

Mayor Blais at Fenway: 'Best day of my life'

By Cathy DeDe

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Sunday afternoon at Fenway Park in Boston, 83-year-old Lake George Village Mayor Bob Blais threw the ceremonial first pitch before the Red Sox game against the Baltimore Orioles.

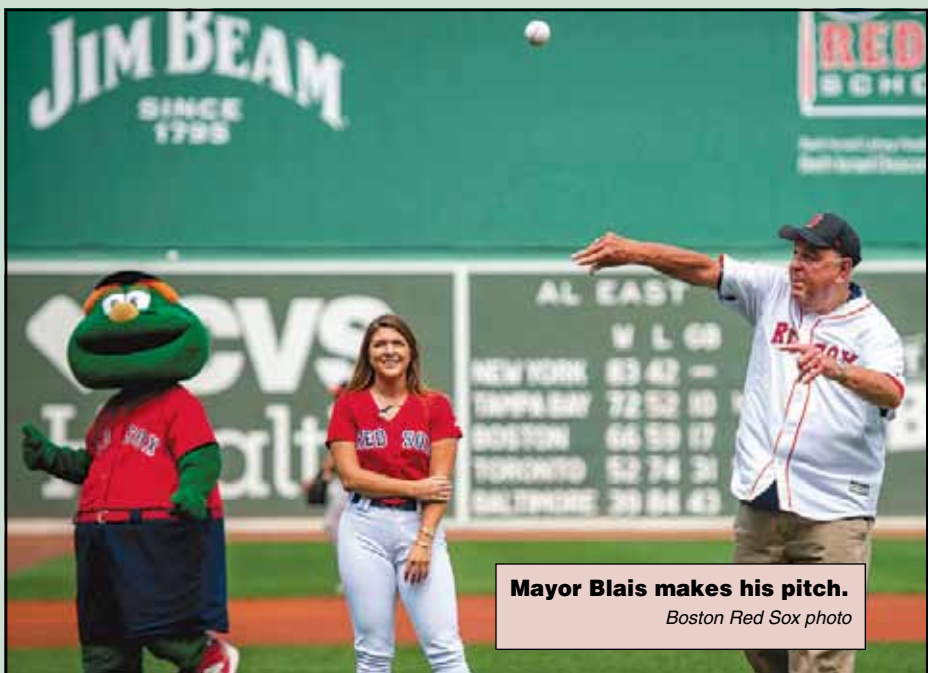
"This is the highlight of my career," Mayor Blais told *The Chronicle* on the field before the pitch. "I'm nervous as heck."

Asked if he was going with high heat, he responded, "No, low lob."

Was he on a pitch count? "Yes," he said, smiling. "One."

Phil Morse, the Red Sox co-owner who has a home on Lake George and made his fortune in Glens Falls in the NAMIC

Threw first pitch for his beloved Red Sox courtesy of Phil Morse



Mayor Blais makes his pitch.
 Boston Red Sox photo



The mayor and Phil Morse, the Glens Falls entrepreneur and Lake George resident who is an owner of the Boston Red Sox.

medical device business that he founded, arranged for Mayor Blais to be honored.

With 48 years in office and counting, Mr. Blais is the longest serving mayor in New York State history, and current second-longest in the United States.

The mayor was supported in Boston by more than a hundred well-wishers from back in Lake

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#48 to reflect his current years as Lake George mayor.



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Kayaker, 82, hit by motorboat, badly injured

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

Here is more detail obtained by *The Chronicle* about serious injuries caused when a rented motorboat on Lake George struck a kayak on Friday, Aug. 9.

The kayaker was a Clifton Park resident, 82, whose name was not disclosed. "He had a broken femur on his left leg and a big wound from the propeller, and a smaller wound and a broken

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Algal bloom closes Moreau Lake beach

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation said Tuesday that swimming is prohibited at the beach at Moreau Lake State Park due to Harmful Algal Blooms.

"The closure is precautionary to protect the health and safety of swimmers," said press materials.

"To re-open...the beach must be free of any signs of a bloom for 24 hours, and a water sample must be submitted for toxin analysis." See Moreau Lake State Park Facebook page for updates.

Seek beloved cockatoo they lost at Silver Bay

Editor,

My wife and I were up visiting the Silver Bay YMCA for the day on Friday, Aug. 16, with her grandmother Elizabeth, who

was a volunteer in the craft shop there for close to 30 years every summer, teaching quilting up until about five years ago.

While we were on their campus visiting, our rose-breasted cockatoo Kirby got out of his

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