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Community mourns loss of East Brookfield teen

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield community is mourning the loss of a local teenager involved in a crash while riding his electric scooter near his place of work.

On June 20, 19-year-old Michael Earl, a recent graduate of David Prouty High School, lost his life in a motor vehicle collision while riding his electric scooter eastbound on West Main Street on Route 9. The accident occurred outside of local eatery The Clam Box, who confirmed on social media that Earl was an employee.

Earl was airlifted to UMass Memorial Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. The incident has largely been presented as a tragic accident. Reports indicated that the driver of the vehicle was cooperative on scene with no charges made public as of this writing, although the incident was still considered under investigation.



The loss led to dedications on social media, especially from The Clam Box, which closed for several days to allow the owners

and staff to process the incident.

The business owners called Earl “the exact definition of a great person” and “one of our best employees in history”.

“To his family we have no words that could ever express how deeply sorry

we are for your loss! To the first responders, our employees and customers that tried everything to help you all are true heroes in my book,” Timothy and Cindy Dugas, the owners of The Clam Box, wrote on the business’s Facebook page.

The Clam Box also shared a link to a GoFundMe page to honor Earl’s life and support the family. As of this writing, the account has amassed nearly \$27,150 towards a \$40,000 goal to help pay for funeral expenses and other needs.

“Michael was a beloved son, nephew, and a loyal friend who filled every room he entered with laughter and warmth,” the GoFundMe Page states. The fund is organized by Kameron and Nicole Merci for Jessica Aiken, Michael Earl’s mother.

According to his obituary, Earl enjoyed video games, fishing, and was active in Boy Scout Troop 238 at a younger age. His employment at The Clam Box and Howards restaurants were also a prominent part of the obituary.

Calling hours and a funeral for Earl were set to take place on July 2.

Leicester unveils monument to Herb Whitworth

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — The Leicester community gathered for a special pair of ceremonies on June 16 honoring the legacy of a legendary local coach and celebrating a bright future for Rochdale Park through the unveiling of recently renovated basketball facilities.

The day started with the presentation of a permanent monument honoring the life of Herb Whitworth, whose contributions to local baseball and basketball programs made him a staple of the community for decades. He was also notably a sportswriter and coached several teams at Becker College, most famously as part of the coaching staff for the school’s National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championship winning women’s basketball team in 1992. He passed away in February 2024.

Friends, fellow coaches, and acquaintances who worked with Whitworth took to the microphone to offer testimonials, sharing stories of Whitworth who, for many, they knew as both a coach in their childhood as a leader in local baseball and basketball leagues helping usher in generations of athletes in Leicester.

Doug Belanger, Chair of the Leicester Select Board, reminisced on the ceremony during the board’s June 23 meeting explaining how proud he was of the turnout.

“It was great attendance from a cross section of the town,” Belanger said. “(Herb) was around forever. He was a great mentor and a teacher. He was very active in the community and deserved the recognition.”

Whitworth’s monument was unveiled beside Rochdale Park by his siblings, David and Dianne, after which attention turned to the nearby newly refurbished basketball courts where a second ceremony was held to cut the ribbon and officially reopen the courts. Wjitworth’s family also assisted with this ceremony as a symbolic tribute to his

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North Brookfield Town House putting our nation’s History on display



NORTH BROOKFIELD — Patriotic window panels have joined the banners and bunting already adorning the National Register building. This completes the plans of the Town House decorating committee members who were looking to use the windows facing Main Street as a canvas for proudly celebrating the country’s 250th anniversary. The panels were designed by Sheila Orsi and donated by Anne Ramsey.

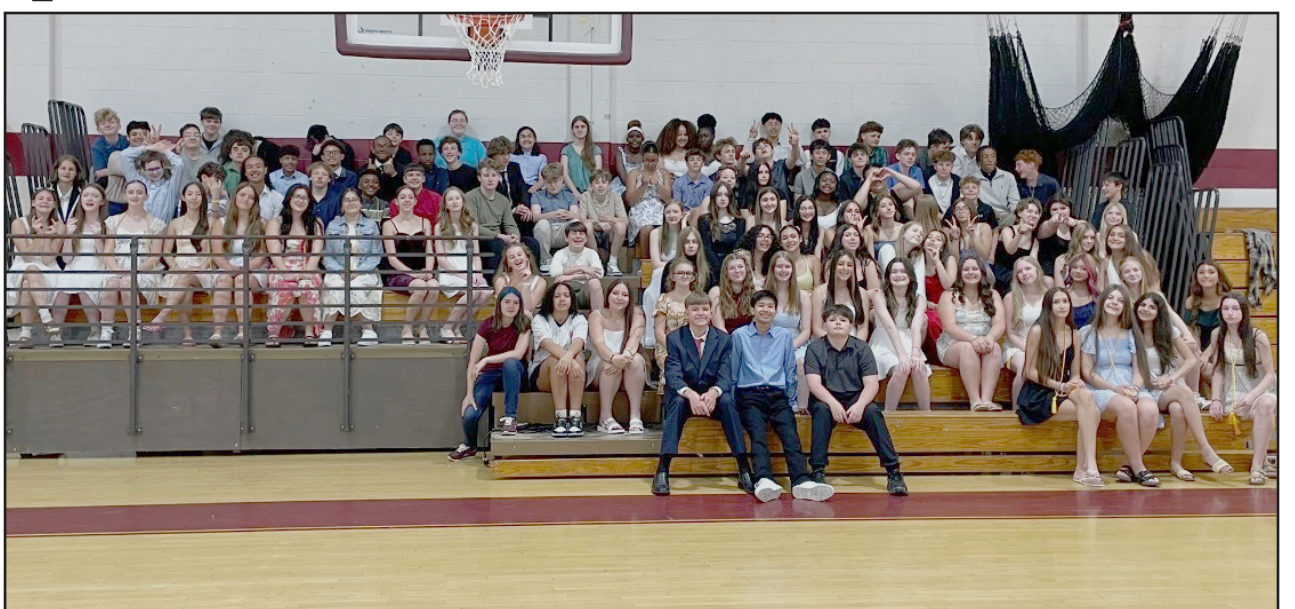
During her first year as Town Moderator, Sheila began reading Temple’s “History of North Brookfield.” She has learned that, even though North Brookfield was not yet a separate town in 1776, the residents who lived here at that time were passionate about their freedom and independence. Sheila wanted to pay homage in some way to those people who heatedly debated and fought with their lives to create this United States. After speaking to fellow members of the Friends decorating committee about her ideas, Sheila got to work creating the informational panels for the front of the building.

Thankful that we live in such a beautiful, diverse and friendly community, Sheila also was motivated to bring attention to what she calls “our silent, lovely Town House waiting patiently to be restored to her former glory and host the community again, hoping to hear her filled with the sound of people and music!!” It is Sheila’s wish that decorating the Town House with the patriotic panels “will help to inspire someone’s passion in town to bring the restoration to fruition!”

Stop by the Town House in the center of North Brookfield, read the patriotic panels, and enjoy the work of the Friends of the Town House decorating committee.

Happy 250th Anniversary, everyone!

Leicester Middle School celebrates promotion of 112-member Class of 2030



LEICESTER — Leicester Middle School proudly celebrated the promotion of 112 eighth-grade students during its annual Promotion Ceremony held on Monday, June 22. The event marked an important milestone as students completed their middle school journey and prepared to begin the next chapter of their education at Leicester High School this fall.

The ceremony began with Leah Varney leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, Ben Marjault and Joseph Ukoh delivered a moving rendition of the National Anthem on their instruments, setting a celebratory tone for the morning.

Several students and community members were recognized for their outstanding achievements and

contributions during a special awards presentation.

The Linda Colby Volunteer Extraordinaire Award was presented to Ms. Angela Soucie in recognition of her dedication and service to the Leicester school community.

The Richard E. Cote Community Award was awarded to Olivia Cardona for her commitment to community involvement and leadership.

The prestigious President’s Award was presented to Cadence Medeiros for exceptional academic achievement.

Recipients of the John English Citizenship Award were Beverly Ampaw and Joseph Ukoh, who were recognized for exemplifying outstanding

character, citizenship, and leadership throughout their middle school years.

The Aselton Student Athlete Awards were presented to Hailey Rooney and Maxwell Belizaire for their achievements in athletics, sportsmanship, and dedication both on and off the field.

Following the awards presentation, members of the Class of 2030 proudly crossed the auditorium to receive their promotion certificates. Students were then led out of the auditorium by Leicester High School Principal Ted Zawada and Assistant Principal Jennifer Reynolds, symbolizing their transition from middle school to high school.

The ceremony was attended by Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Kustigian, as well as School Committee members Mr.

Reinke, Mr. Higgins, and Ms. Zito, who joined families, friends, faculty, and staff in celebrating the graduating class’s accomplishments.

Leicester Middle School extends its sincere gratitude to the faculty, staff, families, and friends whose support and encouragement helped make this achievement possible for the students. Their partnership and dedication continue to play an essential role in the success of Leicester’s young people.

As the Class of 2030 prepares to enter Leicester High School, the Leicester Middle School community congratulates each student on this significant accomplishment and wishes them continued success in all their future endeavors.

Best of luck, Class of 2030!

Local residents to participate in Pan-Mass Challenge to support cancer research

NEEDHAM — This Aug. 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on Aug. 1 & 2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC's mission to fund lifesaving cancer research and treatment.

Local participants include:
 Pam Rockwood of North Brookfield
 Meredith Laughlin of West Brookfield
 Robert Laughlin of West Brookfield

David Balducci of West Brookfield
 Jessica Piwowarski of West Brookfield
 Matthew Pillsbury of Spencer
 Margaret Pillsbury of Spencer
 Erin Rosenlund of Spencer
 Michael Giguere of Rochdale
 Seth Cormier of North Brookfield
 Richard Carr of Leicester
 Stephen Lefemine of East Brookfield
 Susan Brogan of Brookfield
 Ellen Varnum of Brookfield
 Cecelia Gray of Brookfield
 The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the

world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million.

This year's PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation's top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

"The theme for this year's PMC, which is 'now, more than ever,' underscores the paramount importance of every single dollar raised in fueling the search for a cure," said Billy Starr, founder and chairman of the PMC. "We are endlessly grateful to every

rider, volunteer, donor, and sponsor who makes the PMC possible. Because of their training miles, long hours of volunteering, generous support, and unwavering commitment, we are moving ever closer to a world without cancer."

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization's largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber's community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefiting patients across the world.

During each annual PMC weekend, thousands of cyclists and

volunteers come together from across the world, hailing from 47 US states and 12 countries, with a shared purpose of raising as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Cyclists ride routes ranging from 25 to 177 miles. Included among these participants is the PMC Living Proof community, riders and volunteers who were previously treated or are currently undergoing cancer treatment and serve as Living Proof of the progress made through raising funds for cancer research and treatment.

There is still time to participate in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register at PMC.org.

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Lake Wickaboag "Lights Up" for our nation's 250th

WEST BROOKFIELD — To celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, the Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association ("LWPA") is sponsoring a 4th of July weekend spectacular in the theme of "The Spirit of America - Light Up Lake Wickaboag." Cash prizes will be earned by several, bragging rights will be claimed by many, and lots of fun will be had by all!

Starting on Friday, July 3, the weekend will include displays of patriotic and themed docks, boats and decorated cottages. On Saturday, July 4, at approximately 6:30 p.m., a massive boat tie up center lake is planned to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the Star Spangled Banner. Following at 7 p.m., a full "Light Up Lake Wickaboag" parade will start at the Boat Club and continue cruising into the night.

If you can't get out on the lake in a boat, kayak or canoe, no worries. Pack your beach chairs and picnic baskets or relax on a floatie within the town beach area. Whether an active participant or spectator, you won't want to miss it.

For more details, check the LWPA Facebook page, visit lakewickaboag.com, or email LWPA01585@gmail.com.

WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Spencer

The Spencer Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 17-23.

Johnathon R. Ahearn, age 35, of Spencer was arrested on June 20 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and a Marked Lanes Violation.

Leicester

The Leicester Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 18-24.

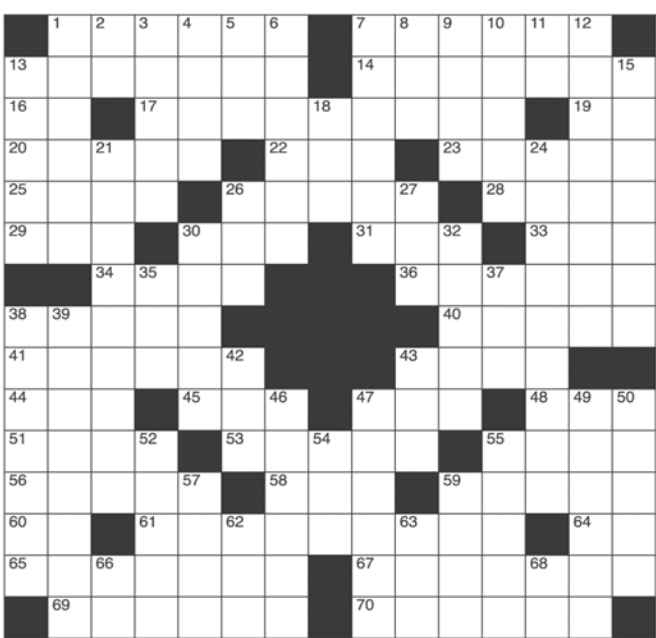
An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on June 18 for Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and operating an Unregistered and Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on June 19 for Malicious Destruction of Property valued at less than \$1,200.

John Richard O'Clair, age 41, of Spencer was arrested on June 19 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and a Marked Lanes Violation.

Adrian M. Ashlee, age 35, of Spencer was arrested on June 20 in connection with a default warrant.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on June 20 for Larceny in an amount less than \$1,200.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mended
- 7. Hymns
- 13. Commercial transport of goods
- 14. Poked holes in the ground
- 16. They precede C
- 17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
- 19. Larry and Curly's pal
- 20. Injured
- 22. Popular type of dance
- 23. Moon crater
- 25. American state
- 26. Places to lock valuables
- 28. Stalk that supports the capsule
- 29. Keyboard key
- 30. "___ death do us part"
- 31. A type of cage
- 33. A place to sleep
- 34. Annual music awards show
- 36. Made over
- 38. Hard, stony substance
- 40. Incantations
- 41. Long-legged, wading bird
- 43. Breathe noisily
- 44. Congressman
- 45. Rip off
- 47. Golf score
- 48. Popular pickup truck
- 51. Where infants sleep
- 53. Music term
- 55. Small opening in a surface
- 56. Musical term meaning "very"
- 58. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 59. Treats with powder
- 60. Email subject line feature
- 61. A British lawyer
- 64. Expression of laughter
- 65. Farmer's calendar
- 67. Seeds used as food
- 69. Eurasian shrubs
- 70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hard things to kick
- 2. Collective of countries
- 3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
- 5. One's sense of self-esteem
- 6. Of the teeth
- 7. Treat with care
- 8. Type of whale
- 9. Curved structure
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
- 12. Smallest interval in western music
- 13. Netherlands seat of government
- 15. Gives to charitably
- 18. Lout
- 21. Pastas
- 24. Release from restrictions
- 26. Female sibling
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Silver coins
- 32. Region in India
- 35. Partner to cheese
- 37. Dark or dusky
- 38. Pacific Northwest tree
- 39. Exaggerate
- 42. Toddler
- 43. Touch lightly
- 46. Fundamentals
- 47. Jeopardies
- 49. Curved structures
- 50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
- 52. Forming the bottom layer
- 54. Reciprocal of sine
- 55. Genus of Old World birds
- 57. New York college
- 59. Cloak
- 62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)
- 63. Vietnamese offensive
- 66. "The Great Lakes State"
- 68. "___, myself and I"

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\$300,000, 394 Auburn St, Boisvert Berthe Y Est, and Cormier, Carole, to Cormier, Derek.

\$275,000, 500 Main St, Brennan Regina F Est, and Brennan Jr, Thomas V, to Brennan, John J, and Brennan, Judith L.

\$21,677, 57 Burncoat Ln #23, Honeyman, Alexander T, to Rosario, Adam.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

None

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\$530,000, 16-I Capen Rd, Wyman, Stephen, to Yeboah, Michael, and Yeboah, Julianne.

\$505,000, 35 Church St, Sote, Jorgo, and Sote, Aferdita, to Melendez, Doris.

\$325,000, 78 S Spencer Rd, Del-Bosque, Roberto A, to Vancelette, Jonathan.

WARREN

\$725,000, 2301 Southbridge Rd #A, Rogers, William P, to Crooked Creek Farm LLC.

\$525,000, 30 Old West Warren Rd, Ounsayanh, Aroun, and Ounsayanh, Nongnhao, to Hicks, Christine M.

\$52,000, Reed St, Brownne, Dean, to Garcia, Esmerelda D.

WEST BROOKFIELD

\$379,900, 12 West St, Brigham, Ellen M, and Brigham, Ellen, to Cantwell, Abigail E, and Bousquet, John C.

\$360,000, 47 Ware St, Cornerstone Hmbuying LLC, to Trifone, Lauren A.

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Lions Clubs seeks to launch new Warren club through Community Service “Carnival”

WARREN — The public is invited to experience the service, fellowship, and community spirit of Lions Clubs at the upcoming Lions Service “Carnival” on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Stanislaus Polish Club, 2270 Main St., West Warren, in conjunction with the Ware Lions.

The family-friendly event will showcase the many ways Lions Clubs serve their communities while offering a day of fun activities, food, and entertainment for all ages.

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about Lions Club membership and community service programs, as well as participate in free eye screenings. Children can enjoy a bounce house and games, while complimentary refreshments—including snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs, and water—will be available for children while supplies last.

A highlight of the day will be a Cornhole Tournament beginning at noon. Registration and warm-up activities start

at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per person, with cash prizes awarded to top competitors. Participants may register in advance through the Scoreholio app or sign up on the day of the tournament.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit local veterans.

“This event is a way we can make the community aware of what the Lions have to offer the community, and it is also part of a membership drive with the hopes of starting a new club in Warren,” said Curt

Jameson, past district governor of Lions Clubs District 33A and chair of the event.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Jameson at curt6203@gmail.com.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Spring Dean’s List

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2026 semester.

The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI students are named to the Dean’s List based on the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and hands-on projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on real-world, open-ended problems on campus and in communities around the globe. Far from being simple academic exercises, the projects students complete have genuine and lasting impacts in our partner communities,” said Provost Andrew Sears. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering, science, business, and the humanities. Those named to

the Dean’s List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

The following students were recognized: West Brookfield resident Grace McGovern, class of 2026, majoring in Business

Leicester resident James Sweeney, class of 2028, majoring in Chemical Engineering East Brookfield resident Kane Barnes, class of 2027, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

West Brookfield resident Matthew Carter, class of 2028, majoring in Architectural Engineering

Spencer resident Samira Dasilva, class of 2027, majoring in Aerospace Engineering

Leicester resident Vincent Nguyen, class of 2028, majoring in Interactive Media and Game Development

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is a top-tier, STEM-focused university with an R1 research classification and global lead-

ership in project-based learning. Founded in 1865, WPI’s distinctive approach integrates classroom theory with real-world practice, preparing students to tackle critical challenges through inclusive education, impactful projects, and interdisciplinary research. With more than 70 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments and over 50 global project centers, WPI advances knowledge and innovation in fields such as life sciences, smart technologies, advanced materials and manufacturing, and global innovation. Learn more at www.wpi.edu.

Local students earn Dean’s List honors at Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the spring 2026 Dean’s List.

Dean’s List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. To be included on the Dean’s List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester.

The following local students have achieved Dean’s List honors for the spring 2026 semester:

- Colin Wallace of N. Brookfield
- Jett Reilly of Spencer
- Anthony Costello of Spencer
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Local students earn President’s List honors at Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students on the spring 2026 President’s List.

President’s List recognizes those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President’s List honors.

The following local students have achieved President’s List honors:

- Stephen Comtois of Brookfield
- Dylan Clark of Brookfield
- Kiana Barnes of E. Brookfield
- Brennan Ogert of Spencer
- Faith Lamonda of Spencer
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EDITORIAL

More than parks and monuments

Communities often measure progress by the projects they complete. A new building rises, a road is repaved, or a park is renovated. Those improvements matter, but their true value is found not in the concrete or fresh paint, but in the people whose lives they enrich.

That was the message behind Leicester's recent ceremonies at Rochdale Park.

The dedication of a permanent monument to Herb Whitworth and the reopening of the renovated basketball courts were connected by more than geography. Together, they served as a reminder that investing in young people and preserving the stories of those who shaped a community are equally important responsibilities.

For decades, Herb Whitworth devoted himself to coaching, mentoring and encouraging young athletes. His influence stretched far beyond wins and losses. Coaches like Whitworth rarely seek recognition. Instead, they find satisfaction in watching children gain confidence, learn discipline, develop friendships and discover the value of teamwork. Those lessons often last much longer than any championship season.

The testimonials shared by former players, fellow coaches and friends made it clear that Whitworth's legacy cannot be measured by statistics alone. It lives on through the countless people who remember a coach who believed in them, challenged them and helped shape their character. A permanent monument ensures that future generations who never had the opportunity to know him will still understand that someone made an extraordinary difference in this community.

It was fitting that the monument ceremony was immediately followed by the reopening of the basketball courts.

The freshly renovated courts represent another kind of investment. Public parks are among the few places where children and families from every neighborhood can gather without barriers. They provide opportunities to stay active, build friendships and strengthen community ties. In an era when screens compete constantly for attention, safe and welcoming recreational spaces have become more valuable than ever.

The improvements at Rochdale Park also demonstrate thoughtful planning. Renovating the basketball courts while improving visibility, opening the space with selective tree clearing and continuing previous work on the baseball diamond reflects a long-term commitment rather than a one-time project. Plans to improve the skate park and beach area suggest that town leaders recognize the importance of maintaining recreational spaces that serve residents of all ages.

None of these projects happens without public support, dedicated volunteers and local officials willing to prioritize quality-of-life improvements. Parks often compete with countless other municipal needs for limited funding, yet they continue to prove their worth by creating places where memories are made for generations.

Perhaps the most meaningful image from the day was Whitworth's family participating in both ceremonies. Their involvement created a bridge between Leicester's past and its future. The monument honors a man whose life was dedicated to youth sports, while the renovated courts will become the place where today's children create memories of their own.

Years from now, many of the youngsters who shoot baskets or play pickup games at Rochdale Park may never know every detail of Herb Whitworth's remarkable career. But they will play in a park that bears the imprint of his life's work. That is a legacy worth preserving.

Buildings eventually age, courts require resurfacing and parks need continual maintenance. Character, however, can endure for generations. By honoring one man who helped build that character while continuing to invest in the next generation, Leicester demonstrated that the strongest communities never lose sight of either their history or their future.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join me in voting for Jeromie Whalen

To the Editor:

When telling people about Jeromie Whalen, I liken him to the story of "Charlotte's Web," where he is the spider. Not one of those scary spiders you come across in electoral news who are found to be weaving webs of deceit. But instead, Jeromie uses his web for the good of all. Like the character Charlotte in "Charlotte's Web," Jeromie has a way of connecting with people and uplifting them— "terrific, radiant, humble." All adjectives that Jeromie can make you feel even in a brief moment of interaction. All adjectives that Mr. Whalen himself exudes with fiery passion.

I met Jeromie and his wife April through my husband, who had the pleasure of growing up with both in Belchertown. The love they share for their community is abundant. Their free time is spent volunteering, meeting and traveling for causes such as Forever Young Vets and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Jeromie's time as a teacher for Northampton High School has clearly taught him the values of teamwork and generosity. Molding the young minds of the future is not an easy task but for Jeromie, it was an adoration not a job. Jeromie has met loss with fortitude, he meets adversity with grace, and he provides space for all like-minded and un-like-minded individuals to be heard.

When Jeromie first spoke of his ideas to run for Congress, my husband and I could not wait to do whatever we could to support his dream. You must understand, we are not political people, we are the quiet-spoken ones who skirt the conversation to not be misinterpreted or misjudged. Jeromie has provided us with a comfortable platform. He has made politics interesting and exciting and something I take

time to educate myself on instead of avoiding.

I recently read an article summarizing a poll that was given to Gen Z'ers by NBC News. It spoke a lot about the word nostalgia. I have heard this with the Millennial generation as well. That most young adults and adults in these generations would prefer to live in the past than to think about the unpredictability of the future. I, myself being a Millennial, have felt this pull to the past more often in recent years after the pandemic. The need to be more connected to people and less connected to technology. The need for a simpler time where the future did not feel so unstable. Jeromie brings that feeling back to our District. His solutions for problems we've faced for years under the current leadership feel like that first ice cream cone of summer. A glimmer of hope for the years to come.

Jeromie is the equivalent to the best summer block party you've ever been to— bringing entire communities together in the district with understanding, equality and a whole lot of fun and laughter. You can see it in his advertisements, you can see it when you meet him, you can see it in his office headquarters where every photo of every person he's made a connection with is framed and hung providing a tangible display of his beautiful web. A web that brings people together, a web that spreads love instead of division, a web that describes our district— "terrific, radiant, humble." I could not imagine a better candidate to serve the people of District 1 in Massachusetts. Our Time. Our Movement. I'll be voting for Jeromie this September, and I hope all who can will join me in the effort for change.

ILA McLAUGHLIN
 NORTH BROOKFIELD

Your choice

To the Editor:

On July 4, we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. We will either be celebrating our Democracy with family and friends or be saying goodbye to our Democracy as we tearfully watch our husbands, wives, children and grandchildren go off to war without any guarantee we will ever see them again.

The draft is a definite possibility under the imbecile we have for a President. It scares

me and should scare each and every one of you. This isn't a draft you get from an open window! It means lives lost, children not being able to experience the joys of life, more suicides, especially among our young people, more mental health issues, etc. etc.,

Trump needs to be impeached now! Take America back before it is too late.

NOREEN FERNANDES
 WEST BROOKFIELD

One third

To the Editor:

It is not just the amount of your tax dollars that actually go to anything you value, it is also the percentage of voters who still support the Trump administration. One can assume it is also the percentage who do not recall his actual campaign promises. They have translated no more useless wars into absolute necessity of war because, despite blowing up Iran's nuclear capability last year, they are two weeks from having one now. One could perhaps have surmised changing the Department of Defense, to the Department of War, meant something meatier than blowing up little wooden boats in the Caribbean, kidnaping foreign leaders, or threatening to seize another island with even more infrastructure needs than Puerto Rico.

The new Art of the Deal is claiming there is one with no details, because Obama's was better. Speaking of deals, imagine driving a motorcade of heavy vehicles through the recently painted and sealed, but not yet cred, reflecting pond, voiding any warranty, while blaming vandals with knives, forgetting all is caught by cameras.

Is everyone on board with allocating more money to the National Guard Fox guy considering he needs to replace wasted munitions, before he attacks Cuba? He is still losing non-white and female leaders, he denies earned promotions, ignores actual military expertise

and orders violations of international law, so yea, why not give him billions more, If they could regain the Obama agreement, that would be more success than expected, and that only cost us returning the shahs money, not ours.

Both houses of congress have passed a bill to keep robber barons buying up rentals and foreclosed properties to keep rents so high. Guess what robber baron in the Whitehouse will not sign it?

Am I the only one disgusted that we have a postmaster who thinks he can cull ballots from the mail, if states do not turn voter registry info over to the feds? When the Federalist Papers were written, the founders questioned if we even needed a federal government. They decided there were just four good reasons: 1} Army/Navy for defense, 2} single national bank and currency, 3} Trade and treaties 4} interstate commerce. At the time, they thought congress a part time job, like town meetings. POTUS just said he believed states to be subservient to the federal government. It is a rumor they started. States run elections-period.

Gasoline is a third higher, so are groceries, insurance and anything fuel based. The only thing down a third is the value of your paycheck and the dollar. I have savings paying 3,85 percent, almost break even

KEN KIMBALL
 BROOKFIELD

The "Whys" and "Hows" of Trump MAGA's not wanting "We the People" to have free and fair elections

To the Editor:

The "Whys" include:

Polls show that Donald Trump has become deeply unpopular throughout the country, making it likely MAGAs would lose a lot of elections, locally and nationally

Should MAGAs lose control of Congress, it could investigate putting stops to the President, his family and others enriching themselves, other corruption, breaking laws, misuse of our country's financial resources, etc.

If Trump loses control, his (and MAGA) "I don't care" attitude about how middle class, working class and other Americans are losing the ability to afford basic needs while billionaires, including Trump and family get richer and richer.

The "How's" of stopping a free and fair American election include:

At the last minute, changing Congressional District boundaries so that it's likely that more Democrats lose and more MAGAs win.

Refusing to sign a housing "affordability" bill supported by both Republicans and Democrats unless his false "election reform" bill was also approved - even though some "traditional" Republicans plus Democrats oppose it.

Trying to interfere with tried and fully tested election processes,

Trying to make it more difficult for American citizens to vote

Lying about non-citizens voting - it almost never ever happens

Trying to take away the legal right of states to run elections and give it to the MAGA controlled national government

Laying the groundwork for declaring lost elections "fraud" results that should not be certified (as, for example, Trump did in 2020 which led to the attack on our Capital)

Here, there, and everywhere, causing the Constitutional chaos and destruction that threatens our 250 years old democracy - like nothing since the Civil War.

Fortunately, many US Court Judges and free and fair election organizations have "Pounded the Stone" and pushed back against this MAGA effort to end such American elections not only for now but future ones for our children and grandchildren. May we publicly praise and support them.

KEVIN KANE
 SPENCER

Small habits help shape a stronger financial future



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Financial security doesn't have to come from a big salary, a lucky investment, or some dramatic turning point

For most people, wealth is built more simply, through small habits repeated many times over.

If you're like many young people, you may feel you don't have enough money to start investing. The reality is that you're in a great position to build the small habits that will help you create lasting wealth. Here are five tips to help you get started. Automate savings before you spend. One of the most powerful financial habits you can build is among the easiest. Set up an automatic transfer such as by contributing to an employer retirement plan or exploring if you can direct part of your paycheck to a savings or investment account.

This helps remove the temptation to spend that money instead of saving it. Even setting aside 1 to 5 percent of your income can help build momentum over time.

Watch the small stuff. It's easy to dismiss a \$15-a-month streaming service or a \$6 coffee twice a week. But those small purchases add up. Forgotten subscriptions, food delivery fees, and impulse buys can quietly drain your bank account.

"Just \$25 a week, if invested well, can grow into the thousands in a few short years. "Scan your recurring charges regularly, cancel what you don't use and put that money to work instead.

Don't let your lifestyle outpace your income. When you get a raise or bonus, it's tempting to upgrade your apartment, car or everyday spending. This "lifestyle creep" can be a significant hindrance to building wealth.

Here's an alternate approach: Every time your income goes up, increase your savings rate before anything else. Even saving half of a raise while spending the rest puts you ahead.

Start now, even imperfectly. Don't wait to start investing. Even if you can only set aside a small amount each month, do it. Starting just five to 10 years earlier can result in significantly more wealth down the line, even if the early contributions are small, thanks to compounding.

Compounding means your contributions earn interest, and even that interest earns interest. Over decades, that snowball effect can make a world of difference. Stay aware, not obsessed. You don't necessarily need to track every dollar you spend. But you do need to be aware of your money habits. A quick weekly or monthly check-in on your accounts, spending patterns and progress toward savings goals can help you catch problems early.

Financial awareness also means protecting what you build. An emergency fund covering three to six months of total expenses keeps one bad month from becoming a financial crisis. Avoiding high-interest debt does the same. These defensive habits make everything else possible.

Your financial future likely won't be shaped by one big decision. Instead, it will probably be built by small choices you make every day. And the best time to start making good choices is now

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The freedom found between the fireworks

LANTERNS
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By CHARLES

Every Fourth of July seems to arrive with the same familiar soundtrack.

Somewhere in town, someone is already testing fireworks a few nights early. Flags appear on front porches that looked bare only a week before. The grocery stores suddenly have mountains of hamburger buns stacked where the breakfast cereal used to be, and every weather forecast becomes the most important broadcast of the week.

In Massachusetts, Independence Day has always carried a little extra weight. We live where so much of the nation's story began. We grow up hearing about Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill and the Boston Tea Party. Schoolchildren memorize dates that happened just down the road from where they ride bicycles today. This year, as the nation marks its 250th birthday, those connections feel even closer. Communities across the Commonwealth are celebrating not only with fireworks and parades, but with historical programs that remind us how much of America's story started here.

Yet, I suspect most of us don't spend the Fourth thinking about history books. Instead, we remember our own traditions.

Maybe it's the neighborhood parade where every kid decorated a bicycle with crepe paper. Maybe it's sitting on a blanket waiting for darkness while trying to guess where the first fireworks will appear. Maybe it's a backyard filled with folding chairs that have somehow become family heirlooms. There is comfort in traditions that don't need improving.

Every year, someone insists they know the perfect way to grill corn on the cob. Every year someone burns the hot dogs while insisting they're "just getting flavor." Every year someone forgets the bug spray until it's too late. Some things are worth repeating.

The older I get, the more I think Independence Day isn't really about the fireworks at all. They're beautiful, certainly, but they're over in half an hour. The holiday lasts because of everything surrounding them. It's neighbors waving from across the street. It's children staying up far later than they should. It's veterans quietly standing when the national anthem is played. It's grandparents explaining to curious youngsters why the holiday matters without turning it into a lecture. Those moments don't make headlines, but they make communities.

Our towns have changed over the years. Storefronts come and go. Schools expand. Roads are rebuilt. New families arrive while others move away. Yet on the Fourth of July, people still gather in the same parks, line the same sidewalks, and spread blankets across the same fields their parents and grandparents once used. That's a remarkable kind of continuity.

We spend much of the year talking about what divides us. Turn on the television for ten minutes and you'll be reminded of every disagreement imaginable.

Then Independence Day arrives. For one evening, we all look in the same direction.

Nobody argues about whether the red burst was prettier than the blue one. Children don't care who their parents voted for. The only debate that matters is whether the grand finale has started or if the biggest shells are still coming.

Perhaps that's the lesson hidden beneath all the celebration. A community doesn't become stronger because everyone thinks alike. It becomes stronger because people choose, again and again, to share the same spaces, the same traditions, and the same hopes for tomorrow.

So this weekend, enjoy the parade. Eat one too many hamburgers. Wave to someone you haven't seen in a while. Stay for the fireworks, even if you've seen hundreds before.

And when the last echo fades into the summer night, remember that the brightest part of Independence Day was never what exploded overhead. It was the people standing beside you, looking up together.

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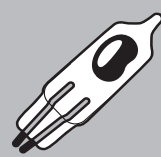
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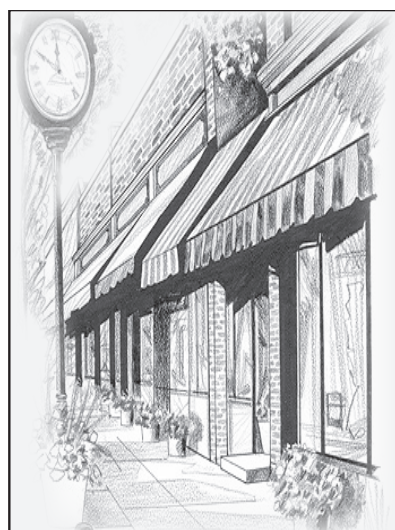
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Webster Five expands Board of Directors



Tracy LeMaire

AUBURN — Webster Five has appointed Tracy LeMaire to its Board of Directors. A seasoned CPA and entrepreneur, LeMaire brings extensive expertise in financial accounting, auditing and small business leadership to the role.

LeMaire joins Webster Five's Board as an established accounting professional and the owner of Evolve CPA Consulting, LLC, which she founded in 2021 in response to the complex accounting and finan-

cial challenges faced by the cannabis industry. She currently serves as a consulting CFO for cannabis companies across Massachusetts and the Northeast.

"Tracy has built her career helping businesses navigate complex financial terrain, and that kind of experience is exactly what we want informing our vision," said Brian Westerlind, President and CEO, Webster Five. "Tracy's values and leadership experience are reflective of Webster Five's, and we look forward to the meaningful impact she will have on the Bank."

Before founding her firm, LeMaire spent 11 years at AAFCPAs, where she led financial statement audits for privately held companies across a diverse range of industries including manufacturing, technology, healthcare, nonprofit and

professional services.

"Webster Five has deep roots in the communities it serves, and that's something I admire," said LeMaire. "I look forward to contributing my experience and perspective as the Bank continues to grow and innovate."

LeMaire holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Business Administration from Bryant University. A member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Massachusetts Society of CPAs, she serves on the Cannabis Committee and Consulting CFO Roundtable. In 2018, she was honored with MassCPAs Women to Watch Emerging Leader Award.

"Tracy is a wonderful addition to our

Board," said Steve Charniak, Chairman of the Board, Webster Five. "Her expertise will enhance the value we provide to Worcester County residents, businesses and nonprofits."

Outside of work, LeMaire volunteers as a coach for Girls on the Run Worcester County, while residing in Sutton with her husband and two daughters.

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East Brookfield Library offers summer activities, crafts for children and families

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield Public Library is inviting children and families to take part in a variety of summer activities designed to encourage creativity, learning and fun.

The library's weekly Activity and Play program will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. as an extension of the library's story time program. Caregivers are required to remain with participating children, with one adult required for every two children.

A series of special afternoon activities will begin at 2 p.m. throughout the summer. The schedule includes paper airplane making on June 30, cornhole on July 7, sidewalk chalk drawing on July 14, bubbles on July 21, origami on July 28, bracelet making on Aug. 4, and a guided tour of the library pond on Aug. 11.

The library will also host a summer Arts and Crafts program beginning June 23. Additional sessions are scheduled for July 7, July 21, Aug. 4 and Aug. 18, with all programs starting at 11 a.m.

Registration is required for the Arts and Crafts program. Adult caregivers must attend with children under age 12, with one adult required for every two children. Some projects may continue into the following week's session.

Library officials encourage families to register early and participate in the wide range of educational and recreational activities planned throughout the summer.

For more information or to register, contact the East Brookfield Public Library.

Abigail Morrison of Rochdale graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Abigail Morrison, of Rochdale graduated with a B.A. in Elementary Education in May as part of the Class of 2026.

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Thomas Robidoux named to Western New England University's Spring Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) is proud to recognize Thomas Robidoux of W Brookfield, MA as one of 805 students who have earned a place on the Spring 2026 Dean's List, reflecting their dedication to academic excellence, perseverance, and commitment to achieving their educational goals.

The WNE Dean's List honors students who earned a semester GPA of 3.30 or higher and who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance during the semester. Their achievements exemplify the hard work, determination, and intellectual curiosity that define the Western New England University student experience.

WNE congratulates these outstanding students for their accomplishments and applauds their continued pursuit of academic success.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,500 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 50,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 26 U.S. states and territories and 7 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Visit Gilbert the Pig and friends at East Brookfield library

EAST BROOKFIELD — On Thursday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m., come visit with the East Brookfield Public Library's cute and smart special guests, Gilbert the Pig and his friends, Meadow and Sprinkle! Pet them, feed them, and help them with some tricks. Take pictures with our special guests and learn all about pigs! This program will be about an hour long.

All ages welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. One adult for every two children.

Area residents named to Clark University's Spring Dean's List

WORCESTER — Clark University announces students named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List.

Ellie M. Hills, of Leicester was named to first honors
Ana G. Ruggieri, of Leicester was named to first honors
Miranda G. Vanderbilt, of Brookfield was named to first honors

Abigail Gahagan, of Leicester was named to second honors

Ava Elizabeth Paradis, of West Brookfield was named to second honors

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Cornerstone Bank names Leah Cox Senior VP, Chief Credit Officer



Leah Cox
W O R C E S T E R — Cornerstone Bank has appointed Leah Cox as senior vice president and

chief credit officer, adding a seasoned banking executive to its leadership team as the bank continues to support commercial growth and maintain strong risk management practices across its market.

In her new role, Cox will oversee the Bank's commercial credit function, including portfolio risk monitoring, credit policy, regulatory compliance and the development of credit staff. She will play a key role in helping ensure the Bank's lending decisions align with its long-term

strategic goals.

"Strong credit leadership is essential to supporting our customers while maintaining the safety and soundness of the bank," said Daniel Zona, president of Cornerstone Bank. "Leah offers extensive expertise, sound judgment and a collaborative leadership style that will help us continue serving our business customers and communities for years to come."

Cox brings 24 years of experience in commercial credit, risk management and

loan administration. She is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and holds professional certifications from the Risk Management Association and the American Bankers Association.

Cox earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and sociology from Boston College. She resides in Swansey, New Hampshire and volunteers with her local Humane Society.

About Cornerstone Bank
Cornerstone Bank was

formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone, which is a subsidiary of PeoplesBankCorp, MHC, operating independently under its own name and brand, provides the highest level of service and

expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations. With the addition of Athol Savings Bank, a Division of Cornerstone Bank, in 2026, Cornerstone offers customers access to 17 branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts, the most in Worcester County. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstone-bank.com or call 800-939-9103.

New England Water Ski Collective to host State Slalom Championships at Buffumville Lake

CHARLTON — The New England Water Ski Collective (formerly known as the Webster Water Ski Collective) is proud to announce that it will host the Massachusetts State Slalom Championships on July 15 at Buffumville Lake, located on the Oxford/Charlton town line. A competitors practice session will take place on July 14 for this event.

This event marks the first time in many years that a Massachusetts State Slalom Championship tournament will be held in the Commonwealth. The New England Water Ski Collective is honored to bring this prestigious competition back to Central Massachusetts, where it will showcase the best water skiers from across the state and surrounding regional area.

How Slalom works
Slalom skiing is one of the most popular and recognizable disciplines in water skiing. Performed on a single ski, it is the skill that many beginners aspire to master — and what elite skiers make look effortless.

In competition, a slalom course is comprised of six fixed buoys positioned 11.5 meters (37.73 feet) to the left

and right of the boat's centerline. The centerline itself is marked by boat guide buoys spaced 2.1 meters (6.89 feet) apart to ensure precise boat path alignment.

A successful pass requires the skier to:

Enter through the starting gates

Pass around the outside of all six buoys

Exit cleanly through the end gates

Only after clearing the exit gates is the pass considered complete.

Depending on a skier's category and ability level, rope length begins as long as 18.25 meters (60 feet) and can shorten to an incredibly challenging 9.75 meters (32 feet). After each successful pass, the rope is shortened — increasing the difficulty — while boat speeds can increase up to a maximum of 36 mph depending on division.

As rope lengths shorten and speeds increase, the physical demands grow dramatically. Professional skiers are known to generate cross-course speeds between 60–75 mph across the wake as they accelerate from one buoy to the next.

Final scores are recorded based on boat speed, rope

length, and the number of completed buoys. The skier who can complete the most buoys at the shortest rope length and highest speed earns the victory.

Competition will be conducted under the standards of the American Water Ski Association (AWSA), whose official rules govern sanctioned tournament slalom events.

Supporting conservation and accessibility

Tournament profits will be donated to support conservation efforts and improvements to the grounds at Buffumville Dam, maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

In addition, the New England Water Ski Collective plans to install accessible beach mats at Buffumville Beach this summer to improve shoreline access for individuals with mobility challenges — ensuring more members of the community can safely enjoy the lake.

Built on partnership and community

The Collective's Slalom/Competition Team has worked diligently to build partnerships with regional ski teams, individual com-

petitors, and the Army Corps of Engineers to bring this championship event to life. The coordination of athletes, officials, volunteers, and site logistics represents months of collaboration.

Led by director Joe Zmetra, the New England Water Ski Collective's competition team is especially excited to see many of its own members compete on home water as they pursue qualification for AWSA Eastern Regionals and Nationals.

Zmetra reflected on the athleticism required in the sport: "Slalom is as much about strength as it is about precision. The skier has to generate incredible power across the wake, maintain perfect form in and out of their cuts, and carry maximum velocity into each turn. At the buoy, you need the ability to stop on a dime, change direction instantly, and set up your next cut with total control. It's a balance of explosiveness and technique — and when it all comes together, it's an amazing thing to watch."

All abilities — one passion
The championship represents more than just competition — it reflects the Collective's mission of "All Abilities — One Passion."

"Our team is incredibly excited to bring the Massachusetts State Slalom Championships back to Central Massachusetts," said Leonardo Topa, President of the New England Water Ski Collective. "All three divisions of our organization have worked together to make this event possible, while also supporting our other major initiatives this season — including our Learn to Ski programs and our traveling adaptive ski clinics. This tournament shows how our organization continues to grow while making sure everyone has the opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy the sport we love."

The New England Water Ski Collective is eagerly awaiting the warmer weather as it prepares to begin a busy season that will see its members actively skiing and competing across the New England region.

About the New England Water Ski Collective

The New England Water Ski Collective is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to making water skiing and water sports accessible to all. Through its

Adaptive, Competitive, and Recreational ski teams, the organization works to remove barriers to participation and grow the sport throughout the New England region.

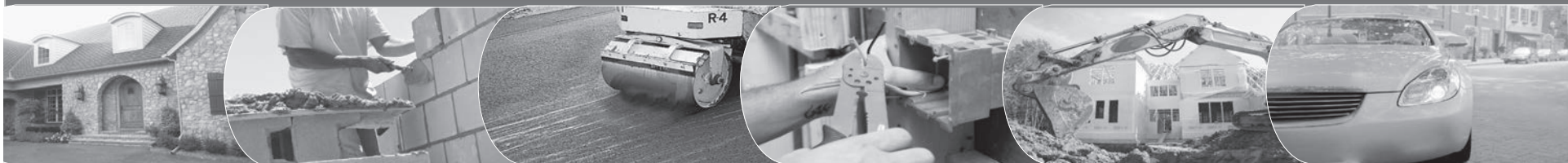
As a nonprofit, the Collective relies on the generosity of donors, community partners, and sponsors to help expand programming, host events, and provide opportunities for athletes of all abilities.

If you are interested in donating to support our Adaptive, Competitive, or Recreational ski teams, please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, Juliet, at Juliet@NewEnglandWaterSki.org

By supporting the New England Water Ski Collective, you are helping ensure that more individuals — regardless of age or ability — have the chance to experience the thrill and community of water skiing.

For more information about the Massachusetts State Slalom Championships or the New England Water Ski Collective, please contact New England Water Ski Collective at (774) 495-0165 or comp@newenglandwaterski.org.

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Docket No. WO25P1544EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE
OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
 Estate Of:
Martha W Giguere
Also known as:
Martha Wright Giguere
Date of Death: 03/26/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: **Monique T Giguere of Charlestown RI and Lise-Anne E Marsal of Paris France** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 17, 2026
 Stephanie Fattman,
 Register of Probate
 July 3, 2026

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
26 SM 002026
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

J. L. Armstrong, Co-Trustee of the Armstrong Living Trust; Jennifer J. Carlsen, Co-Trustee of the Armstrong Living Trust
 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):
 loanDepot.com, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Spencer, numbered 97 East Charlton Road, given by Jared L. Armstrong to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for loanDepot.com, LLC, dated August 10, 2022, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68071, Page 127, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before August 10, 2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on June 25, 2026. Attest:___

Deborah J. Patterson
 Recorder
 July 3, 2026

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

DEP File No. TBD

The East Brookfield Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L.c. 131, 40, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to proposed work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody or resource area on:

July 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM In the Memorial Town Complex

This Public Hearing is in regard to a Notice of Intent submitted by Green Hill Engineering on behalf of Thomas Hayes for construction of contractor's storage garage and yard located at 285 West Main St. in East Brookfield, MA. Tax Map No. 6, Parcel No. 71.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. Copies of the above-noted submittal are available for review at the East Brookfield Town Clerk's Office. East Brookfield Conservation Commission
 July 3, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 10 Jones Street, Spencer, MA 01562

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Amanda M Davin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, and now held by **Guild Mortgage Company LLC**, said mortgage dated July 11, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67888, Page 298, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC to Guild Mortgage Company by assignment dated April 9, 2024 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 70394, Page 273 as affected by a confirmatory assignment dated June 4, 2024 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 70607, Page 115; said mortgage was assigned from Guild Mortgage Company LLC to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC by assignment dated August 13, 2024 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 70903, Page 62; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC to Guild Mortgage Company LLC by assignment dated December 19, 2024 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 71491, Page 134; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on July 23, 2026 at 12:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

T R A C T 1:
The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated in the south side of Starr Street, viz, BEGINNING at the northeast corner of the south line of said street by land formerly of H.P. Starr; THENCE by said Starr land, S. 9° W., 99 feet; THENCE by land formerly of Joseph Pope, N. 86 1/2° W., 66 feet; THENCE still by said Pope land, N. 9° E., 99 feet to the south line of Starr Street; THENCE by said street line, S. 86 1/2° E., 66 feet to the point of beginning..

T R A C T 2:
The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the south side of Starr Street, viz., BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the south line of said street, at a point 165 feet easterly of the easterly line of Grove Street; THENCE S. 86 1/2° E., by the southerly line of Starr Street, about 82 1/2 feet to land formerly of Eli Jacobs; THENCE S. 9° W., by said Jacobs land, 99 feet; THENCE N. 86 1/2° W., by land formerly of Joseph Pope, about 74 1/2 feet to a point on the easterly side of

a two rod private street, now called Jones Street, and 165 feet easterly of the easterly line of Grove Street; THENCE N. 3 1/2° E., by the easterly line of Jones Street, 99 feet to the point of beginning.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated July 7, 2022 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67888, Page 294.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Attorney for Guild Mortgage Company LLC
 Present Holder of the Mortgage
 (401) 217-8701

June 26, 2026

July 3, 2026

July 10, 2026

Docket No. WO26E0039PP
Petition to Partition Citation
(A.C.92A)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester Probate & Family Court

To Leah O'Brien, Personal Representative of the Estate of David L. Cataldo and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Bonnie Lee Gannon of Spencer, in the County of Worcester representing that he hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Spencer in said County Worcester and described as follows:

EXHIBIT-A

to Petition to Partition

A certain parcel of land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts and shown on a Plan of Land prepared for Raoul and Alison Chalifoux by Sadowski Engineering, Inc. dated September 2, 2003, and revised September 19, 2003, and recorded at the Worcester District 801, Plan 78. The parcel is more formerly bounded and described as follows:

Said parcel is also known as Lot 14A and contains 62,144 (+/-) square feet for 1.42 (+/-) acres.

This lot can be seen on the above mentioned plan.

BEGINNING at a bound on the southerly side of Sherwood Drive at a point on a curve to the left whose radius is 360.00; THENCE along that curve a distance of 82.01 feet to a bound at the point of tangency;

THENCE N. 31° 55' 58" E. a distance of 118.49 feet to a bound at the corner of Lot 13 and land now or formerly of Williams;

THENCE S. 42° 41' 43" E. a distance of 318.42 feet along Williams land to a concrete bound to be set at the corner of land of Chalifoux;

THENCE S. 46° 32' 41" W. a distance of 229.32 feet to a concrete bound;

THENCE N. 35° 40' 09" W. a distance of 279.55 feet to the point of beginning. The last two courses by land of said Chalifoux.

SUBJECT to a drainage easement and the right to construct and maintain drainage structures therein as shown on said Plan, being reserved by Alfred R. Williams, his assigns or successors in interest.

SUBJECT to the right to flow water for outlet and drainage structures located across the above-described tract to Thompson Pond through the easements shown on said and wetland areas located on said lot.

RESERVING to the grantor, and his agents, during the development and until completion of the roadway construction, the right to access over that portion of the granted premises adjacent to said roadway as is reasonably necessary for construction of same until completion.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Grantor by Deed dated May 14, 2003 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 30191 Page 191.

SUBJECT to a 20 foot slope easement adjacent to the street line of Sherwood Drive for roadway construction purposes and the rights of utility companies to install and maintain underground/aboveground wires, junction boxes, transformer or other equipment along said

roadway, which rights are reserved by Alfred R. Williams, his assigns or successors in interest.

This conveyance is also made subject to the following restrictions:

No rights of way by necessity or otherwise are conveyed or reserved over the cart roads shown on said plan.

TOGETHER with and subject to the following restrictions:

No dwelling shall be permitted on any lot that contains a dwelling area, exclusive of any private garage or porches, or less than one thousand square feet. Buildings must be completed on the outside within one year after the original framing has commenced.

No livestock, poultry, or animals of any kind other than household pets shall be kept on the premises, except that horses shall be allowed on lots having an area of two acres or greater.

Garbage and rubbish shall be placed in containers and removed at frequent intervals. Utility easements for the benefit of all the lots on said plan. Said utility easements shall not interfere with the construction of buildings on said lots.

Reserving drainage, slope and construction easements relating to said roadway.

BEING the same premises conveyed to grantors by deed dated December 14, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester District Court Registry of Deeds in Book 66829, Page 25.

setting forth that he/she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land my be sold at private sale not less than Seven Hundred Twenty Five Thousand (\$725,000.00) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirty-first day of July 2026 the return day of this citation.

Witness, Kathryn M. Bailey, Esq., First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of June, 2026.

Stephanie K. Fattman
 Register of Probate
 July 3, 2026

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Estate Of:

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Also known as: Leandre Giguere

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Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm College

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year, including Abigail Bernabei of Leicester.

To be eligible for this honor, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester, a total of 721 students from 25 states and five countries were recognized.

About Saint Anselm College
 Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

University of Hartford congratulates Class of 2026

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 1,093 students were awarded graduate and undergraduate degrees this spring as part of the Class of 2026.

Please join us in congratulating:
 Alexander Carter – W. Brookfield - Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration
 Casey Macaruso - Leicester - Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology
 Congratulations to all our graduates for their hard work and academic success!
 The University of Hartford blends raw passion with emerging talent, offering intentional preparation across six career-focused schools and colleges so every student can thrive. Located on a 350-acre campus neighboring Connecticut's capital city-and positioned midway between New York City and Boston-the University is home to approximately 4,300 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students from 42 states and 53 countries. Here, students are guided to discover their place, their people, and their purpose.

Roger Williams University announces Spring Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Bella Kulla of Leicester
 Molly McGuirk of Spencer
 Connor Parke of Rochdale
 Parker Tunley of W. Brookfield
 About RWU

Roger Williams University offers professional studies and liberal arts programs, with campuses in Bristol and Providence, Rhode Island. We provide real-world learning that empowers students to become the change-makers and leaders our world needs next.



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legacy of encouraging and promoting athleticism and a love for sports and teamwork among local youth.

The new courts are only the latest in a continuing effort to beautiful Rochdale Park. The town had previously allocated money to renovate the baseball diamond. The basketball court project also included clearing out some trees and opening up the park area to make it more visible and accessible for anyone to utilize and visit. Future renovations are also planned for the nearby skate park and the park's beach area.

Central Mass. farmers' market season starts now!

REGION — May marks the semi-official beginning to farmers market season, with many of the seasonal farmers' markets in our region starting their regular schedules, with more starting in June. Central Mass Grown is proud to support more than two dozen farmers markets across the Worcester County area.

Just in the city of Worcester, residents can choose from no less than six different markets, including the markets run by the Regional Environmental Council, both the Beaver Brook Market (306 Chandler St.) Friday mornings starting June 12 and the University Park Market (965 Main St.) Saturday mornings starting June 13, plus the Out To Lunch Market on the Worcester Common Oval behind City Hall every Wednesday from June 24 to Aug. 26. On Sundays, there's both the Market on Exchange Street starting May 17th and the Brussels Street Market starting June 7. And on Thursdays, check out the Burncoat Center for Arts and Wellness at 78 Burncoat St. for their new farmers market starting May 14th. Some of

these markets feel like festivals, while others are farmers markets in the truest sense, focused on offering fresh food and agricultural products directly from local farms.

Throughout the region, there's a market nearly every day of the week: for example, the Sturbridge Farmers Market on Sunday, Holden on Tuesday, Grafton on Wednesday,

Westborough on Thursday, and Westminster on Friday. And so many, many more markets featuring a wide variety of items you won't find anywhere in supermarkets, including purple cauliflower, celeriac, husk cherries, goat cheese, duck eggs, or alpaca wool socks!

Every farmers' market is important to the farmers and other vendors that are there.

According to Central Mass Grown Executive Director David Reed, "Farmers markets are a vital source of revenue for farmers, because every dollar goes right back to them. And they are an important way for consumers to see where their food, flowers,

wool, and soap all come from. If you usually shop in a big box store or online, you've never had a real chance to know anything about what you are buying."

Most farmers markets in our region have one or more farms that participate in the Healthy Incentives Programs, a benefit connected to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP recipients can use their EBT card to purchase fresh produce from participating farms and receive an immediate refund to their card, up to a monthly limit that is based on household size. The end result? Free farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, and the reward of knowing you supported your local farm!

So this summer season, visit a farmers' market and take a second to say hi to your local

farmers. The farmers want to meet you. They want to say hi. Because farming is hard work, and they do it because they love it and they want you to love it, too.

Find out more about local farmers markets at centralmassgrown.org.

Bay Path celebrates 59 CTI graduates, expands workforce training programs

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 59 students from its Career Technical Initiative (CTI) program last evening, marking a significant milestone in the program's continued growth and impact.

The CTI program, launched in 2024, provides adult learners with access to high-quality, hands-on technical training designed to meet regional workforce demands. Last night's graduates represent a diverse group of individuals who demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a strong commitment to building new career pathways. Many balanced work, family, and personal responsibilities while completing rigorous 200-hour training programs that prepare them for immediate employment in high-demand industries.

"This graduating class represents the heart of what the CTI program is all about—opportunity, access, and workforce readiness," said Marci Komssi, Program Coordinator. "We are incredibly proud of these 59 graduates and the determination they demonstrated throughout the program."

The success of the CTI program is made possible through continued state investment and workforce development partnerships. As part of the Commonwealth's commitment to economic recovery and growth, \$24.2 million was awarded to 23 organizations throughout Massachusetts to train 2,490 individuals. These strategic investments, led by the Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet, are designed to expand access to career pathway programs and better posi-

tion residents to fill critical workforce needs across the state.

Building on this momentum, Bay Path is expanding its program offerings to reach even more adult learners. For the first time, the school will offer a 200-hour Building Maintenance program in a five-week hybrid summer format, running from June 29 through July 31. This program is offered in partnership with MassHire, with applications opening this week.

Looking ahead to Fall 2026, Bay Path will offer nine CTI programs, further increasing access to career training opportunities.

These programs include:
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 Since its inception, the CTI program has continued to expand in both enrollment and program diversity, attracting students from local communities as well as across the region. The program remains a critical component of Bay Path's efforts to support workforce development and provide meaningful career pathways for adult learners.

For more information about the CTI program or to apply for upcoming opportunities, please contact Marci Komssi at mkomssi@baypath.net.



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At the Zoning Board of Appeals special meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in the McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, a public hearing will be held on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

Notice of Public Hearing – Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals Variance Finding– Applicant/ Owner: Kenneth MacDonald: Location 11 & 15 Wilson Ave, Spencer Assessor's Map U29-31 & 32. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Sections 5.1 (Table of area requirements), 5.4 (Table of Height and Bulk Requirements), and 7.3 (Variance Requirements) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to demolish two existing seasonal camps and rebuild one year-round single-family homes.

The property is located in the Lake Residential (LR) district.

Variance Finding– Applicant: Paula Miller, Esq. Owner: Albert and Donna Starr: Location: 1 Washburn Drive, Spencer Assessor's Map R60-03. The applicant is seeking a Variance under Sections 5.2.6 (Detached Accessory Structures) and 7.3 (Variances) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit in the front setback. The property is located in the Lake Residential (LR) district.
 June 26, 2026
 July 3, 2026

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Date of Death: 03/26/2025

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WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: June 17, 2026
 Stephanie Fattman,
 Register of Probate
 July 3, 2026



BHS Class of 1986 seeks community's help locating classmates for 40th reunion

REGION — As the Bartlett High School Class of 1986 prepares to celebrate its 40th reunion on Sept. 26, organizers are asking the community for assistance in locating classmates who have not yet been reached through social media or via text.

To make the process simple, the reunion committee has created a short contact-information form and is encouraging residents, friends, and former classmates to help spread the word. If you know someone on the "missing classmates" list, organizers ask that you text them the link to the form so they can update their information.

Contact Info Form: <https://tinyurl.com/BHS1986-40Years>

If it's easier, you may also complete the form on a classmate's behalf—so long as you have their current contact details. Organizers emphasize that any help tracking them down is truly appreciated, as personal connections often succeed where digital outreach falls short.

A list of classmates the committee is hoping to locate appears below. With the community's support, they hope every member of the Class of '86 will have the opportuni-

ty to join this milestone celebration.

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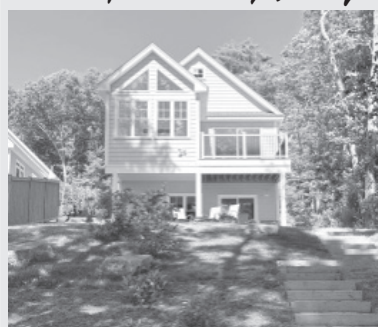


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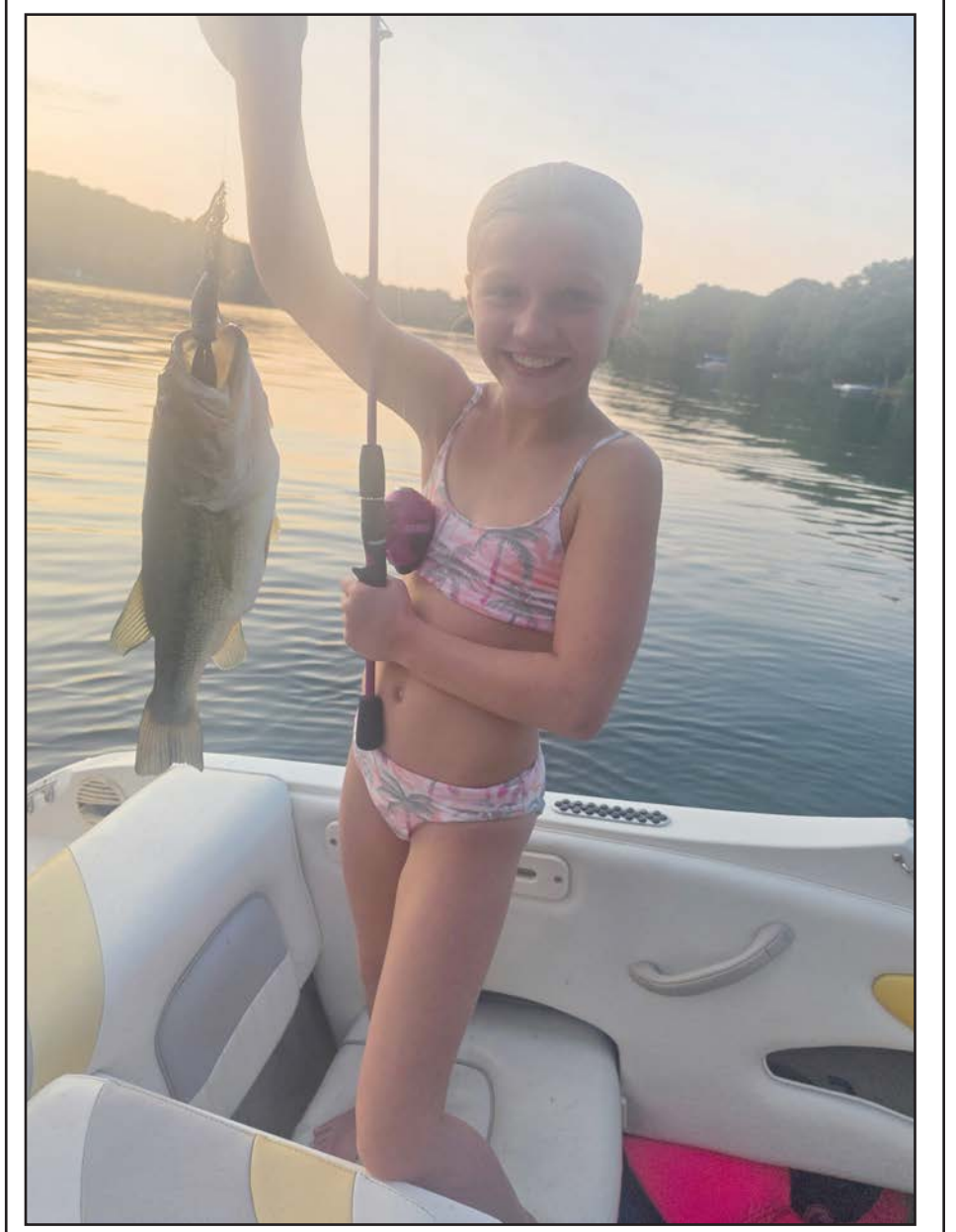
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