-pressing.

"The Floating World' is a landmark opportunity for the Worcester Art Museum to facilitate a deeper understanding of one of the most culturally rich periods of world history," said Matthias Waschek, the Jean and Myles McDonough Director of the Worcester Art Museum. "Through these never-before-seen works, our visitors will recog-

nize the enduring relevance of themes found in ukiyo-e prints, including pride, resilience, and humor. We are thrilled to draw these through lines using WAM's Bancroft Collection, which is not only one of our most comprehensive collections, but also the nation's earliest and among the most influential collections of Japanese ukiyo-e prints."

"The Floating World" solidifies WAM as one of the foremost locations of Japanese ukiyo-e print scholarship in the country. Bancroft's collection makes up nearly 10% of the Museum's collection of approximately 38,000 objects from around the world. Assembled thoughtfully over decades, this collection of predominantly first-edition woodblock prints demonstrates the vastness of a Japanese art genre that has commonly been overgeneralized by traditional Western art history practices. The Bancroft Collection is also notable for the quality and well-preserved condition of the prints, which will be evident to visitors to the exhibition.

This exhibition is part of the Worcester Art Museum's 2022-2023 exhibition and programming schedule that connects people, communities, and cultures through the experience of art.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3000 BCE to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives — including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction — offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 17 and younger. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at worcesterart.org.

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Spencer residents battle heat to support Why Me & Sherry's House

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Several local residents recently persisted through a heat wave to raise money for Why Me & Sherry's House.

The athletes belonged to a 100-Mile Ruck March Challenge group that walked 25 miles per day from July 21-24. All funds raised by the mission will support Why Me & Sherry's House, which provide extensive assistance and resources to families with children battling cancer.

The second annual 100-Mile Ruck March Challenge saw punishingly hot daytime temperatures. At night, after recovering from their arduous treks through multiple towns, the local athletes camped out at various venues before continuing their march at sunrise each morning.

"This event was not only a physical challenge but also a mental challenge," said Spencer resident Jason Monette. "The one thing that helped us all get through was the thought of those children and families as they struggle every day because of cancer. Our struggles ended in four days, but for many of them their struggles continue on every day of their lives. Seeing the kids at the finish line with smiles on their faces made every mile worth it."

Monette and his fellow Spencer athletes—who came to be known as "The Spencer 5"—battled through several



Photo Courtesy

From left to right, beginning in the front row: Jamie Cormier, Casey Cormier, Jeremy Ahearn, Jay Sauvageau, and Jason Monette, all of Spencer.

days topping out in the mid-nineties. Teammates included Jay Sauvageau, Casey Cormier, Jamie Cormier, and Jeremy Ahearn.

"The other thing that helped us get through was the unwavering support of family and friends. On day two we were coined The Spencer 5, and that name stuck, helping give us the momentum each day to not only make our family and friends proud but also our town," Monette said.

Added Jamie Cormier, "Being able to complete this challenge alongside

my husband, brother, and some of my closest friends was life-changing and created bonds that I cannot explain. We were all going to finish what we set out to do, and we did just that."

For Casey Cormier, the 2022 march presented an opportunity to overcome obstacles that thwarted last year's effort.

"After having attempted this last year, and ultimately dropping out at mile 63, I thought I was well-prepared for this year's ruck," Casey Cormier said. "The heat changed all that, but that's the

point of this event—it makes you realize how much these kids and families are going through every day. You find that place where, if the kids can find the strength in their treatment, you realize that you can muster the strength for just one more step."

As part of their multi-day march, the local participants stopped at several area breweries for public fundraising gatherings in the evenings.

The finish line was reached on Sunday, July 24, at Sherry's House.

From expensive medical bills, to travel and lodging costs, families with children fighting cancer can quickly find themselves financially overwhelmed. Why Me, a Worcester-based nonprofit organization, assists families throughout the area who are grappling with a pediatric cancer diagnosis.

Established in 1985 by then 13-year-old Sherry Shepherd during her four-year battle with cancer, Why Me offers a comprehensive approach to supporting the entire family.

Sherry's House provides a venue for kids and their families to receive various support services throughout their battles with childhood cancer. These include family fun events, social visits, summer and vacation camps, celebrations, support groups, and a food pantry.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help, visit www.whyme.org.

Haston Library celebrates end of summer reading program

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – It's been a fun summer of reading at Haston Free Public Library, and officials invite families to celebrate the end of the summer reading program with a special party.

Set for Aug. 20 at 10 a.m., the event will feature Parents' Choice Award-winning storyteller and musician Davis Bates. Entitled "The Places You'll Go," the program will involve the audience in songs and stories inspired by a variety of cultural traditions.

The program will include plenty of sing-alongs, as well as a short lesson on how to play the spoons. Bates has been storytelling across the country for more than 40 years.

For more information about the program, send an email to blamb@cwmar.org, or call the library at 508-867-0208. This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural

Council.

Meanwhile, thanks to a generous gift from Grassroots Central Mass., the library was recently able to purchase several books pertaining to climate change. Grassroots Central Mass. is a volunteer organization dedicated to creating change through a variety of actions.

In other library news, this month's selection for the Haston Library Book Group is "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Copies are available in the library, and the book will be discussed on Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. in the library and via Zoom.

Patrons are also reminded that the library has access to more than 57 online databases licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Funding for the services is provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Library System.

On Saturday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the Friends of the Haston Free Public Library will hold their annual book sale in front of the library. If you have books or DVDs in good condition that you would like to donate, please call the library at 508-867-0208. Also, if you are a high school student looking for community service hours, you may volunteer to help move books at the book sale from 8:30-10 a.m., as well as 2-3:30 p.m. Call the library if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Finally, guests will want to mark their calendars for an informative "Food for Thought" program next month. Dietary specialist David Brown will visit the library on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 6:30-8 p.m. His talk will focus on specific nutrients that are essential to brain health, among other topics.

For more information about upcoming library events, call the library at 508-867-0208.

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THOMPSON, Conn. — It's August, and that means it's time for the 13th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show, "Cruisin' Into Healthcare," sponsored by the nonprofit UMass Memorial Health Harrington Hospital Auxiliary.

The event takes place on Sunday, Aug. 28 at Bogey's Ice Cream Stand/Thompson Speedway in Thompson, Conn. Registration is only \$10 and begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. The first 100 cars will receive dash plaques.

There is no admission fee for spectators, so come and bring the family for a day of fun.

Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place. Registrants also vote for the People's Choice Award. One award will be given for the motorcycle deemed "Best in Show." The award ceremony takes place at 2:00 pm.

In addition to the Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, DJ Bruce Marshall from Valley Classic Hits, 97.7 FM will spin your favorite tunes and Harrington on Wheels will offer health education and provide health screenings. The Auxiliary is also sponsoring a raffle; take chance to win one of several spectacular prizes.

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DOROTHY CIVIN
Formerly of Spencer

Dorothy recently celebrated her 90th birthday at Brookfield Orchards with family and friends, where she worked for many years.
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If you would like to nominate someone or a group of people for 2022, please email your suggestion to June at jsima@stonebridgepress.news. Thank you.

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Local police offer advice on avoiding scams

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Police in local communities are urging residents to take steps to avoid becoming the victims of new, creative, and often convincing scams.

Although scammers regularly target the elderly, anyone can become a victim of increasingly sophisticated traps utilizing various technologies. And because the scammers usually reside outside the country, prosecution is a major challenge for officials.

“Being a victim of a scam causes more headaches and stress for those affected,” read a statement released by the Sturbridge Police Department. “Be aware of possible scams, especially for the vulnerable populations that can be taken advantage of.”

Recently, the state’s Department of Transitional Assistance, which assists low-income individuals and families, released warnings on various scams targeting their agency and clients.

“The Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) issued additional warnings to residents of skimming scams that have impacted some DTA clients,” read a statement released by the DTA. “The agency and its investigations team became aware of banks and retailers who appear to have had their ATMs and card processing terminals compromised. These scams are aimed at obtaining credit, debit, and electronic benefit transfer card information and personal identification numbers.”

Skimming is the use of an electronic device to steal card information from a card reader and create a fake card, known as **cloning**.

As a precaution, the DTA recommends that its clients change the PIN on their EBT cards. Clients do not need to receive a new card to safely access their benefits.

“The department has taken several preemptive steps to help protect clients’ benefits, including sending out multiple

targeted text messages and creating a notice to inform clients and encourage them to re-PIN their card,” the agency’s statement read.

Local police departments are also warning of a phishing scam in which victims receive scam text messages notifying that their pandemic benefits have been blocked. The messages direct individuals to call a specific number and provide their credit card information to learn the status of benefits.

Police remind residents to never provide their personal information over the phone to unconfirmed callers. If you are unsure about the legitimacy of a caller, hang up and contact the agency or organization directly.

Additionally, scammers will often resort to urgent language or threats about deadlines when pressed with questions, police warned. If you notice suspicious or aggressive behavior over the phone, hang up and contact the agency through a publicly listed number. Never call numbers or open attach-

ments provided by unknown persons.

Finally, residents are cautioned against scammers trying to take advantage of charitable works. They often create fake fundraising pages and bogus social media accounts to attract potential victims.

“Scam artists may pose as FEMA or other government officials, aid workers, or employees from charitable organizations or insurance companies in order to get your personal information or take your money,” read a statement issued by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

Local police remind residents that law enforcement agencies do not call or email people seeking payments. Scammers often attempt to impersonate police officials in an effort to solicit money.

To learn more about various steps you can take to recognize scammers and report them to the authorities, visit www.mass.gov.

Quinsigamond Community College recognized as best community college in Massachusetts

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) was ranked best community college in Massachusetts in 2022 by Intelligent.com, an online source for program rankings and higher education planning. The research identifies programs in the nation based

on flexibility, faculty, course strength, cost, and reputation. QCC was also ranked eighth in 2022, in the category of best online universities and colleges in Massachusetts.

“This ranking is a testament of the hard work and commitment that our faculty, staff, administration and Board

of Trustees have for our students,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “The last few years have offered unprecedented challenges for our students and higher education as a whole, but our steadfast commitment to 100 percent student success has been the driving force in everything that we do.”

Since the start of the COVID-19 global pandemic, QCC has rethought many of its programs and processes, developing an educational model that was conducive to the new educational landscape.

“The college took a hard look at what was best for the students that we serve and increased our support services, as well as the way in which courses were offered,” President Pedraja continued.

QCC offers a variety of flexible learning options that include on-campus, online

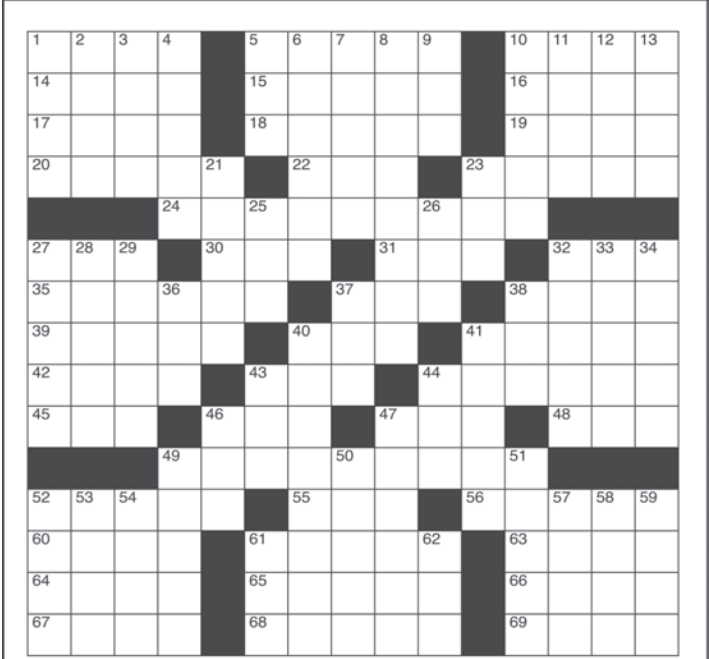
and hybrid formats. Experts at Intelligent.com assessed programs that help students enhance and develop advanced skills for a variety of in-demand positions. According to Intelligent.com, studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, and degree holders earn 84 percent more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED.

Specific programs at colleges and universities across the nation were also analyzed by Intelligent.com. On a national stage, QCC was named best online associate degree for medical sales. Additionally, the college was named in the top 50 nationally for best online Associate degrees, online associate in human services programs, and online associate in administration and management programs.

Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each university according to program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement. Researchers compared 704 programs from 2,900 universities and colleges across the United States.

“There has never been a better time to attend QCC. As we prepare for the fall semester, I want to assure those students who have been reticent to attend that we have the support services, academic coaching, counseling, and other resources to ensure that college students will succeed,” President Pedraja added.

To learn more, visit www.QCC.edu.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Female parent
5. NY city
10. Israeli diplomat Abba
14. Surrounded by
15. Car part
16. Simple aquatic plant
17. Tough skin of fruit
18. Finnish lake
19. Composition
20. Very willing
22. One and only
23. Cluster cups
24. Famed Hollywood director
27. Score perfectly
30. Important lawyers
31. Undivided
32. Part of the foot
35. Spun by spiders
37. Married woman
38. Reagan's Secretary of State
39. Instruments
40. The A-Team drove one
41. Short-tailed marten
42. Oil organization
43. Predecessor to the EU
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. Color at the end of the spectrum
46. Actress Ryan
47. Digital audiotape
48. Expression of creative skill
49. Scientific instrument
52. Dog-_: marked for later
55. Israeli city __ Aviv
56. Fencing sword
60. Turkish title
61. Wise individuals
63. Cold wind
64. Popular type of shoe
65. The territory occupied by a nation
66. Tattle
67. Chop up
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Female of a horse
2. Bowfin
3. Chinese dynasty
4. Small venomous snake
5. Global news agency
6. Common fractions
7. American state
8. Tired
9. Boxing's GOAT
10. Made less severe
11. A group of countries in special alliance
12. God of fire (Hindu)
13. Northeast Indian ethnic group
21. Anchor ropes
23. They __
25. Apprehend
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A theatrical performer
28. 2-door car
29. Partner to flowered
32. Pair of small hand drums
33. Former Houston footballer
34. Discharge
36. Former women's branch of the military
37. Partner to cheese
38. Witch
40. Live in a dull way
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume
46. Type of student
47. Erase
49. Instruct
50. Girl's given name
51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Indian city
54. Greek letters
57. Weapon
58. Geological times
59. Cycle in physics
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Fifth Annual “FUN”raiser on Lake Wickaboag

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Wickaboag Preservation Association (LWPA) will host a Poker Run on Lake Wickaboag on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 2-5 p.m. In the event of heavy rain or dangerous storms, the event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3.

For the FUNraiser, association

members will have five pontoon boats, “dealer” boats, anchored around the lake marked with red flags. “Players” can pick up their score sheets and begin playing at any of the dealer boats. Score sheets are available for a \$20 donation for each player on your boat. Once you have paid for your score card, you proceed to each marked dealer boat, in no particular order at a leisurely pace. One card per player will be dealt at each dealer boat. A small gift from LWPA will also be given out with the cards dealt. An extra card can be purchased for an additional \$10 donation on any dealer boat.

When players draw their last card, they will leave their score sheet with the crew of that boat. At the end of the Poker Run, the dealer boat captains will meet at the Lake Wickaboag Boat Club and tally the results.

Based on the best five card poker hand, the winner will receive \$100. The second-place hand wins \$50 and the third best hand, \$25. Winners will be announced after 7 p.m. at the Boat Club or reached by phone.

All are welcome to join us for a unique day of fun and socializing on Lake Wickaboag. All proceeds are used to support the health and safety of the lake in accordance with the LWPA mission statement: “The purpose of the Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association (LWPA) is to encourage, organize, and support programs and activities that promote, restore, and maintain the ecological health of Lake Wickaboag through involvement in issues of water quality and watershed protection and management.”

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact Jim Armstrong at racer914@aol.com or Mary Beth Czaja at marybeth@northamericantool.com. More information and a complete list of rules, visit us at www.lakewickaboag.com or “Like” us on Facebook.

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ELECTION

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lations allow the entire process to be reset. This means any eligible resident had the opportunity to enter the race, as long as they met the certification requirements.

For Canada, no amount of curveballs surrounding the election has distracted her from the goal of serving her town. Canada told the New Leader she is focused on the next steps in the process and continuing to work hard for North Brookfield.

The State Primary and Special Town Election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Senior Center (29 Forest Street).

The Sept. 6 election is not considered a runoff, the Town Clerk said, but instead a new election resulting from the prior failure to elect.

Stay tuned to upcoming editions of the New Leader for features on the candidates. Both candidates will be given the opportunity for election profiles.

NIGHT OUT

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ed programs for many years, such as NNO, and was thrilled when a group of like-minded women wanted to host our own annual community-building campaign. A coalition was born, and the rest is history. And now we have the limitless opportunities for future collaboration between town organizations and county/state resources,” said Sue Lewandowski, a member of the organizing committee.

For local police officers, it’s always a joy to get out into the community, build relationships, and show their personalities beyond the badge. Residents don’t often have many contacts with law enforcement personnel during informal events, but one of the goals of NNO is to unite officers and community members in a relaxed setting. During the Aug. 2 celebration in North Brookfield, area officers were involved in every-

thing from barbecues to performing live music.

“The National Night Out Committee did a phenomenal job. They deserve every bit of credit for the effort they put in,” Chief Smith told the New Leader.

The event also included food and drinks, a touch-a-truck program for kids, and plenty of informational vendors and displays. State Representative Donald Berthiaume greeted local families, and Haston Free Public Library staff members were happy to see several familiar faces.

“We were glad to be able to connect to the community in a new way and to participate with such a vibrant group of town organizations,” said Library Director Dawn Thistle. “The National Night Out Committee did an outstanding job of planning and pulling it all together.”

For more information about National Night Out, visit www.natw.org.



Deb Tambeau, left, and Katherine Keefe represent Foster MA.



Musical entertainment was provided throughout the evening.



The Williams family enjoys a fun night out.



Local kids represent North Brookfield Youth Soccer.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is well-represented.

North Brookfield Savings Bank named in Fast 50 by Banker & Tradesman

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank has been named in the Banker & Tradesman “Fast 50” for both Commercial and Residential lending, a special recognition given to the Top 50 banks with the fastest loan growth. This includes being named #3 for Commercial Loans and # 11 for Commercial Loan Volume.

The Fast 50, compiled from data collected by The Warren Group, publisher of Banker & Tradesman, reveals the 50 fastest growing lenders in Massachusetts. And while larger financial institutions may be originating greater volumes of loans, smaller community banks and credit unions saw some of the greatest year-

over-year increases in this year’s list. Community banks benefited greatly where commercial lending was concerned in this year’s Fast 50.

“I could not be prouder of our lending team and their growing success year over year. Customer Service is the hallmark of our lending team’s success and something they do not take lightly, said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Marco Bernasconi.” “I, along with my team, are excited for what the future will hold in terms of growth and opportunity, and I am honored we have received this recognition. I am immensely proud to collaborate with this team of professionals every day.”

The Deja New team is thrilled to continue supporting Bethany this summer, and they hope residents will rally behind the family as well.

“Bethany lives a social and active lifestyle. She loves to dance at her dance studio, is a volunteer at her church, is a member of the Make a Wish Youth Ambassador Program, and enjoys being a part of the many clubs at her school,” the informational statement read. “Having Angel will provide Bethany the freedom to participate in these activities more independently and still maintain her safety.”

To learn more about this community fundraiser, look for announcements on Deja New’s website and Facebook page.

The organization’s website is www.DejaNewLeicester.com.

“The staff at Deja New and the Parke family appreciate any help you can give to help bring Angel home to Bethany.”

Each year, Deja New supports several local charitable organizations and families in need.

Deja New is located at 100 South Main St.

BETHANY

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Labradoodle who is currently receiving training to be Bethany’s diabetic alert dog.

“Once trained, Angel will be able to detect when Bethany is having low or high blood sugar and will paw at her until she gets her attention,” the informational statement read. “This will be especially useful in loud/busy environments and when she is sleeping, in case she cannot hear her insulin pump alarm. Angel will be able to get Bethany her diabetic supplies and get help if Bethany is not conscious.”

Before Bethany and Angel start their life together, Deja New is hoping for the support of community fundraising to help cover the high costs of training a specialized alert dog. As part of the Bethany’s Angel Fund campaign, community leaders aim to raise \$14,000.

Bethany’s family and Deja New have already combined to make a down payment of \$3,000. The total cost for the dog is \$17,000.

Friday’s Child



Jacob

Hi! My name is Jacob and I love to laugh and smile!

Jacob is a sensitive young man of Hispanic descent who enjoys smiling and laughing. He likes to joke around and have fun. Jacob loves being outside and enjoys most outdoor activities. He enjoys sports such as basketball and volleyball. Jacob likes to ride his bike and also has a green thumb, so he enjoys planting and general gardening. Those who work closely with Jacob state that he has made great progress recently, especially in terms of developing positive relationships with peers. He does well in

school with supports and thrives when structure is provided for him.

Legally free for adoption, Jacob is looking for his forever family and home. He will do well in a family of any constellation, including homes with either younger or older children. He does have biological siblings that he hopes to maintain relationships with in the future. He would really benefit from a family that is able to help him process the past and move forward with the future; patience is key.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/5512>

Can I Adopt?

If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won’t have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



News Briefs

Leicester Senior Citizens announces upcoming events

LEICESTER – The Leicester Senior Citizens Club is looking forward to several exciting events.

On Sept. 12, for \$109, club members will travel to Portland, Maine. The trip will include a 90-minute harbor/seal cruise, and members will then enjoy a luncheon at the Bull and Claw Restaurant. There will also be a stop at Old Port, a shopping area in Portland. The trip is scheduled to return at 6:30 p.m.

On Sept. 20, at one of the club meetings, members will hold a luncheon open to all seniors in the area. The cost is \$5, and you do not have to be a club member to attend.

You must call the Leicester Senior Center in advance if you are interested in attending this luncheon.

On Oct. 5, for \$109, the club is planning a cruise and lunch on Lake Winnepesaukee. As always, all of these events are open to area residents.

For more information about upcoming events, please contact David Wood, Public Relations Director, at 508-330-1118.

Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association Annual Meeting set for Aug. 18

WEST BROOKFIELD—The Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association (LWPA) will hold its annual membership meeting downstairs in the Barn at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield on Thursday, Aug. 18. You can get to the downstairs location by parking in the rear parking lot. A social gathering beginning at 7 p.m. will precede the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. During the social time, LWPA fundraising items will be available for sale along with Poker Run scorecards.

The program will consist of a brief business meeting with committee reports and the following presentations: Ecological Lakeside Landscapes: Low Maintenance-High Impact Weeds and Algae on Lake Wickaboag: What They Are and What You Can Do to Help

The evening will end with a drawing for a \$50 Salem Cross gift certificate. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please visit us at www.lakewickaboag.com or contact Mary Beth Czaja at marybeth@northamericantool.com or 508-245-1895.

John Button named to Dean’s List at Tufts University

MEDFORD — Tufts University student John Button, of East Brookfield, class of 2022, was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester.

Button is one of more than 4,000 students named to Dean’s List at Tufts University. Students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or greater for the

semester.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university’s schools is widely encouraged.

John Button graduates from Tufts University

MEDFORD — Approximately 3,275 students across all schools graduated from Tufts University on May 22 during a university-wide commencement ceremony that featured the awarding of honorary degrees to a number of academic, business and civic leaders making a positive impact on the world.

John Button of East Brookfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Tufts University.

In addition to the degree conferral, the ceremony featured an address by award-winning historian, scholar, and writer Erika Lee.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is one of the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions.

Oktoberfest event planned at Town House

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House will present an Oktoberfest event on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will be held at Common Ground Ciderworks (31 East Brookfield Rd. in North Brookfield). The lineup of entertainment will feature several musical groups, including the popular Lustige Streifenhornchen Deutsche Band (The Happy Chipmunks).

Additionally, games, contests, activities, raffles, and food and drinks will make for a fun event for guests of all ages.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the North Brookfield Town House restoration and ROAR programming.

Leicester Woman’s Club planning anniversary celebration

LEICESTER – On Sept. 21, the Leicester Woman’s Club will be celebrating our 60th anniversary at Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford. We are hoping that you will be able to take pictures and give us a write up at this momentous event. Dinner will be included for anyone who would be able to do us this favor. Please respond to my email or call me, Pauline Lareau, at 508-892-9728. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

MCGOVERN VISITS LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER



Photo Courtesy

The Senior Center got a special visit earlier this month from Congressman Jim McGovern. On Aug. 2, Congressman McGovern served as the guest speaker for members of the Leicester Senior Citizens Club. The Senior Center regularly welcomes local and state leaders at its programs. These visits allow Leicester seniors to connect with their leaders and learn what’s happening in the town and across the state. The Senior Center is located at 40 Winslow Avenue. To learn more about upcoming programs and activities at the center, call 508-892-7016.

TRUST Your Neighbors



1. Make formal introductions, get to know your neighbors.
2. Get out there, Participate
3. Build a community network
4. Assist those who need extra care
5. Keep promises, Try your best to keep your word
6. Manage confrontations, If a problem should arise try your best to handle it tactfully
7. Pool resources. Sharing resources can save money and build a sense of community
8. Be a neighbors’ eyes and ears, just keeping an eye out for your neighbors can be a help.
9. Organize a community project, neighbors worked together for the community’s greater good
10. Act responsibly, When neighbors have good boundaries, are respectful and considerate, and offer assistance to one another, it creates a lot of good will and trust and long-term, close relationships can grow,

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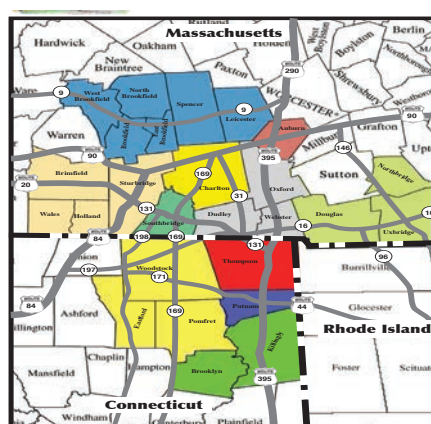
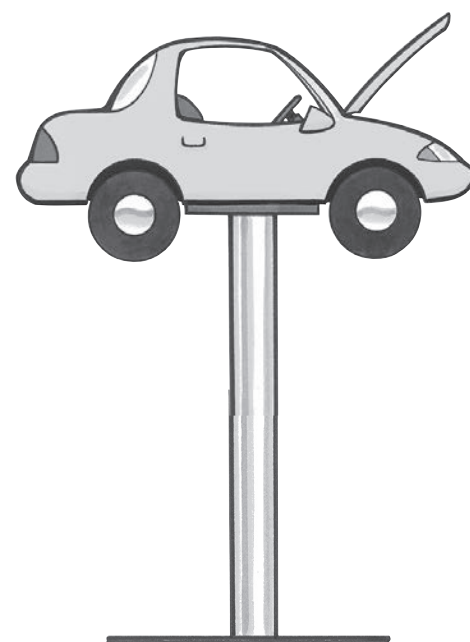
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School days, school days...

It's that time of year again, when back to school photos will soon infiltrate your social media feeds. We love this time of year, when a more structured schedule takes hold, however come June, we are ready for the daily routine to be a bit more relaxed.

We always consider mid August into September to be a new year. Yes, the actual new year begins on Jan. 1; however, the start of a new school year always brings a clean slate, and who doesn't love that?

This time of year brings with it memories for all of us, even if we are not headed back into the classroom. We recall school shopping at the height of the late '80s and early '90s, when Trapper Keepers were all the new rave. During that time, anyone who walked into a drug store would be greeted with a wall of the colorful organizers, with notebooks and pencil cases to match. Having a brand new Trapper Keeper with pencils neatly tucked away the night before school started was step one. Next, the perfect outfit would have to be picked out, after all, the first day outfit set the standard for the rest of the year. During these first few days of school, the excitement was always at an all time high. It's the famous week three, when things start to settle, and the groove of the school routine has become the norm, once again.

As with most things, we enjoy tracking history. The drastic changes that have occurred over the years are quite interesting, so we thought we would share our findings.

During the 1800's, a typical rural area would have one room schoolhouses, with one teacher for grades first through eighth. The younger students would sit in the front of the classroom, with the 'big kids' seated in the back. Memorizing lessons was the priority back then, where students had to recite what they had learned. Paper bags and lunch boxes were not used for lunch, instead children would pack a lunch and carry it to school in a tin bucket.

During the early 1900's, only half of the children between the ages of five and 19 attended school. This was during the Industrial Revolution where children were needed at home to help work the farms or were put to work in factories. One study reports that in the present, 264 million children are still not educated.

We've heard it all before, but it's true, most students would walk or ride their bikes to school in all kinds of weather up to five miles away. Today most students take the bus or are dropped at school by their parents. In some areas, there have been initiatives taken to promote the 'old school' way of transporting kids via bike or walking.

In days gone by, if a student misbehaved, they were placed in a corner and had to wear a dunce cap. Discipline has changed quite a bit; however, we remember a slew of students standing along the brick wall during recess in the 1980's at our elementary school for "talking too much"... but we won't mention any names.

Home Economics classes have been replaced with a more modern swing than when they first emerged in the 1950's and lasted through the 1970's. Back then, students, mostly female, were taught how to cook and sew. In the late 1980's, those classes saw more male students as it became a requirement for all. We remember sewing 'Nerd' (you know the candy) stuffed animals and Oreo cookies in our class. When it was time to cook, we have fond memories of baking a holiday cake and forgetting to add baking powder, or was it flour? Either way, that cake took on a life of its own, and we fondly remember taking red icing and writing 'Scrooged' over it.

Industrial Arts classes are few and far between, however are still offered in some places with a more technological twist. Back in the day, students would take large pieces of wood, run it through a planer, sand it, stain it and create all sorts of things from entertainment centers to cut out wooden apples using a jigsaw. We remember leaving notes for our friends in the afternoon class. We would slip them in the lockers and hope we remembered whose locker belonged to who. No texting back then.

Cursive writing was always fun. It

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roses for Mom

Here are red roses for a special woman and mother. She has class, including an infectious smile. She possesses a lot of goodness, honesty and walks in perfect style.

She is passionate about saying her morning and evening prayers. For Mom, it's all about her faith in God. She believes and really cares.

A red rose symbolizes love, beauty and passion. Our Mom taught us to be clean in body and mind; also to complete duties and tasks with gusto and compassion.

Folklore tells us giving and receive-

ing four red roses means for a lifetime we'll all be together. It's a fact. We hope and pray by doing simple deeds and giving roses to each other, that all of us will be united forever.

Our Mom represents goodness, holiness and purity. Every fiber of her being is filled with kindness, love and the truth. She is the epitome of integrity.

DONALD L. GAUDETTE, SR.
SOUTH HADLEY

Editor's note: The author is a native of Brookfield.

We need to be a country under the obedience of God

To the Editor:

Kudos to Mr. Mark Robillard's article Friday, July 15, "New Liberal world order." And Jen Goucher, July 22, "Biden's success means our suffering," and Ryan Kelly July 22, "Immigration and the US southern border."

This country, USA, was once and needs to remain a Republic, a nation under God. The foundation, fundamental rights of our republic Constitution is the cornerstone of our nation, a republic democracy that stands under the protection of God. We were, and need to be, a people again who believe, trusted and practice the principals and equality of God's moral values in which the republic Constitution was writing from 1789 to 1791.

Today, the people have chosen to elect the Democrats, and it is apparent to me that the Democrats do not believe in a Nation under God. Yes, they have succeeded in convincing many that they are a democracy, however, behind closed doors they are dictating and slowly leading some of the people into socialism, a socialist government depriving the people of a democratic, republic voice, the freedom to vote, voice our Republic Constitutional freedom, choice.

Have you taken the time to analyze what the republic, the pledge of allegiance really means?

I am not either party, I am independent, I am for whoever stands for our Republic Constitution, pledging to God's moral values, principles, pledging allegiance to our Republic Constitution and not a democratic socialist government.

Do you know the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance?

[I Pledge Allegiance] I promise to be faithful and true, promising my loyalty, are you!

[To the flag] The emblem that stands for, represents this Country, Nation USA under God.

[Of the United States] all 50 states

and territories, each of them individual and individually stating representation to the flag, under God.

[Of America] forming a republic, one nation under God.

[And the Republic] that I pledge my loyalty to the government that is itself a republic, a form of government where the people are sovereign under God and not a democratic socialist government.

[For which it stands] this is a government that is being represented by the flag of America, which I promise loyalty under God. Do you promise?

[One nation under God] the 50 individual states are united as a single republic, not a democratic socialist government, and under the Divine providence of God.

[Indivisible] cannot be separated, should not be separated.

[With Liberty] to the people [citizens] of this Nation and to those who want to go through the legal process will be afforded the freedom to pursue life, liberty and happiness. Look around you people, are you experiencing freedom under this new democratic government?

[And Justice] and each person entitled to be treated justly, fairly and according to proper law and principles. Again, look around you this is not happening with this new democratic government.

[For all] these principles are afforded every loyal American regardless of race, religion, creed or any other criteria "and" it is not happening under this present democratic government, true citizens are being ignored and immigrants have the same rights as the citizens without due process, It is time again to regain our freedom under our Republic democratic Constitutional government, "under God." The choice is ours

Dwell in peace!

ROLAND BLAIS
BROOKFIELD

Don't let the Democrats make a fool of you

To the Editor:

No one can be this stupid; it must be intentional. You cancel pipeline construction, you block fracking for natural gas development, you shut down offshore drilling, you add more regulations, you put potential oil fields off limits, etc., etc., and of course the cost of energy goes through the roof. And the cost of anything that uses energy, which is damn near everything, also goes through the roof. Now you say to solve this problem, we need to switch to clean electric energy. Apparently, that's your intentional purpose. Great idea; now we need to generate much more electricity than we currently do, build a massive new transmission system, replace all of the millions of fuel burning cars, not trucks because they can't run on batteries, build charging stations everywhere, manufacture millions of storage batteries with imported hazardous materials, develop a means to dispose of that hazardous material, and who knows what else. What's all this going to cost, how could we pay for it, and what if any benefits can we expect?

- What would it cost?
- Green New Deal: \$90 trillion
- How would we pay for it? We currently have a \$30 trillion debt

So, if we wanted to establish a 20-year program to: pay off our debt and pay for the Green New Deal, the cost per family of four (87.5 million families) in

the US would be: (\$30 trillion + \$90 trillion) ÷ 20years ÷ 87.5 million families = \$68,571 per year per family for the next 20 years. Most families don't even earn that much money.

- What benefits can we expect?

100 percent of all the greenhouse gasses, natural and man-made account for the earth's surface temperature going from 0 to 57 degrees Fahrenheit. (Without greenhouse gasses, life could not exist on earth.)

99.72 percent of all greenhouse gasses are natural

0.28 percent (a little more than one quarter of 1 percent are man-made)

If we eliminated all of the world's man made greenhouse gasses we would reduce the earth's temperature 0.28 percent x 57 = 0.159 degrees F. But we're only talking about the US; about 16 percent of that. Sixteen percent of 0.159° = 0.025 (25/1,000 of 1 degree)

See www.geocraft.com/WVFossils/greenhouse_data.html for these scientific facts.

Absurd is the only word I can think of to describe this foolishness. You have to be an absolute fool or a fraud to support this fallacy. Every politician in Washington who supports this foolishness needs to be replaced. They can't be this stupid, and they're not. This is being done intentionally in order to make the Green New Deal look necessary. That's right, we're being subjected to all this unneces-

When can you choose retirement?

If you're like most people, your work has been a central part of your life. So, wouldn't it be nice to have the flexibility to decide when you no longer want to work?



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Many people of retirement age have achieved this type of control. In fact, two-thirds of workers ages 65 and older say they work primarily because they want to, not because they have to, according to a 2021 study by Edward Jones and Age Wave. But that means that one-third of workers in this age group feel financially compelled to work.

This doesn't necessarily mean they dislike the work they do — but it's probably fair to say they would have liked the option of not working. How can you give yourself this choice?

You can start by asking yourself these questions:

When do I want to retire? You'll want to identify the age at which you wish to retire. You may change your mind later and move this date up or back, but it's a good idea to have a target in mind.

What sort of retirement lifestyle do I want? When you retire, do you anticipate staying close to home and pursuing your hobbies, or do you hope to travel the world? Would you like to spend your time volunteering? Open your own business or do some consulting? Clearly, some of these choices will require more resources than others, so you'll want to follow a financial strategy that aligns with the retirement lifestyle you intend to pursue.

Am I saving and investing enough? As you chart your course toward your retirement journey, you'll want to assess the sources of income you'll have available. If you think you may be falling short of achieving your retirement goals, you may need to consider saving more.

When should I start taking Social Security? You can begin collecting Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly payments will be much bigger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. Your decision about when to take Social Security will depend on several factors, including your other sources of income and your family history of longevity. Of course, as you're probably aware, the Social Security system is facing significant financial stress, so it's possible that we may see changes to Social Security, based on actions Congress could take. In any case, you might want to be fairly conservative in estimating how much Social Security can contribute to your retirement income.

By addressing the above questions, you can get a clearer sense of when you might reach the point at which work is optional. But you'll also need to consider other factors, too, such as how much you enjoy working or when your spouse or partner is planning to retire. In any case, the sooner you start planning for this next phase of your life, the better position you'll be in when it's time to make the transition.

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sary cost so they can implement the elements of the Green New Deal consisting of low carbon electrical grid, zero transport emissions, *guaranteed jobs, *universal health care, *guaranteed green housing, and *food security. (*nothing to do with energy just more big government control)

This November, if you vote for any of these characters, primarily Democrats, they have successfully made a fool of you. The fundamental difference between the two primary political parties is one believes in a big government managed society, and the other a limited government with free people responsible for their own decisions. I want to be free to make my own decisions, how about you?

LEONARD IVEL
LEICESTER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Things are looking up

To the Editor:

I was pleasantly surprised to see that the younger generation are stepping up, making use of democracy as it should be used, and letting leaders know that ignoring the will of the voters will no longer be tolerated. There are a couple of old expressions to apply here — “Too soon old, and too late smart” and also hoping it is not “too little, too late.”

History will record a serious influx of new voters in Kansas, one of the reddest states, came out in similar numbers to national polling, to say you may have overturned Roe against our collective will, but you will not ignore our will in this state. It is my profound hope that what these people have done will echo across the land.

I am a Boomer, and very disappointed with much of my generation. Many of us still don’t believe in global warming, that the last election was the most secure ever, and not only think Trump not guilty of the two things he was impeached for, but actually support candidates he endorses. I don’t think I am the only one who thinks spending millions during his presidency trying to indict Hillary, Hunter Biden, and recounting votes where he clearly lost. (I hope everyone knows the five months and millions spent in Arizona on cyber ninjas, found Biden more votes.)

I am sitting in my house, looking at a lake, in a town without water restrictions, running my air conditioning in the middle of a heatwave, powered by green energy. History says, I will not experience a brown out or transformers starting forest fires. Sadly, many places can’t say this, while complaining about the gas prices, to run the pickup to the corner store for milk.

I am now old enough that failure to address climate issues now, and establishing a leadership position to bring the world on board, will result in a dire situation when/if my grandkids reach my current age. An observation made by a former teacher jumps to mind — «Doing nothing is a decision and an act.”

We have an entire political party that seems to be devoted to this concept. Despite clear polling as to what actually is the will of the people they “represent,” they are counting on mindless voters blaming the people they are obstructing as the reason things they support are not done. If, for example, you think Senators Manchin and Sinema are the reason, when all 50 GOP senators also vote against everything, you are just wrong.

Consider this very logical argument. If you elect enough Dems in November,

Biden will deliver his promises. If you blame him for not delivering, and swing one or both houses to the GOP, Biden will spend the next two years signing vetoes to eliminate Social Security, Medicare and expanding fossil fuel exploration, which is clearly not the right answer.

I really think there should be testing for parenting, voting and social media. I am glad to see that Jones will finally pay for his venom against dead babies, but think anyone involved with the anti-abortion movement, not signing off on exceptions for rape or incest, and thinking 10-year-olds should deliver, needs their own room in hell.

I am convinced that conservative Nationalists start rumors, then believe them when they hear them. It disgusts me watching people hugging flags and waving Bibles, in total ignorance of their meanings, to further their argument and agenda. I could offer several paragraphs on people swearing to uphold and defend the constitution or swearing act as fair and impartial jurors and flat lying, but what I find to be the most convoluted, is people attributing a level of morality to the founders, that exceeds even a Disney fantasy, but is not only untrue but their actions prove it.

Thomas Jefferson fathered more children with his slave, than with his wife, but still never freed her, even in his will. They were almost all white slave owners. They concocted the senate to keep control over the People’s House, which originally they appointed, but changed to elected once they realized, they controlled who could run. The electoral college is another check over the great unwashed masses. Splitting the Dakotas into north and south gave them four senators for their two million people. California has two for their 40 million. If you think a 50/50 senate is anything like justice, you prefer alternate facts.

With two grandkids in uniform, I have high hopes that things keep looking up’

As an aside, Jesus was not white. The Bible consists of the Jewish Tora-Old Testament, and the chapters selected by the Catholic Church, including the four gospels, selected from hundreds submitted. (Mark was written 60 AD and is the closest to real time of the four) for the New Testament.

I am baffled how white nationalists can embrace the Bible, Jesus, and the Constitution (rule of law).

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Democratic double speak

To the Editor:

In George Orwell’s book “1984,” he warns of the danger of totalitarianism, which is a system of government that is centralized, dictatorial, and requires complete subservience to the state. Doesn’t this seem like the US ever since Biden took office? Under the guise of Covid, there has been forced closure of private businesses, mandates with loss of employment if not in compliance, attacks of the Supreme Court by the state, and curbing of free speech using semi quasi political “free press.” One of the key tools used by the government in “1984” is the use of “Double Speak.” This is a language used by the state to deliberately obscure, disguise, distort, and reverse the meanings of words. It is a type of large-scale propaganda and psychological manipulation of the public to keep them in line. The following are a few examples being practiced by the Biden administration on you.

The term “Recession” was commonly meant to be two successive quarters where there is a fall of GDP. By that definition, we are in a recession. The Progressive Dem Biden administration now is using their media outlets and political economic advisors to change this definition to one that does not put the state in a negative view. Indeed, if you use the term ‘recession’ of their controlled social platforms such as Facebook, you will be shut down as misinformation. Remember, according to the Biden administration, inflation is “transitory,” inflation is good for the economy, and if you have a problem with the high gas prices, just buy an electric car. If it costs you three times as much to heat your house, blame Putin.

The true cause of inflation was the pumping of free money into the economy with their Infrastructure bill. They tried to pass the “Build Back Better” plan which was a trillion dollar influx. They used their “double speak” to repackage it as the “The Inflation Reduction Act.” More palatable to the liberal dummies. The truth is the only reduction of inflation that’s going to happen is reduce the skyrocketing rate 15 percent to 13 percent. Such is the control by the state to use lies and misinformation to manipulate the economic situation to look good for the party in control. For them waiting in a bread line or soup kitchen would be described as a “team building social event” and a social reset.

Then there is the term “Racism.” The term ‘racism’ is defined as the belief that groups possess different traits based on their race. It was used as a basis of denying the rights of one group over another. In fact, our Constitution’s 14th and 15th Amendments guarantee these rights to our citizens, and provide that

the government cannot make laws that infringe or advantage one race over another. Indeed, there are no federal or state laws that say “white” people only. I challenge anyone to find a law or rule that currently states that. So, there is no white racism prevalent. Instead, to disguise this fact, they came up with the term “Institutional Racism.” This is their way of saying that racism is unwritten but there. Therefore, they can make blatantly racist policies and rules to combat this invisible racism. Hence programs and policies that are only for colored or nonwhites. Double Speak at its finest.

So if you disagree with the state, then you have a recourse. With the current Progressive Democrats, if you are demonstrating against the other party or group, it is labeled as “Civil Disobedience” and is your Constitutional right to do so. That means assaulting police with frozen water bottles, burning down a federal courthouse, besieging the White House, and rioting in the streets is totally acceptable. It will be encouraged and sanctioned by the state if it provides power for them. When a group that feels it was disenfranchised by the state in a perverted election process demonstrates against it, it will be dubbed an insurrection. The full power of the state’s DOJ and FBI brought down on the demonstrators. You see, the totalitarian uses the meaning of words to control the population and retain the power. A “Bipartisan” commission that has the members of it hand-picked by one of its Dem leaders, Pelosi, cannot be bipartisan. It is only “Bipartisan” in her definition of it. Classic double speak.

Unfortunately, we see the “Voter Rights” act being forced upon us by this group is anything but. It is designed by the state to legitimize unverified voting and take away the rights of upstanding citizens that follow the legitimate process. Another way for them to retain control. Well, see how it play out in these midterms but its starting to look like the Progressive Dem Totalitarian state is putting its plans in motion to nullify your vote in the name of double speak called “voter rights.” Good luck. America was formed by our founders as a constitutional republic with personal freedoms and individual rights. If you want to keep it as such, get out and vote Republican in this year’s mid-terms to preserve it. If you want a Totalitarian state controlled by one party with your rights overridden by their controlled masses, then continue voting Democrat. It’s your choice how you are controlled.

MARK ROBILLARD
SPENCER

Hoping the heat breaks

The hot weather should have broken by the time you read this column. I have had enough of this hot humid weather for this summer, although some people love it. It is summer, they say! Farm crops have suffered severely this year, and water supplies have in most area towns receded to dangerously low levels. I would not be surprised to hear of numerous fish kills, from the unusually low levels of water in most ponds and lakes, because of little rain fall.

Fishing continued to provide some anglers with a bit of action on many local freshwater ponds, but most anglers that are fishing report slow action. Anglers fishing the saltwater are having some good days and bad days depending on who you talk to. This week’s picture shows a happy angler from Mendon with a real impressive Fluke taken last week aboard a charter boat in Galilee, R.I. Fishing for fluke has been slow on most boats, with very few keeper fish being caught. Fortunately, some seabass are keeping anglers catching fish, but even those fish are mostly shorts.

Public hearings on cod & seabass are



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being scheduled for the North Shore, but do not get too excited! Their proposals include one cod per angler starting Sept. 1- Oct. 7. Twenty haddock per angler is being proposed for the 2023 season starting in May. Haddock size is going to be 17 inches if the proposals are passed.

The month of August is being designated as a push to clear the kennels of pets that are looking for new homes in Mass.! More beagles have also been brought to Mass. from the research center in Virginia. Hopefully, they can all be found good homes ASAP. The deplorable treatment of these research animals, needs to be a wakeup call to all state agencies that stricter regulations

and constant inspection of these facilities, needs to be done more often. As a dog lover, it makes me sick to watch the daily news, describing the way these animals are treated.

Do not forget to check out the status of your antlerless deer permit for Mass. sportsmen. You can go online, if the site is working, and check to see if you have been selected as a winner of a permit for the 2022 deer season. Do not forget that the permits now cost \$10! There were some problems with the site last week, but should be up and running now.

Bee stings are on the rise, with reports of numerous residents being stung this past week! Some residents have had severe reactions to the bee stings. Many people that are aware that they are allergic to bee stings, and carry an EpiPen to treat the sting, & need to be reminded that they do have a shelf life. Be sure your pen is up to date! To some people it can be a matter of life or death.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



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This week’s picture shows Kurt Bellefontaine with an impressive fluke!

Organized planning

So far, we’ve discussed Desire, Faith, Specialized Knowledge, and Imagination as fundamental in your quest to accomplish your dream. Now we will move on to the fifth step, ORGANIZED PLANNING.

When you read that, you probably thought you must begin to think through a master plan to accomplish your objective. That’s true, but there is one essential component to ORGANIZED PLANNING often overlooked.

None of us have the education, experience, foresight, ability, creativity, capability, or knowledge to devise and carry out an organized plan ourselves.

Once you’ve done your best to invent an organized plan, it won’t be good enough. You must ally yourself with experts in every field you can identify to develop a flawless plan. You won’t be able to do it alone.

Do you have the legal knowledge to implement your plan, or will you need a legal advisor? Do you have the know-how to create a financial plan, or will you need a Chief Financial Officer? Do you have the expertise to market yourself, your product, or your service? If not, then you’ll

need a marketing expert. Do you have the technical knowledge to build what you need on the internet, or will you need to find someone who can create the website or platform you desire?

Sports stars, actors, and musicians have publicists, agents, managers, lawyers, coaches, trainers, and a team. Nobody makes it happen on their own.

You may feel a bit overwhelmed. You may wonder how you can find the people necessary to accomplish your dream. The good news is that if you have the desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, a team will naturally start to coalesce around you.

A star athlete will have the team form around them because they are winning. An actor will have a team grow up around them because they are booking jobs. If you’re a CEO, your team will organically begin to develop if you’re aggressively moving the vision forward.

That doesn’t mean you won’t have to look for the right team members. You’ll



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probably need to create ads and search for the right job prospects.

Success will result from a team of people helping you push forward and break through barriers to overcome obstacles.

An organized plan always works better when implemented by a team of experts strategizing and creating a group-organized plan for success.

Once you have your team, you’ll need to communicate with them regularly. Keep them updated, informed, and in the loop. Share the good news so they stay motivated.

If they have advice, listen to them. If they have ideas, hear them out. Make them feel unique and special because they are. You need them. Promote peace, harmony, and unity amongst your alliance at all times.

Compensation is key. Often, we will need to ask those around us to help for free initially, but that only lasts for so long. With desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, you will cause others to

see and believe your vision for a time, but it won’t be enough to keep them around forever if they aren’t compensated fairly.

If you cannot pay them, you’ll need to ensure they have a future stake in the company. That could be a percentage of money earned or an equity share. You’ll need to balance giving too much and giving too little. Remember that having 10% of something is better than having 100% of nothing.

There will be failures; there will be people who drop out of your alliance. If you’re convinced of your success and don’t let it affect you, the next person who comes to replace them will often advance the vision much further than the last person ever could.

Developing an organized plan is crucial to accomplishing your dreams. To create the best plan, you’ll need a team of experts. Promote harmony and unity with them at all times. Give credit where credit is due, and realize your success will be a team effort.

Join me next week to read about the next step you’ll need to take to accomplish your dream!



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Hot weather garden woes



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Poor flowering and misshapen or a lack of fruit on tomatoes, peppers and squash may be due to the weather, not your gardening skills. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set on these and other vegetables in your garden.

We watch for and can't wait to taste that first red ripe tomato. It is certainly frustrating when we see flowers drop or the plant fails to form fruit. Tomatoes thrive in warm sunny conditions; but temperature extremes can prevent fruiting, cause misshapen fruit, or reduce the size of the harvest.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees Fahrenheit blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. Combine this with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky

and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

Cool weather can result in poor fruiting. Night temperatures below the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit will reduce the amount and viability of pollen that the plant produces. Less viable pollen means fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and catfacing. Fortunately, the malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60 degrees or rise above 75 degrees.

Tomatoes and peppers aren't the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative to tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55 degrees. Beans stop flowering or the flowers die when temperatures rise above 85 degrees.

Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization and fruit production can occur.

Research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer temperatures, less sunlight and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers.

The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and the proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will begin producing fruit.

If poor productivity related to the weather is a yearly problem, consider planting more heat tolerant varieties, adjust planting times and look for more suitable growing locations.

When the harvest is delayed, extend the season with the help



Photo Melinda Myers

Misshapen fruit and some other issues can be the result of temperatures dropping below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Just loosely cover plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape staples when frost is in the forecast. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done.

If this summer's weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Summer Tip And Tricks

Summer is winding down and seasonal chores are adding up, but thankfully readers took time from their busy schedules to share an assortment of tips and tricks that worked for them!

From cooking and cleaning tips to a safety trick, read on for this month's roundup of Reader Hints!

Too many Zucchini's? A reader shares his effortless way to enjoy more of the garden squash:

Here is another great use for Zucchini: Cut spears of Zucchini and put them in the Claussen pickle jar. Chill overnight and you will enjoy them. Maybe better than with using Cucumbers.

Paul Davignon
Uxbridge, MA

This reader has keeping asparagus fresh all wrapped up!:

In addition to cutting off hard ends of asparagus stalks before placing stalks upright in container with 1-2" water, use a piece of plastic wrap to "hood" the tips. Secure loosely with an elastic. Now, the tips will not dry out and stay fresh for several days!

Nan Johnson
Auburn, MA

This eco-friendly tip saves both money and the planet!

Just want to share my recently discovered money-saving helpful hint: I have a dog that constantly sheds and tracks dirt on my light colored kitchen floor. Instead of using costly and environmentally unfriendly Swiffer wet and dry pads to clean it, I bought inexpensive face cloths and microfiber cloths that fit into the Swiffer mop. The microfiber cloths do a better job of cleaning the floor than the Swiffer pads when I spray my cleaning solution on the floor, and the facecloths allow me to easily dry the floor. When done, I just toss the cloths into the laundry instead of into

the trash. A win for my pocketbook and a win for the environment!

Irene White

Love garlic but hate the lingering smell on your hands? Read on:

Whenever you chop or mince fresh garlic, the smell of garlic stays on your fingers all day. To eliminate the odor, wash your hands then dry them. Then rub your fingers all over your faucet. The smell of garlic disappears.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA

This regular reader shares a tip that could halt a safety hazard:

I was recently reading about a grade school boy about the age of 10, who couldn't get the bottled water his mom packed for his snack. Like a kid, he stuck in his mouth to try to twist the cap with his teeth and squeezed the bottle just as it loosened forcing the cap down into his windpipe! He pounded his chest at the teacher's desk and thank God she knew what was wrong and did the Heimlich maneuver!

For years I have kept a rubber band on my coffee mug and kitchen/office cabinet handles to grip tight lids. It is a great thing to teach a child that a doubled over rubber band wrapped around the cap can help loosen it so they don't stick soda, water, or other bottles in their mouths to use their teeth to open!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA

Attention Readers: Plea for Home Remedy to treat Poison Ivy

I have a severe allergy to Poison Ivy. I have been under a Doctor's care for over a month and the rash and the itch are still lingering. When I was young I was treated with a homemade formula that

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was excellent. I moved away and the remedy is no longer available.

Since then I have used medicines etc. with varying degrees of success. Is what I have something different? It could be but the treatment is about the same as always. And so, I ask if you have been

told of any home remedies that have been successful in the past that you could share with me and other readers. It is most aggravating, as you might imagine.

I read your articles every week and have enjoyed every one. Please send your best advice for this problem.

Thank you. JS

Hi JS:

So sorry you are going through this! I appeal to readers to share any poison ivy "cures" they may know of. Readers, if you have any home remedies to heal poison ivy rashes, please send them in!

Meanwhile, I am sure you are familiar with the common poison ivy remedies of baking soda; calamine lotion; and oatmeal baths. Did you also know over the counter creams with zinc acetate, zinc oxide and zinc carbonate also ease itching, reduce oozing, weeping, and swelling of the rash?

Here are some home treatments to try:

*H202: Hydrogen peroxide rates high on improving itch and drying out the poison ivy rash. Simply pour 3% hydrogen peroxide in a spray bottle or dab a cotton ball with H202 and spray the affected areas and allow to air dry.

*Or, try Witch Hazel, which has been an effective Poison Ivy treatment for generations. Just apply as above. The itching and inflammation should subside within minutes!

*Eucalyptus oil is a natural anti-inflammatory. Apply with to the poison

ivy rash and allow to dry to naturally soothe the skin and promote healing.

*From the Farmers' Almanac: Make a paste from one tablespoon of salt, 1/8 teaspoon of peppermint essential oil, 1 to 2 cups green clay, and a little water (just enough to give it a pasty texture). Apply liberally and leave in place for approximately 30 minutes. Rinse. Apply 2-3 times daily.

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Nan Johnson of Auburn, MA who submitted the kitchen tip above. Her name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House.

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



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POLICE REPORTS

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
12:34-2:47 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:56 a.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), speeding; 6:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:48 a.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 7:52 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 9:26 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 11:49 a.m.: mutual aid (Donnelly Cross Road), RMV/immediate threat revocation; 12:03 p.m.: medical/general (South Spencer Road); 12:34 p.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), radio line down; 12:51 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 1:10 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), services rendered; 1:12 p.m.: commercial fire (North Spencer Road), referred; 1:28 p.m.: disturbance (Dustin Street), noise complaint; 2:19 p.m.: disturbance (Maini Street), noise complaint; 7:35 p.m.: larceny (Lake Street), pkg. delivered/not rec'd; 8:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), mv vandalized; 9:24- 9:52 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:43 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 10:53 p.m.: fire alarm (Lambs Grove), referred; (total daily mv stops – 2).

THURSDAY, JULY 28
12:36-4:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:40 a.m.: DPW call (McCormick Road), wire down; 7:00 a.m.: mv complaint (Paxton Road), erratic operator; 7:46 a.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), services rendered; 7:55 a.m.: mv complaint (Temple Street), parking complaint; 7:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dogs; 7:59 a.m.: accident (Main Street), investigated; 8:54 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 8:59 a.m.: 911 call (High Street), misdial; 10:31 a.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), accidental; 11:52 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street) hang-up; 12:11 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), school req. home visit; 12:41 p.m.: fire alarm (Prospect Street), referred; 1:48 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 2:59 p.m.: parking complaint (Mechanic Street), mv crowding d/way; 3:10 p.m.: juvenile refusing to leave; 3:55 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 4:04 p.m.: restraining order service (Oakland Drive); 4:17 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken;

4:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Oakland Drive), dead goose in yard; 4:34 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 6:47 p.m.: RV complaint (Paxton Road), dirt bikes in road; 7:11 p.m.: disturbance (South Spencer Road), construction continuing; 8:04 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:20-9:30 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:08 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; (total daily mv stops – 2).

FRIDAY, JULY 29
12:00 a.m.: officer wanted (Valley Street), rep. of scam; 12:24 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 12:36-5:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:46 a.m.: parking violation (Grant Street), ticket issued; 8:31 a.m.: animal complaint (Cherry Street), skunks being released; 9:24 a.m.: mv alarm (Charlton Road), investigated; 10:29 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), re: WRTA patron w/bike; 10:53 a.m.: fraud (Howe Village), re: police fundraiser; 10:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), re: paving and access; 11:04 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 11:13 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 11:38 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address/2; 11:54 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:32 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (Main Street), info taken; 1:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Pine Avenue), spoken to; 1:51 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 2:28 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), spoken to; 3:54 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:03 p.m.: medical/general (Lakeshore Drive); 5:37 p.m.: parking violation (Elm Street), ticket issued; 6:05 p.m.: mv lockout (Brooks Pond Road), services rendered; 6:58 p.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 8:35 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:00 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 9:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:03 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 10:22 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 11:32 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 11:56 p.m.: building checked, secure; (total daily mv stops – 0).

SATURDAY, JULY 30
12:01-1:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:39 a.m.: commercial alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 4:44 a.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street),

two by park/resolved; 5:55 a.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 6:14 a.m.: medical/sudden death (Cornfield Road); 12:14 p.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 1:34 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), open line; 2:04 p.m.: medical/general (McCormick Road); 4:00 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), services rendered; 4:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Wet Main Street), req. info; 4:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: dead kitten; 6:42 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 7:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 10:26 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 10:09 p.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), assisted; 10:10-10:23 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:36 p.m.: suspicious persons (Condon Drive), David Delgado-Rivera, 42, 13 Condon Drive, Spencer, reckless endangerment, disturbing the peace, arrest; (total daily mv stops – 2).

SUNDAY, JULY 31
12:20 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 12:29-2:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:27 a.m.: larceny (Mechanic Street), mv break-in; 8:56 a.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), bldg. not secure; 9:32 a.m.: animal complaint (Crestwood Avenue), raccoon in trash can; 10:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Chickering Road), issue w/dock; 10:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), re: makeshift boat ramp; 10:47 a.m.: 911 call (Wilson Avenue), accidental; 11:51 a.m.: officer wanted (Jolicoeur Avenue), re: med alarm activation; 12:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), harassment via FB; 12:41 p.m.: medical/general (Bond Street); 12:50 p.m.: mv complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), speeding; 2:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Browning Pond Road), re: length of knife blade; 2:28 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 2:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), barking dog; 4:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Vernon Street), loose dogs; 4:55 p.m.: suspicious persons (Min Street), investigated; 7:33 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 7:37 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: dangerous operator; 7:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: dead kitten; 7:51 p.m.: stolen property (Mechanic Street), re: stolen wallet; 8:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), tenant/landlord issue; 8:39 p.m.: ani-

mal complaint (Cherry Street), question re: cat traps; 9:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Cross Road), re: stray dog; 9:24 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); (total daily mv stops -2).

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
12:45-1:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:49 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 8:31 a.m.: medical/general (Crestview Drive); 8:48 a.m.: medical/general (School Street); 9:02-11:00 a.m.: parking violations/5 (Casey, McDonald, Mechanic, Lincoln streets), tickets issued; 10:49 a.m.: officer wanted (Duggan Street), tenant moving/no notice; 11:03 a.m.: accident (Main Street), hit/run; 11:55 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 2:14 p.m.: parking complaint (Jones Street), info taken; 2:17 p.m.: medical/general (Wire Village Road); 2:35 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 3:10 p.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 3:23 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operator; 3:37 p.m.: medical/general (Linden Street); 3:39 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Warren PD bolo/welfare check; 3:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Hastings Road), barking dog; 4:21 p.m.: illegal dumping (Chestnut Street), shopping cart/bags of trash; 6:37 p.m.: RV complaint (Meadow Road), dirt bikes in road; 6:58 p.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), re: can dog be maced?; 7:22 p.m.: mv complaint (Thompson Pond Road), speeding; 9:19 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), accidental; (total daily mv stops – 3).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
1:20-3:28 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:06 a.m.: 911 call (Wm. Casey Road), accidental; 5:44 a.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), re: lights flashing; 7:09 a.m.: 911 call (South Spencer Road), open line; 7:09 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), custody exchange; 8:36-9:06 a.m.: parking violations/2 (Chestnut, McDonald streets), tickets issued; 9:37 a.m.: residential alarm (Lake Street Extension), services rendered; 9:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), re: neighbor's roofers; 10:15 a.m.: suspicious persons (Charlton Road), investigated; 11:05 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 11:35 a.m.: fire alarm (Holmes Road), referred; 11:42 a.m.: building checked, secure; 11:44 a.m.:



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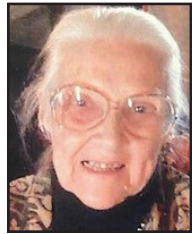
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OBITUARIES

Eileen B. Antell, 100

SPENCER- Eileen B. (FitzGerald) Antell, 100, of Spencer, died Friday, Aug. 5 at The Meadows of Leicester. Her husband of 48 years, Robert A. Antell died in 2004.



She leaves her nephews; James Sielis of Spencer, James FitzGerald of Belgium, Alan Antell of Las Vegas, NV, William Antell of N.H., Thomas Antell of Littleton, MA and Raymond Bercume of Windham, ME, her nieces; Susan Spaulding of Webster, Mary Roma of Rindge, NH., Susan Palumbo of Weston, CT, Nancy Graziano of Atkinson, NH and Cathy Gentry of Old Lyme, CT., her brother in law; Fred Antell of Tuftonboro, NH, several great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Paul FitzGerald.

Eileen was born in Spencer, the

daughter of Robert and Mary E. (McGrail) FitzGerald and later graduated from David Prouty High School and the St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester. She was a registered surgical nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester. She was a member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish. Along with her husband Bob, she enjoyed trips to the ocean in Maine and traveled to Florida and Arizona. She was a great storyteller and had a wonderful sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by her entire family.

Private funeral services and burial in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P. O. Box 136, E. Brookfield, MA 01515. The J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 MapleTerr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

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Gail Carolyn Lock, 75

PAXTON- Gail Carolyn (Agnew) Lock, 75, of Paxton, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, August 5th at her home, following a long illness.



She leaves her husband of 53 years, John Paul Lock, MD, her son; John Paul Lock and his wife Melissa of Malvern, PA., her daughters; Jennifer L. Beauvais and her husband Ed of Hopkinton, and Kathleen M. Mancini and her husband Jon of Barrington, RI., her beloved grandchildren; Julia, Isabel, Kate, Matthew, Marc, James and Sadie, her brothers; Donald Agnew of Paxton and John Agnew and his wife Terry of Spencer, her sisters Jean Bouzan and her husband John of Natick and Patricia White and her husband Peter of Spencer, many nieces and nephews.

Gail was a 1st & 2nd grade educator for over 25 years at the Paxton Center School, where she touched the lives of numerous children, before retiring in 2007. She also was an assistant librarian at the Richard Sugden Library in Spencer prior to becoming an educator. Following her retirement, Gail dedicated significant time sewing dresses for impoverished children as part of

The Haiti Project. She was an active member of The Paxton Women's Club that raised money for the annual scholarship program. Gail was also a proud member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Above and beyond all her professional activities, Gail's true passion remained being a devoted and loving "Nana" to all her grandchildren.

She was born in Worcester, the daughter of the late Nelson and Marion (Brodeur) Agnew and later graduated from David Prouty High School in Spencer in 1964. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Worcester State University in 1968. She was a communicant of St. Columba Church.

Gail's funeral will be held on Friday, August 12th from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Columba Church, 18 Richards Avenue, Paxton. Friends are asked to go directly to the church. Calling hours are Thursday, August 11th, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer following the Funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Columba Parish, 18 Richards Ave, Paxton, 01612 or Jewish Healthcare Hospice, 646 Salisbury Street., Worcester, MA 01609.

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Marion E. Fisher, 96

SPENCER- Marion E. (Webster) Fisher, 96, of The Meadows in Rochdale, MA passed away on August 5, 2022 after a brief illness and is now in the loving arms of her Savior.



She was born in Roxbury, VT on February 11, 1926 to Henry and Dora (Howe) Webster. While a young girl, she went to live with her Aunt Harriet Ordway who raised her to be the amazing woman she became. It was at her aunt's boarding house that she met Woodrow Wilson Fisher. A few days after she graduated from Randolph High School in 1944, they married while he was home on a brief leave before he shipped overseas for WWII. She spent his time away contributing to the war effort by working at a thermos company until he returned. They moved several times, working on many farms in Vermont and Massachusetts, before settling in Spencer, MA where she lived for almost 60 years.

She was active with the Society of Friends sewing circle in Worcester, MA, serving with the Rebekahs of the International Order of the Odd Fellows, and various ladies' groups at the Methodist and Congregational churches in Spencer, MA.

Due to failing health, she decided to move to The Meadows in Rochdale, MA in 2012. She spent her time reading, visiting with staff and residents, attending church services in the activities room, completing numerous puzzles, "step-

ping" outside to watch the birds and to enjoy nature, writing to and calling loved ones near and far, and drinking the good "downstairs" coffee with her cherished roommate Genevieve.

She thrived while there and led a very social and bustling life, making friends easily with other residents, nurses, and staff. Their care and attention for her, and us, kept us going in her last days. We would like to thank them and the Hospice team that helped her transition. We are grateful that she was able to enjoy an active life right up until only a couple of days before she passed away.

She is predeceased by her husband "Woody" of 52 years; her son Andrew and his wife Rosemary of Canton, GA; her daughter Marlene May (infant); her son Gregory (pregnancy loss); her sisters and their spouses Evelyn (Ken) Healy, Myrtle (Bert) Cameron, Pearl (Joe) La Barge, Eva (Ted) Graham, and brother George Webster; and her son-in-law William E. Franzen.

She is survived by her daughter, Rosalyn (William) Franzen of Boylston, MA; her granddaughter Shannon (J. Vinnie) Lau and their sons Brennan & Alexander of Shirley, MA; her "daughter-from-another-mother" Rose Joy of North Brookfield, MA; and several beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

At Marion's request, there will be no funeral service or calling hours. A private burial will be held in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton, MA. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer.

Marjorie A. "Midge" Cooper, 80

LEICESTER- Marjorie A. "Midge" Cooper, 80, of Henshaw Street in the Rochdale section of Leicester died Sunday, July 31 in her home after an illness.



She leaves three brothers; James Cooper, David Cooper and Richard Cooper and his wife Lisa all of Rochdale, a niece Caitlin Cooper, two nephews; James and Adam Cooper, who were like grandchildren to her, two grand nieces; Ellie and Charlotte and one grand nephew Logan, and many lifelong friends.

Midge was born in Worcester, daughter of James H. and Hazel M. (Cornell) Cooper. She graduated from Leicester High School and went on to attend U-Mass Amherst. She turned her hand to many jobs at her family's farm, Cooper's Hilltop Farm. She milked cows, drove tractors, and later ran the farm store for many years. She also shared her knowledge and love of agriculture through many field trips and tours of the farm.

She had a deep passion for agriculture, education and her community. This shone through especially with her volunteerism. She had leadership roles in a variety of organizations including Agriculture in the Classroom, Worcester County and Massachusetts

State Farm Bureau, Worcester County Conservation District, Board of Trustees Eastern States Exposition (BIG E), New England Producer Handler Association, Leicester Savings Bank Fund, Massachusetts Envirothon and Old Sturbridge Village. Being a lifelong and civically minded resident of Leicester, Midge served on many town boards over the years, and would rarely miss a town meeting or election.

Midge also partook in many different hobbies. She was an avid gardener, spending many summer afternoons tending her crops. Many of her friends were recipients of the letters she lovingly wrote. Paired with her love of writing was her enjoyment of reading and fondness of British television shows.

The family would like to thank Susan Miller and Tara Letourneau for their attentive and devoted hospice care.

Calling hours wee Sunday, August 7 from 1:00-3:00 PM with a time of reflection at 3:00 PM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester, In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to; Care Central VNA & Hospice, P.O. Box 368, Webster, Ma. 01570 or to the Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom , 249 Lakeside Avenue, Marlborough Ma. 01752.

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Paul R. Beauchamp, 63

FITCHBURG – Paul R. Beauchamp, 63, of Oak Hill Road, died Friday, July 29, 2022, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University



Campus in Worcester, from complications of MRSA. He is survived by his brother, Mark P. Beauchamp and his wife Maribeth of Dudley; and several other cousins. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Donald R. and Agnes J. (Mathurin) Beauchamp, and lived in Fitchburg for 10 years. He graduated from Bay Path High School in Charlton in 1977, and received a bache-

lor's degree from the Culinary Institute of America in New York.

Mr. Beauchamp was a baker at Roche Brothers Supermarket for many years. Previously, he was a partner and manager at P.J. Murphy's Bakery in St. Paul, Minnesota, and worked at the Colonial Club Restaurant in Webster, among several other food service businesses. He raised ferrets and enjoyed riding his Victory motorcycle.

No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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was a great feeling when you made that lower case 'j' just right. Who knew that years later, hand writing would happen less and less and our cursive skills would be a thing of the past. Handwriting is, however, making a comeback in some schools.

We think it goes without saying, that the best memories involve a good old fashioned pencil sharpener. Trying to get the pencil as small as possible in one go, meant that you were talented. If that pencil still had a full eraser, you were batting a thousand. It was an even better day, if you could get your hands on an electronic sharpener.

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FENDER ROAD NEXT UP IN SPENCER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2022 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer with Fender Road. Paul "Fender" Lirange and Gary Suter are Fender Road, a guitar and vocal duo. Lirange has been a renown member of the New England music scene for more than 50 years, having performed throughout the Eastern USA, Canada and Bermuda with popular local bands including The New Breed, Fate, Down East and Cats. Suter performed with Class Reunion prior to joining forces with Lirange to form



Fender Road. They both play guitar, sing and perform a variety of pop, rock and country songs from the 50s to today. They utilize backing tracks to round out the sound, and their set lists are loaded with fun songs that are recognizable to all. Following Fender Road, next up in this series will be She's Busy. The concert series is

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parking violation (Church Street), ticket issued; 12:06 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), wallet lost; 12:29 p.m.: medical/general (Pearl Street); 2:06-2:15 p.m.: parking violations (McDonald, Mechanic streets), 3:25 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), Danielle Elizabeth Henry, 27, homeless, shoplifting by asportation, possession Class B drug, arrest; 3:31 p.m.: lost/found (North Spencer Road), bicycle found; 6:27 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Valley Street), poss. gunshots; 7:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), poss. restraining order violation; 7:38 p.m.: accident (Maple Street), report taken; (total daily mv stops – 5).

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THURSDAY, JULY 28

12:25 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, report taken; 1:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Ferncroft Road), referred to ACO; 6:06 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 9:12 a.m.: missing person (Grove Street), resolved; 11:32 a.m.: fraud (Paxton Street), report taken; 12:10 p.m.: debris in road (Stafford Street), resolved; 3:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 3:33 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:21 p.m.: ambulance (Lake Avenue), transported; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:13 p.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 6:37 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 7:57 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 8:26 p.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, op w/suspended license, mv towed; 10:10 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 10:15 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

1:40 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:49 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), citation issued; 3:56 a.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unable to locate; 7:46 a.m.: animal complaint

(Warren Avenue), referred to ACO; 9:36 a.m.: abandoned mv (Chapel Street), resolved; 11:27 a.m.: ambulance (Cambridge Street, Worcester), transported; 12:44 p.m.: ambulance (Waite Street), transported; 1:21 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, uninsured mv, op w/suspended registration, unregistered mv, mv towed; 2:13 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), services rendered; 2:57 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 5:28 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 5:37 p.m.: animal complaint (South Main Street), referred to ACO; 6:04 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 6:50 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), resolved; 8:27 p.m.: suspicious mv (Sabina Circle), resolved; 9:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Chapel Street), resolved; 9:43 p.m.: suspicious activity (Mannville Street), resolved.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

12:53 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), spoken to; 1:10 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 1:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 7:37 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 10:53 a.m.: investigation (Paxton Street), services rendered; 1:18 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Stafford Street), assisted; 1:45 p.m.: larceny (Ackley Drive), report taken; 2:17 p.m.: ambulance (Auburn Street, Auburn), resolved; 4:14 p.m.: disturbance (Towtoid Street), spoken to; 6:35 p.m.: disturbance (Craig Street), resolved; 7:47 p.m.: disturbance (Marshall Street), report taken; 8:10 p.m.: disturbance (White Birch Street), spoken to; 9:24 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:18 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 11:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

12:09 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:20 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 12:44 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, speeding, report taken; 1:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:47 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), resolved; 3:06 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:44 p.m.: assist citizen (South

Main Street); 3:21 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:22 p.m.: ambulance (Paxton Street), transported; 6:08 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 8:33 p.m.: ambulance (Lynde Brook Drive), transported; 11:33 p.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), resolved; 11:56 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

12:09 a.m.: debris in road (Paxton Street), resolved; 12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), resolved; 1:18 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), Luis Daniel Hernandez, 30, 11 Phillips Drive, Millbury, no inspection sticker, op w/suspended license/subsequent offense, arrest; 1:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), resolved; 8:34 a.m.: assist citizen (Clark Street); 9:13 a.m.: fraud (Stafford Street), report taken; 10:42 a.m.: fraud (Mayflower Circle), report taken; 10:59 a.m.: summons service (Huntoon Memorial Highway), served; 11:07 a.m.: summons service (South Main Street), served; 11:17 a.m.: assist other agency (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 12:37 p.m.: summons service (Bottomly Avenue), unable to serve; 2:25 p.m.: summons service (Bottomly Avenue), unable to serve; 3:47 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Ronal M. Mundo Menjivar, 27, 23 Seymour Street, #2, Worcester, unlicensed operation, arrest; 5:13 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), call canceled; 5:48 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), resolved; 6:25 p.m.: ambulance (Richards Street, Worcester), transported; 6:55 p.m.: arrest warrant service (High Street), unable to serve; 7:45 p.m.: trespassing (Town Beach Road), resolved; 8:41 p.m.: disturbance (Henshaw Street), transported to hospital; 10:33 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Stafford Street), resolved; 10:42 p.m.: ambulance (Marble Street, Worcester), call canceled; 11:16 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:56 p.m.: ambulance (Leela Lane), transported.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

12:23 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 1:40 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Street), referred to ACO; 11:11 a.m.: RV complaint (Logan Street), services rendered;

11:22 a.m.: ambulance (Monterey Drive), transported; 1:34 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 2:46 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 4:54 p.m.: assist other PD (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 5:10 p.m.: investigation (Lakeview Drive), services rendered; 6:10 p.m.: residential alarm (Redfield Road), false alarm; 6:29 p.m.: welfare check (Rawson Street), resolved; 6:55 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Winslow Avenue), no action required; 6:57 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Avenue), transported; 8:23 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), served; 9:02 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:20 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), resolved; 11:26 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:33 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:45 p.m.: (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, failure to dim headlights, mv towed.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

12:14 a.m.: unknown alarm (Main Street), investigated; 12:57 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:16 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 1:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:46 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 7:24 a.m.: animal complaint (Marshall Street), referred to ACO; 8:27 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 9:22 a.m.: fraud (Howard Terrace), report taken; 10:44 a.m.: assist citizen (Towtoid Street); 11:22 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 12:15 p.m.: restraining order service (Rawson Street), served; 2:04 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:09 p.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Parker Street), referred to ACO; 6:14 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Craig Street), resolved; 7:24 p.m.: trespassing (Town Beach Road), resolved; 7:35 p.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), resolved; 11:47 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, marked lanes violation, criminal application issued.

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SPORTS

Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League Results

This past week the boys' and girls' divisions of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League got into playoff play, and the Final Four has been set as of press time. Please check back again next week for the results of the semifinals and coinciding championship contests.

Below are the latest league results.

Boys' Basketball
Monday, Aug. 1 — Playoff First Round

Uxbridge, 43, Tahanto 33
Auburn 57, Leicester 31
Quaboag 52, Bay Path 31
Bartlett 46, Tantasqua 37
Grafton 56, Oxford 55
Quabbin 56, Shepherd Hill 50
Millbury 51, Southbridge 42
David Prouty 45, Sutton 33
Wednesday, Aug. 3 — Playoff Quarterfinals
David Prouty 57, Bartlett 29

Millbury 61, Auburn 43
Quaboag 45, Quabbin 38
Uxbridge 65, Grafton 34
The Final Four and championship game are set for Monday, Aug. 8, after press time.

Girls' Basketball
Tuesday, Aug. 2 — Playoff Quarterfinals
Worcester South 59, Auburn 28
Tantasqua 32, Northbridge 19

Quabbin 31, Notre Dame Academy 30
Sutton defeated Uxbridge (forfeit)

The Final Four and championship game, originally scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, has been moved to Tuesday, Aug. 9 "due to extreme heat and wanting to keep our players safe," according to an email sent out by Kristen Pappas, Director of Recreation and Culture for the Town of Auburn.

QUAIL HOLLOW GOLF CLUB RESULTS

Greendale Men's League
Bill Gaudette, Bill Parsons (-4)
Kent Seith, Dick Whippee, Glen Wuerthele (-4)
Tim Dyer, John Kelly (-3)
Ken Frost, Bob Gonyea, Gouin, Miller (-2)

Pit's Crew
First place (-10): Bob Demiao, Leo Forget, Rusty Snow, Pit Caron
Second place (-9): Kent Seith, Jim LaMonda, Pete Nagle, Chuck Colebrook
Third place (-8): Dennis Fontaine, Bob Buzzle, Bill Parson, Ken Maclean

Club Championship
Men's Gross Division
First place (151): Ryan Toomey
Second place (152): Tom Staiti
Third place (154): Pete O'Packi
Fourth place tie (157): Tom Gareau, Rich Jefferson

A Division
First place (135): Rick Lindsten
B Division
First place (136): Dave Larson
C Division
First place (129): Scott Wiinikka
D Division
First place (146): Dan Befford
Senior Division
First place (142): Mike Toomey
Women's Gross Champion
First place (178 in sudden death play-off): Wendy Ripley
Net Champion (146): Beth Potvin



Sportsmanship principles all young athletes should know

Competitive sports have a lot to offer young people. In addition to exposing children to the thrill of competition, competitive sports can set a foundation for a lifetime of healthy living. One study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine in 2014 found that afterschool physical activity programs were the most effective strategy to reduce childhood obesity among children between the ages of six and 12.

Competitive sports also teaches valuable lessons about humility and respect. Sportsmanship is a vital and valuable component of competitive sports, and that's a lesson no athlete is too young to learn. Coaches and parents can work together to emphasize these principles of sportsmanship to young athletes.

- Always respect officials. In the era of instant replay in professional sports, criticism of officials has become more common. Such criticism can easily move from the professional to the amateur arena if players are not taught to always respect the officials. Unfortunately, many amateur sports officials continue to be the victims of overaggressive behavior on the parts of coaches, parents and athletes, and many have simply chosen to walk away rather than subject themselves to abuse. Estimates from the National Association of Sports Officials indicates that the group's membership has dropped by more than 20 percent since March 2020. Coaches and parents can practice what they preach when teaching young athletes to respect officials at all times, regardless of how games unfold on the playing field.
- Respect the rules. Respect for officials should coexist with respect for the game itself. Every game has rules, and knowing and adhering to those rules is a vital component of good sportsmanship. Coaches and parents can set the tone for this by encouraging kids to play by the rules during the games, but also by adhering to rules governing practice times and off-season workouts when no one is watching too closely.



- Respect opponents. Showing respect for opponents is another principle of good sportsmanship. Social media provides a readily available platform for athletes to disparage their opponents before and after games. Such platforms have even proven too tempting to resist for some professional athletes. But showing respect for opponents, even in defeat, illustrates to parents and coaches that young athletes are mature and cognizant of the fact that participation in sports requires good sportsmanship.
- Respect coaches. Good sportsmanship also involves respecting coaches, even when they make decisions players and their parents do not necessarily agree with. That respect has been dwindling in recent years, and it's

contributing to a coaching shortage in youth sports. One survey of more than 200 coaches in the Syracuse, N.Y., area found that nearly 60 percent of coaches had considered quitting over conflicts with parents. Many coaches volunteer their time to teach young people the game, and players should be taught to respect coaches at all times. That includes those times when players feel like they aren't getting enough playing time or when they disagree with coaches' in-game decisions.

Sportsmanship is a vital component of sports participation. Teaching young athletes the principles of sportsmanship adds one more unique benefit to sports participation.

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Slow-cooked salmon makes a perfect entrée

Fish typically does not require a lengthy cooking time, which makes it both tricky and ideal to serve when hosting friends and family at home. The short cooking time of fish makes it great for hosts who want to spend more time with their guests and less time cooking. However, that same short cooking time means it's easy to overcook fish. And no one wants to serve or eat dry, overcooked fish.

Slow-baking and slow cooking could prove the best of both worlds for cooks who want to serve fish but avoid overcooking it. This recipe for "Salmon with Spiced Red Lentils and Bacon" from Andrew Schloss' "Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More" (Chronicle Books) includes directions for both slow-baking and slow cooking. Hosts are encouraged to choose whichever option works best for them and enjoy the delicious, flavorful finished product with family and friends.

Salmon with Spiced Red Lentils and Bacon
Makes 4 servings

For the Spice Rub:
2 teaspoons ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika

1/4 teaspoon ground cinamon
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 1/2 pounds farm-raised salmon fillet, in 1 large piece about 1 1/2 inches thick, skin removed
2 bacon strips
1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup red lentils
1/2 cup canned diced tomatoes, with juice
2 cups good-quality low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

To make the spice rub: In bowl, mix together all the ingredients.

Rub 2 teaspoons of the mixture into the flesh of the salmon fillet; set aside for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200 F.

In a large cast-iron skillet, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp and the bottom of the pan is coated with the rendered fat, 5 to 8 minutes. Transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain, then cut into small pieces.

Put the skillet over high heat. When the fat is hot, gently put the salmon in the pan, pinker-side down. (One

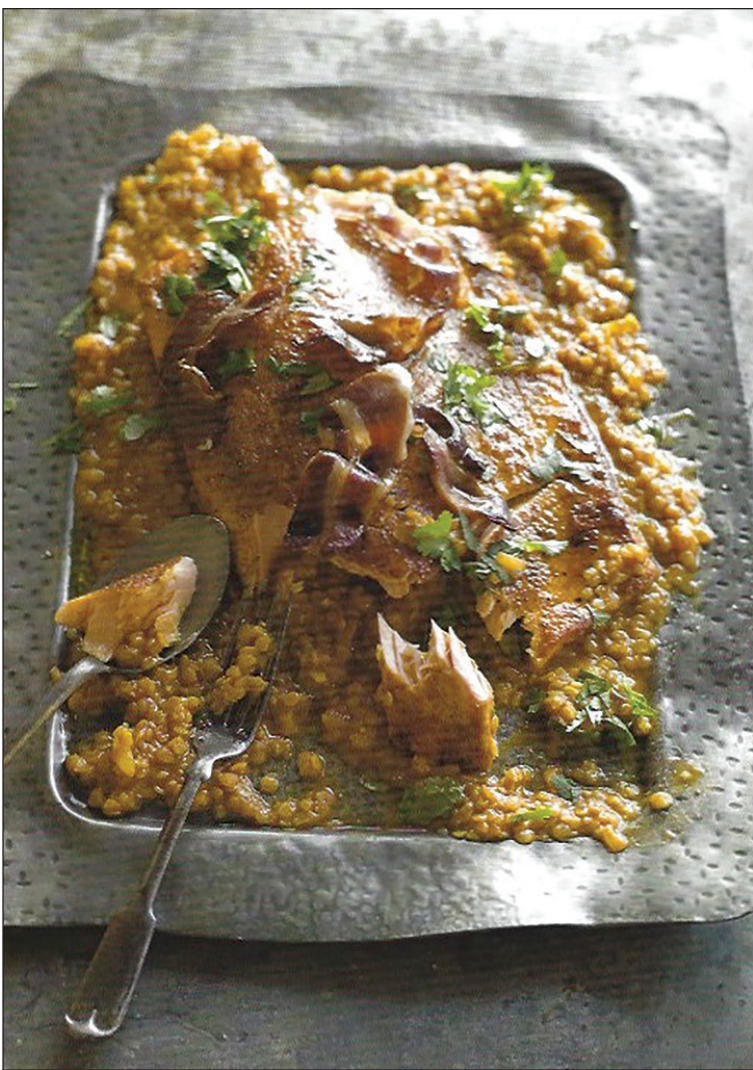
side of a salmon fillet will be bright pink and the other side will have a strip of dark flesh running down the center. The bright pink side is the one you want to brown.) Sear until nicely browned on the bottom, about 3 minutes. Using two large spatulas, carefully transfer the salmon to a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil, browned-side up.

Add the onion to the fat in the pan and sauté over medium-high heat until translucent, about 2 minutes. Add the garlic and the remaining spice blend and stir until aromatic, about 20 seconds. Stir in the lentils, tomatoes with their juice, and broth and simmer for 10 minutes.

Using the foil as a kind of large spatula, carefully slide the salmon onto the lentils. Cover the skillet with a lid or a clean sheet of heavy foil and bake until the thickest part of the fish flakes to gentle pressure and the lentils are tender, about 1 hour.

Garnish with the chopped cilantro and slip onto a large platter or serve directly from the pan.

Variation: In a Slow Cooker
Follow the directions in the recipe. Use a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil 2 feet long for resting the browned salmon. Scrape the lentil mixture into a 5- to 6-quart, oval-shaped slow cooker. Using the foil as a plate, set the salmon, still on the foil, on top of the lentils. Drape the



long ends of the foil up the sides and over the edges of the slow-cooker crock, like handles. Cover and cook on low for 2 hours. Lift the salmon on its foil sling. Mound the lentils on a serving platter and carefully slide the salmon from the foil onto the bed of lentils. Garnish with the chopped cilantro and serve.

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LEGALS

Town of Spencer Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Jean Neale has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remove old existing footings located at **81A & 81B Jolicoeur Avenue**, Spencer, MA.

Karen & Norman Charbonneau have filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remove an existing structure and replace it with a garage at **13 R Jones Road**, Spencer, MA.

Jeff Hebert has filed a request to Amend the Order of Conditions with the Spencer Conservation Commission to add a turn around area to the driveway, surface 20' of driveway with chalking and remove an 8" culvert at **39 Chickering Road**, Spencer, MA

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 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, Chairwoman
August 12, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO22P2456EA Estate of:

Timothy A Vincequere
Date Of Death: May 28, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of **Petitioner Paul Fournier of Shrewsbury MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Paul Fournier of Shrewsbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the

Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

August 12, 2022

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. WO22P2660EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

David J Mainville
Date of Death: 05/23/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kirk D Mainville of Spencer MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Kirk D Mainville of Spencer MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/30/2022**. 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)

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
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