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School Committee OKs reduced budget

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Superintendent Timothy McCormick gave an updated budget presentation to the School Committee for fiscal year 2026.

At the May 19 meeting, he said the initial proposed increase from FY 25 to FY 26 was just shy of \$1 million or about a 14% increase. He said this updated version of the proposed budget is level service, and does not include the addition of new staff for a sub-separate classroom.

“The cost of sending students out of district, although often necessary, is expensive and if we can build those programs internally, it’s better for the student, it’s better for our families, it’s better for our teachers as well,” McCormick said, when explaining the need for a sub-separate classroom.

He said the amount of out of district costs not being reimbursed by Circuit Breaker have been over \$200,000 for the past couple of years.

McCormick said without the new positions, staff salaries increased by \$268,842 over the prior year.

He said that Chapter 70 funding increased from what was projected previously, and the town is now receiving about \$41,000 more.

McCormick said the town’s net school spending has decreased from year to year, with the Finance Committee suggesting the school district budget at 100% for the coming fiscal year, which is the minimum required.

The budget drivers continue to be out of district tuition, transportation and staff salaries.

He said with staff realignments and offsets, the proposed budget will be reduced by \$108,000 since the last update he provided. He said the high school has also received a \$40,000 grant to be used for curriculum supplies.

These, including other offsets, have reduced the proposed budget by \$480,311.50, without reducing any staffing positions.

“Unfortunately, when we’re talking about reductions...the most money’s involved with salaries,” McCormick said.

Another cost saving measure is eliminating one bus and reconfiguring the bus routes. He said this will increase students time on the bus by about 15 or 20 minutes.

McCormick said while he understands that this is a small school district with a declining student enrollment, the elimination of positions is “very challenging.”

He provided a list of positions that could be removed, including an art teacher,

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2025 MEMORIAL DAY

A Day of Reverence and Prayer



Turley photos by Eric Goodhart

This man reads the names on the Vietnam Memorial located on the Hubbardston Common

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – Several long-time residents of Hubbardston said the Memorial Day turnout was one of the largest they had ever seen.

It was particularly special because 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of the “shot heard around the world.” Those words were first written in 1837 in the opening stanza of Ralph Waldo Emerson’s poem, “Concord Hymn.”

Although the exact dates vary, marking the first Memorial Day to commemorate the sacrifices of

Civil War soldiers, we now give thanks and our prayers to all the men and women who gave their lives in all the many conflicts that Americans have participated in.

The participants on the bright sunlit day promptly began at 11 a.m. at the Curtis Field north of town central and marched, walked, drove and peddled down to the historic Town Common. The names of honorable Hubbardston citizens, who participated in the Revolution, the Civil War, the Spanish-American

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This youngster has a great view of the Hubbardston Memorial Day parade from her mother’s shoulders.

Select Board have public hearing for National Grid/Verizon petition

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HARDWICK – Select Board Chair Eric W. Vollheim led discussion about the fiscal year 2026 budget.

At the May 27 meeting, Vollheim said there is a newer budget that has come before the town to be discussed. Some significant changes have been identified after the last budget discus-

sion the Select Board had during a joint meeting with the Finance Committee.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker spoke about reopening the budget and said the board already agreed on a budget. Tinker believes this discussion should be in new business because it is a new agenda item. It shouldn’t be considered old business when that business was already discussed and agreed on.

Select Board Clerk Jeff

Schaff wanted to know what the significant changes are that bring the budget back to the Select Board. Vollheim said it has to do with expenses and insurance accounts being reviewed and the figures brought the town to a different amount.

There was also an overlay account for surplus. The Assessors declared an overlay surplus and helped reduce the budget by approximately \$62,000. There is also money for sta-

bilization as well.

Schaff did inform the rest of the board that when it comes to discussing and forming the budget, it can change and be looked at right up until the day of the Town Meeting.

“This can change,” Schaff said even if it is discussed by the board again. “Even at the meeting it can be changed.”

The Select Board mem-

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Oakham gathers agains a BESS in their town

By Ellenor Downer
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OAKHAM – At least 70 people and probably more gathered on Oakham Common on Friday, May 30 at 1 p.m.

They came carrying both homemade and commercially printed signs. Their purpose was to voice their disapproval of a proposed Battery Energy Storage System on property on Coldbrook Road. The proposed site was a former “junkyard” and later under new owners was known as Amherst/Oakham Recycling. Their message was clear “No Battery Park.”

The land, not only is near to Oakham Center School and the Town Common area, but contains forests, wetlands and is located near



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

About 70 people gathered on the Town Common to protest the proposed Battery Energy Storage System in Oakham.

an aquifer. Several people spoke at the rally. Oakham Fire Chief Timothy Howe said the town’s fire department did not have the resources to combat a fire caused by the lithium battery

storage system. The Oakham Planning Board sent a bulk mailing to residents recently. The letter said in 2022 Oakham voters unanimously passed a zoning bylaw that prohibits lith-

ium battery storage and the Attorney General approved the by law in 2023. They said, “Now the state has changed its position and will allow the Energy Facilities Siting Board to overrule our

voter-approved prohibition and permit this project to be forced on Oakham.”

Five years ago, in 2020 Oakham residents united

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All articles pass at town meetings

By Ryan Drago
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NEW BRAINTREE – Both the special and annual town meetings were held on June 2, with all articles receiving approval from voters.

Serving as the moderator during the two meetings was Jeff Howland. There were a total of five articles on the special town meeting warrant and nine articles on the annual town meeting warrant.

Special town meeting

Article 5 asked voters to transfer \$10,000 from available funds to the New Braintree Historical Commission to hire a consultant to prepare the Town Center for a National Register Nomination. This article required a two-thirds majority vote in order to pass.

Several residents had questions regarding this decision. Deb Morrison of the Historical Commission spoke on the topic and said this is an additional \$10,000 to hire a consultant to prepare the Town Center to be nominated in the National Register. When asked about the outcome of this decision, Morrison said it is to “preserve and make aware of the historic significance.”

Annual town meeting

Article 4 required a lot of review at the annual town meeting. It was stated in a written document shared with the voters that this year’s budget was difficult to create with the uncertainty of state and federal funds that the town and the school districts received.

The town does continue to put funds into stabilization with financial uncertainty moving forward. If approved, the town will have over \$500,000 in stabilization.

With 10 students attending Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, the assessment for

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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No. 4 Schoolhouse holds clean up

The No. 4 Schoolhouse supporters will be hosting the spring fling/perennial-drop event on Sunday, June 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and need help sprucing up the schoolhouse. People are invited to stop by the No. 4 Schoolhouse, located at 209 Farrington Road to help dust off the area inside and out.

If people have any perennials to thin in their gardens, bring a pot or two to plant at the schoolhouse. Many hands make light work, so volunteers should bring their gloves, rakes, shovels and help us push back the old growth and make room for new spring garden growth.

For those who can't make the clean up, but would like to support the event, they may give a gift card from Hamshaw in Barre or Hardwick Farmers Coop. to purchase buckets, gloves, Murphy's Oil, sponges, rags, topsoil, compost, mulch and even some water by the gallon for both cleaning and providing a drink for the gardens. The No. 4 Schoolhouse relies on its supporters with donations to help with the upkeep of the property. They are in need of repairs for general wear and tear this year, along with a necessary repainting of the property fast approaching. To make a donation, people should mail a check to No. 4 Schoolhouse, P.O. Box 85, Barre MA 01005 or VENMO us @no4schoolhouse.

Amercian Legion Auxiliary

The Barre American Legion Auxiliary election of officers for the coming year will be held at their next meeting on Monday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

Barre Food Pantry

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, June 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, June 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, June 11 or in the evening on Thursday, June 19, whichever is more convenient for them. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients June 11 and June 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Historical Society yard sale

The annual yard sale will be held Saturday, June 14 at the Barre Historical Society building on Common Street. There will be an early bird shopping time for members at 8 a.m. Shopping for the public and non-members starts at 9 a.m. This is a major fundraiser for the Historical Society. If it rains on June 14 the yard sale will be postponed to late summer. They have a variety of small furniture items, kitchen and other household items, Barre items, collectibles, games, holiday decorations, figurines, electronic items, books, cookbooks and magazines, albums and more. They also have a merchandise table of new items for sale including long sleeved tee shirts Barre maps, glassware, postcards and Barre history books too.

Grange workshop on 'Succession Planting'

WARE – Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Succession Planting," will be held on Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road. Participants will discuss easy re-sowers, such as bush beans and lettuce, and also take a look at tomatoes, peas, broccoli and more which can also offer fresh picking into the fall months and less money spent at the grocery store

Mystery craft held at Woods Memorial Library



The mystery craft was revealed at the Woods Memorial Library. Librarian Kate Murray and guests worked on 3D coloring puzzles.

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BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library hosted a fun program featuring a mystery craft.

This program was provided by and instructed by Kate Murray, Assistant Youth Services Librarian. After searching for some crafting ideas, Murray came across these 3D coloring puzzles. As soon as the library staff saw them, they got the crafting kit right away.

When working with 3D coloring puzzles, it's all about coloring the pieces and putting them together so the puzzle will come to life. This was a build it yourself activity as several kids and adults got to coloring.

The kit came with plenty of 3D puzzles to choose from. There were a few dinosaurs such as tyrannosaurus rex and a stegosaurus. There were also butterflies, the Eiffel Tower, seaplane, peacock, swan, windmill, houses and a reindeer.

The kit also came with 24 colored dual tip markers, so the 3D puzzles stand out beautifully after they're built. Murray got to working on a 3D puzzle of her own and described this activity as

artistic and educational.

The kids got to coloring and some got their parents involved as well. The parents and Murray were there to help the kids put the 3D puzzles together.

Nora was one of the kids who got to coloring the puzzle pieces. The 3D puzzle she chose to start coloring was the reindeer.

The kids got to take their 3D puzzles home with them after they're done.

Check out the library at 19 Pleasant St. For general inquiries call the library at 978-355-2533 or email barrelibrary@gmail.com. Events are also listed on www.barrelibrary.org or on Facebook.



Nora is shown with her 3D reindeer puzzle that she made during the Mystery Craft.



Amelia, left, and Nora got to coloring their puzzle pieces before putting their 3D puzzle together.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of June 9. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes Capri blend vegetables, Jello, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, peach crisp, diet =peaches, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Braised beef, Gemelli pasta, herbed carrots, fruited ambrosia

whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Father's Day Meal, chicken with broccoli and cheese, gravy, cornbread stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, carrot cake, diet = cheesecake mousse, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Vegetarian chili with cheddar cheese, steamed rice, roasted California blend vegetables, fresh fruit, marble rye bread

*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.



OAKHAM

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Concert series begins June 26

Summer concerts are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gazebo located on the Oakham Common, corner of Maple Street and Coldbrook Road. Concerts are June 26 Holdin Back, July 10 Quabbin Community Band, July 24 Eagles Nest, Aug. 7 The Otters and Aug. 21 The Bad Tickers. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or a lawn chair to listen to this free concert. People may also visit the town website at www.oakham-mass.gov for the concert schedule. Concerts are not held in bad weather and will be postponed if possible.

Fobes Memorial Library events

The Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., announces June events. Weekly read and play is held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. On Tuesday, June 24 from 4-6 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons Jr. Guild meets. On Thursday, June 26 at 11 a.m. there is a Homeschool Do It Yourself. Registration is required for Dungeons and Dragons and Homeschool DIY. To register, people should visit the library website at <https://www.oakham-ma.gov/fobes-memorial-library>. Kids' Fest will be held on Saturday, June 28 at 10 a.m.

Senior center news

On Monday, June 23:Podiatry clinic will be held from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Reservations are required by calling the Oakham Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave a message and number. Someone will call them back.

On Thursday June 19 someone from Serving the Health Needs of Everyone will be at the Senior Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations are required by either stopping in and signing up or calling the number listed above. On Tuesday, June 24 blood pressure/glucose testing will take place from 11 a.m.-noon. On Thursday, June 12 Blood Pressure will be taken from 11 a.m.- noon, just stop in. On Tuesday, June 24 SNAP benefits information will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; there is no age restrictions.

On going activities include Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon puzzling, Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. walking group meet at Senior Center ad Tuesday through Thursdays at 11 a.m. Walking Group meet at Senior Center. Those that would like to join the walking groups should ask to be added to the text message group by calling the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave their cell phone number.

On Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center. The donation is \$3 per class

Thursdays at noon is Weigh in at the Senior Center with the support weight loss group.Fridays at 10.30 a.m. and Functional Fitness meets at the New Braintree Town Hall.Cost is \$3 per class.

Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

On Friday, June 13 COA meeting at noon. Lunch for Brunch meets the third Friday. On, June 20 the group will go to Charlie's Diner in Spencer. There is a sign up sheet at the Senior Center in the Main Room. Bemis Farm is coming Tuesday, June 10 at 1 p.m. at the Fire Station, located on Barre Road. They will make "The Flying Flower Café." The pot that attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Cost is \$15 per pot People should sign up by stopping at the senior center, e-mailing COA@Oakham-MA.gov or calling the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave a message.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

911 Memorial Development Committee – June 5 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 9 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – June 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – June 9 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 10 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – June 10 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 11 at 12:30 a.m.
 Library Trustees – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – June 11 at 6:30 p.m. and June 15 at 5 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – June 12 at 1 p.m.
 Select Board – June 16 at 6 p.m. and June 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – June 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Town Meeting – June 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 26 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Town Hall Advisory Committee – June 5 at 4:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – June 5 at 7 p.m.
 Town Meeting – June 7 at 9 a.m.
 Planning Board – June 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 11 at 12:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – June 11 at 3 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – June 16 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – June 17 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Board of Parks Commissioners – June 11 at 5:30 p.m., July 9 at 12:22 p.m. and July 16 at 12:23 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Fire Highway Building Committee – June 5 at 4 p.m.
 Parks and Recreation – June 5 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – June 17 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 18 at 6 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume's and Sen. Durant Office hour – June 24 from 10-10:45 a.m.
 By Law Committee – June 30 at 2 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – June 5 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 5 at 7:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 6 at 9 a.m.
 Broadband Municipal Light Plant Board – June 6 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 10 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – July 17 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – June 5 at 6 p.m.

Quabbin Community Band opens season on June 15

BARRE – The Quabbin Community Band will open their 2025 season on Father's Day, June 15 with the concert theme, "Summer is Here."

This year's band includes more than fifty players. At their first concert they will feature such favorite medleys as, "The Sound of Music" by Rodgers & Hammerstein, "Beach Boys Forever"

arranged by Robert Brubaker and "Highlights from the Music Man" by Meredith Wilson. The Quabbin Community Band has upheld a great New England tradition of presenting concerts on the Common for more than 50 years.

The group looks forward to presenting programs on Sunday for the next nine weeks. The first three con-

certs on June 15, 22 and 29 will be held at Nornay Park in South Barre. All remaining concerts from July 6 through Aug. 10 will be in Barre on the Harding Allen Bandstand. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. and generally run 90 minutes in length. Summer is here, so come out and enjoy the gift of live community music.

Barre Food Pantry distribution dates

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, June 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, June 19 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, June 11 or in the evening on Thursday, June 19, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors has considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but has decided

that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and clients June 11 and June 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

On Tuesday night, June 10 at 5 p.m., the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning. If people can help pitch in for an hour on the 10th, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921. Volunteers should not arrive to volunteer on June 10, 11 or 19 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should visit the website to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Paige Memorial Library June programs

HARDWICK – Vintage baseball will be played at Roach Field, 2380 Barre Road, on Saturday June 7 at 1 p.m..

"Root, root, root for the home team" in a baseball game between the Westfield Wheelmen and the Hardwick Haymen using Civil War era rules. There will be hot dogs from Mimi's, popcorn from Minute Man Kettle Corn and water from Big Y and Kyle Ayres. People can cheer on the home team composed of friends and neighbors.

"The Theft of Dignity," presented by young adult novelist Dennis S. Wise, on Saturday June 21 at noon, at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road raises awareness of peer bullying in an absorbing presentation that draws on examples from popular culture, movies, TV shows and novels such as his own book, "On Your Side," to encourage a respectful community and to offer solutions. This program is open to teens, educators, parents and others to understand the challenges teens face every day

and to suggest practical tools for positive change, this program is funded in part by a grant from the Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

School will soon be out and the Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading program will begin registration on Tuesday, June 24. Sign up and "Level Up." Level Up at Your Library is an all ages summer reading program based around puzzles and Participants will enjoy special programs and activities, prizes and lots of good books to borrow. Play is one of the ways we learn to relate to others, to think in new ways, and to foster friendships, new and old.

Jafar Manselle and the Wendell Warriors drumming ensemble will perform and teach a West African rhythms drumming class for teens and adults on Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. on the Common in Hardwick. Drums and percussion instruments to be provided, however if anyone has their own drum,

feel free to bring it. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Wingmasters will present Birds of prey and Indigenous American artifacts at the Hardwick Town House on Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. The Wingmasters is a partnership between Julie Anne Collier, who has Native American ancestry and Jim Parks. They are licensed raptor rehabilitators and educators. This program is supported by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

HUBBARDSTON

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Historical Society holds pie sale

On Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., the Hubbardston Historical Society will hold a pie sale along with other baked goods at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. Proceeds benefit the Hubbardston Historical Society. People should arrive early because the baked goods sell out fast.

Lions's Club Town Fair

The Lions Club generously supported the Hubbardston community in many different ways for decades. It is an extraordinary organization that provides services often behind the scenes. The Club will hold its annual Town Fair on Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Candidate's Night

Meet the Candidates Night will be held Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main St. People will get to meet the candidates running in the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, June 17. Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

Senior Center

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eggs may be picked up on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Cribbage is played on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. Pitch is played the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Art group meets every Friday at 9 a.m.

Ham radio operators take to the field in West Brookfield

WEST BROOKFIELD – On Saturday, June 28, from 2-6 p.m., the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club will participate in the annual American Radio Relay League Field Day on the town common.

Field Day is the largest emergency communication exercise in North America, sponsored by the ARR, and it brings together over 35,000 licensed amateur radio operators across the U.S. and Canada. The goal is to set up temporary stations using off-grid power to demonstrate ham radio's ability to provide vital communications during natural disasters, power outages, and other emergencies.

The public is invited to stop by and learn about amateur radio, see it in action, and even try making a radio contact. Club members will be on hand to explain how amateur radio supports emergency preparedness, provides public service communications, and how anyone can get started and earn a license.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in technology, communication, or community service to see firsthand how ham radio can connect people when it matters most.

For more information about the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club, visit www.qvarc.com. Come join them on the town common and discover the power and fun of amateur radio.

Editorial deadline reminder

Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday.

Thank you, Oakham voters,

for supporting my re-election to the Planning Board. Special thanks to the many residents who requested signs. I am dedicated to continue serving Oakham in every way I can, on the Planning Board and individually. Planning Board meetings are open to anyone, and are posted in advance both online and outdoors in the town hall message cabinet.
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Opinion

It matters to the wildlife

By Robert Kane

Dawn unfolds slowly at the secluded old reservoir, its surface a perfect mirror for the sky's soft hues. Wood duck family glides ghostlike through the morning fog, barely disturbing the water as they move with quiet dignity.

Loons coo, their haunting calls spilling across the stillness, ancient and knowing. Mist curls along the banks, retreating with the rising sun, unveiling the world piece by piece. In peace of its own making a blue heron waits in the reeds, motionless, surveying the water with silent precision. The hunt for life itself is on. Painted turtles emerge onto half-sunken logs, stretching their legs to soak in the midday sun, their shells gleaming like polished stones.

The air hums with life – songbirds dart between branches, dragonflies skim the surface, a frog disappears into the shallows beneath floating lily pads. Migratory waterfowl circle above, resting here on their long journeys, knowing this pond is a safe haven.

As the seasons shift, so do the keepers of this place. Deer step lightly along the wooded edges in autumn, their breath rising in the crisp air. Moose wade through the shallows in the early summer, their antlers heavy with velvet. Coyotes prowl at dusk, their sharp eyes and sharper instincts carrying them through the underbrush. Foxes weave through the undergrowth with quiet cleverness, ever watchful. Fish ripple the water's surface, invisible beneath the changing reflections.

By late afternoon, shadows lengthen, the golden light softens. The trees cast broken reflections over the

rippling water. Then dusk settles, quiet but deliberate. Beaver families begin their work, first with a warning – tails slapped against the water's surface, sharp as a rifle shot. A message, perhaps to find each other in the dim light, or maybe a signal of deeper awareness.

Do they know I am here? Do they remember what has been done to them? Once hunted to near extinction, they have returned, but they do not trust us. And maybe they never should. For all the work they do, their relentless building, creating shelter and habitat not just for themselves but for countless creatures, they still exist under threat.

Human greed looms over these waters, indifferent to the balance it disrupts. Some claim the creatures will "move along," as though their lives are insignificant, as though they are not the rightful caretakers of this place. But they are and they know better than we ever will. And it is so, the night returns, the crickets murmur, fireflies rise like scattered stars. The pond remains, bearing witness to all things that thrive and struggle within it.

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately," Thoreau once wrote. I have lived, I have witnessed. This is not merely nature—it is a world woven by those who exist in it, who have no voices to speak for themselves. But I speak for them.

Now it breathes across the seasons, across the ones who call it home. And those who dismiss it? They have not walked it in all its shifting forms, haven't felt its pull throughout the year. To see it once is nothing. To witness its changes is to understand it deeply. This place deserves that understanding.

Pothole cheerleaders...



In Past Pages

Look Back – New Year's Plunge – 2003



File photo

This is the group of intrepid dippers (swimmers being too expansive of a term for what transpires on New Year's Day) that once again braved elements at Browning Pond in Spencer.

5 years (June 11, 2020)

Per the Water Management Act Withdrawal Permit issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Barre Water Commissioners must enforce summer limits on water withdrawal to protect stream flow for aquatic life and ensure a sustainable drinking water supply. Residential outdoor water use will be allowed on Tuesday and Thursdays only after 5 p.m. from now through Sept. 30. The Water Commissioners encourage all its customers to be aware of the amount of water that is being used and to conserve and protect the valuable drinking water resources.

Saturday, June 6 Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2020 seniors participated in a graduation parade on the weekend the graduation was to be held before the pandemic hit. The graduation ceremony is now scheduled for Friday, Aug. 7. The parade began and ended at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre. The route went through Wheelwright, took a left over the bridge at the Hardwick/New Braintree line and turned onto Route 67 through South Barre. The parade took Valley Road in Barre to Route 62 to Hubbardston, left onto Barre Road, through the cent and then onto Williamsville Road back to Barre.

The Barre Board of Selectmen received notice that Interim Town Administrator Heather Munroe withdrew her application as a candidate for Town Administrator. The search committee presented three finalists to the board. Selectman Greg O'Sullivan said the board needed more discussion before it accepted these finalists. He asked the other board members if they looked at all the applications as well as the three finalists the committee presented. He said one of the finalists did not have all the request-

ed qualifications. He said, "I don't fell [we were] given three qualified candidates and should look at other applications in executive session if necessary." O'Sullivan said he looked at all the applications and narrowed it down to six candidates.

10 years (June 11, 2015)

Twenty percent or 626 of the 3,166 Hubbardston registered voters in town went to the polls Tuesday for the Annual Town Election. Voters said no to three questions on the ballot. Question 1 asked the town to spend \$250,000 for a new ambulance. It was narrowly defeated by nine votes 313 opposed and 304 in favor. Voters defeated question 2 to spend \$400,000 or a fire truck by 67 votes. The final ballot question, \$7.5 million for a new senior center facility and new combined police fire public building failed to pass by 93 votes.

Almost a year after competing his Eagle project Samuel J. Arcikowski of Oakham earned Scoutings highest rank. Boy Scout Troop 141 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on May 16 at Naquag Elementary School for Samuel J. Arcikowski. He is the son of Edward and Kathy Arcikowski and has a younger brother, Josh, in Boy Scouts. Sam is a graduate of Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School and is now a student at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.

Earthland has been offering Earth-based programs and training for over 22 years. There is a new group, the new Earthlands Collective, working directly with founder Larry Buell and the non-profit organization, the Institute for Environmental Awareness, Inc. The collective is made up of seven groups that know and love Earthlands and who are aligned with the mission of Earthlands. The Collective, a special project of the

Caterpillar Hill Imitative on the coast of Maine, will oversee programs that are economically sustainable, environmentally insightful, spiritually fulfilling and socially just by building and expanding Earthlands original mission.

25 years (June 8, 2000)

Oakham voters will decide on a 43 article warrant at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday June 12 at the Oakham Center School. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Special articles total \$396,278 and include \$235,000 for a new fire truck, \$74,153 for a backhoe, \$50,000 for library capital improvements \$1600 for loader repair \$15,000 transfer to stabilization, \$5,000 debt issue cost, \$900 for police radar gun \$725 for town video recorder and \$500 for police radio equipment. Funding for these article include \$116,278 free cash \$50,000 capital reserve funds, \$205,000 issued debt and \$25,000 taxation.

The town of Hubbardston will hold its annual Founder's Day Celebration on June 17. The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge. The day begins on the Town Common from 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., the festivities resume at Curtis Field on Route 68. This celebration began as a 225th anniversary event in 1992. The town was incorporated on June 13, 1767. It was decided to hold a Founder's Day Celebration every year after and raise money to have an extraordinary fireworks display as the town's way to welcome in the millennium.

A public hearing was held at 8 this past Monday evening to discuss any public concerns regarding the changes Joe Martone, owner of Joey's Pub in South Barre, would like to make to his establishment's liquor license. Martone asked the

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The peony takes the stage in June

As I look out my living room window, I can see the chubby round buds of one of my favorite June-bloomers, the peony. No doubt, the plant will be in full flower just in time for my birthday, as it has for a number of decades.

Read on to learn all you need to know, straight from the archives!

Who doesn't love the peony? Its frilly flowers, fine fragrance and fit form make it a favorite in the June perennial border.

And although it only blooms for a short while, the plant itself is reliably hardy and notably long lived in our climate. In fact, the peony that grows in my garden is one my great grandmother grew in the 1930s!

Here are a few tips to keep your peonies thriving for the next seventy years.

Planting

Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes.

Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and

a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure.

Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Mail order plants usually arrive bareroot. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting.

When it comes time to plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We sure have had a rainy May and hope to see some sun this June.

The sun came out on Saturday so I decided to go to the Hubbardston Senior Center yard sale as I heard they had a lot of things, including a bake sale and clothing sale. I arrived and saw three booths and then the skies let loose and I limped back to my car that was a little distance away just before it started to pour.

I was not sure I could drive home. I had never seen it rain so hard. I felt bad for the people at the Center trying to fasten things down in the tents outside. It also got windy.

Here is a quick recipe I plan to make today with some broccoli I bought this week.

BROCCOLI SALAD

1 bunch of broccoli finely chopped

1/2 finely chopped red onion

1/2 lb. bacon, cooked and finely crumbled

Dressing:

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup sugar

3 tablespoons vinegar

Stir dressing and salad together before serving.

Note: I halved the recipe as there are just two of us. This is the halved recipe so double it for a larger quantity.

This and That

It often get donations of plants from friends and often think of them as the plants flower. I have been thinking of my dear friend Bonnie Cunningham lately as I watch the pink lily of the valley bloom in the center of my hosta bed and everywhere else it has spread. I had white, but never pink before. She recently moved to Hubbardston House and generously gave me a lot of garden supplies. My plants will appreciate those items.

Recently I was gifted a lovely purple butterfly bush and need to plant it today in the sunniest spot I can find. I do have a pink one that the butterflies love and will be in bloom soon.

The rhododendrons are starting to bloom now and the deep pink one is pretty next to the white viburnum. The weigelia is starting to show its deep pink color also. They are all in a row above my rock garden.

The rock garden was made in that area as there are big boulders of granite that could not be moved. The

ostrich ferns have taken over the yard so I have had to remove some of them.

The soil here loves ferns so I have a variety of kinds. I have a book on ferns and have been trying to learn the kinds.

Another thing I have

done, now that my plants are outside, is to make displays where my houseplants used to be. I put a display of darning items which I collect and a display of sad irons and trivets. Am I a collector or a hoarder? I also have arranged a collection of butter pats on shelves in my office. A collection of sea shells, that my late brother, gave me, is in another area. I have been trying to label them from a book I have on shells. So many look alike, it is hard.

It is interesting to hear comments on the darning supplies. The young folks never heard of people who darned stockings etc. This is a throw away society. My late mother used to darn stockings for friends and her family.

She was having a hard time finding darning thread. I have the wooden block she used to pound the finished darn and the wax that she used on the thread. The wax was made at her ancestors farm from the bees. I have a collection of about 15 different wooden darners including two for gloves.

I wonder how the town will vote on the gift of the First Parish Unitarian Church? They held an open house at the church last week.

Have a good week and hope we get some sun.

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thaw.

Fertilizing and Watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients.

After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Staking

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and

tidy and should be accomplished. Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go.

If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural. I have been using a three rung, large tomato cage with success for the last several years. The key is to get the cage in place early!

Diseases

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of her-

baceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost.

If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

By next weekend, I am sure there will be peonies in a vase, perfuming the entire room, just like they have for a number of decades each June...

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Barre Selectmen to allow his patrons to bring alcohol outside to a 30x30 asphalt area, which will house picnic tables. He indicated his long range plans, when funds aren available, include a deck and a fence. The board expressed concerns about the area not being fenced in right away, but since none of the abutters, which include a church, were in attendance to object to the request, they felt justified in allowing the State Inspector to decide if there should be any conditions to the extended license.

38 years (June 11, 1987)

The Quabbin

Community Band will open the season of Sunday concerts on the The Common in Barre this Sunday, June 14. The opening concert will be called Music for a Summer Night and include medleys from such Broadway and movie favorites from "Music Man" and "South Pacific." In addition to the regular concerts, the band will also play in Princeton on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. and for the 175th Anniversary in North Brookfield on July 26.

Oakham resident Roger H. Lonergan will be honored by the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority on Monday, June 15 at 11

a.m. when the Ware River Intake Facility will be formally named after him. The facility located on Route 122 on the Barre-Oakham town line has been Roger's place of employment for the past 53 years. The public is invited to attend the renaming of the facility. Roger has lived in Oakham most of his life and has served on the Board of Selectmen for 27 years; 26 of them as chairman.

Hubbardston Town Clerk Marion Lion will no longer conduct hours at the dispatch center. She will, however, hold office hours Mondays from 3-6 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. and Wednesdays in the Town Office.

lion.

"The impact of reductions for these positions will be felt by all of our students, some greater than others," he said. "Anytime you lose a staff member...students are impacted."

McCormick said he recommended a level service budget, which would prevent the loss of art, music, and more.

"If we continue to cut positions, we're going to really build obstacles for that continuous improve-

ment for our students and our families," he said.

The School Committee members discussed the merits of each of the positions on the list to be eliminated, and how important they are to the students.

The School Committee voted to accept the level service budget as presented by McCormick, keeping the art, music and physical education teachers. This brings the total reduction of the proposed FY 26 budget to \$828,063.

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center lists July events

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre announces the fifth "theme" of the 2025 year-long Stronger Together Initiative for the month of July-Nutrition.

Nutrition is crucial for maintaining overall health, supporting growth, and preventing diseases. It's not just about eating food; it's about understanding how the body uses the nutrients in that food to function properly. We've put our own spin on it with a few of the workshops too.

The introductory workshops for the month of July will take place on Wednesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. In this opening presentation, we will learn about nutrition, not just regarding food but interconnectedness physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Reminding everyone again, one of the overarching messages every day at the Senior Center is "Join Us, and As Always, Bring a Friend." They invite the "aging population, those 60 and over" from the towns and villages of Barre and Hardwick to come by the Senior Center and say hello. Stop by for a morning cup of coffee or join us for lunch, pick up a Silver Spirit newsletter and a calendar of events.

July Calendar Events and the Silver Spirit Newsletter can be found at www.townofbarre.com/coa or <https://mycommunityonline.com/organization/barre-hardwick-senior-center-coa>.

Tuesday, July 1 at 10 a.m. Ed Spater, Medicare Specialist, will be available to answer any questions people may have. This is free.

Monday, July 7 at 9 a.m. Fred Hamel shares his personal story of connecting to the Glucose Goddess and

shares why reducing sugar intake is so important. This program is free. People may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Tuesday, July 8 at 11:00 a.m. Wendy Bolognesi second self-applied acupressure. This is free and people may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Wednesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Introductory Workshop Presentations on Nutrition at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center. This is free and people may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Thursday, July 10 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Jennifer Clouthier from National Grid will meet with one on one to go over people's electric bill, how to read them, see if they are eligible for any discounts, extended payment plans, protections and resources for assistance. This is free. People may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Thursday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m. Rhonda Hamer will present on Smart Snacking for Seniors. Fueling Health & Well-Being. FREE. Sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Tuesday, July 15 at 12:30 p.m. come and play Bingo for free and win some cleaning supplies, paper products, kitchen wares, storage items, personal care products and much more.

Wednesday, July 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. Mocktails and Massage (\$40/person). Mocktails, charcuterie spread, chair massage by Wendy Bolognesi and lotion treatment with hand massage by Rebecca Courier from Nails by Rebecca. Space is limited to 14 participants. Payment is due when signing up.

Wednesday, July 16 at 10 a.m. MA65-Lea Freitas, Medicare Solutions Advisor, will be at the Senior Center

to answer any questions regarding Mass Advantage. This is free.

Thursday, July 17 at 11:30 a.m. Bingo (\$6/person) and chicken barbecue (\$10/person). People may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk. Ed Spater will be the guest BINGO caller at 1 p.m.

Monday, July 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Barre's Best Bites- A Nutritional Culinary Experience sampling bites of the wonderful foods from the restaurants and food vendors in Barre and Hardwick. This is free and people may sign-up at Senior Center front desk.

Wednesday, July 23 at 6 p.m. Eric Brose of Fidelity Bank will present on "Financial Nutrition" A broad term that describes the state of one's financial affairs. It encompasses more than just having a high credit score or a large bank balance; it's about how well people manage their money, plan for the future, and feel secure in their financial situation.

Thursday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m. Kevin Donahue from the Office of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr's office will be presenting Scams Targeting Older Adults. The program is free. People may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Stay tuned for August's theme Self-Improvement.

If you know someone who has knowledge and skills that they could bring to a presentation or program, we would love to hear about it. People may call Betty-Jo O'Brien, COA/Senior Center Director at 978-355-5004 or email coa@townofbarre.com.

People may call the Senior Center at 978-355-5004 with any questions or to register for these events.

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the town was \$181,735.

The total budget for fiscal year 2026 approved by voters was \$3,059,494.

The amount assessed for the Quabbin Regional School District was \$1,453,854.00. There are 100 students attending the school district, 12 homeschool students and 10 in out of district placements.

There was about a 5% increase from state requirements, as well as the school's insurance and transportation services going up.

The school assessment also included the Quabbin debt and interest on school bonds and out of district tuition and out of district transportation. The educational increase required the town to decrease or level fund budgets for the Town departments by \$56,000.

The Quabbin Regional School District worked to lower the assessment with cuts to their district budget with a final assessment of 6.39% or \$87,322 increase over last year.

The increase from Pathfinder was just over \$12,000 for four additional students. The total educational increase for both school districts was \$99,419.

Article 7 was about the town voting to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L.

Chapter 44, Section 17.

This would allow the Treasurer to borrow money for the grant funding that is coming back in for the West Brookfield Road project.

Announcements

After the town meetings concluded, Howland allowed any departments or residents to share any special announcements.

Morrison spoke about an upcoming Historical Society event taking place on Friday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. It is an evening of discussion and remembrance of New Braintree's "Conserve Our Small Town".

This was an event that the townspeople took part in to prevent a prison from being built on the current site of the Massachusetts State Police Training Center. The Historical Society recently did a kids tour of the Town Center and will soon want to offer an adult tour as well.

Another announcement was made regarding the pavilion being built at the Town Center. Many volunteers who helped with the project believe having this space will open the door for future events.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

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War, the Great War (later known as WWI), World War II and the Vietnam War are engraved on tastefully designed stone monuments.

This year's Memorial Day marching band included both talented NJROTC Cadets and high school band members from Quabbin Regional High School. They were led by other NJROTC cadets holding banners representing each of the military services. Like the strong, regimented display by both Boy Scout and Girl Scout contingents, the NJROTC is a volunteer organization that instills a sense of service to others, along with self-discipline in its members, admirable qualities that will serve them well. Capt. Daniel Brennock, USN retired, is their leader and the teacher of naval sciences and leadership at Quabbin High School.

The band, directed by Toni Brown, continued to impress the many citizens from three to eighty-three as they performed during the subsequent ceremony on the Green. Hubbardston Veterans in each of the services placed a poppy in the Memorial wreath while the band played their respective service's anthem.



Turley photo by Eric Goodhart
Quabbin Middle School sixth grader, Ana Leigh Moncoeur, recites President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address at the Hubbardston Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 26.

Master of Ceremonies this year was Cdr. Michael Stoll, USN, retired, who stepped into the role that Capt. Thomas Colyer, USN Retired, did admirably for many years. Both are long-time Hubbardston residents. He introduced the student speakers. A tradition that is

eagerly anticipated is the presentations by students from local schools.

This year, Dereck Lowe, a second grade student at the Center School, had the honor to read the Preamble to the United States Constitution. That is a concise yet significant introductory state-

ment that outlines the Constitution's purpose and guiding principles.

Ana Leigh Moncoeur, a sixth grade history scholar at Quabbin Regional High, stepped up and recited the Gettysburg Address from memory. President Lincoln wrote it on the back of an envelope in 1863 on the way to the dedication of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, four months after the battle there. Despite what one might think about the informal last-minute manner of preparation, many look back and believe the words flowed as if they came from some spiritual source. Lincoln was simply the transcriber.

The Union victory at Gettysburg is regarded as the turning point of the war between the states. Lincoln's speech is universally considered brilliant. It proved that when one understands the words in the country they live in, English, in Lincoln's case, can say what needs to be heard in two minutes using 272 of those words.

Olivia Moncoeur, sister of Ana, and a 4th grader at the Center School, recited the poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem by Dr. John McCrae is set on the Western

Front in Europe during World War I. The words solidified its place in history as a symbol of remembrance and sacrifice.

Other speakers included Air Force Staff Sergeant Lauren Wright, Veterans Special Services Agent for the town, who sighted parts of JFK's 1961 powerful Memorial Day address and state Senator Peter Durant, who also had the honor to present Certificates of Achievement to each of the students who now have a head start on understanding the importance of knowing history.

The keynote speaker was Brigadier General Paul Greg Smith, NG, retired. His powerful speech included somber stories of patriotic civilians who volunteered after the attack in late summer of 2001 and lost their lives while in the armed forces. It brought home the very possible fact that many there that day have known colleagues or loved ones, who were killed or injured in a war or conflict at home or abroad.

Throughout the somber ceremony, the residents enjoyed a variety of appropriate songs beautifully sung by the very talented Hubbardston Senior Center chorus, known

as the "Swingin' Singin' Seniors." They are a service organization that perennially participates in events.

Speaking of "service," the Lions Club has generously supported the Hubbardston community in many different ways for decades. It is an extraordinary organization that provides services often behind the scenes. Be sure to drop by and say thank you at the upcoming Town Fair on June 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Hubbardston Senior Center, led by Director Claudia Provencal, arranged, with its usual efficiency, a free ice cream social. It was the first time for many to sit and relax on the newly constructed functional open deck behind the Senior Center. This reporter, an expert on ice cream quality worldwide, was impressed beyond words by the quality and quantity of the ice cream served. It is produced by the owners of Cream Crock Distributors, who donate it free to the Senior Center every year. No need to wait until next Memorial Day to enjoy their many delicious flavors. Drop by their Sundae store and thank them at "Gibby's Ice Cream Café," 50 Sunderland Road in Worcester.

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to defeat a proposed BESS on East Hill Road East. In 2024, Wendell residents united to defeat a BESS location in their town and Westfield resident did the same. People from both towns stepped forward to assist Oakham in its efforts to stop the placing of these lithium battery units especially rural communities. Westfield provide signs they had printed for their fight to stop such a business endeavor in their city, located in Western Massachusetts.

Chris Queen of Wendell, a town of 915 residents and similar to Oakham, spoke at the rally. He said Wendell was in litigation to support their bylaw prohibiting lithium battery storage systems.

They raised \$7,000 and are seeking another \$5,000 for legal fees.

Aaron Langlois, an Oakham resident and representing Advocate Conservation Oakham Rural Nature Safety, also spoke. He said this citizen group also known as ACORNS formed in April. He said he has posted two videos and has over 1,000 views.

The Planning Board letter said a BESS makes money for its owners by buying power from the grid at low cost, using it to charge lithium batteries and selling it back to the grid at high demand times to make a profit. For the proposed provider, Ryhland Energy of New York, New York construction in Oakham would

involve bulldozing an 18 acre wetland valley, installing a highway grade road from Coldbrook all the way through the former junkyard down a 60 foot drop into the valley and constructing several acres of concrete for the 296, 42 ton each, Tesla units and a new National Grid tower.

The letter said at the end of batteries life about ten years when they will no longer charge and discharge they still are a fire risk. Other BESS locations have had fires, which burn for days and spew toxic smoke into the air. Such a fire would require immediate evacuation of everyone in its path. Both the Wachusett Reservoir, 12 miles east and the Quabbin Reservoir

12 miles to the west, could be contaminated. These reservoirs supply water for Boston and 53 communities. It would also poison Oakham residents' water supplies.

Signs made by residents included: "Hey Boston Your Water Is At Risk," "Water is Life," "Our Water Our Future," "Not In My Valley," Resist BESS," "Protect the Quabbin," "No Battery Storage in Oakham," "People Over Profit" and "Respect Rural Towns," to name a few.

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Oakham residents and supporters from other communities held high their signs while chanting "No Battery Park."



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Questions to Ask Your Financial Advisor

You should always be able to ask as many questions as you'd like when working with your financial advisor. So, before you have your annual review, think carefully about what you'd like to ask.

Here are a few suggestions:

• **Are my goals still realistic?** When you first began working with your financial advisor, you may well have articulated several financial goals. For example, you might have said that you wanted to pay for most of your children's college education, or that you'd like to retire at age 55, or that you hope to travel internationally every year during retirement. In fact, you could have many different goals for which you're saving and investing. When you meet with your financial advisor, you'll certainly want to ask whether you're still on track toward meeting these goals. If you are, you can continue with the financial strategies you've been following; but if you aren't, you may need to adjust them. The same is true if your goals have changed. You and your financial advisor will want to build a strategy to address any new or different goals such as emergency cash needs, having adequate insurance protection or estate planning.

• **Am I taking on too much — or too little — risk?** Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you're taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.

• **How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy?** Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and your investment decisions.

• **How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio?** Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance — so take full advantage of it.



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EQLT holds annual Hills of East Quabbin bike ride June 14

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust, a non-profit land trust caring for the land that sustains us, will host its second annual Hills of East Quabbin Ride on Saturday, June 14.

The Hills of East Quabbin Ride includes two options -- a 23.1-mile Short Loop and a 46.4-mile Long Loop, passing several EQLT preserves. Open to all ages, general registration is \$70 per rider.

Online registration is available through June 13 at www.eqlt.org/hills-of-east-quabbin-ride and in-person on the day of the event until 9 a.m. All

proceeds will go to EQLT and support its mission to fostering the sustainable use and conservation of farmlands, woodlands and waters of Central Massachusetts.

The routes follow local roads with light traffic and include an unpaved (dirt) section of the Mass Central Rail Trail. Both routes include a rest stop at EQLT's headquarters located at 120 Ridge Road in Hardwick, offering bathroom facilities and snacks to refuel, along with sweeping views of the Ware River Valley.

The bike ride starts and

ends at the Farmer Matt® restaurant and farm store at 860 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree. Riders will receive a \$5-off coupon for a hamburger, hot dog or veggie burger with a choice of sides from Farmer Matt. Other locally sourced farm-to-table options will also be available for purchase.

For more information about the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, or to learn about EQLT, visit www.eqlt.org.

About the East Quabbin Land Trust

The East Quabbin Land Trust fosters a meaningful

relationship with the natural world by conserving, connecting with and caring for the farmlands, woodlands and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts. EQLT works closely with community members to foster vibrant communities through engagement with the outdoors. EQLT's work is focused on the communities of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham, Ware and West Brookfield.

EQLT began in 1994 motivated by concern for the loss of farmland and wildlife hab-

itat to unplanned sprawl. By working cooperatively with property owners, government agencies, conservation groups and other land trusts, EQLT has permanently protected 7,000 acres of land. EQLT also worked with members of the Petersham community to purchase and lease The Country Store, revitalizing the heart of the town.

Over the past two decades, EQLT has purchased and opened 6.5 miles of former railroad corridor as part of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Hardwick, New Braintree and Ware, with another 1.5-miles

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bers thought it would be best to reopen the budget at their next meeting and invite the Finance Committee for another joint meeting. Another topic regarding the changes to the budget is making the Town Clerk a full-time position. Currently, the Town Clerk is a part-time position. Tinker reminded the board that the town needs revenue and believes they don't have the revenue to make this a full-time position.

The budget discussion will be tabled until their next meeting on June 2 and will be talked with the Finance Committee.

Pole hearing

The Select Board held a public hearing regarding the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England.

The company is requesting permission to locate poles,

wires, and fixtures including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across a public way, which is Charity Hill Road.

A representative from National Grid/Verizon New England gave a brief presentation on what types of work will be done. The representative said most of the work will be done on Charity Hill Road. There were several homes identified on the road prior to this May 27 Select Board meeting.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano informed the Select Board that all the abutters were notified of this project and the petition. Telephone poles will be located as well as the necessary protecting fixtures along the public road.

The Select Board approved the petition from National Grid/Verizon New England.

Committee vacancies

The Select Board had a

discussion on the current vacancies on the Master Plan Steering Committee. Caggiano brought to the board's attention that two members of the committee are resigning.

The Select Board had suggested to possibly shorten the number of members that can be on the Master Plan Steering Committee. The possible total number the Select Board was looking to consider is 11 members.

Though there are vacancies, the board and the town will put out postings soon to hopefully fill the positions on the Master Plan Steering Committee. The board did vote to accept the resignations of the two members who previously served on the committee.

Cemetery Commission mowing

The Select Board discussed the mowing contract for the Cemetery Commission. The

commission reviewed several businesses who could do the job for mowing services. Members of the Cemetery Commission said they have no concerns or issues and were satisfied with the bid from Lori Crevier. The amount is the same and the Cemetery Commission requests that the Select Board accepts the mowing contract.

The Select Board voted and approved the mowing contract.

Vintage baseball game

On Saturday, June 7 at 1 p.m., town will be hosting a vintage baseball game as the Hardwick Haymakers will play against the Westfield Wheelmen. The event is sponsored by the Paige Memorial Library and Hardwick Parks & Recreation.

Caggiano and other town employees will be participating in the baseball game.

Sewer Project Update

In old business, the Select

Board gave an update on the wastewater treatment upgrade project. The project has a contractor working across several locations in Hardwick, Gilbertville and Wheelwright. After going over each location and their completion rates, Tinker said the overall project is about 69% complete.

The Select Board believes this project is past the stage of any unforeseen conditions that would increase the cost of the project. The project is expected to be completed in December.

Purchase and sale for Calvin Paige Building

A discussion took place regarding the purchase and sale agreement for the Calvin Paige Building. The prospective buyers spoke about modifications they wish to present to the Select Board and have the desire to make the building a community source building.

There is a Land

Development Agreement that is required by the town to have and will govern the rehabilitation of the building and the redevelopment of the property. The prospective buyers said they're okay with having the historic preservation restriction for the property.

There was wording added as part of the modifications of the agreement that the buyers wish to share with the Select Board and have the parties propose what they feel the town really wants.

Legal counsel is reviewing the information now and will soon get back to the Select Board. After the closing of this agreement, the owners will be searching for contractors who could help with the development. This purchase and sale agreement for the Calvin Paige Building will be further discussed.



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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

EAST QUABBIN RIDE REGISTRATION is \$70 per rider. Participants may ride either of two loops - 24.2 miles or 47.5 miles on the back roads and rail trail in the region. The Saturday, June 14 route starts and ends at Farmer Matt's in New Braintree with a rest stop at East Quabbin Land Trust offices, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. The ride will be held After the ride, locally-sourced Farm-to-Table food is available. Receive a \$5-off coupon for a hamburger, hot dog or veggie burger with your choice of sides from Farmer Matt's. See his delicious menu at <https://farmermatt.com/>. Take-home options are available too.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

PRINCETON ART SOCIETY presents Familiar Strangers, a high energy acoustic band, today at 7 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 14 Mountain Road, Princeton. Everyone is welcome; a \$10 donation is suggested. Sponsors are the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation and the Princeton Cultural Council.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

BARRE FARMERS MARKET is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market is held rain or shine. The market runs May to October and has a wide variety of local farmers along with home made items.

EXPLORING THE ROAD TO DANA COMMON will take place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 40, Rte. 32A, Petersham. Participants will visit old foundations, stone walls and shade trees of Dana Common. This 3.6 mile round-trip hike will introduce the group to some of the notable residents of Dana as they discover what life was like in the Swift River Valley over a hundred years ago. They should meet at Gate 40 on Rt 32A in Petersham and bring water and dress appropriately for the weather. All ages welcome. Dogs are not allowed. People should visit Exploring the Road to Dana Common to register.

SHERIFF'S ANNUAL FREE DRIVE THRU SENIOR PICNIC will take place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Scandinavian Athletic Park, 438 Lake St., Shrewsbury. Due to the success of previous years, the picnic will once again be held as a drive-thru and feature a barbecue boxed lunch, goodie bags, music, giveaways and raffle prizes. The event is free and open to all seniors who are residents of Worcester County. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 508-796-2638 or emailing nydia@WorcesterCountySheriff.org.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH POTLUCK for East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick, will take place today with meeting and potluck from 5-6:30 p.m. and a whip-poor-will walk from 7-9 p.m. at Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area. This is a 1.5 mile walk and people should dress for the weather. Registration is required. People should RSVP by email to atrevvett@eqilt.org.

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 7. Bill Bowles, Paul Carlson, Stephan Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of Tamkus Pond on Route 32 in the Wheelwright section of Hardwick by Cleveland Road.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

WEIR RIVER CONCERT BAND will hold a free concert on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville today at 2 p.m. People should bring a lawn chair. This concert is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Country Bank.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Aug. 4, at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St., Barre. They have concerts on nine Sunday evenings starting on Sunday, June 15, and ending on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. with June concerts in South Barre at Nornay Park and July concert in the center of Barre. Membership is free. It being a summer band, it is fine not to come to every rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a life-long musician and music educator, is the conductor.

HOLYOKE ARTS LEAGUE during the month of June, will host an exhibition of artwork by members at the Wistariahurst Museum at 238 Cabot St., Holyoke. An opening reception and meet the artists will be held today from 5-7 p.m. The museum and gardens are the historic home of the Skinner Family that owned and operated the Skinner Silk Mill, the world's premier silk fabric production facility in the city's Canal District. This event is free and open to the public.

Throughout the month of June, the exhibition may be viewed free of charge during the museum's open hours, Mondays from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This juried show will include entries in oil and pastel, watercolor, acrylic, tempera, gouache and other non-oil wet media, graphite, charcoal, printmaking and other graphic media, sculpture and ceramics. Light refreshments will be served. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

FLOURISHING AS A COMMUNITY with Mean McDonough will take place today at 5:30 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville. There is no cost for this event. There will be food and a time to explore connecting with one another, reduce loneliness and boost overall well being. Donations are welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

EXPLORING NORTH SIDE OF QUABBIN WATERSHED VIA GATE 22 will take place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 22, Shutesbury. Participants will take part in a 4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed. They will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest. Walking to the water, the hike covers 2-miles

and drops 180 ft. in elevation. They will then backtrack uphill and head back uphill the way they came in. People should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road, Shutesbury. Dogs are not allowed. To register people may visit Exploring the North Side -Gate 22.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PIE SALE will be held today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., along with other baked goods at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. Proceeds benefit the Hubbardston Historical Society. People should arrive early because the baked items sell out fast.

FAMILY FIELD DAYS take place at Old Sturbridge Village, Route 20, Sturbridge today, June 15, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Games and competitions include stilts walks, jump rope challenges, baseball, egg and spoon races and more. Activity times will vary. Family Field Days are included with standard daytime admission. Tickets are available by visiting <https://www.osv.org/event/family-field-days/>.

32ND ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL will take place today from 5-6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, 296 North Main St. North Brookfield in the Parish Hall. The menu will offer baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade potato salad, homemade Cole slaw, rolls, ice tea, coffee, water and the always delicious strawberry shortcake. Tickets can be obtained by calling the parish office by calling 508-867-6469. Tickets are adults \$15 and children 5-10 yrs. old \$7. Take out is also available.

ANNUAL YARD SALE will be held today at the Barre Historical Society building on Common Street, Barre. There will be an early bird shopping time for members at 8 a.m. Shopping for the public and non-members starts at 9 a.m. This is a major fundraiser for the Historical Society. If it rains on June 14 the yard sale will be postponed to late summer. They have a variety of small furniture items, kitchen and other household items, Barre items, collectibles, games, holiday decorations/figurines, electronic items, books, cookbooks and magazines, albums and more. They also have a merchandise table of new items for sale including long sleeved tee shirts Barre maps, glassware, postcards and Barre history books too.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND AND SOLDIERS CHORUS will perform a free concert today from noon-1 p.m. in at Mechanic's Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester in the Great Hall. Attendees may bring their own lunch or purchase additional beverage and food options at the event. The Great Hall, located on the third floor is accessible by elevator from the Waldo Street entrance or by stairs from both the Waldo or Main Street entrances. This concert is in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States Army.

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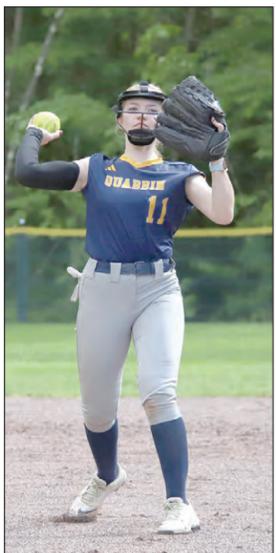


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Kelsey Allen hits the ball on the ground.

Panthers fall at home to Gardner

BARRE — The Quabbin Regional High School softball team had a non-playoff game on Monday, May 26. With all the rain this spring, Memorial Day was used to make up games prior to the state tournament. Quabbin was defeated by visiting Gardner 12-1 in the holiday matchup.

Kai Schuster tries to get back to first.



Jordan Blanchard makes the throw to first.



The Panthers were in action on Memorial Day last week.



Lianna Leger makes a phenomenal play and throw to first from her knees.



Submitted photos by Brianna Whitelaw
Zachard Thompson, Kayla Curren, and Trinity Los compete in the 100 meter dash.

Unified track league meet

BARRE — Once again, Quabbin Regional High School had the privilege of competing in the Mid-Wach League meet with multiple

other schools. Quabbin was the host school for the league meet, the third time the school has been able to hold the meet.

Unified track has been a very successful program since it began at Quabbin.



Brady Williams completes an attempt in the long jump.



Bailey Burke goes for a throw in the shotput.

Pioneers make quick work first tourney opponent

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Just like they did a year ago, the Pathfinder Tech softball team didn't have very much trouble defeating a charter school from Boston in a Division 5 state tournament home game.

The 25th-seeded Lady Pioneers exploded for 13 runs in the second inning enroute to a 22-0 victory over the 40th-seeded Neighborhood House Charter School in a preliminary round game, last Friday afternoon.

The contest ended after 4 ½ innings due to 12-run mercy rule.

"The girls have worked very hard all season long and they deserve to celebrate a postseason victory," said Pathfinder Tech first-year head coach Phil Gallo. "We didn't know very much about our opponent, and



Taylor Thornton hustles for first base.

they probably didn't know anything about us either."

The victory improved the Lady Pioneers overall record to 13-5. They beat Boston Collegiate Charter School, 19-4, in last year's prelimi-



Kendra Burke sends a pitch to the plate.

nary round home game.

During the regular season, the Lady Pioneers scored ten or more runs in nine games. The 22 runs is a new season high. They posted a 21-0 home win against

the Renaissance School in the middle of May.

The Neighborhood House Charter School, which is in Dorchester, opened its doors

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Emma Thompson and Madeline Oliver compete in a heat of the 100 meter dash.



Christopher Howes, Colby Hill, and Samantha Breault race.



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Oskar Kaufmann grabs a quick stop.

After pair of big wins, Pioneers draw in home opener

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Putting the ball into the back of the net wasn't a major issue for the Western Mass. Pioneers in their first two regular season matches.

The Pioneers, who outscored Boston City and the Albany Rush, 15-0, on the road, played a 1-1 draw against the Seacoast United Phantoms in the home opener at historic Lusitano Stadium

on May 23.

"I thought it was a very good game tonight," said longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Seacoast won the championship last year and they're a very good team again this year. They defended very well against us. We did play much better during the second half than we did in the first half."

The Pioneers first home match was played on a miserable night weatherwise.

Eleven different players scored a goal in the Pioneers' first two road matches.

Israel Neto led the way offensively with three goals. Matt Cence and Robbie Lyons both scored two goals. The other goals for the Pioneers were scored by Oskar Kaufmann, Aiden Kelly, Austin Bush, Jose Suarez, Jose Bustamante, Gustavo Barbosa, and Mamadi Jiana, who's a former member of the Chicopee boys' soccer team.

The Phantoms (0-1-1), who are the defending USL League Two National champions, had won the previous three matchups between the two rivals held at Lusitano Stadium.

The home team had an opportunity to take an early lead, but a breakaway opportunity by Kaufmann in the second minute of the match was saved by Seacoast goalie Jahn Tobias.

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Sports

Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – It is the third week of the summer league on Thursday nights at Bogey Lanes.

After the third week, there is a tie for first place between Team Five and The Furs; each team is 20-4. In week three, Team Five bowled against Glen Echo Rollers.

In game one, Team Five won 430-403. Aaron Halbedel of Team Five bowled 123 for the victory. In game two, Team Five won again by a score of 438-417. The final game was won by Team Five for a three-game sweep over Glen Echo Rollers, 452-423.

Halbedel bowled a 120 in the final game for a series of 338. The final score was

1320-1243 in favor of Team Five.

The Furs bowled against the Kolb Krew in week three. In game one, The Furs defeated Kolb Krew by a score of 443-423. In game two, Furs won again by a score of 468-421.

In game three, The Furs managed to win the final game by just five points, 457-452. Drew Kolb of Kolb Krew finished the match with a 127 in a losing effort. The final score was 1368-1296 in favor of Furs.

Team Seven bowled against Team Three. In game one, Team Seven were victorious by a score of 470-408. The Fontaine brothers (Nathan & Aaron) of Team Seven put up scores of 119 and 126 to start the match.

In game two, Team Seven dominated again over Team Three by a score of 500-429.

Aaron Fontaine bested his first score (126) by bowling a 163 in game two.

In game three, Team Seven swept Team Three by winning the last game by a score of 461-422. Fontaine finished a 134 and a series of 423. The final score was 1431-1259.

The Mix-ups bowled against the Polar Rollers in week three. In game one, The Polar Rollers won by a score of 457-424. Michael McWhorter of Polar Rollers, an 86 average bowler, bowled well over his average in game one with a 99.

In game two, Mix-ups were the winners by a score of 438-423. Patrick Capri of Mix-ups bowled a 109 in game two.

In game three, Polar Rollers won the last game by a score of 447-435. The final score was 1327-1297 in favor of Polar Rollers.

T-Birds announce home opener

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced six guaranteed home game dates at the MassMutual Center for the 2025-26 season. The franchise will kick off its 10th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 11 for Opening Night. Additionally, the following dates will be on the home ice schedule next season:

Friday, Nov. 7
Saturday, Dec. 6

Saturday, Jan. 10
Saturday, Feb. 21
Saturday, March 7
Promotional information and opponents for these nights, as well as the rest of the 2025-26 season schedule, will be unveiled later this summer. Stay tuned for more information on what promises to be a historic 10th year for the Thunderbirds franchise.

The 2024-25 regular season may be over, but the

Thunderbirds' front office staff and Boomer will remain as active as ever in the Springfield community throughout the late Spring and Summer.

For more information on upcoming events, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

New exhibit opens at Volleyball Hall

HOLYOKE – There's never been a better time to visit the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. As we gear up for the 2025 Induction Ceremony this October, we're unveiling a series of exciting new exhibits that celebrate the global spirit and rich history of our sport.

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Reimagined Beach Volleyball Exhibit Get a fresh look at the sand-side of the sport with a

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Whether you're stopping by this summer or joining us in October for Induction Weekend, don't miss these powerful additions to the Hall experience. They're more than exhibits—they're celebrations of the game we all love.

Plan your visit today—and make history part of your journey.

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ASB sponsors summer youth basketball

Players from the Summer Youth Basketball program met with the staff from the Barre branch of the Athol Savings Bank to express their gratitude and appreciation for sponsoring events this summer. Shown from left are Amber Wurlitzer, Brady Patchen, Matt Wade, Collin Leclair, Anthony Quarterone, Branch Manager Maria Bosse and Aiden Crane



Submitted photo

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seven years ago. The school is nicknamed the Legends and the softball team qualified for the Division 5 state tournament for the first time. The Legends (11-8) didn't appear like they were ready to compete at the state level yet. The MIAA should think about having the charter schools play in their own state tournament in the future.

While the Lady Pioneers offense pounded out 13 base hits, which included a couple of home runs, senior right-hander Kendra Burke struck out the first twelve batters that she faced.

"When Kendra is hitting her spots, I wouldn't want to have anyone else standing in the circle for us," Gallo said. "She pitched very well in today's game."

It was the final home softball game for Burke, along with her classmates Greenly Lagimoniere, Lianna Carrasquillo, and Isabella Nompoggi.

Carrasquillo, who started at third base, knocked home the game's first run with a flyball single to right field with no outs in the bottom



Emily Forcier sizes up a hit.

of the first inning. Junior left fielder Addison Doktor capped off the opening frame with a 3-run homer to left. Doktor also had an RBI single in the third.

"This was Addison's best game of the season," Gallo said. "We just kept hitting the ball hard from start to finish, which was good to see."

Junior right fielder Emily Prouty led the way offensively with three base hits.

Lagimoniere (2-for-3), who started in centerfield, hit a two run home run in the second inning. It was her second home run of the season.

The Lady Pioneers sent

18 batters to the plate during that frame. Nompoggi (shortstop) contributed with a pair of singles. Pathfinder also drew five walks in the second.

Junior catcher Emily McNeaney had a two run double in the third inning, as the Lady Pioneers scored four more runs.

Burke's perfect game bid came to an end after allowing a leadoff groundball single in the fifth inning. The base runner was thrown out trying to steal second base by McNeaney. Burke struck out the final two batters of the game.

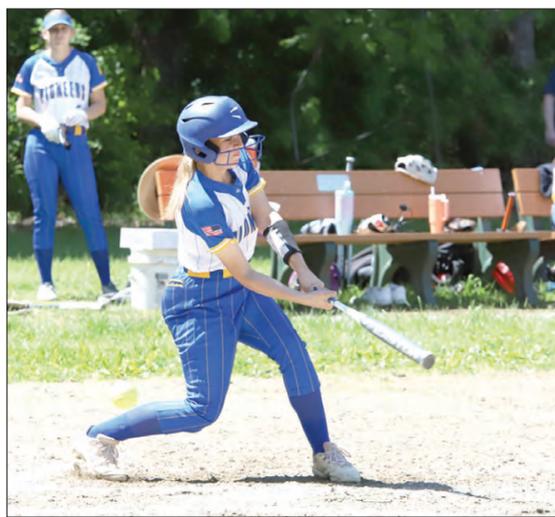
During the regular season, Burke, who's from Ware, hurled a perfect game and three no-hitters. She also struck out 21 batters in another game.

"It feels amazing winning my final home game," Burke said. "I loved being a member of this softball team. I'm looking forward to coming back and watching them play next year."

Burke is planning to play college softball at Worcester State University next year.

The Lady Pioneers played eighth-seeded Hopkins Academy in a round of 32 game two days later.

Claire Maschi fouls off a pitch.



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With 15 minutes remaining in the first half, Tobias made a diving save on another shot attempt from Kaufmann.

Down at the other end of the field, Western Mass. goalie Cameron Hall also made a couple of key saves, which kept the contest scoreless until the second half.

The Phantoms also had nine corner kicks during the first 45 minutes.

Early in the second half, the referee awarded the Phantoms a penalty kick following a foul inside the box.

Hall, who posted shut-outs in the first two matches, made a diving save on the shot taken by Taig Healy. The ball was deflected away by Hall, but Healy was in the right spot to knock home the rebound shot giving the visiting team a 1-0 advantage.

The Pioneers scored the equalizer a little more than ten minutes later.

The scoring play began



Cameron Hall, Pioneers goalie, sends a free kick away.

with Suarez sending a crossing pass from the left side of the penalty area to Kaufmann, who fired a shot into the lower right corner of the net.

Neither team was able to score another goal during the last 30 minutes of regulation.

The second meeting of the regular season between the

two squads is scheduled to take place on June 25th.

The Pioneers played a road match against the Boston Bolts on June 3 before returning home three nights later to face NEFC, who's competing at the USL-League Two level for the first time this season.

In the Classroom

North Brookfield Class of 2025 graduates

168th commencement honors graduates

By Ryan Drago
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The 168th Graduation Exercise of North Brookfield Jr.-Sr. High School took place this past Sunday.

This ceremony recognized the graduating seniors of the Class of 2025. A total of 20 students sporting their school color of purple, made their way through the Elementary School auditorium in front of parents, guardians and loved ones.

Caden Fitzgibbons from the Class of 2026 led everybody during the Pledge of Allegiance.

The official welcome began with High School Principal John Diorio. The principal thanked all who attended and congratulated the Class of 2025.

Diorio reflected on his time the last couple years as principal and he believes these graduating seniors have left a positive mark on their school.

“Every contribution counts,” Diorio said. “I am a proud dad and a proud principal.”

Diorio also asked the students to “leave the school better than you found it” and “let your values guide you.” Diorio spoke highly of not only the Class of 2025 but the entire school community.

The next to speak was Class President Anthony Polanco who reflected on his journey through high school during his speech. Polanco talked about his time being active in sports and first join-



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

The 168th Graduation of North Brookfield Jr.-Sr. High School commenced at the Elementary School Auditorium. Students of the Class of 2025 are shown about to take their seats.



Superintendent Tim McCormick spoke during the 168th Graduation Exercise of North Brookfield Jr.-Sr. High School.

ing Student Council.

Polanco congratulated his fellow classmates for making it to this accomplishment in their lives. Polanco also expressed a thank you to Diorio for his tremendous support and leadership.

“We can count on you to be in our corner,” Polanco said.

The class Salutatorian was Asher Beaupre who spoke during the graduation ceremony. Beaupre talked about the tremendous support from family, teachers, and friends.

Beaupre ended with an inspiring quote: “Choose your future, choose life.”

The Valedictorian, Dayton Ford, spoke next and talked



Anthony Polanco is the Class of 2025 President who was the first senior speaker during the graduation ceremony.

about his journey through high school and the importance of working hard. Ford made an interesting point to his fellow classmates about what is next after finishing high school.

Ford talked about how high school will always give them a boat full of memories and reminded his class-

mates its time to move forward in their own boat.

Ford said “go set sail” while concluding his speech.

School Committee Chairman John Magario came up to share some congratulatory remarks. In his remark, Magario congratulated the Class of 2025 and said “this moment is yours and

you earned it.”

Magario talked about how the world these students are about to enter into is a time of rapid change.

“The world is out there waiting for you,” Magario said.

Superintendent Tim McCormick came up to speak and thanked all the staff, parents and caregivers for being a part of this ceremony. He spoke highly of all the graduating seniors and talked about their paths during high school.

McCormick strongly believes these students will have “the power of perseverance and self-belief.”

“You’re defined by the lives you touched and the people you helped along the way,” McCormick said.

Awards and scholarships were also announced during the high school ceremony.

Aubriya Hutchinson was the recipient of the Julianne Caron Memorial Scholarship; the Random Act of Kindness Award was given to Ayden Burner and Aiden Rodriguez was the recipient of the John & Abigail Adams Merit Scholarship.

Presenters Maybeth Kularski and Melissa Hearnlaye came up to present the Michael Keenan Memorial Scholarship, which was awarded to two students, Claudia White and Beaupre.

After receiving their diplomas, the Class of 2025 turned their tassels as their school song “Mingle Your Cheers” played as they exited the auditorium. The graduating class would then go outside for some final group photos and to toss their caps into the air.

Fourth grade learns about Barre’s cotton mill

BARRE – On Wednesday, May 28, Barre Town Historian Lucy Allen and Curator Eileen Bohigian from Barre Historical Society visited Ruggles Lane Elementary School to give a presentation on the Smithville/White Valley Cotton Mill in Barre to the

fourth graders.

The fourth grade students at have been learning about the Industrial Revolution, mill and water power and the production of cotton cloth in Lowell. Prior to their field trip to Lowell National Historical Park’s Boott Cotton Mill in Lowell, Allen

shared a local connection by presenting a short history of Barre’s own cotton mill the Smithville/White Valley Cotton Mill. This mill was located along Route 122 across from the Ware River in Barre.

Through a narrated slideshow, she described the history of the mill and the village that developed around it. This waterwheel powered cotton mill operated in the 1820s. The buildings were razed in 1936 to create part of the Ware River Watershed.

The students and teachers were very appreciative of Allen’s visit. Students especially enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions, jot down notes and connect their own local history with the broader themes of the Industrial Revolution.



This photo includes fourth graders at Ruggles Lane Elementary School along with teacher Kellee Murphy, Lucy Allen and Eileen Bohigian.



Shown from left, are Lucy Allen; Eileen Bohigian; Kellee Murphy, Grade 4 teacher; Evelyn Kania and Paisley Wilcox.



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Church News

Local pastors offers sermons

Lessons from Guatemala Part 3

I recently served on a short-term mission trip to Guatemala.

I want to offer a series of thoughts born of my travels in kind. Allow me to begin by saying we spent an inordinate amount of time traveling to, from and within the nation of Guatemala. In total, we spent some sixty hours of our nine day trek traversing the highways and byways of that truly beautiful nation, by plane, bus, pickup truck, car and more. The Lord spoke to my heart quite a bit amidst our journeying.

Note the following:

1) The Place of Faith

Traveling in Guatemala is an exercise of faith in the driver. Since we could not legally drive and really would not want to in such a place, we were reliant upon several local drivers. Every time we got in the car we had to trust in the wisdom, care and capacity of our navigators.

Is this not true of our lives? Do we not have to trust in the ability, care and wisdom of the Lord as we navigate this life? Every day that we wake up we have the fresh opportunity to trust God and place our faith in Him. Thankfully, He is eminently qualified and experienced. I posit that He is the best in the business. Dear reader, let us heed the following call:

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

2) The Place of Companionship

One of the best parts of such a trip is the immediate bond that forms between team members. You quickly become brothers or sisters in mission, and operate in a sacred state of interdependence in the midst of ministry in a foreign context. Our team of seventeen people came to realize how much we truly needed one another, operating as one body and family.

This is how things should be, at all times. This is how the Lord designed His Church to function. Let us emulate this selection:

Acts 2:42-47

42 They [i.e., members of the Early Church] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

3) The Place of Prayer

Traveling in Guatemala on a short term mission trip compels prayer. Beyond the dangers of the road and the unknown, there were spiritual forces arrayed against us. I have never felt to pray more than on this trip; even over the smallest of

things. In fact, I think some of us walked away with a far deeper appreciation for prayer than before.

Ultimately, we need prayer amidst the journeys of our lives. How much do we take for granted the ability to call on God? To what degree are we aware of the power, privilege and pleasure of prayer? I want to improve in the arena of prayer. What about you? Will you join me in heeding the following calls?

1 Thessalonians 5:17

17 pray continually [without ceasing] . . .

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Moreover, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

"And Jesus prayed... make them one in Us."

Scripture Reading: John 17 v 20 - 26

I. Introduction

In my previous message, I emphasized that today, more than ever, we are called to unite as disciples of Christ, families, neighbors and individuals from diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and perspectives. Reflecting on Jesus Christ's prayer in John 17 for His disciples and the future church to be united, I am reminded of the important responsibility we have to pray diligently for one another as well as for global peace and unity.

II. And Jesus prayed... make them one with Us

Our life in Christ should always reflect His love, and the love of God. The way He loved can be summarized in His Farewell Discourse in John Chapters 13 - 17. In Chapter 13, verse 2, John describes how Jesus demonstrated the full extent of His love to His disciples.

This was exemplified by Jesus washing each one of their feet, an act that conveyed pure love and humility. In verse 15 He told them that since He, their Lord, had washed their feet, they ought to wash each other's feet as well.

They must follow the example He set for them. He then gave them the commandment to love God and love one another. If they do this, they will be recognized as His disciples. If they love the way He loved, they will follow and obey His teachings. He will then give them the Holy Spirit who will be their counselor and remind them of all the things He taught them. He talked about how they must remain in Him the True Vine, to be one with Him and God and to bear the fruit He wants them

to bear.

This is the oneness He is praying about in this prayer in Chapter 17, where He prayed for Himself, His disciples and now for the future disciples, and the church of Christ. In this prayer His focus is on the unity between the Trinity and the followers. He wants God to know that He understood His mission, which was to let the world know that He was sent by God, and that He must gather His followers like a hen its chickens.

He prays that His followers will understand what the glory of God is all about, which is true love, peace and joy. He comes from that space of glory. He knows what it means, and He wants them to be consecrated into this glory, so that they too can experience this love, peace and joy. He prays for unity among His disciples and the future church, which includes us today.

It is this love and unity that gives birth to the transformation of the disciples and inspires the life and ministry of the church. The Church of Christ is consequently an ever-growing entity characterized by love and unity among its members. It is not meant to be apart, segregated, or to be in disunity. Its purpose is to be one with each other and one with God, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Through ups and downs, this is the way it must be.

III. Conclusion

Jesus had His own ups and downs with His disciples. John describes in Chapter 13 v 21 how Jesus' spirit was troubled when He realized one of His disciples, Judas would betray Him. Peter would later deny knowing Jesus three times. These were hurtful things to Him, knowing that these were His disciples with whom He shared intimate details with.

To betray and deny Him was in direct opposition to the way of His love, which was a love that gave everything, His whole life, for them and for the world. His love and His desires for His disciples and for all who believe in Him was to be one with Him, and one with God. This meant that His disciples would demonstrate to each other and the world this Divine and Holy love, which is a selfless and compassionate love, a love that always cares for others, and never hurts them.

Despite the knowledge of the betrayal and denial, Jesus still prayed this prayer for them and for the future church. Our Christ is true to God and to us in His pure love and forgiving nature. This prayer is a call for us as His followers and as a congregation to hold onto Him and to stay connected to the Holy Spirit, to help us to be loving and forgiving, and at peace with one another and to not allow anything to come between and among us. May God help us to stay in this space of Holiness and Glory that was given to us through the Son of God who sacrificed His life for us. May God help us to share this special gift with one another and this world that faces enormous challenges and lacks unity and peace.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
Barre Congregational Church
30 Park St., Barre

Rutland church donates to Purses with a Purpose



Submitted photos

Executive Director of Abby House Dr. Amy Gordovahn and Molly Pietrotonio, Manager of the Abby's House Thrift Shop and Volunteers attended the First Congregational Church of Rutland recently to receive donations of gently used purses filled with personal care items and small gifts. Pastor Virginia Bishop of the First Congregational Church of Rutland is also shown.

RUTLAND, MA — The First Congregational Church of Rutland recently completed a meaningful community outreach project titled Purses with a Purpose.

Church members, including the Sunday School children, collected gently used purses and thoughtfully filled them with essential personal care items, small gifts and handmade cards created by the children.

The purses were donated to Abby's House, a Worcester-based shelter that provides safe housing, advocacy and support services for women and children escaping domestic abuse and other difficult circumstances.

Dr. Amy Gordovahn, Executive Director of Abby's House, and Molly Pietrotonio, Manager of the Abby's House Thrift Shop and Volunteers, attended a recent worship service in Rutland to accept the donated purses and personally thank the congregation. "This project is a beautiful



The purses donated to Abby's House in Worcester are shown in front of the altar of the First Congregational Church of Rutland. The Purses with a Purpose will go to clients at Abby's House.

act of compassion," said Dr. Gordovahn. "These gifts not only provide practical support but also show the women we serve that they are cared for and not alone."

The initiative also served as a valuable lesson in generosity and empathy for the church's youngest members, who took pride in crafting messages of hope and

encouragement for each purse.

The First Congregational Church of Rutland continues its tradition of serving others through faith and action and Purses with a Purpose is a shining example of how even small gestures can make a big impact in the lives of those in need.

St. Mary's Women's Club installs officers



Submitted photo

St. Mary's Women's Club recently installed officers for the 2025-2026 Club year, the 104th year for the service and social club. Emily White, from left, was reinstalled as President; Maureen Riendeau as Vice President; Mary Carey, Secretary. Joanne Sahagian as corresponding secretary and Robin Lacroix as Treasurer.

St. Joseph's Parish holds Strawberry Festival

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The 32nd Annual Strawberry Festival will take place Saturday, June 14 from 5-6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, 296 North Main St., in the Parish Hall.

The menu will offer baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade potato salad, homemade Cole slaw, rolls, ice tea, coffee, water and the always delicious strawberry

shortcake. Tickets can be obtained by calling the parish office by calling 508-867-6469. Tickets are adults \$15 and children 5-10 yrs. old \$7. Take out is also available.

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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

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 2:17 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Wachusett Street, Removed Hazard
 3 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Barre Paxton Road, Entry Gained
 4:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Vista Circle, No Fire Service Necessary
 11:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Autumn Wood Drive, Mutual Aid Transport

Monday, May 12
 8:32 a.m. Fire – Low Hanging Wire, Brintnal Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 9:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Vertigo, Ware Corner Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:16 a.m. Harassment, Grizzly Drive, Report Filed
 2:20 p.m. Threats, Pioneer Circle, Report Filed
 3:29 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Intervale Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:08 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fire, Prescott Street, Fire Extinguished
 4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Murray, Patrick T., 33, Worcester
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Name/Address Change, Florida Notify RMV of
 6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Miranda, Bruna, 24, Worcester
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Number Plate Violation
 6:10 Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, May 13
 12:55 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:36 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Negative Contact
 9:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 10:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:23 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Spring Drive, Message Delivered
 11:57 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:51 p.m. Assault and Battery, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
 3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 3:26 p.m. Complaint, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:34 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Area Search Negative
 4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:42 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Fairchild, Ryan Anders, 26, West Brookfield
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
 5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 7:23 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Highland Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, May 14
 5:05 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Investigated
 7:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 9:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 9:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 Summons Silvia, Brianna Daneille, 27, Worcester
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense
 10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Campbell Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Written Warning
 12:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Memorial Field Playground, Investigated
 2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 2:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:12 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Memorial Drive, Returned to Family/Guardian
 5:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:30 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, No Action Required
 9:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, River Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

Thursday, May 15
 4:51 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:21a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:28 a.m. Assist Other

Police Department, Holden, Call Transferred
 11:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:33 p.m. Harassment/Serve Information Violation, Hickory Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 5:08 pm. Disturbance/Disorderly, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Bolduc, David Joseph, 38, Rutland
 Charges Disorderly Conduct
 5:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 5:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 6:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Gagnon, Emily T., 27, Marlborough
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 7 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:11p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Investigated
 9:45 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Highland Park Road, Negative Contact
 Summons Bolduc, David Joseph, 38, Rutland
 Charges Breaking and Entering Misdemeanor

Friday, May 16
 10:24 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed
 11:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Soucy Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wachusett Street Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:14 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, White Hall, Negative Contact
 5:24 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:31 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:40 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Highland Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue Mutual Aid Transported
 9:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Highland Park Road Officer/Chief Advised
 11:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed

Saturday, May 17
 5:33 a.m. Safety Concern, Central Tree Road, Report Filed
 6:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Maple Avenue Transported to Hospital
 9:12 a.m. Trees Incidents (No Wires), Pleasantdale Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Fernwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 9:59 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Wachusett Street, Referred to Other Agency
 10:13 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Negative Contact
 10:51 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Kenwood Drive, Vehicle Removed

Barre Police Log

Sunday, May 11
 10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 3:09 p.m. Illegal Burn, James Street, Investigated
 9:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, May 12
 8:43 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Summer Street, Gone on Arrival
 11:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Referred to Other Agency
 12:12 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, West Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:31 p.m. Safety Concern, Broad Street, Negative Contact
 1:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Edward Lane, Mutual Aid Assist
 1:47 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, South Street, Removed Hazard
 2:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Withdrawals, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:28 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

Tuesday, May 13
 8:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Froment, Amanda Marie, 34, Holden
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 9:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Elm Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Station Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 10:33 a.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital
 4:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Broad Street, Mutual Aid Assist
 8:03 p.m. Assault and Battery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, May 14
 9:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Worcester Road, Public Assist
 10:18 a.m. Court Duty, Barre Police Headquarters, Court Duty
 2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 3:51 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, James Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:56 p.m. Erratic Operator, Sunrise Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:12 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist

Thursday, May 15
 7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sunrise Avenue, Citation Issued
 7:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sunrise Avenue, Citation Issued
 7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sunrise Avenue, Citation Issued
 8:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sunrise Avenue, Citation Issued
 9:16 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Wauwinet Road, Information Taken
 11:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
 1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
 1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Zatar, Ali, 43, Erving
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, License Not in Possession, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 4:25 p.m. Fire – Miscellaneous Fire, Old Hardwick Road, Fire Extinguished
 11:07 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Dana Road, Information Taken

Friday, May 16
 6:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Butterworth Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 12:53 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheelwright Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 1:40 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Wheelwright Road, Referred to Other Agency
 7:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Marsh Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, School North Street, Mutual Aid Assist
 11:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 17
 1:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Varney Lane, Public Assist
 4:02 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Hardwick Road, Referred to Other Agency
 4:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Cole Place, Transported to Hospital
 9:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital
 12:31 p.m. Erratic Operator, Ruggles Lanes, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:44 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Officer Took Call
 6:53 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Information Given

Oakham Police Log

Monday, May 12
 9:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Vertigo, Ware Corner Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:20 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, East Hill Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
 10:27 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 11 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Forest Hill Drive, Gone on Arrival
 4:08 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Prescott Street, Fire Extinguished
 4:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact
 5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 13
 10:28 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Robinson Road, Investigated

Wednesday, May 14
 5:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Braintree Road, Investigated
 7:09 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, East Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, May 15
 11:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:03 p.m. Identify Theft, New Braintree Road, Officer Took Call
 5:10 p.m. Erratic Operator,

Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, May 16
 11:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, East Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 1:06 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Barre Road, Report Filed

Saturday, May 17
 12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Skyline Drive, Written Warning
 4:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield, Written Warning

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, May 11
 12:16 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Mutual Aid Assist
 12:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Gardner Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 2:49 p.m. Unwanted Party, Abenaki Street, Report Filed
 3:45 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Princeton Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Gardner Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Gone on Arrival

Monday, May 12
 8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester, Written Warning
 11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 11:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ragged Hill Road, Negative Contact
 12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ragged Hill Road, Report Filed
 7:56 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, May 13
 7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 8:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 9:59 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 12:30 p.m. Assault and Battery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 2:22 p.m. Fire – Miscellaneous Fire, Old Westminster Road, fire Extinguished
 2:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, May 14
 9:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Birches Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:04 p.m. Emergency Welfare Check, Old Westminster Road, Report Filed

Thursday, May 15
 11:43 a.m. Animal – Lost

and/or Found, Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:40 p.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
 11:18 p.m. Noise Complaint, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact

Friday, May 16
 4:48 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, New Templeton Road, Information Given
 2:30 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Adams Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-traumatic), Gardner Road, Report Filed
 4:20 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 Saturday, May 17
 12:12 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:38 p.m. Identity Theft, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 5:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Williamsville Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:24 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

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Public Safety

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of May 19-June 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 27 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, 13 radar assignments, two traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, four assist other agencies, four safety hazards, one complaint, one motor vehicle investigation, three animal calls and 16 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, May 19

9:35 a.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Dispatch Handled

Tuesday, May 20

6:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
5:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
6:57 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Thursday, May 22

7:50 a.m. Safety Hazard, Ware Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
8:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Padre Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, May 23

3:21 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
9:01 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, May 24

8:29 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, May 25

5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Vehicle Towed

Monday, May 26

12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 27

10:09 a.m. Safety Hazard, Ware Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, May 28

9:20 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

1:23 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location,

Officer Handled

Thursday, May 29

11:23 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick-New Braintree, Officer Handled

Friday, May 30

10:10 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, North Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
10:38 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Barre Cut Off Road, No Action Required
3:59 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Cushman Road, Report Taken

Saturday, May 31

7:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, June 1

10:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning
4:55 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
8:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Ravine Road, Services Rendered

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of May 19-June 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 148 building/property checks, 78 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, four traffic controls, 14 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, six assist other agencies, two investigations, five complaints, three safety hazards, two harassments, one scam, one trespass, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, four animal calls and 18 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 19

11:42 a.m. Lost/Stolen Plate, Church Lane, Officer Handled
1:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
3:26 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Peace Restored

Tuesday, May 20

5:52 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, May 21

6:42 a.m. Complaint, Taylor Street, Officer Handled
1:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer Handled
5:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, School Street, Served in Hand
5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
9:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, May 22

8:07 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
2:22 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
9:16 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered

Friday, May 23

8:43 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Services Rendered
11:04 a.m. 911 Lockout,

Church Lane, Call Canceled
3:01 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, Officer Handled
3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
3:40 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
5:33 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
11:36 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, May 24

9:56 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
11:20 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Ware Police, Officer Handled

Sunday, May 25

9:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
7:18 p.m. Complaint, Ware, Spoken To
9:57 p.m. Complaint, Church Lane, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Monday, May 26

9:38 a.m. Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
9:41 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
1:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 27

4:10 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Creamery Road, Unfounded
10:16 a.m. Complaint, Church

Street, Spoken To
11:03 a.m. Trespass, Breen Road, Services Rendered
11:48 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Hardwick Road, Unfounded
2:42 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital
4:02 p.m. Harassment, Pine Street, Spoken To
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:52 p.m. Investigation, Bridge Street, Investigated

Wednesday, May 28

3:49 p.m. Scam, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
4:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 29

5:40 p.m. Safety Hazard, Thresher Road, Services Rendered

Friday, May 30

2:20 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer Handled
3:20 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, May 31

1:05 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, Officer Handled
1:53 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
2:42 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Main Street, Spoken To
7:13 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Pine Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, June 1

2:19 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital
3:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Officer Handled
5:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Job Connection

HELPING YOU FIND HELP

HELP WANTED KITCHEN / DISHWASHING POSITIONS

Eagle Hill School, a college-prep board school located in Hardwick, MA, seeks to hire highly motivated, hardworking, and energetic individuals to join our kitchen staff.

Eagle Hill School is seeking full and part time kitchen staff for dishwasher positions as well as food preparation and serving.

- Ability to work in a team environment
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Must be flexible regarding scheduling, including nights, weekends, and/or holidays as needed
- Successful completion of background checks is required
- Physical Requirements and Work Environment
- Must be able to lift approximately 30-50 pounds
- Bend, kneel, push, pull, and other physical exertion
- Ability to stand and walk for extended periods of time
- Work in a hot and damp environment with moderate to high noise volumes

Schedule

Year round, full time schedule
Ability to work evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed, including occasional events
Extended hours required on an as needed basis

HELP WANTED HOUSEKEEPING / CUSTODIAL POSITIONS

Eagle Hill School, a college-prep board school located in Hardwick, MA, seeks to hire highly motivated, hardworking, and energetic individuals to join our housekeeping team.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

- Window cleaning; Vacuuming; Dusting; Trash Removal; Restroom Cleaning; Floor cleaning with commercial machines

Required Qualifications & Skills

- Ability to work in a team environment; Proven ability to work independently with minimal supervision; Must be flexible regarding scheduling based on business demands; Successful completions of background check; Willingness to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and/or Holidays as needed

Physical requirements:

- Able to lift up to 50 lbs.; Able to push/pull up to 50 lbs.; Able to bend, stretch, and twist; Able to stand for long periods of time; Able to climb multiple flights of stairs on daily basis and walk frequently; Able to work with chemicals according to directions

Eagle Hill School is located in Hardwick, MA and is a private boarding school for high school students in grades 8 through 12. If interested, call Devon Jurczyk, 413-207-7021. Phone calls only.

Public Notices

Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public meeting will be held on a **Request for Determination of Applicability** requested by Barre DPW to install a new cross culvert to eliminate water going over road surface abutting property at 244 Cut-Off Road.
From: DPW
441 Wheelwright Road
Barre, MA 01005
To be held on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office, Third Floor, of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
06/05/2025

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FISCAL 2026 Budget Review
The Town of Barre Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on the fiscal year 2026 budget to be considered by the Annual Town Meeting. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., in the Select Board Meeting Room, 1st Floor. The Public is invited to attend.
06/05/2025

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 25 SM 001605 ORDER OF NOTICE
TO:
Lynne Weliver by and through her Power of Attorney David E. Weliver
David Weliver
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq.*)
Acton Medical Investors, LLC, d/b/a Life Care Center of Acton
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in 19 Bare Hill Road, Bolton, Massachusetts 01740, given by Lynne Weliver by and through her Power of Attorney David E. Weliver and David Weliver to Acton Medical Investors, LLC

d/b/a Life Care Center of Action dated May 9, 2021 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Worcester District in Book 65346, Page 344, 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 **07/14/2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.
Witness, **Gordon H. Piper**, Chief Justice of this Court on 5/29/2025
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
06/05/2025

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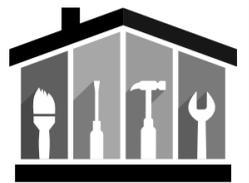


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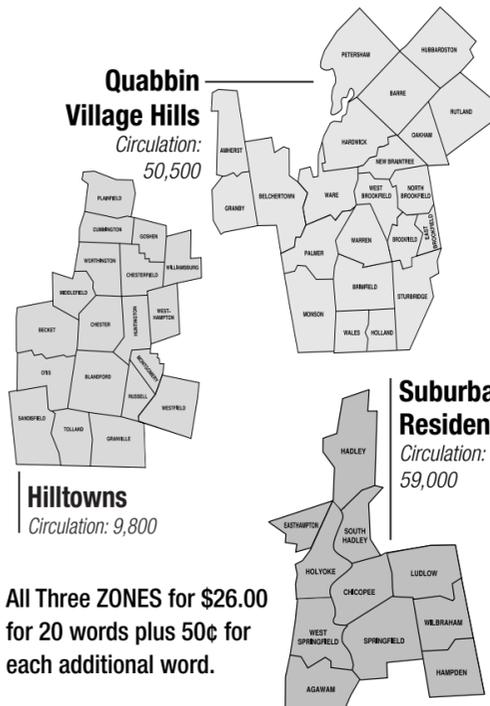
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