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## Upcoming swim challenge will pay tribute to Olympic hero



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Local swimmers will soon enjoy an event honoring the late Olympic gold medalist William "Bill" Yorzyk.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**BROOKFIELD** – Organized in memory of a local Olympic hero, the inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge will put the fun in fundraising next month.

Set for Sunday, Aug. 7, the event will take place at the Quacumquasit (South) Pond public beach. Organizer Jennifer Yorzyk Triger created the event in memory of her father, Dr. William "Bill" Yorzyk, who died in 2020.

Best known for his 1956 Olympic gold medal victory in the newly created 200-meter butterfly, Bill Yorzyk became a lifelong advocate for environmental sustainability. Originally from Northampton, he always loved introducing people to swimming and helping them discover the joys of the water.

"Bill's story taught his daughter that everyone can swim. She, in turn—and her children—have played a vital role in helping multitudes of children make friends with the water," read a press release promoting the Aug. 7 event. "To celebrate this, the Wild Bill Swim Challenge includes a novelty dock-to-beach swim in which participants can use buoys, noodles, kickboard, or any other floatation device. Just get in the water."

Proceeds from the event will support the Quacumquasit Pond phosphorus inactivation project.

The program will also feature open water swimming races, various entertainment activities, and a Vintage Bathing Beauties and Blokes Pageant to commemorate Yorzyk's 1956 Olympic win.

Perhaps even more impressive than Yorzyk's gold medal performance was his unlikely road to victory. He entered Springfield College at 16 years old as a non-swimmer, studying to become an Eagle Scout leader. His swim coach, Charles "Red" Silvia, took immediate notice of his potential and helped him revolutionize the sport by establishing the butterfly stroke in competitive action.

"His swim in the 1956 Olympics was the first time butterfly was even swum in competition with today's FINA rules," read the event promotional statement.

A five-time NCAA All-American who graduated college in pre-med, Yorzyk set a total of 11 world records and won the U.S. National Outdoor Butterfly title four times from 1955-1958.

Flash forward to 2022,

and Yorzyk's daughter is carrying on his legacy of introducing people to the joys of swimming and being in the water.

For the Aug. 7 event, guests can register for the three-mile and one-mile swims through Saturday, Aug. 6. For the novelty swim (400 yards), guests can register on the day of the event.

Registration and warmup for the day's activities will take place from 7-7:45 a.m.

All participants can register for swims by visiting [www.wildbillswim.org](http://www.wildbillswim.org).

If you or a family member are just getting started with open water swimming, a video interview series is available on the website. Also included are tips for going from a pool to open water swimming.

Event leaders thank everyone who contributed to event sponsorships and a raffle. Sponsors include SnowMagic, St. Germain Investments, Cornerstone Bank, Keep Secure, Tasse's Oil & Propane, and the QQLA. Several other local sponsors and volunteers are also thanked for stepping up and getting involved.

Additionally, on the weekend of Aug. 6 & 7, Oakholm Brewery will donate a percentage of every "Wild Bill Beer" sold to the event fundraising mission.

To learn more about pricing, team discounts, registration deadlines, and other event details, visit [www.wildbillswim.org](http://www.wildbillswim.org).

## Volunteers sought for town boards and committees

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**SPENCER** – If you're interested in becoming part of the town leadership team, Spencer recently announced several open municipal positions.

As of June 23, the town had vacancies on the following municipal boards, committees, and commissions: Agricultural Commission (1 regular member and 3 alternate members); Commissioners of Old Cemetery (2 alternate members); Conservation Commission (1 alternate member); Cultural Council (2 regular members); Economic Development Committee (2 regular members and 1 Planning Board member); Finance Committee (3 regular members); Historical Commission (2 regular members); Planning Board (1 regular member and 1 alternate member); Plumbing Inspector (1 alternate member); Zoning Board of Appeals (2 alternate members).

Over the past decade, communities throughout the region have seen a sharp decline in residents looking to serve on town boards and committees. Uncontested races have abounded on local election ballots, and several committees have seen unfilled seats or write-in victors after a person resigns or decides not to run for re-election. In many towns, volunteers wind up serving on three or more committees due to lack of interest.

"Most New England towns rely heavily on their citizens stepping up to serve on the many boards and committees. Without these part-time citizen volunteers, local government would grind to a halt," said Spencer Selectman Ralph Hicks. "I encourage any resident of Spencer who wants to see good government in their town to go to the town's website—[www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov)—and fill out a volunteer application. If they serve, they will see that it is a rewarding experience."

If you are a registered voter in town and you have an interest in serving your community, you may download a "Volunteer to Serve" form at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov). The form can be accessed on the page found under "Volunteer Opportunities."

If you have questions about the process, call the Office of the Town Administrator at 508-885-7500 (ext. 155).

Letters of interest may be addressed to the Town Administrator, Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562.

Some of the available positions may require a CORI check. Please call to learn more about open positions and their requirements.

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## New position a homecoming for incoming Leicester superintendent



Courtesy

Newly hired Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian is looking forward to his next chapter.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**LEICESTER** – Having attended Leicester schools when he was a student, newly hired Superintendent Brett Kustigian is eager to give back to the district that set his academic foundation.

Kustigian, who has spent the last 13 years at the helm of the Quaboag Regional School District, brings a strong record of accomplishments to Leicester. After helping to lift the QRSD from obscurity to success, he hopes to deliver momen-

tum to Leicester at a crucial time.

"For me, the most rewarding experience is when I saw the most current U.S. News rankings for schools," Kustigian said of his achievements at Quaboag. "Thirteen years ago, QRSD wasn't even on the list or close to the top. However, for the past several years we rank very high in central Massachusetts, as well as statewide."

After accepting the superintendent position in Leicester this past spring, Kustigian is excited for a homecoming in the town that sparked his love for learning.

"I am a product of the Leicester Public School system. So many people have helped me along the way to get to where I am. It is a dream to have the opportunity to pay it forward," Kustigian said.

The new superintendent enters amid a pivotal stretch for the district. Selectmen and school officials are committed to transitioning students in grades 9-12 to the former Becker College campus,

but the process won't be easy. There are several logistical factors that must be addressed, and officials have said the Becker buildings will not likely be ready for occupation until December or January.

Kustigian looks forward to working with the School Committee, the Select Board, and other officials to make the transition a success.

"The opportunity of having the former Becker campus is incredibly exciting. It will take time to adjust, but it will be well worth it and it will be special," Kustigian told the New Leader. "I am hitting the ground running, and feel very prepared for a smooth transition. The School Committee and Board of Selectmen have been incredibly supportive, and I am grateful for their help. In addition, the Town Administrator has welcomed me with open arms."

Looking ahead, school officials and selectmen have emphasized the need for strong teamwork and communications.

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## Spreading the joy of reading with mini free libraries

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

**SPENCER** – Richard Sugden Library is working with several community partners to spread the joy of reading.

In recent weeks, library officials and their partners have installed mini free libraries at high-visibility areas around town. Each mini free library provides several books for citizens of all ages.

"The initiative fosters love of reading throughout our community by providing free books to take home," read a statement released by Richard Sugden Library Director Cheryl Donahue. "Mini free libraries promote literacy and encourage reading by getting books into the hands of adults, teens, children, and families."

The libraries are funded through grant monies provided by the Spencer Cultural Council. The organization receives its funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Last month, Richard Sugden Library leaders joined community officials during the installation ceremony for the mini free library at David Prouty High



Kevin Flanders

David Prouty High School students display the school's new mini free library.

School. The library was constructed by members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program.

"The project was voted in unanimously. It is a wonderful idea, and I am proud to be a part of it," said Spencer Cultural Council member Diane Johnson.

Added Donahue, "We are very grateful for our supporters who have worked together to make this happen."

Additional mini free libraries were expected to

be installed at Powder Mill Park, Knox Trail Middle School, Wire Village School, East Brookfield Elementary School, and Camp Marshall.

Guests are welcome to stop by each mini free library, pick out books that interest them or their family, and replace them with other books. This will maintain a constantly eclectic supply of books at each station.

Local library officials, teachers, and volunteers interested in promoting literacy will frequently monitor each library to ensure that its collection features engaging books

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## Country Bank opens new location in Tatnuck Square



Kimberly Eaton

WORCESTER — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is opening a new Banking Center at 638 Chandler St., Worcester, in the former Bank of America building. The center will open for business on Monday, July 18, followed by a week-long celebration that will feature a drawing for a Worcester Red Sox VIP Suite for up to 20 guests (no purchase necessary).

Country Bank continues to look for opportunities to support the Worcester Community, ensuring it reinvests in the communities it serves. The Banking Center offers a Universal Banker approach, which allows all Banking Center Specialists to assist customers with all of their banking needs. The bank continues to focus its efforts to help make a difference in the Worcester Community, having donated a total of \$209,675 and 183 volunteer hours to various non-profits in Worcester over the last six months.

As a founding partner of the Worcester Red Sox, the community bank has supported local non-profits in the region through a combined charitable giving campaign with the WooStar Program. They also offer a Most Valuable Teacher (MVT) Program that recognizes the outstanding work teachers do every day to educate and support students.

In addition, both organizations are working together to bring back a long-standing baseball game between the Worcester Police and Fire Departments. The game is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 26 at Polar Park. Tickets will go on sale soon and proceeds will benefit both Police and Fire's chosen organizations.

Country Bank also welcomes Kimberly Eaton to the team as the Retail Banking Officer of this location. Eaton resides in Brookfield with her family and earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Worcester State University. She has worked in the financial services industry for 10 years and is experienced in business development in the greater Worcester

market. Eaton and her team look forward to providing customers excellence in service and best-in-class solutions and becoming a part of the local community. She has been getting to know the local business community over the past month while purchasing gift cards to distribute as prizes during the grand opening week.

"I am excited to develop relationships with the people and businesses in the Tatnuck Square area," Eaton said. "My goal is to continue to build on the already great reputation that Country Bank has and to help our customers achieve their financial dreams and goals."

The week-long celebration includes food, giveaways, a prize wheel, and drawings, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for noon on Friday, July 22, 2022. In addition, the bank's mascot Buck and his pal Smiley Ball from the Worcester Red Sox will be posing for photos. A Grand Prize drawing will be held for a Worcester Red Sox VIP Suite for up to 20 guests (no purchase necessary).

"When this location became available, we knew it was a great fit to expand our presence in the city," stated Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank. "As a community partner, we care deeply about the sustainability of our communities and the people who live in them. This location will be our third in Worcester and we have a dedicated team of consumer and commercial bankers who work closely with our customers to help them navigate the ever-changing financial landscape. We will be here to help you evolve as you strive to reach your financial goals. We really are excited to be a part of this great city and are looking forward to getting to know the people who reside, operate businesses, and work in this area."

Country Bank is ready to make a difference in the Tatnuck Square neighborhood. They invite you to stop in to see why they think the right bank makes all the difference.

To learn more, visit [www.countrybank.com](http://www.countrybank.com).

About Country Bank Country Bank is one of the most highly capitalized mutual savings banks in the Commonwealth, offering full-service consumer and commercial banking services to the people and businesses of Central and Western Massachusetts. With 15 locations from Springfield to Worcester, the community bank is committed to making a difference in the communities it serves. In addition to offering innovative solutions and exceptional service, the bank contributes millions of dollars in donations, along with significant volunteer hours, to charitable and civic causes. Country Bank is a Member of FDIC and DIF, and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at [countrybank.com](http://countrybank.com).

## Donation funds teen room enhancements at Leicester Library



Courtesy

The young adult room at Leicester Public Library was greatly enhanced thanks to a donation made by Roxanna and Charles Wisniewski.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – A major donation from two long-time patrons has significantly enhanced the teen room at Leicester Public Library.

Charles and Roxanna Wisniewski recently donated \$3,000 for the purchase of materials to upgrade the teen room. Some of the money has already been used to purchase bean bag chairs, games, makerspace activities, a sewing machine, a charging station, and other items to augment the library experience for young adults.

"The library staff and trustees are grateful to all of our donors, like Roxanna and Charles. Their support makes the library an even more wonderful place," said Leicester Public Library Director Suzanne Hall.

Libraries have long been known for offering an abundance of children's activities and programming, but materials for teens are often sparse.

Thanks to the donation from Charles and Roxanna Wisniewski, Leicester Public Library continues to make its young adult room one of the most impressive such spaces in the area.

Library officials echo the Wisniewski family's support for adding offerings that engage teenagers and keep them connected to the library. Youngsters today have no shortage of electronic distractions that often get in the way of reading, but officials are hoping the new materials and activities will help rekindle an appetite for books.

"With the youth today hooked into their phones and other electronics, we thought that getting them into the library for fun with the new crafts could also get them to explore actual books," read a statement released by Roxanna and Charles Wisniewski. "Besides giving them intellectual entertainment, it would expand their minds and prepare them better for the future. So many books, so little time."

A pair of passion-

ate readers and library patrons, the Wisniewskis previously donated toward the library's expansion project and then made a donation that benefited the young adult room. The space was subsequently named after them in honor of their generous contribution. A plaque displayed in the space describes the Wisniewskis as "bibliophiles extraordinaire."

The Wisniewskis' most recent donation is greatly appreciated by town officials and families alike, especially those with teens seeking fun, educational options this summer.

The newly purchased makerspace kits include a 3D Doodler for making 3D models, an embroidery kit, quilting, drawing and sketching supplies, and other craft kits.

"We've ordered a button making machine and supplies that will arrive soon," Director Hall said.

To learn more about upcoming programs and activities offered by the library, visit [www.leicesterma.org](http://www.leicesterma.org).

## Beat the heat with summer programs at Haston Library

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Patrons of all ages continue to beat the heat this summer with fun programming at Haston Free Public Library.

The library's summer reading program is off to a strong start, with 38 children enrolled in the program as of July 5. During the recent summer reading kickoff event with East Quabbin Land Trust, kids took part in several fun activities.

"Our first week of summer activities was well attended, with children making their own nature journals, using leaves and flowers to make tree collages, and learning how to identify different trees and plants," read a statement released by the library.

The library Book Group's meeting this month will take place on Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Participants will discuss "Leaving Coy's Hill" by Katherine Sherbrooke, a New York Times 2021 summer reading pick. The book was inspired by the life of abolitionist and pioneering feminist Lucy Stone.

Copies of the book are available in the library. For more information about this program, call the library at 508-867-0208. Additionally, guests are invited to attend a book discussion led by author Katherine Sherbrooke on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. to learn more about her book.

The Annual Friends of the Haston Free Public Library book sale will take place on Saturday, Aug. 20. There will be a large variety of fiction, nonfiction, DVDs, and children's books available. If you're cleaning out your bookcases and

have new or gently used, clean books to pass on to other readers, call the library at 508-867-0208 to make an appointment to drop off your donations.

Residents are also reminded of a unique opportunity, as the North Brookfield Local Cultural Council (NBLCC) is looking for board members. Funded annually by the Mass. Cultural Council, the organization typically receives over \$5,000 in grant money each year, which is disbursed to applicants who provide free programming in the community.

The NBLCC is responsible for reviewing grant applications every October, voting to select recipients, and determining how the grant money is allotted. If you are looking to get involved, officer positions are also available.

"We need a minimum of five board members to be able to receive grant money from the state. We would hate to lose this grant money that benefits so many townspeople every year," read a statement released by the organization.

To volunteer or nominate someone for this opportunity, send an email to [NorthBrookfieldCulturalCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:NorthBrookfieldCulturalCouncil@gmail.com).

Finally, Deborah Roberts Kirk is returning for the next Haston Art Club project on two Mondays, July 18 and July 25, from 6-8 p.m. This is a class for adult and teen beginners and advanced beginners. The focus will be on sketching what you see around you.

Weather permitting, guests will do some sketching outdoors. If you have a favorite pencil and sketchpad, you're encouraged to bring them. If not, materials will be provided.

There is a \$10 fee for this two-class workshop. Class size is limited, so register at the library today.

For more information about upcoming programs at the library this summer, call 508-867-0208.

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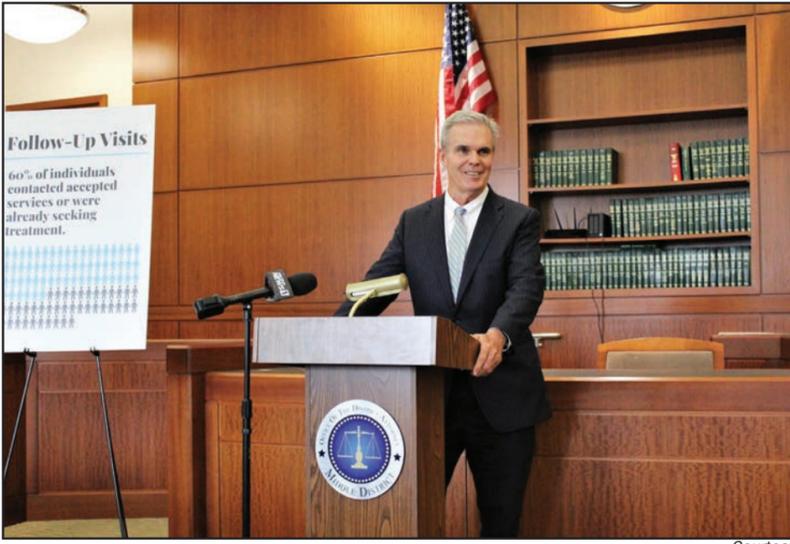
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# DA continues to support local overdose response efforts



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Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., continues to advance a program that is helping to save lives.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Teaming up with local police departments, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., continues to provide vital assistance to overdose victims.

Implementing a \$1.2 million federal grant, the DA's office has helped add recovery coaches to an ongoing overdose response program launched in partnership with the county's 60 police departments.

The program, Critical Incident Management System (CIMS), has been used by local police since March 2020. The main priorities of the program are to enable officers to collect overdose

data and respond to non-fatal overdose victims to offer services.

Within 48 hours of an overdose, a plainclothes police officer, often accompanied by a recovery coach, responds to the home of an overdose victim and offers various paths to treatment.

In 2021, the first full year of the CIMS program, 60 percent of officers' follow-up visits resulted in individuals either accepting services or reporting that they were already seeking services.

Even though many local police departments previously had protocols in place for responding to overdoses with recovery coaches, the grant funding implemented by the DA's office has added partnerships with three local

community agencies. This means every police department in the county will now have access to recovery coaches.

"We have seen how valuable recovery coaches are. They often have firsthand experience, which helps them relate to and better guide those who've recently suffered an overdose," DA Early said. "We are so grateful for the continued work of all our police departments and the agencies who agreed to help us support this program by providing access to dedicated recovery coaches. We know this will save lives."

The \$1.2 million in grant funding was awarded to the Worcester County District Attorney's office in November 2020 by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance.

"It's so important that we continue to expand our ability to respond to overdoses while supporting individuals on their personal journeys to recovery," said Congressman James McGovern, who helped secure the funding. "This investment of \$1.2 million in federal funding will allow the Worcester County District Attorney's office to add recovery coaches with important and unique firsthand experiences to support overdose survivors. This is a major step forward that will help save lives and address the root causes of substance use disorder, and I commend DA Early for securing this critical grant."

While awaiting the release of funds, the DA's office worked to form partnerships with police departments across the county, as well as various community agencies. Partner agencies involved in the recovery coach program include Community Program for Addiction Recovery and Family Continuity.

For local police departments, it's encouraging to join the DA in focusing

on offering resources to individuals in need.

"I am proud to be a part of the effort to get to the root of the problem by offering treatment and providing recovery and support services to those who need it and want help," said Worcester Police Chief Steven Sargent.

The Leicester Police Department has also seen a productive partnership with the DA's office as part of the overdose response project. The LPD reports all non-fatal overdoses to a central CIMS database, with an officer managing the program for the department.

Meanwhile, Uxbridge Police Chief Marc Montminy recently announced a program his department and the Blackstone Valley Opioid Task Force are supporting to provide scholarships to those who wish to become recovery coaches. They hope to support a class of 20-30 new coaches.

"The opioid epidemic has forced law enforcement to challenge the traditional role of police. We've decided to be an entry point into the recovery system instead of the entry point to the criminal justice system," Chief Montminy said.

Local organizations and agencies are also thanked for their support of the program.

"With this new project, we've been welcomed with open arms. It's a very big change in terms of how law enforcement, behavioral health, and substance use providers work together. This program is very unique in that way," said Craig Maxim, the director of behavioral health at Family Continuity, which is providing recovery coaches to 26 communities through the grant.

# QCC's Extended Format Police Academy graduates first class

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's (QCC) Police Academy made history recently when the first class of 12 officers graduated from the Academy's new extended format program. The Academy's new format runs courses during the evenings and on weekends. Graduates from the program are eligible for entry-level hiring into a law enforcement agency, pending a department's specific requirements and standards. According to Academy Deputy Director, Captain Joseph Cecchi, all 12 graduates have already been hired into full-time police officer positions.

During the Academy's graduation ceremony, QCC's Chief of Police and Director of the Police Academy, Kevin Ritacco, reiterated principles that officers learned through

out their nine months of training such as humility, compassion, and integrity.

"You are called upon to be a leader and protector in your community and your role can positively change the lives of citizens. Some of the most rewarding parts of being a police officer are being on the front line and making a difference in the lives of others. The Academy program has prepared you well to enter into people's daily lives and can quite literally help you change those lives," Chief Ritacco said.

Class President, Officer Leon Muraguri, reflected on the program and expressed his gratitude for the support from academy staff, family, and friends.

"We, the new generation of police officers, it's our responsibility to

change that public perception, working with the community, and being part of the community. This started here. Since our first training, our Academy has been involved in various community projects such as the QCC HomePlate Food Pantry and Resource Center," he said.

Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC), Director of Training and Delivery, Andrea Nardone, encouraged the new officers to prioritize self-care, rely on friends and family, and look out for their fellow police officers.

"It's very important that you recognize from day one that your mental wellness is the most important thing that you need to take care of, because you can't take care of anything else without that," she said.



Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. was also in attendance to congratulate the new officers. He offered words of advice to the graduates, reminding them to always tell the truth, be good listeners, and treat others with the respect they would like

to receive. He noted that the latter will be especially important when working through the current opioid crisis.

"This wonderful program, it's second to none. Public service is truly a noble profession," he added.

The Academy is authorized by the MPTC, under the direction of Chief Ritacco and Academy Deputy Director, Captain Joseph Cecchi.

To learn more visit QCC's Police Academy.

## Summer concert series continues with The Love Dogs

SPENCER — The Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission's summer concert series continues on Sunday, July 17, with a performance from The Love Dogs.

The concert will take place from 2-5 p.m. at Powder Mill Park (located at the corner of Smithville Road and Meadow Road).

The Love Dogs have been on the road for several years, performing everywhere from concert halls to festivals. The band has also released four critically acclaimed CDs.

Spencer's concert series will also include a July 24 performance by The Ed Sullivans. The series will continue every Sunday through August 21.

The concert series is sponsored by Cornerstone Bank.



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# OBITUARIES

## James K. Snider, 78

West Brookfield - James K. Snider, 78, of West Brookfield died on Friday, July 1, 2022 at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

He leaves his wife, Linda A. Snider of West Brookfield, his sister-in-law, Gail E. Jahnig of Matamoras, PA, a cousin, Janet Myers of Chandler, AZ, four nephews, one niece and their families. James was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Don Diego. He was born in Kearny, NJ son of the late James B. and Emma A. Snider.

James worked in economist at AT&T starting out in Newark, NJ followed by

the Worcester office and eventually covering the East Coast.

He enjoyed traveling and being active with Linda by his side. They spent many trips finding bicycle paths to explore, playing a game of tennis or a round of golf.

Services for James will be held at a later date.

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

An online guest book is available at [varnumfuneralhome.com](http://varnumfuneralhome.com).

# QCC awarded \$750,000 workforce training grant

WORCESTER — Today, Quinsigamond Community College was awarded a \$750,000 workforce training grant from the Baker-Polito Administration. A total of \$15 million in workforce training grants were awarded to the Commonwealth's 15 community colleges in support of the creation and expansion of training programs in high-demand industries, such as healthcare, education, manufacturing, information technology and cybersecurity.

"Education is at the heart of all economic growth and this type of revenue stream goes a long way in supporting our region's employers, incumbent workers and potential workers," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "Our students, our industries, and our Commonwealth will all prosper from this funding."

In late June, QCC was also awarded \$500,000 in state funding to train and help place more than 70 participants into biotechnology jobs. Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, along with Secretary of Labor and

Workforce Development, Rosalin Acosta, visited QCC's Healthcare and Workforce Development Center to announce the grant, which is part of the Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grants for Expanded Training Capacity & Employment Program Performance.

During the Donnelly Workforce Success Grant announcement, Lt. Gov. Polito and Secretary Acosta also toured some of QCC's healthcare labs and interacted with the college's state-of-the-art, hands-on simulation equipment.

"I'm encouraged by the work that's being done here at QCC and all the grantees that have been awarded today. I'm very optimistic that our academic institutions are going to step up to meet this moment. We need our community colleges more than ever. You have the best platform to get this work done," Secretary Acosta said.

The training programs will assist those populations who have traditionally experienced higher rates of unemployment,

as well as barriers to employment identified by the Black Advisory Commission and the Latino Advisory Commission. Priority will be given to those who are unemployed and underemployed.

"One of the goals of these grants is to help address shifting economic conditions that occurred for many residents brought on by the COVID-19 crisis, and persistent racial inequities and workforce challenges that existed in the Commonwealth before the pandemic," said Education Secretary James Peyser. "We anticipate these new training opportunities will make it easier for more people to move into high-demand, higher paying careers."

Approximately one third of the \$15 million grant funding will be allocated toward training programs for the healthcare industry, which is in high demand across the Commonwealth.

To learn more, visit QCC's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

# Anna Maria College celebrates 73rd Commencement

PAXTON — May 2022 marked a new chapter for Anna Maria College as the institution celebrated its 2022 Commencement Ceremony at the DCU Center in Worcester. The new and larger venue held nearly 300 graduates and 3,500 guests while still retaining Anna Maria's sense of a tight-knit community.

The following are Anna Maria College's graduates for 2022:

MASTER of ARTS  
BROOKFIELD: Emma K. Wendt  
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MASTER of EDUCATION  
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SPENCER: Laurie A. Cowgill, Sarah Marie Hesselton  
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WEBSTER: Liza Welch, Peter Walsh

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Located just outside of Worcester in Paxton, Anna Maria College is a 76-year-old private, co-educational institution inspired by the ideals of the Sisters of Saint Anne. We prepare our students to become ethical leaders by combining a values-based, service focused education with strong functional knowledge and the skills necessary to address the rapidly changing needs of their world. Anna Maria delivers undergraduate and graduate degrees along with certificate programs on campus and online. For more information, visit [www.annamaria.edu](http://www.annamaria.edu).

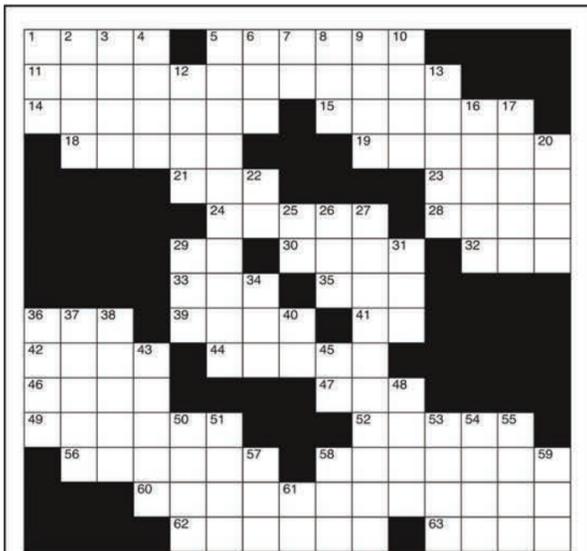
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  - 18. Visionaries
  - 19. Large, fish-eating bird
  - 21. Indicates near
  - 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
  - 24. Icelandic books
  - 28. Pop
  - 29. Hammer is one
  - 30. Sense of self-importance
  - 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
  - 33. Can't be found
  - 35. Electronic data processing
  - 36. Passports and licenses are two
  - 39. Snake-like fishes
  - 41. Air Force
  - 42. Popular computers
  - 44. Intermediate ecological stage
  - 46. Wings
  - 47. Used in combination
  - 49. Laid back
  - 52. Jewelled headdress
  - 56. Slow
  - 58. Famous Falls
  - 60. Reassertions
  - 62. Periods of time
  - 63. Hyphen

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Body part
  - 2. Mimics
  - 3. Expel large quantities
  - 4. Sea eagle
  - 5. Genetically distinct varieties
  - 6. Dialect of Chinese
  - 7. Famous Mr. T character
  - 8. Consumed
  - 9. Chinese dynasty
  - 10. Menace to yards
  - 12. Ireland
  - 13. Palm trees
  - 16. Fungal disease
  - 17. Willis and Robert are two
  - 20. Affirmative! (slang)
  - 22. It shows who you are
  - 25. The First State (abbr.)
  - 26. Get older
  - 27. Associations
  - 29. Woman (French)
  - 31. Sunscreen rating
  - 34. Brew
  - 36. Leader
  - 37. Plants in the legume family
  - 38. Burn with a hot liquid
  - 40. Junior's father
  - 43. Scads
  - 45. Morning
  - 48. Length of a line (abbr.)
  - 50. Double curve
  - 51. Small, thin person
  - 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
  - 54. Mars crater
  - 55. Humanities
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## Leicester Senior Citizens Club announces upcoming trips

LEICESTER — The Leicester Senior Citizens Club plans monthly bus trips to various locations, and events, throughout New England. These are day trips that leave the Leicester Senior Center in the morning and return that same evening.

On July 28, the scheduled trip is to the Newport Playhouse. The trip departs at 9 a.m. sharp. At the Newport Playhouse, those in attendance will enjoy a delicious buffet, a wonderful play, and a fun filled cabaret performance. The estimated return time

to the Leicester Senior Center is 6 p.m. The tour cost is \$119 per person.

On Aug. 11, the Club is planning a bus trip to the Lakes Region Summer Music Theatre. This bus trip departs the senior center at 9 a.m. sharp. You will travel to Meredith, New Hampshire, where you will enjoy a delicious luncheon at the famous Hart's Turkey Farm (a choice of meal is available). After the meal, you will travel a short distance to the Lakes Region Summer Theatre's production of "Sister Act." After a wonderful day in

the Lakes Region, the trip is scheduled to return to the senior center at 7:30 p.m. The tour cost is \$119 per person.

The Leicester Senior Citizens Club, monthly bus trips, to various locations and events throughout New England, are available to residents in all area towns. Residents, 21 years old, and up, are encouraged to join in the fun. To obtain more information, and confirm a seat on the bus, please contact: David Wood at (508) 330-1118. We look forward to seeing you on our next bus trip.

## Paxton area seniors are traveling back in time

PAXTON — On Thursday, Aug. 25, Paxton Area Seniors are visiting America's largest maritime museum in Mystic, Conn.

This maritime museum covers 19 acres on the Mystic River, and has a recreated 19th century coastal village with a working shipyard, formal exhibit halls. The Museum is home to over 500 historical watercraft, including the notable Charles W. Morgan, America's oldest commercial ship still in existence.

Following your personal tour of the village, we move on to Latitude 41 Restaurant for lunch. Latitude 41 is located in a newly renovated 19th century landmark along the Mystic River Shore. The restaurant will continue our 19th century experience. For lunch, we will have a choice of Roasted Codfish with sherry cracker crumbs or Grilled Bistro Steak w/garlic merlot glaze. Also included is salad, bread, starch, vegetable, coffee or tea and dessert.

After lunch, we will visit the shops at Olde Mystic Village. Olde Mystic Village is made up of many shops that offer custom gifts and Mystic made products.

The bus will leave the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St., at 7:45 a.m. with plans to be back in Paxton around 7 p.m.

This trip has considerable walking, but with ample benches, so it is your choice.

Prior reservations are a must. Menu choices and payments must be made by Aug. 4 to me at 11 Tanglewood Rd., Paxton, MA 01612. Checks should be made payable to Wilson Bus Lines.

The cost of this trip to Mystic, Conn. is \$118 per person.

For more information, please contact me, Bob Wilby at 508-792-4662 or [rwilby@charter.net](mailto:rwilby@charter.net)

I will not be available the week prior so reserve soon! Our last two bus trips were full!

Looking forward to seeing you all on the bus on Thursday, Aug. 25, before we leave at 7:45 a.m.

## Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2022 Spring Semester.

Springfield College has named Caitlin Kemp from Leicester to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester.

Kemp has a primary major of Communication/Sport Journalism.

Springfield College has named Jacob Halfrey from Spencer to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester.

Halfrey has a primary major of Exercise Science / Applied Exercise Science.

Springfield College has

named Katelyn McKay from Rochdale to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester.

McKay has a primary major of Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Springfield College has named Hannah Schultz from North Brookfield to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester.

Schultz has a primary major of Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Springfield College has named Valerie Guzman from Spencer to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester.

Guzman has a primary major of Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant.

Springfield College has named Kaitlyn Bonneau from W Brookfield to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2022 spring semester.

Bonneau has a primary major of Human Services.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

## University of New Hampshire announces Dean's List

DURHAM — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2022 semester.

Megan Elliott of East Brookfield, earning Honors

Jacqueline Robidoux of Rochdale, earning Highest Honors

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load

(12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

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To learn more about the opportunities at the University of New Hampshire visit: [www.unh.edu](http://www.unh.edu).

## University of Tampa honors Dean's List students

TAMPA, Fla. — The University of Tampa has honored 1,912 students who were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

The following local students were named to the dean's list:

Olivia Ellis of Rochdale, Freshman majoring in Accounting BS

Olivia Roy of E Brookfield, Sophomore majoring in Forensic Science BS

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**Jostiel**

**"I really really like electronics!"**

Jostiel, who likes to be called JoJo, is a sweet, funny and outgoing boy. JoJo also plays the trombone in the school band, which he enjoys very much. After school JoJo attends a program at the YMCA and enjoys spending time there with his friends. JoJo loves electronics, likes to ride his scooter, enjoys bike riding, outdoor play, swimming and playing sports. He loves Tae-Kwon Do and has taken classes in it in the past. When he is older JoJo states that he wants to be a police officer so that he can help people. He loves living in his foster family that consists of 2 moms. JoJo likes to be busy and involved in activities. Bike riding and cooking with his foster moms are some of JoJo's favorite activities.

Legally freed for adoption, JoJo would do well in an active two parent family with older children or no other children in the home so that he can receive the attention that he seeks. He would benefit from a family that is trauma informed and has a structured home environment. Because he is so close and bonded to his older brother and younger sister his new family should also understand the importance of sibling contact. He will need ongoing virtual contact and in-person visits with them on a regular basis.

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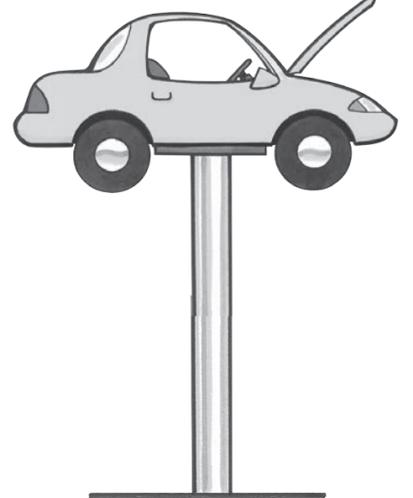
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## Coping with burnout

Most individuals take time during the summer months to unwind and sort of reset after a busy fall, winter and spring. Summer vibes are usually all about taking things slow and soaking up as much sunshine as possible before Old Man Winter heads back into the neighborhood. Many people who suffer from “burnout” welcome the longer days and warmer weather, however sometimes these three months of frisbee throwing and hanging by the lake aren’t enough.

With the go-go-go culture that has taken over our society, many people find themselves burnt out, to their detriment. Experts say people can reverse that feeling of burn out and we decided to share what we have found with our readers.

If work is taking its toll on you, you may need to make some changes there. Experts say that oftentimes, simply talking it out with a co-worker or supervisor can help to get things off your chest, especially if the consensus is to create a healthier work environment. Some people have found that the only way to cure burnout is to change positions; however, without proper techniques, every job could eventually burn you out.

Managing stress properly is huge, however not everyone knows exactly what that entails. Healthy eating, exercise and proper sleep are the easiest things one can do to ease stress in other aspects of your life. Most people who are over working themselves claim that time is an issue. There is no time to exercise, no time to sleep, no time to eat healthy. Point blank, if they can put a man on the moon, you can find the time to put yourself first without letting your job duties fall by the wayside. This could include little tricks such as parking your car far from the entry of a place to extend the walk, taking the stairs or even placing your computer on a counter so that your sitting time is lessened. Everyone knows what works best for themselves, so oftentimes, a bit of creativity and resourcefulness is needed.

A vacation can help ease burnout symptoms but often, a week isn’t enough time to truly combat burnout. If you are at a severe risk of burning out, experts say to stop working for at least two weeks and cut yourself off completely from the office. According to those in the know, they say most employers will understand that this break will result in a better employee after they return. If two weeks isn’t in the cards, at least take one day a week to yourself with no phone calls, no emails or anything work related.

Finding a release is imperative, whether it’s going for a run or simply tuning out with a good movie or an old fashioned game of solitaire. If you let stress build and build without letting off some steam, that could lead to unintentional outbursts and severe irritability.

Try not to let yourself become dependent on alcohol and caffeine. Everything in moderation. We’re not sure, but we do believe the Red Bull trend has settled a bit.

Switch things up by asking for different responsibilities. When things get mundane, they can become less interesting. Having fun while also getting the job done can make a world of difference. Even working away from the norm, and changing up the scenery can be a game changer. Find a nice coffee shop or a park and try to avoid working from home at all costs. If you work from home, you will begin to associate the same feelings about work, in the home. Your home is your sanctuary, and you need to protect it.

Oftentimes, people take better care of their vehicles than they do themselves. To keep a car running smoothly, you need to upkeep with maintenance, use top of the line fuel and keep the miles low.

In the book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s All Small Stuff” by Richard Carlson, he talks about how when you die, your ‘In Basket’ won’t be empty. His point is that we all feel the need to get everything done. We stay up late, get up early, just to get everything done. By doing this he says we put off having fun or spending time with loved ones. Keeping a full ‘In Basket’ means that your time is in demand, with projects to complete and phone calls to return. Carlson reminds his readers that no matter what you do or who you are, nothing is more important than your own happiness and sense of inner peace and that of your loved ones. He reminds us that when we die there will still be things left to finish, and that someone else will do it.

It’s one thing to read tips, and take advice from others, but it’s another thing to remember what you’ve read, and to put those words into action.

# VIEWPOINT

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New liberal world order

To the Editor:

You heard throughout the election from the Democrats that a vote for Joe Biden was a return to “normalcy” Voting for him was a return to decency and a restoration of “unity.” I wonder hope all those liberal dopes feel now when Joe’s progressives come out and speak the truth now. These dopes to the lies hook line and sinker. They are coming out now with what their objectives really are.

Inflation and the price of energy. Remember Joe was going to “Build Back Better”. Do you see anything getting built back better? There is no way in this world you are going to get businesses to invest in bringing jobs back to America if you increase taxes on them. You don’t need a PhD in economics on this. It’s just common sense. So, no business is building factories here if they are going to be taxed to oblivion. They knew this. Their goal all along was to get you dependent on government handouts to control you. That, my friends, is part of their socialist agenda. How were we supposed to get energy independence with solar and wind when we have no manufacturing here in the USA for these? It’s virtually impossible. So, their whole agenda has brought about the progressive new green deal by forcing you to pay exorbitant prices for gas and home heating oil. The plan was to have you work from your home, reduce your travel with high airline and car costs, and eliminate low-cost fossil fuel cars. Food costs will soar with the high costs of Diesel to run the tractors and transport to market. Do they make electric farm tractors, farm equipment, and 18 wheelers? We all know they do not, and there was never a plan. This was all part of their plan to destroy America as it was. It seems his handlers are OK to come out and say it out front now. After all, what can you do now? This is the progressive Democrats’ change at any cost to bring about their “New Liberal World Order,” as Joe put it. You see what it is now. The elite rich politicians enjoy all the world has to offer while us plebes stay in our houses working for the greater good.

One of the roadblocks in this “New World Order” was countries that would never buy into it. Countries like Russia. So, how to bring about regime change, as Joe has publicly stated. Start a war. How would they do this? Get a sacrificial country into a proxy war with Russia. We see this was done so adeptly with the Obama coalition. After all, Obama and Hillary are the puppet masters of senile Joe. Susan Rice pulls his strings. They used poor Ukraine and its people as a sacrificial lamb on the altar of the “New Liberal World Order.” The result? The Ukraine will be a broken, destroyed country with thousands of dead. Martyrs to the “New liberal World Order” agenda. Unfortunately, Joe and his nitwits didn’t realize something. With oil at over \$100 a barrel, Russia is now flush with cash by selling to India and China. The EU is going into a recession while the Russian economy booms. So, in effect, these nitwits have made Russia stronger economically and weakened

NATO. Trump weakened Russia when we pumped oil as fast as we could, and oil was at a low of \$30 a barrel. Russia couldn’t make a profit, and his economy suffered while ours boomed. That’s what happens when you get rid of a businessman and instead elect BiDumb’s clown circus.

Watch this election season, as they insist the mail in ballot system be used again. You know, the one where voting ballots come in in envelopes sent out to everyone. Where once received, the ballot is immediately separated from the envelope and put in a pile of ballots. Once in this pile, the ballot can never be traced back to its origins. This way, no one can ever invalidate it. It’s a nice system they made. Ballot stuffing that can never be proven to be fraudulent. In the old days in New York City, the corrupt Democrats of Tammany Hall did this by forcing immigrants off the boat to vote for them. Now they just have their paid activists harvesting these ballots that are sent out. One of my friends that works as a poll worker in Worcester related to me how, in the last election, a guy walked in with a box of 300 ballots and demanded they be counted. Since the guy was a minority, they were instructed to do it, no questions asked. It was interesting in that they were all for Biden. Yep, no fraud can be proven there. As stated previously, once out of the envelope and in the ballot pile, it can never be refuted. These activist harvesters are provided with lists of who received the mail in ballots. Our Democratic Secretary of State is right now planning on extending the mail-in-vote for allow a permanent feature, which circumvents our state constitution, where you are required to vote in person. I guess he wants to make the steal permanent for his party. What’s a poor person going to do with a group of BLM activist thugs show up to get your ballot? In this day and age, you know the thug storm troopers have the political protection and have more rights. So, you and I know what’s going to happen. If you’re happy with the new state of our economy and world affairs, then vote Democrat this fall. Validate the changes they are bringing to you. If you, like myself, want lower energy prices, the economy booming again, and no wars then vote Republican this fall. Send them a message that we reject their “Liberal New World Order”. Get your sons, daughters, and all family members to the polls to counteract the Democratic voter fraud.

Also in answer to Gene Fry’s editorial last week where he said in the Ukraine we are fighting for our values and liberties for a people like us. I guess those in African countries like the Sudan and Chad who have been oppressed and killed over the years don’t have the same values as you, so you don’t care about them. I say if we are going to police the world, we should do it no matter what “values” or color you are. But as I stated, the war in Ukraine is about something else.

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

## “Military intelligence” is no longer the leading oxymoron

To the Editor:

We not only must eliminate and cancel many of the old standbys, like “Nobody is above the law” or “Equal Justice under the Law.” How about every vote counts” or “justice is blind” (presumably) to race and gender.

Today was an interesting day (the ancient Chinese curse is “May you live in interesting times”). A few months ago, my wife informed me that we needed to get a “REAL ID.” Apparently, I have lived my first 74 years without an actual identity. She informed me that we could both renew our licenses and get a read ID at AAA, where we have been members many years. We gathered up our passports, licenses and Social Security statements, and presented ourselves in the office we have used before. Upon arrival, we were informed we would need an appointment as well as a recent bill showing our name and address. Thank God we have not gone all online (still killing trees), have a printer, and have various accounts in both of our names.

Having gathered all the documents required, we tried to make an appointment there, but found that one that would work, could not be had before my wife’s license expired (some of

which was conflict dates)

I then was able to book an appointment in close proximity to our home at an RMV office two towns away. Although I have not in many years gone to do business at a registry office, and actually accomplished the purpose in one visit, I was confident that this would be the time. We each had our valid license, valid passport, last year’s Social Security income statement and a most recent water and sewer bill, and a joint bank statement showing our name and address. Apparently, the mailings with our name and address needed to be recent, and since it had been months since I filled this folder, the bank statement had timed out, even though names and addresses all matched, one of the agents accepted my April, May, June water bill as current, while my wife’s agent rejected that same bill. When we returned home to retrieve a more current document, behold the July, August September water bill was in my mailbox. I wonder what either spouse would do if no accounts or mail was in their name? Or is responsibly getting all billing online, but not owning a printer? We finally averted that circumstance, expending only

## Prepare yourself for a long retirement



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We all want to live long lives. We all expect to live long lives. But are we financially prepared for this longevity?

Before we get to the issue of preparation, let’s look at a couple of interesting findings from a 2022 survey by Age Wave and Edward Jones:

The surveyed retirees said, on average, they expect to live to 89, and they said the ideal length of retirement is 29 years.

When asked if they want to live to 100, nearly 70% of the respondents said “yes.” The main reason for this desire for long life? To spend more years with their family and friends.

Of course, none of us can see into the future and know how long we’ll be around. But with advances in medical care and a greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, these aspirations have a real basis in reality.

However, if you’re going to enjoy a longer lifespan, and the extra years with your loved ones, you need to ensure your finances are also in good shape. How can you make this happen?

Here are some basic steps to follow:

Save and invest early and often. This may be the oldest piece of financial advice, but it’s still valid. The earlier you start saving and investing for your retirement, the greater your potential accumulation. Consider this: If you began saving just \$5,000 per year at age 25, and earned a hypothetical 6.5% annual rate of return, and didn’t take any early withdrawals, you’d end up with \$935,000 by the time you reached 65. But if you waited until 35 to start saving and investing, and you earned the same hypothetical 6.5% return – again with no early withdrawals – you’d only end up with \$460,000. And if you didn’t start saving until 45, you’d end up with just over \$200,000, again given the same 6.5 percent return.

Be mindful of debt. You may not want to be burdened with certain debts when you enter retirement. So, while you’re still working, try to reduce unwanted debts, particularly those that don’t offer the financial benefits of tax-deductible interest payments. The lower your debt load, the more you can save and invest for the future.

Keep reviewing your progress. It’s important to monitor the progress you need to make toward achieving your goal of a comfortable retirement. Over the short term, your investment balances may fluctuate, especially in volatile financial markets such as we’ve seen in the early part of this year. But you’ll get a clearer picture of your situation if you look at long-term results. For example, have your accounts grown over the past 10 years as much as you had planned? And going forward, do you think you’re in good shape, or will you need to make some changes to your investment strategy? Keep in mind that, if you’re 50 or older, you can make “catch-up” contributions to your IRA and 401(k) that allow you to exceed the regular limits. You may also want to adjust your investment mix as you near retirement to potentially lower your risk exposure.

Hopefully, you will enjoy many years of a healthy, happy retirement. And you can help support this vision by carefully considering your financial moves and making the ones that are right for you.

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# Time to start thinking pheasants



A German shorthair pup that belongs to a local bird hunter.



An English pointer all grown up, owned by a member of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.



they do best. Owned by another Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club member.

It is time for bird hunters to think about the upcoming pheasant season. For those bird hunters that are fortunate enough to hold a membership at one or two Rod & Gun Clubs in the area that hold a state pheasant hunting preserve permit, their season starts even sooner than the state pheasant season, that starts on Oct. 15 this year in Mass. The cost of raising pheasant this year for Rod & Gun Clubs has had a modest increase to date, but if grain continues to increase clubs and state birds will continue to increase in cost. The state no longer raises their own pheasant, and opted to purchase adult birds years ago from states like Vermont & New Hampshire, to mention a couple.

The state still purchases young pheasant from pheasant farms, and supply's Rod & Gun Clubs with the young birds to raise to adults, but the birds must be stocked in open covers, so that all bird hunter can hunt them in the fall. This year pheasant hunters will be allowed to harvest two pheasant daily, during the regular hunting season. Pheasant of either



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sex may be hunted. The six-bird annual harvest is no longer law in Mass., and hunters may now harvest two pheasant daily, during the Pheasant hunting season. Bird hunters in Mass. are wondering if the state will be increasing their quantity of pheasant to be stocked this year, because of the increased annual bag limit. It would be the right thing to do after the large increases for hunting & fishing license, permits, etc.!

Hunting with a bird dog is so much more fun. watching the dog use his keen sense of smell to locate birds, and hold them from flushing before the hunter is ready to shoot. When the bird is dropped in the field or brush, the dog quickly retrieves the bird and brings it back to the hunter. Dogs save a lot of shot game from being lost or wasted, because they cannot be located.

If you do not own a bird dog, the time to purchase one is now so that it is ready for the upcoming hunting season in a few months. If you purchase a dog now, he or she will be able to do some exciting things in the field, and will also be a joy to have one in the family. You need to consider purchasing a new pup, if

you have the time and money. A good dog if purchased from a breeder, can cost upwards of \$1,000 to \$2,000 or more. You need to do your homework when selecting a breeder, making sure he has good references, and a good reputation. Selecting the breed, you want could be a Labrador, Brittany Spaniel, or Springer spaniel, to mention a few. Larger dogs in the pointing family could be an English pointer, German shorthaired pointer, English Setter to mention a few. It is a big decision to make, so be sure you are ready to take on the responsibilities before to set down the cash!

Maine & New Hampshire continue to suffer serious losses in their young moose population, and it continues to become worse every year. Moose are being infected by more than 80,000 or more ticks per animal, and the moose rub themselves down to the bear skin, to rid themselves of the nasty insect. The young moose are dying from winter tick bites which infect the young moose annually. Maine had a 90 percent loss this year in young moose. A warming climate change is part of the problem. Hopefully, something can be done soon to rectified the problem.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Hypermiling and more strategies ease high gas prices

Hypermiling is the buzz word for strategizing to trim your gas costs. But all it really means is driving with techniques that maximize fuel efficiency. If you've been using the tips outlined below (and those revealed in previous columns), you've already been practicing hypermiling. Experts claim the typical hypermiler can realistically expect a 10-20% increase in fuel economy. Read on for tips (some old, some new) to help you ease the jump at the pump!



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columns but bear repeating:

Keeping a steady foot on the pedal prevents gas waste. Tests show jerky starts and hard breaking reduces travel time by only four percent, but fuel consumption is increased by nearly 40 percent.

The faster you drive the more gas you use. In fact, lowering driving speed from 65 to 55 mph can improve fuel economy by an impressive two miles per gallon.

Traveling at fast rates in low gears can consume up to 45% more fuel than is needed. Using cruise control will save 5% to 10% of a gallon of gas on long trips.

Driving with your windows all the way down at higher speeds, will waste 10% more gallons of gasoline than driving with them closed. The drag will cost you more in fuel, so delay opening windows wide until you've slowed down a bit (unless you want to literally throw money out the window!)

Opt for driving on smooth roads whenever possible. Rough roads with dirt or gravel rob you of up to 30% of your gas mileage. On the highway, closed windows decrease air resistance, so it's efficient to run the air conditioner in hot weather.

In stop-and-go traffic, shutting off the air conditioner and opening the windows can lighten your fuel use. Experts estimate using the auto a/c can lower your fuel economy by 10 percent to 20 percent.

If your car has cruise control feature, use it. Not only will you give your accelerating foot a rest, you'll save money too! Using cruise control will save you 5% to 10% of a gallon of gas on long trips!

Keeping tires properly inflated and aligned equals gas savings. Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts.

Confused when it comes to using your car air conditioner efficient-

ly? According to cooling experts, when traveling 45 mph or less, you should open the windows or vents to create a steady airflow that'll give your car a cool boost. When going faster than 45 mph, you should crank up the a/c instead. This method avoids the drag generated when windows are left open during high-speed travel.

Did you know ten seconds of idling actually uses more fuel than restarting the engine? If your car doesn't have an automatic idling shut-off feature, you can still save gas by making it a habit to turn off the car when parked.

The simple chore of cleaning out your trunk can also translate into impressive fuel savings. For every extra 250 pounds your engine hauls, the car loses about one mile per gallon in fuel economy.

Your gasoline-saving strategies start even before you fuel up. Gas comparison sites and phone applications offer consumers instant prices that add up to optimum savings:

GasBuddy.com lists gas stations near you and their current gas prices. Mapquest.com also offers a user friendly tool that has a map format and visual pinpoints to post real time prices of gas stations in your area or destination.

Analysis from GasBuddy revealed Monday is the best day to fill up as in many states gas prices are lower on Mondays than any other day. According to GasBuddy data, Thursday is the worst day to fill up, as far as cost is concerned, with Wednesday ranked second-worst.

Experts advise downgrading to upgrade gas efficiency. An AAA report found that drivers collectively waste \$2.1 billion per year on high-octane gas. In other words, they paid extra for premium gas even though it wasn't required or even recommended for their cars. Check with your mechanic or car dealer to see if it's safe for you to switch to a lower grade. This money saving method alone can save hundreds of dollars a year.

Auto advisers also recommend buying gasoline during coolest time of day, such as early morning or late evening.

During these times gasoline is densest. Gas pumps measure volumes of gasoline, so it's a better deal to buy it at its densest fuel concentration.

Performing periodic vehicle "check-ups" is a cost effective way to keep from wasting gas.

It's no secret a well-tuned engine burns less gas. Routine maintenance is your best insurance against gas guzzling.

Be sure to check your air filter each time you have your oil changed. Clogged air filters cause engines to work overtime which eats up more gas. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 20 cents a gallon.

Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts. When tires aren't inflated properly it's like driving with the parking brake on and can cost a mile or two per gallon. According to SGI, you waste 1% fuel for every 10 lb per square inch of under inflation.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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one extra hour and two gallons of gas.

This is Massachusetts, where we like voters and voting. Although my Irish mother in law did get listed on Ellis Island, my New England WASP clan were here while still England. Imagine what it must be like for minorities to get registered. Having done everything to eliminate drop boxes and mail in ballots, I am sure standing in the brisk November chill, unable to be given even water, and a minority neighborhood plan to make lines long and location inconvenient. Then, the actual major oversight, a nation that loves national holidays, to celebrate independence, fallen soldiers, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving, but for reasons that are well beyond comprehension,

has not declared election day-the first Tuesday in November as a holiday, but has declared Martin Luther Day, Juneteenth, Columbus Day, Patriots Day, Veterans Day- but not the most important day in a functioning democracy.

A quick history lesson for those who don't yet know ignore it at your peril. In the beginning, and for many years after, the founders were also the oligarchs of their time. As such, they made the rules and paid the bills. The people's House of Representatives needed oversight. This was provided by having to pass muster by a Senate composed of appointed white men by state legislatures. When this changed to being popularly elected, since they carefully selected candidates, little changed. The House was always apportioned by population, but Senate was always two per-

To best understand the unfairness the filibuster creates, the Dakotas have under two million citizens and four senators. California has 40 million citizens and two senators. The electoral college is equally convoluted.

We are now at the tipping point where only a vast majority of voters could fix this very broken system. My instinct and the polls indicate that we may very well do the opposite, and out of disappointment contrived, but falsified biggly, will return fascists to power, and screw ourselves and our posterity.

MAGA is the oxymoron. Let's not do that.

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# POLICE REPORTS

## THURSDAY, JUNE 30

10:20 a.m.: ambulance (Green Street), transported; 12:48 p.m.: transport (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported to hospital; 12:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Tobin Road), report taken; 3:09 p.m.: accident (Church Street), no action required; 3:14 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 5:40 p.m.: ambulance (Towtaid Street), transported; 6:24 p.m.: family problem (Stafford Street), no action required; 8:12 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), assisted; 8:14 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved.

## FRIDAY, JULY 1

12:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (Stafford Street), spoken to; 2:22 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, mv towed; 3:03 a.m.: suspicious person (Towtaid Street), spoken to; 3:38 a.m.: welfare check (South Main Street), spoken to; 6:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), no action required; 1:21 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 2:05 p.m.: ambulance (Reservoir Street), transported; 3:02 p.m.: ambulance (Grove Street), transported; 4:14 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 4:32 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), spoken to; 4:34 p.m.: larceny (Soojians Drive), Ryan Kenneth Nordquist, 21, 11 School Street, Spencer, larceny over \$1200 by single scheme, arrest; 4:58 p.m.: ambulance (Chandler Street, Worcester), transported; 5:51 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:22 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), services rendered; 8:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street), spoken to; 8:43 p.m.: ambulance (Evelyn Street, Worcester), call canceled; 8:50 p.m.: mv stop (Whittemore Street), verbal warning; 9:23 p.m.: disabled mv (Bond Street), gone on arrival.

## SATURDAY, JULY 2

1:31 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), spoken to; 10:24 a.m.: ambulance (Monticello Drive, Paxton), transported; 10:58 a.m.: ambulance (Water Street), transported; 11:42 a.m.: ambulance (Upton Street), transported; 12:13 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Marlboro Drive), unfounded; 2:55 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, larceny under \$1200, intimidating a witness/juror/police/court official; name and address redacted from police log, larceny under \$1200, report taken; 3:57 p.m.: trespassing (Charles Street), resolved; 4:19 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 5:18 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Crestwood Circle), resolved; 5:32 p.m.: welfare check (Sabina Circle), resolved; 5:41 p.m.: ambulance (Mayflower Road), transported; 7:15 p.m.: investigation (South Main Street), services rendered; 9:10 p.m.: ambulance (Southbridge Street, Worcester), transported.

## SUNDAY, JULY 3

12:46 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 1:15 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 1:16 a.m.: debris in road (Mannville Street), services rendered; 5:45 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, criminal application issued; 10:14 a.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), referred to ACO; 11:19 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 2:33 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street, Worcester), transported; 5:17 p.m.: disturbance (Elmwood Avenue), spoken to; 5:39 p.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), gone on arrival; 5:50 p.m.: property found (Main Street), resolved; 7:53 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 8:44 p.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 8:47 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:13 p.m.: disturbance (Hyland Avenue), spoken to; 9:14 p.m.: disturbance (Lake Shore Drive), spoken to; 9:15 p.m.: disturbance (Winslow Avenue), spoken to; 9:41 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street, Worcester), transported; 11:14 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 11:19 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 11:22 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), resolved; 11:57 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning.

## MONDAY, JULY 4

12:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 12:24 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 12:29 a.m.: threats (Towtaid Street), report taken; 1:19 a.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), resolved; 1:44 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:56 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 2:09 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), name and address redacted from police log, unlicensed operation, report taken; 3:27 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 3:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:31 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 6:00 a.m.: mv

stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 10:42 a.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), unfounded; 11:36 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 2:17 p.m.: disturbance (Bottomly Avenue), services rendered; 3:11 p.m.: missing person (King Street Extension), report taken; 4:11 p.m.: suspicious activity (Paxton Street), spoken to; 8:45 p.m.: disturbance (Ingram Road), unable to locate; 8:46 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:09 p.m.: disturbance (Monterey Drive), spoken to; 11:21 p.m.: disturbance (Craig Street), gone on arrival.

## TUESDAY, JULY 5

5:03 a.m.: accident (Charles Street), mv towed; 9:17 a.m.: ambulance (Birchwood Drive), transported; 9:56 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 10:57 a.m.: assist other PD (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 2:24 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 6:23 p.m.: disturbance (Memorial School Drive), unfounded; 7:49 p.m.: welfare check (Winslow Avenue), resolved.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

1:04 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:45 a.m.: ambulance (Park Avenue), transported; 1:12 p.m.: restraining order service (Stafford Street), unable to serve; 2:25 p.m.: disturbance (Charles Street), services rendered; 6:07 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:32 p.m.: disabled mv (Huntoon Memorial Highway), resolved; 7:41 p.m.: assault (Salminen Drive), report taken; 8:42 p.m.: restraining order service (South Main Street), served; 10:50 p.m.: suspicious mv (Pleasant Street), services rendered.

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

12:04 a.m.: disturbance (Elm Street), rep. of female screaming; 12:33-2:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:32 a.m.: medical/general (Monticello Drive); 7:30 a.m.: fire alarm (Greenville Street), referred; 7:31 a.m.: disabled mv (West Main Street), mv towed; 8:16 a.m.: lost/found (Main Street), ring found; 9:13 a.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 9:49 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), re: money laundering; 12:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operation; 2:00 p.m.: DPW call (Browning Pond Road), low-hanging wires; 2:13 p.m.: parking complaint (Adams Street), mv blocking line of sight; 3:01 p.m.: medical/general (Ash Street); 3:17 p.m.: restraining order service (Mechanic Street); 3:38 p.m.: mv complaint (Greenville Street), speeding dump truck; 5:01 p.m.: fireworks complaint (West Main Street), re: Facebook post; 5:11 p.m.: citizen complaint (Thompson Pond Road), bylaw violation/noise ordinance; 5:19 p.m.: school alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 6:12 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 6:30 p.m.: citizen complaint (West Main Street), re: location of protest; 7:04 p.m.: medical/general (Monticello Drive); 8:54 p.m.: disturbance (Franklin Street), loud dispute; 9:09 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), open line; (total daily mv stops - 3)

## THURSDAY, JUNE 30

12:11-2:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:25 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 6:30 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 8:40 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. of fraud; 8:43 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), rep. of assault; 9:03 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:03 a.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), re: neighbor's dog; 10:34 a.m.: restraining order service (North Spencer Road); 12:33 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 12:47 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 2:39 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 2:55 p.m.: disturbance (Howe Village), poss. domestic dispute; 3:27 p.m.: officer wanted (McCormick Road), ex holding belongings hostage; 3:37 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), assisted; 3:44 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/4 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Bond Street), re: non-lethal rounds for bear; 6:30 p.m.: lost/found (Smithville Road), c/c found; 6:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Cranberry Meadow Road), scratched by dog; 6:47 p.m.: medical/general (Bay Path Road); 7:42 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 8:33 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Bay Path Road), illegal burn; 8:42 p.m.: fireworks complaint (High Street), neighbors lighting fireworks; 11:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Cooney Road), dispute over money; (total daily mv stops - 1).

## FRIDAY, JULY 1

12:21-1:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), mv possibly hitting things/squealing; 4:30 a.m.: abandoned 911

call (Pleasant Street), open line; 5:51 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 7:36 a.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 9:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Lake Whittemore Drive), spoken to; 9:36 a.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), unspecified complaint logged; 9:57 a.m.: animal complaint (Donnelly Road), bears in yard; 10:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Briarcliff Lane), info given; 10:30 a.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 11:24 a.m.: restraining order service (G.H. Wilson Road); 11:28 a.m.: medical/general (East Charlton Road); 11:43 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Barre PD bolo/arrest; 12:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Sherwood Drive), re: sales on FB marketplace; 12:47 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 2:16 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), mv dumped items in road; 2:51 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), poss. skimmer on ATM; 2:59 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 3:17 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:18 p.m.: RV accident (Donnelly Road), boating accident w/injury; 3:23 p.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 3:24 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), re: cloudy water; 3:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Wall Street), req. welfare check; 4:00 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 4:21 p.m.: school alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 5:08 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), males fighting; 5:34 p.m.: disturbance (Maple Street), debris thrown on porch; 6:06 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 8:20 p.m.: disabled mv (Greenville Street), services rendered; 9:10 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Cherry Street), campfire in empty lot; 10:08 p.m.: juvenile matter (West Main Street), resolved; 10:21 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Hastings Road), f/w in area; (total daily mv stops - 2).

## SATURDAY, JULY 2

12:05-2:19 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: medical/general (Mechanic Street); 2:26 a.m.: open door/business (Main Street), bldg. secured; 4:49 a.m.: medical/general (Water Street); 6:09 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), re: holding mail; 8:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Route 49), birds walking on roadway; 9:15 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), TT blocking d/way; 9:21 a.m.: burglary (Howe Road), garage broken into; 9:36 a.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), re: letter rec'd; 10:05 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 10:12 a.m.: lost/found (Meadow Road), wallet lost; 10:14 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:48 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), resolved; 11:04 a.m.: animal complaint (Chestnut Street), stray dog; 11:36 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), re: brown water; 11:50 a.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), animal bite; 11:53 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 12:09 p.m.: animal complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), loose dog; 12:24 p.m.: medical/general (Sunset Lane), lift assist; 2:13 p.m.: fire alarm (Briarcliff Lane), referred; 3:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Lloyd Dyer Drive), dog owner not cleaning up; 5:23 p.m.: fire alarm (Donnelly Road), referred; 5:24 p.m.: mv lockout (Mechanic Street), assisted; 5:40 p.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), ticket issued; 6:33 p.m.: accident (Ash Street), report taken; 6:56 p.m.: DPW call (Route 49), flooding near Route 9; 7:14 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), erratic operator; 7:39 p.m.: missing person (Kittredge Road), teen left residence; 8:19 p.m.: suspicious persons (Pleasant Street), investigated; 9:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 9:38 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Greenville Street); 11:35 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Chickering Road); (total daily mv stops - 6).

## SUNDAY, JULY 3

12:11-2:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:36 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), ticket issued; 5:21 a.m.: disturbance (Main Street), resolved; 5:43 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 6:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Bacon Hill Road), bear/cubs in area; 8:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Lloyd Dyer Drive), theft/yard decorations; 10:13 a.m.: DPW call (North Spencer Road), squirrel on wire/no power; 11:28 a.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 11:50 a.m.: harassing calls (Howe Village), repeated calls; 11:58 p.m.: DPW call (North Street), lg. branch on wires; 1:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 1:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Park Street), suspicious male at park; 2:00 p.m.: medical/general (Chickering Road); 2:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), re: violent white supremacist flyers; 2:37 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), number plate found; 3:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Paxton Road), lg. tree in yard; 4:30 p.m.: RV complaint (McCormick Road), jet skis close to swimmers; 5:35 p.m.: suspicious persons (Park Street),

investigated; 5:42 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 6:09 p.m.: disturbance (Valley Street), noise complaint; 6:10 p.m.: officer wanted (Lamb's Grove), req. welfare check; 6:18 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 7:23 p.m.: medical/general (Browning Pond Road); 7:32 p.m.: disabled mv (Paxton Road), no action required; 7:34 p.m.: disturbance (Thompson Pond Road), kids jumping off bridge; 7:46 p.m.: mv complaint (Hastings Road), speeding; 7:58 p.m.: 911 call (Brooks Pond Road), misdial; 8:10 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), bolo/poss. drunk driver; 8:46 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Brooks Pond Road); 8:56 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Vista Lane); 9:30-9:39 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:40 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Northwest Road); 10:27 p.m.: stolen property (Fourth Avenue), re: theft three months ago; 10:37 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Grove Street); 10:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:09 p.m.: medical/general (Bixby Road); 11:11 p.m.: missing person/adult (Lake Street), re: husband; (total daily mv stops - 3).

## MONDAY, JULY 4

4:12 a.m.: elderly matter (Craig Road), elderly fem. wandering; 5:54 a.m.: 911 call (Bixby Road), open line; 10:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), re: phone issues; 10:53 a.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), referred; 11:26 a.m.: animal complaint (South Spencer Road), loose horse; 1:15 p.m.: illegal dumping (Maple Street), ongoing problem; 1:19 p.m.: lost/found (West Main Street), wallet found; 1:39 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 2:02 p.m.: 911 call (Lake Street), open line; 4:17 p.m.: intelligence/drugs (McCormick Road), people smoking pot; 5:15 p.m.: mv complaint (Charlton Road), mc passing on solid yellow; 5:56 p.m.: juvenile matter (Lamb's Grove), spoken to; 6:10 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), harassed by customer; 6:21 p.m.: 911 call (Laurel Lane), accidental; 8:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), unwanted parties; 8:23 p.m.: fraud (Howe Village), poss. scam; 8:43 p.m.: juvenile matter (North Street), custody issue; 9:23 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Lake Street); 9:27 p.m.: fireworks complaint (Woodside Road); 9:56 p.m.: animal complaint (Greenville Street), bear in area; 10:34 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), New Braintree PD bolo/op. intoxicated; 10:40 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Rutland PD bolo/missing juvenile; (total daily mv stops - 2).

## TUESDAY, JULY 5

1:13-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:51 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 6:08 a.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), water main break; 6:42 a.m.: illegal dumping (Cranberry Meadow Road), construction materials on pvt. property; 6:44 a.m.: residential alarm (Hastings Road), services rendered; 8:50 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), req. welfare check; 10:32 a.m.: officer wanted (Langevin Street), re: fraudulent purchase; 10:45 a.m.: illegal dumping (Meadow Road), household trash dumped; 11:16 a.m.: disturbance (Cherry Street), child/dogs in road; 11:28 a.m.: 911 call (Crestwood Avenue), resolved; 12:44 p.m.: mutual aid (Pleasant Street), Shrewsbury PD req. address check; 12:59 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 1:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), loose dog; 1:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Bay Path Road), req. welfare check; 1:36 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Street); 3:01 p.m.: disturbance (Highland Street), noise complaint; 3:34 p.m.: 911 call (Grove Street), misdial; 4:10 p.m.: fraud (Howe Village), scam calls daily; 4:36 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), East Brookfield PD bolo/welfare check; 4:55 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Smithville Road), found dog; 6:09 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Church Street), misdial; 6:13 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Greenville Street), resolved; 6:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), male inappropriate to clerk; 6:26 p.m.: vandalism (Pleasant Street), rocks thrown at library; 7:58 p.m.: commercial alarm (Lake Street), services rendered; 8:11 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 8:14 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), rep. mv hit last night; 8:32 p.m.: vandalism (Roys Drive), mv vandalized; 9:50 p.m.: medical/general (Lincoln Street); 10:02 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), resolved; 10:30 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), State Police Holden bolo; 10:30 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 11:13 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 11:23 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:34 p.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 11:59 p.m.: building checked, secure; (total daily mv stops - 1).

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**VOLUNTEERS**

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Looking ahead to the late summer and fall, town officials invite residents to step up and get involved in their community, even if it is for only one term.

"Towns such as Spencer rely heavily on their volunteer boards and committees, from elected boards such as the Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners, to regulatory boards such as the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, to oversight boards such as the Finance Committee, and advisory boards such as the Council on Aging," said Town Administrator Jeffrey Bridges. "It is difficult with all that is going on in people's lives to carve off that much more time to volunteer. However, finding that time and a board that interests you provides the community with the invaluable asset of citizen participation."

**KUSTIGIAN**

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Kustigian is eager to help foster that cohesion in his new role.

"Teamwork is essential in any organization. My experience has taught me that the only way things get accomplished is when you have a team of individuals working toward a common vision," Kustigian said. "The school administration, School Committee, and Board of Selectmen have the vision to offer the best education possible. It is humbling and an honor to be a part of this team."

Despite the many challenges facing the school district in recent years, Leicester students have continued to shine. Kustigian looks forward to meeting more students, families, and community mem-

bers as he further settles into his new role.

"I have not had the chance to meet many students yet, but I can't wait until the school year starts," Kustigian said. "I want to pass it on and help mentor young Wolverines the way that I was mentored."

Outside of school, Kustigian enjoys spending time with his family and maintaining an active lifestyle as a frequent runner. He also makes sure to support students' extracurricular activities by attending sporting events, concerts, and other programs.

"It's all about the kids and working hard to give them the opportunities that will make them successful in the future," Kustigian said.

**LIBRARIES**

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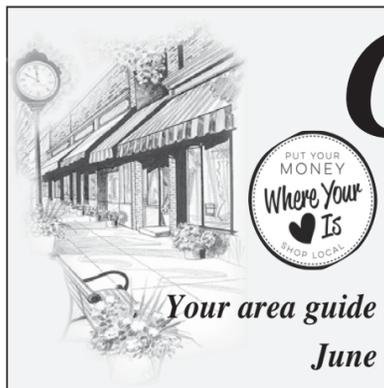
"I am really excited about this great project for the community," said Mary Anne Slack, a library trustee who will help curate the collection at DPHS.

Also attending the grand opening of Prouty's mini free library last month were Spencer Town Administrator Jeffrey Bridges, newly promoted DPHS Principal Nathan Malone, and several students. Local families and students are thrilled about the new community options for promoting literacy this summer and beyond.

Additional financial support for the project came from the Friends of the Richard Sugden Library.

If you would like to drop off books at a local mini free library, please make donations that are in good shape for additional enjoyment.

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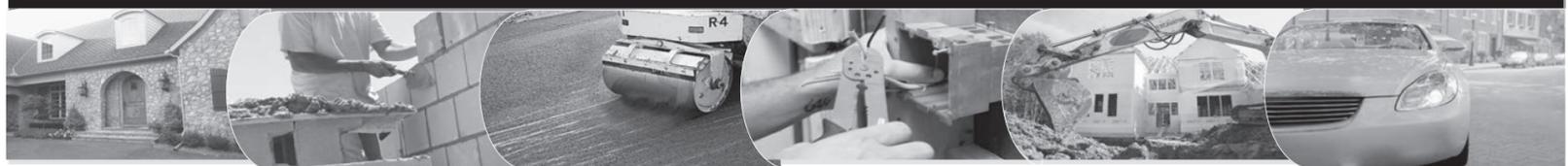
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# Anderson graduates from Emmanuel College

BOSTON — Emily Anderson of Spencer graduated from Emmanuel College on Saturday, May 14 during the College's 100th Commencement Exercises on its campus in Boston. Anderson received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice during the ceremony.

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# Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. — The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Spring 2022 semester.

\* Mikayla Halloran, a May 2022 graduate and psychology / education studies major from Spencer, and a graduate of David Prouty High School.

\* Paisleigh Atwood, a sophomore biology major from West Brookfield, and a graduate of Quaboag Regional High School.

About Saint Michael's College

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## LEGALS

**Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals**  
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Ethan Lacaire & Kelly Norton for the property located at 12 Clearview Drive, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build deck to the above pre-existing nonconforming property located in General District. This requires a Special Permit as per section(s) -1.52-Nonconformity: \$1.52 Nonconforming Structures (a) (et al)  
July 8, 2022  
July 15, 2022

**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:  
**Hamadryad LLC** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to build a deck, remove invasive vegetation, create unpaved walkways, propagate & nurture native plants, practice sustainable agriculture and erect signage for pathways located at **68 & 70 Donnelly Road, Spencer, MA.**  
**Merrilee Sprague Allen** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to remove a tree at **41 Oakland Drive, 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, July 27, 2022 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or

call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.  
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
July 15, 2022

**Oxford Rochdale Sewer District Invitation to Bid**  
The Board of Sewer Commissioner's requests sealed bids to provide Clarifier #2 Rehabilitation Work; Contract 2022-4. Bidding Documents may be obtained at the Oxford Rochdale Sewer District offices, 28 Comins Road, North Oxford, MA 01537 or by calling 508- 892-9549 between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. after Tuesday July 5, 2022. Oxford Rochdale Sewer District will receive bids at 28 Comins Road, North Oxford, MA 01537 until 11 A.M. Thursday August 11, 2022 prevailing time at which time bid documents will be publicly opened and read.  
The Board of Sewer Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not in the best interest of the Oxford Rochdale Sewer District.  
Board of Sewer Commissioners  
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July 15, 2022  
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**THE TOWN OF EAST BROOKFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
A public hearing will be held in the Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. on the application made by Shiloh Patchen for a General on Premise All Alcoholic Beverages License for Shi's Pub, LLC., 291 East Main Street, East Brookfield. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Joseph R. Fish  
Chairman  
July 15, 2022  
July 22, 2022

**Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals**  
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Derek and Ashley Carroll (ACS Excavation & Trucking) for the property located at 20 Wigwam Road, West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to (1) run a contracting business storage and (2) park commercial vehicles exceeding 26,000 pounds located in Rural Residential District. This requires a Special Permit as per section(s) -3 Use Regulations: §3.24 (4) Contracting business and equipment storage yard §3.22 (1) Residential Use (et al)  
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# SPORTS

## Despite strong effort from Cherry Valley, Shrewsbury proves to be too much to overcome

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

WORCESTER — When the Cherry Valley American Legion baseball team walked off Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field on the campus of Holy Cross on Thursday, July 7, the scoreboard read as follows: “Shrewsbury Post 397 – 10; Cherry Valley Post 443 – 0”

The game was called once Shrewsbury plated its 10th run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the mercy rule. Despite the lopsided final score, Cherry Valley manager Jim Stephens was optimistically pleased with Post 443’s performance.

“The kids played well, I’m happy with it. How can you be happy when it’s 10-0?” Stephens mentioned. “But, you know, this is a young, young team and I told them you’ve got to do your homework. You’ve got to figure out how I did, how was my night?”

And, for the most part, the Post 443 players put up a good performance.

“I told the kids tonight that I was actually very happy with the way they

were playing. They played good tonight. I said I don’t care what the score is,” said Stephens.

Cherry Valley starting pitcher Matt Kustigian got off to a great start against Shrewsbury. Kustigian retired the first eight batters he faced and Post 397 held a slim lead of 1-0 through three innings.

Shrewsbury did come alive in the latter half of the game, though, scoring four times in the fourth and five more times in the sixth to put the game away.

“Matt pitched real good for the first couple of innings, and then it seemed like they were right on his fastball. They were waiting on the fastball and hitting it hard. It was almost like he was tipping the pitch,” said Stephens. “I said, ‘I think they’re on your pitches.’ He said, ‘you’re right coach, they’re on top of it.’”

Shrewsbury finished with 14 hits, highlighted by two-hit efforts from Ryan Walton, Andy Gardner, Jimmy Mitchell, Deegan Miller, Dylan Lemay and Mike Dennis.

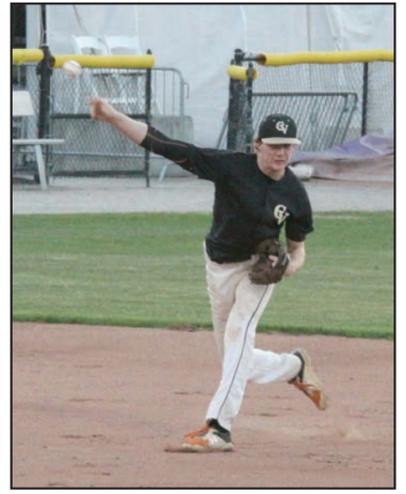
Cherry Valley committed two field-

ing errors, so Kustigian’s final stat line included 5-2/3 innings pitched, 10 runs (6 earned), 3 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Offensively, Post 443 had three hits off Shrewsbury’s Rocco Hickson. The biggest base knock of all came in the top of the first inning when leadoff hitter Evan Brindisi took the first pitch he saw to deep right field, which resulted in a triple. But Cherry Valley was unable to score Brindisi, as Evan Remington flew out, Matt Kustigian struck out and Chris Kustigian grounded out.

“It changes everything,” Stephens said if his team would have been able to score first. “When you start out like that, if we could have scored that run it would have put them on the backburner and they would have had to come back. Once they got the one run, then they played the game different and we were the ones that were chasing.”

Matt Kustigian had a fourth inning single, Chris Kustigian followed with a fourth inning fielder’s choice and Anthony Marsi had a fifth inning sin-



Nick Ethier photos

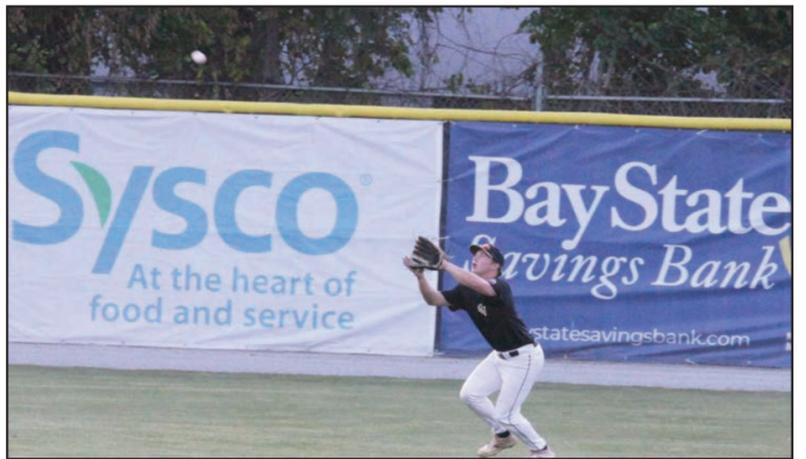
Cherry Valley shortstop Evan Remington fires the ball off to first base for an out.

gle to account for the only other base runners Cherry Valley could muster. Hickson’s complete game effort included nine strikeouts.

Shrewsbury is now 15-2, while Post 443 fell to 4-11.



Cherry Valley catcher Anthony Marsi gets low to successfully block a pitch thrown in the dirt.



Chris Kustigian of Cherry Valley gets underneath a fly ball hit his way in center field.

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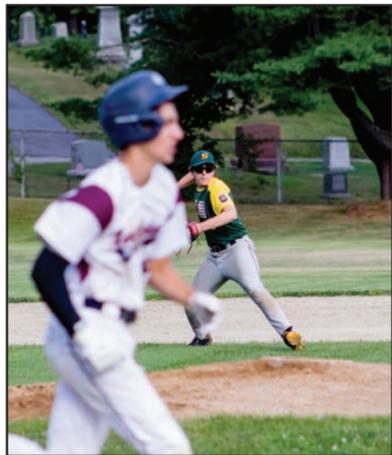
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# SPORTS

## Northbridge, who 'needed this game,' scores 10 unanswered runs to beat Sturbridge



Jason Mckay photos

Sturbridge's Luke Hill peers over to first base and tries to throw out Northbridge's hustling base runner.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — Nick Laflamme and Zach Feeney both went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs and pitcher Mike Shorey tossed a complete-game four-hitter to lead the Northbridge American Legion Post 343 baseball team to a 10-2 win over Sturbridge Post 109 on Friday, July 8, at Lasell Field.

"We needed this game," Northbridge coach John Demagian said. "We needed it bad."

Post 343, which started the season 6-1, had lost eight of nine — and four in a row — heading into Friday's game against Sturbridge.

"When we put the ball in play, when we hit the ball, we're pretty good," Demagian said. "We beat Milford to go 6-1, and then we were 1-8 since, until today. Now we're 8-9. It's been a tough



Keenan Wetherbee of Sturbridge focuses on the incoming pitch before swinging away.

stretch, we've struggled scoring runs." Sturbridge (0-17) jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

David Seaver (two hits) got things going by reaching base on an infield single and moved to second when the throw to first was off the mark. Seaver put Post 109 ahead, 1-0, racing home when the next batter, Keenan Wetherbee, doubled to the gap in right-center field. Wetherbee advanced to third on a groundout by Brandon Phillips and scored — to extend the Sturbridge lead to 2-0 — on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Devin Krochmalnycky.

"When they got two in the top of the first I thought maybe it was just going to be one of those days," Demagian said.

But it wasn't because Northbridge scored the final 10 runs of the game.

Post 343 tied the game, 2-2, in the bottom of the first.

Laflamme led off with a triple and scored to cut the Northbridge deficit to 2-1 on an errant throw to third base in an attempt by Sturbridge to catch him napping. Northbridge's next batter, Cam Athanas, walked, advanced to second on a Post 109 error, and went to

third on a groundout by Matt Landry. Athanas scored to tie the game, 2-2, on another groundout, this one by Feeney.

Northbridge finished the game with 13 hits, but it was the first one — the triple by Laflamme — that got Post 343 going.

"I was looking to attack first pitch and hopefully get on base; it felt good off the bat," said Laflamme, who turned on the first pitch, a fastball, and sent it to deep left field. "It was a good way to start the game; I felt like it really got us going."

Laflamme gave Northbridge the lead for good, 3-2, in the third inning. After being hit by a pitch Laflamme went to second base on a wild pitch and third on a single by Landry. He scored on a single to right field by Feeney.

Post 343 broke the game open in the fourth inning, taking an 8-2 lead by scoring five runs on five hits, two walks, a sacrifice fly and a Sturbridge error. Laflamme and Athanas both drove in two runs with singles to left field, and Landry delivered the fifth run with a fly-ball out to left field.

The eight runs was more than enough

for Shorey — although Post 343 did add a pair of runs in the sixth inning to account for the 10-2 final score — who threw just 79 pitches and didn't walk a batter.

"Mike locates and changes speeds very well," Demagian said of Shorey, who is left-handed. "I don't know (Shorey being left-handed) bothers the other team. It's something they don't see a lot of because there are not a lot of lefties out there. He's a good one, though, we're glad to have him."

Shorey said he wasn't worried when he walked back to the dugout in the middle of the first inning trailing 2-0.

"I just try to throw strikes when I'm out there," said Shorey, a Northbridge grad who will be starting his sophomore year at Anna Maria next month. "I know I have a good defense behind me so I'm just trying to pitch to contact. I was a little shaken up in the first inning, but not worried; I hadn't pitched in a week. I knew (the defense) was going to figure it out for me; they always do."

Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel, who was disappointed by the loss, remains upbeat.

"After tryouts we knew we had no pitching," Rosseel said. "I had a bunch of (roster) spots available so I went for the young kids. I said to myself, 'it doesn't matter; you've got no pitching so you're not going to go anywhere.' So I decided it was time to start young again and get the young kids a year of experience so they know what to expect next year."

Post 109 has routinely had less than a dozen players at its games this summer.

"The beauty of only having 9, 10, or 11 guys at each game is that a lot of kids that didn't plan on getting a lot of playing time have gotten more than they expected," Rosseel said. "And that's invaluable."

## Wild Bill Swim Challenge offers something for everyone

### OPEN WATER SWIMMING RACES, 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 every "Wild Bill" brew sold in the beer gar-

den 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.

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. Donations are also being accepted at gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge.



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# Lake Lashaway Adaptive Ski event to celebrate East Brookfield's and Water Ski's 100th Anniversary!

EAST BROOKFIELD — On Wednesday, July 13 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., the Webster Water Ski Collective (WWSC) will be helping East Brookfield celebrate its 100th anniversary by hosting an "Any Age, Any Disability" Water Ski Event that will allow kids and adults with various disabilities including spinal bifida, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, autism and epilepsy the chance to water ski with trained instructors on Lake Lashaway. The event also coincides with the 100th Anniversary of Water Skiing as a sport, and is one of the many events Webster Water Ski Collective is hosting to celebrate 100 years of our sport!

This "Any Age, Any Disability" event is the second of four events scheduled for 2022 that brings adaptive water skiing to the disabled community in Central Massachusetts. The first event was held on Lake Quinsigamond in Shrewsbury Massachusetts on June 24, and other events will be held in Webster and Charlton Massachusetts later this summer.

The adaptive ski event will allow members of the disabled community to participate in water skiing using specialized equipment with trained and certified adaptive ski instructors assisting them. A picnic lunch will also be included for the participants and volunteers. The event is free for the participants and is being paid for through generous donations from our sponsors and local community.

The Webster Water Ski Collective is the only organization in Massachusetts, and one of only a handful of organizations nationwide that offers an adaptive water ski program. The Webster Water Ski Collective often partners up with the local community and with other ski enthusiasts to bring these events to local ponds and expand their offerings.

"It takes a village, but it's so worth it to see those smiles," says Ryan DesRoches, the director of Adaptive Skiing at WWSC. "We typically have 20 or more volunteers for these events made up of not just our group, but

of other ski enthusiasts and members of the local community. It's really a community event more than strictly a water-skiing event - and it's great to see so many people come out to support and celebrate our disabled community."

The Webster Water Ski Collective has been doing Adaptive Skiing for the past three years, starting in 2020 with help from the Leaps of Faith Organization from Sandy Hook, and recently starting their own program which is continuing to grow and expand their offerings in Central Massachusetts. This season, the group is hosting four events in Central Massachusetts with the goal of talking more than 100 disabled individuals out on the water.

"There is nothing better that we like to do than to share our love of waterskiing with others," said Ryan DesRoches. "Once you see the faces light up when they hit the water, it's impossible not to smile and become hooked on doing this. We're just so happy to be able to bring this opportunity of water skiing to our disabled community who normally would not get the chance to do something like this."

The Lake Lashaway event is one of the many events taking place this year for East Brookfield's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

"We are honored to be a part of East Brookfield's 100th Anniversary and to celebrate the town's history and its future. Lake Lashaway is a beautiful spot for an event like this, and we have been blessed to come and be welcomed by the selectmen, residents and local businesses that have helped us bring this event to the lake," says DesRoches.

Anyone interested in donating to the event or sponsoring may contact Ryan at [WebsterWaterSki@gmail.com](mailto:WebsterWaterSki@gmail.com).

Photos, videos and news coverage of our 2022 Lake Quinsigamond Event can be found at <https://www.websterwaterski.org/tons-of-smiles-at-2nd-annual-adaptive-ski-day-at-lake-quinsigamond/>.

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The Webster Water Ski Collective is a 501c3 organization with a mission to promote water skiing and watersports in a safe and fun environment for all ages and skill levels. Founded in 2020, the Collective is embarking on its third full season with skiing out of Point Breeze Marina on Webster Lake and Glen Echo Lake in Charlton. In addition to hosting adaptive ski events, the Webster Water Ski Collective also hosts free learn-to-ski events for the public during the summer months. In December, the collective hosts a "Swaterski" event where participants brave the cold water in Webster Lake for water skiing and then head to Wachusett Mountain for snow skiing, all in an effort to raise money for the National Brain Tumor Society. Over the past two seasons the SwaterSki event has raised over \$25,000 for the Brain Tumor Society and Webster Dudley Food Share.

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