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Photo Kevin Flanders

Members of the David Prouty High School Class of 1952 celebrate their 70th reunion last week.

DPHS Class of 1952 gathers for 70th reunion

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Sharing a bond that goes back seven decades, the David Prouty High School Class of 1952 enjoyed an extra special reunion last week.

Held on June 22 at Empire Buffet in Southbridge, the Class of '52's 70th reunion featured several members eager to celebrate the milestone.

Unlike previous class reunions, this year's event presented many added planning obstacles. It's always a challenge for any reunion organizer to get classmates together, but the task is especially steep in the face of nationwide travel difficulties, COVID-19 concerns, and logistical considerations for guests in their late eighties. But none of those challenges daunted Class of 1952 reunion organizer Jayne Gray, who put together an

unforgettable program for her DPHS classmates.

"I am so happy to see everyone," Gray told her classmates and their guests. "It is wonderful to think it's been seventy years since we graduated from David Prouty High School. I love you all."

After catching up on each other's families and activities, guests enjoyed lunch and then shared stories of their years together at Prouty. The program also included the reading of letters sent by classmates who were unable to attend the reunion. Each letter provided an update on the class member's favorite activities and hobbies, in addition to well wishes offered to classmates.

Guests also made sure to take time to honor 43 members of the Class of 1952 who have passed away. The class originally had 74 members, many of whom served as business

owners in Spencer. Others went on to travel and enjoy successful careers elsewhere in the state and country. Class members always enjoy the opportunity to reconnect with their longtime friends.

The class meets every five years for a reunion, with each one a little more meaningful than the last, guests said. Many classes stop holding reunions after a few decades due to declining interest or a lack of classmates willing to organize the programs, but the DPHS Class of '52 is still going strong.

Gray is thanked for all of her hard work in putting the event together and ensuring it ran smoothly.

From all of us at the New Leader, congratulations to the David Prouty High School Class of 1952 on celebrating your 70th reunion.

Reorganized School Committee promises change

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – At its reorganization meeting last week, the new-look School Committee announced a leadership structure that will handle several major decisions in the months ahead.

Featuring newly elected members Dylan Lambert and Scott Weikel, the committee is focused on repairing damage from a tumultuous year while gaining momentum on critical projects.

At its June 22 reorganization meeting, the committee unanimously chose Donna McCance as its next Chair. Weikel will serve as Vice Chair, while Lambert was named as the committee's Secretary.

"I am honored to be in this position of leadership. I look forward to building a relationship of respect and trust with staff and our community," McCance told the New Leader. "We have a lot of important work ahead of us to focus on getting the schools ready for our students and staff, immediately. We need all hands on deck to get our mission accomplished, and it can only get done by pulling together collaboratively."

The most important decisions facing the committee this summer involve the likely transition of students in grades 9-12 to the former Becker College campus sometime next school year. Committee members will work with newly hired Superintendent Brett Kustigian on an array of projects

needed to move students to the former Becker campus.

The complex logistical project will start with the School Committee and Select Board working to finalize an agreement on building maintenance, campus usage, and several other items. A full transition plan would then need to take shape, including provisions for student safety on the grounds.

In an announcement made last month, officials indicated that the former Becker buildings will not likely be ready for occupation until December or January. Officials had initially hoped the transition could be made in time for the start of the school year, but contractor and material availability caused a delay.

The Select Board and School Committee were slated to hold a joint meeting this week to discuss plans for the upcoming school year. The relationship between the two boards was strained during the past year, but new faces have entered the equation on both sides, in addition to Superintendent Kustigian.

"I am looking forward to working with the School Committee to solve the issues around our buildings," said Selectman Allen Phillips, who was recently named Chairman as part of the Board's reorganization. "I believe that if we all work collaboratively, we can better the education and atmosphere in which the kids learn. These are not School Committee issues, nor are they Select Board issues—they are town issues."

WooSox welcome community to Leicester Night

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Residents and their families will head out to the old ballgame next week to enjoy Leicester Night with the WooSox.

The Worcester Red Sox, who serve as the Triple-A minor league affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, have designated their July 8 game as "Leicester Night." Among other exciting headlines surrounding the announcement, Leicester-based organization Deja New has been selected as the nonprofit of the night.

If you would like to join the festivities and represent Leicester at the ballgame, the cost of the trip is \$40 per person. This includes a bus ride from Town Hall to the stadium and back, as well as a box seat ticket in the Leicester section.

The event will also include a pregame celebration with local dignitaries present. Additionally, a Leicester resident will sing the National Anthem, and members of Giguere's Gymnastics will perform during the game.

A portion of each ticket sold will benefit the Deja New team's efforts to assist the community throughout the year.

"We will have an informa-

tion table on the concourse, and I'll be interviewed on the radio during the game," said Cheryl Cooney, who, along with her fellow members of the Deja New board of directors, helps the organization make a difference in the lives of local residents and families.

In addition to funding local charitable organizations, Deja New also pays household bills for families in crisis; assists families during emergencies; sponsors fundraisers to help families purchase one-time necessities; and provides students with internships to help them develop vocational skills.

The organization receives funds through a number of means, including its unique marketplace that sells gently used furniture, home decor, plants, children's new clothing and toys, and items crafted by local artisans.

The organization also sponsors fundraising campaigns to purchase items that families might not be able to afford. Grant writing and community donations also play important roles in allowing the organization to assist residents in need.

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DPHS e-sports team brings home state championship

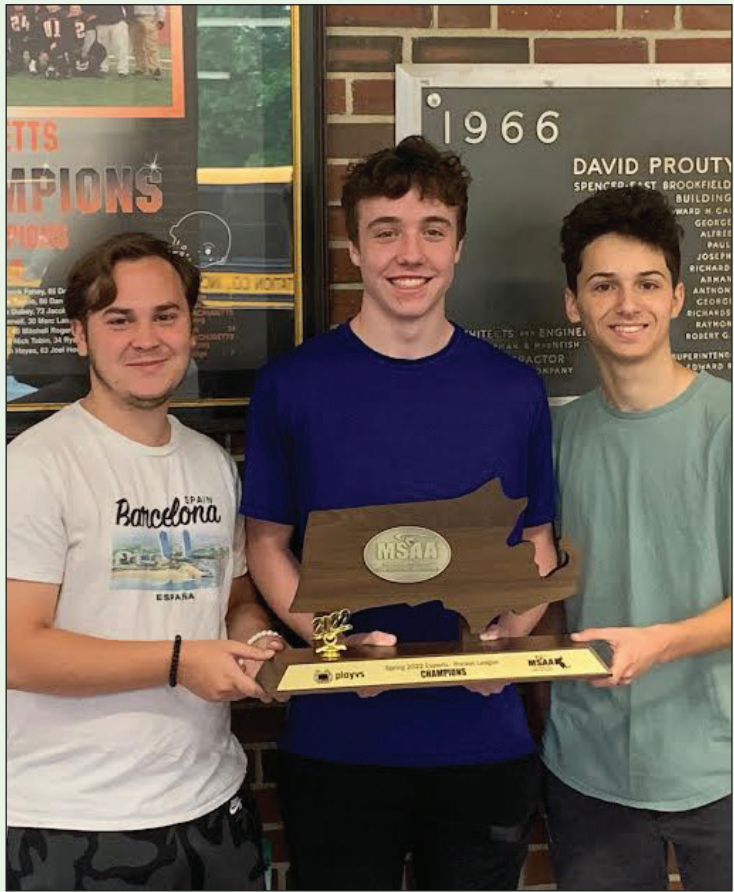


Photo Courtesy

From left, DPHS Rocket League teammates Brennan Ogert, Jacob Bergeron, and Joseph Havalotti celebrate their state championship.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Fresh off capturing its first ever e-sports state championship, David

Prouty High School is ready to welcome the next wave of gaming stars.

Featuring an all-senior lineup of Jake Bergeron, Brennan Ogert, and Joe

Havalotti, the 2022 Panthers squad used their experience from past years to defeat Tewksbury High School 4-1 in a best-of-seven state championship Rocket League e-sports match.

Rocket League, a three-on-three video game that combines cars and soccer, has escalated in popularity and competition in recent years.

In the 2020 regular season for Rocket League, the DPHS trio posted a 7-1 record against area schools, good for second place in the standings. In the playoffs, the team made it to the state finals against Shrewsbury High School and came up just short of its ultimate goal.

This time around, bringing added confidence and experience to the state final, the DPHS team wouldn't be denied.

"It is great to see this goal come to fruition for these three. They were so close in the fall season of 2020 and lost the state finals to Shrewsbury," said DPHS e-sports Head Coach Tab Bassett. "They committed themselves to becoming more of a team and found success in the final season of their high school e-sports careers."

Following their state championship victory, the DPHS

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School district officials look to fill vacant administrative roles

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – While students and their families are relaxing this summer, Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District officials will be busy filling key administrative roles.

David Prouty High School Principal Elizabeth York is leaving the district after six years on the job. School officials thank her for outstanding work amid unprecedented challenges. Prior to guiding students through the pandemic, York helped stabilize the school leadership structure after a two-year stretch of musical chairs on Prouty’s administrative team.

“Serving the David Prouty High School community for the past six years

has been the highlight of my career so far,” York told the New Leader. “The faculty and staff have been creative, hardworking, and flexible as the world has changed around us. The students, families, and communities have supported our work through good times and hard times alike.”

On July 1, Nathaniel Malone will take over as Prouty’s principal after serving as the school’s assistant principal. Malone began teaching at Leominster High School in 2007 as a special education teacher, working until 2014 as a lead teacher in the area of technology and online learning. He holds a master of education degree in leadership and administration, as well as another master of education degree in moderate disabilities. He also earned a bach-

elor of science degree in English in 2006. All three degrees were awarded by Fitchburg State University.

“I am very excited to hand the job over to Mr. Malone. He and his team will do a great job of supporting teaching and learning, and I can’t wait to see what they accomplish,” York added.

Also departing the district is Knox Trail Middle School Principal Ralph Borseth, who will retire at the end of August. He will be succeeded by Gina Fasoli, who has served as the KTMS assistant principal for the past three years. Fasoli will work throughout the summer months to prepare for taking over the principal role, SEBRSD officials said.

“We extend our heartfelt gratitude to

Ms. York and Mr. Borseth—and wish them well in their future endeavors,” SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey said.

A search is currently underway to fill the assistant principal positions at DPHS and KTMS. A candidate will also need to be named to the district’s Director of Student Services position, which has been held by an interim director since late April.

Superintendent Haughey, who has led the regional school district since 2018, looks forward to announcing the new leadership structure.

“It is our goal to have all leadership team positions filled by the end of July, if not sooner,” Haughey said. “Summer is always a busy time of year, and why should this year be any different?”

East-West rail a key part of state transport planning

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Extending passenger rail west of Worcester was a big topic of a recent CMRPC online forum, with shuttle services for non-rail towns “considered and monitored as the ridership increases.”

In our area, the key railroad under consideration is the CSX line that runs through Charlton, but the P&W line heading to Webster also came up. In both cases, the lines are currently almost

entirely freight.

According to State Sen Eric Lesser, Worcester found that opening the rail link to Boston was “a key, key part” of Worcester’s “renaissance” in recent years, and he sees that as an example “of what we can do in greater Springfield.” The towns in between would also benefit; for example, Grafton and Westboro both have MBTA stops and have seen significant development in part due to them.

Former Mayor and Lt Gov Tim Murray said that happened in Worcester, where “development takes place in concentric circles around Union Station” now. Years ago, that station was vacant and dilapidated; today, developers “invariably” include rail access as a reason why they come to Worcester, he said.

East-West rail “will pull more opportunity and job creation” into our region, Lesser said, adding he thinks it will also help “close our racial wealth gap.” But the state has for years not really invested in rail “outside of a handful of zip codes.”

US Rep. Jim McGovern agreed, noting this funding is federal and is being

geared to regional projects, not necessarily communities. He said Massachusetts stands to get about \$12 billion of the bill’s roughly \$40 billion for rail, which he described as “the single largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak.” While that’s in the current infrastructure bill, some related bills are also in process, including one by Sen Ed Markey dubbed the “Brain Train Act” that McGovern said will “enable the Department of Transportation [DOT] to make intercity passenger rail really take off.”

“We’re at a unique moment that’s making me optimistic, and I say that despite all the other crap that’s happening in Washington,” he said.

To him, the state needs to “be ambitious in what we can achieve.... The state is overflowing with money” and what matters is to “make sure it’s not all spent in one place.”

But he also stresses, “this money’s not there forever,” so Massachusetts needs to ask for it and have a clear idea what to do with it. “I don’t know whether in my

lifetime we’ll get this infusion of federal money for infrastructure ever again,” he said.

While it might benefit the state to have a rail authority as some states have, Mass DOT can apply for funds while the Legislature creates one, Lesser added.

The east-west rail is a key part of the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission’s current process to write a new long-range transportation plan. Planner Yahaira Graxirina said this is beginning now, with workshops in various area towns in the near future. The draft should be available by June of 2023, including scenario plans. She noted CMRPC wants to work with communities “to come up with some projects to put in the pipeline,” but did not think communities are eligible to apply for these funds directly. (By that time, McGovern had departed to cast a vote.)

That plan’s Web site is www.cmrpc.org/2050connections.

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team advanced to the national “PlayVs Cup” tournament, which featured fellow state champion schools from across the nation. In the first round of the tournament, the Prouty team was defeated four games to one by a team representing Arizona.

The Prouty seniors were once again honored for their accomplishment at graduation. In one of her final interviews

with the New Leader before stepping away as DPHS Principal, Elizabeth York took time to congratulate the inspirational e-sports team. For a small school like Prouty, state championships are a rare occurrence—but the three seniors set the foundation for future success.

“The accomplishments of the David Prouty Rocket League e-sports team are many in number. How wonderful that they ended their time at Prouty by winning the Massachusetts state championship right before their graduation. We are all very proud of them,” York told the New Leader.

Looking ahead to Prouty’s next field of e-sports competitors, the goal is to continue expanding the program to other students. Despite the bar being set exceptionally high by the trio of state champs, the program is still in its infant stages. New opportunities are

available for students to get involved, not just in Rocket League but an array of games.

Currently, Coach Bassett has ten players signed up for the fall seasons in the games of Rocket League and Super Smash Bros Ultimate. School officials are hoping to spark interest in Mario Kart competitions as well.

Rocket League is just one of the games offered by the PlayVs e-sports platform. Additional games include Hearthstone, League of Legends, Madden NFL 22, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, NBA2K 22, Super Smash Bros Ultimate, and Splatoon 2.

“Each of these games are unique in what they offer, but each of them require specific skills to excel at and be successful with the game,” Bassett added. “The three who just won the state championship are a very special group of talented players.”

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Jer'Nyia

“I want to be a lawyer when I grow up!”

Jer'Nyia is a teenage girl who considers herself to be creative, talented, and funny. She is good at making friends and enjoys singing, dancing, creating art, and journaling. Jer'Nyia is intelligent and completes school assignments without issue. Art is obviously her favorite school subject!

Legally freed for adoption, Jer'Nyia would like a family with at least one mom with or without other children in the family. Her future family must support her continued contact with her siblings and biological mother. Jer'Nyia would like to remain in Massachusetts to maintain her birth family relationship. She is a wonderful advocate for herself and will use that skill as she moves through this process.

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Cornerstone Bank announces new senior vice president, chief risk officer

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Michael J. Roy has been hired as senior vice president, chief risk officer. Roy is a successful industry leader who comes to Cornerstone with more than 25 years of experience in helping financial institutions manage risk and drive financial improvement. He will oversee the company's governance and strategy for risk management and compliance, and protect the investments of stakeholders.

"We are very excited to welcome Michael to the team as our new chief risk officer," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Throughout his impressive career, he has shown a great aptitude for creating and implementing risk management plans, and we're confident his success will continue as a leader in our organization."

A Whitinsville native, Roy previously served as the regulatory compliance manager at Sheshunoff Consulting and has also held senior vice president positions at several other banking institutions. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Bryant University in Rhode Island and an MBA from Anna Maria College in Paxton.

"I look forward to growing with Cornerstone Bank, building upon the successes this institution has achieved," said Roy. "Central Massachusetts has always been my home, and I'm excited to use my experience to provide protection for local stakeholders and the community as a whole."

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FANCY FEET

Photo Courtesy

Cooper Mann, 13, of North Brookfield dances on the competition dance team at Kara Anderson's Dance Studio. This season, he competed at four regional dance competitions and won title at all four with a hip hop solo choreographed by Miranda Desplaines.

QCC's Respiratory Care program breathes life into community

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Respiratory Care Program has received the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) for the second consecutive year. The College has once again joined a select group of programs that received this national recognition based on a high-level performance of key accreditation metrics.

The CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program's success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations. The award is considered a standard of professional achievement.

"This award is a testament to the hard-working faculty who have put together a high-quality program that is revered in the healthcare community. Their caring and dedication have fostered a successful learning environment for our students," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

To earn this significant award, programs were required to have three or more years of outcome data, hold accreditation without a progress report, document RRT credentialing success of 90% or above, and meet or exceed core

thresholds for the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) examination high cut score and retention. QCC had a three-year (2018 – 2020) average of 100% of students who achieved the high cut score and 96 percent achieve the RRT credential. The CoARC threshold for retention is 70 percent, and QCC had a 95 percent retention rate for the same three-year average (2018-2020).

QCC's Respiratory Care is an 18-month program that prepares graduates for employment as allied health practitioners in the specialty area of pulmonary medicine. The program began in 1967 and has graduated approximately 126 students since 2005.

"It is an honor for our program to be recognized over the past several years. It is a tribute to all the current and former faculty, QCC administration, and our advisory board who helped make this achievement possible, as well as our graduates who took the exams and earned the RRT credential," said Assistant Professor of Respiratory Care, Keith Hirst. "I am proud to be

part of such a great team who strive to provide an exceptional respiratory care education."

To learn more, visit QCC's Respiratory Care Program.

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PERSON of the WEEK

JEANNE LYTLE of Brookfield, MA

Jeanne is being recognized for the many years that she has given to the Brookfield Cultural Council. She was recently involved in helping to organize the Memorial Day Parade and in recruiting local students to speak and sing at the ceremony. She is currently working to coordinate Brookfield's 350th Anniversary and is dedicated to make celebrations special and bring the community together.

Thank you, Jeanne, for all that you do for the Brookfield Community.

— submitted by Rebecca Choquet

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Concerts are at 6:00 on Connie Mack Field every Thursday in July and August. Admission is free.
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Here's the 2022 schedule of Entertainment!
July 14 – Big Gunz
July 21 – 4EvaFab (Beatles tribute band)
July 28 – The Otters
August 4 – Rosie Porter
August 11 – Local Talent Night
August 18 – Rain date if needed
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See Facebook @EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th for details on all events!

Join us this summer!

Worcester County teen philanthropy program announces grants

WORCESTER — Youth for Community Improvement (YCI), a philanthropic committee of high school students across Worcester County, and a program of GWCF is proud to announce the recipients of its 2022 grant cycle.

The YCI committee identified four areas of interest: mental health support for young people, basic community needs, career and education pathways and opportunities for high school students, and community building.

Sixteen students from eleven local high schools made up this year's YCI cohort. Over the course of the spring semester, these young people learned about philanthropy, local community needs, and how to work

together to effect change. They then put out a request for proposals, and had the opportunity to award \$25,000 in grant dollars.

"The organizations that were selected by the committee are working to create the change that young people want to see in our community," said Isabella Corazzini, GWCF Program Associate. "Through this program, we are empowering youth to become leaders, and helping nonprofits that impact those same people."

Entering its 23rd year, YCI has engaged over 200 teens from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds since 1999, and awarded more than \$300,000 to 75 nonprofit organizations in

Worcester County.

Nonprofits receiving funds this year are:

- African Community Education Program - \$3,000
- Neighborhood Cleanup and Community Building - \$3,000
- Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation - Pathways for CNAs Project - \$4,000
- Iridium Tutoring Ltd. - Free Tutoring and Homework Help - \$1,000
- Milford Youth Center - Life Skills Workshops - \$2,000

- Push Worcester - \$1,500
- Skate Camp - \$1,500
- Que Pasa Worcester - \$1,500
- Community Cleanup Program - \$1,500
- Regional Environmental Council - YouthGROW Program - \$1,000
- Rise Above Foundation - Youth Activity Requests - \$4,000
- Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts - Girls Effect and Mental Wellness - \$4,000
- United Way of Central

- Massachusetts - WooServes Summer Youth Service Institute - \$1,000
- Worcester Youth Center - Civic Engagement - \$1,000
- Youth Opportunities Office of the City of Worcester - City Manager's Youth Council - \$1,000

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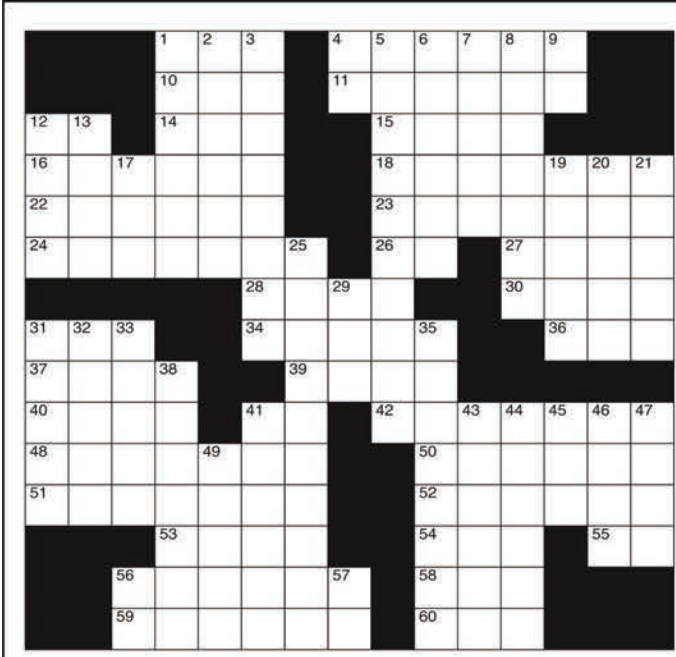
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26. Actor Harris

27. Wild cherry

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31. A Brit's mother

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56. Hotel chain

58. A team's best pitcher

59. Extracts from various sources

60. Indefinite period of time

CLUES DOWN

1. St. Francis of __

2. Supported

3. United in working

4. It cools your home

5. Predicting

6. Irritated

7. Popular talk show host

8. Fabric edge

9. A resource for employees

12. Broadway's Jackman

13. Small water buffalo

17. City of Angels: __ Angeles

19. Asteroids

20. Tailless amphibians

21. German expressionist painter

25. What drives you
29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group

31. Gold coin used in British India

32. Have deep affection for

33. Ponds

35. Breaks between words

38. Hairstyle

41. Print errors

43. Family of iron alloys

44. Sideline in bed

45. Many couples say it

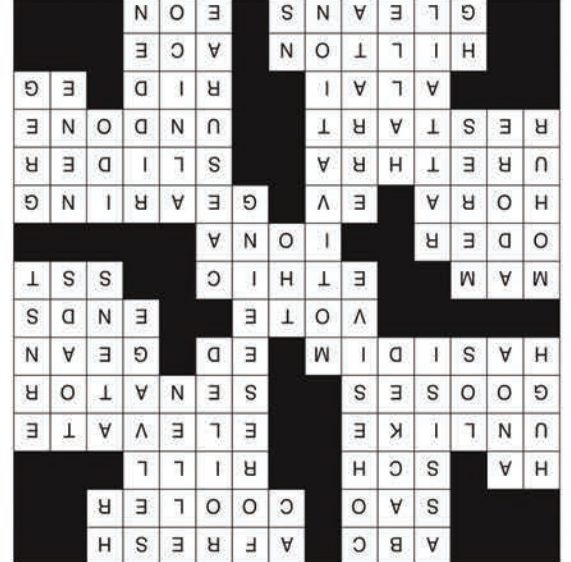
46. Brazilian hoopster

47. Allman Brothers late frontman

49. German city

56. One hundred grams (abbr.)

57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)



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Anna Maria College announces Dean's List

PAXTON — Anna Maria College recently announced academic honors for students named to the Dean's List for Spring Semester 2022. Anna Maria College awards Dean's List recognition to students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate day program in good standing who have attained in the previous semester a GPA of 3.5 with no grade lower than "B" for a minimum of four courses.

The following Massachusetts students achieved Dean's List:

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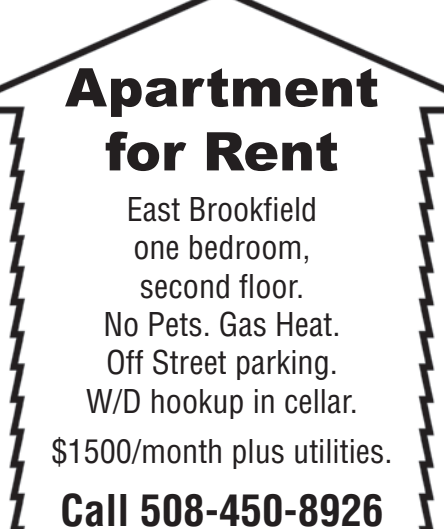
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REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, announced the recipient of the 2021 President's Platinum Award. The Bank's recognition program, "CB Shines", encourages team members to look for coworkers who embody the Bank's corporate values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity (iSTEP). Within this program, members can receive different levels of recognition: Silver Spotlight, Gold Star, and the President's Platinum.

"Country Bank's team members contribute to the Bank's success in so many ways throughout the year, and we are delighted to celebrate their contributions. The 2021 President's

Platinum award was presented to Tracey Wrzesien, Assistant Vice President, Retail Banking Officer. Tracey embodies the Bank's corporate values. In addition, her nominator recognized her contributions to the organization, customers, and coworkers. Our team is extremely dedicated, knowledgeable and committed to delivering the best service to their external and internal customers", stated Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank.

"I am extremely honored to have been named a recipient of the Presidential Platinum Award! Thank you to my colleague for nominating me and to Paul and Country Bank for selecting me. I could not do what I do without my amazing team,

the Retail Banking Leadership, and last but certainly not least, my customers. I am honored and humbled. I love what I do", stated Wrzesien.

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Hanson's farm making hay on Bennett's hill North Brookfield.

BIG TURNOUT FOR CAR SHOW



Photo Courtesy

The North Brookfield Sportsman's Club saw a big turnout for its annual Car Show this year, with 136 vehicles on display.

Leicester Senior Center grateful for support of Hot Dog Jamboree

LEICESTER – Senior Center officials thank the community for its strong support that allows programs to shine throughout the year.

Most recently, the Senior Center's Hot Dog Jamboree was a home run thanks to several community contributions. A crowd of more than 90 guests enjoyed the June 17 program, including seniors, state and regional leaders, and town officials.

In addition to hot dogs, lunch included potato and macaroni, plus other dishes provided by The Overlook, of Charlton, and Christopher Heights in Webster. Ice cream, cupcakes, and cookies were also offered.

Additionally, various local leaders and agencies that serve the elderly provided gift certificates. Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis brought in goodie bags filled with an array of items for seniors.

Officials also thank several other guests for joining seniors at the event, including Senator Anne Gobi, Registrar of Deeds Kate Toomey, State Rep. David LeBoeuf, Kevin Donahue of the Attorney General's office, Secretary of State William Galvin, Select Board member Dianna Provencher, Local Arts Council members Sharon Nist and husband Kurt Parliment, and Worcester Firefighter Karl

Solomon, who cooked the hot dogs.

"We also thank our Police Chief Ken Antanavica, the EMTs, and firefighters, along with their helpers," read a statement released by Senior Center Director Rachelle Cloutier. "We were entertained by a wonderful group paid for by our Local Cultural/Arts Council called Jumpin' Juba."

Also thanked is the Leicester Lions Club, whose members put up a tent in case of rain.

The Senior Center's next major community event is an ice cream social on July 27.

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Summer Concert Series continues with the Silverbacks

SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission’s 2022 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer with the Silverbacks.

The Silverbacks celebrate all things rock ‘n roll. A few of the members have performed in stadium shows worldwide as members of the bands of Joe Cocker, Tina Turner and Robert Palmer. Others performed in regional bands including Albatross and the American Standard Band. Band mem-

bers Jim Perry and Glenn DiTommaso reside in Spencer and are looking forward to performing in their hometown. Perry was also instrumental in organizing this year’s concert series and coordinating the entertainment schedule. Other members include Michael Lynch, Cliff Goodwin, Deric Dyer and Bill MacGillivray.

Following the Silverbacks, next up in this series that continues every Sunday through Aug. 21 will be the Love Dogs on July 17.

The concert series is proudly spon-



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Local artist to offer watercolor workshop

LEICESTER — Local artist, Debbie Roberts Kirk, will offer a two part beginning watercolor workshop at the Leicester Senior Center from 1-2:30 p.m. beginning on Monday, July 18 and continuing on July 25.

The class is offered free of charge with supplies included. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Leicester Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Class size is limited so please register as soon as possible by calling the senior center at (508) 892-7016.



East Brookfield students close out school year with Field Day

EAST BROOKFIELD – Students at East Brookfield Elementary School finished a busy, exciting end to the school year with Field Day activities.

Held on June 13, this year’s EBES Field Day had a wild west theme. Most of the activity stations were created around that theme, and students had plenty of fun taking part in various programs with their friends.

After two years of canceled events and pandemic restrictions, the EBES school community was thrilled to finish the year with a major event.

“It was such a fun day for the kids, staff, and volunteers. We were extremely excited to have parent volunteers run our stations again this year,” said EBES teacher Christine Lavin. “Field Day at EBES is a day the kids look forward to every year.”

School officials thank everyone who came together to make the event a success.



Photo Courtesy
East Brookfield Elementary School students finish the school year with Field Day activities.

Spencer-East Brookfield awarded \$44.7 million grant for Prouty High School

BOSTON—State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), and MSBA Executive Director/Deputy CEO John K. McCarthy announced today that the MSBA Board of Directors voted to approve a grant of up to \$44,790,070 million to Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for an addition and renovation project at the David Prouty High School. One of the next steps is for the District and the MSBA to enter into a Project Funding

Agreement, which will detail the project’s scope and budget, along with the conditions under which the District will receive its MSBA grant.

“Upon completion, this project will provide a 21st century learning environment for students in Spencer-East Brookfield,” Treasurer Goldberg said. “Our goal is to create the best space to deliver the District’s educational commitments and goals.”

The proposed project would create 126,823 square feet of educational space

with an agreed upon enrollment of 305 students for grades 9-12. The proposed project will address a number of deficiencies identified by the District in their Statement of Interest, including mechanical, electrical and plumbing as well as envelope issues. In addition, the District reported accessibility issues.

“Spencer-East Brookfield students will soon have a beautiful renovated space which will undoubtedly enhance and improve their ability to excel in the classroom.” stated Executive Director/

Deputy CEO McCarthy.

The MSBA partners with Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally appropriate, flexible, sustainable and cost-effective public school facilities. Since its 2004 inception, the Authority has made over 1,750 site visits to more than 250 school districts as part of its due diligence process and has made over \$15.8 billion in reimbursements for school construction projects.

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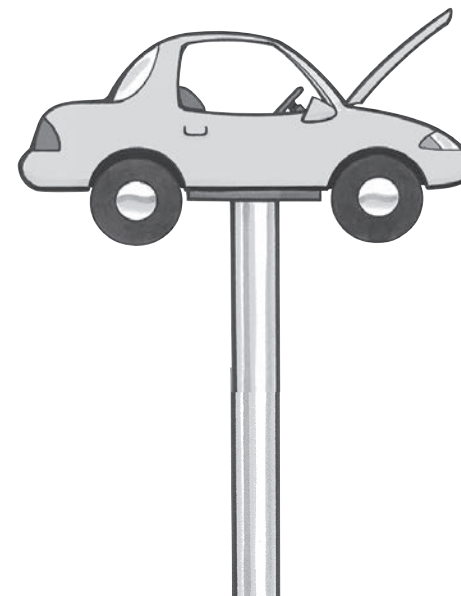
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EDITORIAL

Juneteenth
is more
than just
one day

Last year, President Joe Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The House approved the legislation in an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 415-14. All 14 who voted against the legislation were Republicans, despite even former president Donald Trump’s support of the holiday.

This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what’s not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a Federal Holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn’t.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

However, not all Americans were ‘free’ until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, “all slaves are free.” Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln’s order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas, therefore enforcement wasn’t strong, allowing people to still own other people. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

Lawrence Alexander, an African American from New Hampshire, shared his thoughts on Juneteenth: “Feeling ambivalent about celebrating Juneteenth? Feeling like a national holiday is a tad too much? Well, that’s how many of us feel about July 4th. July 4th is an 89 year head start on freedom for every American except African Americans. July 4th is like throwing me a birthday party at another kid’s house on their birthday and making me serve cake. Juneteenth is an opportunity to acknowledge that our mutual freedom is inexorably linked to everyone’s liberation. Juneteenth is the only holiday where ‘All lives Matter.’”

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it’s not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that’s ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it’s something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for, what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing Americans, the President said, “The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real, it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods,”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bring back my country

To the Editor:

This is not to be confused with MAGA, which seeks to bring back the 1950’s, when women were kitchen appliances, slavery was only symbolically retired, and racism was still full blown apartheid, especially in the south. Neither am I speaking of the Nixon prank of trying to steal information, to facilitate re-election, then get caught in the cover up.

What I am speaking of is the time when commission of a felony would have guaranteed jail time, and a nation that prides itself on being a nation of laws and, in theory, equal justice under it. Sadly, we have pretty much turned that into a complete oxymoron. I watched a handpicked AG/personal attorney, personally handle release of the Mueller report, which exposed at least eleven instances of election tampering, which he wrote off as presidential privilege, explaining that things presidents do are beyond revue (that, by the way is incorrect and only applies when justice department does not take correct and appropriate action).

Donald Trump mangled and manipulated the Constitution he swore to support and defend, with impunity. He realized his lap dog justice department would not act, leaving only impeachment to rein him in, and knowing his entire party had no intention of anything but absolute loyalty and blind devotion. If you think he did not blackmail Zelensky to furnish dirt on Bidens, by withholding defense funds against Russia, you are a fool. He even said he did it. If you think him not responsible for the January 6 attack, Mitch McConnell even said he was guilty, but courts, not senate should punish him.

Now that all the facts are being revealed by under oath Republicans close to him, who do not want to be grouped with his acts, we find that he knew he lost and had to search to find anyone who shared his fantasy. The Republicans too honest to violate their oath and public trust, that he coerced, villified and hung out to dry. His trained seals were actually harassing the Arizona attorney general, a staunch supporter and his neighbors, while his daughter lay dying in his home. Rathlessburger and others he pressed, were threatened and constantly intimidated. Why? For delivering the actual honest results.

To the Editor:

There’s an old saying: “Don’t Poke the Bear.” What that means — if you if keep poking the bear, you’ll make it angry, and it will come at you with its teeth and claws. What happens when you do this with a supposed friend, and he throws you in front of the angry bear? Exactly what the Obama/Biden administration has done to the poor people of Ukraine. They poked the bear and threw the Ukrainian people into its jaws while they hide in a safe cage. You ask what reason would they do this? The same reason they are destroying this country. Tear down the old system’s and make way for the Global “New world Order” as Biden openly said while talking to top corporate executives. Don’t believe me. Google it and see him say it online.

We almost went to a full nuclear war in the early ‘60’s when Russia and Cuba tried to put ballistic missiles 20 miles off Florida. We were at the brink because we felt threatened as a country. How do you think Russia and the people of that country see it when Obama, Hillary, and Biden try to install a pro-US government on their borders? A government loaded with progressive liberals to try to sabotage their way of life. They feel the same we did. Stop it at any cost.

So how did it come to this? Well, folks, here are the facts. Ukraine became independent from Russia in 1991, when the Soviet Union dissolved. The agreement with Russia was that it stay neutral and give back their nuclear missiles back to Russia. This was done, and in 2013, a pro-Russian government was elected. With assistance from Obama and Hillary Clinton, this government was overthrown and a pro-NATO one installed. Putin and pro-Russian separatists took regions, and the Crimea annexation was a direct result of these actions. As you can see, it was Obama and Hillary poking the bear.

Now, one thing everyone needs to ask themselves in the USA is this: What the heck was the drug addicted son of a US vice president doing on the board of a Ukrainian gas compa-

ny called Burisma? Anybody of you Democratic liberal voters know? I’m sure you will insist it’s all made up right wing propaganda. We all know the truth and what was actually going on. Our corrupt Democratic politicians were pigs feeding off the money trough called Ukraine. We send them your taxes as aid, and our corrupt Democratic politicians have their families getting rich off the kickbacks from those getting the aid. We had a sitting Vice President, Joe Biden, on a talk show bragging how he was going to hold up \$1 billion in US aide unless Ukraine fires the judge investigating the corruption at Burisma. This clip is actually on the Internet for you and everyone in the world to view for yourselves! No made up disinformation here. Folks, if you cannot see this as blatant corruption and actual prid quo pro, then you must be a deaf, dumb, and blind. These are not far right lies or Tucker Carlson talking points. These are facts that you can see on the Internet. All you need is to watch old Joe saying them. Then, when this crook gets made president by those dopey progressives, you can see why the bear had enough. Time to use the hammer and sickle. Unfortunately, it is Ukraine and its people paying the price for Obama’s Global New World Order. You know, it’s his old Cabinet cronies like Susan Rice who pull Joe’s puppet strings and put the words on his teleprompter. They want change at any costs as long as they are the elite power brokers get extremely rich off it. Trump lost money when he was president while Obama, Biden, and Pelosi all got richer being in office.

We see the same happening in our country. Change at any cost! Being overrun by illegal aliens that will flood into your communities, not the rich elites who, like old Barack Obama, has built a million dollar mansion on Martha’s Vineyard. Seems he has lots of cash now. Your buying power and savings are being ruined by them. The rich elitists like John Kerry burn tons of fossil fuels flying on a private jet to exotic destinations crying about climate change while making sure you

Take steps toward financial freedom

Next week, we observe Independence Day, an opportunity to celebrate all the liberties we enjoy in this country. Of course, there are different types of freedoms – such as financial freedom, which can open the doors to many other opportunities. What steps can you take to gain your financial independence?

Here are a few suggestions:

Save, invest ... and repeat. There’s really no shortcut to achieving financial freedom – you do have to save and invest for many years. And that means you should take full advantage of the opportunities available to you. If you have a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, try to put in as much as you can afford each year, and when your salary goes up, increase your contributions. Even if you have a 401(k), you may also be eligible to fund an IRA. Both a 401(k) and an IRA offer tax benefits and an array of investment options, so they are powerful retirement savings vehicles.

Invest for growth.

How much you invest is obviously a key factor in reaching your financial freedom. But how you invest is also important. If you’re going to accumulate the resources you need to retire comfortably and meet your other financial goals, you will need to devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles, including stocks and stock-based mutual funds. Of course, these investments will fluctuate in value, so you’ll need to be prepared to accept a certain level of risk. Your individual risk tolerance will help determine how much of your portfolio should be devoted to growth investments.

Put financial windfalls to work.

Whenever you receive a financial windfall, such as a bonus from your employer, a tax refund or even an inheritance, consider putting some of it to work in your investment portfolio. Over time, these windfalls can add up.

Reduce your debts. It may be easier said than done, but try to reduce, or eliminate, as many debts as you can. The less money you have to pay each month on your debts, the more you’ll have available to save and invest. Of course, some debts, such as your mortgage, can’t be easily erased, but if you can find ways to cut down on spending, you may be surprised at how much progress you can make toward debt reduction.

Prepare for the unexpected. Life is unpredictable – and some unforeseen events could threaten your ability to achieve, and maintain, your financial independence. For example, if you were unable to work for a while due to illness or injury, you might be forced to dip into your savings and long-term investments just to help meet your cost of living. You can help protect yourself from this risk by building an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. And you may want to consult with a financial professional to learn about other protection strategies.

It will take a concerted effort to reach your financial independence – but, like all freedoms, it offers immense benefits.

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pay \$5 for your gas and heating oil. He may even use eyedrops to make a tear fall from his eye as he talks. They want you to relinquish teaching your children your morals and ideals. Instead, they want your three-year-old to be taught CRT and wonder if they are transgender. If you object you will be vilified and labeled a domestic terrorist by their leftist DOJ. Do you think they have poked you too much? I do and I believe its time to get angry and vote them out in 2022. Vote Republican or Libertarian across the board and send the Pelosi politicians on their way after you maul them.

MARK ROBILLARD
SPENCER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roe had to go—worse than Dred Scott, don’t you know!

To the Editor:
On the abortion issue, our 40th U.S. President, Ronald Wilson Reagan (1981-89), restored deadly perspective and honesty when he would observe that “I can’t help notice that all those people who call themselves ‘pro-choice’ have already been born!” Well, chalk one up for the late Gipper, and dig this. U.S. Supreme Court (“Supreme Court,” “high court” or “court”) Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor and I agree on at least one thing—that the Supreme Court is/was made up of humans and, therefore, makes mistakes, and that those can be corrected over time. Her recent remarks to that effect were obviously her way of opining that a strike-down of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision could be fixed or remedied after the fact.
Tragically, radical judicial expansionists like Sotomayor are oblivious to the fact that Roe was itself the horrific mistake of that court back in 1973. Same was issued by a margin of 7-2 in a heavily-liberal-slanted Supreme Court, the backdrop of which was the midst of the sexual revolution that likely affected (perverted) what should have been pure Constitutional and judicial reasoning/logic in addressing the matter, even if the treatment was to simply refuse to hear those two lower cases that made up Roe v. Wade and the companion case, Doe v. Bolton. Some other unjust, even terrible decisions from this high court also stand out over time. As detailed further below, Associate Justice Samuel Alito recites some of these cases in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization (“Dobbs v. Jackson”) majority opinion he wrote striking down Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, et.al. where the Supreme Court itself was

eventually moved to reconsider and overturn some of its own creations. One uniquely horrific decision from the high court was dispatched with differently, after the war ended and the smoke cleared, that is.
In 1857, the Supreme Court handed down the racist and de-humanizing “Dred Scott” decision that found and classified Negroes (dark-skinned native Africans) as non-citizens, essentially considering them an inferior or lesser race; property. This was the Supreme Court’s second-worst decision of all time, in my estimation, as it reduced a racial class of human beings to live “property,” non-citizens unable, therefore, to sue in federal courts, either as emancipated Negroes (Blacks) or as “owned” slaves. The devastating effect of this decision was to further the subjugation of their lives, families and livelihoods, to direct their very freedom and fate to the will of their “masters” or owners, and same unquestionably increased division and unrest in the land culminating in the U.S. Civil War (1861-65). However, the effect of that terrible decision issued under Chief Justice Roger B. Taney — appointed to the Supreme Court two decades earlier by President Andrew Jackson, a Democrat — was to deny citizenship and continue the subjugation of Blacks, largely for economic means to benefit their owners and regional economies, not to kill them, for dead slaves were no blessing or benefit to their masters. After the Civil War ended, the passage of the U.S. Constitution’s 13th and 14th Amendments effectively nullified the Dred Scott decision. Mindful thereof, this makes the 20th Century’s Roe v. Wade decision the absolute worst from the Supreme Court in its entire his-

tory; at the very least, a tie with the Dred Scott decision! The issuance of Roe in 1973 began the American holocaust testified to by an astonishing 60 million innocent, completely defenseless unborn babies exterminated in the aftermath, to date, and still counting. Yes, as terrible as slavery and the affirming Dred Scott decision was, Roe and Doe were America’s most cold, deadly and unjust decisions from the high court in January of 1973.
Associate Justice Alito, a brilliant Constitutionalist and strategist, also cited several other landmark Supreme Court cases where it had itself overturned earlier decisions. These include the 1937 West Coast Hotel v. Parrish decision that upheld state minimum wage laws, in contradiction to Supreme Court precedents of the time that were more hostile to workers. In 1954, Brown v. Board of Education ended legally-segregated schools in partially overruling the previous and longstanding Plessy v. Ferguson decision, in place since 1896. Consider also the 1944 Supreme Court decision Korematsu v. United States that had upheld people of Japanese ancestry being forced into internment camps during WWII, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s original direction and order. While not subsequently overturned at the Supreme Court, it has nevertheless been found widely invalid in the court of public opinion and not relied upon by the modern Supreme Court beyond any baseline consideration of Presidential authority in wartime. Like Roe, Korematsu is viewed by many as having been flawed from the start, albeit for different reasons and circumstances.
With the Dobbs v. Jackson decision rendered, the long overdue correction of the moral, legal and Constitutional repugnancy and illegitimacy of Roe v. Wade, mindful of the widespread harm it inflicted on the entire nation and the Supreme Court itself, is at hand. For millions of faithful people here and around the world, this is a reason for humble gratitude and celebration, also reflection at this historic moment. To remember especially the two women, now deceased, who were the subjects of the two companion cases—Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, respectively, Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) and Sandra Cano (Mary Doe), their pseudonyms in parentheses. Both women were lied to and misled about important aspects of these test cases by the aggressive and unscrupulous feminist lawyers eager to achieve a massive social, moral and legal upheaval without regard to truth. Also, to fondly remember the well-known heroes of the pro-life movement, many now deceased, who stood up for these precious unborn innocents in those days when this long-sought reversal was anything but certain. Pioneer crusading women come to mind like Phyllis Schlafly, Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson (Massachusetts), Ruth V.K. Pakaluk (a Worcester Catholic pro-life activist, devoted wife and mother who left us far too soon), and Marilyn B. Scola formerly of Worcester—a friend and fellow parishioner who, despite grave illness, would answer the call to serve as State Chairwoman for Massachusetts Christian Coalition, including its broad

pro-life, pro-family agenda featuring leadership seminars and educational voter-guide distributions. Courageous men like Illinois Republican U.S. Representative Henry J. Hyde (for whom the Hyde Amendment is named), President Ronald W. Reagan and indeed all the pro-life Republican U.S. Presidents we’ve had in the aftermath of Roe. Local heroes like Roderick Murphy who founded and run Problem Pregnancy, to assist mostly young Mothers in troubled situations to find help and solutions in lieu of abortion. To recall with gratitude the tens-of-thousands of fellow—but more faithful—pro-life/anti-abortion activists and witnesses who’ve repeatedly stood out in the summer heat, or bitter cold at the March for Life events in Washington, D.C. every January, and at many abortion mills all over America to call witness and conscience to the horror of this evil and ungodly act of destruction of innocent human life. To also remember with love and compassion the many would-be Mothers too who chose to abort and thus carry the physical, emotional and spiritual scars for many years, perhaps their entire lives in many cases, especially without receiving healing from the Word of God, Jesus, prayer and other counselling they may need to fully move forward in life.

Finally, a special and heartfelt thank you to the most amazing President of my lifetime, a pro-life President whose own position on abortion changed over time—as is often the case with present pro-lifers—No. 45, Donald J. Trump. President Trump nominated three original-intent Constitutionlists to the Supreme Court who would go on to win their U.S. Senate confirmations, and all of whom joined in Justice Alito’s majority decision striking down this horrible injustice to the unborn that diminished the holistic value of life here for nearly a half-century. Thank you, Mr. President, for many of us who supported you, it was very much about the Supreme Court’s direction on these important issues. God’s timing for your unexpected election victory in 2016 was perfect—as His timing always is!

Lastly, I want to acknowledge what many on the other side of this issue are already saying, that this decision won’t stop all abortion in the land. Sadly, that is true. It was, however, crucially necessary to shift the power on this issue back to “we the people” in each state and territory of the U.S., to decide for ourselves through our own legislatures and lower courts what we value and where we will draw the line. At least in this way, each State now has the power and choice to govern in lieu of broad Federal judicial-branch activism that uses the Constitution as cultural amoral play dough, shaping invented “fundamental rights” that simply are not there. Life matters for everyone; how we view and treat the unborn child spills over into the rest of our culture and society. Please don’t deceive yourself and think otherwise! May God Bless America.

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SPENCER

Trump, “a clear and present threat to American democracy” & “dishonor”

To the Editor:
The first quote, “A Clear and Present Danger to American Democracy” above, comes from very conservative federal retired judge, J.Michael Luttig to describe former President Trump’s actions during the televised Congress’ Special Committee hearings on the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on our Capital.
The second quote, “Dishonor,” comes from another very conservative Republican, the Congresswoman, Liz Chaney, the daughter of Vice President Richard Chaney. With a half century of family “experience,” we can assume that Committee Co-Chair Chaney knows and understands a good deal about how the American government system and Constitution tries to protect us from actual tyrants and would be ones like Donald Trump.
The first session showed the both the violence of the attack of and the planning and participation in it by right wing, anti-democracy groups like the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers. Many participants indicated they me because Trump asked them to. Hundreds have been charged with crimes with some pleading guilty and other brought to court. This includes Proud Boys and Oath Keeper leaders who have been indicted on treason like charges.
In this hearing, videos showed the mob attacking and badly injuring police officer Caroline Edwards and her description of trying to defend the Capital, elected members, and public servants doing their jobs.
The second session focused on the testimony of many Trump Administration members. One after another said that evidence that the election was “stolen” did not exist. This included conservative Republican Attorney General William Barr and Bill Septien, Trump’s 2020 Campaign Manager. They and other Republicans testified under oath that they told Trump that hard evidence showed that he had lost the election. Despite the facts they presented, Trump refused to accept that he clearly lost.
(Many, including family members, have said that for mental health reasons, Trump can never accept losing – say like what my beloved 17 time champion Boston Celtics did recently, or what the five time NFL champion coach Bill Belichick said after a Patriots loss: “it is what it is.”)
The third session focused on Trump’s anger and his attempt to force his loyal Vice President, Michael Pence not announce and certify in Congress that Biden had won the Presidency. It also showed from other Republicans, what enormous pressure Trump and associates put on his Vice President not to certify the election process. However Pence supported by his Christian faith and belief in our Constitution, refused to do so. This refusal and Trump’s public criticism made the mob attacking the Capital shout again “Hang Mike Pence.”
Meanwhile Trump, did nothing, instead watched the events unfold on TV. When told the mob shouted “Hang Mike Pence,” Trump replied “Maybe he deserved it.”
The fourth session looked at Trumps’ dictatorial efforts to overturn certified

elections in battleground states including:
- Arizona, where Luttig the anguished Republican Attorney refused to bend his Christian beliefs on the altar of Donald Trump and
- Georgia, where loyal to the Constitution Republicans Gov. Kemp and Attorney General Raffensburger refused to “find” Trump the 11,381 votes he needed to win.
(Is it not possible that Trump is the real “RINO,” or Republican In Name only?)
The fifth and final session provided widespread evidence from Justice Department officials on how he tried, after the resignation of Attorney General Barr, to make their department delay the certification of election results. it also presented evidence the Trump like “RINOs” in Congress, thinking they were guilty of crimes around the insurrection and election results sough Presidential pardons.
The testimony and other evidence proves to those willing to see and hear that Trump was and is willing to destroy our Constitutional system of laws and government.
And that Trump only cares about Trump.
WenowhaveboththeseCongressional hearings and seven years of experience with Donald Trump and the politicians who have supported his actions and plans.
For a moment, let us focus on the the plans and actions will destroy our hard earned and nearly 250 years old American Democracy. For this I recommend re-visiting the November 2016 Tablet article “What to Do About Donald Trump.” In it, Liel Liebowitz provides three pieces of his advice provided by his grandfather.
First treat every word as a promise meaning Trump has been and is very clear about what he wants to do. Believe him when he indicates he will do anything to regain power.
Anything.
Second, If you continue to follow Trump, understand you will be held responsible for his actions and deeds – both those that have happened and those that will.
Third and now the most important, refuse to accept that what Trump does in the “New Normal” No American President has ever attempted to overthrow American Democracy through violence and other means.
Liz Chaney, comes from a conservative family of “Real Republicans” so when she says that conservatives and Republicans who continue to support Trump in the attempt to destroy American democracy will wear their “dishonor” forever.
When growing up as a good Catholic boy in the 1950s, I always had the opportunity to express sorrow for the wrongs I committed. We called it “Confession” I never felt better than I did after confessing and being forgiven by my parish priest. It made me a better, if imperfect, person for it.
“Confessing” about being wrong about Trump could have the similar effects.

KEVIN KANE
SPENCER

A Potpourri of Assorted Tips and Tricks

This week’s column features a smorgasbord of helpful hints and household tips to make this season’s chores a whole lot easier. From gardening strategies to saving money without feeling the pinch, read on for a round of assorted hints:



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Before you don your outdoor apron, keep in mind these BBQ tricks of the trade! Try putting lemon peels in your grill next time you are grilling some chicken. It adds a super smell and a flavor essence to poultry. And when using a dry rub, always allow the meat to cook for approximately half of the total time before applying any basting sauce.

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If you are mulching the garden this season, you should know many mulches will bind nitrogen from your soil, so before purchasing a particular mulch, do some research. Cocoa mulch adds nitrogen to your soil and can be used as an amendment, unlike other products. Take newspaper and lay it in sheets over your garden beds. For best results, cover with a thick layer of compost, well mixed with cottonseed or bloodmeal. This combination will break down perfectly over the winter.
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Wondering how to store all those onions and other garden root vegetables through the winter? If you don’t have a root cellar, pack styrofoam packing peanuts into a wooden crate. As long as the vegetables are kept cool and dry, this method will do the trick.
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Want a reason other than fresh produce to dig in the dirt this season? You got it! Studies revealed women fifty and older who gardened at least once a week had higher bone density than those who jogged, walked, swam or did aerobics.
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Going green doesn’t have to cramp your style! Simply shutting off the water while you brush your teeth saves up to 1,800 gallons of water per person per year. And switching to cold water for two laundry loads a week can save up to 500 pounds of CO2 per year! Not to mention the money you save by conserving!
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If this weekend finds you “gone fish-in”, try this tip! When throwing into the wind, drop your rod tip to the water right after making the cast. You’ll get more distance and will also get the slack out of your line in case you get bit just when the bait hits the surface. If you leave the rod held high, the wind will make an arc out of your line and you’d lose control of the bait.
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Want an excuse to say “pass the pasta” more often? Nutritional scientists have proved certain foods are fixes for less than perfect moods. Studies show pasta, which is rich in complex carbo-

Fishing in upstate New York



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Upstate New York is the place to be if you want to really catch big brown trout. This week's photo is a testament to the fantastic fishing that can be enjoyed in Lake Ontario. This writer and my fishing buddies of not that long ago, made sure we went to lake Ontario a couple of times a year. The late Jack Cunningham and Peter Opperwall joined this writer for many years on our annual trip to New York with this writer's boat in tow. My 21-foot boat was easy to tow by my Chevy van taking only five and a half hours from Uxbridge to our destination at "Winnies Waterfront" house on the waterfront in Sodus Bay.

After arriving at our home away from home for one week, we immediately launched the boat, and tied her up to the dock

in front of our small but comfortable house for the week. The whole weeks expenses totaled a bit over \$100 each. We enjoyed catching daily limits of brown trout, the largest weighing in at 21 pounds, and a couple of salmon during our weeks stay. The home that we stayed in is no longer available, as the couple that owned the camp have since passed away. Them were the days. Fishing is as good as it ever was today, and anyone that enjoys catching big fish need to make the trip to Lake Ontario once in their life.

We caught many browns on streamer fly's trolled with copper wire, but we also caught many fish on planner boards, which held three lines on each side of the boat. Many browns were caught using this method of fishing right at dusk. The salmon were caught using downriggers and lures, of which type I cannot recall. Nights at the camp were always crazy, enjoying each other's company and remembering our trips from earlier years. Life can pass you by very fast and if you enjoy fishing, you need to make at least one trip to Lake Ontario.

My brother Ken and his son Mark made another trip to the Quabbin Reservoir again this week, but the details of their trip were not available at the time of this writer's column, as the deadline is Monday at noon.

Striper fishing has been nothing but fantastic last week at the canal, and at other weekly hotspots. The top bait was mackerel chunks drifted during slack tide. One angler stated it was the best day of his life, fishing for stripers. A lot of monster stripers in the 40-pound class were reported last week also. Unfortunately, they had to be released to fight another day, because of the slot size limit.

Seabass continues to dominate the fishing craze, with most anglers filling their daily limit ,with some of these great eating fish. Although the daily limit per angler is only four fish in Mass. and two in Rhode Island anglers are willing to spend the time and money catching these prize eating fish. Depends on who you talk to; some fluke fishing anglers are doing OK, while others continue to complain about



the recreational size limit in Rhode Island.

Freshwater anglers are continuing to catch some impressive smallmouth bass in local lakes and ponds. Some real nice bass are coming from Wallum Lake and Webster Lake, to mention a few.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another league archery shoot this Sunday, starting at 7 a.m.! The event is open to the public!

Take a Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Perennial gardens for beauty all season

Create long lasting beauty and pollinator appeal in your landscape with the help of perennials. With a little bit of planning, you can have flowers, foliage and seed heads that add interest to your garden year-round.

Select perennials including native plants that thrive in the sunlight, soil, and moisture conditions in your garden. Incorporate several inches of compost or other organic matter into the top eight to 12 inches of soil to improve the soil so your perennials will be healthy, showy, and long-lived plants.

As you select your plants, consider seasonal foliage and flower color as well as texture. Warm colors like red, orange, and yellow make large areas appear smaller, energize the space, and make it feel warmer. Cool colors of blue, green, and violet make small areas feel larger, hot areas seem cooler, and create a sense of tranquility.

Large leaves and flowers are bold and create a focal point while small flowers and narrow leaves create a sense of depth when used in the back of the garden and they make a nice backdrop for



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bold textured plants. Maximize beauty in every square inch and extend your budget with plants that provide multiple seasons of interest. Look for opportunities to include spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and grape hyacinths into the landscape. Although their blooms are relatively short lived, these spring beauties are sure to brighten the garden and help chase away the winter blues. Add these to your fall planting list.

Include some spring, summer, and fall blooming perennials with season long foliage, fall color or winter interest. You will find many great options at your local garden center. Plants like Siberian Iris (*Iris sibirica*), hardy in zones 3 to 9, tolerates full sun to part shade, has beautiful flowers in spring, nice foliage, fall color, and persistent seeds capsules for winter interest. Nonaggressive catmint (*Nepeta*) varieties flower all summer long with minimal maintenance. End the season with showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*). Its bright yellow flowers add a burst of color to the fall garden and provide food for pollinators

migrating through or overwintering in your garden. The dried flowers add interest to the winter garden.

Include some ornamental grasses. Their fine foliage is a great addition to the garden and most come into their full glory in fall. Leave them stand for winter and enjoy the motion and texture they provide.

Don't let gardening in the shade stop you from creating season long beauty. Consider shade lovers that add multiple seasons of beauty to those shady spots in the landscape like barrenwort (*Epimedium*), variegated Solomon's seal, and coral bells.

Let your healthy perennials stand in the garden all winter long. Their dried leaves, stems and seed heads provide winter interest and help attract birds to the garden. They also provide winter homes for many beneficial insects. You'll enjoy the motion and color the birds and standing perennials add to drab winter days.

Start taking pictures of your landscape throughout the year. Then look for opportunities to add year-round perennial beauty to your gardens and landscapes.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the



Photo Melina Myers

Perennial plants like Siberian Iris (*Iris sibirica*) tolerates full sun to part shade and provides year-round interest.

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

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I was raised with the idea that the most successful people in the world failed more than they succeeded. My dad taught me that no matter how often a person fails if they apply themselves, have a strong work ethic, and have a positive attitude, they will eventually succeed.

I've met many people who had the opposite belief. They thought that you either have it or you don't, and there isn't much room for improvement.

I had the great opportunity to meet and be coached by the fastest swimmer in the world for a time. His name is Tom

Jaeger, and he earned seven gold medals.

Before I met him, I assumed he got to where he was because of his hard work ethic and will to win. That was true, but I also learned that he never lost a race in his life. When it came to swimming, he won way more than he lost.

Most actors in Hollywood have to audition for years before they book their first job; it takes hundreds of auditions before becoming a star. That's true for the vast majority of actors, but there is a tiny percentage who begin working right away.

There are always exceptions to the rule. For the 99.99 percent of us, how can we make it to the top?

I was listening to Malcolm Gladwell's lecture on why some people succeed, and some don't. He talked about students in western cultures

versus students in eastern cultures and their approaches to math. It turns out that eastern students score far higher at math than their western counterparts. Why?

Listening to his lecture made me see a huge contradiction in my life. I did think that I could succeed at anything as long as I had the right attitude, but I also had a conflicting belief that I was terrible at math and there wasn't much I could do to improve. It's just how my mind worked. I was good at English, history, and the arts but terrible at math.

According to Gladwell, western students think success in math lies in their innate ability; either you have it, or you don't. Whereas in the east, the attitude to solving a math problem is very different. Their philosophy is that all math problems are solvable by almost anyone.

They believe that anyone can be good at math, given enough time and dedication.

When I was in math class, I didn't try hard. Why? Because I believed I was bad at math. Why would I try? I didn't think I had the mind for it. Listening to Gladwell made me realize that my approach to math was wrong. I could have done much better if I had the patience and determination!

It appears that attitude is everything when it comes to math. Can this attitude towards math be applied to other areas of life? Of course, it can.

Before Elvis Presley became the King of Rock, his music teacher told him he had no aptitude for singing. He failed many times on his way to the top; finally, he got a chance to perform at The Grand Ole Opry. The audience didn't

receive him well; the manager threw him out of the venue. What if his attitude was, "I just can't sing and perform?"

Steven Spielberg was rejected from the University of Southern California's film school. One of the first films he made, 1941, was considered a flop. What if his attitude was, "I just don't have the ability to make a good film?"

Oprah Winfrey was a news anchor early in her career; one day, she was demoted to a minor role on the daily news show. What if she said to herself, "I just don't have the mind for media?"

For the 99.99 percent of us, we will often fail on our way to accomplishing our dreams. It's inevitable. Don't let it get you down. Instead, have the attitude that you have what it takes, you can be who you want to be, and if you choose, you can even be good at math!

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hydrates can help relieve anxiety and help fight depression.

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If tending to your outdoor garden has taken a toll on your trusty old house plants, help is on the way! Just stir together one package of granular dry yeast and one quart of warm water. Mix it well and water plants with the elixir monthly to perk up your plants!

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Looking to sharpen your memory? Did you know positive thinkers have heightened memory? A positive attitude's been shown to stimulate the brain, so avoid negative people and situations. And talk less and listen more to boost your memory.

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If you're harvesting herbs from the garden this season, take note of these quick and easy tips! When chopping

fresh herbs such as basil and tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves.

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Here's an easy foolproof way to store fresh basil, cilantro, parsley, tarragon, and other delicate herbs that preserves their fresh from the garden taste! Stand herbs in a tall glass or mason jar. Fill halfway with water and add a pinch of sugar. Then place a plastic bag loosely over the top of it all and place in the refrigerator. Now your herbs will keep their fresh taste for a week!

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It's flea market season, and here's a dealer tip to renew old wooden picture frames without refinishing. Just brush with a mixture of one cup olive oil and a half cup lemon juice. For best results, apply with a paint brush to get into crevices. Let dry, buff and polish if needed.

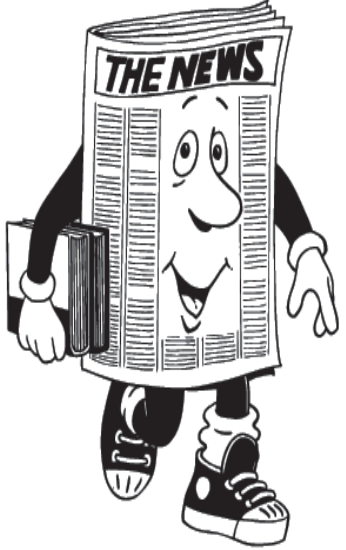
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Win Dinner for Two

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

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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 publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@atol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.



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BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

Bay Path celebrates 50th graduation

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Grade 12
High Honors: Justin Barton, Sadie Bickford, Alexia Brawn, Dylan Butkus, Isabella Capuano, Jackson Chaffee, Anaya Compres, Carter Coughlin, Marisa DeJesus, Kailani Dessus, Chloe Dexter, Marlee Donohoe, Danielle Gautier, Julia Graveson, Ashley Hamel, Nicholas Hunter, Tiffany King, Cole Komssi, Bethany Lasell, Marguerite MacKenzie, Anthony Martins, Amber Mercon, Olivia Morin, Samuel Murillo, Aidan Oosterman, Anyse Pinto, Lukas Rafferty, Luzyvette Sagastibelza-Lopez, Jayna Schmoehl, Ethan Shanbaum, Sarah Simpson, Olivia St. Germain, Scarlet Taveras, Mackenzie Tupaj, Rohan Vaidya, Tyler Verrier, Mateusz Zych

Honors: Nathaniel Anderson, Lana Antocci, Adam Barter, Connor Barton, Thomas Benoit, Dominic Benvenuti, Jayde Berthiaume, Anna Bonin, Brian Bonnette, Hayden Bourgeois, Catalina Burden, Isaiah Burlingame, Patric Campbell, Andrew Cannon, Diego Canovas, Adriana Carignan, Stephanie Chege, Aiden Chernisky, Abby Christian, Yadriel Colon Vega, Dylan Cotton, Nathan Cuff, Kevin Cunningham, Chad Cutroni, Jack Dalton, Lillian Dolan, Cody Douglas, Nathan Dreitlein, Nathan Dubeau, Johnathon Ferreira, Tricia Gallien, Brady Garabedian, Isabella Gervais, Adelina Giaquinto, Gavin Gillet, Genesis Gonzalez, Robert Gordon, Nicholas Gosselin, Amie Grenier, Nathan Gulkin, Christopher Hanley, Haevyn Hazzard, Zachary Hinman, Anthony Hudson, Morgan Ivory, Kailey Jones, Chloe Jordan, Ryan Kempskie, Kevin Kilcourse, Ryan Komssi, Jason Kozlowski, Cody LaMonda, Chase Lamprey, Anthony Lang, Andrew Leach, Jacob LeBrun, William LeCuyer, Lexie MacDonald, Jaohn Marchetti, Alannah Matthews, Allison Maynard, William Ofori, Evan O'Malley, Gabrielle Packard, Michael Pashoian, Elizabeth Pilling, Hunter Pocus, Krystal Quadarella, Zachary Sargent, Kristina Scott, Brandon Shippee, Daniel Sibert, Chloe Sicari-Swinimer, Brant Smith, Katrina Somers, Caroline Soucy, Kyra Stevens, Isabella Strzelecki, Isabella Tanacea, Camden Towns, Aaliyah Tremblay Collins, Adriana Vazquez Gonzalez

Principal's List: Kendall Barton, Thomas Becker, Kylie Bouchard, Samantha Brown, Gabriella Carlin, Dominic Chivallatti, CJ Church, Connor Clardy, Hailey Cournoyer, Anthony Defilippo, Madison DiGiantommaso, Zachary Dubsky, Lillian Dunkerton, May Emsiranunt, Austin Fish, Angelina Friend, Colin Gagne, Declan Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Lucas Kaufman, Elizabeth King, Gianna Legere Olivencia, Richard Menard IV, Paige Osche, Ethan Page, Ilias Perez, Jocelyn Rodriguez, Carlos Rosado, Anthony Seymour, Kristina Sytanovicz, Jomar Torres, Aaron Trahan, Owen Vaillancourt, Isaac Vieira

Grade 11
High Honors: Sincere Bailey, Aleana Brayton, Dennis Brunelle, Miranda Burden, Ronald Desrosiers, Brenna Donohue, Elizabeth Dreitlein, Jayden Flanders, Emma-Abigail Gachagua, Emily Gelineau, Evan Gelineau, Osiris Gonzalez, Emma Hesselton, Samantha Inangelo, Hunter Kelley, Aiden LaFrance, Sydney Lamontagne, Gianaleze Lopez, Mackenzie Morrissey, Merissa Murray, Stephen Ngaruiya, Wyatt Sadusky, Jazlynn Santana Arminda SImoes, Sawyer Smith, Emily Westwell

Honors: Alyssa Adams, Ayan Ahmad, Samuel Audunsson, Lukus Bachand, Haven Banks, Quinn Beck, Alexander Besaw, Benjamin Besaw, Samuel Boria, Ryan Brown Herraiz,



Arriana Cabana, Julia Canty, Daniel

CHARLTON — On Sunday, June 5, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School celebrated the Class of 2022's Graduation at the DCU Center in Worcester with 272 students receiving their diplomas and over 2000 family members and friends present. This year, the school proudly marked its 50th year of operation.

The graduation program began with the Pomp & Circumstance procession, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Adelina Giaquinto of Southbridge, and a welcome address by Superintendent-Director Mr. Kyle Brenner. Marisa DeJesus from Charlton provided the Valedictorian address, class president Tyler Verrier of Webster delivered the Student Address, and Ethan Shanbaum of Southbridge read

Chaffee, Michael Chanssignavong, Amanda Christanson, Isabella Coleman, Makayla Collins, Anthony Comforti, Samantha DeCell, Cam'Ron Desrosiers, Cheryl Dolson, Ty Dupuis, Gabriel Espinosa, Tori Fontaine, Evan Frost, Casey Gallagher, Aiden Gelardi, Amber Girard, Noah Gilspin, Adrian Gonzalez, John Guerin, Julius Guillen, Lauren Hennessy, Luke Hill, Rebeka Janusz, Tatyanna Johnny, Grace Jones, Matthew Kallgren, Eyan Karlowicz, Nakia L'Ecuyer, James LeProhon, Anna L'Esperance, Judly Maignan, Matthew Marchetti, Jaime Marrero, Matthew Marshall, Alyssa Masciarelli, Connor McCarthy, Rachel McMenemy, Erika Melendez, Jaysi Miller, Yerilian Miranda-Colon, Dominic Moniz, Dylan Morrison Ilvonen, Jonathan Nussey, Gabrielle Oikle, Michaen Pacheco, Joelle Peluso, Damon Provencal, Jacob Provencher, Timothy Putnam, Hilary Queirolo, Ariane Ramos, Jenisey Ramos, Emma Rannikko, Sabrina Rodrigues, Madrid Rodriguez-Carpenter, Kieya Santerre, Nolan Sharry, Terry Simon, Naomi Soriano, Emma St. Francis, Gavin Suprenant, Damion Szafaraowicz, Alexander Tetreault, Brayden Therrien, Jacob Thomas, Taylor Tremblay, Lucas Welton, Jacob Wilga, Jonathan Young

Principal's List: Constantine Billis, Emma Boulet, Jon Boyle, Connor Burke, Evanise Calo Resto, Hailey Carlson, Kendra Carter, Matthew Casati, Abraham Colon, Caleb Jude Corpuz, Ryan Couture, Amanda Englund, Zachary Finizza, Alexis Fleck, Mackenzie Gonzalez, Nathan Goozey, Devon Goulet, Barry Hanson, Olivia James, Mason Jordan, Calisa Kalil-Johnson, Marissa Keefe, Delaney Kirkorian, Cole Latour, Julianna Laconto, Yamilisha Machado, Sean Malboeuf, Xavier Marquez, Kyle

Moody, Sebastian Pabon, Amelia the Salutatorian Address.

Following the Salutatorian Address, the senior class officers presented a class gift, awards were presented by Director of Student Services Mrs. Nancy J. Ferriter-Alpine, and the presentation of diplomas were given by District School Committee Chairman Mr. David H. Grenier, Superintendent-Director Mr. Kyle Brenner, Principal Mr. Clifford C. Cloutier, and Dean of Students Mr. Daniel T. McGowan.

This year's graduating class was advised by Mrs. Johanna Giles and Mr. Alan Greenough. Class officers were Tyler Verrier, President; Marisa DeJesus, Vice-President; Marlee Donohoe, Treasurer, and Paige Osche, Secretary.

Peterson, Evan Rivera, Tatiana Rodriguez, Lillian Sheehan, Evan St. Cyr, Walfry Torres-Rodriguez, Yadiel Vazquez-Molina, Wade Wolanski

Grade 10
High Honors: Sophia Balestracci, Rachel Carpenter, Jomar Cintron Perez, Kirsten Congdon, Mariselle Cosme, Zacchary Cronin, LeeAnn Dagnese, Emma Davidson, Dylan DeJesus, Sean Derenas, Alexia Duddie, Jibril Erraihani, James Ferreira, Jonathan Forget, Jenna Gajewski, Rachel Gormley, Simon Greening, Bridget Hast, Riley Heenan, Alba Henriquez Baez, Carly Impey, Anna Lehtola, Hanna Luukko, Catherine Magnusson, Shaun McLaughlin, Jenna McLeish, Macaylah Miller, Peter Nhan, Madison Nolin, Vanessa Paddock, Noalani Perez, Colin Plante, Jared Powell, Emily Quental, Wendy Ramirez, Cody Savary, Amanda Seidler, Jacob Sirard, Adriana Stanley, Victoria Tinsley, Jack Ugrinow, Timothy Welch, Hailey Williamson, Charlotte Worster, Gabrielle Zopatti

Honors: Juliana Alcivar, Jacob Alden, Aidan Anderson, Kasey Babkuaskas, Alyesia Bellamy, Lindsey Berthiaume, Alex Beshiri, Alec Borrelli, Ryan Bray, Samuel Brill, Vincent Brink, Samantha Buchanan, Caitlyn Burke, Gabriella Cabrera, Olivia Carrier, Riley Caruso, Jesse Catino, Eyan Chase, Charles Chivallatti, Meredith Clark, Petru Cojocar, Yanieris Colon Vega, Alexia Conrad, Richard Corriveau, Zachary Cournoyer, Peter Courville, Kyleigh Czechowski, Daniel Daige, Wyatt Daoust, Pedro Augusto Dasilva, Nyasia Delgado, Jonathan Desmarais, Jayden-James Dunston, Abigail Egan, Jared Evora, Kacey Flanagan, Robert Fleck IV, Madison Fournier, Brooke Gagne, Ethan Gallant, Giovanni Garcia, Devin

Gavaletz, Makayla Graham, Kendal Griffin, Lucas Hafner, Renee Hallaman, Tristan Hanson, Isabelle Herholz, Valerie Hernandez, Derek Hosley, Stanislaw Janusz, Eva Jerez, Jadyne Katz, Abigail Kibaru, Jordan Kippax, Madisyn Kozlowski, Alyssa Kutsko, Matthew Lack, Kristina Liberty, Albert Luciano, Patrick Luperchio, Ryan MacCormack, Tatiana Marin, Sarah Martin, Marissa Masciarelli, Logan McCann, Vincent Messier, Leah Monti, Maggie Mullaly, Dorina Muska, Benjamin Nashawaty, Adrianna Navarro, Christian Nguyen, Kayla Nguyen, Noah Okolita, Nason Omasta, Megan O'Shea, Gianan Pantalone, Laci Pollone, Nicholas Pollone, Logan Powers, Evan Provost, Wyatt Rafferty, Harrison Renaud, Colby Richardson, Victoria Roberts, Margaret Russell, Samantha Russell, Cody Sexton, Paige Seymour, Sydney Seymour, Ryan Sinkewich, Jason Sinkis, Catherine Sirard, Ashton Stockenberg, Alysha Szafarowicz, Trent Szela, Colton Tittle, Landon Walker, Natalie Walker, Ryleigh Warchal, Sebastian Winer, Stone Zink

Principal's List: Alexander Adkins, Fajr Ahmad, Kaidra Anderson, Andrew Bousquet, Joseph Budney, Shane Conti, Emma DeJong, Dylan Dietlin, William Dwyer, Anthony Fallas, Chase Forehand, Kayli Haskins, Tessa Howard, Nathan Josey, Braeden LaPointe, Aibgayle Linde, Mattewo Mastrototaro, Cole Mitchell, Matthew Mullen, Alix Norman, Avelyn O'Brien, Peyton Parrettie, Ismael Porrata, Gabrielle Proulx, Gabriela Ribera Burgos, Xavier Rivera, Zachary Sabotka, Connor Sentence, Kayliana Sevieri, Gerald Splaine, Lacey Sullivan, Brady Suprenant, Christopher Verdolino, Cole Vignali, Thomas Wilk

Grade 9
High Honors: Kaelen Anderson, Jonathan Burke, Johnathon Carter, Cody Chesley, Joshua Chumsae, Adison Daoust, Ryan Dawson, Carly Donohue, Claire Farrar, Erin Gallant, Hailee Gelinas, Reyna Gonzalez, Noah Goulet, Matthew Guerin, Daniel Harris, Valerie Hilner, Leah Johnson, Eliza Kalwarczyk, Owen Kennedy, Anya Kittredge, Logan Letourneau, Quinn MacLeod, Lillian Maglich, Jaydon McCormack, Ayla McGrail, Jersey Mejias, Calle Merchant, Jacob Morello, Julian Mucci, Sadie-Mae Nobert, Maya Ortiz, Brad Piekarczyk, Gabriel Prado, Brooke Regimbal, Casey Renaud, Lexiana Resto-Nichols, Rose Roman, Savannah Steiner, Cassandra Tinsley, Matthew Twombly, Manaali, Vaidya, Angelica Vega, Adrian Vitkos, Dayzyah Wintzel Neely

Honors: Nicholas Adler, Connor Allain, Connor Belanger, Jessica Benoit, Joshua Blackwell, Kendall Bond, Lake Boucher, Camden Bousquet, David Boyce, Teah Boyd, Kaiden Brochu, Kendra Brooks, Adrianna Burdick, Jameson Burke, Matthew Chatterton, Makayla Collazo, Olivia Collins, Catherine Comeau, Noah Cournoyer, Mikayla Crocker, Travis Cronin, Isabelle Crump, Philippe Dasilva, Hunter Davis, Jenna Defosse, Madison Dolan, Gregory Downie, Bryce Dube, Jared Dubovick, Braelyn Dunn, Emma Dwyer, Logan Edwards, Ari Erkoc, Jaden Fall, Midrose Freeman, Conor Gadbois, John Gordon, Alcia Graveson, Keegan Hall, Abigail Haynes, Joshua Hemingway, McKayla Hoel, Bryce Hutchinson, Ava Iozzo, Kayah Jadczak, Elene Jerez, Skylar Johnson-Mello, Jacob Jurado, Sarah Kempskie, Emma Knott, Samuel Lamont, Katherine Landgren, Samantha Landgren, Hayden Larson, Nathan Lashua, Emma Leclair, Kyle Mazur, Isabel McLam, Emma McLaughlin, Jed McManus, Paul McManus, Cheyene Monsen, Zachary Moody, Camron Mortell, Robert Mousseau, Ava Murray, Dale Nussey, Ashlyn Olejniczak, Morgan O'Malley,

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Oxford Rochdale Sewer District Quotation Request

The Board of Sewer Commissioner's request priced quotations to furnish and deliver one (1) Sludge Holding Tank Mixer. Pricing Documents may be obtained at the Oxford Rochdale Sewer District offices, 28 Comins Road, North Oxford, MA 01537 or by calling 508- 892-9549 between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. after Monday June 13, 2022.

Oxford Rochdale Sewer District will receive priced proposals at 28 Comins Road North Oxford, MA 01537 until 11 A.M. Wednesday July 6, 2022 at which time priced proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not in the best interest of the Oxford Rochdale Sewer District.

Board of Sewer Commissioners
Oxford Rochdale Sewer District
June 24, 2022
July 1, 2022

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD INVITATION FOR BIDS FY 23 ROAD MATERIALS

The Town of Brookfield will receive bids for furnishing road materials as needed, for the period from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as pavement reclamation, for the project with an estimated value of \$728,850 will be required. Specifications and Bid Forms may be picked up at the Brookfield Highway Department, 56 Mill Street, Brookfield, MA or requested via email from highway@brookfieldma.us. Bids are to be submitted addressed to the Highway Superintendent and marked "FY 23 Road Materials Bid". Bids will be received in the Highway Department Office until 12:00 PM, Wednesday, June 29, 2022, when they will be opened and read aloud in the Highway Department Office. The Town of Brookfield reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Contractors are required to comply with Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates. Contractors desiring to bid on road repair and reconstruction, and/or sidewalk construction must have Mass Department of Transportation prequali-

fication. A 5% bid bond is required. The Town of Brookfield is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.
July 1, 2022

Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Julia Malloy for the property located at 46 Pleasant Street, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to rebuild a 2-story deck to the above pre-existing nonconforming property located in General District. This requires a Special Permit as per section(s) -1.52-Nonconformity: §1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al)
July 1, 2022
July 8, 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. WO22C0254CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Rebecca J Chickering

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Rebecca J Chickering of Brookfield MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Rebecca Jean Tamm-Shettler

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/12/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 17, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

July 1, 2022

LEGALS

OBITUARIES

Edward W. Pilling, 56

SPENCER- Edward W. Pilling, 56, of Grove Street, died Saturday, June 11, peacefully in his home. He was prede-



ceased by Rosemarie (Campaniello) Pilling. He leaves two sons; Joshua Pilling of Spencer and Robert Lavoie and his wife Jillian of Richmond, VA, two daughters; Elizabeth Pilling and Carmen Filadelfo both of Spencer, his mother Janet M. (Smith) Pilling of Leicester, two sisters; Christine Kilmonis and her husband David of Leicester and Patricia Pilling of Augusta, GA, a brother Thomas Pilling and his wife Christine of Lakeland, GA. Five grandchildren; Jayden, Juliana, Nolan, Benjamin & Natalee and several nieces and nephews.

Edward was born in Worcester,

son of the late Leonard T. Pilling. He graduated from Wachusett Regional High School and served in the Marine Corp Reserve. He was a supervisor at UPS for many years. He owned and operated Pilling Farm with his family. The Farm was started in 1966 as a dairy farm and Ed devoted his entire life to the farm. He enjoyed spending time with his family, sports, Nascar, splitting wood, agricultural fairs and absolutely loved all of his animals. A calling hour was held on Sunday June 26th, from 1:30-2:30 pm, followed immediately by a Memorial Service at 2:30 in the Oxford United Methodist Church, 465 Main Street, Oxford. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, Office of Development and Alumni Engagement, 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrangements.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Denise Anderstrom Douglass, 73

West Brookfield - Denise Anderstrom Douglass, 73, of West Brookfield, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Cedarbrook Village in Ware, surrounded by her family.



She is survived by her beloved children, Terence R. "Buck" of West Brookfield; Andrew M. (Heather Heineke) of West Brookfield; Scott M. (Jennifer Luisi) of Penfield, NY; Stephanie L. (Ryan) Brady of Washburn, WI; her grandchildren Keegan of Portland, ME; Keston of West Brookfield; Calla, Gloria, and Violet of Penfield, NY; Evan and Colin of Washburn, WI; her twin sister, Donna (Paul) Lapenas of West Brookfield; her sister Deb (Tom Bibb) Anderstrom of West Brookfield; her brothers, Douglas (Sherry) Guinan; Shaun (Debi) Guinan; and sister, Ann Marie Damasca of Pittsfield, MA; and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Teresa Guinan, her father, Robert Anderstrom and her brother, Drew Guinan.

Denise touched the lives of the innumerable people she cared for as a CNA, Pharmacy Medical Technician, and friend. She knew everyone in her neighborhood and loved time with her friends and family. As a family, we were happy and touched that so many

of her friends made time to visit with her during her illness.

Denise enjoyed experimenting with permaculture in her large gardens and was an expert wildcrafter of homemade tinctures. She was also an artist and a painter who decorated much of her home and gardens with paintings and other works of art.

She had deep concerns about the world, civil liberties, health choice, was a 2A enthusiast, and lifelong supporter of military veterans, having lost her father (a WWII and Air National Guard Pilot) at a young age. She was an avid researcher and learner on all fronts, especially autism. Denise was grandmother to a grandson with autism and cared deeply about his health and the health of her family and friends.

In accordance with Denise's wishes, there will not be a traditional wake or funeral. The family will host an event to celebrate her life later this summer for all that knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Children's Health Defense at

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/about-us/donate/> or the VFW at <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/21776/donate/>.

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

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Craig R. Webster, 84

Brookfield - Craig R. Webster, 84, of Brookfield, died on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at Harrington Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.



He leaves his wife, Evelyn B. Webster, his brother Duncan and his wife Kathleen of Auburn, Maine, his sister Marla Duarte and her husband Robert of New Hampshire, a step-daughter, Susanne L. Hilbert of Holland, and his step-son, William H. Lubas of Brookfield. He was born in Lincoln, Maine, son of the late Shirley and Irene

(Trott) Webster.

Craig received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Maine. He worked as a Benefits Specialist for the Social Security Administration for many years. Outside of work, he enjoyed playing the trombone with several bands, playing at local venues.

Per his request, his urn will be buried in his families lot in Chadwick Hill Cemetery in Augusta, Maine at a later date. There are no calling hours.

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

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POLICE REPORTS

Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

1:23-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; 8:50 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 10:16 a.m.: fire alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), referred; 10:24 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), hang-up; 10:30 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), info taken; 11:38 a.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), son destroying apt.; 11:59 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: issue w/theft; 3:24 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), tailgating/passing; 3:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Meadow Road), mv not stopping for bus; 3:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 3:46 p.m.: lost/found (Ash Street), c/c found; 4:02 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), re: customer in store; 5:07 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 5:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), barking dogs; 5:53 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 6:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Grove Street), barking dog; 6:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), family issue; 7:04 p.m.: assault (Main Street), investigated; 7:43 p.m.: juvenile matter (Adams Street), services rendered; 9:41 p.m.: domestic/drunkenness (Mechanic Street), male threatening family members; 9:43 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:51 p.m.: medical/general (Wall Street); 11:00 p.m.: medica/general (Bixby Road); (Total daily mv stops - 5).

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

1:27-1:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:45 a.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 3:35 a.m.: medical/overdose (McDonald Street); 8:18 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 9:39 a.m.: suspicious person (North Brookfield Road), re: person on camera; 9:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), dog left in mv; 11:01 a.m.: restraining order service (Maple Street); 2:24 p.m.: medical/general (Donnelly Cross Road); 2:50 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 4:00 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 4:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 6:23 p.m.: juvenile matter (Main Street), kids causing disturbance; 6:52 p.m.: residential alarm (Ash Street), resolved; 6:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), drive thru drive-off; 7:39 p.m.: incident details redacted from police log, (Maple Street); 8:27 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), conflict w/motorist; 9:51 p.m.: fraud (Wilson Street), poss. scam; 10:12 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; (Total daily mv stops - 2).

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

12:15-2:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:17 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo/stolen mv; 6:39 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 8:59 a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 11:09 a.m.: 911 call (Main Street), hang-up; 11:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Lake Street), unleashed dog; 11:41 a.m.: restraining order service (West Main Street); 1:23 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 1:36 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut

Street), ticket issued; 2:04 p.m.: parking complaint (Browning Pond Road), truck in roadway; 2:31 p.m.: RV complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), dirt bikes in yard; 3:59 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 5:32 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), Jennifer F. Roulier, 39, 1 Rhodes Street, Millbury, warrant, possession Class C drug, arrest; 5:42 p.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose dog; 6:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), re: earlier incident; 6:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apt. lockout; 8:29 p.m.: accident (Church Street), report taken; 8:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. welfare check; 9:24 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:19 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), resolved; 11:47 p.m.: juvenile matter (Lyford Road), lg. group underage kids; (Total daily mv stops - 5).

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

12:00 a.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), speeding; 12:39-2:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:44 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), resolved; 1:46 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mercury Drive), info taken; 1:45 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), neighbor damaged mv; 3:01 p.m.: vandalism (Valley Street), attempted break-in/shed; 3:33 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 4:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive), loose dog; 4:50 p.m.: accident (East Charlton Road), report taken; 5:47 p.m.: suspicious persons (Cherry Street), investigated; 6:30 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:09 p.m.: fire alarm (Paxton Road), referred; 10:22 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Buteau Road), loud f/w across lake; (Total daily mv stops - 0).

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

12:28 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), unwanted party; 12:43-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:43 a.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), referred; 8:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 10:28 a.m.: animal complaint (North Spencer Road), distressed dog; 12:33 p.m.: accident (Lake Street), report taken; 1:09 p.m.: 911 call (Northwest Road), open line; 1:32 p.m.: medical/general (Hastings Road); 1:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Wire Village Road), recovered loose dog; 2:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), emotional support dog found/no owner nearby; 3:06 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), c/o kids on bikes; 5:13 p.m.: disturbance (Meadow Road), elderly fem. causing disturbance; 5:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 5:33 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), State Police bolo; 5:56 p.m.: parking/fire lane violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 6:04 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 8:41 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), speeding; 9:24-9:36 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:39 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 9:57 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 10:18-10:19 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:44 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:46 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops - 1).

MONDAY, JUNE 20

12:10-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked,

secure; 1:17 a.m.: fire/woods/grass (Chestnut Street), referred; 1:27 a.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), noise complaint; 2:49 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:59 a.m.: fraud (Sunset Lane), SS# used; 9:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Howard Hurley Road), loose cow; 9:32 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo/missing person; 9:40 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 10:53 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), re: ACO coverage; 11:20 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 11:28 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 12:54 p.m.: larceny (West Main Street), phone/wallet taken; 2:06 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), services rendered; 3:42 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 3:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), loose emotional support dog; 4:48 p.m.: disabled mv (Donnelly Road), services rendered; 5:10 p.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 6:57 p.m.: mv complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), erratic operator; 7:51 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rte. 20, Auburn/drug search; 9:05 p.m.: larceny (Church Street), backpack stolen; 9:09 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operator; 9:14 p.m.: disturbance (Kingsbury Road), unwanted party; (Total daily mv stops - 1).

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

12:15 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 12:18 a.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 5:07 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 5:13 a.m.: DPW call (Wire Village Road), limb in roadway; 8:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apt. lockout; 10:23 a.m.: disturbance (Pleasant Street), fem. banging on door; 10:51 a.m.: disturbance (Temple Street), male screaming/half-hour; 11:29 a.m.: intelligence/drugs (Valley Street), info taken; 12:45 a.m.: medical/general (North Spencer Road); 1:05 p.m.: disturbance (Lamoureux Lane), neighbor issue; 2:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Gold Nugget Road), req. escort/retrieve belongings; 2:35 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), rep. road rage; 3:45 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 3:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), screws strewn on roadway; 4:29 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), open line; 4:51 p.m.: parking complaint (M c D o n a l d Street), no space on street; 5:01 p.m.: animal complaint (Sherman Grove), missing dog; 5:26 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo/welfare check; 5:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Briarcliff Lane), re: family issue; 6:27 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 7:16 p.m.: fire alarm (Howe Village), referred; 7:58 p.m.: vandalism (Park Street),

mv keyed; 8:14 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), lost key fob; 9:18 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Salem Street), resolved; 9:28 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 9:58 p.m.: DPW call (West Main Street), re: traffic lights; 10:48 p.m.: threats to kill (Main Street), report taken; (Total daily mv stops - 6).

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Leicester Police

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

12:10 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 12:25 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 12:34 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 12:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Waite Street), spoken to; 1:23 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 4:05 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), services rendered; 5:13 a.m.: missing person (Wesley Drive), assisted; 7:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), referred to ACO; 8:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Carleton Road), referred to ACO; 10:41 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 11:28 a.m.: ambulance (Edward Street), transported; 11:53 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 2:18 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 2:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Washburn Square), report taken; 2:40 a.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), report taken; 5:04 p.m.: welfare check (Siani Road), spoken to; 6:01 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 9:44 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), spoken to; 10:02 p.m.: suspicious activity (Paxton Street), resolved; 11:01 p.m.: residential alarm (Green Street), false alarm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

12:14 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:31 a.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), transported; 1:02 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:33 a.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), resolved; 5:00 a.m.: stolen mv (Auburn Street), report taken; 7:11 a.m.: debris in road (Mannville Street), resolved; 9:05 a.m.: investigation (Pine Street), services rendered; 11:24 a.m.: threats (Mannville Street), resolved; 11:46 a.m.: welfare

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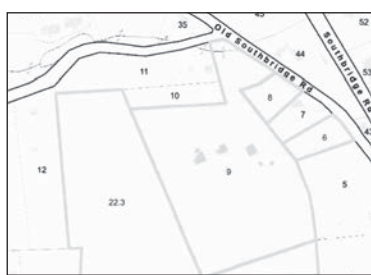


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Questions to consider before waiving a home inspection

REGION — In the currently hot real estate market, many buyers are resorting to somewhat dramatic measures to increase their likelihood of securing the home they love. Buyers are proposing all cash offers, bidding thousands of dollars above asking price and even waiving home inspections. However, the act of waiving inspections is less common than some make it out to be; most buyers, sellers and agents still recognize the importance of the inspection.

“Prior to this housing market, 80 to 90 percent of homes were inspected. Now, 70 to 80 percent of homes are being inspected. So, the trend of waiving home inspections isn’t as widespread as the industry makes it seem,” explained Adam Long, HomeTeam Inspection Service President of Ohio franchise headquarters. “There are a lot of agents and buyers that will never make or accept an offer without an inspection.”

Should a buyer or seller find themselves in a situation where waiving the inspection seems like a viable option, there are a few things to consider before committing to a contract with no home inspection contingency.

Both parties should be clear on what the waiver means

The home inspection gives a buyer the time and opportunity to verify the condition of the home, condo, invest-

ment property before signing a Purchase and Sales Agreement and before putting substantial down payment money on the line.

In other words, waiving the inspection contingency means that you agree to handle any issues that come with the property, and you agree to receive it in “as-is” condition.

For the seller, a waived home inspection means that they will be protected from any price or repair negotiations that may arise. A waived home inspection does not mean that the buyer cannot get an inspection, but it does mean that the results of any inspection cannot be used as leverage during negotiations.

Every real estate contract has a stipulation with what type of inspection is included. Contracts may have the option that sale of the house is not contingent on the inspection. This just means that the buyer cannot use that inspection to get out of the contract.

Have all known issues been disclosed?

Sellers are required by law to disclose anything about the home that may be wrong and failing to do so can lead to bigger problems later on. However, an inspection can be critical in ensuring all these shortfalls are addressed.

“Home inspections can bring up things the owner knew about but didn’t realize was an issue,” Long said. “For example,

if a homeowner repaired something in a nontraditional way, they may not realize that this is something that must be disclosed. The inspector will see what has happened and report the potential issue.”

Specific disclosure requirements may differ from state to state, but the overarching requirement is that the buyer receives a thorough, transparent report of any issues. Regardless of how or why a potential issue is left out of that disclosure, failure to disclose can lead to major issues for the seller.

What are the other legal implications?

There is a common misconception about who an inspection — or lack thereof — protects.

“Sellers often think not having an inspection protects them, but it actually doesn’t. It hurts everybody involved,” he said. “If someone waives an inspection and the contingency, the concern is not just for the buyer. The buyer may realize there are issues they can’t afford to fix or safety issues that can impact their health, but there is also a higher likelihood of the buyer suing the seller and the agents.”

This harkens back to the issue of legally-required disclosure. While some sellers may feel it’s better to waive the inspection to avoid any nitpicking or overzealous inspectors, the inspection actually protects them just as much as

the buyer.

Understanding all of the implications of inspections, reporting and the home-buying contract is critical in deciding whether an inspection can, or should, be waived.

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POLICE LOGS

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(South Main Street), assisted; 12:07 p.m.: disturbance (Mannville Street), resolved; 1:23 p.m.: mv b&e (Auburn Street), report taken; 2:54 p.m.: ambulance (Sunset Drive), transported; 3:04 p.m.: water/sewer problem (Rawson Street), resolved; 4:19 p.m.: larceny (Auburn Street), report taken; 4:30 p.m.: debris in road (Main Street), referred; 5:07 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 6:16 p.m.: ambulance (Crest Circle, Worcester), transported; 6:36 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 9:38 p.m.: ambulance (Winthrop Street, Worcester), call canceled; 9:53 p.m.: threats (Henshaw Street), resolved.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

6:56 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), spoken to; 10:05 a.m.: ambulance (Mulberry Street), transported; 12:20 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 12:40 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), spoken to; 3:27 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 3:31 p.m.: ambulance (Virginia Drive), transported; 4:35 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 4:40 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), resolved; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), resolved; 4:58 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop

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(Main Street), written warning; 7:04 p.m.: municipal security alarm (Winslow Avenue), services rendered; 7:24 p.m.: ambulance (Park Avenue, Worcester), no service; 9:13 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 10:12 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:15 p.m.: suspicious person (Stafford Street), report taken.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

9:12 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 11:33 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), no action required; 12:46 p.m.: illegal dumping (Washburn Street), resolved; 2:47 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 3:52 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 7:40 p.m.: ambulance (Deer Pond Road), transported; 7:45 p.m.: ambulance (Chandler Street, Worcester), transported; 8:34 p.m.: restraining order service (High Street), unable to serve; 9:00 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), transported to hospital; 9:04 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 9:58 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), services rendered.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

2:41 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), transported; 3:51 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), resolved; 9:12 a.m.: missing person (Pleasant Street), report taken; 9:26 a.m.: animal complaint (Bond Street), referred to ACO; 9:46 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 10:30 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:55 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford

Street), transported; 12:15 p.m.: suspicious activity (Mill Street), gone on arrival; 4:09 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), advised civil action; 5:11 p.m.: investigation (Main Street), services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), resolved; 5:24 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), resolved; 6:41 p.m.: property found (South Main Street), assisted; 7:07 p.m.: disturbance (Collier Avenue), transported to hospital; 7:19 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 7:32 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), services rendered; 7:34 p.m.: assist citizen (Auburn Street); 11:11 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), spoken to; 11:18 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:53 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

1:29 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 2:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, no inspection sticker, criminal application issued; 4:22 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, unregistered mv, no inspection sticker, criminal application issued; 5:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 6:41 a.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), report taken;

12:05 p.m.: ambulance (Marshall Street), transported; 12:44 p.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), spoken to; 1:41 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 3:00 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 3:48 p.m.: erratic operator (South Main Street), resolved; 5:08 p.m.: disturbance (Towtad Street), resolved; 5:32 p.m.: accident hit/run (Soojians Drive), resolved; 8:01 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 8:23 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), unfounded; 9:40 p.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), assisted; 11:20 p.m.: disturbance (Tobin Road), resolved.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

12:04 a.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), resolved; 1:53 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:12 a.m.: harassment (Main Street), report taken; 6:49 a.m.: municipal security alarm (Main Street), false alarm; 8:38 a.m.: erratic operator (Waite Street), report taken; 7:37 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), served; 9:17 p.m.: suspicious mv (Earle Street), spoken to; 9:18 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 9:53 p.m.: disturbance (Mayflower Circle), unable to locate; 11:29 p.m.: suspicious person (Sabina Circle), spoken to; 11:38 p.m.: trespassing (Stafford Street), report taken.

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SPORTS

Remington, Delvalle combine on Cherry Valley no-hitter to get past Sturbridge



Cherry Valley's Andrew Cloutier swings away at the incoming pitch.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Evan Remington and Jake Delvalle combined on a no-hitter to lead Cherry Valley Post 443 past Sturbridge Post 109, 4-1, in an American Legion baseball game played Wednesday, June 22, at Rochdale Park.

Remington started on the hill and went six innings, striking out six, walking six and throwing a wild pitch. With Remington at his allowable pitch count, Delvalle moved from short to the bump for the seventh inning and had a 1-2-3 inning, striking out two.

"I felt pretty good, but I walked more guys than I wanted to; I didn't like that," said Remington, who was unaware he had not allowed a hit until he moved from the pitcher's mound to shortstop in the seventh inning. "I had no idea."

Cherry Valley manager Jim Stephens, whose team improved to 3-3 with the win — its second in a row after starting the season 1-3 — was pleased with the performance of his 6-foot-4, 175-pound right-handed hurler.

"Evan battled tonight; he had one tough inning. He's real good; when he's on, he's lights out. As good as he pitched tonight, you didn't see his best," Stephens said. "He's a bulldog. He loves to pitch, he loves to throw strikes, and he loves to compete."

Remington opened the game by issuing two straight walks, but thanks to his own head's up play and his defense, he

managed to face just three batters in the top of the first.

After walking Sturbridge's Dan Bourget, Remington caught him leaning toward second and threw over to his first baseman, Dave Acevedo, who threw to Delvalle, who was covering second, who applied the tag on Bourget. Remington then walked Keenan Wetherbee, but Sturbridge's next batter, Brandon Phillips, hit the ball back to Remington who started a 1-6-3 double play.

Cherry Valley took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Collin Moody (two hits, three runs scored) got things started with a ringing single to left-center field. Moody then stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Moody put Cherry Valley ahead, 1-0, scoring on a one-out RBI single off the bat of Matt Kustigian. Kustigian then stole second and scored Cherry Valley's second run on a two-out RBI single to center field by Anthony Marsi.

Cherry Valley pushed its lead to 3-0 in the bottom of the third inning. Moody led off the frame with an infield single, advanced to second on a Sturbridge error and scored on a booming double to the fence in left field by Chris Kustigian.

Sturbridge (0-9) scored its run in the top of the fourth inning, cutting its deficit to 3-1 when Wetherbee led off with a walk, went to second on a wild pitch, scrambled to third on a passed ball and scored on an RBI groundout to short by



Jake Delvalle of Cherry Valley fires over to first base to force out a Sturbridge base runner.

David Seaver.

Remington labored in the fourth, throwing 34 pitches. With runners on second and third, with two outs and a run in, he ended the Sturbridge rally by striking out Colby Scanlon who got caught looking at strike three.

"I was missing my spots and I walked too many guys," Remington said of the two free passes he issued in the fourth. "When you walk guys they score runs and that's not good."

Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel saw the fourth inning as a lost opportunity to get back in the game.

"We needed that timely hit, which we didn't get," Rosseel said.

Cherry Valley pushed its lead to 4-1 in the top of the fifth inning. Moody reached on a two-base error by Sturbridge right fielder Ryan Kelly, who overran Moody's hard hit line drive. Remington then plated Moody with the game's final run when he singled sharply to left field.



Sturbridge's Tim Paine puts all of his power behind a fastball.

"This was a good win for us; we needed it," said Cherry Valley third baseman Chris Kustigian, who, now in his fourth year with the club, has emerged as a team leader. "We got some key hits, we had some timely hitting and we were able to score a couple of runs early, which was huge."

Chris Kustigian praised Remington's pitching performance.

"Evan threw a great game. He made the best of it through a few walks, but he threw strikes and he threw the ball by them a lot," Chris Kustigian continued. "We got great pitching from both

Evan and Jake, we played good defense and we were able to come up with some timely hitting."

Sturbridge left-hander Tim Paine pitched well in defeat, allowing seven hits, walking one and striking out five.

"The first inning has been killing us all year, but Tim settled down and he pitched all right after that," Rosseel said about Cherry Valley jumping out to a two-run lead. "We're young. A lot of these kids, probably half the team, are playing out of their element, and a lot of them are playing out of position, too. If I can keep them together, we'll be good down the road because for young kids, they can play."

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Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League Results

Once again Auburn High is playing host to the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' and Girls' Summer Basketball Leagues. The boys, with 16 high schools participating, are scheduled to play on Mondays and Wednesdays, with the girls and their 14-team league, to compete on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The girls began the summer action on Tuesday, June 21, and the results are as follows:

Girls' Summer League
Tuesday, June 21
Blackstone Valley Tech 28, Auburn 18
Grafton 30, David Prouty 15
Northbridge 45, Leicester 23
Notre Dame Academy 30, Quabbin 24

Quaboag 29, Sutton 24
Uxbridge 32, Tantasqua 28
Worcester South 62, Worcester Tech 15

Thursday, June 23
Tantasqua 36, Quabbin 25
Worcester South 43, Sutton 15
Uxbridge 40, Auburn 9
Worcester Tech 59, David Prouty 13
Leicester 35, Blackstone Valley Tech 32 (OT)

Notre Dame Academy 26, Grafton 14
Northbridge 18, Quaboag 17

Standings
Uxbridge (2-0)
Worcester South (2-0)
Northbridge (2-0)
Notre Dame Academy (2-0)
Blackstone Valley Tech (1-1)

Grafton (1-1)
Leicester (1-1)
Sutton (1-1)
Worcester Tech (1-1)
Tantasqua (1-1)
David Prouty (0-2)
Auburn (0-2)
Quabbin (0-2)
Quaboag (0-2)

Boys' Summer League
Wednesday, June 22
Auburn 53, Grafton 51
Bartlett 57, Leicester 35
Bay Path 55, Millbury 33
David Prouty 64, Oxford 38
Quabbin 50, Sutton 39
Quaboag 43, Tahanto 31
Shepherd Hill 55, Tantasqua 33
Uxbridge 45, Southbridge 30

QUAIL HOLLOW GOLF CLUB RESULTS

Pit's Crew
First place (-9): John Desimone, Sean Baxter, Dick Ullman, Bob Ford
Second place (-7): Ron Rainka, Tom Zadek, Gary Miner, Al Petkus
Third place (-6): Tony Neggars, Phil Woods, Paul Guerin, Dick Lapierre

Still Harts League
First place (+19): Jason Shunaman, Marc Kokansky
Second place (+13): Brian Lacroix, John Scloosstein
Third place (+10): Scott Formosa, Johnny Wheeler
Most over Quota: Jason Shunaman

Registration now open for inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge

BROOKFIELD — Registration is now open for the inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge being held at Lake Quacumquasit (aka South Pond) in Brookfield/Sturbridge on Sunday, August 7, according to event organizer Jennifer Yorzyk-Triger.

The Wild Bill Swim Challenge includes events open water swimming races for all ages and ability levels, including a three-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start and a maximum swim time of two hours and 30 minutes, a one-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start, a one-mile paddleboard/swim relay for two entrants with a 10:30 a.m. start, and a one-way 400-yard swim with an 11:30 a.m. start. Entry fees and registration information can be found on the event website at wildbillswim.org.

There will also be fun activities for the family, entertainment, food trucks, and a Vintage Bathing Beauties &

Blokes Pageant. The event will conclude with a celebration of winners on the South Pond beach at 12:30 p.m.

Yorzyk-Triger created the event as a tribute to her father, Olympic Gold Medalist Dr. William "Bill" Yorzyk, who died in 2020. Dr. Yorzyk, a long-time resident of South Pond, took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. He was a five-time NCAA All American who set a total of 11 World Records. Yorzyk swam competitively into his 70s and passed on his love of the sport to his sons and daughter.

Proceeds from this first Wild Bill



Swim & Paddle Challenge will help fund a matching grant to benefit the Quacumquasit Pond Phosphorus Inactivation Project that was recently approved and funded by the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Program. The Town of Sturbridge, which is managing the project, is working with the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association (QQLA), the ESS Environmental Group, and Solitude Lake Management to conduct an alum treatment targeting deep phosphorus-rich sediment in South Pond that could be completed as early as spring 2023.

"With the Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge we've created an event

where people will enjoy the beautiful water of South Pond while this year supporting a project that will ensure its sustained cleanliness," explains Yorzyk-Triger. Starting with the 2023 event, she plans to use the proceeds from future challenges to create and fund a permanent scholarship for competitive swimmers in Dr. Yorzyk's memory.

Yorzyk-Triger says volunteers and sponsorships are also needed. For more information, email Jenn Yorzyk-Triger at jenn@wildbillswim.org. Additional updates will be available on Facebook (The Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge), Instagram (@wild-billswim), and the QQLA website at qqla.org. Donations are also being accepted at gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge.

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