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## Charlton Scouts named Troop of the Week during annual camp



The scouts of Troop 338 in Charlton were named Camp of the Week during their 2022 visit to Camp Yawgoog in July.

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Boy Scouts of Troop 388 in Charlton have a lot to be proud of after attending Camp Yawgoog in 2022. The annual week-long visit to the Rockville, Rhode Island reservation saw Troop 338 named Troop of the Week for the week of July 17 camp session.

The Troop, which is comprised of scouts from Charlton and Southbridge, earned the honor for the first time in seven years after collectively proving to be a shining example

of camp spirit and enthusiasm while competing in a week-long tournament against other troops from across New England and New York. Senior Patrol Leader Daniel Harris said the award goes to the Troop that best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law meaning Troop 338 was determined to have embraced the spirit of scouting the most during their week of camp.

“As a leader, seeing the Troop get this recognition was a huge

Photo Courtesy

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## Annual Zucchini Festival returns to Holland Aug. 21



HOLLAND — The Friends of the Holland Community Center will once again host their Annual Zucchini Festival and Antique Car Show at the Holland Community Center at 40 Brimfield Rd. in Holland on Sunday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the Festival is free, and there is something for everyone.

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We will also be collecting cans and bottles that you can drop off the day of the festival. Proceeds from the can drive benefit events held at the Community Center.

There really is something for everyone. Join us for this family friendly fun-filled afternoon.

For more information contact [Activities@HollandMA.org](mailto:Activities@HollandMA.org) or call 413-245-3163.

## Camera to add security to sewer treatment plant

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Charlton Water & Sewer Commission has agreed to allow a longtime partner of the town to install new camera around the sewer treatment plant to increase employee security and accountability for those who decide to illegally encroach on the property.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Peter Boria

told the Commission during a July 12 meeting that Kenneth Hahn, President of Micronet Associates, offered to install new security and monitoring cameras around the plant. Micronet is responsible for cameras at numerous other town buildings. Boria said the installations would greatly enhance the plant’s current security replacing the single older and outdated camera currently in operation.

“What they’re proposing is

to do four cameras with wide fields of view at corners,” Boria said. “We’ll pretty much have 360-degree coverage around the building which will allow us to see what’s going on and, if need be, go back and review what might have happened.”

Water & Sewer Commission Chairman David Cantwell lauded the idea wondering why they hadn’t installed new cameras sooner. Member Cameron Coleman asked what prompted the need for increased security

in the first place. Boria said that unfortunately the plant has been the target of at least one vandalism since the pandemic began in 2020.

“There was one (situation) where a couple of kids crawled under the gate and got into the headworks building and discharged a fire extinguisher and left it down by the end of the road by Route 20. That was almost two years ago now. We obtained the footage from the camera, and you couldn’t real-

ly get a good enough picture to identify who it was,” said Boria. “This will also provide a sense of safety for the employees as well. If something were to happen to somebody, we could look back at the cameras to identify how it happened.”

Boria did not indicate there were any prior work-related incidents that prompted the need for camera.

The Water & Sewer Commission approved the new

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## Redcoats and Rebels event returns to after two-year hiatus



Redcoats and Rebels event at Old Sturbridge Village.

Photo Courtesy

STURBRIDGE — On Saturday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Aug. 7, Redcoats and Rebels—the largest military re-enactment in New England—will return to Old Sturbridge Village. For two days, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Village Common will transform into a military camp from the time of the War for Independence, showcasing what it was really like for those who fought to win America’s freedoms—and for those they fought against.

Hundreds of costumed Revolutionary War re-enactors will set up camp at the Village, portraying both soldiers and civilians from the time of the war. Visitors can explore exhibits, galleries, and demonstrations, see special presentations, talk with costumed historians about everyday life in early New England, and enjoy fife and drum music. Furthermore, they can learn of soldiers’ and civilians’ motivations for joining the war and their individual roles, tour the camps, and witness recreated skir-

mishes and battles.

Guests will learn about the daily life of a Revolutionary War soldier, including the delivery of uniforms, pay calls, and prisoner exchanges. In camp, visitors can immerse themselves in the daily lives and trades of early New England, as reenactors demonstrate historic methods of cooking, baking, and the making of common household items such as soap, brooms, muskets, balls, buttons, and bowls.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, the Village will offer special extended hours from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a “Twilight Encampment” and additional time with the troops. There is no extra charge for this experience, all events and demonstrations are included in the museum’s standard daytime and member admission. Historic buildings will be closed during this time.

“After a two-year hiatus, we are thrilled

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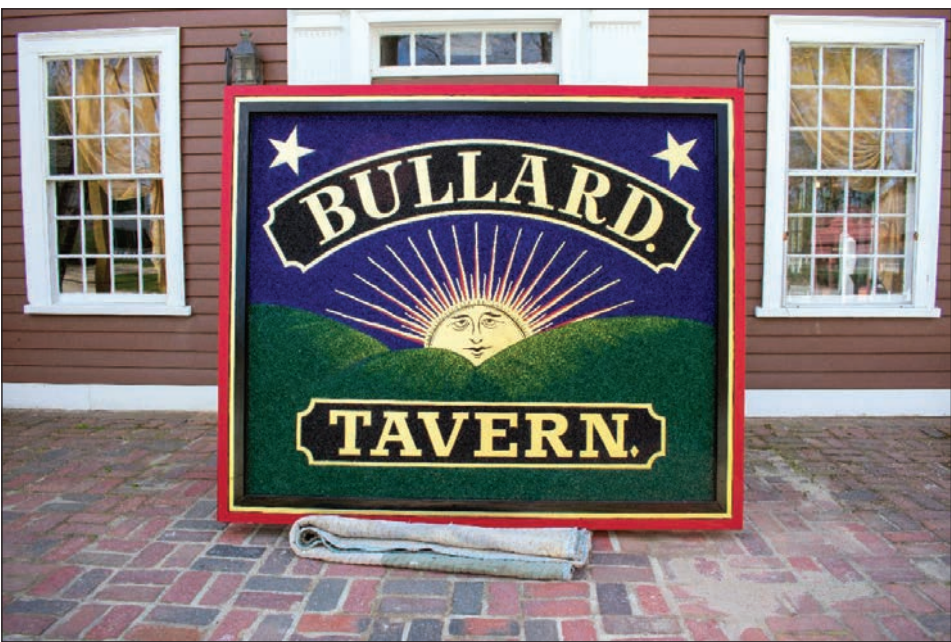
# Old Sturbridge Village unveils new signage for Bullard Tavern

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village has unveiled new signage at The Bullard Tavern on the Common, constructed and hand-painted by local artist and Sturbridge resident, John Cloutier. Replacing an older, damaged sign for the Tavern, the new signage brings to life a traditional style and larger design—one that is appropriate to the signs of early New England—working in tandem with the Programming & Interpretation and Curatorial & Collections teams at Old Sturbridge Village.

The updated sign features a rising sun smiling out over two green hills, with the Bullard Tavern name framing the scene in the sky and along the grass line. The sign’s design was inspired by one hanging in the Stephen M. Brewer Theater in the Old Sturbridge Village Visitor Center. It is approximately six feet by five feet and hangs on posts that stand around 16 feet high—reaching the second floor of the Tavern building.

Cloutier is a lifelong resident of Sturbridge, and the owner of Globe Signs in Southbridge, MA. He has a history of working with the Village, creating period signs for buildings including the Print Shop, Thompson Bank, and Law Office, as well as wayfinding signs and map kiosks, along with the Bullard Tavern sign the new one has since replaced.

“Old Sturbridge Village has so much meaning to my family—our history with and love for the Village has been passed down through the generations.”



Newly finished sign for The Bullard Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village.

Photo Courtesy

says Cloutier. “My grandparents both worked in the Village and would often bring me there as a young child; later on, my wife worked there as well. Having grown up watching the interpreters do their specific crafts definitely influenced me to want to work with my hands and heart. I’m grateful to have taken my own children to the Village and have now passed my passions along to my sons, Jack and Sam, who assisted

with the creation of this sign. I hope that my work is just one small contribution to the Village’s continued success.”

Once called The Village Inn, Bullard Tavern is named after Cromwell Bullard, who owned and operated a tavern in Sturbridge in the 1830s (now known as The Public House Inn and Restaurant). When Bullard Tavern was built, the architectural philosophy was that the building needed to look and feel

appropriate to the time and region that they were modeled for—but did not need to be exact reproductions. The Tavern incorporates some original materials but is primarily a 1940s impression of a 19th-century tavern.

Previously, Cloutier created the sign for Bullard Tavern using a special technique common to the 19th century, incorporating crushed glass and colored sand to add texture to the sign and background and Black Glass Skeg to add sparkle and texture to the piece. He worked with Esoteric Sign Supply to gather the materials—but this iteration, Esoteric had gone out of business and Cloutier found himself in need of a new vendor. Working with a German company who produced glass material and distributed to a shop in Oregon, Cloutier was able to access a larger variety of colors and grits—bringing to life a new vision and new sign for the Tavern.

Today, Bullard Tavern serves as the hub for visitors to purchase food and drinks at Old Sturbridge Village, including sandwiches, salads, paninis, soups and grilled items. More information on Bullard Tavern can be found at: <https://www.osv.org/building/bullard-tavern/>.

Additional images of the custom signage created for Bullard Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village, can be found and downloaded at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/v0kf5kn8efmte1o/AAApkEYLcFhCE6Tia8N7Mdoa?dl=0>.

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## Charlton Cultural Council accepting Art Show submissions

CHARLTON — The Charlton Cultural Council is pleased to announce that they are now accepting submissions for the 42nd Annual Art Show! The Show will occur during Old Home Day on Monday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Charlton Town Hall and Senior Center. The council has also announced the addition of three new submission categories — Remembrance Pieces, Special Art Ability, and Fabric Arts.

To submit artwork to the show and to learn more about the categories, go to <https://rb.gy/3yte33>. The form to register can also be found on the Charlton Cultural Council’s webpage. All Art Show participants must complete this form to be officially entered into the

show. Forms will be accepted through Sunday, Aug. 28. If you are submitting multiple entries to the Art Show, then you must complete a new registration form for each entry.

For questions or additional information on the Art Show, please contact the Charlton Cultural Council at [Cultural.Council@townofcharlton.net](mailto:Cultural.Council@townofcharlton.net).

The Charlton Cultural Council is a part of the Mass Cultural Council. To learn more, please visit their webpage, [www.townofcharlton.net/322/Cultural-Council](http://www.townofcharlton.net/322/Cultural-Council). You can also follow the council on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CharltonCulturalCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/CharltonCulturalCouncil), on Instagram @charltonculturalcouncil, or on Twitter @CharltonCouncil.



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SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

DUDLEY — Shepherd Hill Regional High School has released its honor roll for the fourth term of the 2021-2022 school year.

Class of 2025 – Grade 9  
Sarah Arnold, Kasey Blanchette, Jackson Checkosky, Aidan Dean, Ashley Dickhaut, Fiona Duke, Chloe Dumas, Lily Durda, Charli Easton, Donovan Ennis, Brady Holden, Jonathan Hutchinson, Bishoy Ibrahim, Robert Jadczak, Jaden Jaillet, Sarah Jalbert, Ryan Jaworski, Harrison Jordanoglou, Rosalie Knowlton, Sebastian Krementsov, Timothy Krysinski, Kathryn LeBlanc, Alexis Leoni, Jazavious Maisonet, Nolan McGonagle, Maggie Montville, Collin Moody, Piotr Nemera, Sadie Mae Nobert, Catherine Pavone, Isabel Poplawski, Amber Quadarella, Nicholas Ramsey, Colin Resener, Madison Rizzo, Hannah Roberts, Hazel Rucci, Zoie Unger, Jonathan Vitkus, Jacob Wojcicki  
Second Honors  
Anthony Avoglia, Harrison Balko, Rose Bell, David Breault, Jaden Deauseault, Grace Delisle, Juliana Desmarais, Cheyann Dumais, Trinity Gosselin, Scott Lehmann, Krish Patel, Meghan Stevens, Domadious Tawadrous, Maximous Tawadrous, Sean Tyrrell, Mara Weber, Sophina Zacek

Recognition  
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Class of 2024 — Grade 10  
First Honors  
Madison Barnett, Nicolas Benoit, Ayla Brissette, Kelsy Brown, Nathan Card, Ethan Casey, Allison Castaneda Moreno, David Cranney, Quinn Cushing, Nicholas Damelio, Hayden Davis, Nicholas Dell’Ovo, Kaelyn Donovan, Cora Dubey, Arlo Dzik, Jacob Fredette, Kathryn Gadoury, Liam Gravel, Chloe Graves, Daniel Gronek, Katelyn Hakala, Zachary Hebert, Ola Jaroszewski, Kierce Jarvis, Rebecca Joesten, Athena Karas, Harry Kennan, Owen Kondek, Kyle LeBlanc, Joanna Lepper, Daniel Lincoln, Cayleigh Mayen, Sofia McCarty, Lillian Nelson, Madelyn Parker, Rushi Patel, Sofia Poplawski, Rachel Reynolds, Adrien Roach, Athanasia Towadros, Athanasios Towadros, Jillian Treveloni, Lea Vanskike, Gavin Wallace, Helene Weimbs, Zachary Wennerberg, Agatha White, Emma Yaede  
Second Honors  
Daniel Adamuska, Yanitxy Aviles, Vanessa Baclawski, Adwoa Boateng, Grace Garon, Leah Garvey, Alexis Germain, Heidi Jarosz, Giovanna Krettli, Oliveira Costa, Juliana Lancette, Payton Leone, Morgan Lewandowski, Alberto Lockward, Samantha Lotter, Jethro Mensah, Savannah Padgett, James Palfreman, Kassandra Peloquin, Leo Perry, Luke Poirier, Kayla Pospel, Ashton Sirimongkhoun, Ava Sousa, Andrew Sullivan, Kaden Wintle, Emily Zanauskas

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Class of 2023 – Grade 11  
First Honors  
Yarellys Acosta Bernazar, Grace Bateman, Sofia Beaulieu, Ryan Berk, Jacob Brodeur, Shaylan C a s h m a n , A u g u s t u s C e d e r m a n , V i c t o r i a

Chamberlain, Jillian Cloutier, Olivia Cranney, Colleen Cumming, Connor Daniel, Christopher Davey, Caroline Doering, Brady Donahue, Emma Drake, Aidan Dugan, Marlee Eckbold, Adam Faucher, Hanna Gamelli, Haleigh Garrepy, Emma Girasuolo, Kaia Gray, Emma Gulkin, Julia Hickey, Abbigael Hill, Aria Humphries, Madeleine Johnson, Alicia Kirwin, Olivia Krukonis, Leah Leclair, Abigail Lombardi, Olivia Lombardi, Joseph Montville, Nicole Moore, Manar Morgan, Natalie Nayfeh, Maria Piekarczyk, Alek Poirier, Rami Rachid, Zachary Rivas, Sydney Roland, Natalia Rucinski, Alice Torres, Francisco Torres, Julie Traverso, Nicholas Veronis, Emma White, Meridan Wildes, Riley Zacek, Ashlee Zaleski  
Second Honors  
Emma Bousquet, Samantha Bullen, Caitlyn Bussiere, Ellen Butler, Victoria Cravedi, Angelina Demce, Josie Ducharme, Ashley Gendreau, Charles Karp, Rachel Lolax, Luke Miller, Emery Mullen, Mason Paine, Damien Petrie, Jocelyn Sitko, Andrew Trudel, Jocelyn Van Minos, Hannah White, Marissa White, Gregory Winans, Olivia Youssef  
Recognition  
Austin Ayotte, Ethan Barre, Lily Bateman, Ryan Brooks, Jaidyn Brosnihan, Taylor Burdett, Joslyn Butler, Alexander Card, Nathaniel Chute, Julia Corriveau, Elena Cronin, Troy Cyr, Abigail DeWitt, Caiden Dumas, Daniel Durda, Lauryn Dyer, Genisa Filep, Cameron Fitton, Kaylee Fox, Shannon Germain, Kylia Hernandez, Alison Lotter, Nicole Machado, Shawn Maple, Maxton McPhee, Arianna Murphy, Joshua Njoroge, Colin O’Brien, Pancham Patel, Nicholas-James, Penesis-Lawrence, Kyla Piper, Angelina Ramirez, Emily Riopel, Caden Senseman, Natalia Sudyka, Brayden Thompson, Daniel Vitkus, Ashley Wojcicki, Kaitlyn Woodson, Rachel Zannotti

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Second Honors  
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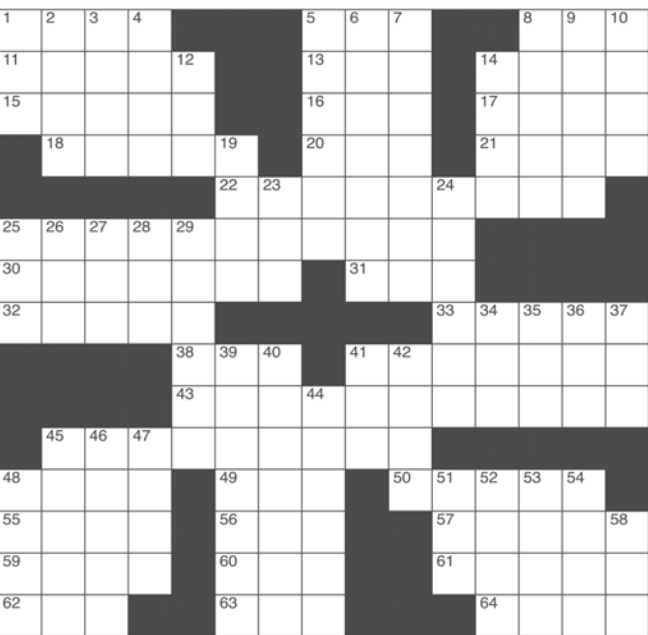
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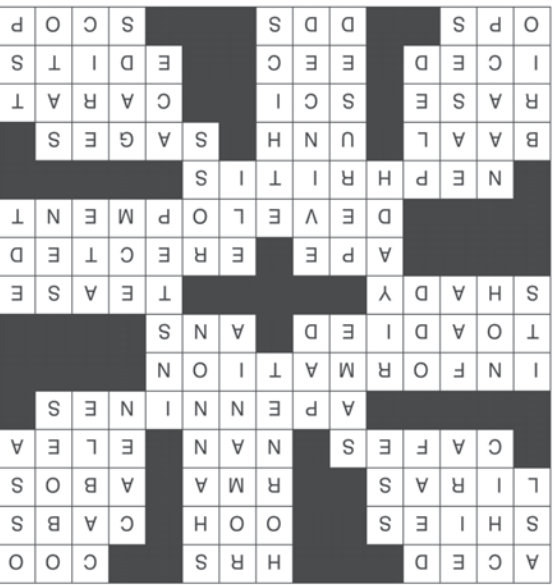


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Time units (abbr.)
- 8. Pigeon’s murmur
- 11. Moves aside in fright
- 13. Partner to “ahh”
- 14. Taxis
- 15. Monetary units of Turkey
- 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 17. Prolific Italian opera composer
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. One’s grandmother
- 21. Ancient Greek City
- 22. Italian mountain ranges
- 25. Data
- 30. Acted in an obedient way
- 31. Autonomic nervous system
- 32. Not on the up-and-up
- 33. Mock lightly
- 38. Mimic
- 41. Built
- 43. A neighborhood
- 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
- 48. Semitic fertility god
- 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
- 50. Wise people
- 55. Tear down
- 56. \_\_\_-fi (slang)
- 57. Diamond weight
- 59. Frosted
- 60. Predecessor to EU
- 61. Makes changes to
- 62. Some are secret
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Norwegian river
- 4. People with impaired hearing
- 5. Large stinging paper wasp
- 6. Bucharest is its capital
- 7. River in Ireland
- 8. Type of TV
- 9. Double-reed instruments
- 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. French commune
- 19. Alike
- 23. A bachelor’s apartment
- 24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
- 25. Belonging to a thing
- 26. Japanese classical theater
- 27. Supervises flying
- 28. Not even
- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 34. Electronic countermeasure
- 35. Consumed
- 36. American politician (abbr.)
- 37. Sun up in New York
- 39. Casually looked through
- 40. Revealed the presence of
- 41. Peyton’s little brother
- 42. Diana \_\_, singer
- 44. Study of moral values and rules
- 45. Civil Rights group
- 46. Makes less severe
- 47. Made an emotional appeal
- 48. Vivacity of style
- 51. One who is highly skilled
- 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 58. Recipe abbreviation



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Local students named  
to Dean’s List at  
MCPHS University

Students named to  
Champlain College  
honors list

BOSTON — MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester:

\* Anna Murray is a native of Charlton, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Psychology, Physical Therapy degreeAnna will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2025.

\* Hailey Demers is a native of Charlton, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degreeHailey will graduate from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus in 2022.

\* Megan Meisenheimer is a native of Charlton, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Dual Degree degreeMegan will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

\* Liberty Meisl is a native of Sturbridge, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degreeLiberty will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2024.

The Dean’s List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

The mission of MCPHS University is to prepare graduates to advance health and serve communities worldwide through excellence, innovation, and collaboration in teaching, practice, scholarship, and research. Founded in 1823, MCPHS University is the oldest institution of higher education in the City of Boston. In addition to the original Boston campus, the University has campuses in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Manchester, New Hampshire, as well as robust online learning options. The University currently offers more than 100 unique baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree programs and certificates covering a variety of health-related fields and professions.

Students named to Champlain College honors list

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The following students have been named to the Champlain College an Honors List for the spring 2022 semester. The honors include:

Dean’s List - achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the spring semester.

President’s List - achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher for the spring semester.

Trustees’ List - achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters.

Erik Biedrzycki of Wales made the President’s list.

Jillian Goyette of Fiskdale made the Trustees’ list.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. From its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, the College offers an innovative academic experience and more than 100 residential and online programs, including undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates. Champlain’s distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. For the sixth year in a row, Champlain was named a “Most Innovative School” in the North by U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” rankings, and was listed among The Princeton Review’s “The Best 387 Colleges” in 2022. Champlain is also featured in the 2021 Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the “best and most interesting schools” in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain and was recognized as a 2020 College of Distinction for its “Engagement, Teaching, Community, and Outcomes.” For more information, visit champlain.edu.

Western New England  
University announces Spring  
2022 President’s List

Western New England  
University announces  
Spring 2022 Dean’s List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University recently named over 520 students to the Spring Semester 2022 Presidents List.

Elise Palfreman of Charlton is working toward a BA in Psychology.

Jack Krukonis of Charlton is working toward a BSBA in Entrepreneurship.

Ashley Figueroa of Charlton is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Carly Phaneuf of Brimfield is working toward a BA in English.

Cole Crosby of Brimfield is working toward a BSBA in Sport Management.

Alison Fortier of Wales is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Maxfield Phaneuf of Brimfield is working toward a BSE in Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering Concentration.

Joshua Bolte of Brimfield is working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering.

Joseph Gonzalez of Holland is working toward a BSE in Electrical Engineering.

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

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University recently named over 730 students to the Spring Semester 2022 Dean’s List.

Megan Hueras of Charlton is working toward a BA in Law & Society.

Adelina Hough of Charlton is working toward a BS in Chemistry.

Evan Donovan of Charlton is working toward a BS in Health Sciences/Pre-Physician Assistant Concentration.

Zachary Johnson of Charlton is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Kelsey Anisko of Charlton is working toward a Juris Doctor.

Courtney Farrell of Sturbridge is working toward a BA in Psychology.

Dylan Willitts of Fiskdale is working toward a BS in Criminal Justice.

Meghan Caplette of Fiskdale is working toward a BS in Forensic Biology.

Jillian Fabrycki of Fiskdale is working toward a Juris Doctor.

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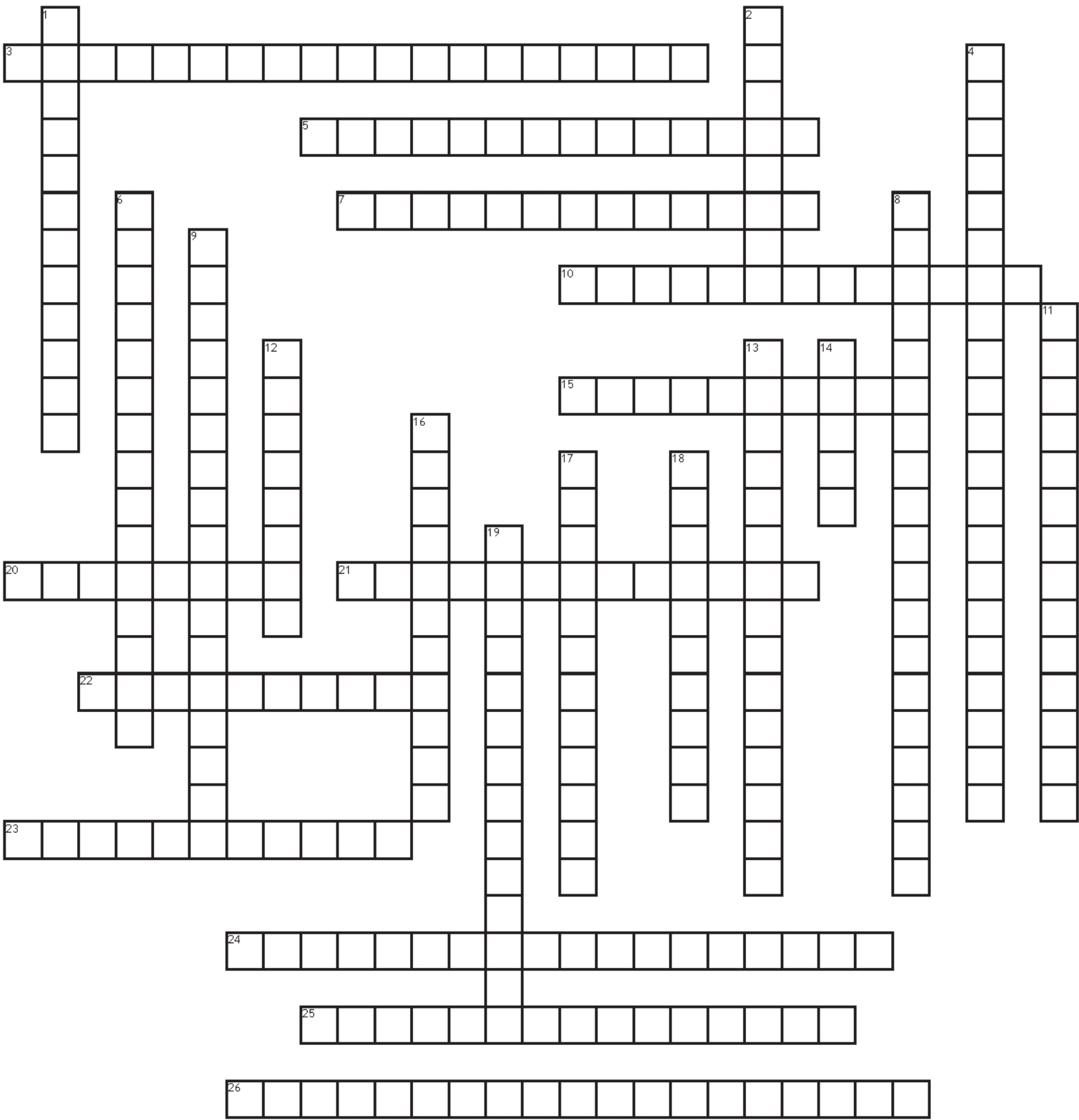




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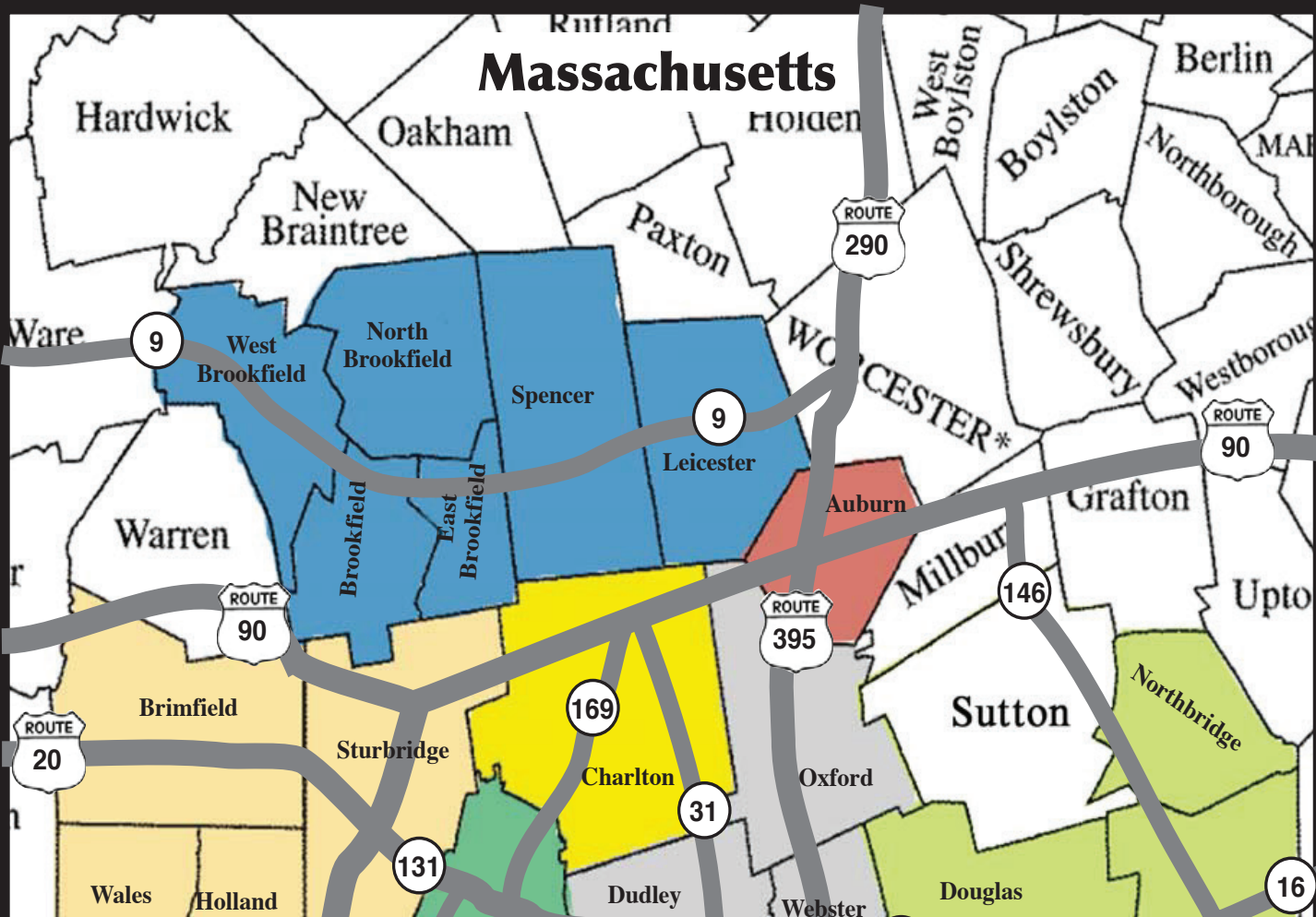




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# Here’s to the Dog Days

It’s a typical New England summer evening, with a warm breeze blowing through the open windows. the sun is setting with the back drop of dancing leaves hanging on the trees in the distance. Paul Simon, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Led Zeppelin, Edie Brickell and The Doors are taking turns on the five disc CD player recently picked up from a local secondhand shop, and well, here we are, in the dog days of summer. What a great place to be.

But what exactly does that term mean?

The “Dog Days” of summer was coined for the period from July 3 to Aug. 11, typically the hottest days of the season. We found that not many know where the expression comes from. Some thought it simply meant that it’s too hot outside for dogs; however, that is not the case.

The phrase stemmed from Sirius, the Dog Star. During the “Dog Days,” the Sun occupies the same part of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from Earth. Sirius is a part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog.

Since the Sirius star is so bright on July 23, the ancient Romans thought it added extra heat to the sun, making this span of time hotter. Of course, we know that the heat is because of the Earth’s tilt.

Speaking of summertime and keeping things light as we should during this season, we wanted to dispel some old myths some of us still carry with us from childhood.

Our parents told us we could catch a cold from air conditioning. The extreme changes in temperature from going outside to inside could wreak havoc on your immune system, especially if people around you are sick. Keep your air conditioner at a moderate level and all will be A-OK.

They also told us you can’t get sunburned on a cloudy day; however, we do recall some of our parents actually telling us that we could! Thick clouds cannot block harmful UV rays, leaving you at risk for a bad burn. One of us had an aunt, who told us that putting butter on a bad burn would soothe the pain. Butter may actually cause an infection and make the healing process take longer, keep it on your popcorn.

The old “Don’t swim after eating” line we’ve all heard from about Kindergarten through high school? Well, it turns out that jumping back into the pool with a freshly full stomach might be a bit uncomfortable, but the notion that you will suffer cramps debilitating enough to drown you is a myth.

Saltwater does not heal wounds faster; in fact, it makes them worse. However, dried beach hair after a dip in the ocean is always a ten.

Eating garlic does not keep the bugs away. For a natural repellant, try placing some lavender behind your ears.

Hopefully, these myths brought you back to your summers as a child where back then, you had to be home before the lights went on, catching lightning bugs and putting them in a jar was a nightly activity and jumping through actual inter tubes where the tire valve had better be faced down was what those days were made of, oh and pogo sticks!

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# OPINION

## STURBRIDGE PD WELCOMES NEW OFFICER



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**Officials congratulate newly appointed Sturbridge Police Officer Benjamin Hoffman, who joined the force last month. Officer Hoffman brings 22 years of law enforcement experience to the department, as well as a master’s degree in criminal justice. He recently retired as a sergeant with the Madison, CT, Police Department. Hoffman was appointed by the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen on July 18, with a start date scheduled for July 19.**

# Summertime Strategies



## TAKE THE HINT

**KAREN TRAINOR**

The dog days of summer are here, and it’s more important than ever to ensure carefree hours enjoying the sunny season. The only thing that can put a damper on these bright, warm days are some seasonal hassles. From beating the heat to banishing bugs, the following hacks and hints are sure to make summer a little easier!

**Foil Garden Bugs:** Are bugs in the garden having a daily feast at your expense? To repel squash bugs that attack squash, cucumbers or pumpkins, place strips of aluminum foil under the vines. As a bonus, some growers claim the foil also makes the squash ripen faster.

**Attention gardeners:** Plants that grow best in alkaline soil such as geraniums and hydrangea, will bloom better if you water them with a mild mixture of baking soda and water. Is powdery mildew on your roses or lilac bushes? Spray them with a mix of one quarter cup baking soda in two quarts of water to remedy the problem.

**Alleviate the Urge to Itch:** When mosquitos munch, try these natural ways to alleviate the urge to scratch! A dab of rubbing alcohol on a cotton ball or Q-tip relieves itching instantly for less than a penny per use. To make travel size bottles, refill a clean shampoo sample bottle with straight alcohol. Or, try rubbing a clean bar of soap over the bite, to lessen the itch.

**Car Washing FYI:** Did you know more frequent waxes are needed if your car is red, black or white? It’s because these colors are more susceptible to acid rain and UV rays. And be sure to wash your car right after a rainfall. When the rain evaporates, the acid rain residue remains on your finish.

**Fab Fruits on the Grill:** Cooking vegetables on the grill is a tasty way to stay on a diet! If you season vegetables with a coarse salt before grilling, it will draw out extra moisture from the veggies, which will intensify its sweetness and flavor. And you can prevent vegetables from drying out on the grill by soaking them in cold water before cooking.

**Sun Blockers:** If you’re sweating under the summer sun, Here’s something to think about: Did you know cotton shirts are 50% more effective at blocking the sun’s rays after they’d been washed a few times. And blue clothing was discovered to be five times more effective than white clothing at blocking UV rays because blue absorbs more light.

**Heat Wave Hints:** Hating a heat wave? To cool off a home, install white window shades, drapes, or blinds to reflect heat away from the house. And close curtains on south and west facing windows during the day Window fans are a good option if they’re located on the downwind side of the house facing out.

**Sunscreen 411:** Before you slather on the sunscreen this season, listen up: Did you know recommended application for adequate protection is about a handful! And sunscreen should be applied to clean, dry skin 30 minutes before exposure to the sun. That gives it plenty of time to absorb properly and do its job.

**Anti Ant Trap:** Got ants? Here’s an fashioned ant trap that will literally halt the tiny pests in their tracks. Mix together one third cup molasses, six tablespoons sugar and six tablespoons active dry yeast. Mix to a paste and set on a plastic lid near ant hills or where ants congregate.

**Divide and Conquer:** Not sure if it’s time to divide your perennials? It is if they start taking over other plants, the center of a plant looks weak, or when blooms are smaller than they have been in previous years. Spring blooming perennials are best divided in the fall. Mid summer or fall blooming perennials should be divided the next spring.

**Go Green to be Lean:** Did you know green tea has been shown to speed up the body’s calorie-burning ability without spiking the heart rate. In a Swiss study, three cups of green tea provided a four percent increase in daily energy expenditure for a typical male, the equivalent of walking approximately 17 minutes!

**Cool It!:** The best way to keep a house cool is don’t let the heat in! You can help get rid of unwanted heat simply through ventilation if the temperature of the incoming air is 77 F or lower. And keep in mind caulking and weather stripping will keep cool air in during the summer. Due angle of the sun, trees, a trellis, or a fence will best shade west-facing windows.

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# 529 plans: Underused but valuable

In just a few weeks, students will be heading off to college – and parents will be getting out their checkbooks. Without a college-bound student in your home right now, you might not be thinking much about tuition and other higher education expenses, but if you have young children, these costs may eventually be of concern – so how should you prepare for them?

It’s never too soon to start saving and investing. Unfortunately, many people think that they have a lot of “catching up” to do. In fact, nearly half of Americans say they don’t feel like they’re saving enough to cover future education expenses, according to a 2022 survey conducted by financial services firm Edward Jones with Morning Consult, a global research company.

Of course, it’s not always easy to set aside money for college when you’re already dealing with the high cost of living, and, at the same time, trying to save and invest for retirement. Still, even if you can only devote relatively modest amounts for your children’s education, these contributions can add up over time. But where should you put your money?

Personal savings accounts are the top vehicle Americans are using for their education funding strategies, according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult survey. But there are other options, one of which is a 529 plan, which may offer more attractive features, including the following:

**Possible tax benefits** – If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally income tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, you may receive state tax benefits, too, depending on the state.

**Flexibility in naming the beneficiary** – As the owner of the 529 plan, you can name anyone you want as the beneficiary. You can also change the beneficiary. If your eldest child foregoes college, you can name a younger sibling or another eligible relative.

**Support for non-college programs** – Even if your children don’t want to go to college, it doesn’t mean they’re uninterested in any type of postsecondary education or training. And a 529 plan can pay for qualified expenses at trade or vocational schools, including apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

**Payment of student loans** – A 529 plan can help pay off federal or private student loans, within limits.

**Keep in mind that state-by-state tax treatment varies for different uses of 529 plans, so you’ll want to consult with your tax professional before putting a plan in place.**

Despite these and other benefits, 529 plans are greatly under-utilized. Only about 40 percent of Americans even recognize the 529 plan as an education savings tool, and only 13 percent are actually using it, again according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult study.

But as the cost of college and other postsecondary programs continues to rise, it will become even more important for parents to find effective ways to save for their children’s future education expenses. So, consider how a 529 plan can help you and your family. And the sooner you get started, the better.

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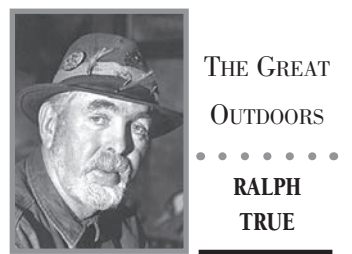
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to welcome our Redcoats and Rebels event back to Old Sturbridge Village,” says Jim Donahue, President & CEO of Old Sturbridge Village. “Previously the largest recurring event in the Revolutionary War community, ours is a favorite among re-enactors and our guests because they are secluded from the 21st century and immersed in the experience through our Village atmosphere. We expect this year’s event to be a popular return to our regular programming.”

This year marks the 17th Redcoats and Rebels event hosted at Old Sturbridge Village. Due to the event’s popularity, visitors are asked to purchase tickets online and in advance, reserving a specific time block for Aug. 6 or 7 to spread out the arrival of guests through the Visitors Center. Once in attendance, guests are welcome to stay through the event until the Village closes for the day. In August, up to three kids ages 17 and younger are admitted for free when accompanied by an adult



# Summertime, and the fishing is easy



Here we are in August already, and fishing so far this year has been right on schedule. These next few weeks are considered by many as the dog days of summer, when the waters warm and fishing normally slows down, but so far this year, fishing has been pretty darn good for most anglers. Tuna fishing remained hot as of last week, with many 70 & 80-pound tuna being caught, by numerous anglers. Seabass fishing is red hot if you know where to find them. This past week my buddy and fishing partner Mat Fontaine fished outside of Westport River, and found fishing a bit slow for the first hour. We had caught a few undersize seabass, and were about ready to move when this writer's fishing rod tip bent down into the water. I knew immediately that it was not a seabass, as the reel was screaming releasing the line

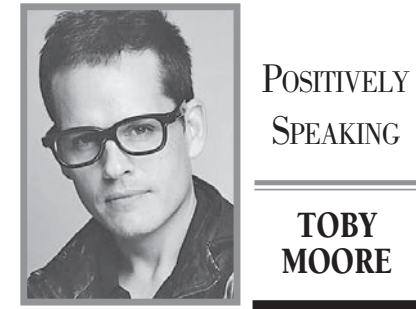
from the reel. I told Matt that he should start the motor soon if the fish did not slow down, so that I could retrieve some line back onto the spool of the reel. After three long runs, I finally started to gain some line, but he was not done yet. Suddenly, he started to make another run, and came out of the water like salmon for a brief moment, trying to shake the hook that was imbedded in his lip. I knew then that the huge fish was about ready to give up, and I reeled the fish to the side of the boat, where my buddy did a terrible job netting the large bluefish. After a couple of missed attempts to get the fish into the net, he finally succeeded and he was lifted into the boat. I heard a bit of grumbling that it was my fault he was unable to put the big fish in the net the first time! This week's picture shows Matt holding my 12-pound bluefish. What a thrill, catching the huge fish on light tackle! After catching a few dog fish, we decide to move to another location and found some great seabass fishing, but most were shorts giving up a few keepers. Numerous large fish were hooked but failed

to stay on the hook. We later tried fishing for some fluke, but came up empty handed. All in all, it was a great day on the water. During the last few minutes of fishing, I managed to get my line caught in the motor's propeller. After cutting the line we were able to navigate back to the dock. After loading the boat on the trailer, we took a look at the motors propeller, and easily removed the fishing line. I was using 40-pound test power pro line, which was not easily broken. It was the captain's fault! The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual Field Day on Sept. 17 this year. A chicken barbecue will be served, as well as other food delicacies. Numerous other clubs are planning their annual events for the fall. Stay tuned. The instant award program for antlerless deer permits became available this past Monday. All a person needs to do is to go online and bring up your account. The instant award of an antlerless deer permit is available until the end of the year. If you did not apply for a permit before July 16, you cannot apply for a permit



now. Do not forget the permits increased to \$10 this year. The surplus deer permits will go on sale in August, at a later date. *Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

## Imagination



For the last three weeks, I wrote about the three characteristics you'll need to develop to accomplish your dreams. The first is desire, the second is faith, and the third is specialized knowledge. I say you will need to develop these qualities because you can cultivate and grow them. Initially, you may only have a little desire, a small faith, and only an ounce of specialized knowledge. You can, if you choose, become a person of great desire and faith and eventually become a well-versed expert in the specialized knowledge you'll need to know to accomplish your objective. Your imagination will be the fourth quality you'll need to nourish. It's a common belief that you either have a mind for imagination or you don't. Undoubtedly, some are born with more imagination than others, but that is true with anything. How much imagination will you need? It depends on the dream, but you will need at least a little. You can feed your imagination in many ways. In part, you can feed your imagination from years of specialized knowledge. Still, even with that knowledge, you may only have a vague idea of how to accomplish your dream. You may need to exercise your imagination to pinpoint precisely how you will achieve it and the trail you will need to blaze to get there. We've all seen a business offering a service and had an idea of how the service could improve. When you had that thought, you exercised your imagination. What if you expanded on that thought? What if you sat down and wrote how you could improve that service? What if you worked out the details so clearly, day in and day out,

that you discovered exactly how to accomplish your dream? Transforming your dream into reality will need a plan. To create your plan, you will need to use your imagination. One of the most effective ways to imagine is to write your plan on paper. In my life, I knew what I wanted to accomplish but didn't know how to get there. One day I sat down to write, and I didn't stop for two years. During the two years, I wrote a 178-page paper. Every night, I came home from work and wouldn't sleep until I spent a couple of hours writing. What was I writing? A plan based on an idea. I imagined the fine details of what my business would be. All the problems it would solve, the people it would help, all the services it would offer, and how I would integrate my dream with this business and use it to get where I wanted

to go. I wrote over ten drafts of my paper, complete with charts, graphs, illustrations, facts, figures, ideas, and detailed visions of what I planned to do. Every night while I wrote, I exercised my imagination. Don't be discouraged; you don't have to spend two years writing a huge detailed paper to accomplish your dream. All dreams are different. You may only need to write your plan on one piece of paper. The more details you can add, the better. It will become more concrete with every word you write. Some of the greatest innovators may have only written their plan on a chalkboard and meditated on their ideas daily until their imagination provided them with an exact solution or path they would need to take. Every dream requires a different amount of creativity and planning.

If you find yourself writing a detailed plan of action, know it's well worth it. I didn't intend to write something that would bring investment; originally, it was only a plan. This paper I wrote ended up being the reason I found my first investor. Use your imagination and write down a plan to accomplish your dreams! Don't rush yourself through the process; take your time. Inevitably your project will need to change a little. Every time it does, go back and refine it! An idea, when combined with desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and mixed with imagination, can bridge the gap to make your dream a reality. Tune in to next week's edition to find the fifth thing you'll need to accomplish your dream.

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# Extend your cilantro harvest and enjoyment



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Cilantro is a favorite ingredient in guacamole, tacos, rice dishes and of course salsa. But as summer temperatures climb, the cilantro quickly goes to seed. This can be frustrating but using all parts of the plant or growing a heat tolerant cilantro-flavored substitute can help.

Gardeners in cooler climates can sow seeds every three to four weeks throughout the summer for continual harvests. Those with hotter summers will have the best results growing cilantro in the cooler temperatures of spring, fall and even winter. Grow cilantro in full sun or light shade as temperatures climb and moist well-drained soil for best results.

Mulching the soil to keep the roots cool and moist will help delay flowering. Avoid overwatering that can lead to root rot.

Harvest the leaves when they are four to six inches tall and before the plants flower for the best flavor. Harvest as needed a third of the plant at one time

to allow it to keep producing or cut the whole plant back to an inch above the ground and wait for it to regrow.

Store freshly cut leaves like a bouquet of flowers in a glass of fresh water. Place in the refrigerator to use for the upcoming week. Hang leaves upside down to dry or freeze. Just wash the leaves, pat dry and place in a freezer bag or air-tight container in the freezer. Or chop up the rinsed cilantro into smaller pieces, place in ice cube trays and top with a splash of water before placing in the freezer.

As temperatures rise, the plant will flower and set seed. Do not discard it but rather look at utilizing the other parts of this plant. Enjoy the beauty and flavor of the lacy white flowers that also attract beneficial insects to the garden.

After the white flowers fade, green seeds appear. Wait for the plants and seeds to turn brown when using them as coriander. Cut off the seed heads, place in a paper bag, and allow the seeds to drop to the bottom. The seeds are ground and used in breads, cakes, pickling spices, and Asian food. Store in sealed containers until ready to use.

Otherwise allow the seeds to drop to the ground in the garden and grow new cilantro plants to harvest and enjoy. Cilantro seeds sprout readily when soil temperatures are 55 to 68°F and the plants can withstand a light frost.

Don't forget to harvest the roots and use them for seasoning Thai and

Vietnamese food. These taste best when harvested in fall.

In the future, consider buying seeds of slow bolting cilantro varieties like Slow-Bolt, Leisure and the 2006 All-America Selections award winner Delfino Cilantro.

Or try growing Papalo, also known as summer cilantro, in next year's garden. It has a similar but stronger flavor than cilantro with a hint of citrus and mint and thrives in hot weather. You will only need one or two plants as this annual grows up to five feet tall and several feet wide. Harvest young leaves for the best flavor and use only half or one third the amount of cilantro called for in recipes.

You may need to start your own plants from seeds if none of the garden centers in your area sell plants. Start seeds indoors or directly in the garden once the danger of frost has passed and the soil is warm.

Extend your cilantro harvest and enjoyment by utilizing every part of the plant. Adjust your cilantro growing techniques as well as plant selection to help beat the heat.



Photo Melinda Myers  
Cilantro ready to be harvested.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"*

DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## Church as community

One of the most frequent complaints I hear as a pastor is, "People just don't come to church any more. Why don't we see people in church?" There are all sorts of reasons, of course, but it's simultaneously true that people still go to church all the time.

You've probably heard that famous hymn, "the church is not a building, the church is a people." Church can happen wherever, whenever. Wherever and whenever people gather with a hope or intention to unite in joy, peace, and love, then there is church. That's how we come to know God. 1 John says we can't know God who is invisible if we don't love one another, whom we can see, in tangible ways. We can do that all the time.

Let me change that statement a bit, then: people can still go to church all the time, if they so choose.

I do choose, so I plan on visiting various local cafes and shops and other spots to sit and "have church" wherever, whenever. Every other week, if not more often, and usually in the morning, you might find me with a book, a com-



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puter, or a journal and a sign, "Pastor's Listening Place." If you do, feel free to stop and chat, ask for prayer, ask a life or faith question, or just hang out. We can be church together. Whether you do or not, I'll be holding a space where we as a community can remember that we can be church whenever and wherever we want.

Most importantly, you can create and hold those same spaces. Wherever you go, you can think to yourself that you are going to church, that you are being church, making God's love and peace known simply by being open and available to anyone who might need a little pick-me-up. Ask fellow diners, shoppers, library-goers, etc. how they're doing. Take a moment. Pray with them maybe.

The key is that we begin to think that our community isn't full of a bunch of strangers. Our community is our church. Think that way, act that way, be that way, and every day and every foray out of our homes will make our lives better.

### SCOUTS

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honor, even just to be a part of it and lead them to the point where they themselves were worthy of receiving the award," Harris said. "As a member of the Troop, it just felt amazing for us to be recognized for something as amazing a Troop of the Week."

Harris, who is retiring as Senior Patrol Leader to spend his last few years in the Troop seeking his Eagle Scout rank, called is a "proud accomplishment" for all involved and while other Troops may have excelled in the camp tournament, he considered it an honor that Troop 338 served as the best example of what it means to be Boy Scouts.

"I'm extremely proud to see the type of scouts these kids have become. It's amazing," said Harris. "This was the scouts being who they are. We didn't place very well in the tournament, but

overall, our Troop had great enthusiasm. With my term as Senior Patrol Leader ending on such a high note, it's amazing and I'm excited to see what our new Senior Patrol Leader has in store of us."

The Troop of the Week honor wasn't the only accomplishment the scouts achieved during camp. In total the scouts of Troop 338 earned a collective 35 merit badges and achieved four rank advancements. Three of the scouts hiked the entirety of the camp's grounds, two scouts completed the mile swim, one scout earned a marksmanship rifle award, and three adults achieved overnight leadership training. Troop 338 is always seeking new members. Any interested prospective scout between the ages of 11 and 17 can join with meeting held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton. More information on Troop 338 can be found at [stjosephscharlton.com/scouting](http://stjosephscharlton.com/scouting).

### CAMERA

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installations with no timeline given as to when they will be up and running. Boria also clarified that these will be external cameras only after a commissioner inquired about whether or not the devices would allow for recorded meetings at the plant.



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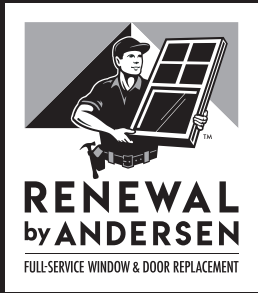
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# Charlton Blueberry Festival returns

CHARLTON – The Charlton Arts and Activities Center celebrated the return of the annual Blueberry Festival after a two-year hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. Similar to neighboring Dudley’s apple and strawberry festivals, the yearly community event provides a variety of treats and activities revolving around blueberries while also

including a craft fair, vendors, kid’s activities, music, and more. The return of the event was clearly welcomed by locals who filled the parking lot barely half an hour into the day. The festival highlights included a baking contest, fresh blueberries and pies for sale, and the highlight treat of the day, blueberry shortcake.



The Hip Swayers provided the music for the early portion of the blueberry festival playing a selection of classic tunes for visitors.



Fay Mountain Farm provided a fine selection of freshly grown and picked blueberries as well as blueberry pies for visitors to purchase and enjoy.



Complimenting the Blueberry Festival was a craft fair that filled the nearby green adjacent to the Charlton Arts and Activities Center.



A pair of baked blueberry creations await judging as part of the festivals baking contest.




Cornerstone Bank sponsored the baking contest and awarded rolling pin trophies to the adult and youth winners at the end of the day.



Melissa Flaherty Cakes brought a fine selection of blueberry theme baked goods to the Blueberry Festival.

✿✿✿Friday's Child✿✿✿



Savanna

Hi! My name is Savanna and I really like music and can play the piano!

Savanna is a lovely girl of Caucasian descent. Savanna is polite, caring, friendly and loves to sing, play basketball, be active outside, do gymnastics and can play the piano. She states that she would like to be a professional singer when she grows up. She is also very creative, loves arts and crafts and would like to take horseback riding lessons.

Savanna has done well in school in the past. She is now attending school on the campus of the program in Western MA where she now lives and it is much easier for her to attend her classes.

Legally freed for adoption, Savanna would do best in a two-parent home with no other children or much older children in the home. She responds best with one-on-one attention, structure and routine. She would do best in a home with clear limits and positive praise. Savanna expresses some anxiety about living in a family setting. She will need a slow and gradual transition into her new family that will allow her time to get to know them and feel comfortable and safe. This family may start out as a visitor to her at her program for an undetermined length of time until a level of trust is established. She is very close to her maternal grandmother and would like her new family to help her maintain contact with her.

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A pair of young visitors to the Blueberry Festival enjoy a delicious blueberry shake.




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# Red Sox legend Ortiz inducted into Baseball Hall of Fame

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — On Sunday, July 24, Boston Red Sox legend David Ortiz was honored by being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and local photographer Dick McGrath of Douglas was on hand to capture all of the special moments of “Big Papi” and others from Cooperstown. Please enjoy McGrath’s photos.

Photos courtesy Dick McGrath



David Ortiz delivers his induction speech at the Baseball Hall of Fame.



From left, Kim Kaat, Tony Oliva and David Ortiz proudly display their plaques after being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.



At the Baseball Hall of Fame, Johnny Damon was on hand to watch David Ortiz’s induction speech.



From left, Mike Lowell, Dustin Pedroia, Chaim Bloom and Brian O'Halloran were at Cooperstown to watch David Ortiz formally get inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.



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ON DEPOSIT

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#### WEBSTER LAKE - 0 BLACK POINT RD



**WATERFRONT LOT!** New to the Market! Hard to find 6500 +/- sf corner Lot. Beautiful view & setting. Sandy Beach! Few tall pine trees for shade. Town Water & Sewer Lateral Connections already on the land. **\$333,000.**

#### WEBSTER LAKE - 0 PATTISON RD



**LAND** - Terrific opportunity 14,798 Sq. Ft. of LAND. CONSERVATION APPROVAL for proposed Building, MASS DEP# 313-1167. 248+/- Road Frontage, 279+/- Water Frontage. Town Water & Sewer accessible. **\$250,000.**

#### WEBSTER - 6 GREYSTONE



ON DEPOSIT

**New Listing:** Complete Remodeling taking place. Beautiful Ranch! A Must See! 5 rooms, 2+ bedrooms, 1-1/2 Baths, Garage, Level Lot. **\$329,900.**

#### WEBSTER LAKE - 27 SOUTH POINT ROAD



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#### LAND: WEBSTER/OXFORD/PUTNAM

**OXFORD** - LAND - General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! LAND with 4,095 SF Metal Building! 124 SOUTHBIDGE RD (RTE 20). Town Sewer Project Plans are Approved. 22,884 sq. ft. Level Lot. 140 ft of road frontage. **EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES! \$795,000.**

**OXFORD** - LAND - RTE 20 General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! Vacant LAND, Level & cleared. 39,549 SF. **\$419,000.**

**PUTNAM** - LAND Zoned General Business. 29 acre 103' frontage. Water, Sewer, & city gas available. 2 street entrances. **\$125,000.**

**OXFORD** - 2 Merriam Rd 80+/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Charlton. **ON DEPOSIT \$329,000.**

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#### WEBSTER LAKE - 13 LOVELAND ROAD



Eastern Exposure & Amazing Sunrises! Beautiful shoreline, on highly sought after South Pond. 3 bedroom Cape features eat in kitchen w/island, fireplace living & dining room. 2nd floor, 2 bedrooms with 1/2 bath! Lower Level walkout, fireplace Family Room!! Half bath. A home for all seasons. New Shore Master Docks & Ramp. **NEW PRICE \$839,900**

#### WEBSTER LAKE LOT- 22 SOUTH POINT RD



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#### WEBSTER LAKE - 13 BATES POINT ROAD



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Local students named  
to Dean’s List at  
Salem State

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

SALEM — Salem State University congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester of 2022.

Auburn  
Brendan Benevento, Kael Barton Briesacher

Blackstone  
Helen G. Hogan, Joshua Matthew Connolly, Maggie Shea Long

Charlton  
Alex M. Nutter, Isabel Ferreira, Madeleine Jane Curley Mulcare, Riley Dawn White

Douglas  
Arianna Merrill, Morgan Elizabeth Doyle, Natalie Fenoff, Pandorah Peterson

Grafton  
Jackson Briggs, Zayda Rue Waters

Groton  
Emma G. Gill, Patrick Hampton

Milford  
Brittany L. Giroux, Hezeki Joy Gatdula, Matthew Hauntsman, Mikayla Sousa, Wendy Lara

Millbury  
Nadia Mary Faustina Okuliczki

North Brookfield

Jessica Sterling Tower

Oxford  
Mary Gatheru

Southbridge  
Elizabeth Gibeault

Spencer  
Lauren Ann Baker

Sturbridge  
Amy Desroches, Jackson Ronald Boyd

Sutton  
Jack Daniel Laplant

Upton  
Caroline E. Hebert, Josephine Rosalie Ceruti, Joshua Civin, Preston Dougherty

Uxbridge  
Patrick Leonard Sabourin

Webster  
Connor Sullivan, Hanah Speroni, Madison Frances Hart, Sheilyn Rodriguez

West Brookfield  
Alexandra L. Wood, Lydia Anne Vogel

Whitinsville  
Derek Peter Angell

WORCESTER — The following local residents were named to Clark University’s Spring 2022 Dean’s List:

Ryan P. Bonja, of Sturbridge was named to first honors.


Sean Keane, of Sturbridge was named to second honors.

Kristy M. Cournoyer, of Sturbridge was named to second honors.

Shannon Lockwood Ross, of Charlton was named to first honors.

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





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SPORTS

Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League Results

AUBURN — It's playoff time at Auburn High, as the Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League has finished up regular season play. In the girls' league, back on Tuesday, July 26, the 14 teams had their final game before playoffs began on Thursday, July 28. In the boys' league, both Monday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 27 were the final regular season dates for the 16 teams (with one makeup game being played on Tuesday, July 26), with play-offs beginning on Monday, Aug. 1.

Girls' Summer League Results  
Tuesday, July 26 — Regular Season

Finale  
Grafton 34, Worcester Tech 23  
Northbridge 37, Notre Dame Academy 28

Quabbin 34, Uxbridge 28  
Sutton 41, Blackstone Valley Tech 18  
Worcester South defeated David Prouty (forfeit)

Tantasqua 55, Leicester 31  
Auburn 36, Quaboag 30  
Final Regular Season Standings  
Worcester South (9-0; first round bye)  
Northbridge (8-1; first round bye)  
Sutton (7-2)  
Notre Dame Academy (6-3)  
Quabbin (6-3)  
Uxbridge (5-4)  
Tantasqua (5-4)  
Blackstone Valley Tech (4-5)  
Auburn (3-6)  
Quaboag (3-6)  
Leicester (3-6)  
Grafton (2-7)  
Worcester Tech (2-7)  
David Prouty (0-9)

Thursday, July 28 — First Round of Playoffs  
Uxbridge 42, Leicester 12



Nick Ethier photos

The Auburn Recreation and Culture Girls' Summer Basketball League concluded regular season play on Tuesday, July 26.

Sutton 47, David Prouty 12  
Auburn defeated Blackstone Valley Tech (forfeit)  
Tantasqua 25, Quaboag 16  
Notre Dame Academy 41, Worcester Tech 32  
Quabbin 45, Grafton 35  
Boys' Summer League Results  
Monday, July 25  
Millbury 81, Quaboag 44  
Uxbridge 50, Shepherd Hill 33  
Southbridge 47, Sutton 43  
Quabbin 47, Leicester 38  
Tantasqua 38, Bartlett 25  
Oxford 48, Bay Path 43

David Prouty 48, Grafton 29  
Auburn 74, Tahanto 58  
Tuesday, July 26  
Oxford 67, Shepherd Hill 60 (OT)  
Wednesday, July 27 — Regular Season  
Finale  
Southbridge 39, Shepherd Hill 28  
Quaboag 48, Quabbin 39  
Auburn 75, Bartlett 44  
Uxbridge 84, Tahanto 60  
Grafton 67, Oxford 45  
Millbury 50, Leicester 25  
Tantasqua 40, Sutton 38  
David Prouty 42, Bay Path 37  
Final Regular Season Standings



Auburn (8-1)  
David Prouty (8-1)  
Southbridge (7-2)  
Uxbridge (7-2)  
Quaboag (6-3)  
Quabbin (6-3)  
Bartlett (4-5)  
Tantasqua (4-5)  
Grafton (4-5)  
Oxford (4-5)  
Shepherd Hill (4-5)  
Bay Path (3-6)  
Millbury (3-6)  
Tahanto (2-7)  
Sutton (1-8)  
Leicester (0-9)

Wild Bill Swim Challenge offers something for everyone

OPEN WATER  
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NOVELTY SWIM, AND  
FAMILY FUN

BROOKFIELD — Organizers of the Wild Bill Swim Challenge to be held at the public beach on Lake Quacumquasit (aka South Pond) in Brookfield on Sunday, August 7, say the event is going to offer something for swimmers of all ages and ability levels, including new swimmers who are interested in putting their toe in the open water swim game for the first time.

Event creator Jennifer Yorzyk Triger says she hopes a lot of local swimmers will register for the "Everyone Can Swim Novelty Swim," a 400-yard, dock-to-beach swim for first-timers. "For this event, we're encouraging participants to use buoys, noodles, kickboards, or other floatation devices if they need to," says Triger. "Just get in the water! Swimming is for everyone!"

A one-mile paddleboard/swim relay for two entrants with a 10:30 a.m. start will provide another opportunity for

novice swimmers to test their skill. The deadline to register for the paddleboard/swim relay, three-mile and one-mile open water swims is Monday, August 1. The three-mile and one-mile events have an 8 a.m. start time. Participants will be required to sign a waiver confirming that they can swim the distance they register for. All participants in these open water swims will receive a complimentary swag bag. Entry fees and registration information may be found on the event website at wildbillswim.org. The "Everyone Can Swim Novelty Swim" has a start time of 11 a.m. Advance online entry is encouraged, but registration will remain open up to and including the day of the event to allow everyone an opportunity to join the fun. Open Water Interview Series Starting Mid-July Beginning in mid-July, Triger will be interviewing top open water coaches and swimmers about topics such as the story of open water swimming, going from pool to open water, and how to train for an open water swim. The interviews will be posted on the event's Facebook and Instagram pages @WILDBILLSWIM.



"We're eager to help introduce new people to the sport of swimming," said Yorzyk, "so we're doing what we can to provide the encouragement people may need to come to the conclusion that now is a good time to start." Family Fun and Raffle There will also be fun activities for

the family, entertainment, food trucks, a Vintage Bathing Beauties & Blokes Pageant, and a celebration of winners on the South Pond beach. Following the event, participants are invited to gather at nearby Oakholm Brewery which is donating a portion of

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**SWIM**  
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every “Wild Bill” brew sold in the beer garden on August 6 and 7 to the fundraiser.

A drawing will also be held with over \$500 in prizes including a one year membership to the new Planet Fitness in Sturbridge, gift cards to area restaurants, pottery, gourmet food baskets, floral arrangements, and a spa gift certificate. Raffle tickets are six for \$5, fifteen for \$10, and 30 for \$20 and are available now by emailing [info@wildbillswim.org](mailto:info@wildbillswim.org).

The Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge

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

Proceeds from this first Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge will help fund a matching grant to benefit the Quacumquasit

Pond Phosphorus Inactivation Project that was recently approved and funded by the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Program.

Gold sponsors include SnowMagic, St Germain Investments, Cornerstone Bank, Keep Secure, Tasses Oil & Propane, and the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association.

Yorzyk-Triger says volunteers and additional sponsors are still needed. For more information, email her at [jenn@wildbillswim.org](mailto:jenn@wildbillswim.org). Donations are also being accepted at [gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge](https://gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge).

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