

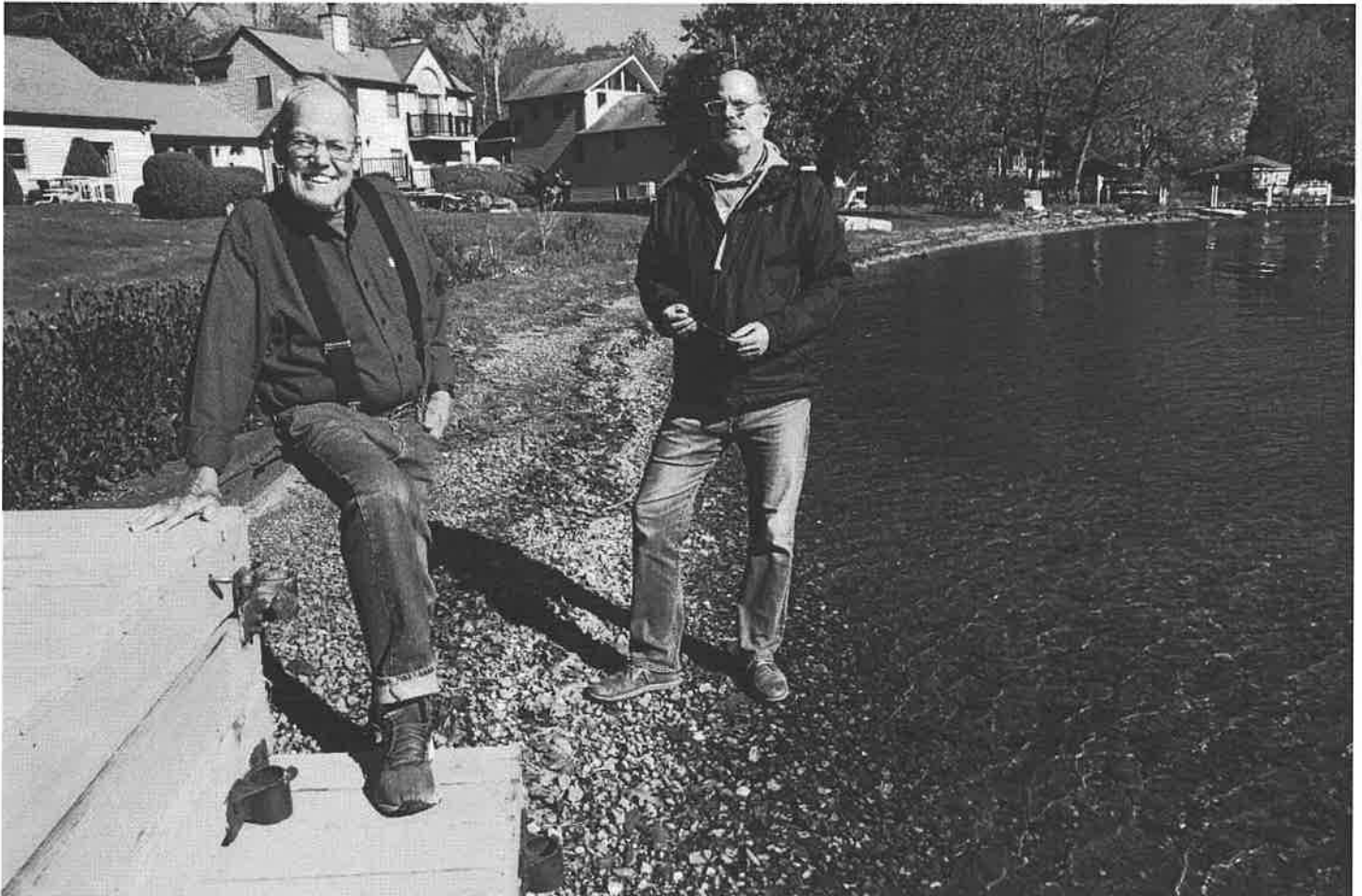
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TOP STORY

Pontoosuc Lake: 'It's the worst that it's been in 20 years' says Lanesborough harbormaster

By Jane Kaufman, The Berkshire Eagle
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At left, Lanesborough Harbormaster Lee Hauge and Pittsfield Harbormaster Jim McGrath stand by Pontoosuc Lake in Lanesborough.

GILLIAN HECK — THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

LANESBOROUGH — Lee Hauge has lived on Pontoosuc Lake for 60 years and as this town's harbormaster, he takes an interest in the health of the lake.

“This is the worst that it's been in 20 years,” Hauge told The Eagle.



Lanesborough's Conservation Commission has put 59 conditions on the herbicide treatment of Pontoosuc Lake. This is Eurasian milfoil.

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He was referring not just to the massive growth of Eurasian milfoil, but also to the presence of three other invasives — curly leaf pond weed, water chestnut and spiny naiad — and to the presence of eDNA of zebra mussels, a possible indication that yet another invasive may be present in the lake.



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Plus, there's a [cyanobacteria bloom](#) on Pontoosuc right now. That's [blue-green algae](#), which is dangerous to swim in, particularly to children and dogs. While few would venture into the lake in late October, the algae bloom is still of

concern.



Cyanobacteria came early to the Berkshires. While it's known as blue-green algae, it's sometimes pink

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Jim McGrath shows Eurasian milfoil at Pontoosuc Lake.

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Hauge approached the Select Board last week to discuss his frustrations regarding control of weeds on the lake. He was joined by several residents who live on the 500-acre lake.

Hauge specifically complained about the limitations placed by the Lanesborough Conservation Commission, whose 2023 order placed 59 conditions on the treatment of weeds.

This year, weeds were chemically treated with diquat just once, in May, although two other chemicals are allowed. Diquat is a liquid herbicide that kills the plant but not the roots of perennials.



This is weed growth in Pontoosuc Lake in Lanesborough.

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Since Pontoosuc Lake lies both in Pittsfield and Lanesborough, the Pittsfield Conservation Commission also has jurisdiction over weed treatment and, accordingly, has placed its own order of conditions that are separate and different from Lanesborough's.