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Turley Photo by Zacharias Fragkiadakis
State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, from left, Fred Gehring, Brain Shortsleeves, state Sen. Peter Durant, Matthew Broderick and Lucille DiLeo joined Oakham town officials at the site of the proposed battery energy storage system.

Officials attend battery park discussion

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OAKHAM – Brian Shortsleeve, a Republican running for Governor of Massachusetts attended a briefing with Oakham town officials regarding the pro-

posed lithium battery storage system for 358 Coldbrook Road.

State Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume were also in attendance, along with Select Board member Fred Gehring and Planning Board member Matthew Broderick.

According to Broderick, a preliminary vote was taken by the Energy Facilities Siting Board on June 15, which is another step in the approval process for the system, and the final vote will be taken by the board on June 25.

He said if the final vote

approves the placement of the storage facility, the town will have 20 days to appeal with the Supreme Judicial Court. Broderick said the town is prepared to appeal.

Broderick said he “can’t
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Board remembers Jeffrey Williams

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board took a few moments at their last meeting Monday to remember the late chairman of the board, Jeffrey Williams, who died on June 2.

Interim Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald and Select Board members Katie Young, Kris Pareago and Peter Walker all spoke about how much the town of Hubbardston meant to Williams, and spoke of his professionalism, kindness and willingness to listen. Members of Williams’ family were also in attendance to honor him.

New member and reorganization

The board also welcomed newly elected Select Board member Terrence Tyler, who was sworn into the position by Town Clerk Melody Green.

Young was nominated as chair, Walker as vice-chair and Tyler as clerk.

Municipal complex update

Municipal Complex

Committee Chair Kari Sacramone said they are close to having two designs for the municipal complex, along with cost estimates for each. She said the committee is looking for approval to place a debt exclusion vote on the November ballot for the project.

She said it also needs to be put on a special town meeting warrant for the fall.

Fitzgerald said the debt exclusion adds the cost of the project to the levy limit so the town does not have to ask for an override, and taxpayers pay an assessment of the debt until it clears.

Green said for it to be put on the ballot, the exact wording of the question as voted by the Select Board would have to be submitted to the secretary of state by Aug. 5, and she is waiting for confirmation about whether the town needs to send out requests for summaries for and against the question to residents of the town to be placed on the ballot.

According to Green, this

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SB signs COA agreement

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met last Monday where they signed a three year agreement with the Barre Senior Center, so Hardwick residents can continue to utilize their services.

This comes after the signing was delayed at a May 26 meeting following concerns about the center from residents,

At the June 8 meeting, Select Board Chair Jeff Schaaf said residents came to him and expressed their approval of the senior center, and said they felt included and approved of the operations. Schaaf said the senior center seems to be enjoyed by Hardwick residents.

Barre Senior Center Director Betty-Jo O’Brien was also present, along with members of both the Barre and Hardwick Councils on Aging. O’Brien said she watched the last meeting,

and saw the comments made about the senior center.

She said the senior center is seeing a growing number of Hardwick residents, and the center offers transportation, nutrition programs, wellness programs and educational programs. She said in 2024, there were seven new Hardwick residents attending, when she started a “stronger together” initiative, which brought in 34 new residents.

She said as of May 31 of this year, there are 11 new participants.

O’Brien said there are 56 Hardwick participants, which accounts for about 7% of the town’s senior population.

O’Brien also addressed concerns about the kitchen not being operational. She said the kitchen manager did not have certifications, so the center had to suspend meals until then, but they

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Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmão
Above, the gymnasium of Belchertown High School was packed with close to 1,500 attendees. Right, Jason Benmahidi, on his graduation day was joined by Shawn Souza and Stephanie Benmahidi.

Pathfinder packs gym for graduation ceremony

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PALMER – On June 7, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School held its graduation ceremony to an audience of close to 1,500.

The families and loved ones of this year’s graduates from Pathfinder Tech gathered in the gymnasium at Belchertown High School. This marked the first time in 51 years that Pathfinder’s graduation was

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EcoTarium arrives at the Town House

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HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial and Gilbertville Public Libraries welcomed an EcoTarium program to the Town House last Thursday.

The EcoTarium is a science and nature museum based out of Worcester, and features a fun learning experience for kids with a workshop that involves a world-building interactive workshop. The EcoTarium was founded in 1825 and recently celebrated its 200th

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago
EcoTarium Museum Educator Elizabeth Baldwin demonstrated the use of an air cannon to simulate a windstorm.

Terrance Tyler wins seat on Select Board

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HUBBARDSTON – The Town of Hubbardston held their municipal elections on June 9, where all candidates on the ballot ran unopposed.

There were 166 ballots cast out of 3,835 registered voters, representing a 4.3% turnout.

Unofficial results posted to the Hubbardston website (Hubbardstonma.gov) and their social media pages show that Terrence Tyler was written into a one-year term on the Select Board, receiving 21 write-in votes.

Katie Young was elected to a three-year term on the Select Board, receiving 143 votes.

The Select Board has been operating with four members, and will continue to do so following the death of former Select Board Chair, Jeffrey Williams.

Albert Alfonso was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors, receiving 155 votes. Krista Goguen was elected to a three-year term on the board of Library Trustees, receiving 160 votes.

Raven Kaldera was elected to a three-year term on the Cemetery Commission,

receiving 146 votes.

Kristofer Munroe was elected to a five-year term on the Planning Board, receiving 157 votes. Charles Reed and Hunter Young were each elected to three-year terms on the Finance Committee, receiving 150 and 136 votes respectively.

Steven Connolly was written into a three-year term on the Board of Health, receiving four votes. David Rogers was elected

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer
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Barre Players Theater presents ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’
‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’ by William Shakespeare takes place at Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., Barre on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 at 7:30 and Sunday, June 21 at 2 p.m. People may visit barreplayers.ludus.com/index.php or call 978-257-8393 for tickets. This is part of the theater’s 100th anniversary.

Quabbin Community Band
Nornay Park, Main Street, hosts the Quabbin Community Band for the first three concerts of their season: Sundays, June 21, June 28 and July 5. The concerts begin at 6 p.m. There are some benches available and even a picnic table. To ensure a seat, concert goers should bring lawn chairs. Quabbin Pro Musica will sell hotdogs and burgers, along with snacks and cold drinks during the Nornay Park concerts.

For the remainder of the Quabbin Community Band concerts, the band moves up to Barre Center to the Harding Allen Bandstand located on Middle Common, Barre. Dates include: July 12, 19 and 26 and Aug. 2, 9 and 16, all concerts start at 6 p.m. Concerts move to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, when raining. Concerts are June 21 Welcome to Summer South Barre; June 28 Children’s concert South Barre; July 5 Happy 250th America South Barre; July 12 Classics on the Common Barre Common; July 19 Movie Night Barre Common; July 26 Band Stand Favorites Barre Common; Aug. 2 Hats off to Broadway Barre Common; Aug. 9 Barre on Parade Alumni Event Barre Common early time 5 p.m. and Aug. 16 Dixieland Night Barre Common. Except for the Aug. 9 concert, which is at 5 p.m. all others are at 6 p.m.

Nornay Saturday night concerts
In addition to hosting the Quabbin Community Band for three Sundays in June, Nornay Park holds Saturday night concerts as well. Concerts are Kidd Hurricane on June 27, Otters on July 11 and Cropdusters on July 25, all from 6-8 p.m. The August concerts are The Other Guys on Aug. 8 and Alive’n Kickin’ on Aug. 22; the time is earlier from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club run a concession stand at all the Saturday concerts.

Barre Food Pantry
The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, June 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients June 18 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 Thursday, June 18 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921\ or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Corrections

In the May 21 edition about the Tri-Parish Community Church plant sale it stated Jennifer Pollard grew up in Hardwick. She grew up in New Braintree.
In the June 4 edition about the Oakham Conservation Commission, quotes attributed to Zach Mann were made by Conservation Commission member Shawn Seeley. Morage Storage LLC spokesperson is Brian Benito not Brian Penito.



Submitted photo

The Quabbin Community Band is shown at a recent rehearsal held in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre.

Quabbin Community Band holds first concert June 21

BARRE – The Quabbin Community Band begins its 53rd season on Sunday, June 21 beginning at 6 p.m. in Nornay Park, Main Street in South Barre.
The band has several new members this year expanding the number of musicians to 45. The season opener is themed, “Welcome to Summer” and will feature some selections new to the band; “The Magic of Mozart,” “The

Picadore March” and “Can-Can.”
There will also be several standard favorites including, “Swing’s The Thing,” “Beach Boys Forever” and “The Sound of Music.”
This year in South Barre, Quabbin Pro Musica will be cooking burgers and hotdogs as a fundraiser and will also offer other snacks and cold drinks.
The band looks forward to seeing their loyal follow-

ers on Sunday along with many new faces looking to enjoy some great live music.
The Quabbin Community Band is led by QCB alum Margaret Reidy, now in her fifth season as music director. All summer concerts begin at 6 p.m. In case of rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

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 22. 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 – Garlic brown sugar chicken, mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, vanilla mousse, whole wheat bread
TUESDAY – Ziti with meat sauce, California blend vegetables, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Hot dog, baked beans, Coleslaw, baked apples, hot dog bun mustard
THURSDAY – Vegetarian chili with sauce, roasted potatoes, country blend vegetables, birthday cake, diet = small piece, marble rye bread
FRIDAY –Beef enchilada with cheese, Spanish rice, chuckwagon corn, pineapple, pita bread, sour cream
*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

Farm Trot 5K field run takes place June 27

RUTLAND – City to Saddle will hold a Farm Trot 5K Field Run at Mesa Farm, 67nMuschopauge Road, on Saturday, June 27.
Registration the day of the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the race will start at 9 a.m. All proceeds will be used to support horsemanship programs for under-served youth.
Entrance fee is \$30 if registered before June 27

and \$35 on race day. People will run or stroll through the rolling hayfields and pastures next to woodland, stone walls and the lightly traveled Muschopauge Road.
Participants should wear their sneakers or farm boots, see the horses, pet a lamb, enjoy a family friendly experience and raise funds for disadvantaged youth to participate in horsemanship

activities through the City to Saddle non-profit organization.
There are awards to top three male and female finishers in several age divisions. City to Saddle Farm Trot tee-shirts will be given to the first 60 registered runners.
To register, people may visit www.Citytosaddle.org or call 508-886-6898 for more information.

Rail track rehabilitation project starts June 22

The Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, will be embarking on a project to rehabilitate its main rail track, scheduled to begin on

Monday, June 22.
This project has an estimated time for completion to be somewhere toward the fall of this year.
The daily train schedule will operate Monday through Friday starting at 7 p.m. (up to a possible

12-hour period) to service rail customers from Palmer to South Barre to then return to Palmer. The train schedule will resume back to daytime service beginning at 7 a.m. (up to a possible 12-hour period) by the end of August.



OAKHAM
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COA holds senior cookout July 3
The Oakham Council on Aging will hold and Independence Day cookout on Friday July 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Seniors should e sign up so they have an accurate head count and indicate any side dishes they are bringing.

Annual Town Meeting
The Annual Town Meeting will take place Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. in the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive. The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting may be viewed by visiting the town website at www.oakham-ma.gov.

Summer band concerts
The summer band concert series begins on Thursday, June 25 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham. The Friends of the Oakham Bandstand sell popcorn, drinks and ice cream. Other
Thursday concert dates include: July 9 The Traveling Homebodies, July 23 The Long Run: Songs of the Eagles, Aug. 13 The Cropdusters and Aug. 20 The Otters.

Kids Fest
Kids Fest to kick off summer takes place at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., on Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a bounce house, do it yourself tie-dye, bubbles by Malay, petting Pea by Family Education Center, performances and demo by WildKat Hoops, face painting, snacks and beverages. This event is free and open to all.

COA events
Podiatry clinic takes place Monday, June 22 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. by appointment only. Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Hardwick Crossing, 262 Lower Road, Gilbertville on Friday, June 19 at 12:30 p.m.. People should call the Senior Center to sign up so the group can make reservations. Glucose and blood pressure screening takes place Tuesday, June 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. No appointment is needed. Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals
Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Concerts on the Common schedule

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with North Brookfield Cultural Council, will be hosting Concerts on the Common this summer season.
A Mass Cultural Council grant is making these concerts possible for all residents to enjoy.
Dates and bands include June 20 from 6-8 p.m. – Ravenwood, an easy listening blue grass band; July 25 from 6-8 p.m. – Sue Lyons, an acoustical guitar player and vocalist; Aug. 15 from 6-8 p.m. – Stan Matthews, country music with some exceptional Johnny Cash tunes; and Aug. 29 from 3-5 p.m. – the Superchargers, a fun rock and roll band.
All concerts are free, they are held on Saturdays and start at 6 p.m. and end around 8 p.m. Food will be available for purchase but folks are welcome to bring their own. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, bug spray and sunscreen – whatever makes you comfortable.
The playground is right on the common, located on Grove Street in town.
There will also be games for families to enjoy and some surprise craft tables during some concerts.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Barre Common Oversight Committee – June 18 at 5 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – June 18 at 6 p.m.
Quabbin Regional School District Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – June 23 at 1:45 p.m.
Conservation Committee – June 23 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – June 25 at 11 a.m.
Council on Aging – July 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Select Board – July 6 and July 15 at 5 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – July 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – July 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – July 13 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – July 13 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – July 13 at 6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Gilbertville Public Library – June 22 at 2 p.m. and July 8 at 3 p.m.
Select Board – June 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – June 23 and July 21 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – June 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – June 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – July 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – July 2 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – July 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – July 20 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Cemetery Commission – June 22 at 5 p.m.
Planning Board – June 25, July 1 and July 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Preservation Committee – June 25 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees, July 9 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – July 15 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Cultural Council – June 18 at 6 p.m.
Rep. Donnie Berthiaume office hour – July 8 at 1:30
Planning Board – July 15 all day

OAKHAM

Annual Town Meeting – June 22 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – June 24 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – June 18 and June 25 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – June 18 at 6 p.m.
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Committee – June 19 at 9 a.m.
Board of Health – June 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Broadband Municipal Light Plant Board – June 23 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – June 26 at 9 a.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – July 7 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – July 14 at 11 a.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

RUTLAND

Planning Board – June 24 at 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – June 25 at 6 p.m.



Adding to the excitement of the day, three local veterans from the group Howard Steeves, Betty-Jo O'Brien and James VanWert were recognized on the field for their military service.

Barre/Hardwick seniors enjoy day at Polar Park

BARRE – Participants from the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center enjoyed an exciting day at Polar Park on Saturday, June 6, cheering on the Worcester Red Sox as they defeated their opponent in a thrilling victory.

The outing provided an opportunity for everyone to enjoy America's favorite pastime while building friendships and creating lasting memories.

Adding to the excitement of the day, three local veterans from the group, Howard Steeves, James VanWert and Betty-Jo O'Brien were recognized on the field for their military service. The special recognition was a proud and meaningful moment for both the veterans and their fellow attendees.

"We had a wonderful day filled with fun, friendship, and community spirit," said Betty-Jo O'Brien, Director of the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center. "Seeing our participants enjoying themselves at the game on such a beautiful day only added to the experience."

The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center extends its sincere appreciation to the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council for helping make this trip possible through its generous support. The Center also wishes to thank Lizak Bus Service for providing safe,



Submitted photos

Barre and Hardwick seniors are shown at the bus for a trip to Polar Park for a baseball game on Saturday, June 6.

comfortable and superior transportation throughout the day.

The trip reflects the center's ongoing commitment to offering engaging social and recreational opportunities that enhance quality of life, foster connections and create moments of joy for

older adults in the community.

For more information about programs and activities at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, people may call 978-355-5031 or visit the Center's Facebook page-Barre MA Senior Center.

HUBBARDSTON

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Library holds 5K run/walk

The 29th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K run/walk takes place Saturday Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the library, approaching \$95,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Sunday, Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as medals/prizes to age group winners will be provided. Prizes are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors may call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2025 Race/Walk raised over \$4,100 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

Historical Society pie and bake sale

The Hubbardston Historical Society annual pie and bake sale is being held on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel 4 Burnshirt Road. People should arrive early for best selections.

Town wide yard sale

The town-wide yard sale takes place Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. Spots in front of the library for residents to participate are \$20. There will also be a senior portion of the sale on Friday, June 26.

DCR boat launch closure

Now through Tuesday, June 30, the Department of Conservation will close the boat launch parking lot at Asnacomet Pond in the town of Hubbardston to accommodate paving work. The pond's beach area will remain accessible during this time.

Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I will be glad when this heat wave is over.

I have been running all the fans in all the rooms. The electric bill will be high this month.

I have to water the potted plants and planters twice a day. We do need rain.

I have lost my helper, but I still have my Handyman. My daughter got groceries for us this week.

I hope we can find someone to get them next week. I do not like to leave Ken alone so that is my problem.

I nade several meals that could be served for two days – spaghetti and meatballs and stuffed green peppers.

I have to try to make things go further with the price of groceries and oil.

This is a meal I like to make when I can clean out the vegetables in the refrigerator.

I take a cookie sheet and put all the vegetables on it sliced and coat it with olive oil and a chicken soup or celery soup.

I put several pieces of chicken thighs or kilbasa on top.

Bake for an hour and serve with Parmesan cheese sprinkled on top.

This and That

I still do not have my printer hitched to my computer. I guess I need help in that capacity.

I have been working in our garage to get rid of some things I had packed away and did not use.

I made up two boxes for the seniors yard sale.

Work has begun on getting a new water conditioner. I hope that project is done soon.

When you own proper-

ty there seems to be always something that needs to be replaced. Our home is 38 years old now so things are going.

I wish the government would do something about telemarketers. We have been getting four calls a day from a company that does home repairs.

I called Verizon but there is nothing they can do about it. Lots of people are complaining about this same deal.

I do not talk with them as they are a recording, but I have not been answering the phone as they do not leave a message on the message machine. It is very disturbing especially to seniors, who have a hard time living as it is.

That is my main concern of the week. Have a good week.

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employees have not had an increase in six years.

10 years (June 23, 2016)

About 50 New Braintree residents conducted town business at a special and then annual town meeting in a little over an hour. At the special town meeting, voters approved the purchase or lease to purchase for a new or used one-ton utility truck for the highway department. The final articles included transferring \$7,000 from free case to the town hall/ library operation and maintenance account, \$3,700 from free cash to the health insurance account, \$3,500 from free cash to the legal fees account and about \$28,890 from assessor's overlay surplus to the 2016 assessor's overlay account. Following the nine minute, eight article special town meeting, voters had a recess until 7:30 p.m., the time for the 19 article annual town meeting. The use of a consent calendar on articles 8 through 17 allowed the articles to pass as one motion without discussion and it did. Voters approved a total budget of \$2,243,215. Of that, \$1,133,341 was for the Quabbin Regional School District assessment; it was \$143,161 less than the \$1,276,502 requested by the school. An additional line item of \$13,855 was for QRSD debt and interest.

North Brookfield voters made sure their were voices heard when North Brookfield held their Special Town Meeting and the continuation of the annual Town Meeting on June 17. All of the Special Town Meeting articles passed without incident until the final article, Article 9, which asked voters whether they wanted to transfer several pieces of tax title property to the Board of Selectmen to be

leased by the town for solar facilities.

25 years (June 21, 2001)

The town of New Braintree's bucolic center will be the setting of an outdoor concert presented ty the United States Air Force Band of Library on Saturday, June 30 at 7 p.m. The musical program will be performed by the Band of Liberty's flagship, the Concert Band. This exceptional performing unit delivers programs designed to highlight the history of America's musical and heritage combining different types of music. Members of the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty are highly talented and professional musicians... The concert is sponsored by the town of New Braintree's 250th Anniversary Committee.

Barre residents and property owners from the Ruggles Lane, Broad, Pleasant, Kendall and South Street areas attended the Selectmen's meeting on Monday evening, hoping to hear some update from Sara Campbell, a hydrologic engineer, who had presented a preliminary analysis of the drainage problems on the land and roads in some of those areas. However, she was not at the meeting to answer their questions.

Sixty-three voters showed up to decide a one article Special Town Meeting warrant and a 39 article Annual Town Meeting warrant. Moderator Jeffrey Young opened the Special Town Meeting first. In a matter of minutes voters approved the transfer of \$15,936 from surplus lottery money to the highway ice and snow deficit account. In about an hour and a half, voters approved the articles, amended two articles and passed the two articles as

amended. Voters approved a \$1,845,788 budget for Fiscal Year 2002, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

38 years (June 25, 1988)

Parting will only be a sweet sorrow if Hardwick Elementary School Principal Richard Bray can find enough gum drops, Bray, whose trademark is handing out gumdrops, will spend his last day with students at the school on Monday. After that he will retire, leaving behind the familiar scenes and friends he has worked with for 14 years. "I hope to have a gumdrop for every student," Bray said.

They came, they listened, they deliberated and they voted a balanced budget at Hubbardston's Annual Town Meeting on June 16. The second largest turnout of voters in recent years, almost 250 residents, took unit nearly 10:45 p.m. to approve a budget that was lean to the point of emaciation, making no changes that would add costs and force an override. The town had overwhelmingly rejected that by a 4-1 margin when a half million override was sought in May.

The Quabbin Regional School Committee will hold a meeting Tuesday, June 30 at 7 p.m. in the Ruggles Lane School media center to discuss the drug problem at the high school.

At a school committee meeting last Thursday night, the Quabbin Regional High School Dean of Administration Joseph Maga, said school officials need to take an aggressive approach to the problem. He urged the committee to set up a meeting now and not wait until fall. "I believe we've waited far too long (to do something about the problem)," Maga said.

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I set up a soaker hose among the plants to be sure that they would continue to grow with gusto during droughty spells. If you choose to do the same, be sure to position runners under the hose, otherwise removing it for winter storage may be a difficult and tangled task.

A mulch of chopped leaves conserves soil moisture and prevents weeds from sprouting. Evergreen boughs laid over the row after the ground has frozen lessens temperature extremes, preventing the plants from being heaved out of the ground during winter freeze/thaw cycles.

Anticipation begins to build in the spring of the second season. It is only a matter of time before the plants will be loaded with ripe berries.

As new growth emerges remove the protective boughs. Pull stray weeds

and reapply mulch. If frost threatens during blossoming cover the plants with spun poly floating row covers or old bed sheets.

Keep up with watering. Lightweight netting works well to deter birds, while slugs can be captured in shallow containers filled with beer and buried at ground level. Remove dead slugs and top-off the beer nightly.

June-bearing strawberries bear fruit for two-three weeks. Harvest when the berries are bright red; if fruit is picked unripe it may turn red, but flavor will be sacrificed.

The season can be extended a bit by growing early, mid and late season varieties, or by growing day-neutral types which bear smaller amounts of fruit over a longer period, from June-October.

Nourse Farms (noursefarms.com) of South Deerfield is an excellent local source for strawberry plants.

After fruiting is complete mow down the plants with a

push mower. I had to cross reference a few advice books before I had the courage to do this, but it surely did wonders to renovate the bed.

Rake away the mowed leaves, thin runners that are too close, and remove the oldest plants. Top-dress with compost and a sprinkling of fertilizer before remulching.

Although labor intensive, strawberries are worth the work. Managing a strawberry patch in this manner will likely keep it productive for five years. Imagine, your own flavorful memories!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 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.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Museum Educator from the EcoTarium in Worcester, Elizabeth Baldwin (right), observed 6-year-old Oliver during his engineering challenge. The challenge was a bridge that animals can safely cross.

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anniversary.

Museum Educator Elizabeth Baldwin brought some engineering challenges for children to explore by planning, testing and building.

This program allowed children to "build your world" and solve problems through an engineering design process. They explored forces and motion by building all sorts of structures with Keva blocks and using animal figurines to test them out.

The Keva blocks were used to build houses

and bridges for animals. Split Peas were used to test weight, and Baldwin brought an air cannon to test the structure of the towers built by the kids.

Participants tested the strength of their bridges by having their animal figurines cross safely over a model river.

Baldwin also brought the book "The 3 Little Dassies" by Jan Brett. This story is a variation of The Three Little Pigs, where the eagle tries to blow down the dassies' houses.

Like the children who attended the EcoTarium

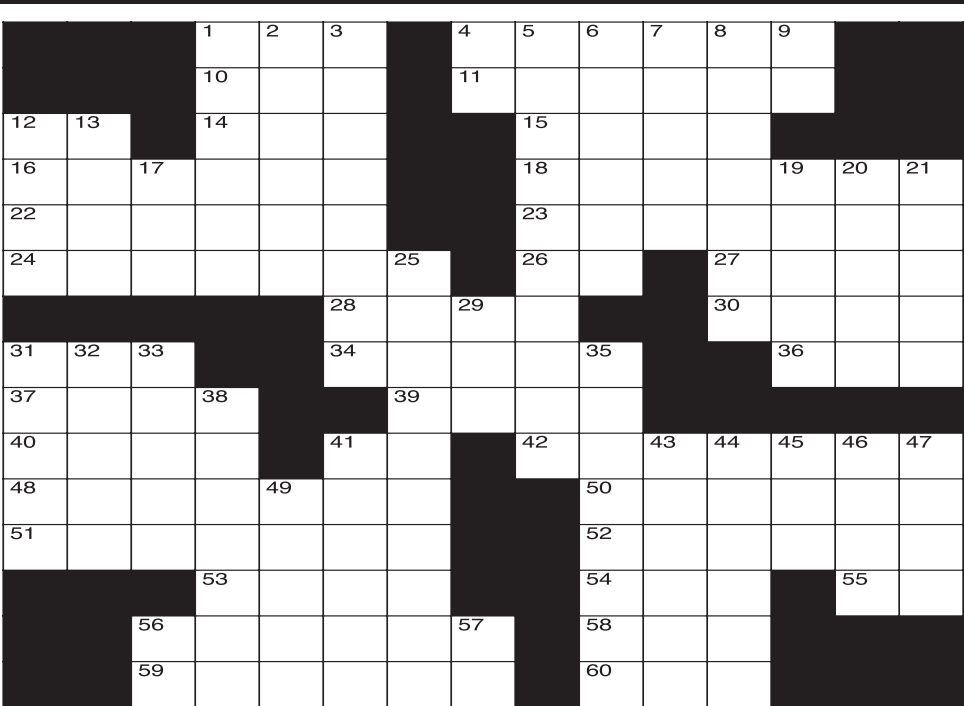
program, the dassies try to build homes from grass, sticks and stone to protect themselves from this hungry eagle.

Oliver, age 6, was ready to try some engineering challenges at the Town House. He carefully built a structured bridge to get a couple animal figurines safely across.

The Paige Memorial Library will be hosting Drumming with the Wendell Warriors on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Town House, 40 Common St. This activity is funded by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council.



Oliver and EcoTarium Museum Educator Elizabeth Baldwin were building towers to see if they could withstand the wind.



CLUES ACROSS

- Similar
- Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
- No (Scottish)
- ___ Aires, city
- Morning
- Senior's son (abbr.)
- A notable achievement
- European nation
- Endings
- Puts into place
- Former
- Grenadier
- Sea patrol
- Algerian port
- Norwegian river
- Precipitation
- Sunscreen rating
- New York is one
- Patti Hearst's

- captors
- Soft mineral with greasy feel
- Retired Brazilian footballer
- An Indian nursemaid
- Atomic #24
- Immobile
- Insignia of royalty
- Seeds from which chocolate is made
- Begin again
- Round root
- Beginning to end (alt. sp.)
- What newlyweds just said
- Empire State
- Give back
- College hoops tournament
- Unstable situations

- Young women's association
- Administer a drug
- Holy places
- Contrary opinions
- Blood type
- Gags
- Micturating
- Silly
- A type of "cuff"
- Spanish be
- Austrian river
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Consume food
- California supermarket
- Electronic communication
- Cassia tree
- Written works

- Cool!
- Noteworthy 90s lawyer Kenneth
- One who was compensated
- National symbols
- Raising
- A type of talk
- Cloud
- Middle Eastern peoples
- Pouches
- 007's creator
- A cut of meat
- Sports entertainment award
- Christine ___, actress
- Relief organization (abbr.)
- Canadian province (abbr.)



The proud Aliengena family walked away with a Pathfinder Tech diploma, (from left) Melissa, Max, and Michael.

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moved off-campus.

“We were forced to pick a specific date this year, because Skills USA Nationals were moved and conflicted with everyone’s graduations,” said Superintendent Eric Duda, who explained that there were students flying back from Atlanta, Georgia late the night before the graduation ceremony.

The school had planned to hold the graduation on the main campus, but when the weather started to look questionable, the school announced that the ceremony would be moved.

“Belchertown offered a year ago to let us use their space should we need it,” Duda said. “We’ve been very involved in Belchertown, so I guess it was all meant to be.”

During his address to the graduates, Duda made reference to the enormous American flag behind the stage, and tied it to the

nation’s 250th anniversary that is being celebrated this year.

“This flag stands not only behind you physically, but symbolically as well today, reminding us that each of you has an important role to play in shaping the next chapter of our nation’s history, and change is key,” Duda said. “I stand before you today filled with pride, excitement, and anticipation for each of these amazing graduates seated before me. I have witnessed them embrace transformative change over the last four years.”

Duda compared the changes the students will make to the future to the school’s expansion into Belchertown, opening the Cold Spring Campus to offer 150 more seats to students.

Speeches were then presented by graduating students, offering encouragement to their classmates as they enter into the professional world. The valedictorian, salutatorian, and class



Principal Ryan Rege congratulated the graduating students during the ceremony.

president each had a speech prepared.

“High school students will always have something to complain about,” Valedictorian Noel Plumadore said. “They complain because they all will have to make sacrifices; whether it’s their career, their studies, their social circle, or something as simple as the

time they have in the day, something will have to be lost. This does not go away when we enter adulthood, but to minimize the pain that comes from these sacrifices, we must seize opportunity where we can. By going to Pathfinder Tech, we have already learned to take advantage of an opportunity not everyone gets.”

“As we step off this stage today, we are leaving behind a place and environment we all became familiar with,” said Salutatorian Destiny Rodriguez. “The future is unpredictable, and as much as we dislike change, it is a constant in our lives. Do not be afraid of the challenges that await you. There will be many moments throughout your lives that will feel uncertain and the next step in your journey may feel unclear. It’s with these obstacles you face, that personal growth flourishes. Remember it’s okay to be human and make mistakes. But most importantly, remember success is not measured by how much you have accomplished or earned, but by the person you have become.”

“I owe a lot to both my brothers,” said Class President Rachel Roblinski. “My older brother Tommy, a ‘24 alum, taught me a lot about responsibility...My younger brother Jayden always reminded me that life wasn’t too serious, and to enjoy my senior year. My father Dr. Michael Roblinski, a name I hope to one day embed myself, thank you for dealing with all the busy schedules and

late night study sessions.”

She then shared a phrase in Chinese, which translates to “I know life hasn’t been easy for the both of us but I couldn’t be more grateful I went through it all with you. Thank you for giving me a life of endless support. I love you Mom,” before thanking her mother in English for the sacrifices she made so she could make it to the stage that weekend.

School Committee Chair Julia Quink sent the graduates off with a speech about resilience.

“Years from now, when you look back on this day, I hope you remember not just the diploma you received, but the lessons you learned about perseverance, friendship, responsibility, and growth,” Quink said. “Be ambitious in your dreams, be kind in your actions, be courageous when faced with uncertainty, and, when life presents obstacles, as it inevitably will, remember that resilience is not the absence of difficulty; it is the determination to keep moving forward despite it.”

The graduates then received their diplomas, and were played out with Green Day’s “Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)”.

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explain the inaction” by state officials regarding the placement of this system, which he said is just over 2,000 feet from Oakham Center School. He said there was interest in this site of about 42 acres, which was formerly a junkyard, since 2022, but the original developers pulled out their plans. He said the approximate size of storage for this plan is 100 megawatts. He said the former owners of the junkyard did a poor job cleaning up, and there is still debris in the area, which is now grown

over. Broderick said they need state support to make the developer clean the debris before construction starts. Broderick said residents took a vote to enact a bylaw in Oakham restricting battery energy storage systems because the town is a rural and agricultural community, and does not have the infrastructure to support a system like that. He also said residents do not want a battery storage system because they pose a fire risk. Additionally, Broderick said there would be noise emitted from the system 24 hours a day, of over 100 decibels.

He said the bylaw was approved at the time Attorney General Maura Healey, who is now the Governor. Broderick said there was a public hearing in October of 2025, where hundreds of residents attended, and “not a single person” was in favor of battery energy storage, including town officials. Broderick said the land the system is proposed to be placed directly abuts Department of Conservation and Recreation property, which is part of the Ware River Watershed, a protected area that feeds the Quabbin Reservoir. The reservoir provides water to residents in greater Boston.

Broderick said the project poses “substantial environmental violations,” and is being done by a “predatory corporation.” Broderick said if the project goes through, “our whole quality of life will be impacted.” He said the Oakham fire chief gave a speech saying there is no way to put out a fire if one starts. Berthiaume said the DCR has limited activity like boating, hiking and biking in the area of Long Pond to protect the watershed, but this plan will put “millions of pounds of chemicals” near the watershed. Durant said people in the state government are

“trying to bury their heads in the sand” when it comes to climate issues, saying they restricted access to the watershed, but now “it’s crickets.” About the placement near the Quabbin, Durant said “why would you even bother to take that risk?” Broderick said there are other forms of energy storage, and it would make sense if the proposal was not lithium storage, and those forms could last decades. He said there were alternate sites proposed in Barre and Leicester, but one of them was near a housing complex. Broderick said there are several companies involved

in this project, including Moraga LLC, which is a subsidiary of Ryland Electric LLC, which also works with a company called Segway. Berthiaume said there was an informational session held in Barre, where only abutters to the proposed site were invited, which he said was “the biggest scam in the world.” He said there are industrial areas where this project could have been placed instead. Broderick said Healey or anybody from her office have not been to Oakham to discuss the battery energy storage site. “We’d love to have them,” he said.

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is because Hubbardston is a participant in a special act that requires certain information to be brought to voters during a certain time-frame before elections, and she is awaiting clarification on the specifics. Green asked the board if they were going to hold a special election for the vacancy on the Select Board, and Young said there is not a time frame set out by the state on a specific time it must be done by. Green said there are options for the debt exclusion

question, including placing it on a primary ballot, a separate local election or at a special town meeting. She said if a special election is done at the same time as a state election, it would still count as two elections and have a cost related to it. Fitzgerald said they should come back at a later time for a policy decision, since this question is regarding the municipal complex project, and he said the town needs to get information to the public so they can understand the impacts, but they could go through with allowing the debt exclusion question to be placed. Fitzgerald said they would

not typically place a debt exclusion question without a number, but there is no harm from a planning standpoint. The board voted to place a debt exclusion question on the special town meeting warrant. **First Meetinghouse term limits** The board discussed term limits for members of the First Meetinghouse Preservation Committee. Young said there are no term limits right now, and she is the Select Board liaison. She said many of the nine members attend meetings regularly and want to be re-appointed.

The board voted to make the terms three years staggered, with three members being appointed to three year terms on June 30, three to two year terms and three to one year terms. **Consent agenda** The board approved a consent agenda which appointed Laurent Therrien as an election worker, Nina Duggan to the Open Space Committee, Katrina McCreary to the Cable Advisory Committee and Bridget Christianski as an election worker. Item C on the consent agenda, an appointment of Susan Breagy to the Memorial Day

Committee was tabled since there is no space on it until the board accepts the resignations of two of its members. **Town Administrator’s report** Fitzgerald presented an agreement with the City of Gardner for animal control services, for an extension of three years. He said the town could not perform these services at the level they do alone, and it would cost triple. The board approved the contract extension. Fitzgerald also thanked staff members for their donations to Williams. He said the board should

invite the moderator to a meeting before town meetings, and hold information nights for residents. He said Marcia Bohinc, the temporary accountant, is continuing fiscal year 2026 reconciliation. He suggested creating a land use board, and said the town needs more commercial growth. Fitzgerald said Walker, Pareago and himself will attend a meeting with state 911, as the regional dispatch center’s costs have gone up 40%, and it is underfunded in next fiscal year’s budget. The board will meet next on June 29.



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Quabbin hosts basketball clinic

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the boys’ basketball players at Quabbin Regional would spend the offseason playing for different AAU organizations and attending summer basketball camps throughout Central Massachusetts.

During the past several years, the Barre Recreation Department has sponsored a clinic for the Panthers basketball players, which is held throughout the year at the Quabbin Regional Gymnasium.

“We’ll be conducting twelve clinics this year, which are sponsored by the Barre Recreation Department,” said long-time Quabbin boys’ varsity basketball coach Dennis Dextradeur. “The clinics are more important to us than having the players attend summer camps. Our players really didn’t improve their skills very much at the camps. This clinic is also less expensive than AAU programs. This

model has worked very well for us.”

Dextradeur is also a member of the Barre Recreation Committee.

A player only has to pay five dollars to attend each clinic.

“The financial aspect of attending the clinic is much better for the parents. They’re paying less than one hundred dollars for their sons to attend all twelve clinics.” Dextradeur added. “Most AAU programs cost more than \$700.”

The four clinicians at the Quabbin clinic are Gene Rich, Bob Catalini, John Leonard, and Chris Kirkland.

Rich, who graduated from Quabbin Regional in 1995, was the starting point guard for the boys’ basketball team. His senior season was a very memorable winter, as the Panthers captured the Central Mass. Division 2 title for the first time in school history. They also finished in first place in the Mid-Wach

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Post 241 edged in extras

PALMER— Before the start of the high school baseball season, the Palmer Parks Department installed a portable outfield fence at historic Legion Field.

While the new fence is a nice addition to the field, it didn’t help the Monson Post 241 Legion team very much in their season opening 4-3 extra inning loss to Westfield Post 124, last Wednesday night.

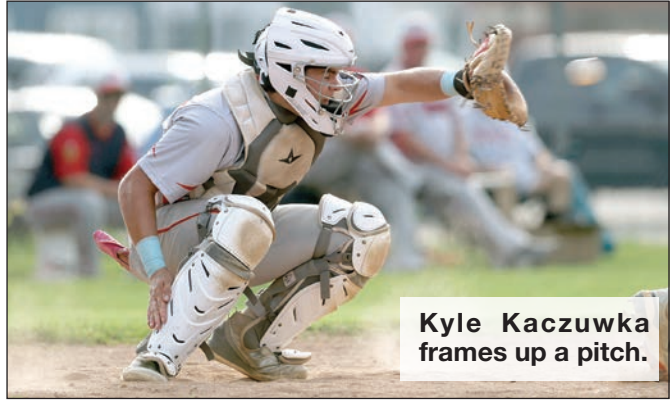
After Westfield Post 124 took the lead with an unearned run in the top of the eighth inning, Monson loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom half of the frame.

Their rally began with catcher Kyle Kaczuwka drawing a walk against righthanded relief pitcher Jakob Elmer. Then first baseman Liam McGrath blasted a shot to deep left field. In previous years, it most likely would’ve been an inside the park home run and Monson would’ve celebrated a walk off victory. However, the ball bounced over the new fence for a ground rule double.

“If the fence wasn’t there, Liam’s hit would’ve tied the score and we probably win the game,” said Monson



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Sebastian Mayberry catches the ball.



Kyle Kaczuwka frames up a pitch.

manager Steve Tripp. “This is the first year that they put up the outfield fence during the high school baseball season. I asked Jeff Pardo, who’s the new Director of the Parks Department, if they would keep the fence up for the Legion season. It wound

up costing us in tonight’s game.”

With runners on second and third base, Westfield manager Don Irzyk, who’s the former Athletic Director, and varsity baseball coach at Pathfinder Tech, elected to intentionally walk shortstop



Mathew Santos goes high to make a catch.

Matt Santos, which loaded the bases. The move worked out in Westfield’s favor as Elmer retired the next batter on a pop-up which was caught by the second baseman ending the ballgame.

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Dave Clark picks up a grounder for PeoplesBank.

Teddy Bears Pools scores rare win over defending champs

SOUTH HADLEY – Teddy Bear Pools and Spas wasted no time last Monday evening at South Hadley High School, sending eight men to the plate in the bottom of the first and not looking back en route to a 15–0 blanking of PeoplesBank. The margin was never in question.

The first inning established the tone with swift and relentless efficiency. Bailey Griggs drew a walk that scored a run, Xavion Maldonado doubled to bring home two more, a PeoplesBank error allowed another pair to score, Sean Rosemond drew a walk to push across yet another, and Alex Gochinski grounded out with enough to score one more. Six runs — before PeoplesBank could exhale.

The scoring resumed in the second when Travis Kagan singled to plate one, and the third inning became an exercise in patience and plate coverage. Ray Toth hit a sacrifice fly, Willie Landman singled to center, Griggs singled to right, Kagan grounded into a fielder’s choice, Ty Evans doubled to center,



Danny Gaines pitches for the Bankers.



Mason Barcomb sends a throw to first for Teddy Bear Pools.

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Mutiny defeats Maine Footy



Valentina Molinari looks to get around an opposing player.



Milla Lee starts up the field.



Sophia Scyocurka tries to overcome an opponent.



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Eva Blatz sends a free kick away.



Gabby Williams goes after a loose ball.

LUDLOW – Last Sunday afternoon, June 7, Maine Footy made their annual visit to Luistano Stadium. The New England Mutiny continued their success against the Footy, defeating Maine 4-0.

The UWS win was followed by a win at the Worcester Wanderers 3-0. The Mutiny did suffer a USL-W loss against Hudson Valley 2-1 last Tuesday. The Mutiny will face Hudson Valley against on Saturday, June 20 at Luistano Stadium.

Sports

Obie wins rain shortened \$5k Winchester 101 Modified

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Modified superstar Brian Robie added to his legacy at the great race place Saturday, topping the \$5,000-to-win Open Modified Winchester 101 at Monadnock Speedway.

The reigning and multi-time speedway 604 Modified champion set fast time in qualifying and then outran a stout 18-car field to earn the big payday at his home track, the site of scores of feature victories by the Sunapee speedster over the last decade.

In other events Saturday on the high banks, Hillary Renaud survived a wild one to notch her first Limited Late Model victory of the season, Eric Pomasko ended a long drought by topping the Mini Stocks, and Young Guns sensation Dylan Stati won for the sixth week in a row.

The start of Saturday's main event was postponed earlier for one hour, ten minute rain delay but when the night's top show went green, nobody was more ready than Kimball, except maybe Robie, who started back in row four.

In qualifying Robie set fast time with a lap of 11.713 around the high banked quarter-mile. He, Meservey, and Joey Jarvis each eclipsed the 12-second mark. With Kimball second and Meservey third in the main event, current weekly 604 Modified top points man Tyler Leary was fourth, and NASCAR Whelen Modified series regular Kyle Bonsignore was fifth.

Kimball, from row two,

took the lead from Bleu on lap one, with Robie quickly up to third on lap six and blasting into second a lap later. Kimball then held an eight-length advantage.

With reigning MRS champ Brett Meservey storming into Robie's shadow, Kimball rode all alone at the front, but his advantage vanished when a Chris Pasteryak spun that brought out the caution flag and, with it, brought Robie to the leader's door on lap 29.

Robie was quick to cash in on the opportunity, taking charge on lap 30 and holding Kimball and Meservey at his bumper until heavy rain swept in mid-race, effectively ending the show. After a meeting of track management and the racing teams, the race was declared official.

Hillary Renaud was jostled backward early in the night's Twin States Truck Services Limited Late Model main event but when the chips were on the line, the Vernon, VT star was in the right place at the right time to score her first win of the summer.

Wesley Stedt powered into the early lead, with Renaud and previous winner Robert Hagar close behind. With Renaud shuffled back in the top groove, Hagar held the point, just ahead of Stedt and Daniel Petrowicz, who, like Hagar, had trophied the night before at Claremont.

Petrowicz rubbed past Hagar on lap 28, but a caution flag put Hagar back at the top. Three laps later, with the checkered flag

high in chief starter Chris Horton's hand, Petrowicz again tried to muscle his way to the front, this time sending the top three cars spinning wildly across the finish line.

Renaud, whose ride ended half way to pit road, walked away with her first victory of the summer. Hagar, who was somehow able to drive away from the carnage, was second, and Erik Smith third. Petrowicz, whose destroyed car had to be scraped from the frontstretch wall, was credited with fourth, and Michael Lashua was fifth.

Popular veteran Pat Houle led the first 15 laps of Saturday's Keene Towing and Recovery Mini Stock 25-lapper, with Eric Pomasko challenging until inching ahead on lap 16 and the two crafty vets - each many moons from victory lane - went to work. When Houle's ride quickly dropped off pace, former track king Louie Maher was quickly into second.

Maher tried over and over to wrest the top spot from Pomasko but the Peterborough speedster refused to budge, holding strong to earn his first win in years. With Maher a strong second, potent Craig Chaffee impressed in third, Tim Paquette finished fourth and Houle came home fifth.

Pre-teen ace Dylan Stati won for the sixth week in a row Saturday, topping the Doug's Auto Body Young Guns 15-lapper with ease. Maevie Barry was second on the night.

LEGION from page 9

Monson, who had won their previous two season openers, finished the 2025 regular season with a 7-6 record and went 1-2 in the state playoffs. There are nine returning players this season.

"We do have a lot of returning players, but we're a young team," Tripp said. "We have a couple of eighth graders and a freshman on our roster. We'll be losing only four players due to their age."

McGrath, who's wrapping up his junior year, is the only member of the Quaboag Regional baseball team listed on Monson's roster. Besides being a first baseman, McGrath was the ace of the Cougars pitching staff this past spring.



Grayson Griswold slides into second.

Kaczuwka, who graduated from Ware High School a couple of weeks ago, is the only member of the Indians baseball team playing for the Legion team this summer.

Both McGrath and Kaczuwka are returning Legion players.

Most of the Monson Legion players either attend Palmer High School or Pathfinder Tech.

One of the players from Palmer High is Theo Haley, who suffered a season ending injury at a preseason practice.

Monson's starting pitcher in the season opener versus Westfield (1-1) was righthander Brayden Mega, who graduated from Pathfinder Tech a year ago. He was a member of the Monroe University baseball team this past spring.

Mega pitched the first five innings allowing three runs (two earned) on five base hits. He walked four and recorded seven strikeouts.

"Mega had around a 1.28ERA for us last year," Tripp said. "He only allowed three runs, and I thought he pitched well in his first start of the season."

Two of Mega's walks came in the first inning, but he ended that frame with a pair of strikeouts.

The righthander, who made a throwing error in the first inning, wasn't as fortunate in the following inning.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead when leftfielder Jacob Maynard smacked an RBI single into right field. Second baseman Camden Witczak (2-for-4) knocked home two more runs with a flyball double to left field.

The visiting team managed to put the leadoff hitter on base in seven of the eight innings. They left a total of 13 runners on base, including the bases loaded twice.

"We issued too many walks and made a couple of errors," Tripp said. "We were on the edge of being blown out in tonight's game. We did get out of a couple of jams, which is good to see."

one out in the bottom of the fifth.

Boronski walked on a 3-and-2 pitch before scoring on a wild pitch.

Mega was hit-by-a-pitch and he also crossed the plate following a wild pitch. After the next hitter struck out, third baseman Sebastian Mayberry belted a double to left field, which scored the game tying run.

"The double by Mayberry got us back into the game," Tripp said. "It was a big hit."

At that point, Elmer replaced Cummings on the mound.

Cummings retired the first ten batters that he faced.

Mayberry, who's a righty, relieved Mega at the start of the sixth inning. He allowed two base runners in both the sixth and seventh innings. None of the runners scored, which sent the contest into extra innings.

An RBI single by centerfielder Jacob Barnes gave Westfield a 4-3 lead with one out in the eighth inning.

Monson couldn't tie or win the game in their final at-bats of the game

CLINIC from page 9

League standings.

Rich is currently the boys' varsity basketball coach at Ware High School and will be inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame on November 8.

"Gene was an outstanding three-sport athlete in high school," Dextradeur said. "I think his best sport was basketball and he helped us win a championship title as a senior. He really enjoys teaching the game of basketball and he has a lot to offer. He has had a great coaching career at Ware High School."

The Quabbin and Ware boys' basketball teams are

scheduled to renew acquaintances on the hardwood for the first time in many years during the 2026-27 regular season.

Quabbin Athletic Director Mark Millville and Ware A.D. Thomas Shamgochian, who's another Quabbin graduate, are in the process of ironing out the game details.

Rich, who has won more than 100 career games at the varsity level, conducted his first clinic, which are normally two hours long, in the middle of May.

Each of the clinicians usually conducts three clinics.

Catalini, who's a former boys' varsity basketball coach at Groton-Dunstable, conducted a clinic at the Quabbin gymnasium during the second week of June.

"I don't know if any other high school in the area holds basketball clinics, which is unique," Dextradeur said. "All of the kids enjoy coming here and they get one on one coaching from our clinicians. They just want to become

better ballplayers, and this is the best environment for them to learn."

The seven Panthers players, who attended the June clinic, are seventh grader Bryce Pariseau, seventh grader John Cook, freshman Isaac Patchen, freshman Jack Leclair, sophomore Brady Patchen, sophomore Collin Leclair, and sophomore Aiden Crane.

"This clinic helps us prepare for the basketball season," said Crane, who was a member of the Panthers varsity squad this past season. "It's a lot of hard work, but it's also a lot of fun playing basketball with my teammates. We mainly did a lot of shooting and ballhandling drills at tonight's clinic. I also came to the clinic in May that coach Rich conducted. We worked on our passing skills on that night."

Hopefully all the hard work that the Panthers basketball players are doing during the offseason will pay off for them during the 2026-27 regular season.



Liam McGrath is safe on a pickoff throw.

TRI-COUNTY from page 9

Rosemond singled down the right-field line, and Ryan Magni singled down the left-field line — each driving in a run. Seven different players contributed to that inning. Kagan finished the night with four RBI on a single hit, the most efficient line on the card.

Nate Kelleher-Mochak was untouchable on the mound. The starter worked five innings without allowing a run, giving up just two hits, striking out four, and walking one. It was the kind of outing that makes a winning pitcher's night feel almost anticlimactic — he threw strikes, got outs, and watched his offense do the rest.

Jackson Lavalley absorbed the loss for PeoplesBank, lasting just one inning and allowing one run on one hit. The final score reflected a difficult evening for the visitors, who managed only two hits on the night — one apiece from Hogan G and Macdonald.



Tyler Evans makes a catch at first.

Teddy Bear collected 10 hits as a club, with Magni, Rosemond, and Maldonado each going 2-for-the-night. Equally notable was the team's discipline at the plate: eight walks drawn, with

Griggs and Gochinski each earning two. Teddy Bear also played a clean game in the field — no errors, with Evans handling the most chances at five. On this Monday, everything worked.

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Church News

St. Thomas Church hosts great forest family event on June 28

SOUTH BARRE – St. Thomas Church, 380 Vernon Avenue, celebrates the special Franciscan jubilee year with a great forest family reunion on Sunday, June 28 at 1 p.m.

This even is for families and children ages 4 to 14 and takes place on grounds behind the church along the Ware River.

Chris Jeffcoat OFS and Angela Richardson OFS, along with the St. Joseph Franciscan Fraternity of Charlton will lead participants to experience creation with curiosity and wonder and how to recognize creation as God’s family, while practicing



Submitted photos
Chris Jeffcoat



Angela Richardson

noticing, questioning, and listening.

They will help people discover ways they can care for creation and community and leave them with a personal commitment inspired by the question: “What is yours to do?”

Leading them on a forest discovery pilgrimage, participants will learn to listen like St. Francis listened to nature.

There will also be a story circle under the trees and families will choose a creation care mission. Participants will reflect on sister water, who gives life to everything and create a parish-wide art installation. St. Francis asked, “What is yours to do?” People will discover the answer begins with wonder.

HARDWICK from page 1

served over 17,000 meals, including over 3,800 for Hardwick. O’Brien said they also served about 1,900 congregate meals and 301 free meals during a government shutdown.

O’Brien also said eight people utilize the transportation services, and there was a quilting square project made by residents of both Hardwick and Barre, which were featured in the Barre Gazette.

O’Brien also said the comments made last meeting were derogatory toward the Hardwick Council on Aging, who she said “pour their hearts” into the senior center. She said the newsletter for the center would “blow you away.”

O’Brien said the Barre Senior Center is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, and they offer meals five days a week. The board signed the agreement as presented.

IT services

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said the town received five bids for IT services, with their current provider submitting the lowest bid.

The bid that was presented at the meeting was the second lowest received, as the town is having issues with the current provider.

Select Board Clerk Zack Spencer said the second lowest bidder, Anevry, is a local company, and they have a cart to wheel the camera where it needs to go, a wide view camera, and other boards could put their meetings online.

Caggiano said it seems like the company wants to work for the town, and they also help with public records requests and IT grant writing. She said the cost of the service would be \$38,400 for the first year, which is only \$400 more than their current provider.

The board will revisit this topic at the June 22 meeting.

Warrant review process

Spencer said the warrants should be put in front of all

board members so they can see what the town is paying for, instead of it just being signed by the chair.

Schaaf said he has been the only one signing off on the warrants, and it makes him “uneasy.”

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker said the warrant review is one of the primary financial oversight responsibilities of the Select Board, and the board members should have all of the information available to review and ask questions. Tinker also said there should be a policy that any warrants signed in between meetings should come before the rest of the board at the next meeting. He also made a draft policy for the board to review.

Spencer said he would sign off on the warrants if everyone can see them, and said once they are approved, they could be put on the town website for transparency. He said the goal is to reduce overspending.

Tinker said nobody will be “rubber stamping” anything on the warrants.

Appointments

Caggiano said the Board of Assessors have recommended Lucinda Childs to the Capital Planning Committee. The board voted to appoint Childs to the committee for a three year term.

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The board said they would send the Planning Board’s proposed bylaw changes to legal counsel for review before they set a special town meeting date. Caggiano said the updated Quabbin Regional School District agreement would also need to be on the warrant.

Public comment

Resident Judy Kohn said the escalation of personal differences is not a police matter, and there have been “stringent or too stringent measures” regarding differences. She also said the board has failed their job descriptions.

Kohn also said the tree on the Hardwick common should be saved, as it is being slated to be cut down. She said she contacted a

local arborist who said the tree is fine.

She said the common should be beautiful, and the tree represents a symbol. She said paying for a new tree to replace it might not be good compensation.

Caggiano said the insurance company and arborist said the tree, which was scarred by a fire, would not live.

Resident Liz Cyran presented two pages of complaints, and called for the firing of Caggiano, as Cyran accused her of fostering problems, and costing the town money. Caggiano said the board should shut it down “before someone gets sued for slander and libel.”

Town Administrator’s report

Caggiano said the bids for 179 Main St. and fuel are out. She said she held a financial meeting, a meeting with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, and submitted a \$250,000 application for the Community One Stop grant.

She said the town has positions available at the wastewater treatment plant, highway department, accountant and van driver, and they will be appointing someone to the recycling center at their next meeting. She said there will be a draft employee handbook presented at the next meeting.

She read a letter from the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force to the police department. She also thanked Hardwick residents for messages after the town meeting.

Executive session

The board entered into executive session “to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against an employee not to reconvene in open session” per Mass General Law chapter 30A section 21 (a) (1). Tinker recused himself from the executive session as the matter involved an immediate family member.

Richard H. Sioui, 88



Richard H. Sioui, Ph.D, age 88, died peacefully on Saturday, June 13, surrounded by his family. He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years, Mary Ann (Kapinos) Sioui.



Alumnus Award from the University of Massachusetts School of Engineering. He was also a longtime member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Richard is survived by his children: Kathleen Sioui of Burnsville, North Carolina, Thomas Sioui and his wife, Janice, of Boylston, Daniel Sioui and his wife, Margaret, of San Diego, California, Rebecca M. White of Oxford, Linda M. Koceniak and her husband, Jamie, of Castro Valley, California, and Michelle M. Bernier and her husband, James of Somers, Connecticut; thirteen grandchildren, Jocelyn and Tamara Sioui, Danielle, Joseph, and Pavel Sioui, Zachary and Joel White, Garrett, Genevieve, and Adam Koceniak and Katherine, Matthew, and Alicia Bernier. Richard leaves one sister, Wanita Laffond, and is predeceased by his sister Linda Harrington, his wife of two years, Signe (O’Donnell) Sioui and his son-in-law, Scott F. White.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on Sept. 25, 1937, he was the son of the late Joseph F. and Ellen (Johnson) Sioui. He grew up in Springfield and Holyoke and resided at the Brightside Orphanage from 1946 to 1949.

He graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield and served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1959, receiving the Good Conduct Medal.

Following his military service, Richard attended Northeastern University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

He continued his education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst under a National Science Foundation Fellowship, earning both a Master of Science degree and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering.

His doctoral dissertation focused on liquid fuel combustion. During his academic career, he was elected to the prestigious honor societies Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi.

He also completed studies at the School of Industrial Management at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the Tuck Executive Program at Dartmouth College.

In 1995, he received the Outstanding Engineering

After completing his studies, Richard joined Norton Company in Worcester as a Senior Research Engineer. During his distinguished 32-year career, he advanced to become Director of Superabrasive Technology and later Research Director of the Superabrasive Division.

His work afforded him opportunities to travel extensively, visiting more than 30 countries and circling the globe three times. Among his favorite destinations were London, Paris, and Tokyo.

Widely recognized as an authority in industrial diamond and cubic boron nitride technology, Richard was awarded nine United States patents and numerous foreign patents.

He was listed in Who’s Who in America and American Men and Women of Science and served on the Safety and Standards Committee of the Diamond Wheel Manufacturers Institute.

Dedicated to education, he also established a faculty award within Northeastern University’s Chemical Engineering Department to encourage excellence in teaching.

Richard maintained a lifelong commitment to Scouting. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow during the 1950s.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, he served as Assistant Cubmaster for Pack 180 and as Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman for Troop 178, both in Holden. Following his retirement, he continued his service to Scouting as a Roundtable Commissioner, District Chairman, and Unit Commissioner with the Nashua Valley Council.

His many Scouting honors included the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, and the Bronze Pelican Award. Richard also served for several years as president of the Lovewell Pond Sporting Club.

Richard was especially proud of his Native American heritage. He was a member of the Huron-Wendat Nation of Wendake, Quebec,

DEATH NOTICE

Sioui, Richard H.
Died June 13, 2026
Funeral service
June 18 at 12:30 p.m.
Boucher Funeral Home,
Inc. 110 Nichols St.,
Gardner
Burial to follow at
Massachusetts Veterans
Memorial Cemetery,
Winchendon

Canada, and belonged to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

He took immense pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren and often remarked on how greatly they had enriched his life.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 4-7 p.m. in the Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols St., Gardner.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 from the funeral home with Mass at 12:30 p.m. in Annunciation Parish, 135 Nichols St., Gardner. Burial with Military Honors followed in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Scouting America Heart of New England Council Memorial & Tribute Fund on their website at <https://donations.scouting.org/council/230/appeal/4892>. Please reference in memory of Richard H. Sioui, Ph.D.

Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols St., P.O. Box 455, Gardner, MA 01440, has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.boucherfuneral.com.

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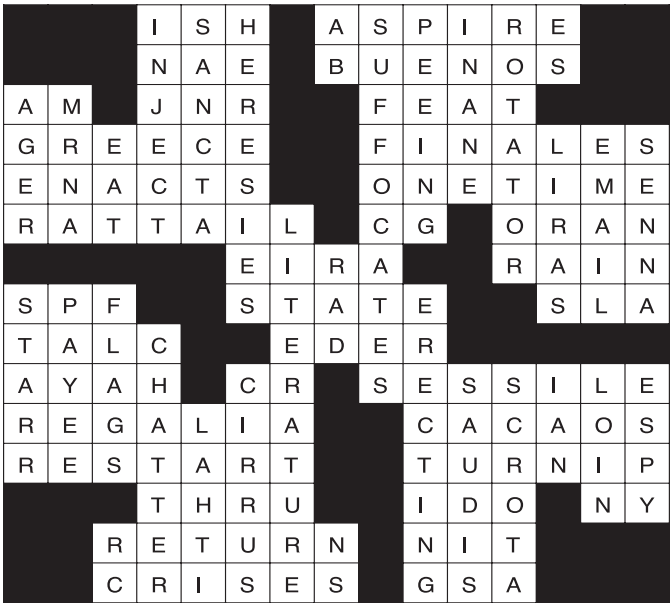
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Please join us as we gather to honor and celebrate Ray’s life and adventurous spirit.

Though he is gone,
he will forever remain in our hearts.
We invite all of his friends to share their stories,
smiles and fondest memories together on

Saturday, July 25th
12 to 4 p.m.
at the Legion Post 404
450 South Barre Road, Barre.

Please RSVP to Larry McGee at 508-210-6754
or Sal Imperato at 508-355-2823

Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, May 17 1:34 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party 1:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 2:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 2:03 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party 7:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Lord Lane, Transported to Hospital 9:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Bushy Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal 11:15 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised 12:19 p.m. Safety Concern, Whitehall Road, Party Departed without Incident 1 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/ Surrender, Barre Paxton Road, Information Taken 1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Paddock Road, transported to Hospital 3:20 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Blueberry Lane, Officer Spoke to Party 5:08 p.m. Complaint, Laurelwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party 6:28 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Referred to Other Agency 7:40 p.m. Complaint, Prospect Street, Area Search Negative 5:44 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party 7:25 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Area Search Negative 10:17 p.m. Complaint, Miles Road, Call Transferred	Officer/Chief Advised 9:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unable to Walk, Mark Circle, Transported to Hospital 4:19 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party 4:22 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Grizzly Drive, Report Filed 4:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Village Way, Transported to Hospital 4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Criminal Complaint Summons Baptista, John Michael, 41, West Brookfield Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With 10 p.m. Harassment Serve – Information – Violate, Public Safety Lobby, Criminal Complaint Summons Boutiette, Monisa, 52, Rutland Charges Harassment Prevention Order, Violate 8:20 p.m. Property Damage, Richards Avenue, Referred to Other Agency	Warning 11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 1:06 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/ Surrender, Main Street, Returned 1:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road Written Warning 1:51 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/ Surrender, Rutland Police Department, Recovered 1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued 2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 5:34 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Maple Avenue, Referred to Other Agency 5:40 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Information Given 7:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/ Head Injury, Turkey Hill Road, Transported to Hospital 10:47 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact	Hazard, Pleasantdale Road, Removed from Scene 7:30 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Information Taken 7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning 11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning 11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made Arrest Maypothor, Richard A., 34, Worcester Charge Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID C90 S23, Number Plate Violation * C90 S6, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23 2:27 p.m. Threats, Rutland Police Department, Report Filed Summons Williams, Isaiah Christopher, 21, Dudley Charges Incendary, Threat to Commit Crime/Murder 2:47 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup 2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 2:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assist 4:34 p.m. Identity Theft, Michael Drive, Mutual Aid Assist 8:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Wkildbrook Road, Gone on Arrival 8:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital	Transported to Hospital 2:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative 3:47 p.m. Property Damage, Miles Road, Report Filed 4:04 p.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised 4:54 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Watson Lane, Information Given 6:48 p.m. Property – 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Barre Police Log

Sunday, May 17 12:42 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Officer Spoke to Party 2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Pleasant Street, Investigated 6:40 p.m. Property Damage, Ruggles Lane, Report Filed 8:05 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/ Gas Leak, Farrington Road, Investigated	Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No 2:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 7:51 p.m. Safety Concern, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party 8:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, No Transport Required 8:23 p.m. Noise Complaint, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact 9:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Report Filed 11:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Vernon Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party	Required 8:04 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, South Street, Removed from Scene 9:37 a.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, South Street, Information Taken 4:07 p.m. Complaint, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact 6:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 6:49 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised 9:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
Monday, May 18 3:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital 4:36 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency 9:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Gauthier Road, Officer Spoke to Party 10:02 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, South Street, Returned 5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 8:16 p.m. Complaint, Trafalgar Square, Officer Spoke to Party 7:13 p.m. Threats, Gauthier Road, Peace Restored	Wednesday, May 20 9:38 a.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Call Transferred 10:51 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Ware, Officer Spoke to Party 10:55 a.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned 12:59 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency 1:27 p.m. Complaint, Nichols Road, Negative Contact 2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued 3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 4:33 p.m. Safety Concern, Nichols Road, Area Patrolled 5:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Street, Transported to Hospital 5:55 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Old Petersham Road, Officer Spoke to Party 7:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, No Transport Required 8:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party	Friday, May 22 8:17 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other Agency 9:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Valley Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal 11:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Nelson Street, Transported to Hospital 12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning 7:15 p.m. Unwanted Party, Sheldon Road, Unfounded 10:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer /Chief Advised 11:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Austin Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Tuesday, May 19 6:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wauwinet Road, Criminal Complaint 7:11 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Gone on Arrival 9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning 10:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sibley Road, Officer/Chief Advised 1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued 1:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital 1:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued Summons Stenman, Justine M., 33, Leicester	Thursday, May 21 1:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, No Transport	Saturday, May 23 12:48 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist 4:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Sunrise Avenue, Area Search Negative 8:08 p.m. Safety Concern, South Barre Road, Investigated

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, May 17 7:05 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, New Templeton Road, Call Transferred	Thursday, May 21 2:11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Worcester Road, Removed from Scene 12:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Morgan Road, Written Warning 6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning 6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 7:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party 8:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, No Transport Required	Friday, May 22 9:11 a.m. Property Damage, Cross Road, Report Filed 11:16 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Area Search Negative 1:14 p.m. Vandalism, High Street, Officer Spoke to Party 2:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital 7:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised	Saturday, May 23 8:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, High Street, No Transport Required 11:17 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised 5:03 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
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Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 64 building/property checks, 42 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, five traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, two motor vehicle investigations, one stolen motor vehicle, one complaint, two safety hazards, one trespass, two fires, five animal calls and 16 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.	7:15 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Main Street, Investigated 10:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prouty Road, Transported to Hospital	Wednesday, June 10 7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 1:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital 1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 3:44 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 4:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Patient Refusal 6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled	Thursday, June 11 2:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled 1:08 p.m. Utility Issues, Turkey Street, Services Rendered 5:10 p.m. Welfare Check, Collins Road, Services Rendered	Friday, June 12 2:35 a.m. Trespass, Main Street, Officer Handled 1:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered 2:56 p.m. 911 Misdial, Railroad Lane, Officer Handled 3:28 p.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, No Action Required 3:37 p.m. 911 Misdial, Lower Road, Merge 5:09 p.m. Gunshots, Barre Road, Services Rendered
Monday, June 8 8:52 a.m. Stolen Motor Vehicle, Main Street, Report Taken 11:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Patient Refusal 1:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital 8:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital	Tuesday, June 9 2:50 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Delargy Road, Negative Contact 6:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Delargy Road, Officer Handled 11:13 a.m. Assist Citizen, Police Department, Officer Handled	Wednesday, June 10 7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 1:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital 1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 3:44 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 4:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Patient Refusal 6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled	Thursday, June 11 2:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled 1:08 p.m. Utility Issues, Turkey Street, Services Rendered 5:10 p.m. Welfare Check, Collins Road, Services Rendered	Friday, June 12 2:35 a.m. Trespass, Main Street, Officer Handled 1:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered 2:56 p.m. 911 Misdial, Railroad Lane, Officer Handled 3:28 p.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, No Action Required 3:37 p.m. 911 Misdial, Lower Road, Merge 5:09 p.m. Gunshots, Barre Road, Services Rendered

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Public Safety

Oakham Police Log

Monday, May 18
4:30 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency
6:25 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), New Braintree Road, Area Search Negative
6:53 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist
7:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist
9:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
9:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, May 19
5:50 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Spencer Road, Investigated (On-Going)
5:56 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, East Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:47 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Negative Contact

Wednesday, May 20
8:56 a.m. Public Assist, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, May 21
2:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Friday, May 22
11:43 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Lincoln Road, Information Taken

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of June 1-8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, three investigations, one safety hazard, one complaint, one motor vehicle accident, three animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, June 1
4 p.m. Complaint, Unitas Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, June 3
5:03 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Officer Handled
10:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
11:39 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Utley Road, Transported to Hospital
8:15 p.m. Harassment, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Thursday, June 4
6:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
9:29 a.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
10:48 a.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
5:33 p.m. Investigation, Wine Road, Officer Handled
6:46 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal

Friday, June 5
11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Gilbertville Road, Report Taken
5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, June 7
1:26 p.m. Gunshots, Pierce Road, Officer Handled

During the week of June 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 17 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, one traffic control, four emergency 911 calls, eight citizen assists, three assist other agencies, two investigations, two safety hazards, one trespass, one scam and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, June 8
12:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
11:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Utley Road, Negative Contact

Wednesday, June 10
5:15 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal
8:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
10:37 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
1:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Gilbertville Road, No Action Required

Thursday, June 11
8:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
8:49 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Removed Hazard
10:55 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Removed Hazard

Friday, June 12
12:41 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal
5:12 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Dennis Whitney Road, Services Rendered
8:31 a.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
2:23 p.m. Investigation, Wine Road, Officer Handled
2:55 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
3 p.m. Trespass, McEvoy Road, Officer Handled
5:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
6:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
6:34 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, June 13
5:06 p.m. Investigation, Utley Road, Officer Handled
5:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
6:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Davis Road, Spoken To
7:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pierce Road, Officer Handled

MassDEP fines Brice Estates, Inc. of Rutland

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection issued a \$101,000 penalty to property developer Brice Estates, Inc., for violating the Wetlands Protection Act and the Clean Waters Act during the construction of the Brice Estates subdivision in Rutland.

During site inspections in 2024 and 2025, MassDEP observed numerous environmental violations including wetland filling, non-permitted tree cutting and inadequate erosion controls.

The violations largely occurred within protected waters in the Ware River Watershed and affected both the site and downstream resources.

Much of the work observed during site inspections was not consistent with plans, designs and permit conditions approved under the Order of Conditions issued by the Rutland Conservation Commission and a 401 Water Quality Certification issued by MassDEP.

“Developers that fail to

follow the terms of their permits can cause unnecessary and serious impacts to our natural resources,” said Andrea Briggs, acting director of MassDEP’s Central Regional office in Worcester. “Permit holders need to ensure proper controls are in place before and during construction to avoid causing environmental damage.”

As part of the settlement agreement, Brice Estates, Inc., agreed to restore and replicate altered wetland resource areas and pay the \$101,000 penalty.

Cool Sandy Beach water system receives fine

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection penalized Cool Sandy Beach Community Water System, Inc., a total of \$7,920 for violations of state drinking water regulations.

The violations occurred at its public water system, which serves approximately 70 people in the town of Rutland.

“Water suppliers are responsible for providing safe drinking water to customers,” said Andrea Briggs, acting director of MassDEP’s Central Regional Office in Worcester. “This enforcement ensures the Cool Sandy Beach Community Water System will operate and maintain its system in compliance with regulations and protect the health of the community it serves.”

The public water system includes a pump house that houses one groundwater well and a water treatment system. During a routine inspection of the water sys-

tem, MassDEP observed that the pump house was not sealed to prevent animals from entering it.

The company also violated drinking water regulations by failing to obtain permit approval for the emergency chlorination system and by failing to provide public notice in response to certain violations.

Under the terms of

MassDEP’s Consent Order, Cool Sandy Beach Community Water System has agreed to pay the \$7,920 penalty and has conducted public notice as required. The company has also agreed to reconstruct or replace the pump house and to submit a permit application to bring its emergency chlorination system into compliance with regulations.

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Public Notices

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, **July 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, Boards’ Office, Floor 3, requested by Central Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communication Center (CMRECC) for an emergency communications tower to be installed to improve first responder communication in the South Barre area located at 50 Main Street, South Barre, Assessors Map H, Lot 56 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 5698, Page 0033.

Anyone wishing 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
06/18, 06/25/2026

PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON **July 6, 2026** AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:

2012 Chrysler 200 Gray 1C3CCBB0CN28729
2010 BMW X5 Black 5UXFE4C57AL278760
2013 Volkswagen Jetta 3VW1K7AJ0DM207115
2011 Honda Accord 1HGCP2F60BA087901
2009 Ford E-Series 1FTNE24L49DA70825
2011 BMW 7 Series WBAKC8C58BC433487
2008 Ford Focus 1FAHP35N68W276492
2016 Mazda Mazda6 JM1GJ1W50G1467203
2010 Nissan Murano JN8AZ1M-W1AW132556
2011 Hyundai SONATA 5NPEB4AC0BH095343
2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee 1J4GW48S44C338347
2006 Honda CR-V JHLRD68516C024607
2006 GMC Savana 1GJHG39U061188214
2018 Dodge Grand Caravan 2C4RDGCGXJR216135
2006 Ford Explorer 1FMEU-74816ZA02780
2008 Ford Explorer 1FMEU73EX8UA15857
2018 Honda Accord 1HGCP26888A051609
2019 Toyota RAV4 JTMP1RFV6KJ002044
2007 Toyota Prius JTDKB20U577576508
2010 Hyundai ACCENT KMHCM3ACXAU174983
2009 Honda Civic

2HGFA16529H354404
2013 Subaru Impreza JF1GPAL6XD2889969
2008 Honda CR-V JHLRE48588C069693

The sale will be held at Early’s on Park Ave., at 536 Park Ave., Worcester, MA 01603
06/18, 06/25, 07/02/2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS Town of Barre

The Town of Barre is accepting sealed bids for Pavement Markings. Class of work is Pavement Markings. Estimated project value is \$58,300. The Town reserves the right to extend the contract for two additional 12-month options; bidders are expected to be able to provide their services for three (3) years. The estimated value in this invitation for bid is for one year; however, contractors are expected to have a single class limit of at least the total calculated value of \$174,900. Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, 40 West St., Barre, MA 01005 and endorsed “FY27-03 Pavement Marking” until **11:00AM on July 8, 2026**, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Town Administrator’s office. Specifications for “FY27-03 Pavement Marking” may be obtained by emailed request to townadmin@townofbarre.com. Under the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 90 and in accordance with 720 CMR 5.00, only pre-qualified contractors may receive project bid documents. All proposals submitted by non-prequalified bidders are subject to rejection at or after the bid opening. OSHA 10 is required for this project. A 50% Payment Bond is required of successful bidder. A 5% bid deposit is required with this bid. The Town of Barre reserves the right to waive any minor informality in and to reject any and all bids.
06/18/2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS Town of Barre

The Town of Barre is accepting sealed bids for Paving Various Streets. Class of work is Pavement-Surfacing. Estimated project value is \$783,750. The Town reserves the right to extend the contract for two additional 12-month options; bidders are expected to be able to provide their services for three (3) years. The estimated value in this invitation for bid is for one year; however, contractors are expected to have a single class limit of at least the total calculated value of \$2,351,250. Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, 40 West St.,

Barre, MA 01005 and endorsed “FY27-01 Paving Various Roadways” until **10:00AM on July 8, 2026**, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Town Administrator’s office. Specifications for “FY27-01 Paving Various Roadways” may be obtained by emailed request to townadmin@townofbarre.com. Under the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 90 and in accordance with 720 CMR 5.00, only pre-qualified contractors may receive project bid documents. All proposals submitted by non-prequalified bidders are subject to rejection at or after the bid opening. OSHA 10 is required for this project. 100% Performance bond is required of successful bidder, 5% bid deposit required with bid. Price adjustment clause in effect for hot mix asphalt mixtures. Period base price for liquid AC is \$670.00 (ton) dated May 13, 2026, per MassDOT website. The Town of Barre reserves the right to waive any minor informality in and to reject any and all bids.
06/18/2026

Town of New Braintree Request for Sealed Bids

The Town of New Braintree will accept sealed bids for materials to be used in road construction and general road maintenance of various town roads. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to bid is for FY2027.

All bids signed with the name and address of the bidder should be submitted in a sealed envelope that is plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope “Goods and Services FY2027”.

All bidders are required to be in compliance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Prevailing wage rates, where applicable.

The Town of New Braintree reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities in the bidding if they deem it in the best interest of the town to do so.

Bid specifications must be obtained from the Select Board office, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or can be emailed upon request by calling the Highway Department at (508) 867-2451.

Bidders must be prequalified by the Contract Engineer of Mass. D.O.T., before specifications can be handed out.

Bids will be received until **9:00 a.m., Monday July 06, 2026**, and will be opened and read at 9:05 a.m. in the office of the Select Board. The bid shall include a statement of non-collusion.
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Congregational Church comedy night and summer fair events

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Congregational “Congo” Church is keeping things hopping in and around the towns this summer with two fun events.

The first event, Help Ring Our Bell Comedy Event, is on Saturday, June 20 at the Petersham Town Hall, 1 South Main St., at 7 p.m.

Coordinated by funny4funds.com, this is an evening of laughter and merriment. The event will raise funds so that the church can have much needed repairs made to allow its bell to joy-

ously ring once again.

The event doors open at 6 p.m. There will be various comedians, who will have everyone in stitches and cause some hearty belly laughs.

The event, is open to those ages 18 and over and will showcase clean comedy and audience participation.

In addition to the show, there will be a snack bar, general raffle and a 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going towards the bell project.

The church is looking for

sponsorships and donations to offset the event costs as well as raffle items for the table.

Tickets are \$ 20 per person and available for pre-purchase on the funny4funds website at <https://www.funny4funds.com/events/petersham-congregational-church-help-us-ring-the-bell-comedy-event/1814>.

Donations and sponsorships can alas be made through the event link. For donated items for the raffle table, people may email Lynn Scott at lynnascott2@gmail.

com to offer items.

The church bell, which is original to the church built in 1829, rang proudly and loudly until approximately three years ago, when age took its toll on the bell that used to toll and it is not longer able to do its job.

The plan is to make repairs to keep the bell suspended safely and remain a part of the church, but add an automated ringer that will allow remote access to ring the bell without members of the congregation climbing the bell tower.

The cost of repairs is estimated at approximately \$35,000.00 and work will be done by a company that specializes in historic bell restoration and bell ringing automated systems.

Following in July is the church’s annual and ever popular, best place to find a bargain Summer Fair. On Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the front lawn and inside the church, a variety of treasures will be available for sharp eyes to spy a deal.

There are books, attic

goodies, vintage items, furniture, clothing, household items, toys and much more. The church will also sponsor a snack bar, bake sale and the historically tasty and well loved strawberry shortcake.

This is always a well attended event and it will be held rain or shine. Larger items will be on the front lawn and the remainder will be in the church and dining hall. Cash and checks will be accepted. This help the church raise funds and ring the bell once again.

Parks Commission discusses upcoming summer events

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
Staff Writer
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HUBBARDSTON –The Parks Commissioners met last Thursday to discuss some upcoming events around town, including a town-wide yard sale and a summer social and the Hubbardston Field Day.

According to the commission, the town-wide yard sale is on June 27-28, and the town will sell spots in front of the library for residents to participate for \$20. There will also be a senior portion of the sale on June 26.

Maps can be bought with a donation at locations around town, including the senior center, according to commission chair Jessie Alexander. She said the town cannot accept donations online.

As of the June 11 meeting, only three people have

asked to be put on the map, compared to last year’s count of 29.

Summer social

Alexander said the summer social is happening on July 23 from 5-8 p.m. at the Curtis Recreation Field. Activities will include a performance by the band Woodshed Music, food from Giacomos, Maddies Ice Cream and the Lions club, a bounce house and tattoos.

The Lions Club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and Alexander said they may need a back-up for Maddies Ice Cream in case they get called somewhere else. Commissioner Kenneth Canfield said the Lions Club needs electricity for their truck, possibly from the bandstand, which will already be operating the bounce house and band.

Alexander said the

bounce house was booked, but will need to be picked up by one of the commissioner’s the day before the event in Shrewsbury. She said the tattoos are going to be pre-paid so they can be free to anyone who wants one at the event. Some other ideas were also floated by the commission, including inviting the Colonia Militia, having yard games, inviting Seven Saws Brewing and 3 on 3 basketball.

Field Day

The Hubbardston Field Day will be at the recreation field from Sep. 18-19, with a rain date of Sep. 20.

Bandstand work

Alexander said the Lions are doing work on the band stand, but will take a day off for the summer social, before resuming work in August. She said the project could move into the fall before it is completed.

Petersham Art Center hosts The Year of the Horse exhibition

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Art Center presents its newest 2026 exhibition, “The Year of the Horse: Painting by Fabio and Sara Deponte.”

All are invited to join the artists for an opening reception on Sunday, June 21 from 4-6 p.m. Along with meeting the artists and enjoying a gallery full of fine art, the reception offers delicious refreshments and a time to see friends and meet new people from the area.

Artists Fabio and Sara Deponte have been practicing their art for decades from their studio in Petersham. Both artists highlight equine themes in their work and this Art Center exhibition celebrates their passion and the Year of the Horse.

Born near Trieste, Italy, Fabio Deponte and his family immigrated to the U.S. in 1956. He studied art in Boston and began his career as an art director and designer.

Fabio’s need to paint and love of art took him to illustration and, finally, to open White Pickets Studio in Petersham with fellow artist Sara Deponte.

Fabio Deponte describes his process, “As a young immigrant you tend to view your surroundings and people as an observer, trying to get the lay of the land. This aspect has never left me. Today I observe for humor in the mannerisms and body language of people and animals as they go about their day. As an artist, I feel compelled to search, experience and explore not just technique and subject matter but the atmosphere one creates for a viewer to be drawn in to see, rather than just look once, then come back and see again.”

Artist Sara Deponte is renowned for her watercolor works. She notes, “The relationship I have with watercolor is filled with surprises. I am forev-

er rediscovering the delight of this medium. When to harness its independence and when to give it freedom. The papers I use differ depending on what I hope to achieve and their brightness and texture work with the paint, never completely hidden. Exploring and interpreting with careful observation and a brush: the grace and power of horses; the special look in the eye; unique shapes and the variety of color within color.”

The exhibition runs through July 26. Regular Art Center hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon -4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition and the center, people may call 978-724-3415.

Since 1912, the Petersham Art Center, located at 8 North St, a short distance from Petersham Common, has been home to regional fine art and craft through its shop, gallery, classes and special events.

CALENDAR from page 8

is from 8:45-10 p.m. for a moth inventory at Mandell Hill. People should sign up via email with Michael Bellefleur at mbellefleur@eqt.org.

HELP RING OUT OUR BELL COMEDY EVENT, sponsored by the Petersham Congregational Church, takes place today at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) in the Petersham Town Hall, 1 South Main St., Route 32, Petersham. Coordinated by funny4funds.com, this is an evening of laughter and merriment. The event will raise funds so that the church can have much needed repairs made to allow its bell to joyously ring once again. The event, is open to those ages 18 and over and will showcase clean comedy and audience participation. In addition to the show, there will be a snack bar, general raffle and a 50/50 raffle, with all proceeds going towards

the bell project. Tickets are \$ 20 per person and available for pre-purchase by visiting the funny4funds website at <https://www.funny4funds.com/events/petersham-congregational-church-help-us-ring-the-bell-comedy-event/1814>.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

WELCOME TO SUMMER,’ the first concert of the season by the Quabbin Community Band, takes place today at 6 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. Margaret Reidy, a Quabbin Community Band alum, is director. In case of rain, the concert move indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. There will be two more concerts at Nornay Park, June 28 and July 5, then they move to the Harding Allen Bandstand, on Barre Common. This year in South Barre, Quabbin Pro Musica will be cooking burgers and hotdogs as a fundraiser and will also offer

other snacks and cold drinks.

OPENING RECEPTION takes place today from 4-6 p.m. in the at Petersham Art Center, 8 North St, Petersham. The works of painters Fabio and Sara Deponte celebrating the year of the horse will be on exhibit. The exhibition runs through July 26. Regular Art Center hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon -4 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets today at 7 p.m. in Hope Lodge, 42 Central St., Gardner. The topic is “Unearthing 1776 A Deep Dive into the Lives of Revolutionary Era Ancestors.” Sara Campbell will be the speaker. People may join on zoom by visiting CMGSO.ORG and adding their name to the list.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

‘BLIND IN THE BAYSTATE’ a documentary film sponsored by the Polis Center for Social and Economic Development Inc. will be shown today beginning at 6 p.m. at the Mile 61 Electic Tavern, 90 Main St., South Barre, formerly the Barre Mill Restaurant. The film will be shown after

a brief introduction by Josh Pearson, a Polus Center Project Director ,who grew up in Barre and co-produced the film along with Katie Crocker, followed by question and answer. Light refreshments will be served and there is a cash bar. Admission is free though donations to help cover film production costs would be welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

KIDS FEST to kick off summer takes place at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., Oakham from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a bounce house, do it yourself tie-dye, bubbles by Malay, petting Pea by Family Education Center, performances and demo by WildKat Hoops, face painting, snacks and beverages. This event is free and open to all.

HILLS OF EAST QUABBIN RIDE takes place today. Bicyclist have a choice of a short loop, 24.2 miles or a long loop, 47.5 miles. Both start and finish at Farmer Matt’s, 860 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree. People may visit BikeReg.com/hills-of-east-quabbin-ride to register or for more information.

FARM TROT 5K FIELD RUN takes place today with registration at 8 a.m. and start

at 9 a.m. at Mesa Farm, 67 Muschopauge Road, Rutland. All proceeds will be used to support horsemanship programs for under-served youth. Entrance fee is \$30 if registered before June 27 and \$35 on race day. People may run or stroll through the rolling hayfields and pastures next to woodland, stone walls and the lightly traveled Muschopauge Road. Participants should wear sneakers or farm boots, see the horses, pet a lamb, enjoy a family friendly experience and raise funds for disadvantaged youth to participate in horsemanship activities through the City to Saddle non-profit organization. There will be awards to top three male and female finishers in several age divisions. City to Saddle Farm Trot tee-shirts will be given to the first 60 registered runners. People may register by visiting www.Citytosaddle.org or calling 508-886-6898 for more information.

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY takes place today from 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, June 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, June 28 on West Brookfield Town Common, Rte. 9, West Brookfield. The public is invited. Field Day is the largest on air amateur radio exercise in the United States, bringing together tens of thousands of licensed operators to demonstrate the reliability,

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28

LEMONADE SOCIAL AND OPEN HOUSE hosted by he Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., Rutland takes place today from 1-3 p.m. People may ;GREAT FOREST FAMILY REUNION takes place today at 1 p.m. at St. Thomas Church, 380 Vernon Avenue, South Barre on the grounds behind the church along the Ware River. This is part of celebrating the special Franciscan jubilee year. This is for families and children ages 4 to 14. Chris Jeffcoat OFS and Angela Richardson OFS, along with the St. Joseph Franciscan Fraternity of Charlton will lead participants to experience creation with curiosity and wonder and how to recognize creation as God’s family, while practicing noticing, questioning and listening. They will help them discover ways they can care for creation and community and leave with a personal commitment inspired by the question:

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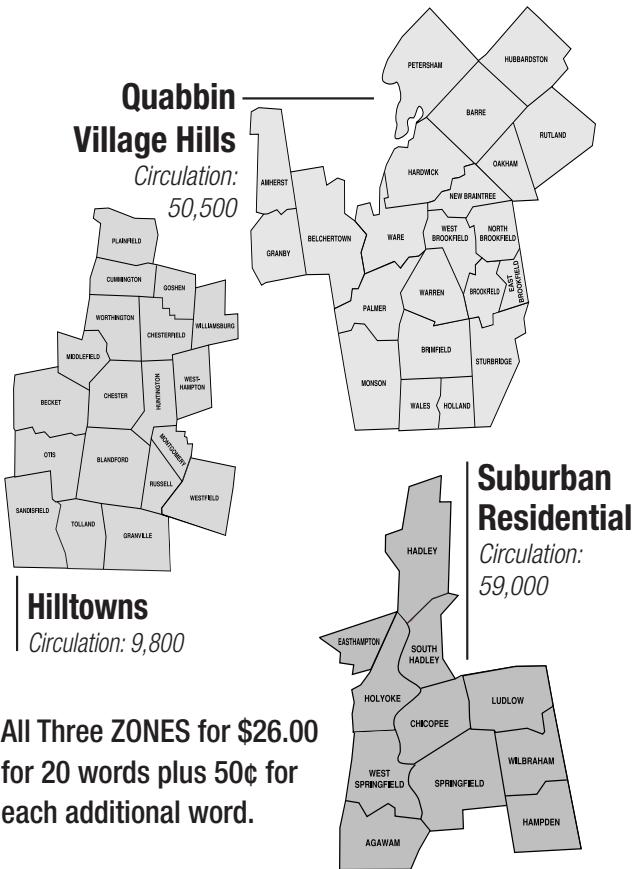
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