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Friday, July 10, 2026

Spencer Rescue Squad completes transition to municipal management

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

SPENCER — The Spencer Rescue Squad has officially completed its transition into the Spencer Fire and Emergency Services, ending more than 65 years as a nonprofit emergency medical service.

As of July 1, the Squad now serves as a municipal division of the Spencer Fire and Emergency Services. The service made the decision to donate all of its assets, including its Bixby Road facility, to the Town of Spencer for the low price of \$1. Squad employees are joining the department along with anticipated new hires at the new Spencer EMS.

Spencer Fire & Emergency Services posted on social media a little after midnight on July 1 confirming the ceremonial turning over of the keys.

“Tonight, after serving the community of Spencer



Members of the Spencer Rescue Squad ceremonially turn the keys to their Bixby Road facility to the town.

Courtesy

since 1959, Spencer Rescue and Emergency Squad closed their doors and their last run completed just before the turnover. At midnight President Vincent Cloutier turned over the keys to the building to Town Administrator Jeff Bridges,” the post read. “At 12:01 Spencer EMS is serving the community as a division under the Fire Department. Without the Board of Directors forethought and generous donation of all the assets to the Town this would not be possible.”

The Spencer Rescue Squad had previously posted a message to the public on its page on the town website acknowledging the impending change.

“For the past 68 years, the Spencer Rescue Squad has been honored to serve this community. We sincerely thank our employees, volunteers, board members, and residents for their steady support, generosity, Turn To TRANSITION page A8

Spencer-East Brookfield Superintendent will not seek new contract

SPENCER — Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Paul Haughey announced today that he will not seek a successor contract at the conclusion of his current term, which ends on June 30, 2027.

The early announcement gives the School Committee a full year to plan and conduct a comprehensive search for the district’s next educational leader, ensuring a stable and structured transition.

“Serving the towns of Spencer and East Brookfield has been the highlight of my career,” said Haughey. “I am making this announcement now to give our School Committee ample time to find the right leader for our next chapter. Over the next year, my absolute priority remains guiding our schools, supporting our educators, and ensuring our students have everything they need to thrive.”

During the remaining tenure, Superintendent Haughey will continue to oversee all district operations, academic programming, and strategic goals while collaborating with school leadership to prepare for the transition.

Registration open for Brookfields Lions Club Golf Tournament

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

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

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

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Brookfields Lions Club’s charitable programs and community service projects throughout the area. Through fundraising events such as this tourna-

ment, the club supports local organizations and individuals while carrying out the Lions’ mission of serving those in need.

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

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

Amateur Radio Club participates in annual Field Day

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

WEST BROOKFIELD — While technology has certainly come a long way since the days of analog radio, the art of this form of traditional radio communication remains alive through clubs across the country, including locally with the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club.

On June 27, members of the club came together for the biggest annual ham and amateur radio on-air event in the country, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day. But this wasn’t the radio many use every day that they tune into in their cars. This involved radio operators literally going into the field to simulate an emergency radio scenario and communicating with each other from states and even countries away.

Operators set up camp on the West Brookfield

Common including generators, antennas and radio stations and spent a full day and night, communicating with fellow operators from other clubs not only brushing up on their skills but also simulating how they would work to maintain communication if an emergency were to strike.

Howard Ser, a member of the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club, explained that while many might believe radio communication is unnecessary thanks to modern technology like cell phones, it’s the only type of long-range communication that could survive a major weather or emergency event that impacts power systems and cell towers making it essential for national safety and security.

“Without emergency communications lives can be lost, property can be lost, there’s a lot of danger out there. You can’t get first responders to respond

unless they find out where they’re needed and that’s where we step in,” said Ser. Club President Ken Miller echoed this reality noting how all the radios at the Field Day were not powered by traditional sources of electricity, but rather portable ones. He also stressed the importance of this annual day of practice to prove to officials in Washington, D.C. that their radio bands should remain reserved for any emergency.

“The practice is getting here, setting up antennas, and doing all this out in the field. It’s not in your house or garage, it’s using trees or whatever is available to you to deploy antennas and use batteries and generators. We have redundancies,” Miller said. “If we’re not active and we’re not using the spectrum we have allotted to us there’s a good chance they look at that and they redesignate it for some other service so it’s important to keep the bands active

and things like this help to make that possible.”

Overall, the Field Day proved to be another big success as well as an oppor-

tunity to educate those who wanted to learn more about radio communication and possibly take up the hobby themselves. Those

who want to learn more about the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club can visit qvarc.com.



Jason Bleau

Members of the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club man their posts for the annual Field Day on June 27.

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

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

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

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about Lions Club membership and community service

programs, as well as participate in free eye screenings. Children can enjoy a bounce house and games, while complimentary refreshments—including snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs, and water—will be available for children while supplies last.

A highlight of the

day will be a Cornhole Tournament beginning at noon. Registration and warm-up activities start at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per person, with cash prizes awarded to top competitors. Participants may register in advance through the Scoreholio app or sign up on the day of the tournament.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit local veterans.

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

new club in Warren,” said Curt Jameson, past district governor of Lions Clubs District 33A and chair of the event.

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

Derek Mahoney of Leicester named to University of Rhode Island Dean’s List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that Derek Mahoney of Leicester has been named to its Spring 2026 Dean’s List.

To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students

must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 through 3.79 grade point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 through 3.79 grade point average.

Students named to the Dean’s List represent nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

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ed by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island’s flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today’s world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land- and sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation. To learn more, visit: uri.edu.

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Abigail Radebaugh named to President’s List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Abigail Radebaugh of Brookfield has been named to the Plymouth State University President’s List for the Spring 2026 semester. To be named to the President’s List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the Spring 2026 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized. Radebaugh is majoring in Nursing at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University

Patrick Schold of Spencer named to University of Rhode Island President’s List

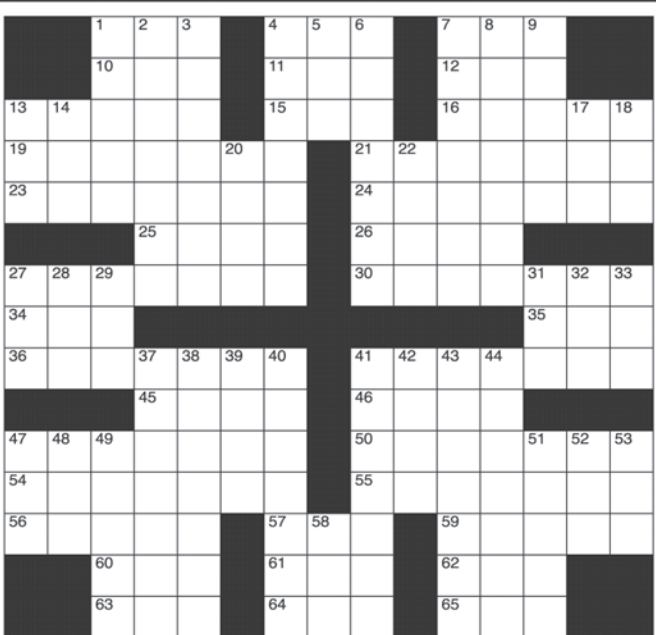
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Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates, and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. The Plymouth State Cluster Learning Model emphasizes open, integrative, and project-based experiences. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire. To learn more about Plymouth State University, visit www.plymouth.edu.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tire pressure measurement
- 4. Request
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007’s creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 13. Cloths spread over a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. We all take them
- 21. Earl’s jurisdiction
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Rummy-like card game
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Withdrew from a union
- 30. Woman’s cloak
- 34. Spanish river
- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Something you can take
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Makes somber
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. A tool to inject
- 55. Support
- 56. Informal term for money
- 57. Catch doing something wrong
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. High resolution microscope
- 64. Pitching statistic
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indoor plant
- 2. Marketable
- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Irish hip-hop trio
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Course requirements
- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV channel
- 14. They ___
- 17. Cooking material
- 18. Investment account
- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river
- 27. Small coin (French)
- 28. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Taxi
- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Unhappy
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Item to be addressed
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. A place for ships
- 44. One who sings holiday songs
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Scottish town
- 49. The most worthless parts
- 51. Sticky
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Precursor to the EU
- 58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

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

EAST BROOKFIELD — The East Brookfield Public Library is inviting children and families to take part in a variety of summer activities designed to encourage creativity, learning and fun. The library's weekly Activity and Play program will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. as an extension of the library's story time program. Caregivers are

required to remain with participating children, with one adult required for every two children. A series of special afternoon activities will begin at 2 p.m. throughout the summer. The schedule includes paper airplane making on June 30, cornhole on July 7, sidewalk chalk drawing on July 14, bubbles on July 21, origami on July 28, bracelet making on Aug. 4, and a

guided tour of the library pond on Aug. 11. The library will also host a summer Arts and Crafts program beginning June 23. Additional sessions are scheduled for July 7, July 21, Aug. 4 and Aug. 18, with all programs starting at 11 a.m. Registration is required for the Arts and Crafts program. Adult caregivers must attend with children under age 12, with one adult required for every two children. Some projects may continue into the following week's session. Library officials encourage families to register early and participate in the wide range of educational and recreational activities planned throughout the summer. For more information or to register, contact the East Brookfield Public Library.

Leicester Democratic Town Committee plans second annual potluck barbecue

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

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

while enjoying an informal afternoon focused on fellowship and civic engagement.

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

Participants are asked to bring

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

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

For more information or to register, visit the Leicester Democratic Town Committee's Web site, ldtc-mass.org.



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Sons of the American Legion to host 21st annual Scholarship Scramble

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Sons of the American Legion Post 244 will host its 21st Annual Scholarship Scramble Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 8, raising funds to support local scholarships.

The tournament will be played at Quail Hollow Country Club in Oakham with an 8 a.m. shotgun

start. Golfers will compete over 18 holes before returning to American Legion Post 244 in West Brookfield for a chicken dinner, raffles, and prize presentations.

The entry fee is \$120 per person, and registrations must be received by Aug. 1.

The annual event serves as a fundraiser for the Sons of the

American Legion's scholarship program, which supports local students pursuing higher education.

Organizers encourage golfers of all skill levels to participate while helping invest in educational opportunities for area students.

For more information or to register, contact Kevin at 774-230-3262 or Gary at 508-450-8643.

Monique Carrasco of Spencer earns Dean's List Honor

HAVERTHILL — Congratulations Monique Carrasco, of Spencer on earning a spot on the Dean's List for the Spring '26 semester! Your hard work is paying off, and all of us at NECC are proud of your achievement.

To be included, students must attain a grade point average of 3.3 or higher within the term, carry six or more credits within the term, and be matriculated in a degree program.

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

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

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

dialogue.

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

"The Brewster Call" is produced by Jason Brewster in his capacity as

a private citizen. The views expressed are his own and should not be construed as official statements or positions of the Spencer Town Moderator or the Town of Spencer.

For questions or episode suggestions, email thebrewstercall@gmail.com.

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WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Spencer
The Spencer Police Department had no arrests to report during the week of June 24-30.

Leicester
The Leicester Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 25 to July 1.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on June 25 for Aggravated Organized Retail Crime totaling more than \$10,000, Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute, and Distribution of a Class B Drug.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on June 29 for operating a motor vehicle after suspension of registration.

An individual whose identity has been withheld from publication received a summons in lieu of arrest on June 30 for Trespassing, operating a motor vehicle after suspension of license, Failure to Stop for Police, Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and driving at a rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper.

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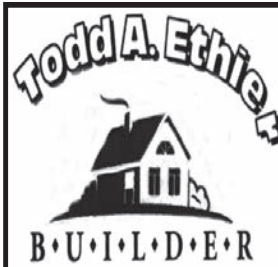
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Request for bid documents can be emailed to Christopher Lyman at clyman@hshassoc.com. Sealed bids entitled "Bid for Mechanic Street and Pleasant Street Complete Streets Improvements" will be accepted at the East Brookfield Highway Department, located at 424 East Main Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515, until July 28, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted.



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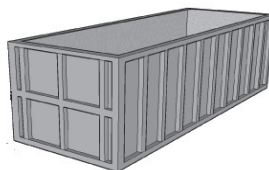


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EDITORIAL

A new chapter built on a strong foundation

Communities rarely get the opportunity to witness the end of one era and the beginning of another in a way that honors both the past and the future. Spencer experienced exactly that on July 1, when the Spencer Rescue Squad officially became part of Spencer Fire and Emergency Services.

For nearly seven decades, the Spencer Rescue Squad represented something larger than an ambulance service. It embodied the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors. Since 1959, generations of volunteers, board members, EMTs, and paramedics answered calls at all hours, often sacrificing holidays, family time, and sleep to ensure someone in need received care. Thousands of residents owe those men and women a debt of gratitude.

The transition to a municipal EMS service should not be viewed as the end of that legacy. Instead, it is a continuation of it.

The reality facing emergency medical services today is far different from what it was decades ago. Call volumes have increased, regulations have become more complex, equipment has grown more sophisticated, and the cost of providing high-quality emergency care continues to rise. Across Massachusetts and the nation, volunteer and nonprofit rescue organizations have struggled to recruit personnel and maintain sustainable funding. Spencer is hardly alone in confronting these challenges.

What makes this story remarkable is not simply that a transition occurred, but how it occurred.

Rather than allowing uncertainty to threaten emergency medical care, the leadership of the Spencer Rescue Squad chose collaboration over conflict. Donating the organization's building, equipment, and other assets to the town for \$1 was an extraordinary act of stewardship. It demonstrated that the board's highest priority was never ownership of an organization. It was ensuring that residents would continue receiving dependable emergency medical care. That decision deserves recognition.

The town, for its part, also deserves credit for recognizing the importance of maintaining local EMS. Municipal officials considered several options, including privatization, before ultimately determining that a town-operated service would provide the best path forward. That decision required significant financial commitment, including the approval of a \$1.5 million operating budget, but it also represents an investment in public safety that will benefit residents for years to come.

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the transition is that many of the familiar faces will remain. Experienced Spencer Rescue Squad employees are joining the new municipal department, bringing decades of institutional knowledge with them. While the name on the ambulance may have changed, much of the dedication and professionalism behind it has not.

Communities often become attached to the organizations that have faithfully served them. That attachment is understandable, particularly when an organization has existed for nearly 70 years. There is always a sense of nostalgia when a respected institution closes its doors.

Yet history shows that successful organizations evolve when circumstances demand it. The measure of success is not whether a name survives forever, but whether the mission continues.

In Spencer, the mission has always been simple: respond quickly, provide skilled emergency medical care, and help people during some of the worst moments of their lives. That mission remains unchanged.

As Spencer EMS begins this new chapter, residents can honor the Rescue Squad's remarkable legacy by supporting the men and women who continue that work today. The uniforms may look different, and the organizational chart may have changed, but the commitment to serving the community remains the same.

The Spencer Rescue Squad's story did not end on July 1. It simply turned the page to a new chapter, built upon nearly seven decades of service, sacrifice, and community trust. That is a legacy worth celebrating.

VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The highest office...

To the Editor:
 As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our republic, I find myself reflecting on the value of prudent civic participation and how we can best honor the remarkable inheritance our Founders entrusted to us.

I hold a deep, fundamental belief that the highest office a person may hold is not that of Town Moderator, State Representative, Governor, or even President of the United States—but that of citizen. Every other position is temporary; good citizenship is lifelong.

But this raises an important

question: What does it mean to be a good citizen?

What character is worthy of a free people? How should we treat one another? How should we steward the institutions we have inherited?

These are questions I hope each of us will consider—not just during this anniversary, but throughout the year. Great things can happen when we the People are thoughtful, informed, and engaged.

JASON BREWSTER
 SPENCER

Thank you, Charles

To the Editor:
 I would also like to thank the mysterious "Charles" (Lanterns Along Main Street). He has a thoughtful way of bringing out the magic that can happen in day-to-day life.

Sometimes, you don't know what you're missing until it is brought back to your attention. His column "The mystery

of the empty front porch" brought a tear to my eye, as have several other of his articles. He lets me see that there is still a unity among us; we just have to make a little mindful effort.

Thank you, Charles, for reminding me.

LAEL EATON
 LEICESTER

Am I right, America?

To the Editor:
 At the risk of being dubbed as writing a Trump bashing letter, I begin. The site for the UFC Freedom 250 fights left the White House lawn needing a lot of lawn repair. I didn't see these bouts as a very good celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary. As our President was leaving the site with Josh Hokit, one of the fighters, Hokit, in a series of remarks, uttered the slur "Michelle Obama is a man! Am I right, America?" Our racist President stood beside Hokit and uttered nary a word of caution to Hokit that his remark was inappropriate. What a disappointment that our President wouldn't speak up.

He has torn down a wing of the White House to make way for a ballroom that no one wants but him. The White House is for the use of the President while in office not something he can tear down at will.

Meanwhile, it seems that Trump wants his name on as many things as possible, seemingly so he will be noticed. It is for personal recognition rather than what he can do for the people. I harken back to his entry on the political scene, when he took his place on the Republican debate stage. I heard nothing of what he would do for the people and the country. I did, however, hear him call names to those on

the stage with him. He also made fun of them. Much to my surprise, he became the nominee. And the Electoral College got him elected. And he still calls people names and makes fun of them.

Where are the campaign promises of bringing down inflation on day one, or not starting any new, endless wars being carried out? I see an elderly octogenarian who is overweight probably from not eating well or getting enough rest. It might be wise for him to stop writing messages in the middle of the night and get some rest so he can face his daily presidential duties. Am I right, America?

Trump is making millions while being President. He seems to consider himself as the head of a business, not the President of the country. Last year, he made \$2.2 billion. He seems to care more about his investments than he does about the people's checkbook/budget. Am I right, America?

I am in favor of using the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office. It is becoming more apparent that he is not fulfilling the duties of the Office of President.

PATRICIA JACKMAN
 NORTH BROOKFIELD

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The Hidden Danger of Investing Too Cautiously



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One of the most significant risks investors face isn't losing money in a market dip; it's failing to reach their long-term financial goals.

Many people focus heavily on short-term losses in the stock market and try to protect their savings by investing conservatively or avoiding stocks altogether. But that runs the risk that their savings won't grow enough to keep up with inflation or support future needs.

Understanding what investment risk really means helps you make smarter financial decisions, considering these three key aspects.

Risk tolerance describes your emotional comfort with risk. If you'd want to pull your money out of the market during a downturn, that reveals something about your tolerance. Many financial advisors use questionnaires to help clients understand how they might react in different market conditions.

Risk capacity refers to how much risk you can afford to take. Your timeline matters. A 35-year-old saving for retirement has decades to ride out market swings. A retiree drawing income from their portfolio doesn't have that same cushion.

Required risk describes how much risk you may need to take to reach your financial goals. Higher returns generally come with higher risk, though higher risk does not guarantee higher returns. If you need strong growth to retire comfortably, you may need to accept more short-term volatility.

Sometimes, these elements don't line up. You might be uncomfortable with risk but need strong growth to meet your goals.

Balance and diversification matter: Finding the right balance matters more than you might think. A small difference in your annual rate of return, from 5% to 7% for instance, doesn't just add up a little. It multiplies. That's the power of compounding — returns earning their own returns, year after year, building on an ever-growing base. Over 30 or 35 years, that can become significant.

You needn't choose between playing it so safe your money barely keeps up with inflation and taking on more risk than you're comfortable with. Instead, a balanced mix can fit your comfort level and still help grow your money over time.

The age factor: You'll want to adjust your approach to risk as you get older. If retirement is years away, your portfolio may lean toward growth investments like stocks and stock mutual funds; you have time to absorb short-term losses and benefit from long-term gains. Lower risk investments like bonds still play a role because they can help smooth out changes in your portfolio's value.

As you near retirement, your portfolio may shift toward a more even mix of stocks and bonds to limit exposure to large market swings. The goal is to protect what you've built while still generating enough growth to fund a retirement that could last decades.

Investing well isn't about eliminating risk; it's about taking the right amount of it. Too little risk can be just as damaging as too much. A financial advisor can help you find the balance that matches your comfort level, your financial situation, and your long-term goals.

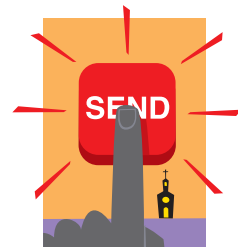
Investors should understand the risks involved with owning investments, including interest rate risk, credit risk, and market risk. The value of investments fluctuates, and investors can lose some or all of their principal.

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QCC professor gives voice to formerly incarcerated in new documentary



Kristy Glover

WORCESTER — What is it like to get out of prison and start over? QCC Professor of Criminal Justice Kristy Glover spent her sabbatical researching this question and creating “Voices of Justice,” a documentary film that she produced, filmed and edited herself.

“Voice of Justice” features accounts from three

men who have firsthand experience with the justice system. The documentary highlights how multiple support systems are critical for re-entry, the period of time when individuals are transitioning out of incarceration. Support from family members, community organizations and probation officers, along with raising awareness to reduce stigma, were all mentioned as ways to reduce recidivism and influence personal and professional growth.

“There are so many things that we expect of individuals when they’re just getting released. They have to get a job, pay their monthly supervision fees and find a place to live,” Glover said.

Glover witnessed the re-entry process during her time as a parole officer for

the state of Georgia, but the connection is also personal. Her grandfather encountered challenges when he was released from prison, which left a lasting impression on the family, including Glover’s mother, who also joined law enforcement, eventually becoming a police captain.

In the documentary, Glover interviews Mario Rivera, who spoke about his own re-entry experience. Rivera praised Worcester-area nonprofits such as Legendary Legacies and Open Sky Community Services for providing services such as counseling and assistance with obtaining a laptop and hygiene products. He also acknowledged his family as a large source of support.

“Without initial help in the first 60 days of me coming home, my progress wouldn’t have taken off the way it did,” Rivera said.

Rivera didn’t wait until he was released to start preparing. He completed QCC’s culinary re-entry program, a partnership with

the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction that teaches skills needed to work in food service and includes multiple certifications upon successful completion. In “Voices of Justice,” Rivera shared that during the program, he realized education was a vital part of his path to a new future. After his release, he enrolled at QCC and in the Liberal Arts for Returning Citizens (LARC) program at Clark University.

“The culinary program has had a significant impact on hundreds of incarcerated individuals,” said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. “We are proud to have helped Mario build a successful path forward after incarceration.”

Anthony Bryant, who also appeared in “Voices of Justice,” has seen multiple sides of the criminal justice system. Before he was incarcerated, he held roles as a corrections officer, a deputy sheriff and a highway patrolman.

“Law enforcement is not just a job; it’s your iden-

tity. And losing that role can produce deep internal shame,” Bryant shared.

Bryant, however, drew on his law enforcement training to stay calm and focused during his incarceration, using that discipline as a foundation for working to improve his life. As his release date approached, he didn’t receive any re-entry preparation from the prison, so he got ready by reading self-help books and journaling.

After his sentence, Bryant relied on employment assistance programs, but he was often steered into manual labor positions that didn’t reflect his skills, making it difficult to rebuild his professional career.

In addition to family and community programs, both Bryant and Rivera said that a strong relationship with a probation or parole officer can make a positive difference. They noted that the stigma of having a criminal record can be detrimental to progress, but even one person who sees past their mistakes can be instrumental.

They hope others can offer the same grace to those who are going through re-entry.

“People change when their dignity is restored, responsibility is entrusted gradually and their story is allowed to mean something more than their worst decision,” Bryant remarked. “It’s a mindset shift that many people and legislators don’t understand.”

Rivera and Bryant have also taken it upon themselves to help others with similar experiences. Bryant has become an ethics trainer for law enforcement and other public service organizations. Rivera has stayed connected with Legendary Legacies to educate others and advocate for those in the re-entry process.

“I’m taking accountability in my own life for the things that I’ve done,” Rivera said. “Some people might not be receptive to my situation, but I take it as motivation to do better.”

“Voices of Justice” can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=odTTOStx3Tg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odTTOStx3Tg).

Visit Gilbert the Pig and friends at East Brookfield library

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

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

New Bocce League open to community

SOUTHBRIDGE — Bay Path Continuing Education & the Southbridge Italian Club have teamed up to launch an exciting new bocce league on Tuesday nights throughout May and June.

Bocce is a game that all can enjoy—no special skills or talents are required! If you can roll a ball, you can play! These two community organizations are thrilled to bring this sport to a wider audience. Both Bay Path Continuing Education and the Southbridge Italian Club are dedicated to offering various events for people to engage, socialize, and have fun. This new league is a perfect fit. Here are the details:

Tuesdays: May 12 – June 30 (eight weeks)
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One game per week at either 6 or 7 p.m.
Maximum of eight teams – don’t wait!
Only team captains need to register for their team.
A brief informational captain meeting will be held before the season starts.
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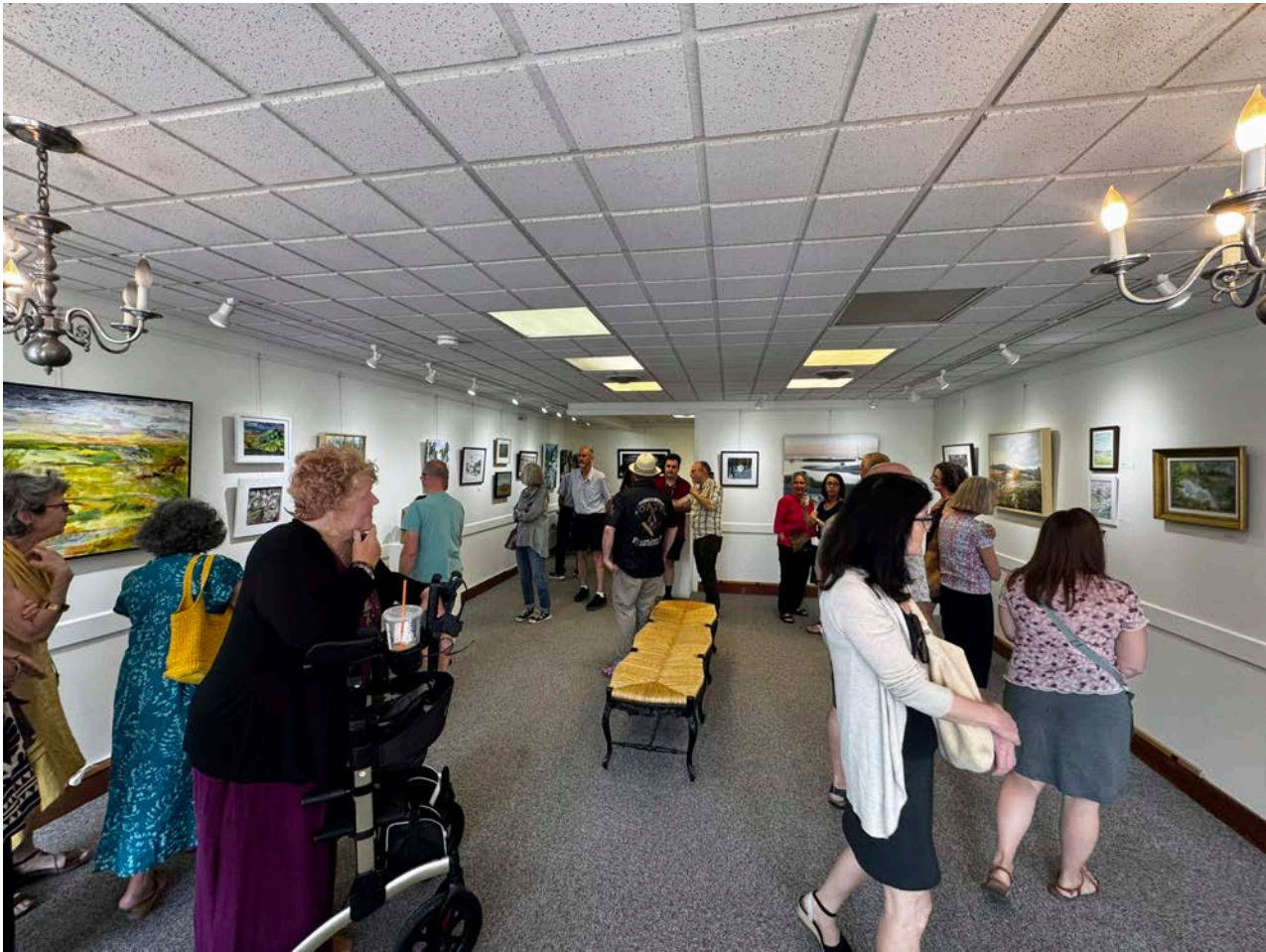
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ArtWorks Gallery invites art-lovers to LandEscape



Art-lovers at the opening reception of LandEscape.

Courtesy

WARE — Workshop13's ArtWorks Gallery in Ware presents a new exhibition called LandEscape. This exhibition aims to expand or even reimagine the traditional landscape as a personal sanctuary and to document the diverse spatial forms of escapism that we need to recharge our spirits. ArtWorks Gallery is located at 69 Main St. in Ware. LandEscape is on display from June 27 through Aug. 2. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4pm. For those who

cannot attend the show in person, a virtual gallery is available for viewing at workshop13.org. Fine artist Shona Macdonald served as the juror for LandEscape. Kathy Halper was awarded Best in Show for her striking painting, "Tree Shadows." Halper is self-taught, exhibiting artist with 30+ years of experience and a portfolio of work ranging from painting, mixed media, and textiles, to sculpture. Career highlights include exhibition opportunities at

Art Basel Miami, gallery representation in NYC/Los Angeles/Chicago, a profile in Huffington Post as well as other international publications. Porter Gifford received an Honorable Mention: Work on Paper for Pool "#3174, Concord, MA," and Jackie Boudreau Kinsey received an Honorable Mention: Painting for "Shivelight Dream." Three works received an Honorable Mention: Creative Interpretation: "Consolation" by Cai Vail,

"Refuge: Azores Beach" by Richard Wollman, and "Small Feather" by Cathy Durso. Each of these artists and their works will be spotlighted on Workshop13's social media pages as well as in their weekly newsletter. ArtWorks Gallery is offering a free plein air painting session outside the gallery (inside if it's raining) facilitated by fine artist Loretta Medeiros. This session will take place on Saturday, July 18, from 1:30-4 p.m. Artists can bring their own mate-

rials, and Workshop13 can supplement. This plein air session is free and open to the public. About ArtWorks Gallery and Workshop13 ArtWorks Gallery is Workshop13's gallery on Main Street. This space features numerous art exhibitions each year and is also available to rent for individual or group shows. Workshop13 is a dynamic center where arts, culture, and community converge—expanding access to the arts and nurturing creativity and self-expression in our rural region. For more information visit workshop13.org, or call 413-277-6072.

Alex Cordy Memorial Golf Tournament set for Sept. 12

OAKHAM — St. Carlo Acutis Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield/Warren, is having their Ninth Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, Massachusetts on Saturday, Sept. 12. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with a Shotgun Start at 8 a.m. As many of you are aware, Alex Cordy was an integral part of our West Brookfield Community for many years. In memory of his outstanding service to his community, his parish, and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit our Youth Activities Fund to support the youth in our local community, a cause that was very important to Alex. We were able to award two \$1,000.00 scholarships this past year from the proceeds of this event to two local high school seniors, as well as fund many other youth activities. We ask that you please consider supporting our event by sponsoring or participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome. Tournament Raffle Items and General Donations to this event are always welcomed and appreciated! Registration and sponsorships are now available for this tournament. To register, and for more information, please call (413) 813-8100 or email wallyconnor122@gmail.com.

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Workshop13 seeks artists for Eighth Annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition!

WARE — Workshop13 invites artists from throughout the northeastern US to participate in the eighth annual juried Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition. This exhibition aims to showcase art that embodies the principles of realism, highlight-



ing the beauty of precise representation. Submitted artworks should fall into one of the various styles of realism from traditional to imaginative. Works are welcomed in the following categories: Oil Painting, Watercolor, Sculpture, Drawing/Graphics, Acrylic (includes casein & egg tempera), Pastel, and Mixed Media. Awards will be granted in multiple categories, with Best in Show receiving \$1,000. The deadline for entry is July 17 by midnight. Visit workshop13.org for full details and the entry form.

This annual exhibition is held in the unique Grand Hall gallery of Workshop13, a non-profit cultural arts and learning center located

at 13 Church St. in Ware. The exhibition will be on display from Aug. 22 to Sept. 6, and can be visited on Fridays from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The show will open with a reception from 1-4 p.m. on Aug. 22, with awards announced at 3 p.m.

The juror for the eight annual NEFAE is Scott Prior. Born in Exeter, New Hampshire, Prior received a BFA in printmaking from the University of Massachusetts in 1971. He has artwork in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the DeCordova Museum, the Danforth Museum, the New Britain Museum of American Art, the Rose Art Museum and other major

public and private collections. He has shown extensively in one-person and group shows in the United States and abroad. In 2001 he had a mid-career retrospective at the DeCordova Museum. Prior is represented by the Alpha Gallery in Boston and William Baczek Fine Arts in Northampton, MA.

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Spencer Summer Concert Series continues with the Deloreans



SPENCER — The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission's 2026 Summer Concert Series continues with a farewell tour performance by the Deloreans from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 12 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, Spencer.

The Deloreans, who will be disbanding at month's end, is a seven-piece horn band that performs mostly pop, rock and soul hits of the 70s and 80s. The instrumentation is guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, sax, trumpet and trombone. Four members sing and create great harmonies and backups.

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Historical Society, library present "A Night at Jenks Tavern"

SPENCER — The Spencer Historical Commission and the Richard Sugden Library present "A Night at Jenks Tavern: Spencer Celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence" on Thursday, July 16 from 6-9 p.m. at the Richard Sugden Library. T

he Library Reading Room will be transformed into Jenks Tavern, the historic Spencer Tavern, where George Washington slept overnight and the next morning complimented Mrs. Jenks on her "beautiful bread."

The evening will begin with judging for "Mrs. Jenk's Bread Baking Contest" and will include refreshments, music, tavern games, and children's activities. Period costumes are optional but encouraged. Baking contest rules will be posted and available on the library website. All are welcome to join us in a Revolutionary celebration!

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OBITUARY

Robert B. Masterman, 83

WEST WARREN: Robert B. Masterman, 83, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. He is survived by his brother and caretaker William H. Masterman, Jr. of West Brookfield. He was predeceased by his brother David H. Masterman.

Robert was born in Ware and raised in Warren the son of the late William H. and Hazel (Williams) Masterman, Sr. He enjoyed working on cars, he was a long-time member of George Whitefield United

Methodist Church in West Brookfield, loved playing Bingo and taking art classes.

All are invited to his funeral service on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 10:00am at Varnum Funeral Home, 43 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585 followed by burial in Pine Grove Cemetery, Warren, MA. Memorial donations in Robert's memory may be made to: Mental Health Collaborative, 149 Wood Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.

TRANSITION

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and trust over the years. We hope you will continue to support your town EMS service in the years ahead," the message read.

The Spencer Rescue Squad had previously worked as a subscrip-

tion-based agency but announced its impending closure in 2025 offering to join the town as a municipal department.

While town officials also considered privatizing the EMS service, they eventually adopted the Squad into its ranks in January of 2026. In May, a town meeting

approved an initial operating budget of \$1.5 million for Spencer EMS with a legal agreement for the changeover signed in June. According to the Telegram & Gazette, the agreement was approved by the State Supreme Judicial Court on June 26 just in time for the official change over.

Bay Path celebrates 59 CTI graduates, expands workforce training programs

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

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

"This graduating class represents the heart of what the CTI program is all about—opportunity, access, and workforce readiness," said Marci Komssi, Program Coordinator. "We are incred-

ibly proud of these 59 graduates and the determination they demonstrated throughout the program."

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

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

MassHire, with applications opening this week.

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

- Building Maintenance
- HVAC
- Culinary
- Manufacturing
- Auto Collision
- Auto Technology
- Diesel Mechanic
- Welding
- Electrical

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

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

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Estate Of:
Matthew David Thorng
Date of Death: February 09, 2026
To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Maria Thompson of Springfield MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Maria Thompson of Springfield MA has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
July 10, 2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Docket No. WO26P2050EA
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate Of:
Jane L. Fountain
Date of Death: April 3, 2026
To All persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carolyn B. Herrin of Warren MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Carolyn B. Herrin of Warren MA has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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July 10, 2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 26 SM 002048
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Patrick Hallihan and Maria Hallihan aka Maria T. Hallihan and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq) U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WF2

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in 131 Paxton Rd, Spencer, MA 01562, given by Patrick Hallihan and Maria Hallihan aka Maria T. Hallihan to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated April 9, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 40960, Page 213, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at: Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 08/10/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on June 25, 2026
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
July 10, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 10 Jones Street, Spencer, MA 01562

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Amanda M Davin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage

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

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

T R A C T 2:
The land in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the south side of Starr Street, viz., BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the south line of said street, at a point 165 feet easterly of the easterly line of Grove Street; THENCE S. 86 1/2° E., by the southerly line of Starr Street, about 82 1/2 feet to land formerly of Eli Jacobs; THENCE S. 9° W., by said Jacobs land, 99 feet; THENCE N. 86 1/2° W., by land formerly of Joseph Pope, about 74 1/2 feet to a point on the easterly side of a two rod private street, now called Jones Street, and 165 feet easterly of the easterly line of Grove Street; THENCE N. 3 1/2° E., by the easterly line of Jones Street, 99 feet to the point

of beginning.

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

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

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
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Attorney for Guild Mortgage Company LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701

June 26, 2026
July 3, 2026
July 10, 2026

Notification of Aquatic Treatment – Lake Lashaway

Lake Lashaway in East Brookfield and North Brookfield will be treated with herbicides to control nuisance aquatic vegetation on the following dates:

June 17, 2026 (SONAR treatment)
July 15, 2026 (SONAR & invasives treatment #2)
August 19, 2026 (invasives treatment #3, if required)

Signage will be posted around lake access sites for each treatment.

The use of the lake will be restricted as follows for each of the dates above:
Swimming, boating and fishing (1 day)
Livestock watering (Agricultural) (1 day)
Direct drinking (3 days)
Irrigation (14 days)

The work is being funded by lake resident donation and the Lake Lashaway Community Association, Inc., pursuant to permits/licenses issued by Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection (File Nos. 149-0165 & 244-0121) with approval from the East Brookfield & North Brookfield Conservation Commissions. Work is being performed under contract with The Pond and Lake Connection Lake Management, 1112 Federal Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804.

July 10, 2026

Veterans Inc. hosts 21st Annual Stand Down

WORCESTER — Veterans Inc. proudly hosted its largest-ever Stand Down event on Friday, June 12, 2026, at the Historic Armory and headquarters in Worcester, Massachusetts. Celebrating its 21st year, the Stand Down welcomed more than 450 Veterans and their families, reaching the highest number of veterans to date! In the last 21 years, Veterans Inc. has served over 12,000 Veterans just through the Stand Down initiative.

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Department of Labor, this year's Stand Down brought together more than 150 service providers, employers, and veteran-serving organizations to deliver critical resources to veterans through free medical screenings, housing support, mental health services, legal assistance, VA benefits navigation, and on-site job interviews.

Lt. Col. Vincent J. Perrone, U.S. Air Force (ret.), President & CEO, Veterans Inc. said, "For 21 years, Stand Down has been one of the most important days on our calendar, and the need it answers continues to grow. Welcoming 450 veter-

ans and family members this year is a reminder that our work is far from finished. None of it would be possible without the community partners, sponsors, and elected officials who stood alongside us. When a community comes together like this, veterans get the support they have earned, and that is exactly what they deserve."

We were honored to be joined by many elected officials who are great supporters of the needs of Veterans in our communities. Senator Robyn Kennedy (First Worcester), Mayor of Worcester Joe Petty, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelides, and Colonel Bob Notch from the Office of the Veterans Advocate all spoke during the opening ceremony about the importance of supporting veterans in our communities. We are thankful to also have been joined by Doreen Goodrich of Senator Mike Moore's office, and Representatives Jim O'Day (14th Worcester), Dan Donahue (16th Worcester), and David LeBoeuf (17th Worcester).

Ray Carville, Senior Manager of Public Affairs, US Army (ret.), OIF/OEF

veteran, said, "What stayed with me was the energy on the field and the connections being made, whether that connection was with an employer, a service provider, or Veterans Inc. services. And Veterans connecting with other Veterans. Having served, I know how much it means to be reminded you are not carrying things alone. That sense of community, of Veterans showing up for one another, is what Stand Down is really about."

The event showcased more than 150 providers and employers onsite, offering assistance with housing, employment, medical and mental health services, legal support, benefits counseling, substance use treatment, financial guidance, women only veteran services and much more. Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), the Veteran Affairs (VA), Amazon, Pepsi, Ocean State Job Lot, and more were onsite supporting attendees with FREE services and over 60 Employers prioritizing hiring Veterans! MCPHS Optometry performed free vision, dental screenings and acupuncture.

Veteran attendees accessed free clothing, food,

refreshments, haircuts by Super Cuts, and personal care items. The Dogfather and Jeremiah's Ice Cream generously offered Veterans a free hot dog or ice cream with proof of status. All Veterans in attendance received access to surplus items, including boots, mess kits and canteens, t-shirts, waist packs, backpacks, duffel bags, and much more! This year's Stand Down was made possible through the generous support of our major sponsors who believe in Veterans Inc.'s mission to serve those who served: Spectrum, The Department of Labor, Beacon Bank, National Grid, Idemia, Blue Hive Exhibits, The Hanover Insurance Group, Casella and bankHometown, as well as over 300 community volunteers and the dedicated staff at Veterans Inc.

During the event, a special moment of impact took place as Megan was presented with a vehicle through Veterans Inc.'s partnership with Second Chance Cars, Inc. Since being referred to Veterans Inc.'s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Housing Program in September 2022, Megan has demonstrated remarkable

resilience and determination while working toward stable housing and employment while raising her two children as a single mother. The vehicle giveaway provides increased access to employment opportunities, greater independence, and continued stability as she advances in her career and builds a brighter future for her family. Veterans Inc. extends sincere appreciation to Case Managers Sheldon Foster, Jared Jones, and Nicole Buck, along with Second Chance Cars' Dan Holin and Cory Dentino, whose collaboration and commitment helped make this meaningful milestone possible.

"Military members, veterans and their families bring leadership, teamwork and a strong work ethic to Spectrum," said Nancy Clark, Director of Government Affairs for Massachusetts at Charter Communications. "By investing in organizations like Veterans Inc., we support service members and their families in the communities we serve as they build meaningful careers after their service."

For more information on participating in future

Veterans Inc. events or to apply for services today contact Veterans Inc. at 1-800-482-2565 or via e-mail at standdown@veteransinc.org, or visit veteransinc.org.

About Veterans Inc. Veterans Inc. is New England's leading provider of support services to veterans and their families. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, the organization's single-minded mission is to be there for our veterans and their families in their time of need. Incorporated in 1990, Veterans Inc. has helped more than 120,000 veterans in need over the past 35 years. Today, it operates offices and programs in all six New England states, Montana and North Dakota. The support services include housing programs, counseling, employment and training, family programs, benefits counseling and advocacy, behavioral health services, transportation, temporary financial assistance, health and wellness, food services, and women and childcare services.



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Saint Joseph School celebrates the Class of 2026

WEBSTER — On Saturday, June 6, the Saint Joseph School Class of 2026 held their graduation ceremony following a special 1 p.m. Mass in Saint Joseph Basilica. Fourteen 8th Grade students were recognized by their Home Room Teacher, Mary Ann Weaver. Each 8th Grade student received a Saint Joseph School Graduation Certificate as well as recognition for their academic excellence and participation in clubs and organizations.

Mychael Jones: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Student Council President, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol ; Neli Kuznecki: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Altar Server, Yearbook Club; Oluwatosin Akindede: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Yearbook Club; Axel Kapitulik: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors; Alexis Archambault:

End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Choir, Drama Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Jacob Marcuccio: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Altar Server Yearbook Club; Avery Archambault: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Lukas Barbosa: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Student Council Grade 8 Class Representative, Altar Server, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Hayley Benes: End of Year Honor Roll - Honors, Children of Mary, Yearbook Club; Ivonka Warnajts: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Children of Mary, Choir, Yearbook Club; Kalleia Agosto: End of Year Honor Roll – High Honors, Choir, Drama Club, AAA Safety Club; Jacob Lopez: End of Year Honor Roll – Honors, Yearbook Club; Tenleigh Dowd: End of Year Honor

Roll – Honors, Student Council Vice-President, Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, AAA Safety Patrol; Angelo Trayner. In addition, Headmaster, Rev. Ryszard Polek and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed medals to the top two students who achieved academic excellence in the individual subjects. The student with the highest grade-point average received a gold medal on a red ribbon inscribed with the words, "Outstanding Academic Achievement" and their name. The student with the second highest grade point average received a silver medal on a white ribbon inscribed with the words, "Recognition for Academic Achievement" and their name. English/Language Arts: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Literature: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki;



Courtesy

The Saint Joseph School Class of 2026 gathers for a commemorative graduation photo alongside Principal Mrs. Beth Boudreau, Headmaster Rev. Richard Polek, Associate Pastor Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz, and 8th Grade Instructor Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver following the graduation ceremony held on Saturday, June 6th at Saint Joseph Basilica.

Science: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Neli Kuznecki; Mathematics: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver – Lukas Barbosa; Social Studies: Gold – Axel Kapitulik, Silver - Lukas Barbosa; Religion: Gold – Lukas Barbosa, Silver – Kalleia Agosto; Spanish: Gold - Kalleia Agosto, Silver – Axel Kapitulik. The student with the highest overall grade-point average received a medal with the words inscribed "First Overall Academic Achievement" and his/her name on it. Axel Kapitulik was the recipient of this

medal. Finally, Headmaster, Rev. Richard Polek and Principal, Beth Boudreau distributed the following awards: Bishop Daniel P. Reilly Book Award - presented to the student who best exemplifies the bishop's motto, "In Kindness and in Truth" and who demonstrates qualities of duty, honor, sacrifice, and accomplishment within the school community. The criteria for selection include displaying kindness and truth in everyday life, an enthusiasm for learning, and active involvement

in service to the school, community, and church: Tenleigh Dowd; Josephine P. Nalewajk Christian Witness Award – a distinguished award presented to the student who exemplifies outstanding Christian qualities as well as notable service to the St. Joseph Community. The student's name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in the school: Kalleia Agosto.

Congratulations and Best Wishes, Saint Joseph School Class of 2026!

Friday's Child



Angel Age 14

Registration #8894

Angel is a bright, independent young man with a kind and compassionate heart. He is funny, witty, and enjoys connecting with others through his great sense of humor. An exceptionally talented athlete, Angel loves sports and especially enjoys playing baseball and football. Although he modestly describes his abilities as "just alright," his confidence and skill are evident every time he steps onto the field. His dedication, teamwork, and natural athleticism make sports an important part of his life. When he's not playing sports, Angel enjoys spending time playing video games and watching

movies. Looking ahead, he dreams of becoming an athlete, though he remains open-minded and excited to explore other possibilities for his future. Angel is a thoughtful, determined young man with a bright future ahead of him. He is eager to continue pursuing his interests, exploring new opportunities, and building meaningful connections with those around him.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org. Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.



Webster Five expands Board of Directors



Tracy LeMire

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

LeMire joins Webster Five's Board as an established accounting professional and the owner of Evolve CPA Consulting, LLC, which she founded in 2021 in response to the complex accounting and financial challenges faced by the cannabis industry. She currently serves as a consulting

CFO for cannabis companies across Massachusetts and the Northeast.

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

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

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

LeMire holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Business

Administration from Bryant University. A member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Massachusetts Society of CPAs, she serves on the Cannabis Committee and Consulting CFO Roundtable. In 2018, she was honored with MassCPAs Women to Watch Emerging Leader Award.

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

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

About Webster Five Webster Five is a full-service financial institution delivering personal, small business and commercial banking solutions backed by deep expertise in banking and local markets. With a relationship-driven approach and forward-looking products, the Bank helps clients navigate financial decisions with confidence and efficiency.

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Brookfields Lions Club elects new officers



Courtesy
Andy Caron, newly installed Club President of the Brookfields Lions Club.

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The Brookfields Lions Club elected new officers at its final meeting of the 2025-2026 club year on Thursday, June 18, according

to immediate past president Bill Cass. New officers for the 2026-2027 club year include Andy Caron, president; Bill Fullam, first vice-president; Paul Thompson, second vice-president; Glenn Waugh, treasurer; Jim Buzzell, secretary; Doug Morrison, membership chair; Marc Kokansky, director; Bill Cass, Lions Club International Foundation coordinator; John Thompson, tail twister, and Philip Bricault, lion tamer.

As the new Lions Club President, Andy Caron will lead the club, preside over meetings, oversee committees, and ensure that club activities align with Lions International goals. He serves as the chief representative of the club in the community and helps guide service projects, membership growth, and club operations.

First Vice-President Bill Fullam will serve as a catalyst to annually assess club activities and then implement new goals in the next fiscal year as club president. Second Vice-President Paul Thompson will serve as requested by the club president to lead specific committees or projects.

Club Treasurer Glenn Waugh will continue to serve as the main bookkeeper for the club's financial accounts; this includes the administration of membership dues invoicing and collection, making deposits

and recording expense receipts.

Club Secretary Jim Buzzell keeps the history of the club's official proceedings, an accurate accounting of the club membership roster and assists in every communication effort to members. He also serves as the communications liaison between the club, the district and the association.

As the new club Membership Chair, Doug Morrison will lead the charge in recruiting new members, orienting them into involvement opportunities with the club and nurturing relationships between established members and new members. Reach out to Doug if you would like additional information about how to become a Lion.

Marc Kokansky will serve on the club's board of directors, helping guide the club's mission, policies, and long-term planning. He works with the club's officers to provide oversight, support service projects, and ensure the club remains a strong and effective force in the community.

In his new role as LCIF Coordinator, Bill Cass will promote awareness and support for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), encouraging member participation and contributions that help fund humanitarian service projects and

disaster relief efforts around the world.

John Thompson's job as the "Tail Twister" is to help create a fun, welcoming atmosphere at club meetings by encouraging fellowship, recognizing achievements, and promoting good humor. This role helps strengthen friendships and build club spirit.

As the "Lion Tamer," Philip Bricault will be responsible for the care and presentation of the club's property, including flags, banners, the gavel, and other meeting equipment. This role helps ensure meetings are organized, professional, and conducted with pride.

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

For more information about the Brookfields Lions Club, to download a membership application, or to send an email to the club, visit their Web site at brookfieldslionsclub.org.

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

CHARLTON — The New England Water Ski Collective (formerly known as the Webster Water Ski Collective) is proud to announce that it will host the Massachusetts State Slalom Championships on July 15 at Buffumville Lake, located on the Oxford/

Charlton town line. A competitors practice session will take place on July 14 for this event.

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

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

In competition, a slalom course is comprised of six fixed buoys positioned 11.5 meters (37.73 feet) to the left and right of the boat's centerline. The centerline itself is marked by boat guide buoys spaced 2.1 meters (6.89 feet) apart to ensure precise boat path alignment.

A successful pass requires the skier to: Enter through the starting gates
Pass around the outside of all six buoys
Exit cleanly through the end gates
Only after clearing the exit gates is the pass considered complete.

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

As rope lengths shorten and speeds increase, the physical demands grow dramatically. Professional skiers are

known to generate cross-course speeds between 60–75 mph across the wake as they accelerate from one buoy to the next.

Final scores are recorded based on boat speed, rope length, and the number of completed buoys. The skier who can complete the most buoys at the shortest rope length and highest speed earns the victory.

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

Supporting conservation and accessibility

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

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

Built on partnership and community

The Collective's Slalom/Competition Team has worked diligently to build partnerships with regional ski teams, individual competitors, and the Army Corps of Engineers to bring this championship event to life. The coordination of athletes, officials, volunteers, and site logistics represents months of collaboration.

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

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

All abilities — one passion

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

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

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

About the New England Water Ski Collective

The New England Water Ski Collective is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to making water skiing and water sports accessible to all. Through its Adaptive, Competitive, and Recreational ski teams, the organization works to remove barriers to participation and grow the sport throughout the New England region.

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

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

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

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