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## Oakham approves new fire truck

By Ellenor Downer  
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OAKHAM – At the Monday, June 12 Annual Town Meeting, voters approved the borrowing of \$850,000, contingent on the passing of a debt exclusion at a ballot election, for a new or used combination tanker/pumper truck for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Timothy Howe in a presentation said this truck would replace the current 1987 tanker truck. He said the truck had a front pump, which often froze in winter weather. The vehicle also failed to pass the last two pump tests. The truck also lacked space for tools, air packs and had space for limited length of hoses.

Howe said it takes two to three years to get a new truck once ordered and the 1987 Mack had about two to three years of service left. He said used vehicles were hard to find. He showed a slide of the new vehicle he had in mind. It had slightly less water capacity 2,000 gallons compared to 3,000 with the current vehicle. It had side pumps instead of a front one, room to store tools, air packs and more hose.

The 122 voters in attendance passed the article with the required 2/3 majority. A debt exclusion ballot question will be held at a later date.

In related article, they approved taking \$100,000 from the general stabilization fund to apply toward the tanker/pumper purchase with the required 2/3 vote to take money from stabilization.

Voters approved a general budget of over \$1,750,151 with \$1,614,234 being raised and appropriated and just over \$135,916 transferred from free cash.

A motion by Claire Hendra to increase the Council on Aging salary line by \$300 to 10,300 did not change the amount as the \$300 added to salaries came from a transfer of COA stipend line item to salaries and wages.

Voters approved \$2,605,210 for educational costs for the Quabbin Regional School District. The amount was about a 6% increase from the previous year. Aaron Flagg of the Finance Committee said continuing to fund such increases could be a serious problem for the town in three to five years. This was the amount requested by the QRSD Committee. They also approved \$181,706 to fund the Pathfinder School District for FY 24.

An article asking voters to accept a section of Massachusetts General Law (Section 9-A of Chapter 32B), which would have the town pay 50% of the premium costs for group life insurance, health and dental for retired employees, garnered some heated discussion. Selectman Brad Taylor moved to postpone the article indefinitely as there was not sufficient information available on costs at the time. Resident Paul Rochette said to use public funds for personal gain was not acceptable and said it was not only not mandated, but a "financial trap." He said neither the state or school adopted this section of general law. It would put a "financial burden on the town for a long time."

Taylor said the town of North  
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## Third graders watch musket firing demonstration

Submitted photos  
On Thursday, June 8, the third grade from Ruggles Lane School in Barre watched the musket firing demonstration by the Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Col. Henry Knox Regimental Artillery Color Guard.

The American Legion Members participating in the June 8 activities on Barre Common are from left, Christopher Tourtellot, Robert Bentley, George Pidmore, Tony Musnicki and Scott Tourtellot.



## Quabbin NJROTC cadets observe Memorial Day



Photos by Mary Whitelaw

Quabbin NJROTC Cadets performed a tribute to all Prisoners of War and those service members who remain Missing in Action during the Memorial Day Assembly. Cadets Benjamin Metcalf, Joshua Bibik, Tyler Belden, Alex Holden, and Brianna Caponigro performed the tribute under the leadership of Cadet Hunter McQueston with yellow rose in hand.

By Maria B. Tucker  
Quabbin NJROTC Cadet

BARRE – On Friday May 26, the Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC hosted their first Memorial Day ceremony in three years.

The cadets and their instructors, Captain Daniel Brennock and Lieutenant Kathleen Frydel, were honored to once again welcome local veterans and lead the Quabbin Middle and High School students in a moving ceremony remembering the sacrifices of the men and women who lost their lives in service to our country.

As the students filed into the gym accompanied by patriotic tunes performed by the high school concert band, they were greeted by a replica of the headstone commissioned for Lt.j.g. Porter Halyburton by his wife after he was shot down in

Vietnam in October 1965 and declared dead. Created by Mr. Brent Bolger and Ms. Linda St. Denis, the replica was the centerpiece to the NJROTC cadets' Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Tribute. During this portion of the ceremony, the students were reminded that we as a nation must never lose faith with those who are prisoners of war in body or in mind. As team member Cadet Brianna Caponigro said, "It is something that is not discussed often and we should remember not just those who died or returned but those whose fates we don't know."

Reunited with his family after a seven year ordeal as a prisoner of war, Lt. Halyburton left the hate for his captors behind and chose forgiveness as he moved forward in his life, a lesson Captain Brennock instilled in the over 1,000 students who filled the Panther gym.

At the beginning of the ceremony, the audience witnessed graduating senior Elizabeth Jean Burns take the military oath of enlistment as a U.S. Marine. Following her swearing in, Burns joined with the cadets, local veterans and those Quabbin staff who had served in the military to honor the US flag. Cadet Hunter LaBier read the poem "I am Old Glory" during this part of the ceremony as the folded American flag was respectfully passed from one veteran to the next before being placed at the base of the Halyburton grave marker. LaBier shared that, "Seeing their (the veterans) reactions, especially during their participation in the ceremony, gave me a deeper appreciation of Memorial Day."

The overarching theme of this year's ceremony was honoring

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## Hubbardston conducts ATM on D-Day anniversary

By Eric Goodhart  
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – Moderator, Rene Lafayette, opened the Annual Town Meeting in a very special way this year.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 marked the exact day, 79 years ago, Tuesday, June 6, 1944, the day then known as "Operation Overlord" but soon called D-Day. Lafayette said, in part: "Over 150,000 allied troops faced Hitler's Atlantic wall. By May, 1945, the Nazis were defeated, but the first steps to victory took place 11 months earlier on the bloody beaches of Normandy."

He concluded his heart felt statement, "Thanks to the sacrifice of our service men and women; from that conflict and others since, we have and we will, in a few moments participate in that uniquely New England contribution to Democracy, the Annual Town Meeting. An exercise in self-government, where free people debate and decide their future." With that, he called the meeting to order following the nationally accepted 1876 "Roberts Rules of Order" with one tap of his gavel.

It was now 7:08 p.m. There were 24 articles on the agenda to be read and voted upon with a 2/3

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## Chimes ring out at Walker Memorial



Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette

Scouts from North Brookfield Troop 257 lower the American flag to half-staff behind the newly restored carillon chimes at the Walker Scouting Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery, North Brookfield.

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – For countless years, the carillon chimes at the Walker Scouting Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery have been silent.

But this past Saturday, those chimes rang out during the Walker Scout/Scouter Memorial Service, thanks to a successful campaign started last year to raise funds to repair them, spearheaded by Walker Memorial Committee member Joe Klimavich.

"Today we dedicate the carillon chimes to the memory of Norman Walker, a humble chicken farmer," Klimavich said.

Walker created the Ronald E. Walker Scouting Memorial and Walker Memorial Garden 53 years ago in memory of his son, who died at a young age from kidney disease.

Walker and his son shared a love of Scouting and Ron had been an active member of Troop 128, char-

tered to St. Joseph's Church.

Every year since 1970, the Heart of New England Council of the Boy Scouts of America gathers on the Saturday after Memorial Day to honor the departed members of the Scouting community.

Now fully restored, the carillon chimes will again sound at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., as well as anytime someone enters the circle. The chimes will also play Taps at 7 p.m. each night.

"More than 700 hymns and patriotic songs are built into the system," Klimavich said. "A year ago today, we made a commitment to restore the chimes, and with tremendous community support, we have fulfilled that pledge."

Over 100 people donated to the fundraiser; ensuring that once again, the chimes would play just as Walker intended them to.

Klimavich recognized several people who helped to make this restoration possible, including

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# News of the Towns



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## BHS holds members only reception

To celebrate the Summer Solstice, the Barre Historical Society will hold a members only cheese and wine reception on Wednesday, June 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at their building on 18 Common St.

Members should R.S.V.P. by email to barrehistory@gmail.com or call 978-355-4978 and leave a voicemail or Secretary Kay Potter Flick at 978-257-0890. To those that have not yet renewed, there's still time to join. Then people can join in with other members at this free cheese and wine tasting event!

New memberships accepted and honored on the night of event. Please bring payment (check or Venmo) and completed membership form to join.

### Quabbin Community Band concerts

Quabbin Community Band will perform their first concert of the season, a Welcome Back Concert., at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. Concerts on June 25, July 2 and July 9 will all be at Nornay Park. Concerts July 16, July 23, July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 will be held from the Harding Allen Bandstand, Barre Common, Concert Mall, Barre.

### Barre Food Pantry

The Barre Food Pantry will hold its second distribution on Thursday evening, June 15 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients June 15 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. People should not arrive to volunteer on June 15 without first contacting Mary Beschta at 978-355-4212, Dave Petrovick at 978-355-4519 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

### Farmers Market

The Barre Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market runs through October and includes farmers, crafters, artisans and more.

### Big Random Band

The Big Random Band will perform Saturday, June 17 from 6-8 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre as part of the Barre Summer Concert Series. They will present rock and roll from the 1960s to the 1990s. Admission is free. The Barre Lions Club will sell food at the concert.

## Historical Society hosts 'Footsteps to Freedom' program

BARRE – A program by Barre Historical Society Historian Lucy Allen entitled "Footsteps to Freedom" traces the paths of Barre residents, who moved from enslavement to independence.

A PowerPoint presentation on Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. will take place at the Town Hall, 2 Exchange St. A walking program will take place Saturday, June 24 at 1 p.m. and will leave from Barre Historical Society, 18 Common St. Rain date is Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m. Either or both programs may be enjoyed by the public free of charge.

The year was 1783. A long-running legal dispute that featured an enslaved man from Barre, Massachusetts, Quock Walker and his would-be enslaver, Nathaniel Jennison was finally settled by Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice William Cushing. In the end, slavery was abolished in Massachusetts, the first state to fully eliminate slavery.

What started in 1781 as a seemingly routine "personal freedom" lawsuit by Quock Walker against his alleged enslaver changed over the course of years into an important legal argument heard before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. It was no longer a question of whether Quock was "owned" by Nathaniel Jennison, but whether any person in Massachusetts could be owned by another human being.

In evaluating all the evidence, in 1783, Chief Justice William Cushing found that "the idea of slavery is inconsistent with our own conduct and Constitution." Quock Walker was now a free man and because of these legal actions, all other enslaved persons in Massachusetts were also freed.

Lucy Allen, Historian of the Barre Historical Society, will deliver a program on Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., that will



Photo by Lucy Allen

As part of a two-part program, the Barre Historical Society will travel to the Walker Burial Ground on Saturday, June 24 at 1 p.m. There will be a PowerPoint presentation on Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 pm. In the Barre Town Hall.

focus on the exciting times of 240 years ago. She will discuss how the enslaved people of Barre lived before their emancipation, and the changes in their lives that came about in 1783 when they were freed. The lives of Quock Walker, his family members, and other important characters in this story will be described.

To supplement this PowerPoint Presentation on June 22, Lucy Allen will lead a walk to the Prince Walker Burial Ground on Saturday, June 24 at 1 p.m. It is one of the few remaining physical sites of the town's rich African-American history. Those wishing to participate in this walk should meet at 1 p.m. at the Barre Historical Society, 18 Common St. They will carpool to the site, which is remote and has limited parking. Participants should be prepared for rugged walking in the woods on a rough, hilly trail.

They will visit other historic sites in the vicinity if conditions permit. The rain date will

be Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m.

The PowerPoint Presentation and the Walking Program are free events and are open to the public. Light refreshments will be available at the presentation at Town Hall on June 22 and bottled water will be available for the walking program on June 24.

The Barre Historical Society accepts new members year-round. People can join and pay if they wish at the June 22 presentation at Town Hall. They accept cash, checks and Venmo. They will not have the capability of taking in new members at the June 24 walking program.

The Barre Historical Society thanks its Members and the following Corporate Sponsors for making these free programs possible: C&C Pools, Hancock Farms, Hartman's Herb Farm, Healy Brothers Insurance Agency, Higgins Real Estate Solutions, R.J. McDonald, Inc. and W.R. Robinson Lumber, Inc.

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## Library offers passes

The Hubbardston Library offers a number of free or discounted passes to a variety of local attractions

A valid library card in good standing is all that is required for check out. Passes are available on a first come/first serve basis. Most passes must be returned to the library during open hours. The Museum of Science and ZOO NewEngland passes do not need to be returned. Passes include: Battleship Cove, Davis Farmland, Ecotarium, Eric Carle Museum, Magic Wings, Museum of Science, Massachusetts State Parks, Mystic Aquarium, Norman Rockwell Museum, Old Sturbridge Village and Tower Hill Botanic Garden.

### Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; 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.

## 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 19. 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 – Juneteenth No meal served

TUESDAY – Beef stew, rice, peas and carrots, strawberries, white peasant bread

WEDNESDAY – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread, sour cream

THURSDAY – Salmon with primavera sauce, lemon seasoned potatoes, green beans, birthday cake, diet = small piece, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Buttermilk chicken, potatoes au gratin, spinach, baked cinnamon pears, whole wheat bread

\*Diabetic friendly dessert \*\*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 \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

## Summer concerts set for Nornay Park

SOUTH BARRE – The South Barre Common Committee announces the summer concert schedule and events at Nornay Park, Main Street.

On Saturday, June 17 the Big Random Band will perform from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday, June 24 Timeless will perform from 6-8 p.m. On Saturday, July 8 the Weir River Jazz will perform from 6-7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, July 22 Cropdusters will perform from 6-8 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 12 the band will be Half Fast from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 26 Alley Kings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. On Sundays, June 18, June 25, July 2 and July 9, the Quabbin Community Band will perform at 6 p.m.

The Barre Lions Club will run a concession stand for Saturday concerts.

Upcoming events at Nornay Park include a petting zoo on Wednesday, June 28 at 6 p.m. sponsored by Woods Memorial Library; two Fun Days sponsored by New Life Assembly with dates to be announced; Flying High Dogs on Thursday Aug 24th at 5:30 p.m. sponsored by the Woods Memorial Library and on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. the Town Wide Yard Sale with \$10 sign-up fee. Rain date is Sponsors are Barre Cultural Council, Barre Recreation Committee and Fidelity Bank. Event cancellations are usually only done for severe weather. The cancellation and rescheduling are at the discretion of the band/event. To schedule an event or wedding, people may call 978-355-2504, extension 8 or email barreboards@townofbarre.com.

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## New Braintree library holds story time

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, story time on Monday, June 19 at 9:30 a.m. will feature outdoor summer fun with "Bluey The Pool" and "The Night before Summer Vacation" by Natasha Wing.

This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular hours for more information.

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# News of the Towns

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## Church golf tournament returns

The Bob Tyck Golf Tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, returns after a three-year hiatus under a new name, GABB Memorial Golf Tournament, in honor of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray, Bob Lajoie and Bob Tyck. The Florida style tournament will be held Monday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, Old Turnpike Road. Cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, "goodie" bag and barbecue buffet. Deadline to register is Friday, July 28. There will be prizes for first through third teams, longest drive, last place, closest to pin an dhole in one in addition to raffles and silent auction. People may call Dawn Thistle at 508-882-3982, George Paradis at 508-882-3068 or Brian Laramée at 413-265-5289.

### Concert

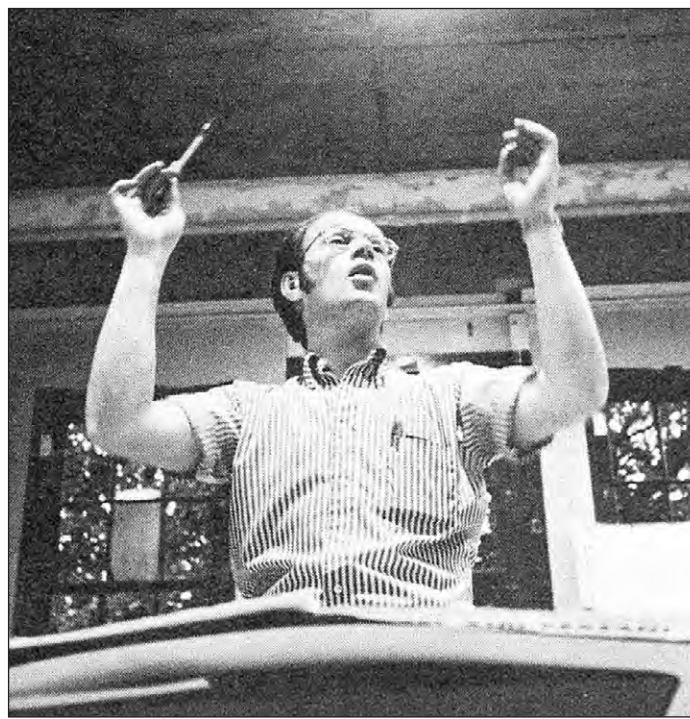
The Oakham Concert series sponsored by the Friends of the Bandstand, Inc. starts on Thursday, June 29 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham Town Common, corner of Coldbrook Road and Maple Street, Oakham with Dan Gabel and the Abletones, "Little Big Band." On July 13, Quabbin Community Band will perform, on July 27, the Superchargers, on Aug 10 Holdin' Back Band and on Aug. 24, the Bad Tickers.

## Quabbin Community Band begins 50th Anniversary season

BARRE – When the Quabbin Community Band takes to the Nornay Park Bandstand in South Barre on Sunday, June 18 at 6 p.m. it will mark the 50th season of performances given by this town band, founded by former Quabbin Regional High School band director, John H. Hansen.

The very first concert was held on June 10, 1973 and this introduction was included on the inside page of the printed program: "Old Time Summer Band Concerts have in many places become a thing of the past. This is not the case in Barre, Massachusetts. Barre has a long history of Summer Band Concerts that dates back to 1859 when the first music stand was erected in North Park. On a Sunday evening during the summer it is a common sight to see cars parked 4 and 5 deep around the famous Barre Common with hundreds of people enjoying the traditional music of a New England Band Concert. The town is well known as The Band Concert Town of New England."

The Quabbin Community Band will present 10 concerts beginning on June 10 and continuing weekly until August 12. This band presently has a membership of 85 musicians from the ages of 12 to 76 and is proud to play music that is just as good as any of the "Old Time" con-



Submitted photo

**Quabbin Community Band founder and musical director John H. Hansen, conducting a rehearsal in the (former) Quabbin Community Band Center.**

certs of the past. The Band is conducted by its distinguished Musical Director, Mr. John H. Hansen. Mr. Hansen is a graduate of the Hart College of Music, Hartford, and has also done graduate work at the University of Connecticut and Boston University. Come and be a part of history this Father's Day, as the band begins season 50 with the theme, "Welcome to Summer" a song line up of favorites including, "Irish Tune from

County Derry," "Kentucky 1800," "Phantom of the Opera" and many more.

Margaret Reidy, a former student of Hansen and a graduate of Northern Illinois University, is the current musical director of the band. She encourages musicians of all ages to join the band at each Monday night through Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall for weekly practice. Be sure to follow us on Facebook @ Quabbin Community Band

## QCB alumni invited to play at reunion concert set for Aug. 6



**Playing their bassoons, from left, are Sheila (Donovan) Muir, Laura (Posey) Guilbault, and Rosemary (Reidy) Osann. Sheila Muir just retired as Superintendent of the QRSD. Laura Guilbault and Rosemary Osann both worked as music teachers in the Quabbin district at one time.**

Submitted photo

BARRE – The Quabbin Community Band came into being with their first concert on the Barre Bandstand on June 10, 1973.

Did you ever play with the band over the years? This summer marks the 50th anniversary of the group and the band would love to have alumni come back

to the bandstand on Sunday, Aug. 6 for the alumni reunion. The band will play some old favorites with music accessible to all no matter how many years it has been. Alumni may visit the band's Facebook page at Quabbin Community Band to sign up on their Google Sheet to receive updates and music via email.

For those, who need an instrument to play, the band might be able to help. Spread the word to family and friends, Barre Common will be the place to be on Aug. 6 as The Quabbin Community Band celebrates 50 years. For more information, people may email band president Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

- Planning Board – June 17 at 9 a.m. and June 20 at 7 p.m.
- Select Board – June 20 at 6 p.m.
- Board of Assessors – June 20 at 6 p.m.
- Cemetery Commission – June 22 at 11 a.m.
- Conservation Committee – June 27 at 7 p.m.
- Council on Aging – July 5 at 1 p.m.
- Board of Health – July 10 at 5 p.m.
- Water Commission – July 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- DPW Commission – July 10 at 7 p.m.
- Barre Housing Authority – July 13 at 3 p.m.
- Felton Field Commission – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
- Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

### HARDWICK

- Wheelwright Water District – June 19 at 7 p.m.
- Gilbertville Water District – June 20 at 5:30 p.m.
- Master Plan Steering Committee – June 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission – June 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Health – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- Paige Library Trustees – July 6 at 7 p.m.
- Recycling Commission – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

- Conservation Commission – June 15 at 7 p.m.
- Board of Health – June 20, July 11 and July 25 at 7 p.m.
- Planning Board – June 29, July 5 and July 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Historic Commission – July 1 at 10 a.m.

### NEW BRAINTREE

- Select Board – June 26 at 7 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

- Select Board – June 20, July 3 and July 18 at 6 p.m.
- Planning Board – June 28 and July 19 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

- Board of Health – July 19, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20 at 5 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen – June 22 all day highway bids

### PETERSHAM

- Board of Health – June 15 at 6 p.m.
- Planning Board – June 22 at 7 p.m.

- Board of Assessors – July 7 at 9 a.m.
- Conservation Commission – July 11 at 6 p.m.
- Open Space & Recreation Committee – July 11 at 7 p.m.
- Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

- Earthworks Board – June 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Select Board Hearing – June 26 at 6 p.m.
- Planning Board Public Hearing – June 27 at 6:30 p.m.

## Petersham Democrats to hold caucus June 19

PETERSHAM – Democrats in Petersham will hold a caucus on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. in person at the Petersham Town Hall, lower level, 1 South Main St., to elect delegates and an alternate to the 2023 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Petersham. Petersham can elect two delegates and one alternate to the Convention. Youth (16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color and LGBTQ individuals, who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org).

This year's Massachusetts Democratic Convention is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell to adopt a Party Agenda and/or Platform by a majority vote of Convention delegates. For more information about the Petersham Democratic Town Committee, people may call Henry Woolsey at 978-771-2173 or email [henrywoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:henrywoolsey@gmail.com).

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**Athol Historical Society to hold quilt show June 17**

ATHOL – Antique and recently made quilts will be on display from noon to 3 pm Saturday, June 17, at Athol Historical Society, 1307 Main St.

Local quilters Diana Cooley of Petersham; Gayle Bassett, Jeanette Calvi, Charon Maier, and Chelsea White, all of Athol and Clare Barnes of Barre made the present-day quilts.

"Most of the quilts you will see are machine-quilted by Clare Barnes," said Cooley, who explained that other quilters each produce a quilt top then processed by a longarm quilter, in this case Barnes, who uses a longarm machine that sandwiches the back, batting and quilt top.

At the conclusion of the longarm process, Cooley explained, the quilter who made the top receives the eventual quilt back to machine sew the binding to the top side of the quilt and then hand sews the binding to the back of the quilt, a little like hemming a garment.

"When you see a handmade quilt," Cooley said, "you can be assured that there are many hours and lots of love involved."

Cooley said the local quilters participate in sew days that may last as long as twelve hours. They also attend quilt retreats three times a year.

"During sew days and retreats," said Cooley, "there is a lot of laughing, pointers, sewing, and encouragement. We have all been quilting for many years. Quilting brings us satisfaction, happiness, and camaraderie."

Usually made by women working alone or at group sessions called quilting bees, antique quilts often recycled fabric from discarded clothing or other useful items.

"Our fabrics come from many different quilt shops," Cooley said. "We are always up for an adventure to find a new shop."

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# Opinion

## Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

### How will working affect my first year's benefits?

**Dear Rusty:** I retired from working in January of this year and have since claimed Social Security. I didn't work at all in February or March, but I began a part time job in April. I'm very confused about how Social Security counts earnings for the first year. I don't know if I need to keep each month's earnings under \$1,770 or if they average it. Some of the literature I've found says each month must remain under \$1,770 or no benefit will be paid that month. Two people at the Social Security office told me that they'll just dock me \$1 for every \$2 I am over that, even in my first year. I also cannot find anything about when they count your income. Is it when it's earned or when it's paid? If I go over in a month because there are three pay periods, can they withhold the benefit for that month? I'm just so confused! Signed: Part Time Worker

**Dear Part Time Worker:** The Social Security earnings test during your first year collecting benefits before full retirement age is, indeed, somewhat confusing. The reason is because there are two methods, which Social Security may use during your first calendar year collecting early benefits, and they will use the one which results in the least financial impact to you.

To elaborate:

If you claim benefits mid-year before your full retirement age, for the remainder of that first year (starting in the month benefits begin and ending in December) you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit (\$1,770 for 2023). If you exceed the monthly limit in any remaining month of that first calendar year, you won't be entitled to benefits for that month, so Social Security would (eventually) take back that month's benefit. That is, unless using the annual limit (\$21,240 for 2023) instead will result in a smaller penalty. If your total earnings for your first year collecting are over the annual limit (e.g., \$21,240 for 2023), the penalty would be \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit and, if that is less than the penalty from using the monthly limit, they will assess the smaller penalty. In other words, Social Security will use the method, which is most beneficial to you when assessing a penalty for exceeding the earnings limit during your first calendar year collecting benefits. And just for clarity, the earnings limits are much higher and the penalty less during the year you attain Full Retirement Age.

Something else to be aware of: if you know in advance you will exceed the annual limit it would be best to inform Social Security in order to avoid an Overpayment Notice next year. If you don't, Social Security won't know about your 2023 earnings until you file your 2023 income taxes, so you'll get your 2023 monthly payments as usual. But when the IRS informs Social Security of your 2023 earnings later next year, Social Security will ask you to detail your monthly work earnings for 2023. If you have exceeded the limits, they will determine an overpayment amount and will ask you to either pay back what is owed in a lump sum or will withhold your benefits for enough months to recover what you owe for exceeding the 2023 earnings limit. Then, after you FRA, you'll get time credit for all months in which benefits were withheld, thus slightly increasing your monthly payment after your FRA.

Finally, it is when your income is earned that counts, not when it is paid. So, for example, if you worked in January 2023 and were paid for that work in February 2023, that is considered January income, which wouldn't count toward the February earnings limit.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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## In Past Pages

### LOOK BACK Aubuchon Hardware - 1982



File photo

This is a view of Aubuchon Hardware in 1982 when it was in the center of Barre.

#### 5 years (June 21, 2018)

Residents opted to keep the town clerk position elected rather than appointed by four votes at the Annual Town Meeting. Moderator Ryan Witkos stepped down as moderator for article 16 so he could participate in the discussion. Town Clerk, Paula Roberts, took over the meeting to accept nominations for a temporary moderator. Voters elected Eric Volheim as moderator for the article making the town clerk position appointed rather than elected; he was the only nomination. Town administrator, Theresa Cofske, stated that the state recommended the town clerk position to be appointed. Witkos commented he did not like the "state telling us what to do."

Retro Fit Band will perform at Normay Park, Saturday, June 30. People should bring lawn chairs or picnic blanket. Hot dogs and snacks will be sold on Saturday events only. All proceeds go to the South Barre Common Fund. If people make/sell crafts, they may reserve a spot during the Saturday evening concerts. There is no fee.

Many might say the secret of a long and happy life is a simple visit with a person, who is living it. "I thought it was because I didn't eat the school lunches" Barre resident Bessie Difley said to a small group of students at Quabbin Regional High School last Thursday, when asked how she had lived so long. "But my doctor said it was because I walked - every morning." The 103 years young Difley spent a portion of her afternoon in the school library before students and in front of FOX News of Boston, recounting the days of her life in Barre community. "My friends and I, we lived in the best of times," said Difley. "We used to walk home at midnight and leave open our doors."

#### 10 years (June 20, 2013)

On Tuesday, June 11, Petersham Selectmen held a meeting to determine the Petersham Country Store's future. With the help of

donations from local residents, the East Quabbin Land Trust was able to purchase the store from POLUS. The property sale closed on June 6. The EQLT wishes to continue its mission by providing a market for locally grown vegetables, cheeses and meats. Ari and Jeaneane Pugliese will be operating the store as they did in 2006 and will continue to operate their restaurant Picasso in Barre.

The Quabbin Regional School District Committee reorganized at its last committee meeting. Superintendent Maureen Marshall acting as Parliamentarian presided over last Thursday's meeting while the committee elected a chairman. The committee unanimously reelected Mark Brophy chairman and then voted "Lee" Wolanin vice-chairman. The committee appointed Marshall Parliamentarian, Ronald Christensen treasurer and Kathleen Bourcier assistant treasurer.

The towns of Oakham and Hubbardston were recently awarded certificates of appreciation from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for their dedicated services to maintain a safe and abundant water supply to their elementary schools. Paul Varney Sr., Mass. DEP certified water operator, has been contracted by the Quabbin District for many years to test well water at all Quabbin District school wells monthly. He brings 45 years of experience and expertise to the table.

#### 25 years ago (June 18, 1998)

Sarah Bottomley, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Bottomley of Hardwick, recently earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. She was among ten Senior Girl Scouts from the Montachusett Girl Scout Council honored at a Gold Award ceremony in Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Sarah belongs to Troop 102. Besides earning required badges, she performed community service, demonstrated leadership skills and completed a service project. Her service project was the develop-

ment of a book exchange program at the Hardwick Recycling Center.

About 70 registered voters approved all 42 articles within one hour at the Monday, June 15 Annual Town Meeting at the Oakham Center School. Voters approved the \$1,570,223 budget for fiscal 1999 as recommended by the Finance Committee; \$1,070,439 of that budget was for education. Money articles separate the budget article included: \$20,000 for short-term interest and \$13,500 for bonding and legal fees for the construction of the municipal building project; \$2,270 for repairs to the library roof; \$2,500 for the purchase of a computer system for the town accountant and \$500 for fixing the town clerk's vault.

At the June 15 Barre Board of Selectmen meeting, Police Chief James Thompson presented to selectmen a plan for parking and safer driving on Exchange Street. Thompson said he observed the area for a few weeks and the plan will temporarily remedy some existing safety issues. As Exchange Street is now, traffic passes through an area with undefined lanes. The new plan includes painting lines to clarify lanes and creating parking spaces perpendicular to the common. These minor changes should help to create a distinction between the street and a parking lot.

#### 38 years (June 20, 1985)

In observance of the dedication of the Hubbardston Civil War monument on June 17, 1885, residents rededicated the monument in fitting ceremonies on the same day 100 years later. The Unitarian Church bells tolled. A small gathering of dedicated citizens heard J. F. Von Deck, a history teacher at Oakmont Regional High School speak on the casualties of the which, which took so many lives. Barry Heiniluoma, president of the Hubbardston Historical Society, was the Master of Ceremonies. A laurel wreath was placed on the monument and it was draped with red, white and blue bunting.

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## Guest Column

### Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

**Dear Folks,**  
I had a terrible day. Missy has been under foot all the time. I endured two week of this stay home thing, but I am not sure I am going to survive. After breakfast this morning, I decided to take an early nap as I didn't sleep well last night.



So I went in on Missy's bed and settled down in the sunshine. Next thing I knew Missy picked me up and put me on the floor as she was changing the sheets to wash.

Okay, so I wandered into the spare bedroom and jumped up on that bed and settled down I thought. Nope, next thing I knew Missy put me down on the floor again and scolded me for sleeping on her new rug.

"Gertrude, you have left black hairs on the new rug. What am I going to do with you?" I looked up at her and in cat language told her I didn't know about the rug. I better get out of Missy's sight.

So, I ran into the front room and jumped up on the back of the couch to check my birdies. They didn't even cooperate. Not a bird in sight.

After waiting a few minutes, I decided to settle down again for a nap on the couch next to one of the new throw pillows. This was great and comfortable.

Now what? Missy is moving me again to get the pillow. It seems she needed it to copy the pattern for the new pillow she was making.

Where to go next? Under the rocking chair on the floor should be safe I thought, but no Missy had to move the chair to get out to the front hall. I tell you folks, I had it today.

However, I think it should be safe to go back on Missy's bed now that she has made it up. I hope your day was better than mine. Stay healthy.

Love,  
Gertrude

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It was not a good week to seal decks. It rained most every day. I was able to go to the flea market from 6:15-7:30 a.m. Because I have to use a cane with the grounds so uneven, I asked a young man to carry my purchases to the vehicle. I tipped him. I was only able to do three rows of the flea market.

The plant lady mentioned she had a beautiful Chinese Dogwood and then I noticed that I have two of them in bloom right now. They are next to the Viburnum, which has now gone by.

I still can't understand why my rhododendron or PJM did not blossom this year.

The handyman has done some work for me and I met a new neighbor, who lives in a house up the street from me. He loves to do garden work like I do. I used to help the lady, who lived in his house with her gardens.

Our family has a recipe book which various members contributed their favorite recipes. Here is one that I have tried and liked as it is so easy.

## CHICKEN STROGANOFF

- 2 whole chicken breasts
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped scallions
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can sliced mushrooms or fresh ones
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Bone chicken breasts; remove skin. Cut breasts into strips. Melt butter in large skillet over high heat. Add chicken and scallions; sprinkle with salt.

Cook 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add mushroom soup sliced mushrooms with liquid and water. Heat to boiling stirring until mixture is smooth. Reduce heat, blend in sour cream. Do not boil. Serve over hot noodles.

## This and That

I went to the program on scams at the Hubbardston Senior Center on Wednesday. The two hour program was very informative but scary too. It makes you not want to answer your phone or click on anything on the computer.

I planted some broccoli plants that I started in the planter box in one of my flower gardens. I will see if I get any heads of broccoli. I am getting a good crop of lettuce and spinach.

The ticks are very bad this year. Every time I go outside, I have one on my body. Beware. Also beware of the bears. They are all around us now and destroying bird feeders. One neighbor has had fox and bears. A big black bear visited us a couple of times and one got into the rubbish barrel, tipping it over all over the driveway.

I wasn't able to attend the Hubbardston Fair as I was expecting company but they did not show up. I had made a strawberry rhubarb pie to serve them. Guess who had to eat it?

"I am old enough to tell the truth. It is one of the privileges of age," George Clemenceau. Have a good week.

The Hubbardston Historical Society pie and bake sale is Saturday, June 17 at the Williamsville Chapel. While there, check out the new paint job in the ladies' parlor.

# Food policy council looks to form leadership team

By Paula Ouimette  
pouimette@turley.com

WARE – Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council continued discussion about the organizational structure of the Council.

Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan said since its formation, Council members have talked about its vision and mission, decision making styles, organizational structure and the needs of the 12 communities it serves.

Members of the Council do not need to be experts, Geaghan said, they just need to have an interest in the food needs of the community.

"Anyone can take part in our food policy council," she said.

Geaghan went on to explain at the June 12 meeting, that each food policy council is different and can focus on different needs, depending on the community.

After discussing the organizational structure, members of the Council agreed that Geaghan and Project Coordinator for Community Health Emily Coderre would handle the day-to-day business of the Council, such as scheduling meeting dates and times.

A leadership team will be formed to narrow down topics before they reach the general Council membership.

"These narrowed down topics are presented to the whole food policy council for discussion,"

Geaghan said.

The leadership team would be comprised of a representation of the 50 active members of the Council covering different communities and demographics, such as farmers, those who've experienced food insecurity, low-income, business owners, local government, geographic and ethnic diversity.

The general membership will then come to an agreement on the topic that everyone can live it.

Geaghan said this means that not everyone will love the decision, but no one will be fully opposed to it either.

All in attendance at the meeting agreed that this was an effective plan to conduct the Council's business.

Council members also discussed current food needs in the community, with one being homelessness and access to hot, cooked meals.

Food pantries have been an invaluable resource to provide food for people, but preparing meals poses an extra challenge to those without anywhere to cook or store them.

Hosting community dinners was suggested, such as the ones many of the local churches hosted prior to the pandemic.

Members also discussed organizations that collect expiring food from grocery stores in order to distribute it to those in need.

While there are no organizations like this that directly serve the Quaboag Valley

region, there is Rachel's Table in Springfield, a program of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, as well as another based in Boston.

Members discussed the possibility of reaching out to either of these groups, to learn how food can be collected and distributed not only to address hunger, but also to cut back on food waste.

Coderre said the Council is also looking to conduct a community food assessment to determine where gaps in resources are, and who is affected by these gaps. This assessment could take a couple of months to compile.

The Council will be hosting hybrid training opportunity about Food Policy and Advocacy 101 on Wednesday, June 28 from 4-5 p.m. at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

## About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

For more information, people may email Geaghan at cgeaghan@townofware.com or Coderre at coderre@townofware.com.

## PAST PAGES, continued from page 4

Constance Marean, Alice Streeter and Heiniluoma read of the names of those on the monument, who served from Hubbardston in the Civil War.

Members of the Old Sturbridge Village staff will lead a tour of the Emerson Bixby house in Barre on July 19. The Emerson Bixby house, the early nineteenth century home

of a blacksmith, which is still on its original site, will be moved to Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge as an exhibit in the near future.

Plans are well underway for the town's biggest fair that is sponsored by the Orthodox Congregational church, which will be held July 13 on the Common. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. when the fleet of feet are invited to get moving on the 3.1 mile road race to the concluding "What'll you give

me?" of the auctioneer in late afternoon, there'll be action, color, good smells and tastes, fun and watery victims, frogs and frivolity. Charlie Robinson and Bob Lauber, aided and abetted by just about the whole congregation, promise something for everyone's purse and tummy from the 16 church booths, numerous outside craft people, children attractions and all that go to make up a full scale country fair.

Committee supported keeping the flag as it is.

Voters approved transferring \$48,940 from general stabilization to cover Oakham's share for a new chiller, a part of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system at the Quabbin Regional Middle High School.

They also approved the transfer of \$15,565.80 from free cash to refund an overpayment to NEXAMP Solar for FY 22 personal property tax. Voters approved the transfer of \$11,000 from free cash to the Police Department Vehicle Stabilization Account. In another Police Department matter, they approved to fund a full-time Police Chief salary by taking \$39,055 from part-time salary line item and \$10,480 from police training.

Voters heard the report by the Town Hall Planning Committee, which Phil Warbasse presented. He

said of the five options discussed by the committee phased remodeling appeared to be the "most practical." Other options were an addition to the existing building, complete remodeling "all at once, construction of a new municipal building and relocation into the Center School.

Voters approved with 46 yes and 37 no votes to change the office of the Town Clerk form an elected position to an appointed position. This is a two part process and an election in 2024 will take place for voters to decide at the ballot. Town Clerk Christine Mardirosian decided not to seek re-election.

The final article took \$1,294.75 to fund unpaid FY 22 bills. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 and lasted just over two hours.



## Lots o' lettuce

The weather has been nothing less than unpredictable these last few weeks.

While there has been next to no rain at my locale, friends and family have talked about deluges and even quarter-sized hail blanketing their deck space. Temperatures for June seem bizarre, too.

If cold night temperatures weren't enough, a day of mercury bursting into the 80's will shock even well-watered plants. Before heat-lovers can adjust, it's back into the 50's and low 60's.

Strange indeed. While it's too soon to say whether this year will be a bust or boom, I can say that my lettuce is doing wonderfully!

I started my lettuce indoors the first week of April, at the same time I sowed broccoli and kale seed. I saved little "plug" trays from a prior plant purchase and filled the tray with moist seed starting mix.

Lettuce seed needs light to germinate, so I pushed two or three seeds per cell into the soil to make contact but not so far as to have them get covered up. To keep the soil surface moist, I slid the whole tray into a clear plastic bag.

I left it in my laundry room in front of a window where it would get some afternoon sun and checked on it periodically, misting it a couple times a day. After about five days the seeds had sprouted.

It was a little challenging to keep them growing well indoors, but I did, and was able to move the tray outside on nice days where it could get some filtered sunlight.

On one such occasion I hit the end of the doorway with the tray, knocking a number of the cells loose! I

re-filled the cells and transplanted what I could salvage and they adjusted fine.

About a month later, in early May, I planted the lettuce seedlings into the garden. Since I planned to grow the lettuce for leaves and not heads, I planted them fairly close to one another, just about six inches apart in a wide block about four feet long by two feet deep.

Every foot or so I interplanted a leek plant; leeks require a long growing season and will outlive the lettuce, but for now they make good companions.

I began harvesting the third week of May, and now, I can make a salad to feed an army. The bed is a beautiful blend of colors, textures and flavors.

Typically, I pick it right before I want to eat it, rinsing it in a sink of cool water before sending it through the salad spinner or blotting it dry with a paper towel.

Lettuce is undemanding in the garden as long as you provide it with rich soil and a daily watering if nature does not provide. Some compost mixed into the top couple inches of soil will keep it well fed.

When temperatures rise, lettuce will bolt. Bolting simply means that the lettuce is going to seed. It will send up a main stalk that has little leaves on it, inevitably flowering at the end of the stalk.

The flowers are yellow, with seeds forming at the end of little pieces of fluff that help them to disperse in the breeze.

Sometimes lettuce will even self sow. I had a beauty come up in the middle of my mulched path this year and moved it to the wide bed.

To keep lettuce growing during the heat of summer gardeners get creative, often planting heat tolerant varieties and/or planting it in the shade of trellises of vines or under shade cloth.

I am planning on planting a succession crop soon so that I'll have replacement plants on standby to tuck into the bed that my garlic will be harvested from. My husband enjoys a big salad every night and this will surely help our grocery bill.

If you have never tried growing lettuce, I encourage to you give it a whirl!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.

# Petersham has new flag raisers

PETERSHAM – For years Bill Berry raised and lowered the American flag in town.

Berry said, "On behalf of Petersham American Legion Post 415, I started putting up the flag in spring 1988 (34 years) in memory of best friend Dick Clark, who had died the previous winter.

No one was raising the flag so it was a job that needed doing."

Berry is a registered land surveyor and president of Berry Engineering, Inc.; an army veteran and Past Commander of Post 415 and a former town selectman for 14 years.

Berry said, "It was always a

challenge to raise and lower the flag on windy days. My wife, Kay (married 59 years), would help sometimes to keep the flag from getting tangled in the nearby tree branches.

Sue Dougherty and Marc Murphy have taken over flag duty.

# Old Sturbridge Village Commemorates Juneteenth

STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village will be having programming for Juneteenth on Mon. June 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's event is free to the public and will be rich with history, learning, hands-on activities, and food.

"The Village has taken a robust approach to deepening the programming that interprets life in the 19th Century for today's vis-

itor and commemorates the lives and experiences of Black people in America," says Jasmin Rivas, director of diversity, equity, inclusion and access.

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in 1865—marking the day when troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to ensure the freedom of those enslaved, more than two

years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Visitors to Old Sturbridge Village on June 19 will be encouraged to consider Juneteenth's historical and present-day significance, engage in discussions with interpreters and special guests, and participate in activities that help broaden their understanding of history and culture. Among the events that day:

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- In a place to sleep
- Chemical compound (abbr.)
- A way to fish
- Classic Linklater film "\_\_\_ and Confused"
- Legume
- Indonesian island
- Smooth, creamy substance
- Arctic
- Wood sorrels
- Defied
- Cattle
- Tableland
- Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- Repossession
- Danced
- Adult males
- Type of section
- Type of Japanese animation
- Satisfaction
- Fit
- "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
- Failure
- Israeli city
- French river
- Cavalry-sword
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Liquefied natural gas
- Afflicted
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Large body of water
- \_\_\_kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Impudence
- Rockers Better Than \_\_\_
- Bambi is one of something
- Correct behavior
- Batty
- Cyprinid fishes
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- American rocker Snider
- W. African language
- Symbol to mark for removal
- Squad
- Federal savings bank
- Paddle
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- One point south of due east
- Winter melon
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Anger
- Central European river
- First responders
- Spanish noble
- Persons with absence of skin pigment
- Defunct airline
- Small island (British)
- The extent of something from beginning to end
- Capital of Bangladesh
- Dutch cheese
- Imitates
- A contest of speed
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- UNLV's are Runnin'
- Criticize

**CLUES DOWN**

- Payroll firm
- Unit of transmission

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majority required. The first five articles were voted on as one and Article 6 passed with a unanimous vote.

Article 7 addressed the overall budget and called for a vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, transfer from available funds and provide from other sources \$4,323,201.02 to pay the salaries and compensation for expenses for Town Officers and Employees and other anticipated expenses for Fiscal Year 24 July 1 to June 30, 2024. It passed unanimously.

In response to a question regarding how the numbers were determined, Town Administrator, Nathan Boudreau, in following through on his commitment to maintain solid communication and transparency with all town residents reminded everyone he posted everything on the town website about the budget.

He and the new Town Clerk, Candace Livingston, made a video a week before the Town meeting reading and discussing all 24 article and

highlighting things to watch for and be ready to ask questions if desired prior to coming and voting.

Article 9 sparked some discussion regarding the budget proposed by the Quabbin Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2024. The article approved a 6% (\$325,495) funding increase for the school district. It fell short of the QRSD School Committee's request for a 9.02% increase, which would require an additional \$162,748. Boudreau and Select Board member Heather Monroe explained though the town wants the best resources for all students, the town simply cannot take any more money from the departments, particularly the Fire, Police and Department of Public Works that are already understaffed and challenged with employee turnover seeking higher wages.

A citizen then proposed an amendment asking for an increase of \$69,000 instead. Stating that since 2021 there have been 62 more students attending Quabbin Regional from Hubbardston, with additional 15 coming up this year. Though it is a good thing that Hubbardston is attracting new families to settle in

town because the town is not flush with financial resources as explained above.

The amendment failed to pass 74/28. The full article as written passed by a 2/3 vote.

Article 10 was interesting in how it was handled and rarely seen. The article asked the Town to vote to raise and appropriate a transfer from available funds the sum of \$28,512 to pay its fair share of the School Debt for FY 2024. A school committee member said that amount was not what was due. \$30,225 was due. She apologized for the error in addition to regretting that the Quabbin School committee had always had a difficult time in projecting five-year budget costs for a variety of economic reasons. Nonetheless the corrected amount was what was needed. It was a debt, not a budget item, therefore debts must be paid. She made an amendment to cover the increase of \$1,713. Put to a vote it was turned down.

Boudreau, seeing a problem, made an executive decision to ask that the amendment be reconsidered because he knew the Town could come up

with \$1,713 without doing any damage using "free" cash. A vote was then made on the reconsideration of the amendment which did pass. Then another vote was made on the original amendment and it passed with one no vote.

Most of the subsequent articles passed unanimously except for Article 22 which passed on a 2/3 vote.

Article 14 was asking the town to transfer \$12,000 from free cash for the purpose of purchasing brine pursuant to a municipal consortium with Templeton and Winchendon to conserve prices of brine. Brine is used on roads during the winter prior to predicted snow falls. It is a solution of salt and water which prevents the freezing of melted snow and makes the job of plowing much easier and environmentally safer.

The Town DPW Director, Travis Brown, gave a scientific explanation as to the value of the one-time investment that will lower the cost of snow removal for years to come. He received the biggest applause of the night.

The meeting was gaveled to a close at 10 p.m.



Turley Publications Photos by Paula Oumette  
**Walker Memorial Committee member Robert LaFlamme adds a ribbon to the Troop's flag.**

**WALKER,** continued from page 1

Brookfield electrician Joel Berthiaume and his crew for their dedication and expertise in installing the electrical system the carillon chimes, the laser mechanism, and new spotlights on the memorial and flagpole

He also thanked Jeff Bezdek and the team at Vox Audio Visual/Bells of America for their design and technical support; as well as Jeff Tasse of Tasse Oil and Crowley Fuel whose generous matching gift in honor of Bob LaFlamme and Crowley Fuel's 100th anniversary helped meet and surpass the fundraising goal

Klimavich thanked the Walnut Grove Cemetery Commissioners Kirk Burnham, Jason Petraitis, and Mary Kularski for their assistance and cooperation.

Lisa Giguere Berthiaume, for her early encouragement and support; Ed Bemis of Bemis Farms Nursery for his guidance and generous support with the new plantings; and Carl "Skip" Nielsen for his help in planting the new shrubbery and perennials.

Klimavich also thanked the Walker Scouting Memorial Committee for their unwavering support of the carillon chimes project and their commitment to preserving this annual tradition.

Walker Memorial Coordinator and master of ceremonies for the event, John Ebersold, thanked Klimavich for his work to make this happen and bring this dream to fruition.

Chaplain Tim Josti Jr. said he had considered changing his words this year, but as one of his good friends was on the memorial roll call, he knew he could not.

"I like to think of this as a campfire...the Cubs are sparks, the fuel is the rest of us keeping it going...but the coals are the best part," he said.

Josti explained that the coals were the best for cooking or roasting a marshmallow, and how with stirring, they could reignite the fire. Those they were honoring today, had become the coals.

"Look into the coals; roast a marshmallow and remember the sweet time we had together.

Ebersold and Michelle McCrillis of the Walker Memorial Committee, read the names of those that passed since last year's memorial.

Included on the list was Eagle Scout Andrew McCrillis, the son of Michelle and Paul.

Ebersold said, "I had the pleasure of being his Scoutmaster for many years."

He spoke about Andrew's 20 plus-year dedication to his job as an EMT/firefighter in East Brookfield and how he will long be remembered for the twinkle in his eye and sense of humor.

North Brookfield resident Allen Comptois and Brookfield resident Jesse Fimian were also called.

Fimian was a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs at the time of this passing and was a former Scout with Sturbridge Troop 161.

Joseph Fitzgerald of Warren was also remembered as a longtime Scouter with both Pack and Troop 142.

From Sturbridge, A. Robert "Bob" Mandeville, grandfather to two Eagle Scouts; Daniel Sharkey; and James Sutter were also called.

Ronald Marsh of Rutland, an Eagle Scout, served as Scoutmaster for Troop 141 and also served on the Troop Committee.

Other names called include Ryan Anderson of Millbury, Clarence Bachand of Charlton, Elva Blake of Charlton, Donald Carter of Leominster, Richard Cole Jr. of Millbury, David Dill of Holden, Richard "Dick" Flynn of Worcester, MaryAnn Gallagher of Worcester, Michael Gerry of Gardner, Rev. Dr. Paul Kennedy of Worcester, Robert Kimball of Southbridge, Eugene MacKay of Oxford, Kathy MacMillan of Spencer, Joseph "Bill" Marco of Oxford, Robert Mayo of Rochdale, E.W. "Pete" Petterson of Worcester, James Parker Rice Jr. of Fitchburg, Marcos Rios of Southbridge and Pauline Talisman of Southbridge.

After the names were read, Ebersold led the service in singing "Amazing Grace" while he played his guitar.

"All of these individuals being honored today and those we have recognized over the years are bound by a common thread involving their commitment to service to others," Ebersold said. "We thank them for their service."



**Scouts and Cub Scouts march toward the Walker Scouting Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery.**



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# Hardwick

## Hardwick High celebrates 65th reunion

By Dallas Gagnon  
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HARDWICK – Hardwick High School’s Class of 1958 gathered to share each other’s company and reflect on memories of their youth.

This past Monday, members of the Class celebrated 65 years since they graduated from the former school.

“We’ve always had the reunions, every five to 10 years,” said classmate Janet Shea.

Class of 1958 graduate Mary Gage was in charge of organizing the event, including the outreach. She added she keeps an updated list of classmates she can contact via mail, phone, or social media.

“It’s important to stay with your past,” said Gage.

She added the graduating class only had about 30 students and were relatively close.

“I loved every day of high school,” said Gage.

Shea added they “all knew each other,” and are “happy to get together and reminisce.”

The reunion was held at the Hardwick Crossing Country Club, allowing attendees to enjoy the club menu while overlooking the greenery.

Gage brought a celebratory cake and set up a small display of memorabilia to remind the class of their younger days.

A photograph from the last high school reunion was placed on one side of the cake, while an initiation cap from their freshman year was placed on the other.

“We would wear them from the first day of school until Thanksgiving,” said Gage.

A tin container was also on the display table, full of vintage print photos sparking memories of classmates at school dances, in U.S. military uniforms, and even a few enjoying drinks and laughing with friends.

Gage coined classmate Bill



Shown in front is Lucille Canavan, former high school teacher for the class of 1958. First row from left are Fran Surlles, Sandra Fritcher, Carol Dulak, Mary Gage, Beverly Mooney, Janet Shea, May Ellen Midura, Jeanette Stange, Anne Barnes. Back row from left are Richard Lapierre, Bill Stolgitis, Leon Small and Bob Messier.



Janet Shea and Carol Dulak are shown smiling as they stop for photos.



Shown are Richard Lapierre and wife Carole Lapierre during the Hardwick Class of 1958’s 65th reunion.

Stolgitis as “the best dancer.”

Stolgitis said he shares “a lot of good memories” with the class, and was the former student council president.

In addition to the 13 class members in attendance, several spouses and even the class teacher, Lucille Canavan, shared the opportunity to remember the class of 1958.

Helen Stolgitis said reunions are important because the years celebrated “meant so much,” adding they are “important years.”

Classmate Beverly Mooney added “it’s great to get together while we can.”

Richard Lapierre said he attended Hardwick High School as a freshman before enlisting in

the U.S. Navy.

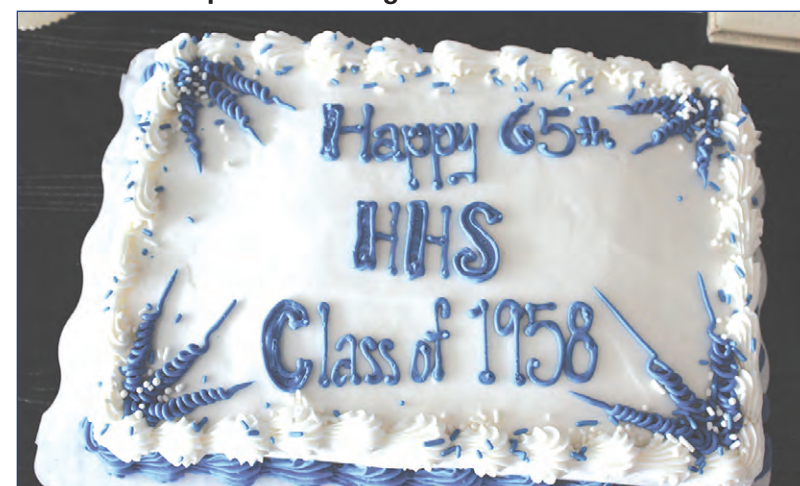
He said he enjoys the reunions because it’s “nice to know where people move to,” and “nice to get everybody together to socialize.”

Canavan said she remembers the class as “the best” and “most fun.”

Jeanette Stange said seeing Canavan is one of her favorite parts about the reunion.



Shown from left are Bill Stolgitis, Bob Messier, Leon Small and Richard Lapierre standing behind Lucille Canavan.



Shown is a celebratory cake, reading “Class of 1958.”

She added Canavan’s late husband was also a teacher at the high school.

“Our class got those two together,” said Stange.

She said they would tease the teachers, reminding the late Canavan “you know she’s single, right?” and telling Canavan “he is a bachelor.”

Stange said she noticed he “wasn’t so grumpy after he met her.”

Mary Canavan, daughter to Lucille, said she remembers when members of the class “crashed” her parents’ wedding in New Hampshire.

Canavan added she “loved it.”

“I think that’s sweet they drove all that way as teenagers in 1957,” said Canavan.

Fran Surlles was one of five students who made the trip, and while they didn’t stay for the reception, they did stay long enough to see the two wed.

Thinking back to her younger self, Gage said a piece of advice she would give is “to stay open minded and get all the education you can get.”

Lapierre said “sometimes you don’t take things seriously enough...education is everything.”

### Memorial Day golf tournament results listed

HARDWICK – Results of Hardwick Crossing Country Clubs first ever Memorial Day weekend golf tournament are as follows.

In the women’s division, first place went to Robin Balicki and Kathleen Soltys with an extraordinary score of -22. Second place hon-

ors went to Amanda Pierce and Carol King at -16.

In the men’s division, first flight, first place honors went to Adam Moulton and Peter O Packi at -12. Nick Fluegge and Frank Kulig took home second with a final score of -11.

Second flight, winners went to Ryan Sidur and Gene Varney with an exceptional score of -17. Second place honors went to the team of Tom Hough and Dave Woodward at -9.

Third flight, winners were John Obrzut and Nelson Malin at -15 with Rick Navin and Wes Cassavant tak-

ing home second at -11.

Big thanks to tournament committee members Tom Gareau, Ken Jurczyk, Gary Soltys and Lyle Plainte along with tournament volunteers Kathleen Soltys, Joyce Plainte and Kim Gareau for making this tournament a success.



The Quabbin Singers performed “Bring Him Home” from the Broadway musical “Les Miserables” and “I Was Here” by Beyonce during the Memorial Day Assembly at Quabbin.

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the long standing but lightly recognized role of women in military service. Before the students arrived in the gym for the ceremony, they were each given a card designed by Ms. Therese Salvatore with a photo of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial and a replica of the Women of Valor brooch assembled by a host of volunteer students. The brooch, a purple forget-me-not, backed by green leaves with a pearl colored bead at the center, is a symbolic wish to remember the valor of women in all the branches of military service. Through the stories of U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Ann Jones and U.S. Army Captain Eleanor Alexander, both nurses who served in Vietnam; Marine Lance Cpl. Holly Charette and Marine Captain Jennifer Harris, who both served in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and US Army Lt. Ashley White, who served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, the Quabbin students learned that, regardless of their role in the service, women have served, sacrificed and died for their country with bravery and distinction. The Assembly is a true classroom without walls and to that end Captain Brennock used a description of Ashley White for another life lesson teaching point: “Courage is being afraid, and doing it anyway. Taking the hard right over the easy wrong.”

Throughout the ceremony, the speeches and stories were complimented by performances of the Quabbin Symphonic Winds and the Quabbin Singers, directed by Mrs. Toni Brown and Ms. Julia Tuttle respectively. The music provided both an emotional footnote to the stories shared and time for the student audience to reflect on the deeper meaning of Memorial Day. The impact of this one hour could be felt at the end of the ceremony, as the students filed silently, respectfully and reverently out of the gym to continue their school day.

Quabbin NJROTC Cadet Commander Jady Gonzalez states, “Growing up Memorial Day has always been a day of reflection and remembrance of our fallen service members. Although it is easy to lose sight of this holiday through all the pool parties and barbecues, it’s important that everybody looks past that and takes time to pay tribute to their sacrifices. Memorial Day is also a day for families that have lost loved ones in war. As they take this day to remember the ones they lost, we carry their legacies in our hearts to assure that they will never be forgotten.”



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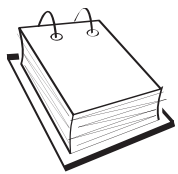
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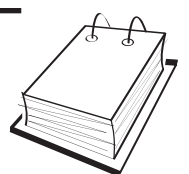
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# Calendar of Events



## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

**ORANGE FARMERS MARKET** is held every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. now through Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Orange Armory, 135 East Main St., Orange. Vendors offer a full range of Farmers Market products: veggies (in season), flowers, baked goods, annual and perennial plants, herbal remedies, milk and ice cream, soaps, craft items and more. Music entertainment will also take place at the market thanks to an Orange Cultural Council grant.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

**MUSICAL 'RUTHLESS'** will be performed in the Theatre at the Mount, located at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Gardner. Performances are today, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. and June 18 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$24 and may be purchased by visiting <https://mwcc.universitytickets.com/>, by calling 978-630-9388 or at the box office at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner during regular box office hours.

**FREE CONCERT WITH LEONARDO CIAMPA** will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester in memory of Dr. Sherrill A. "Ted" Gonna, a well-known Worcester music lover and supporter. CIAMPA will perform on both the piano and organ with guest artists: Letitia Stevens, soprano; Dianne Spoto, flue and Nino Ciampa, percussion and the Henry Purcell Society of Boston. Admission is free, but pre-registration is recommended. People may register by calling 508-752-5608 or on line by visiting [mechanicshall.org](http://mechanicshall.org). Seating in the Great Hall will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

**BARRE FARMERS MARKET** is held every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market runs through October and includes farmers, crafters, artisans and more.

**ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND** at South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road, Hardwick will have a chicken barbecue and the Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show at noon. Tickets are \$20 per person and can pick them up at clubhouse or call 413-477-6879. There will be numerous raffle items, music and a cash bar.

**30TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** will be held today from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Parish, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. The menu includes baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade potato salad, homemade Cole slaw, rolls, coffee, water and strawberry shortcake. The meal will be served family style and take out is also available. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$7 per child age 5- 10 years old. Tickets are available after Masses or by calling the rectory at 508-867-6811.

## Where is this?



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**This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 19. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Gary Brigham, Paul Carlson, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Jane McCauley correctly identified the photo. The photo was of the Boston Post sign at the corner of Brigham and Main Streets in Hubbardston.**

**THE BIG RANDOM BAND** will perform tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre as part of the Barre Summer Concert Series. They will present rock and roll from the 1960s to the 1990s. Admission is free. The Barre Lions Club will sell food at the concert.

**STUFFED CHICKEN DINNER TO GO** will be held at the Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., Petersham today with pickup starting at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, salad, a vegetable and a dessert. Cost is \$15 per meal and proceeds will help repair the Church Bell. Reservations are required by calling 978-724-3362.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

**QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND** will present Father's Day "Welcome Back concert today at 6 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. Concerts on June 25, July 2 and July 9 will all be at Nornay Park.

Concerts July 16, July 23, July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 will be held from the Harding Allen Bandstand, Barre Common, Concert Mall, Barre.

## MONDAY, JUNE 19

**QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS** are held tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre and will be held every Monday night. People may email Julie at [julie@mhof.net](mailto:julie@mhof.net) or call 978-257-1192 or just show up at rehearsals. Margaret Reidy is the director.

**STORY TIME** at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, will be held today at 9:30 a.m. The story time will feature outdoor summer fun with "Bluey The Pool" and "The Night before Summer Vacation" by Natasha Wing. This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-

7650 during regular hours for more information.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 23

**ORANGE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS** are held on the bandstand in Butterfield Park, Orange today, June 30, and July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28 at 7 p.m. The band rehearses Wednesdays, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 evenings at the Central Congregational Church in Orange.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**TIM MORAN MEMORIAL CAR SHOW** will take place today with registration from 8:30-11:30 a.m. with plagues at 1:30 p.m. at the North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club, 20 Boynton Road, North Brookfield. Donation is \$15 per show vehicle and spectators are free. There will be lunch, cash bar and 50/50 raffle. D.J. Bruce Marshall will provide music. For show information, people may call Gary at 508-450-8643.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**WEIR RIVER CONCERT BAND** will perform today at 2 p.m. on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, Main Street, (Route 32), Gilbertville. All are welcome to this free concert. Refreshments will be provided.

**UPPER WARE RIVER BLUE TRAIL PADDLE** will take place today with a launch at 9 a.m. at Old Furnace to Ware River Park in Gilbertville. This is a 4.5 mile, 1.5 hour quick water and riffles and great nature paddle. People should email [chicopee-watershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopee-watershed@gmail.com) to RSVP. Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council will monitor river levels and post any changes to the event the night before.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

**GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS HISTORIAN AND LIBRARIAN**, Walter H. Hunt, will discuss today from 7-9 p.m. the genealogical resources available through the Masonic Lodge and the history of Freemasonry at the Hope Lodge Freemasons, 42 Central St., Gardner. He is also the author of "1636 Cardinal Virtues" with Eric Flint and "The Dark Wing" series.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 29

**OAKHAM CONCERT SERIES** sponsored by the Friends of the Bandstand, Inc. starts today from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham Town Common, corner of Coldbrook Road and Maple Street, Oakham. The band today is Dan Gabel and the Abletones, "Little Big Band." On July 13, Quabbin Community Band will perform, on July 27, the Superchargers, on Aug 10 Holdin' Back Band and on Aug. 24, the Bad Tickers.

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## Unified track season concludes



Tyler Gregory goes for it on the long jump.



The Quabbin Unified Track team.

BARRE – Late last month, the Unified Track season came to a conclusion for Quabbin Regional High School athletes. The Panthers held a few meets, as well as having the distinction of hosting the

league meet for a second year in a row. The program has become very popular in the school.



Chad Plouffe throws the shot put.

## High school players take court for tournament

WORCESTER – The summer season has begun and the Quabbin area boys basketball team members were anxious to start the rebuilding process by heading to the Worcester United AAU Tournament at Assumption College.

Coach Tim Hay was at the helm with 12 players in the high school division taking on three AAU teams which is a challenge for any single high school-based team.

However, the focus and goal this summer season is betterment in all area of the game and that necessitates the further acquisition of an advanced individual skill set as the regeneration of the program continues.

If it was a challenge on the hardwood they were looking for they found it at the three game tournament.

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## Tough season for lacrosse co-op

MONSON – Monson boys lacrosse, which has had a co-op the last two seasons with Pathfinder Regional, had a rough end to the season as the Pioneers simply had a tough time stopping goals. The Pioneers played to a 2-15 record overall. Their final game was a nonplayoff win over Central High School, the source of their other win in the regular season on May 6.



Seth Mitchell breaks away from this defender.

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Kyle Beaudry passes to a teammate.



Osvaldo Nieves makes a great save at goal.

## Pioneers season ends in Division 5 state tournament



Jennifer Kinney swings at a pitch.

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PALMER – Pathfinder softball has been slowly making its way back into playoff contention, and this year qualified for the Division 5 state tournament. The Pioneers faced an Eastern Mass. school in the preliminary round, Minuteman High School. The Pioneers were defeated 14-1 on the road, and their season ends at 7-8.



Olivia Ward makes a catch in the outfield.



Greenly Lagimoniere looks to make contact.



Emma Chevalier pitches for the Pioneers.

## Pioneers gets another draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The last two Western Mass. Pioneers home matches have ended in draws. It's something that hasn't taken place at Lusitano Stadium since 2018.

Four days after playing a scoreless draw against Black Rock FC, the Pioneers had to settle for a 1-1 home tie versus the Boston Bolts, last Wednesday night.

"Another tie really doesn't help us very much," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We've been having trouble putting the ball into the net during the past couple of games."

At the beginning of the 2018 regular season, the Pioneers posted back-to-back 1-1 home draws against the Boston Bolts and the GPS Portland Phoenix.

The Pioneers also played a road tie against the Seacoast United Phantoms and a home tie against

the Westchester Flames in back-to-back matches at the end of the 2018 regular season.

The good news is the Pioneers haven't lost a regular season match at Lusitano Stadium since June 22, 2018, when they suffered a 2-1 setback to Black Rock FC.

The Western Mass. squad had a 3-0-3 overall record after their first six matches of this season. Their other tie came in the first meeting of the regular season with the Phantoms, which took place away from the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on May 25.

The Pioneers posted a 3-0 road victory over the Bolts in the season opener on May 16.

Western Mass. was trailing 1-0 at halftime of last Wednesday's home contest.

The Bolts (0-3-3) took a 1-0 lead following a header by Harry Sankey, which was assisted by Tanner Barry, during the 21st minute.

The home team, who played much better during the second half, had several very good chances to put the ball into the net past Bolts goalie Nikola Antich.

Alec Hughes, Jared Smith, Lucio Berron, and Khalid Rose had shots on goals for the home team.

Augustine Boadi, who's a first-year member of the Western Mass. Pioneers squad, finally got the job done during the 84th minute.

Boadi, who'll be entering his sophomore season as a member of the Boston College men's soccer team in the fall, received a pass from Hughes before firing a shot off the post into the right corner of the net for the game tying goal.

"It was the third goal that I've scored as a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers," said Boadi, who was born in Accra, Ghana. "I scored my first goal of the season in a home match against



Connor Hicks makes a throw-in.



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Lucio Berron dribbles up the field.



# Sports

## Rollins takes win in Late Model race

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Veteran wheelsman Geoff Rollins rocketed to victory Saturday at Monadnock Speedway, gobbling up the competition as he won the first round of the 2023 Teddy Bear Pools NHSTRA Late Model Triple Crown series at the storied high-banked speedplant.

The Bay State hot shoe was one of four drivers scoring his first win of the year Saturday on the high banks. Nate Wenzel, NHSTRA Modifieds, Louie Maher, Mini Stocks, and Michael Yeaton, Six Shooters, each earned his first victory lap of the summer, while Pure Stocker Chris Davis and Young Gun Adrian Smith both won for the second time.

Starting up front in the 50-lap main event after dominating his heat race, Rollins never looked back en route to running away with the \$1,000 top prize. Strongman Chris Buffone stayed with him the first ten laps but when Buffone suddenly dropped out on lap 11, it was all Rollins. Behind him, though, the competition was fierce for spots two through five.

With only one caution, on lap 47, slowing the rapid-fire event, gains were hard to come by as the sizzling field blasted through the fog. Kenny Thompson claimed the duce at Buffone's demise, but had Tim Wenzel glued to his bumper.

Matt Sonnhalter, charging from row four, took second on lap 35, but Wenzel stayed just inches behind. With three to go, Rollins lost his half-lap lead, while the two top contenders set up for a furious finish. Sonnhalter's last-lap backchute dive netted him second, with Wenzel, Thompson, and Hillary Renaud rounding out the potent top five.

Sophomore speedster Nate Wenzel led all the way in the NHSTRA Modified 40-lapper, keeping defending track champ Tyler Leary in his shadow to score his first victory of the summer. Brian Chapin edged Aaron Fellows for third, while JT Cloutier, spun on lap five, stormed back through the field to come home fifth.

The crowd held its breath in this one, as the red waved on lap five when Kimmy Rivet's open-wheeler took a wild ride in turn two, landing on top of the backstretch wall. Something



Geoff Rollins got a victory at Monadnock Speedway last Saturday evening. Submitted photo

appeared to have broken in Cole Littlewood's car, sending him into Rivet and then into the wall, but both drivers fortunately walked away from the carnage.

Louie Maher made the move of the night on lap three of the Mini Stock feature to take the lead from Skyler Shippee and then hold strong to score his first win of the season in the caution-free 25-lapper. Shippee finished at his bumper, with Kevin Clayton strong in third.

Chris Davis held second-generation pilot Nolan McClay in his shadow for all 25 laps to win his second Pure Stock feature in a row. Reigning Claremont champ Chris Chambers was third, taking the checkers just ahead of Kodi Sabins and CJ Johnson.

Week one winner Steve Miller and son Steve Jr. brought the Six Shooters to the green but, if this one was supposed to be a Marvelous Millers show, Michael Yeaton hadn't read the script. Yeaton took over on lap three and never looked back. Miller Jr. was strong in second, with Renegade Robert Shaw coming home third.

Markus O'Neil led the first eight laps of the Young Guns feature before giving way to event winner Adrian Smith. Owen Zilinski got up for second on lap 11 but couldn't reel in the speedy Smith, while O'Neil stayed strong to earn the third podium spot.

After a weekend off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, June 24, when it hosts the 50-lap Pure Stock Shoot Out. The NHSTRA

Modifieds, Pro 4 Modifieds, Mini Stocks, and Young Guns, along with the NELCAR Legends and Bandaleros, will all be in action too.

### Monadnock Speedway June 10 Unofficial Top Tens:

**TEDDY BEAR POOLS TRIPLE CROWN LATE MODEL 50:** Geoff Rollins, Matt Sonnhalter, Tim Wenzel, Rupert Thompson, Hillary Renaud, JD Stockwell, Erik Smith, Isabella Minchella, Gordon Farnum, Chris Castor.

**NHSTRA MODIFIED:** Nate Wenzel, Tyler Leary, Brian Chapin, Aaron Fellows, JT Cloutier, Cory Plummer, Joel Belanger, Eric Leclair, Adam LaPoint, Kevin Pittsinger.

**MINI STOCK:** Louie Maher, Skyler Shippee, Kevin Clayton, Cam Sontag, Erin Aiken, Jon Fultz, Chris Sontag, Robert Williams, Jake Puchalski, Pat Houle.

**PURE STOCK:** Chris Davis, Nolan McClay, Chris Chambers, Kodi Sabins, CJ Johnson, Colton Martin, Jimmy Zellman, Andrea St. Amour, Colton Hull, Ricky Melcher.

**SIX SHOOTER:** Mike Yeaton, Steve Miller Jr., Robert Shaw, Steve Miller Sr., Andrew Scott, Ethan Meyette, Mike Comtois, Zach Zilinski, Jacob Scott, Russell Mason.

**YOUNG GUN:** Adrian Smith, Owen Zilinski, Markus O'Neil, Madison Cousino, Addison Brooks, Cambri Hubbard, Kailyn Hubbard, Sofia Rego, Jordan Higbee.

## Blue Sox open regular season

HOLYOKE – The Blue Sox dropped their final game of their four game homestand, losing to the Martha's Vineyard Sharks by a score of 11-4 on Sunday afternoon. The Blue Sox tallied three hits on the day, and all their runs came in the third inning. The team fell to 2-3 on the season.

The Sharks scored 11 runs off of nine hits, with Clemson's Nathan Hall going 3-5 on the day with two triples. The Blue Sox allowed nine stolen bases and

seven advancements on wild pitches or passed balls, and will hope to limit the traffic as they head on the road for their next game.

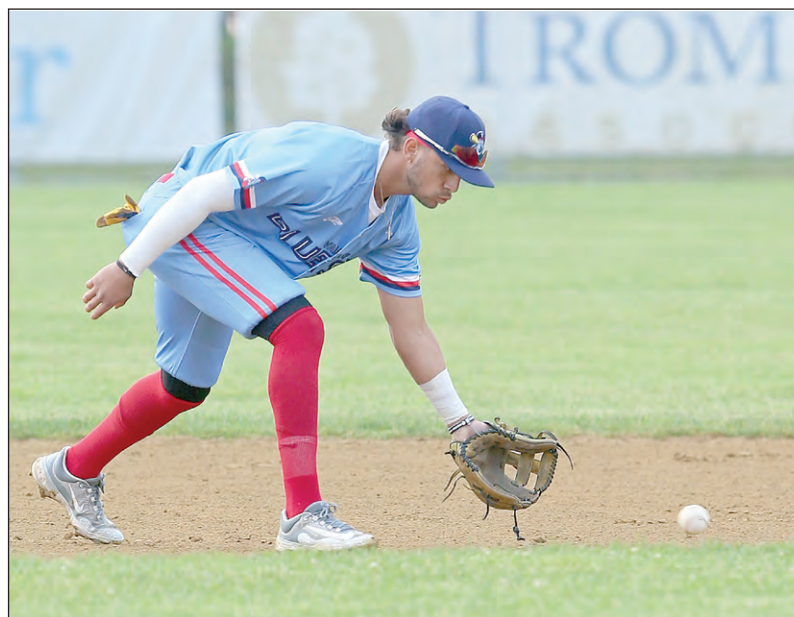
In one of the most peculiar innings of play so far this season, the Blue Sox were able to score four runs while not tallying a hit the entire inning. The runs all came from walks and hit batters, allowing four runners to score thanks to the Blue Sox excellent plate discipline. Martha's

Vineyard walked eight batters today and hit two.

Matt Bergevin was able to produce quality at-bats in each of his plate appearances today, going 1-3 with two walks. With strong plate discipline Bergevin worked three consecutive at-bats to a full count.

EJ Kreutzmann stayed hot at the plate, going 1-5 with an RBI.

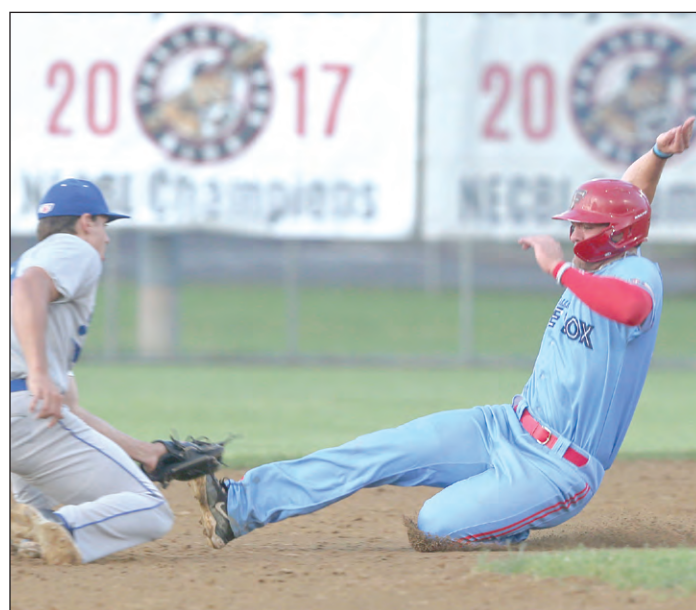
The Blue Sox opened the regular season on the road, then had four-games from Thursday to Sunday.



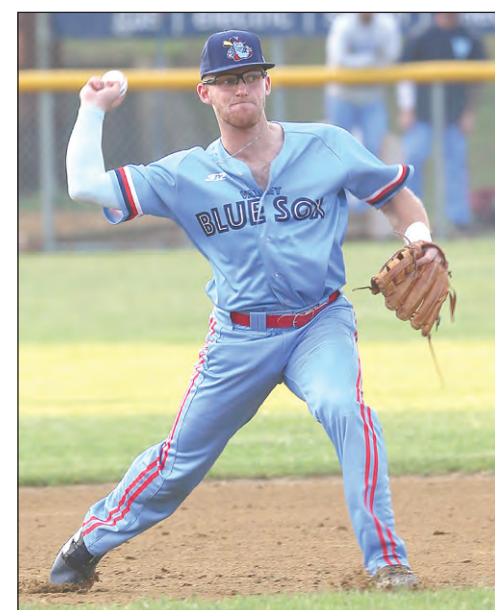
Matthew Garcia ranges to pick up the grounder. Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Nick Callano winds and fires.



Matthew Bergevin slides safely into second.



Miachel Zarrillo fires to first.

## Athletes invited to participate in sports clinics

LUDLOW – Lions Pride Sports Clinics are back. Young inspiring athletes have the opportunity to participate in one or all of our exciting clinics. The 2023 lineup consists of, Soccer session 1 from June 26 to 30, Soccer Session 2 from July 17 to 21.

Athlete Prep strength and conditioning program from June 27 to Aug. 10, Basketball from July 10 to 14, High School and Beach Volleyball June 20 to Aug. 15,

Volleyball Basics July to Aug. 16, and Wrestling July 10 to Aug. 16.

All clinics are held on the campus of Ludlow High School and are geared toward the development of fundamental skills.

For more information log on to lionspridesc.wix.com/lpsc or contact Tim Brillo TBrillo1723@gmail.com. Registration is now online at <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/lions-den-sports-clinics>

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## Registration open for 2023 Bay State Games

WOBBURN – Registration for the 41st annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2023 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from June 3 to July 29 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and New England Sports Center in Marlborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports.

From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us. Eight high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, archery, judo, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey. The 2023 Summer Games will feature Game On in Fitchburg as the host venue for 8 sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July. "We are excited to expand the roster of sports being held at Game On this year," said Kevin Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games.

"This state-of-the-art facility allows us to enhance the athlete and spectator experience and provide a true Olympic-style multi-sport atmosphere for our participants."

An additional feature in 2023 is that in over a dozen sports, athletes who win a gold, silver, or bronze medal at the 2023 Bay State Games will qualify to participate in the 2024 State Games of America in San Diego, California. The State Games of America feature more than 8,000 athletes from over 30 different state games programs nationwide. To see the list of qualifying sports, please visit [www.stategamesofamerica.com](http://www.stategamesofamerica.com).

In addition to sports programming, Bay State Games offer college scholarships, a sportsmanship initiative, college internship opportunities, and a High School Ambassador program.

For more information on all sports in the 2023 Summer Games, links to online registration, and information on other programs, go to [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org).

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future agenda. "We began our summer season at Assumption this past weekend by playing in a high school AAU tournament. Our roster was represented by all 3 levels with players from our Varsity, JV and even our Middle School team. Competition was tough, however it was a great experience for our guys to begin the summer session and start playing as one unit. Assumption has a top notch facility that was a great venue to kick things off," said Hay.

Defensively, the synergy is not there yet with strategy and tactics but the energy and effort was evident. Just needs to be applied successfully. It is only the beginning of the summer season and now the attention will turn to both the Auburn League and Game On League in Fitchburg.

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ment with Quabbinians absorbing three losses but going away with more savvy and experience.

Hay no doubt had the youngest team in pool and bracket play with a team comprised of six sophomores, two freshmen along with an eighth and sixth grader to compliment his only two seniors at last week's tournament.

Offense was a concern with the team dropping the first game 48-28. Rick Janoure led the team with

9 points followed by Quinn Geary with 8 and Kyle Clark with 7.

The second game saw the cagers place nine players in the scoring column but falling by a score of 53-36.

Quinn Geary led Quabbin in the third game in scoring with 6 points as 8 more teammates added to the offense as well but the Quabbinians fell 51-31.

Coach Hay was pleased that the younger players are looking to be aggressive towards generating offense but more skill work and definitely practice is on the



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# Education

## MWCC celebrates dental hygiene graduates in pinning ceremony



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Shown from left are front Emily Jacob, Sarah Direda, Amber Kear, Rosa Collazo, Jillian Achbady, Kate Besette and Svetlana Prive and back row, Ann Vaillancourt, Marlene Boucher-Ripley, Lais Dias, Eliana Mello, Chris Starbard, Shelby Ponusky and Alejandra McPherson.

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College held a pinning ceremony for the seven members of the Dental Hygiene Class of 2023 on May 12.

The pinning ceremony represents the passage from student to registered dental hygienist.

“Congratulations to each and every one of you, it takes enormous work to get to this point in

such a rigorous program,” MWCC President James Vander Hooven told graduates. “You have chosen a caring profession and you are going to be working with people who are in great need of your care, your help, and your empathy, and for that we all thank you.”

The Dental Hygiene Class of 2023 graduates are: Jillian Achbady of Watertown; Kathryn Besette of Erving; Marlene

Boucher-Ripley of Rutland; Rosa M. Collazo of Westminster; Lais Dias of Acton; Sarah Direda of Worcester; Emily Jacob of Leominster; Amber Kear of Rindge, New Hampshire; Eliana Mello of Princeton; Alejandra McPherson of Ayer; Shelby Ponusky of Amherst; Svetlana Prive of Dracut; Christopher Starbard of Gardner and Ann Vaillancourt of Winchendon.

## HCC trustees choose George Timmons as next president

HOLYOKE — Calling him “creative,” “innovative, and a “strong leader” who would be an “excellent ambassador for the college,” the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees today voted in favor of George Timmons as the next president of HCC.

Timmons, Ph.D., is now provost and senior vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at Columbia Greene Community College in Hudson, New York.

Robert Gilbert, chair of the HCC Board of Trustees, said Timmons is expected to start his term as HCC’s fifth president the last week of June, pending approval from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education on May 9.

“We’re excited to have voted Dr. George Timmons as the fifth president of Holyoke Community College,” Gilbert said. “We’re looking forward to his leadership, his work with the entire community, and his ability to lead this institution for the success of the students, faculty, and staff.”

During deliberations, trustees noted that the strength of all four finalists for president made the exercise of choosing difficult.

Besides Timmons, the other finalists were Noemí Custodia-Lora, vice president of the Lawrence Campus and Community Relations at Northern Essex Community College in Massachusetts; Tony D. Hawkins, former provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Frederick Community College in Maryland; and Arlene Rodríguez, provost and vice president of



**George Timmons**  
Academic and Student Affairs at Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts.

Each of the four finalists visited HCC earlier this month for a day and a half of tours, open forums, presentations, and interviews.

“I have struggled because each brings their own unique talents and skills,” said Trustee Vanessa Smith, “but the one who embodies the whole package for me is Dr. George Timmons.”

After initially failing to reach a majority, the board ultimately voted for Timmons by a margin of 6-2-2. A third, ceremonial vote was unanimous.

“We had four very diverse candidates,” Trustee Yolanda Johnson said, “but the candidate I could envision leading HCC is George Timmons. He is a leader who could build on what has already been accomplished under President Royal. He is well prepared to build on that foundation, and he has a story that could resonate with our black and brown students and move the needle on enrollment.”

Trustee Smith recalled something Timmons said during one of his interviews that really sealed her choice: If approved as the next HCC president, he said, “I will be in and of this community.”

In August, Royal, who’s been with HCC since January 2017, announced that she would retire after the 2022-2023 academic year. Her last day will be July 14. Her last three weeks will overlap with Timmons’ first three at HCC.

“I’m thrilled that the process was inclusive of all voices in our community,” she said, “and that our Board of Trustees really took the feedback and the perspectives of all our constituency groups – faculty, staff, students, community – into consideration while deliberating and now I’m excited to be able to start the transition and prepare Dr. Timmons for serving as the fifth president to help set him up for success as he leads HCC into the future.”

Timmons, 61, holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio; a master’s degree in higher education from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia and a bachelor’s degree in financial management from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia.

He has held his position as provost and senior vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at Columbia-Greene Community College since 2019. Before that, he worked at Excelsior College in Albany, New York, where he held a number of administrative positions culminating with dean of the School of Liberal Arts.

## Jamie Quinn participates in learning symposium

NEWTON – Jamie Quinn of Rutland participated in the institution’s annual Connected Learning Symposium in April.

Each presentation demonstrates a particular set of core career competencies listed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers as being in high demand in the workforce.

Quinn was featured in “Fresh Thoughts,” a yearly publication of top student essays from Lasell’s introductory writing course selected by a panel of faculty judges.

## Gardner VFW donates to Student Veteran Scholarship

GARDNER – The Ovila Case Post 905 Veterans of Foreign Wars in Gardner donated \$1,000 this week to the Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation’s Veterans Memorial Scholarship.

MWCC President James Vander Hooven, Foundation Executive Director Carla Zottoli, and Director of Veteran Services Bob Mayer accepted the generous donation from past Post Commander and MWCC alumnus Donald Progen and past Post Commander Joe LeBlanc.

The scholarship was established in 2004 to recognize the important role played by MWCC in ensuring that the sacrifices and service of veterans who served the country will not be forgotten. The Ovila Case Post 905 Veterans of Foreign Wars has supported the scholarship since that time. Scholarship funds are awarded to new or returning full-time students who were honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces or are currently serving in the Reserves or National Guard.

## MWCC hosts ‘On the Spot’ acceptance events in Gardner

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College will host three Enrollment Express events featuring on-the-spot acceptance to most non-selective programs on Tuesday, June 20 between 3-7 p.m. at the Leominster campus, and at the Gardner campus on Tuesday, June 27 between 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 19 between 8 a.m.-noon.

Prospective students will have the opportunity to speak with academic advisors, explore academic

programs and bachelor’s degree transfer options, learn about financial aid, receive assistance filing for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and receive information about the college’s wide range of student support services.

Registration is recommended and can be made online by visiting [mwcc.edu/enrollment-express](http://mwcc.edu/enrollment-express), calling the admissions office at 978-630-9447 or emailing [admissions@mwcc.edu](mailto:admissions@mwcc.edu). Students are

encouraged attend early to be sure to complete the most enrollment steps in one visit.

MWCC offers more than 70 associate degree and academic certificate programs, as well as dual enrollment programs for teenagers, transfer agreements with public and private colleges and universities, workforce development training, adult basic education and preparation for the GED/HiSET high school equivalency exam.

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Pathfinder. The second one came at Boston City, which was a 10-1 win. Another tie wasn’t the result that we really wanted in tonight’s match, but it’s one of those games we need to learn from.”

Boadi also does a very good job in the classroom at Boston College. He was recently selected to the ACC All-Academic Team.

Prior to playing soccer for Boston College, Boadi attended Northfield Mount Hermon where he was named as the Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior.

Frankie D’Agostino, who’s a former Pioneers player and is currently the associate head coach of the B.C. men’s soccer team, recommended Boadi to Molinari.

“Frankie played a key role in getting me to play for the Pioneers this year,” Boadi said. “Vermont and the Bolts also wanted me for them. Frankie told me about this team and stadium, so I decided to come here. It has been a lot of fun so far. This is a very special place and I’m hoping to come back here next year.”

D’Agostino, who grew up in Longmeadow, had the chance to watch Boadi play a soccer match at Lusitano Stadium for the first time last Wednesday night.

It looked like the Pioneers would take a 2-1 lead with a stoppage time goal, but the referee never called it



Augustine Boadi dribbles toward the goal.

“From my point of view, I thought the shot by Andrew Serafino did go into the net,” Boadi said. “It was either a goal or we should’ve been given a penalty kick because of a hand ball.”

Molinari gave his thoughts about the no goal call.

“All of the players told me it was a goal,” he said. “If it was a goal, it’s disappointing that the referee didn’t allow it, but there isn’t anything we can do about it now. We now must win the rest of our games if we want the chance to make the playoffs.”

Nicholas Oberrauch, who’s the Pioneers captain, didn’t play in the Pioneers home match against the Bolts because of an injury.

After playing a couple of road matches, the Pioneers will be returning home to battle rival Seacoast United at 7 p.m. on June 23.

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# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICES

**Castriotta, Raymond J.**  
Died June 2, 2023  
Funeral June 24, 2023

**Dymon, Joseph Michael**  
Died May 23, 2023  
Celebration of Life June 25

**O'Neil III, George J.**  
Died June 4, 2023  
Funeral June 22, 2023

### Raymond J. Castriotta, 94

BARRE – Raymond J. Castriotta, 94, of Barre, passed away on June 2, 2023 at Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner, from complications due to Covid-19.

Ray was born in Leominster, on May 5, 1929, the eldest son of Luciano G. and Evelyn M. (Faubert) Castriotta. He had five younger sisters who all looked up to him with deep admiration and love; Lucille, Phyllis, Sandra, Ann, and Janice.

After graduating from Leominster High School, Ray attended Clark University in Worcester and majored in Economics and was in Lambda Chi Alpha, known as the "Fraternity of Honest Friendship." Upon graduating Clark in the spring of 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After completion of basic and advanced training, Ray enrolled in Officer Candidate School, rising to the rank of Captain and becoming an army tank commander. While home on military leave, Ray met the love of his life, Gloria Bouley, on a St. Patrick's Day blind date.

After time spent in the service, Ray returned to Worcester to pursue his master's degree in Education at Clark University. Ray and Gloria were married on June 30, 1957, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in North Oxford. This amazing couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last summer.

Ray started his teaching career in Gardner, then had a brief stint in the corporate world working at State Mutual Life Insurance in Worcester, before he began teaching in Barre. He taught at the old Barre Center School, a stone's throw from his home on Mechanic Street. Often times on recess duty, he would peer down on his own yard and watch his own young children playing. When the new Quabbin Regional High School opened its doors in 1967, he was amongst the inaugural staff hired. Ray retired in 1989, he was last of the original teachers hired when the school opened.

While at Quabbin, "Mr. Castriotta" was a member of a very strong and highly regarded History Department. A passionate and well respected teacher, he primarily taught grades 8 and 11.

A wealth of knowledge, Mr. Castriotta would often create his own curriculum, creating courses such as; Famous Women in U.S. History and Native American History. While a teacher at both the old Barre Center School and Quabbin Regional, Ray coached basketball and baseball. He was also an influential member of Quabbin Regional Teachers Association, working on many contract negotiations, helping to ensure that teachers in the district received fair and deserving contracts.

Ray was also very active in the Barre community. When first coming to Barre in the early 1960's, he spent many hours mentoring youth at the old Barre Boys Club in South Barre, as well as being very active in the local Boy Scouts.

During this time period he also taught CCD at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In his later years, Ray was an elected member of the Barre Finance Committee as well as a dedicated poll worker during elections. The latter he took very seriously, for the ideals of Democracy were very close to his heart. Ray also delivered "meals on wheels" to seniors.

While teaching and hard work meant a lot to Ray, nothing meant more to him than family. He loved his wife, Gloria, dearly and was the proud father of seven children: Marianne, Michael, Maureen, Marilyn, Matthew, Mark and Marty... "the 7 M's."

As a father, he sacrificed a tremendous amount of his time to ensure that his large family was provided for. He would often work evenings and Saturdays during the school year, as well as working the nightshift at a plastics factory in Shrewsbury during his summer break. Because knowledge and education were so important to Ray, his hard work and dedication made it possible for his seven children to attend the colleges and universities they desired.

In his retirement years, Ray enjoyed spending time with his fourteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He was often described by many as a "quiet"



man and he lived by the mantra of one of his favorite sayings, "Keep it Simple." Ray was a voracious reader and was proud of his large library. He was passionate about history and had a keen memory for historic dates and events.

In his younger years, in particular, he loved the outdoors and liked to hunt and fish with his father and grandfather. Spending a week's vacation on Cape Cod every summer with his family was perhaps the highlight of his year. Ray also had a soft spot in his heart for animals, including his beloved beagle "Butch" and especially cats, of which he had many over the years, including his current cat, Ellie.

Ray was beloved by a large extended family, which included many aunts, uncles, cousins, brother-in-laws, nieces, and nephews. Ray is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Gloria. He is also survived by his daughter, Marianne Sinopoli and husband John; his son, Michael; his daughter, Maureen Buonpane and husband Paul; his daughter, Marilyn; his son, Matthew and wife Wendy; his son, Mark and wife Janet, and his son, Marty and wife Ellen. He was a beloved grandfather, "Gramps," to Niki (and her husband, Corey), Gianna, Maegan, Kaitlyn, Paul, Josh, Amy, Caroline, Ryan, Shea, Abbie, Kourtney, Danny and Jules. He also has sweetheart great-granddaughter, Nora.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Friday, June 23, 2023 from 4-6 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road in Barre. The funeral will be held on Saturday June 24, 2023 with a Mass at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church, 809 Main St. in Lancaster.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ray's memory to one of the following: the Barre Emergency and Rescue Squad, 40 West St., P.O. Box 201, Barre, MA 01005 or the Barre Historical Society, 18 Common St., Barre, MA 01005. At a future date, the Castriotta family will be establishing a scholarship in Ray's memory through the Quabbin Regional School District. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

### Joseph Michael "Mike" Dymon, 84

AMERST – Joseph Michael Dymon "Mike," age 84, of Amherst, passed away peacefully at home on May 23, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Ware on March 1, 1939 to the late Andrew and Ruth (Holm) Dymon.

Mike attended Barre High School where he excelled in both basketball and baseball and received Most Valuable Player in 1955/1956. After high school, he went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University in 1961 and continued his schooling with a Master in Education. While in college, he continued to play in various baseball leagues.

In 1962 he started his career path, working at East Corinth Academy in Maine, where he taught Science and Physical Education. In 1963-1967 he became the Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director for Wilmington High School in Vermont, where he became a baseball and basketball coach, his baseball team won the first state championship, the only one ever won by the school.

He went on to teach at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre. He was not only responsible for the Physical Education Department, but became also involved with the coaching of Varsity Basketball and Baseball, leading his teams to many championships throughout the years, including a State Championship. He started the first Project Adventure Program sparking many students' interests in the outdoors. He taught determination, grit, and hard work and mentored many young men to play their hardest, even having two players

drafted by the Major Leagues.

Throughout his career, he had coached numerous student-athletes; baseball, boys', and girls' basketball, cross-country, and soccer teams. He had received many awards and honors, including Resolutions by the Town of Barre, the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and the Massachusetts State Senate congratulating the Quabbin Regional High School Baseball team and Coach Dymon for winning the State Championship. He received Coach of the Year (Wachusett League) in 1987 and was inducted into the Mass. Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1988, he received the achievement award for 300 Quabbin Varsity Baseball Victories, and the 300 Victory Club by the Mass. Baseball Coaches Association. In 2006, he was inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the Mass. Baseball Coaches Executive Committee, Clinician at Mass. Baseball Coaches annual clinic, Central Mass. Board of Baseball Umpires, United States Soccer Federation, Western, and Central Mass. Board of Soccer Officials, and past President in 1972 of the Central Mass. Board of Soccer Officials.

Mike's unwavering passion for athletics and the great outdoors was infectious, and his daughter was captivated at an early age, together they explored the vast mountains and serene trails forging a bond that transcended the ordinary. With



each adventure, he nurtured her sense of wonder and instilled in her an appreciation for the beauty and power of nature. He embraced the lessons imparted by sports, perseverance, teamwork, and a competitive spirit, he encouraged her athletic pursuits by coaching her, cheering her on from the sidelines, and celebrating her victories. His unwavering support and belief in her abilities fueled her passion for sports and provided the foundation for her drive and determination in all pursuits.

After his retirement, he and his wife Ute of 54 years spent their days enjoying traveling the world, exploring new places and learning about different cultures. Keeping active hiking and bicycling all over Western Massachusetts and beyond. He was an avid Red Sox fan even rooting for them until his passing. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Mike is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ute J. Dymon of Amherst, his loving and devoted daughter, Rachel Dymon and her husband, Roger Morin, his two grandchildren, whom he adored, Ryder and Rayne Morin Dymon, all of Easthampton. Mike was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Dymon.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday June 25, 2023 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Quabbin Regional High School, Attn. Press Box Donations, 872 South St., Barre, MA 01005.

### George J. O'Neil III, 60

BARRE- George J. O'Neil III, 60, of Barre, died Sunday, June 4, 2023 at UMass Memorial Hospital University Campus with his wife and children by his side.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Christina (Walker) O'Neil of Barre; son, George J. O'Neil IV of Barre and daughter, Riley E. O'Neil of West Hempstead, New York; brother, John O'Neil and wife Gina of Farragut, Tennessee; sister, Cheryl Buckley and husband Troy of Evington, Virginia; brother in law Tony McGill of Maryville, Tennessee; aunt Barbara (Stefano) O'Neil of Hubbard, Ohio; many cousins; nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister, Allyson (O'Neil)

McGill; father, George J. O'Neil Jr.; mother Carol (Stefano) O'Neil and step-mother, Nellie Joan (Schutte) O'Neil.

George was born in Youngstown, Ohio and graduated from Hubbard High School. He was very athletic, playing several sports throughout the year. George retired from the U.S. Navy after 23 years of service. He turned a beekeeping hobby into a thriving business, founding Autumn Morning Farm Beekeeping supplies. He was very knowledgeable and would spend hours talking with fellow beekeepers and customers answering ques-



tions. George was an outgoing, kind and generous person. He cared deeply for his family and friends.

Friends and family are invited to attend the funeral for George on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. A calling hour will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. prior to the service.

Burial will be private for the family in Glen Valley Cemetery. All are invited to join the family in a celebration of life at the American Legion Post 2 in Barre following the service.

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## Second Chance Animal Services seeks for fosters for "Rare Gems"

EAST BROOKFIELD – Have you ever wanted to help a shelter dog, but you aren't ready to take on the lifelong commitment? Second Chance Animal Services is looking for fosters to join their "Rare Gems" foster crew.

This can be a great way to make a huge difference in the life of a shelter pet by fostering for a short time at no cost.

A "Rare Gem" is a dog, who has been at the shelter for longer than usual due to specific needs. They are diamonds in the rough who need just a bit of time, patience, and polishing.

Living in a shelter can be a stressful experience for dogs, no matter how wonderful the shelter. Space and activity are limited compared to a home, and they are exposed to all the activity and noise of their neighbors. For older dogs or dogs who are stressed by the presence of other animals, this can be even more challenging.

Many wonder whether it would be more stressful for a dog to go into a foster home, only to be brought back. The opposite is true. Research has shown that cortisol levels (stress hormones) drop when shelter dogs spend as little as 24 hours outside the shelter. When the dogs returned to the shelter their cortisol levels increased but are still below their baseline levels. Some dogs were also reported to have improved behavior and more relaxed demeanor upon returning to the shelter.

In a home environment shelter

dogs can decompress and get more sleep and individualized attention. Another huge benefit is the opportunity to learn more about the dog. This information makes it easier to find the right permanent placement. This is especially important for dogs who already may have barriers to getting adopted, such as being a senior dog, a shy dog, or needing to be the only pet. A foster family can also help the dog learn house manners and improve their social skills if needed.

Pecan is one dog who would really benefit from some time in a foster home. She can be a nervous girl but attaches to her caretaker and then settles down. Pecan is a high-energy dog who has learned some skills and would love someone to keep working with her. Socialization is so good for her, and lots of exercise would help tire her out. She would like a dog friend, but kids might make her nervous. She is a super smart girl and might like to be an agility dog. A foster situation would give staff the information they need to help find her a forever family.

Second Chance is also looking for a foster home for the aptly named rare gem RUBY! Ruby is 9.5-year-old English setter/bulldog mix. Her ideal weight would be around 50 pounds, but she is currently underweight and receiving care to reach a healthy weight. Ruby needs a foster home with no other pets or children in the home. Her ideal home would also include a comfy dog bed (or couch!) to

snooze on, and a fenced yard to stretch her legs in because she still gets zoomies. Most of all...a gentle patient foster parent who gives Ruby space to be herself.

The nonprofit also needs a foster for 8-year-old Houston. He's mostly likely a Lab/boxer/terrier mix and weighs about 70 pounds. Houston knows several commands and appears to be housebroken. His foster should have experience with large dogs and have no other pets or children in the home. Houston loves to chase toys and carry them around and hopes for a comfy dog bed for naps and a fenced yard for exercise.

Being a Rare Gems foster can be a great opportunity for students taking dog behavior classes to learn and practice what they are learning. Rare Gems fosters should live within 45 minutes of one of the Second Chance vet hospitals so they can easily receive continued veterinary care. Anyone interested in becoming a Rare Gems foster should email [raregemsfoster@secondchanceanimals.org](mailto:raregemsfoster@secondchanceanimals.org) for more information.

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need. Today Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all.



# Church News

## Local pastor offers sermon

### Father's Day

I feel moved to pay tribute to our heavenly Father as Father's Day 2023 approaches. I would ask that you reflect upon the following aspects of His divine fatherhood, being moved to worship and a faith-filled obedience in kind. Note the following:

1) The Presence of God  
Scripture portrays our Father as an abiding and ever-present God (i.e., particularly in the midst of difficulty):

Psalm 23 (NKJV)  
1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
3 He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.  
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
For You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

2) The Protection of God  
Moreover, Scripture portrays the Father as our safeguard and protector:

Psalm 91 (NIV)  
1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

3) The Provision of God  
Finally, Scripture posits God as our provider:

Luke 12:22-23  
22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you

will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? 27 Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

Let us both recognize and revel in the presence, protection and provision of our heavenly Father this Father's Day! Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below.

Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come. Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) for more information.

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## Baystate doctor gives tips for beating the sun this summer

SPRINGFIELD - Dr. Richard Arenas, chief, surgical oncology, Baystate Regional Cancer Program has some tips to help prevent melanoma this summer. Which 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70. More than 2 people die of skin cancer in the U.S. every hour. Having 5 or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma, the third most common skin cancer which causes the most deaths.

Dr. Arenas and the National Cancer Institute recommend these tips to protect your skin from sunlight, which can be reflected by sand, water, snow, ice and pavement:

Wear a hat with a wide brim all around that shades your face, neck, and ears. Baseball caps and some sun visors protect only parts of your skin.

Wear sunglasses that block UV radiation to protect the skin around your eyes.

Wear long sleeves and long pants. Tightly woven, dark fabrics are best. Some fabrics are rated with an ultraviolet protection factor. The higher the rating,

the greater the protection from sunlight.

Use sunscreen products with a sun protection factor of at least 15. (Some doctors suggest using a product with an SPF of at least 30.) Apply the product's recommended amount to uncovered skin 30 minutes before going outside and apply again every two hours or after swimming or sweating.

Dr. Arenas and The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend the following tips for infants and children:

Babies under 6 months of age should be kept out of direct sunlight. Move your baby to the shade under a tree, umbrella, or stroller canopy. Dress babies in lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs and use brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. If adequate clothing and shade are not available, it is okay to apply a small amount of sunscreen on infants under 6 months, such as on the face and the back of the hands. Remember, it takes 30 minutes to be effective. If an infant gets sunburned, apply cool compress-

es to the affected area.

Kids should also cover up with clothes made of tightly woven fabrics. Cotton clothing is both cool and protective. Also, kids should wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses with ultraviolet protection. Stay in the shade whenever possible and avoid peak intensity hours between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Apply sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater to areas of your child's skin that aren't covered by clothing. Before applying, test the sunscreen on your child's back for an allergic reaction. Apply carefully around the eyes, avoiding eyelids. If a rash develops, talk with your pediatrician. Be sure to apply enough sunscreen -- about one ounce per sitting for a young adult. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating. If your child gets a sunburn that results in blistering, pain or fever, contact your pediatrician.

For more information on the Baystate Regional Cancer Program, visit [baystatehealth.org/brcp](http://baystatehealth.org/brcp).

## Second Chance launches pilot program for domestic violence survivors and their pets

EAST BROOKFIELD- Second Chance Animal Services, a leading animal welfare organization, is proud to announce the launch of Project Keep Me, a groundbreaking pilot program aimed at addressing the critical need for companion pet shelter resources for survivors of domestic violence.

This program will provide temporary housing for the beloved pets of domestic violence survivors, enabling pet owners to seek safe housing arrangements while ensuring the well-being of their animal companions.

The unfortunate reality in our area is that emergency housing resources for survivors of domestic violence often cannot accommodate their companion animal. As a result, many victims find themselves trapped in dangerous living situations, afraid to leave their pets behind. Recognizing

this pressing issue, Second Chance has developed Project Keep Me as a compassionate solution to help break this cycle of fear and abuse.

Second Chance's Project Keep Me will offer temporary boarding and care, lasting up to 90 days, for pets whose owners are seeking support from domestic violence assistance programs. Upon successful transition to safe, permanent housing, survivors will be reunited with their pets. The presence of a beloved animal companion has been proven to enhance healing and recovery for individuals who have experienced trauma.

Sheryl Blancato, Second Chance CEO and founder, notes that the program has some limitations. "We can't take in aggressive animals, and we have limited space at this time, but we are committed to helping as many as we can. We have already assist-

ed several pet owners, but we are seeking additional funding so we can help more as the need arises."

Second Chance Animal Services invites the community, businesses, and philanthropic partners to support Project Keep Me through donations. "Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the lives of domestic violence survivors and their pets, providing hope and safety when it is needed most."

For more information about Project Keep Me and how you can help, please visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org/project-keep-me](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/project-keep-me).

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or abuse, there is help. Call SafeLink, a 24/7 Crisis Hotline at (877) 785-2020, (877) 521-2601 (TTY) or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 24/7 Crisis Hotline: (800) 799-7233.

## Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church holds bicentennial

PETERSHAM - The Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church is hosting several events this year to celebrate their bicentennial. The re-enactment event, "Living History: The Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church & Friends, Past and Present," will take place on Saturday, June 24 from 2-3 p.m., with a reception from 3-4:30 p.m., as the next event in their celebration.

The current minister, Pastor Geoffrey Smith, will portray Reverend Aaron Whitney, the first ordained minister of Petersham, in 1738. Re-enactors will trace the church's history, through the early 1800s, as the changes evolved over time that culminated in the separation between the Unitarian and orthodox factions of the church. The signing of the Orthodox Congregational Church's Covenant on June 25, 1823, caused the creation of the Orthodox church, 200 years ago. Current members will also recount historical and personal recollections of more recent church history.

Several of the role players are direct descendants of the people they portray. Frederick Day of Petersham, is a descendant of the Reverend Luther Willson, the Unitarian minister at the time of the separation. Jean Robinson and Bob Hall, who are cousins, will portray their ancestors, Deacon William and Catherine Willard. The re-enactment will focus on the emotions and reactions of the different church members as they experienced the changes within



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**Pastor Geoffrey Smith, the current minister of the Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church, will portray Reverend Aaron Whitney, the first ordained minister for the re-enactment event on Saturday, June 24 from 2-3 p.m. with a reception from 3-4:30 p.m.**

their church community.

The program will be held under the History Tent on the North Common. The reception will be at the Petersham Memorial Library, with refreshments and music. If

rain, all events will take place in the Town Hall. This event is free and open to all. People may visit the church's Facebook page for other upcoming Bicentennial events.

## Petersham church to hold stuffed chicken dinner June 17

PETERSHAM - The Orthodox Congregational Church of Petersham, 21 North Main St., will hold its annual stuffed chicken dinner as a to-go meal on Saturday, June 17 with pick-up starting at 5:30 p.m.

The menu includes stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, salad, a vegetable and a dessert. Cost is \$15 per meal and proceeds will help repair the church bell. Reservations required are required by calling 978-724-3362.

## Jubilee Ministries host diaper drive Saturday

WARE - The United Way and Trinity Episcopal Church, Jubilee Ministries Diaper Mission will be outside Walmart this coming Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m.-noon to collect diapers, pull-ups, wipes and monetary donations.

These donations will be used to assist in the effort of supplying materials to the local surrounding

communities in order to meet their diapering needs. The greatest need is for larger sizes; size 4 and up diapers and 4-ST and up pull-ups.

All donations benefit 15 agencies serving families across Franklin County, Hampshire County and the North Quabbin region. To donate online, people may visit [uw-fh.org/diaper-drive](http://uw-fh.org/diaper-drive).

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## MEMA offers hurricane preparedness information

FRAMINGHAM - In conjunction with the beginning of Atlantic Hurricane Season the beginning of this month, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency announced a series of online resources for the Commonwealth's residents to deepen their awareness of and prepare for the impacts of tropical storms and hurricanes.

"History shows that regardless of where you are in Massachusetts, on the coast or inland, a tropical storm or hurricane can have significant impacts on your area," said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. "Ensuring Massachusetts communities are prepared for hurricane season requires immense collaboration among emergency management partners at the state and local levels, as well as participation from all residents to prioritize personal preparedness," she said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration seasonal outlook predicts near-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic this year, but it only

takes one storm to cause significant impacts.

The beginning of hurricane season is a timely reminder for all residents to prepare for the effects of a hurricane. MEMA offers the following tips.

**Know the evacuation zone**  
They should visit [www.mass.gov/knowyourzone](http://www.mass.gov/knowyourzone) to learn if they live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone. If they live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors and friends who may be able to assist and contact their local public safety officials to make them aware of their needs.

**Make an emergency plan**  
A plan should address how their family would communicate, evacuate and shelter in place if needed. Be sure to account for the needs of all family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and functional needs and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services,

work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

**Build an emergency kit**  
Build an emergency kit that will sustain the household for three to five days without power. For tips on what to include, people should visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>

**Stay informed**  
Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. They should visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency> to learn more about different types of alerting and information tools, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, Mass 2-1-1 and local notification systems.

For more resources, people may visit the Hurricane Safety Tips section of MEMA's website at <https://www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes>.

## BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, May 28**  
 10:23 a.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Walnut Hill Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:47 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Summer Street, Unfounded  
 12:19 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Mechanics Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
 5:49 p.m. Rib and Hip Pain, Ruggles Lane, No Fire Service Necessary  
 8:30 Gunshots, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Vehicle Towed

**Monday, May 29**  
 6:38 p.m. Neighborhood Dispute, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:24 p.m. Neurological Head Injury, Varney Lane, Mutual Aid Transport

**Tuesday, May 30**  
 9:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, South Barre Road, Report Filed  
 11:14 a.m. Serve Warrant, Summer Street, Removed to Court  
 Arrest: Bourgeois, Ryan S., 29, Webster  
 Charges: Warrant

**Wednesday, May 31**  
 1:31 Burglary/Vehicle, Wheelwright

Road, Investigation (On-Going)  
 5:20 a.m. Complaint, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, School North Street, Report Filed

**Thursday, June 1**  
 6:39 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:56 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Varney Lane, Information Given  
 5:19 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Information Taken  
 5:26 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Common, Negative Contact  
 9:23 p.m. Stroke (CVA), Wauwinet Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:21 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Services Rendered

**Friday, June 2**  
 6:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest: Krauss, Eric J., 40, Barre  
 Charges: Influence Under the Influence, Drugs, Licenses Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 9:17 a.m. Animal Wildlife, West Street, Officer Advised  
 9:26 a.m. Erratic Operator,

Worcester Road, Officer Advised  
 5:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact  
 7:31 p.m. Stroke (CVA), Coldbrook Campground, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, June 3**  
 5:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
 6:36 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Sunrise Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 7:09 p.m. Arrest, Mechanic Street, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Cassano, Katherine Lynn, 36, Barre  
 Charges: Warrant  
 10:28 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, June 4**  
 4:02 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Report Filed

**SOUTH BARRE**

**Sunday, May 28**  
 7:09 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Quinn Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 Friday, June 2  
 1:43 p.m. Notification, Grove South Street, Officer Advised

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 5-12, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 53 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, six traffic controls, 10 emergency 911 calls, 10 radar assignments, three citizen assists, six assist other agencies, one fraud, two property damages, one investigation, three motor vehicle investigations, two animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, June 5**  
 11:41 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Broad Street, Spoken To

**Tuesday, June 6**  
 2:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 6:23 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Report Taken  
 9:59 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown, Services Rendered  
 12:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Gaudet Road, Voice Message Left  
 1:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

**Wednesday, June 7**  
 7:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Street, Services Rendered  
 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated  
 1:25 p.m. Fraud, Czesky Road, Report Taken  
 3:14 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Off Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:17 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Broad Street, Officer Handled  
 8:36 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Bridge Street, Spoken To

**Thursday, June 8**  
 7:15 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Street, Services Rendered  
 4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated  
 4:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Turkey Street, Merge  
 4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
 5:19 p.m. Property Damage, Barre Road, Report Taken

**Friday, June 9**  
 5:28 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

7:56 a.m. Property Damage, Joslyn Road, Removed Hazard  
 5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 7:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, June 10**  
 9:16 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Lower Road, Unknown Outcome  
 4:10 p.m. Medical Emergency, North Road, Services Rendered  
 6:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To

**Sunday, June 11**  
 3:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Church Street, Dispatch Handled  
 7:37 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, June 12**  
 4:56 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Main Street, Services Rendered  
 7:12 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Turkey Street, Officer Handled

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, May 28**  
 2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed  
 10:18 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Coldbrook Road, Entry Gained

**Tuesday, May 30**  
 10 a.m. Assist Other Police Department Barre, Services Rendered  
 12:27 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, May 31**  
 8:03 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed  
 12:47 p.m. Seizures, Deacon Allen Drive, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, June 1**  
 8:21 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered  
 9:25 a.m. Stroke (CVA), Sanders Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Vehicle Removed

**Friday, June 2**  
 12:07 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Road, Officer Advised  
 8:21 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered

**Saturday, June 3**  
 10:12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Robinson Road, Negative Contact  
 10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, South Road, Vehicle Towed

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of June 5-12, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 11 building/property checks, 37 directed/area patrols, four traffic controls, three radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, one burglary (breaking and entering), three citizen assists, one assist other agency, two motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle investigation and four animal calls in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, June 5**  
 8:07 a.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Oakham Road, Report Taken

**Wednesday, June 7**  
 11:45 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Served in Hand  
 10:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed

**Thursday, June 8**  
 1:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Utley Road, Negative Contact  
 9:11 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

**Friday, June 9**  
 7:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Skivira Lane, Vehicle Towed  
 10:40 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

Drive, Officer Handled  
 1:18 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Worcester Road, Dispatch Handled

**Sunday, June 11**  
 9:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Cemetery Road, Services Rendered  
 10:49 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Barr Road, Services Rendered  
 9:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Cemetery Road, Services Rendered  
 10:49 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Barr Road, Services Rendered

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, May 28**  
 11:54 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, May 29**  
 9:56 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered  
 3:35 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Laurel Street, Information Given  
 6:53 p.m. Brush and Wildland Fires, Mayo Road, Fire Extinguished  
 7:29 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Morgan Road, Information Taken  
 8:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, May 30**  
 9:12 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered  
 7:56 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, High Bridge Road, Property Returned

**Wednesday, May 31**  
 12:35 a.m. Trauma, Healdville Road, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, June 1**  
 3:30 a.m. Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
 1:40 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

**Friday, June 2**  
 12:19 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Winchendon, Negative Contact  
 2:02 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Ragged Hill Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:30 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered

**Saturday, June 3**  
 5:20 Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Worcester Road, Investigated

## Red Cross seeks blood donations

MEDFORD, –A concerning shortfall in blood donations last month could stress the American Red Cross blood supply.

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from noon-7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, June 27 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, June 28 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, June 29 from 11:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday, June 30 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

# Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**The Trial Court**  
 Worcester Probate and Family Court  
 225 Main Street  
 Worcester, MA 01608  
 (508)831-2200  
 Docket No. WO23P1976EA  
 Estate of:  
 Roberta J Cioci  
 Also known as:  
 Roberta Josephine Cioci  
 Date of Death: 02/28/2022  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
 To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Rita J McCarty of Hyde Park, VT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
 The Petitioner requests that: Rita J McCarty of Hyde Park, VT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 You have the right

to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/11/2023.  
 This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
 A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration

directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: June 07, 2023  
 Stephanie K. Fattman  
 Register of Probate  
 06/15/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**The Trial Court**  
 Probate and Family Court  
 Worcester Probate and Family Court  
 225 Main Street  
 Worcester MA, 01608  
 Docket No. WO23P1954GD  
 In the matter of:  
 John Bernard Hughes Jr.  
 Of: Oakham, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
 Alleged Incapacitated Person  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**  
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Margaret P. Dame of Oakham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.  
 The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-

sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
 You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/11/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: June 06, 2023  
 Stephanie K. Fattman  
 Register of Probate  
 06/15/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**The Trial Court**  
 Probate and Family Court  
 Worcester Probate and

**Family Court**  
 225 Main Street  
 Worcester MA, 01608  
 Docket No. WO23P1955PM  
 In the matter of:  
 John Bernard Hughes Jr.  
 Of: Oakham, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
 (Person to be Protected/Minor)  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-40**  
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Margaret P. Dame of Oakham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that John Bernard Hughes Jr. is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Margaret Dame of Oakham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.  
 The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
 You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/11/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this mat-

ter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: June 06, 2023  
 Stephanie K. Fattman  
 Register of Probate  
 06/15/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**The Trial Court**  
 Probate and Family Court  
 Worcester Division  
 Docket No. WO23P2047EA  
 Estate of:  
 John A. Mason  
 Date of Death: 4/17/06  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Barbara Mason Bross of Las Vegas, NV.  
 Barbara Mason Bross of Las Vegas, NV has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
 The estate is being administered under infor-

mal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
 06/15/2023

**TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE SEALED BID REQUEST**  
 The Town of New Braintree Select Board requests sealed bids for materials for **State Aid Road Construction work and general town maintenance work for FY24 to be submitted by June 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** Please call 508-867-2451 or 508-867-2071 ext. 100 for details and bid specifications.  
 06/16/2023

**TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE SEALED BID REQUEST**  
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call 508-867-2071 ext. 100 for details and bid specifications.  
 06/15/2023

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Tracey McDonald for a stonewall break at property located on Pleasant Street, Assessors Map E, Parcel 286, Lot A.  
 All persons who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.  
 Floyd Kelley  
 Chairman  
 06/08, 06/15/2023

**TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the New Braintree By-laws (Removal of Topsoil, Loam, Sand or Gravel), the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, regarding gravel permit renewals for the following:  
 Robert and Deann Caron, 510 Bar Road  
 Thomas Stott, 324 West Road  
 Bo Lee Excavating, 300 McKay Road  
 Stanley Grigas, 87B Sibley Road  
 This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. You can also email comments to: [planning@newbraintree.org](mailto:planning@newbraintree.org)  
 06/08, 06/15/2023

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**STAFF WRITER**

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- Qualifications should include:**
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
  - A determination to get the story, whatever it might be
  - Equally comfortable writing hard news, features and event coverage
  - Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
  - Proficiency in Associated Press style
- Please tell us in a cover letter why you would be a good fit for this position and send it along with a resume and three writing samples to Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 or email directly to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com)



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- Qualifications should include:**
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
  - Willingness to mentor a staff writer and correspondents
  - Editing experience and ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
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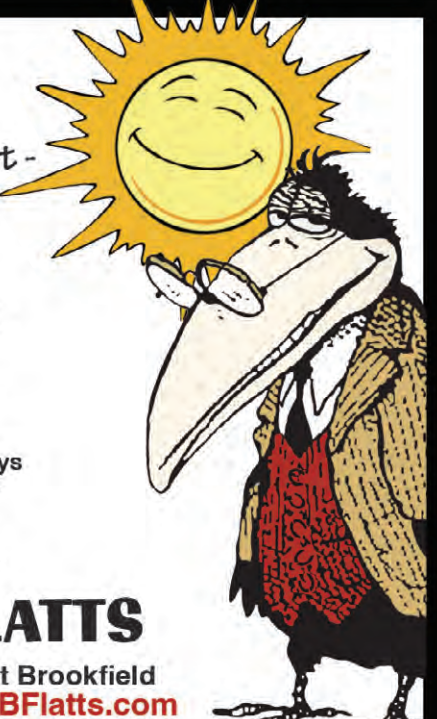
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