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Leicester student and paraprofessional selected to perform National Anthem at WooSox game

LEICESTER — Leicester Middle School student Chloey Jones and Leicester Public Schools paraprofessional Lizzie Wheeler have been selected to perform the National Anthem at the Worcester WooSox game on Sunday, Aug. 16, during Leicester’s Town Takeover at Polar Park.

The pair was nominated by the Leicester Special Olympic School Day Games Committee in recognition of their talent and connection to the Leicester community. Their performance will be part of a special evening celebrating the town while also supporting a meaningful cause.

A portion of all ticket sales from the August 16 game will directly benefit the Leicester Special Olympic School Day Games, helping provide opportunities for student-athletes to participate in this annual event.

Chloey Jones, 13, is a student at Leicester Middle School with a passion for music. She enjoys collecting dolls, listening to K-pop Demon Hunters, and spending time with her family. Looking ahead, Chloey hopes to pursue her dream of becoming a music teacher.

Joining Jones on the field is Lizzie Wheeler, a dedicated paraprofessional who has served Leicester Public Schools for the past three years. In addition to supporting students in the classroom, Wheeler is an

accomplished musician. She performs as a vocalist and keyboardist with the local musical duo Easy Season.

The community is encouraged to attend the August 16th WooSox game to cheer on Chloey and Lizzie as they perform the National Anthem and to support the Leicester Special Olympic School Day Games. Their performance promises to be a memorable highlight of Leicester’s Town Takeover at Polar Park while showcasing the talent and spirit of the Leicester community.

Spencer Sunoco to host ‘Spencer’s Bravest Family Fun Day’

SPENCER — Spencer Sunoco will bring residents together later this month for an afternoon of food, games and family activities while raising money to support local first responders.

“Spencer’s Bravest Family Fun Day” will be held Sunday, Aug. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spencer Sunoco, 73 W. Main St.

Organizers are inviting families, friends and neighbors to attend the community fundraiser, with 100 percent of proceeds slated to support Spencer firefighters and police officers.

The event will feature hamburgers and hot dogs, along with a lemonade stand. Activities for children and families will include face painting, temporary tattoos and games.

Local vendors will also participate throughout the day, and visitors will have opportunities to enter raffles.

The event is intended to provide residents with a fun end-of-summer gathering while showing appreciation for the firefighters and police officers who serve the Spencer community.

Organizers are encouraging residents to bring family members, friends and neighbors and spend part of the day supporting the fundraiser.

“Together we can make a big difference,” organizers said in announcing the event.

Spencer Sunoco is located at 73 W. Main St. The Family Fun Day runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

Leicester places school improvement debt exclusion on midterm ballot

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — The Town of Leicester will place a debt exclusion question on the ballot for the upcoming mid-term elections which, if approved, will allow for funding to enhance former Becker College buildings.

Leicester High School currently serves as the pre-

ferred Career and Technical Education (CTE) center for several communities. The debt exclusion would fund upgrades and repairs to several campus buildings including the Swan Library and an animal health center with much of the planned renovation to focus on the Borger Academic Building, all former facilities of the now defunct Becker College. The debt exclusion would allow

the town to forgo the limits of Proposition 2 ½ to add the temporary debt to the tax levy until it is paid off. This is different from a Proposition 2 ½ override which would implement a permanent increase to the tax base.

At a July meeting, the Select Board confirmed that the debt exclusion would be placed on the November ballot with Select Board Member Kevin J.

Menard, Sr. explaining that the Massachusetts School Building Authority has approved a program to help enhance the Becker College Campus buildings which were purchased by the Leicester School District in 2021. However, the town needs to commit to its share of funding to proceed.

“The state is willing to give

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Contractors ordered to repair Ash Street sidewalk



Courtesy
Representatives of B.R. Bak Enterprises appeared before selectmen in July where they were ordered to fix transition points along the Ash Street sidewalk project.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — Contractors in charge of a recent sidewalk project on Ash Street have been asked to fix transition issues deemed noncompliant.

At a meeting on July 27, B.R. Bak Enterprises was ordered to rebuild portions of

the project in accordance with design expectations rather than apply for a variance. Selectmen unanimously opted to demand the work be completed after four transition points were not compliant with the project specifications. The project is grant funded and any rebuilding would not come at an added cost to the town.

Brian Bak of B.R. Bak Enterprises said they would rather not compromise what was completed to fix the transitions.

“Personally, I think we’d rather not rip up the road and put damage into the project at this point. I think it’s easier to file paperwork instead and leave it as is,” said Bak.

Several selectmen disagreed with most of their comments focusing on wanting the project to be completed as it was designed and with the proper transitions without compromise. Selectman Chris Woodbury had some of the strongest opinions on the mat-

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Geisinger School of Medicine holds White Coat Ceremony, welcomes Class of 2030

SCRANTON, Pa. — Geisinger College of Health Sciences’ School of Medicine held its 18th annual White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2030 on Friday, Aug. 7, in Scranton.

The Class of 2030’s 126 future doctors participated in a ceremony held in common with virtually every other medical school in the nation. White Coat ceremonies welcome new medical students into the profession by taking an oath acknowledging their responsibilities as future physicians and their obligations to future patients. The high point of the ceremony is when each future physician is cloaked with a white lab coat - the mantle of the medical profession. The Stanley J. Dudrick, MD and Alan G. Goldstein Endowed Fund provided the white coats.

Of the 126 students entering the class, 81 are Pennsylvania residents, including 35 from counties within Geisinger’s service region. The class also includes 35 Abigail Geisinger Scholars, reflecting the school’s commitment to educating

future physicians dedicated to serving communities across the region.

Beyond academic excellence, members of the Class of 2030 have already demonstrated a strong commitment to service and patient care, making them a perfect match for Geisinger’s community-focused care. Before applying to medical school, these 126 students collectively contributed more than 30,000 medical volunteer hours and 36,000 non-medical volunteer hours. They also completed more than 92,000 research hours, another hallmark of a Geisinger education.

“The White Coat Ceremony is an inspiring welcome to our new students at the School of Medicine. It marks the beginning of a sometimes difficult but always rewarding journey of turning eager learners into compassionate healers. They will serve the people of our communities and beyond,” Geisinger College’s president and medical school dean, Julie Byrley, MD, MPH, said. “It will be a great joy to watch this class grow into their roles as future physician leaders.”

Amanda Caleb, PhD, MPH presented the Dr. Lester Saidman Memorial Lecture, named in honor of the respected physician and educator from Luzerne County. Dr. Caleb is a professor of Medical Humanities at the School of Medicine’s Center for Medical Humanities.

Receiving a white coat were John Button of East Brookfield and Tej Patel of Leicester.

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Leicester Public Schools offers meals at no cost for students

LEICESTER — Leicester Public Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, all schools offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2026-2027. Students receive breakfast and lunch at school without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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Leicester Democratic Town Committee plans second annual potluck barbecue

LEICESTER — The Leicester Democratic Town Committee is inviting Democrats from across Central Massachusetts to gather for an afternoon of food, conversation, and community at its second annual Potluck BBQ.

The event is designed to bring together local residents and party members to reconnect with friends, meet new people, exchange ideas, and strengthen relationships ahead of the upcoming election season.

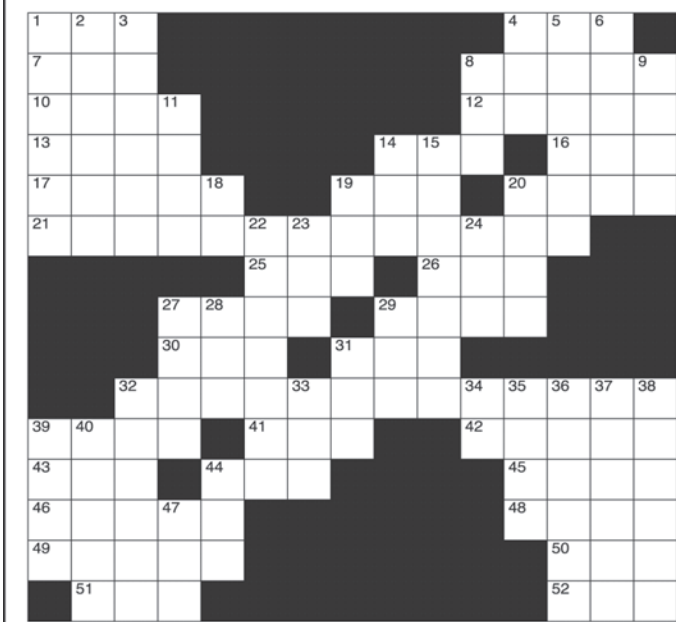
Organizers encourage attendees to bring a favorite dish to share while enjoying an informal afternoon focused on fellowship and civic engagement.

“Come together with Democratic friends from across Central Massachusetts for an afternoon of great food, laughter, and meaningful conversation,” organizers said in the event announcement. “It’s a chance to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, share ideas, and strengthen the relationships that will help us work together during the upcoming election season.”

Participants are asked to bring a potluck item and are encouraged to RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 16. Registration is required, as the event location will only be provided to those who register in advance.

Organizers said they hope attendees will leave with new connections, fresh ideas, and renewed enthusiasm for the months ahead.

For more information or to register, visit the Leicester Democratic Town Committee’s Web site, ldtcmass.org.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram

4. Fixed charge

7. Each

8. Feeling of humiliation

10. Coat with sticky substance

12. Powerful “Severance” family

13. Japanese city

14. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman

16. Hat

17. Place where rockers work

19. Psyche

20. Snake-like fishes

21. Where people live

25. Body part

26. Old towel

27. One’s essential being

29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
30. Boxing’s GOAT

31. Wet muddy ground

32. Christian Laettner is one

39. A place to store lawn tools

41. Large tub for liquid

42. Old World lizard

43. One-time European member group

44. Healing student

45. Nuclear weapon

46. “Kiss of the Spider Woman” actress Sonia

48. Silk garment

49. About some Norse poems

50. Woman religious community member

51. Congressman (abbr.)

52. Two-year-old sheep

CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person

2. “Homeland” actress Danes

3. Buttock muscles

4. US federal agency

5. Birds of prey

6. Electronic communication

8. Ocean

9. Terminates

11. Low-pitched sound from a bell

14. Exclamation: yuck!

15. A place to attach a boat

18. Exclamation of surprise

19. Make a mistake

20. Border line

22. Have religious faith

23. Klutz
24. Large tree

27. House of ___ rulers

28. Red deer

29. Small coin (French)

31. Popular sandwich

32. 10-year period

33. Not good

34. Government lawyer

35. Egypt’s intelligence agency

36. Without an occupant or incumbent

37. Stain with one’s hands

38. Crippling

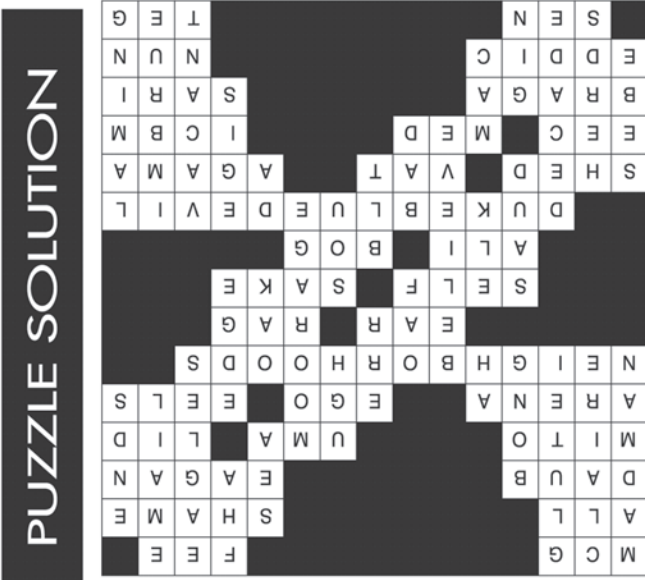
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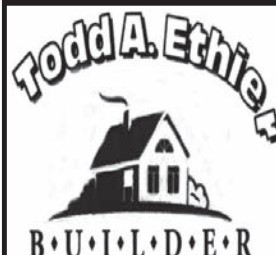
40. Large, united groups

44. ___ and cheese

47. Alcoholic beverage

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\$400,000, 144 Paxton St, Consiglio, Anthony P, to Lubianez, Christopher J, and Hall, Alyssa L.

\$395,000, 14 Deer Pond Dr, Krawczyk, Marek, to Garcia, Luis Alonso-I, and Interiano, Douglas Enrique.

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\$70,000, 60 Gilbert St, Maple Street Garage Inc, to R A Anderson Builders LLC.

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\$324,000, 32 S Spencer Rd, Lucas, Olivia R, and Mustone, Nicholas, to Costa, Bridget.

WARREN

\$500,000, 1322 Brimfield Rd, McMullen, Thomas, and McMullen, Tammy Lynn, to Wray, Scott Joseph.

WEST BROOKFIELD

\$505,000, 4 Avalon Pl, Zimmerman Jr, Michael, and Zimmerman, Doreen, to Cassina, Amanda E.

\$499,000, 34 Roy Ter, Kokocinski, Jeffrey M, and Rossi, Elizabeth, to Stanton, Veronica, and Stanton, John.

\$330,000, 71 W Main St, Central City Prop LLC, to Leverone Jr, Robert.

\$320,000, 97 Wickaboag Valley Rd, Wheeler, Graydon L, and Wheeler, Irene, to Olivo, Christopher.

Spencer Summer Concert Series continues with the Silverbacks



SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2026 Summer Concert Series continues from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16 at Powder Mill Park, corner of Smithville and Meadow Roads, 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 member Glenn DiTommaso resides in Spencer and is looking forward to performing in his hometown. And band member Jim 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 concludes on Sunday, Aug. 23

will be Miss Fairchild. The concert series is proudly sponsored by Cornerstone Bank. Serving Worcester County, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts.

AA Transportation invites incoming Kindergarteners to First Ride for Safety

EAST BROOKFIELD — AA Transportation Co., Inc. is inviting incoming kindergarten students and their families to its annual First Ride for Safety program on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at the company's facility, 174 West Main St. (Route 9), East Brookfield.

Designed to help children prepare for their first school bus

experience, the award-winning program gives future riders the opportunity to learn school bus safety in a fun, hands-on environment before the school year begins. The program previously received a Certificate from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles recognizing its outstanding efforts in promoting school bus safety.

The event will be conducted in an open house format,

allowing families to arrive at any time during the two-hour session and stay as long as they wish. School bus rides will depart approximately every 15 minutes, giving children a chance to become familiar with riding a bus before their first day of school.

Participants will learn about several important safety topics, including:

- Taking a ride on a school bus.
- Understanding the school bus "danger zone."
- Learning the meaning of school bus warning lights.
- Practicing how to safely cross in front of a stopped school bus.
- Reviewing other essential school bus safety rules.

Parents are encouraged to

bring cameras to capture their child's first school bus ride.

Drivers and school personnel serving North Brookfield, East Brookfield, Leicester and Spencer will also be on hand throughout the event to answer questions and provide information about school transportation and student safety.

AA Transportation officials say the goal is to help children feel comfortable and confident before the start of the school year while reinforcing safe habits that can help protect students throughout the year.

For more information, contact AA Transportation Co., Inc. at 508-867-4500.

Knights of Columbus plans walk, Mass at Nazareth Grotto

LEICESTER — The Knights of Columbus will hold a walk to the Nazareth Grotto followed by a special Mass on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Participants are invited to meet at noon at the Knights of Columbus council building, 91 Manville St., Leicester. Those attending may walk to the grotto with the group or drive separately and park at the grotto.

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate Mass following the walk.

After Mass, participants are invited to return to the Knights of Columbus building on Manville Street for lunch and refreshments.

Community members are welcome to participate in the gathering.

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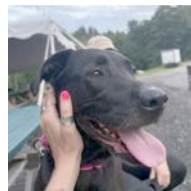
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WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Spencer

The Spencer Police Department had no arrests to report during the week of July 29 to Aug. 4.

Leicester

The Leicester Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 30 to Aug. 5.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on July 30 for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, a Marked Lanes Violation, and a Number Plate Violation.

Tyree M. Milton, age 25, of Worcester was arrested on July 30 for Operating Under the Influence (Liquor), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, driving at a rate of speed exceeding the posted limit, and Possession of a Class C Drug.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on July 30 for operating an Unregistered and Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Aug. 1 for Trespassing and Misdemeanor Breaking & Entering.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Aug. 1 for Shoplifting By Asportation.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on Aug. 5 for Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Authority and Wanton Destruction of Property.

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EDITORIAL

A big stage for Leicester’s community spirit

There are moments when a community gets an opportunity to introduce itself to a much larger audience.

For Leicester, one of those moments will come Sunday, Aug. 16, when Leicester Middle School student Chloey Jones and Leicester Public Schools paraprofessional Lizzie Wheeler step onto the field at Polar Park to perform the National Anthem before a Worcester WooSox game.

It will probably take only a couple of minutes. But those few minutes will say quite a bit about Leicester.

Jones and Wheeler were nominated for the honor by the Leicester Special Olympic School Day Games Committee, and their performance will take place as part of Leicester’s Town Takeover at Polar Park. More importantly, the occasion will help support the Leicester Special Olympic School Day Games, with a portion of ticket sales from the game benefiting the program.

That makes this more than an opportunity for two talented local performers to sing before a baseball crowd. It connects a celebration of Leicester with a program built around giving student-athletes opportunities to participate, compete and be recognized.

Jones is only 13, but already has ambitions of making music an important part of her future. The Leicester Middle School student hopes one day to become a music teacher. Before then, she will have the memorable experience of performing the National Anthem at a professional baseball game.

Beside her will be someone who already works with Leicester students every day.

Wheeler has served as a paraprofessional in Leicester Public Schools for three years. Away from the classroom, she is a vocalist and keyboardist with the local musical duo Easy Season.

There is something especially fitting about putting a student and an educator on that field together.

Schools are often discussed in terms of test scores, budgets, enrollment figures and buildings. Those things matter, of course. But a school system is also a collection of relationships. Teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, staff members and students spend their days learning from one another and encouraging one another.

Sometimes, the results of those relationships appear in unexpected places, including behind a microphone at a ballpark.

The connection to the Special Olympic School Day Games makes the occasion particularly worthwhile. School athletics and activities are at their best when they create opportunities for students to discover what they can accomplish, experience the satisfaction of participating with their peers and know that their community is behind them.

That support cannot be taken for granted. Programs succeed because people choose to participate, volunteer, organize events, attend competitions and contribute financially.

On Aug. 16, Leicester residents have an opportunity to do several of those things at once. They can enjoy a summer afternoon at Polar Park. They can support the Leicester Special Olympic School Day Games through participating ticket sales. And when the stadium grows quiet before the game begins, they can cheer for two people representing their hometown.

For Jones, it may also offer a glimpse of where a love of music can lead. A 13-year-old who dreams of becoming a music teacher will get the chance to perform before thousands of people alongside an educator who has already combined service to students with her own musical pursuits.

There are larger stages in the world than Polar Park. But for one Sunday afternoon, it will be plenty large enough to show Worcester County something worth knowing about Leicester.

And when Chloey Jones and Lizzie Wheeler begin to sing, there should be plenty of hometown voices in the stands ready to cheer when they finish.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The next level

To the Editor:

It is no longer just about the grifting and blatant corruption we are seeing from this administration, we have now crossed the tipping point of just bankrupting us, into funding the largest most expensive fighting force in the world, but not arming them.

The narcissist in chief dislikes bad news so much, he has discouraged anyone giving him any, and actually employs a full time employee to keep him supplied with good complimentary articles and posts, many of which he is the source of. He starts rumors, then believes them when they have made the circuit.

There is no amount of money he is unwilling to spend in our name. Having put both his sons in the arms business, you can imagine his surprise at a recent meeting, when he found out that the defensive missiles, that cost us \$2 to \$3 million each, are running low, and take 10 years to replace the inventory.

Having taken so much pride in those weapons’ efficiency, they neglected to tell him that the inventory of them is getting dangerously low. We were selling Patriot missiles to Ukraine, but their inventory so low, they are now getting clobbered daily Ukraine had already been building their own drones and wanted to build Patriots but was stopped. I think they should gear up, because will have nothing left if in line behind us.

The pacific military commanders are concerned about their inventory backup in Korea and Taiwan. We are putting our troops and our nation in harm’s way, because a Fox News host is blaming his deputy for the diminished stock, while proudly announcing the number of shoot downs. The situation is clear and dower. The Secretary of War is not qualified to be the Secretary of Defense.

The guy who promised to eliminate the national debt, is responsible for a third of it. Both China and Russia are cheering, aiding Iran, and could not have chosen a better person to lead our nation, for their agenda.

What is more alarming than anything else, is that this lying, grifting pedo still is supported by a third of us. I imagine it was true of Hitler too, but the danger is real.

KEN KIMBALL
BROOKFIELD

Incident at Long View 45 years ago

To the Editor:

It was a sunny day in August 1981, much like any other we had come to appreciate over the span of our lifetime in New England, specifically in Massachusetts...even more specifically, in our small and seemingly quiet town of North Brookfield. The town awoke and was in its usual state of busy, with one exception.

Under the cloak of secrecy, not yet confirmed by any given authority, the word on the street was that we were about to welcome new ‘Neighbors’ for a few weeks. The Rolling Stones were in town for some pre-tour preparation for “Tattoo You.” They were apparently seeking the quietness and incognito atmosphere afforded by our local iconic establishment known as Long View Farm Recording Studio (thanks to Gil Markle) nestled in the green rolling hills on the outskirts of our community. How fortunate and proud we were to be hosting this snapshot in time that would forever be notched in our town’s history.

As the weeks progressed, the Stones music-magic reigned throughout these green rolling hills most evenings for those of us willing to forego some sound sleep for our own private concert in the open fields of tall grass. To hear their artistry ‘Live’ with some friends was surreal and to carry these memories forward is simply amazing. On occasion, one could catch a daytime glimpse of Mick Jagger taking a run, the band playing tennis at the high school courts or some family members of the band on a horseback jaunt through the reservoir. All seemed to be at peace with nature and their non-paparazzi surroundings. An element of mutual respect prevailed between our forthright community and our gilded guests of distinction, ‘The Stones.’ Other sightings at various places (a pub, a store, the local doctor’s office) were unofficially reported from time to time through the duration of their stay, adding to the clandestine excitement. When ready to put their exceptional talents to the test, a few hundred locals had the chance to win tickets for the band’s live debut as The Cockroaches at Sir Morgan’s Cove in nearby Worcester. The Stones also arranged the pre-sale of concert tickets at the town’s pub known as Poorboys for willing locals who wished to attend their upcoming tour. North Brookfield and the Bad Boys of Rock & Roll will forever have this historical connection. Feel free to reflect on your own personal experience of this era in 1981...45 years ago! It is great for the soul! Long live Rock & Roll!

Long live the cherished memories of this once-in-a-lifetime occurrence...For the present, let’s just say we’re “Waiting on a Friend.”

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When everything started beeping

I miss appliances that knew their place. The toaster toasted. The washing machine washed. The refrigerator kept things cold. None of them had anything to say about it.

Somewhere along the way, however, the appliances in our lives discovered communication. Now everything beeps.

Our washing machine beeps when it starts. It beeps when it finishes. It beeps when I push the wrong button. Sometimes it beeps for reasons that remain between the washing machine and its maker.

The microwave may be the worst offender. When my childhood microwave finished heating something, it rang a bell. One ding. Message received.

The modern microwave apparently believes that unless I retrieve my coffee immediately, civilization may collapse. Beep. A little while later, another beep. Then another. Yes, microwave. I know. I put the coffee in there.

There is something mildly irritating about being nagged by an appliance you purchased. It isn’t only the noise. Everything now has settings. Our old washing machine had a knob. You turned it. The machine started. That was essentially the entire relationship.

Today’s machines have buttons for temperature, soil level, spin speed and enough specialized cycles to make me wonder whether I’ve been washing clothes incorrectly for 50 years. Normal. Heavy duty. Delicate. Quick wash. Bedding. Towels. Whites. Apparently, towels have needs.

I recently stood in front of the washing machine

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Four reasons a 529 plan might make sense for your family



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Key takeaways

Despite their tax advantages, just 14 percent of adults include a 529 plan in their education savings strategy, according to a 2025 Edward Jones and Morning Consult study.

529 funds cover college, vocational programs, registered apprenticeships and can be used towards K-12 education.

In addition to tuition, 529 funds can pay for students’ day-to-day needs like internet, computers, qualified room and board, and certain K-12 tutoring costs.

A 529 education savings plan might sound like something only families with college-bound kids need. But the versatility of a 529 account may surprise you, whether your child heads to a four-year university, a trade school or elsewhere.

1. What are the tax benefits of a 529 education savings plan?
Earnings in a 529 plan grow free from federal taxes, and withdrawals used for qualified education expenses are also federally tax-free. While 529 contributions are not federally deductible, many states allow a deduction on your state return.
Despite their tax advantages, just 14% of adults include a 529 plan in their education savings strategy, according to a 2025 Edward Jones and Morning Consult study. Instead, most families rely on traditional personal savings accounts.
2. Can a 529 be used if my child doesn’t attend a traditional college?
Beyond four-year colleges, you can use 529 funds for community colleges, graduate schools, and vocational programs. Apprenticeships in fields like plumbing, electrical work and welding qualify too, provided they are registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.
If your child earns a scholarship, you can withdraw up to that amount from your 529 account without penalty, though earnings may still be taxable.

3. What does a 529 plan cover beyond tuition?
Qualified costs for 529 plan withdrawals include books, supplies, computers, internet access and educational software. For students enrolled at least half time, room and board also qualify, including off-campus housing up to what the school sets as its cost of attendance.
Recent changes in the law expanded 529 plan qualified expenses. Some new eligible expenses include certain testing fees, instructional materials, academic tutoring, and educational therapies for students with disabilities.
For K-12, you can use up to \$20,000 from your 529 account per year for tuition, certain tutoring, and curriculum materials.

4. What if I don’t use all the money in my 529 account?
If one child doesn’t need the 529 funds, you can transfer that account to a sibling, another qualifying family member or even yourself. You can also use 529 funds to pay up to \$10,000 in student loans, roll them into a Roth IRA for the beneficiary up to \$35,000 (subject to certain limits and criteria) or roll them into a disability savings account (ABLE account) for the beneficiary or a family member.
With so many options for investing, withdrawals and redirecting the money, a 529 plan is one of the more flexible tools available for families thinking about education costs. A financial advisor can walk you through the details and help you choose a plan that fits your overall financial strategy.

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OBITUARIES

Dolores A. Cote, 88



LEICESTER : Dolores A. (Palmieri) Cote, 88, of the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, passed away on Sunday, August 9th, at The Lutheran Home in Worcester. She was the wife of Edward F. Cote, Sr., who passed away in 1999. She is survived by her son, Edward F. Cote, Jr., and his wife Michelle of Leicester, her sisters, Shirley Bodo and her husband Richard, and Patricia Carlson and her husband Robert, all of Auburn, MA, a son-in-law, Scott Chase of Oxford, MA, her grandchildren, Kimberly Patterson, Angela Apol, Benjamin Cote, and Spencer Cote, great-grandchildren, Kailey, Noel, Beau, Macy, Max, Aden, and Mark, and a great-great-granddaughter, Oakley, along with many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Darlene Chase, and brother, James Palmieri.

Born in Worcester on February 11, 1938, Dolores was the daughter of James Palmieri and Malvina (Mezinski) Garriepy.

Dolores graduated from Commerce High School in 1956 and then from Saltus Secretarial School in 1957, both located in

Worcester, MA.

Her early work career began in Worcester, where she started as a Soda Jerk in 1954 at the Slater Building. Dolores then moved on to Hanrahan Insurance in 1957 before working at Haddad Restaurant Supply in 1958. She next took a position as the Assistant Treasurer in the Town of Leicester from 1978 until her retirement in 2002.

Dolores cherished spending time with her family and grandchildren. She loved cooking and was a devoted New England Patriots fan, especially a big fan of Tom Brady. Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune were her favorite game shows, and she never missed a season of Dancing with the Stars.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 14th, at 11 a.m. at the MORIN FUNERAL HOME, located at 1131 Main St., Leicester. There will be a calling hour from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday before the service. After the service, Entombment will follow at Notre Dame Mausoleum in Worcester. If you'd like to honor Dolores' memory, please consider making a donation to the Town of Leicester EMS Department on 3 Paxton Street, Leicester, MA 01524 in lieu of flowers.

Paul F.X. LeBeau, 37



July 29, 2026 – North Brookfield and East Brookfield, MA

The family of Paul F.X. LeBeau, 37, is deeply saddened to announce he has departed this earth.

Like Elvis, Paul has left the building. He will be fondly remembered for his quick wit, genuine smile and kindness to others.

He was most recently employed by Wheeler Carpentry as a carpenter. He previously worked for RML Construction, Bjorkland Landscaping, Varney's Garage, The Fiddle Center, The General Store, Meat & Spirits Shoppe, and East Brookfield Pizza.

Many admired and appreciated him for his excellence as a musician in the many bands he was part of. During his 25-year professional career he loved entertaining audiences of all ages. His favorite gig was as the front man (lead singer and guitarist) for his family band, The Big GunZ, comprised of his father on bass and his brother on drums, belting out songs by The Who, The Beatles, The Ramones, and Twisted Sister, etc. Locally he also worked with Wheelsmith, Professor Pop, Raider Eddie & The Skeletones, and Lori Brooks, who made possible his first professional

on-stage appearance at the age of 12. He hosted many local open-mic sessions over the years, most recently at Shi's Pub in East Brookfield, where he was known for helping aspiring artists to find the courage to go on stage and give it their best shot.

He leaves his father, Dennis LeBeau of East Brookfield, his mother, Pamela Ducasse (and her husband, Tom) of North Brookfield, his brother, Thomas LeBeau of East Brookfield, and his beloved and devoted life partner, Megan Michelle Quigley of North Brookfield. He had many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Calling hours will be held at Varnum's Funeral Home, 43 East Main Street, West Brookfield MA 01585, on Tuesday, August 11, from 4:00-7:00 PM. The funeral will be held at East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 East Main Street, East Brookfield, on Wednesday, August 12, at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at a later date.

If you wish to honor Paul in a practical way that he would approve of, memorial donations may be made to East Brookfield Baptist Church, P.O. Box 690, East Brookfield, MA 01515; to Apple Country Radio Station, P.O. Box K300, Brookfield, MA 01506; to Springfield Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 9045, Springfield, MA 01102-9045; or an animal rescue or charity of your choice.

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holding a perfectly ordinary pile of clothes and realized I was being asked to make more decisions than I wanted to make before breakfast.

I selected "normal." I select "normal" for almost everything. Normal has gotten me this far.

Our television is another matter entirely. There was a time when televisions had an on-off switch and a channel knob. If the picture wasn't good, you adjusted the antenna. If that didn't work, somebody stood beside the television holding the antenna.

This was our first wireless technology.

Now the television has several remotes, numerous menus and an occasional habit of announcing that it cannot find something called an "input." Neither can I.

I have learned that when the television stops working, the safest strategy is to avoid touching anything. The temptation is to start pushing buttons. This is how a minor television problem becomes an evening project.

One wrong selection and suddenly the screen is displaying a menu last seen by the engineer who designed the television. My wife will eventually ask what I did. "Nothing." This is rarely true.

Technology has improved our homes in countless ways, of course. Modern appliances are more efficient, more capable and often safer than what we grew up with. But I sometimes wonder whether every object really needs to be quite so clever.

I don't need my refrigerator to connect to the Internet. I don't need an app for my light bulbs. I certainly don't need my dishwasher sending noti-

cations. There are already enough people and organizations trying to contact me. I don't need to hear from the dishwasher.

Maybe this is simply what getting older looks like. Every generation eventually encounters technology that makes it wonder why the old way wasn't good enough. My grandparents probably said the same thing about automatic transmissions. Still, I think there should be a market for appliances designed specifically for people like me. One button. It would be large. The instructions would read: "Push this."

And when the appliance finished doing whatever it was supposed to do, it wouldn't send a notification, connect to Wi-Fi or play a cheerful little melody. It would simply stop. If I wanted to know whether it was finished, I could walk over and look. I still remember how to do that.

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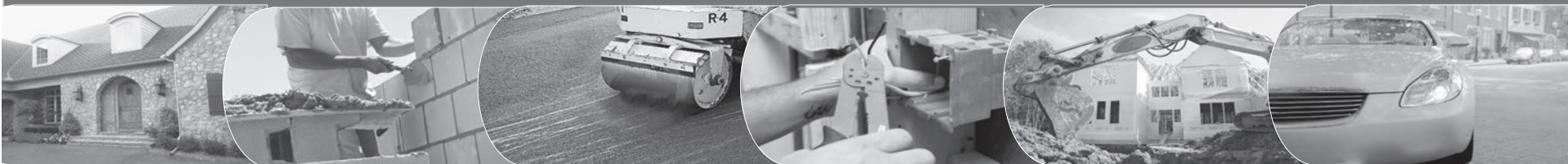
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Spencer American Legion Charity Golf Tournament set for Sept. 26

SPENCER — The Gaudette Kirk Post 138 American Legion Spencer invites golfers, sponsors, and community members to participate in its Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Heritage Country Club. This annual event combines a day of golf, fellowship, and giving back, with all proceeds supporting veterans in need.

The mission of the Gaudette Kirk Post 138 Charity Golf Tournament is to help veterans by preventing hunger, homelessness, and the lack of life's basic necessities. Funds raised through the tournament provide direct assistance to local veterans and their families, ensuring those who have served our country receive support during difficult times.

Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to participate in the 18-hole scramble. The tournament fee is \$115 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a light lunch at Heritage Country Club, and dinner at the Gaudette Kirk Post 138 American Legion following the tournament. The day will also feature on-course contests, raffles, prizes, and awards.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to become sponsors, while individuals and foursomes are invited to register early and help make a difference in the lives of local veterans.

For registration, sponsorship opportunities, or additional information, please contact Carol by phone at 774-454-0366 or e-mail post138spencerma@gmail.com.

About Gaudette Kirk Post 138 American Legion Gaudette Kirk Post 138 American Legion is committed to serving veterans, supporting military families, promoting patriotism, and strengthening the local community. Through its annual charity golf tournament and other fundraising efforts, the Post provides direct assistance to veterans by helping prevent hunger, homelessness, and the lack of basic necessities, honoring the service and sacrifice of those who have served our nation.



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Russell Buzzell named Town House Artist of the Month



Russ Buzzell

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Russell (“Russ”) Buzzell has been named Artist of the Month for August by the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House.

Buzzell is a painter and illustrator from North Brookfield whose work is closely tied to the rural landscape, wildlife, and the history of central Massachusetts. He has had a professional career spanning many years, moving from illustration to fine art and historical painting.

Buzzell grew up on his family’s farm in North Brookfield. He milked the cows, drove the tractor, and participated in all the other jobs required of a farm family. But art was his first love.

A close family friend

and artist known to young Buzzell as “Uncle Louie” nurtured his interest in art and helped him develop his skills. Russ graduated from North Brookfield High School in 1960 and the Art Institute of Boston in 1966.

He spent several years illustrating the publications of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. His impressive work there led to his being called upon to illustrate books and magazines, including “Animals Nobody Loves” by Ronald Rood, “The Farm Book” by the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and “The Wilderness Home of Giant Panda” by William G. Sheldon. He also illustrated for Gray’s Sporting Journal and Wisconsin Sportsman magazines and freelanced

for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Buzzell’s most notable artwork includes “Sunday Afternoon on the Buzzell Farm” and the historical rendition of “Wheeler’s Surprise,” the ambush by Nipmuc Natives during the King Phillips War in West Brookfield on Aug. 2, 1675. Buzzell works out of his Buck Hill Studio in North Brookfield where the majority of his time is spent on privately commissioned paintings and drawings of New England farms, landscapes, and wildlife. He works with oils, scratchboard, watercolor, and pen and ink.

People attending the 2026 Backroads Studio Tour Oct. 3 & 4 will be able

to visit Russell Buzzell’s Buck Hill studio to appreciate his work in person. While there, they can purchase original art, limited edition numbered prints, and greeting cards.

For more information

on Russell Buzzell visit nbtownhouse.com and click on featured artists.

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the historic Town House in the center of North Brookfield. Every month this organization recognizes a featured artist in their community.

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Janelis is a gregarious, independent, and outgoing young woman who brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm wherever she goes. She enjoys expressing herself through singing and loves spending time outside exploring and enjoying new experiences. Janelis has a strong love for reading, especially comic books, with Smile being one of her favorites. She enjoys getting lost in a good story and discovering new characters and adventures. Janelis is also a big fan of trying new foods and exploring different cuisines. Some of her favorite meals include Spanish foods and Chick-fil-A. She enjoys discovering new flavors and appreciates the experience of sharing meals with others. Janelis is excited about the future and looks forward to gaining more independence. She hopes to get her first job and earn her driver's permit soon, taking important steps toward reaching her personal goals. With her curiosity, confidence, and positive spirit, Janelis continues to embrace new opportunities and experiences.

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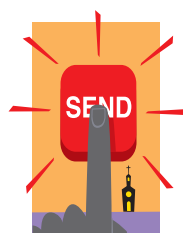
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Alex Cordy Memorial Golf Tournament set for Sept. 12

OAKHAM — St. Carlo Acutis Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield/Warren, is having their Ninth Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, Massachusetts on Saturday, Sept. 12. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with a Shotgun Start at 8 a.m.

As many of you are aware, Alex Cordy was an integral part of our West Brookfield Community for many years. In memory of his outstanding service to his community, his parish, and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit our Youth Activities Fund to support the youth in our local community, a cause that was very important to Alex. We were able to award two \$1,000.00 scholarships this past year from the proceeds of this event to two local high school seniors, as well as fund many other youth activities. We ask that you please consider supporting our event by sponsoring or participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome. Tournament Raffle Items and General Donations to this event are always welcomed and appreciated!

Registration and sponsorships are now available for this tournament. To register, and for more information, please call (413) 813-8100 or email wallyconnor122@gmail.com.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Warren Rural Improvement Association c/o Linda Cunningham
P.O. Box 1315
Warren, MA 01083-1315

The principal manager is John J. Dyjak, Pres.
Linda Cunningham, Treasurer
August 14, 2025

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. WO26P2526EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Dorothy Cochran Fullam
Also known as: Dorothy C Fullam
Date of Death:06/06/2025

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

The Petitioner requests that :
Francis A Fullam of Flossmoor IL and **PNC Bank, N.A. of Philadelphia PA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/01/2026.**

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 04, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 14, 2026

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request from Jack Fisher to get approval for an addition of a screen porch located at 4 Martin Road in Brookfield. This requires a variance as per Section 7) Dimensional Requirements, Sub-section C) Dimensional Regulation Table of the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Brookfield. The property is located in

the Rural Residential District.
Holly J. Chisholm- Clerk
August 14, 2026
August 21, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
OXFORD ROCHDALE SEWER DISTRICT

The Board of Sewer Commissioner's request sealed bids for Pre-Engineered Metal Building, Site Work, Concrete & Forms; Contract 2026-4.

Documents may be only be obtained by emailing a request to garystine6641@yahoo.com or by calling 413-896-7797 between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. after Monday August 11, 2026.

Only electronic copies of documents are available for the project.

Estimated Project Construction Cost: \$335,000.00

Interested vendors must submit bids in sealed envelopes on the project Bid Documents to the Oxford Rochdale Sewer District PO Box 246 Rochdale MA 01542.

Oxford Rochdale Sewer District will receive bids at 28 Comins Road North Oxford, MA 01524 until 2 P.M. Wednesday September 2, 2026 at which time bid documents will be publicly opened and read. Documents will be opened and recorded for each bidder.

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.

Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed and minimum rates to be paid under the Contract.

Board of Sewer Commissioners
Oxford Rochdale Sewer District
August 14, 2026
August 21, 2026

Town of Spencer
Conservation Commission
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Christopher Hansen has filed an **NOI** with the Spencer Conservation Commission for a proposed Single-family home & septic system located at **Lot 3 I Capen Rd, Spencer, MA.**

Brian & Lisa Giffen have filed an **NOI** with the Spencer Conservation Commission for a patio & retaining wall repair located at **53 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA.**

Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.

Mary McLaughlin
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman
August 14, 2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No. 26 SM 002453
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Thaisa Mara Pena

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee of BRAVO Residential Funding Trust 2024-NQM2 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in East Bridgewater, numbered 85 Oregon Street, given by Thaisa Mara Pena to Mortgage Electronic Registration

Registration open for Brookfields Lions Club Golf Tournament

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Registration is now open for the 2026 Brookfields Lions Club golf tournament, according to event chair, Marc Kokansky.

The annual event is taking place on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Quail Hollow Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Rd., Oakham. The four-person scramble tournament begins with registration at 12 p.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The entry fee is \$100 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, skins competition, closest-to-the-pin contests, and a meal following the tournament at Quail Hollow Country Club.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Brookfields Lions Club's charitable programs and community service projects throughout the area. Through fundraising events such as this tournament, the club supports local organizations and individuals while carrying out the Lions' mission of serving those in need.

To register a team or obtain additional information, contact Marc Kokansky at 508-847-9843. Registration is open now through August 15.

As the world's largest, youngest and most active service organization, the mission of Lions Clubs International is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding. Members of the Brookfields Lions Club are dedicated to service and support in the communities of Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, and New Braintree.

Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for OCMBC, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated November 17, 2023, and recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 58477, Page 214, 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 09/14/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 7/30/2026.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
August 14, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO26P2344GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of:
Alexander Jordan Charron
Of: East Brookfield, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Paul R Visneau of East Brookfield,, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Alexander Jordan Charron** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Paul R Visneau of East Brookfield,, MA**

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/18/2026.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you.

In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 21, 2026

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
August 14, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO26P2375EA
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE
G.L. C. 190B, § 3-306
Estate Of:
JAMES J BIANDO
Date of Death: April 25, 2026

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on July 15 2026 that the Petitioner

ORBIE I BIANDO
East Brookfield MA

intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve

ORBIE I BIANDO
EAST BROOKFIELD MA

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
August 14, 2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No. 26 SM 002454
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Rene P. Eugene, Jr.

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Brockton, numbered 26 Belair Street, given by Marie C. Eugene to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, dated December 5, 2005, and recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 31900, Page 164, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 20, 2009, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 38071, Page 290, 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 09/14/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 7/30/2026.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
August 14, 2026

Spencer Town Moderator launches new community television show, "The Brewster Call"

SPENCER — Jason Brewster, the newly elected Town Moderator of Spencer, is announcing the launch of "The Brewster Call," a new community television show on Spencer Cable Access, Channel 192.

The show airs Fridays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and focuses on informed civic participation and respectful dialogue.

Special thanks to Spencer Cable Access for making this program possible and for its continued commitment to local programming and community engagement.

"The Brewster Call" is produced by Jason Brewster in his capacity as a private citizen. The views expressed are his own and should not be construed as official statements or positions of the Spencer Town Moderator or the Town of Spencer.

For questions or episode suggestions, email thebrewster-call@gmail.com.

Vendors wanted for flea market on W. Brookfield Common

WEST BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church 36 N. Main St., W. Brookfield, UCC has been hosting their Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years. This year the Flea Market will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (vendor check-in 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.).

Sellers of all kinds are welcome - flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics! No food vendors, please. Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20-by-20-foot grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. Email to fccofwbfleamarket@gmail.com for an application or call Karen at 508-801-7692.

Mark your calendars; the tradition continues!

East Brookfield Summer Concert series underway

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield Bandstand Committee is once again bringing live music to Connie Mack Field this summer with six free Thursday evening concerts celebrating local talent, classic rock, and community traditions. Organized entirely by volunteers, the committee relies on sponsorships, food sales, and donations to make the annual series possible.

This year's lineup features a variety of musical styles, beginning with The Otters on July 16, followed by hometown favorites Big Gunz (July 23), classic rock tribute band Brookfield Rhythm (July 30), Beatles tribute 4Ever Fab (Aug. 6), the rotating ensemble 'Dentity Crisis' (August 13), and the Brookfield-based rock trio Moonlight Saints closing the season on Aug. 20. Highlights include 'Dentity Crisis's special performance celebrating the 45th anniversary of The Rolling Stones' rehearsals at Long View Farm in neighboring North Brookfield, as well as the farm's connections to The J. Geils Band and Aerosmith.

The East Brookfield Summer Concert Series continues to provide an opportunity for neighbors and visitors alike to gather, enjoy live music, and celebrate the community. We would love to see you there!

Girl Scout Troop welcomes new members

SPENCER — Girls entering grades Kindergarten and 1 in the fall are invited to join Troop 65501. The troop meets in Spencer every other Sunday, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Girl membership registration fee is \$111, and is active until September 30, 2027. Financial Assistance is available.

Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, life skills, the outdoors, community service, science and technology. Girl Scout programming is customizable for all types of learners! Previous Girl Scout experience is not necessary.

You can register for a spot in the troop at <https://go.gscwm.org/troop65501>. Questions? E-mail info@gscwm.org or call 508-365-0115.

About Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts
Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves nearly 6,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of over 2,500 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. The Girl Scout program allows girls to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together while building their personal leadership qualities. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience, and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities.

East Brookfield seeks public input for Open Space and Recreation Plan update

EAST BROOKFIELD — The Town of East Brookfield, with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), is updating its 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan and is seeking input from residents.

Community members are encouraged to participate in a survey to share their thoughts on open space, recreational opportunities, and priorities for the future. Public feedback will help guide the development of the updated plan, which is required to maintain the Town's eligibility for State grant funding for conservation and recreation projects.

Residents can complete the survey online at <https://tinyurl.com/yv7b23fy>. Hard copies are also available at Town Hall, the East Brookfield Public Library, and the Senior Center.

The Town encourages all residents to take part and help shape the future of East Brookfield's parks, recreation resources, and open spaces.

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us up to 60 percent of the cost of the project. The cost of the project is running around \$45 million or \$48 million right now. The Leicester town piece would be approximately \$20 million. It would add an HVAC and plumbing program to the school as well as open up a new vet clinic and early education,” Menard said.

Supporters tout the project as a significant investment in the community which would continue to make Leicester a primary destination for local students seeking career path advancement on the high

school level. Select Board Chair Doug Belanger explained how it would provide not only increased educational opportunities but also new sources of income for the town.

“They can get out of high school and have a real career,” said Belanger. “At the same time there’s towns that because they can’t get into the trade schools are coming to us and they pay us between \$17,000 and \$20,000 a kid and they pay for transportation. The flip side of that is if our kids want to go to a trade school and they get in we have to pay them and pay for transportation. So, this is a double positive for us, and I think of it more of an

investment than a cost.”

The initiative has been led by a School Building Committee and a subcommittee, which Menard said has focused more on function than image when considering the renovations. He ensured voters that the money would enhance pro-

grams first and foremost. He noted that several informational sessions have already been held, although he also acknowledged there are questions still circulating in the public and on social media.

Menard said their goal is transparency, and he

wishes more of the public would attend the hearings and information sessions to learn about the project.

“Our model from day one has been ‘pretty and not pretty,’” said Menard. “We’re not looking to make the most beautiful building out there. We’re looking

to make the most efficient buildings out there. This would be a huge boom for the town.”

The debt exclusion will be included on the ballot for the midterm elections which take place Nov. 3.

August 2026 Interpretive Programs at Blackstone River Greenway Visitor Center at Worcester

WORCESTER — All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. Meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise stated. Programming is subject to change or cancellation. For the most up to date programming information, call (508) 373-7056 Reasonable accommodations available upon advance notice. To make a request, please contact Moneesha Dasgupta at (617) 645-0358 or moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov.

The Blackstone River Greenway Visitor Center at Worcester is located

at 3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester.

Woodlands and Waterways
Saturday, Aug. 8, 2 – 3 p.m.

Walk along the banks of the Blackstone River and learn about the life that it supports. We’ll look for signs of wildlife as we discuss the ways we can keep our watershed clean! Appropriate for ages 12 and up. The walk is ~1 mile over a paved surface with slight inclines. Meet 205 North Main Street, Millbury, MA. Bathrooms and water are not available at this site.

Bike the Blackstone
Saturday, Aug. 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

Come with us on a bike ride on the Blackstone River Greenway. Enjoy the scenery and look out for wildlife as we ride along the river. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. The ride is ~6 miles on a paved surface with slight inclines and declines. Meet at 205 North Main Street, Millbury, MA. Riders under 16 must wear a helmet. Bathrooms and water are available at the midpoint of the trip.

Mill to Meadow
Saturday, Aug. 22, 2 – 3 p.m.

The land on which the Visitor Center stands was once the largest factory complex in Worcester — and now not a single building remains! In this

short walk, find out about “brownfield” reclamation on site and how it fits into the Blackstone Valley’s environmental renaissance. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. About ¼ mile over paved surfaces.

Visitor Center Exhibit Tour
Saturdays, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us on a tour of the Heritage Center’s exhibit hall! Learn how the Blackstone Canal helped transform Worcester from a sleepy county seat to a thriving industrial city and hub for immigration and innovation. Appropriate for ages 6 and up.

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ter.

“You had a set of plans and you shortcut it. Whether it’s an inch and a half or an inch and anything, you had a set of plans; you should have followed the plans. It’s not our fault. We paid you the money. We expected the work to be done properly – I don’t know if we’d be liable to someone who is handicapped that hit those transitions. That’s my concern,” Woodbury said.

Bak and other company representatives took issue with the accusations that they took shortcuts on the project explaining that there were contradictions and discrepancies in the plans.

While the contractors argued that they didn’t feel the transitions would be a huge issue noting that noone with a wheelchair would likely push it up that grading, the selectmen pointed out the project’s proximity to a school and the reality of motorized wheelchairs as a rebuttal.

The board eventually voted unanimously to order the project to be completed as designed and that the board be informed of when the repairs would take place.

The order did not sit well with the contractors with Brian Bak explicitly criticizing Spencer as a difficult town to work with and that he felt this decision would negatively affect the town’s reputation with contractors.

“You guys are going to bite the bullet in the long run,” he told the selectmen. “I understand that in this case we’re at fault. I get that, but you guys are so difficult to work with you’re going to pay a premium down the road because it’s well-known what town to work for, what towns not, and where to charge and upcharge and you’re going to be one of those towns.”

Bak said they found it easier to work with Spencer when former Utilities and Facilities Superintendent Peter Boria was on staff accusing Spencer of “running him out of town”.

Selectman Jared Grigg responded saying they were aware of the risks, but their decision was about the principal of the matter at hand.

“I’m one for owning my mistakes all day. I’m not a perfect individual. We’re all human. This stuff is important, especially given the situations we’ve been in. That’s why we’re being so hypercritical,” said Grigg. “It’s not lost on me that we could end up paying a price down the road, but at least we’re getting what we paid for at that point.”

WORCESTER — The highly anticipated Family Literacy Festival 2026 is set to return bigger and better than ever on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Worcester Common Oval. This free, family-friendly event is expected to draw thousands of attendees, bringing together literacy, culture, community, and fun in one dynamic outdoor experience.

Hosted by SCENSOB Foundation, the Family Literacy Festival is designed to promote the importance of literacy while creating equitable access to educational resources for families across the region. With a mission rooted in community empowerment, FLF continues to serve as a cornerstone event for Worcester and surrounding areas.

This year’s festival will feature: More than 10 vendors and community organizations, authors, and food trucks

Children’s Business Expo, showcasing young entrepreneurs

Live entertainment, including DJs, cultural dance performances, and a vibrant fashion show

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“Last year’s turnout was incredible, and this year we’ve expanded every aspect of the festival to meet the growing demand,” said event organizers. “Our goal is not just to celebrate literacy, but to make sure every child and family leaves with the tools they need to succeed.”

In addition to its educational focus, the festival serves as a powerful platform for small businesses, local authors, and community organizations to connect directly

with thousands of attendees. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are still available, though space is limited.

The event is made possible through the support of community partners, sponsors, and dedicated volunteers who share a commitment to education, access, and community growth.

For more information, vendor registration, or sponsorship inquiries, please visit www.scensobfoundation.org.

About SCENSOB Foundation: SCENSOB Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing education, equity, and community development through impactful programming and events. Through initiatives like the Family Literacy Festival, the foundation continues to empower families and create pathways for success.

Outdoor summer concert returns Aug. 21 in downtown Worcester with Jazz+ Live™ featuring The Love Dogs

WORCESTER — WICN Public Radio 90.5 FM, The Hanover Theatre & Conservatory for the Performing Arts, and the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District invite the community to celebrate summer at the 9th Annual Jazz+ Live™ concert, featuring the acclaimed jump blues and rhythm & blues band The Love Dogs.

The outdoor concert will take place on Friday, Aug. 21, behind The Hanover Theatre in downtown Worcester. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the concert beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For more than two decades, The Love Dogs, fronted by the charismatic Eddie Scheer, have entertained audiences across the United States, Canada, and Europe with their irresistible blend of jump blues, New Orleans R&B, swing, and early rock ‘n’ roll. Their powerhouse horn section, boogie-woogie piano, soulful vocals, and infectious stage presence have made them one of New England’s premier live bands and a favorite among music lovers of all ages.

“Jazz+ Live™ has become one of Worcester’s signature summer traditions because it brings together outstanding live music, strong community partnerships, and people who simply enjoy spending an evening together,” said Melanie Le-Boeuf, Executive Director of WICN Public

–MORE–Radio. “At WICN, we believe music has the power to connect people.”

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, along with food and non-alcoholic beverages, to enjoy during the performance. Food trucks and cash bars will be available throughout the evening. Outside alcohol is not permitted.

General admission tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the event. Guests should bring their own lawn chairs. VIP front-row tables for four are available for \$175 per table, offering reserved seating with the best views of the stage. Tickets are available through The Hanover Theatre Box Office and online at TheHanoverTheatre.org.

About WICN Public Radio WICN Public Radio 90.5 FM is an independent, nonprofit public radio station serving Central Massachusetts and beyond. Through award-winning jazz, roots, blues, world music, and locally produced programming, WICN connects listeners with the arts, culture, education, and conversations that enrich the region. WICN’s mission is to inspire, entertain, and engage diverse audiences while supporting the cultural vitality of the communities it serves. Broadcasting throughout Central New England and streaming worldwide, WICN brings exceptional music and local voices to audiences wherever they are.

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Webster First Federal Credit Union promotes Colleen Carney to Chief Risk Officer



Colleen Carney

WORCESTER — Webster First Federal Credit Union has announced the promotion of Colleen Carney to Chief Risk Officer. The appointment reflects the growing importance of risk management within the credit union and

recognizes Carney’s leadership in supporting Webster First’s continued success. “Colleen brings a strong and well-rounded background in banking, operations, finance, revenue management, and risk management,” said President and CEO John Thomasian, “As Webster First continues to demonstrate strong performance and sustained growth, the importance of a comprehensive and proactive risk management function has never been greater. I am confident that Colleen will excel in this important

leadership role.” Before joining Webster First, she spent 10 years at Flagship Bank in Worcester. She earned a B.S. in Business Administration, magna cum laude, from Worcester State University. Carney joined Webster First in October 2007 as Spencer Branch Manager. During her tenure, she earned an M.S. in Management from Worcester State University and later transitioned to the Accounting Department as Assistant Vice President of Risk Management in July

2018. She was promoted to Vice President of Revenue in October 2020, and in January 2024 assumed responsibility for risk management as Vice President of Risk and Revenue. In this role, she expanded and strengthened the credit union’s risk management function, enhanced the work of the Risk Committee, and helped ensure that risks across the organization are appropriately assessed, evaluated, mitigated, and managed. She is currently pursuing an M.S. in Enterprise Risk Management at Boston

University. Carney said “I am honored to step into the newly created role of Chief Risk Officer and grateful for the opportunity to help shape this important function for the credit union. Establishing this position reflects our continued commitment to strong governance, thoughtful risk management, and long-term organizational strength. I look forward to working collaboratively across the organization to protect and support our members, employees, and commu-

nity while helping guide sound decision-making and responsible growth.” About Webster First Federal Credit Union ranks among the largest credit unions operating in Massachusetts. Since its founding in 1928, Webster First has grown its operations, services, and membership to serve four counties across the state, Worcester, Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk with branches throughout. For more information, visit websterfirst.com.

Bay Path celebrates 59 CTI graduates, expands workforce training programs

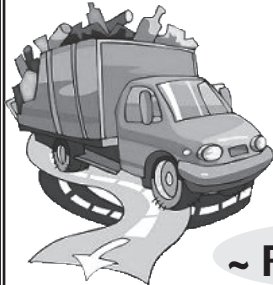
CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 59 students from its Career Technical Initiative (CTI) program last evening, marking a significant milestone in the program’s continued growth and impact. The CTI program, launched in 2024, provides adult 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 position 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: Building Maintenance HVAC Culinary Manufacturing Auto Collision

Auto Technology Diesel Mechanic Welding Electrical 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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