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## Select Board approves ATM warrant

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BARRE –The Select Board met Monday, June 16 to review and approve the final Annual Town Meeting warrant of 23 articles for Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 a.m. at Ruggle Lane School.

Select Board member Richard Stevens participated remotely and Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall and Vice-Chair Mark Regienus attending in person. Chairman Marshall read each article.

The first two articles were routine articles, to choose town officers not elected by ballot and to accept reports of boards and committees.

The next article required a 4/5 vote as it was authorizing the payment of bills from a prior fiscal year. Article 4 required a 2/3 majority vote because it transferred money from the Stabilization Account. The total transfer amount was \$168,230 and \$39,915.24 from Stabilization Account for a total of \$208,145.24 to cover the snow removal deficit and \$127,338.25 from the Stabilization Account for the initial pay-

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People lined both sides of Route 122 in the Barre Common last Saturday, June 14.

Courtesy photos

## Barre rally draws large crowd

BARRE – Two hundred and forty people gathered on Barre Common on Flag day, June 14, to support keeping the United States indivisible.

People carried signs celebrating common values, shared by most citizens, such as: protecting our democracy, providing a livable, stable economy; fair taxes, justice and due process for everyone; eliminating waste and fraud with care and skillful assessment; affordable healthcare for all; protecting our water, air, soil, food supply, public lands and wildlife; keeping our planet healthy and protecting social security, Medicare and Medicaid. Concern about the current direction of governance was expressed by signs made and carried by many



A group gathered on Barre Common last Saturday. Many held American flags and carried signs as part of the No Kings rallies held throughout the state.

participants: “No Kings or Dictators.”

It was a peaceful rally joined by honking passing cars and trucks. Hot drinks were offered free. Many American flags were dis-

played with signs expressing a love for our democracy, for the rule of law, our freedoms, our ability to tolerate and live with differences, and a refusal to accept assaults on our

checks and balances.

People of all persuasions who share these values are encouraged to join in these non-partisan gatherings.

## FY 26 budget approved at town meeting

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Voters took action on 17 articles at the annual town meeting last Friday evening.

With the country’s 250th anniversary approaching, Moderator Sheila Orsi shared the history of town meetings in North Brookfield with information gathered by town historian Brandon Avery and Petersham Moderator Bart Wendell.

“Town meeting is a cornerstone of the American form of governance,” Orsi said at the June 13 meeting. “North Brookfield held our own first official town meeting in 1812 on March 10. But 38 years prior, something amazing, yet very controversial happened in 1774.”

At this time, the town was designated as the second parish of Brookfield and the year prior, a “dramatic test” for town meeting occurred with the British government needing to raise additional funds from the colonies to pay for ongoing wars.

A series of acts were placed on colonists to punish them for the actions taken at the Boston Tea Party.

“This was all a step

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Patrick, left, and Gerard ride together during the East Quabbin Land Trust’s Hills of East Quabbin Ride.

## Hills of East Quabbin

EQLT hosted second annual bike ride

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NEW BRAINTREE – The East Quabbin Land Trust hosted its second annual Hills of East Quabbin Ride this past weekend.

This is a charity bike ride to help benefit the East Quabbin Land Trust. Members of the EQLT were set up at Farmer Matt’s in New Braintree, which is where the cyclists would

begin their ride. During this year’s bike ride, 50 cyclists showed up to tour the beautiful roads of these rural central Massachusetts towns.

There were new routes in place for this year’s Hills of East Quabbin Ride. Maps were provided at the booth set up by members of the EQLT. Cyclists traveled through the East Quabbin towns of New Braintree, Oakham, North Brookfield, West Brookfield and Hardwick.

The short route was 24.2 miles long and the long route was 47.5 miles long. The EQLT office in Hardwick was the midway rest stop for the bikers. At the end of the ride, cyclists were invited to enjoy some food at Farmer Matt and

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## Hearing held for FY 26 school budget

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The School Committee held a public hearing to discuss the proposed school budget for fiscal year 2026.

Superintendent Tim McCormick gave a presentation about the proposed budget, which he said still aligns with the school district’s mission to provide high quality education to all students.

“We are committed to continuous improvement,”

McCormick said at the June 6 hearing.

He said the total budget for the school district is \$9,080,825, less offsets \$1,881,621, with the net budget requirement totaling \$7,199,204.

McCormick said some of the figures have shifted since the budget was first presented in January, and he explained the cuts to staffing and supplies that were needed to reach the current budget. He said the initial request for the FY 26 budget at the start of the year was

\$8.2 million and it included two additional positions in order to create a new sub-separate classroom.

McCormick said budget drivers continue to be salaries, out of district tuition costs and transportation. He said the cost of transportation for FY 26 is just shy of \$1 million, and it is not included in the net school spending formula.

“We started to work on some of these numbers knowing that we would have to make some cuts to support this budget,”

McCormick said.

McCormick said savings were made through staff realignments, which includes replacing outgoing staff with new hires at a lower pay rate.

“We were able to replace positions, at sometimes close to \$50,000 less than what we’re paying for those current staff members,” he said.

McCormick said the fuel oil line item was also

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## Memorial car show honored longtime club member

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HARDWICK – The South Barre Rod & Gun Club hosted its annual Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show & BBQ this past weekend.

This was the third time the club has hosted this great event in memory of Mark Blanchard, a longtime member of the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

In addition to cars, the club provided a delicious chicken BBQ meal. Over 200 chickens were cooked outside as guests lined up to eat.

This annual car show takes place every year on

Father’s Day weekend. This year, about 20 cars were featured during the car show. Karen Blanchard, the wife of Mark, was joined by many car collectors and enthusiasts who enjoy cars and brought many vintage cars for this year’s memorial car show.

Running the car show alongside Blanchard were Stanley Miknaitis and Dave Altobelli. This group enjoys cars and runs car shows together throughout the region. Miknaitis brought a couple vintage cars of his own, including a red 1964 Ford Falcon Futara.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Stanley Miknaitis is shown alongside a 1965 Ford Two Door Wagon; a rare vehicle

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# News of the Towns



**ROUND TOWN**  
by Ellenor Downer  
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## Senior Center holds Derby party and art show



Submitted photos

These women display the hats for the first ever Kentucky Derby party recently held at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center.

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, bustles with activity.

They successfully hosted the first ever Kentucky Derby party, which saw fantastic attendance. Participants enjoyed showcasing their fancy hats, while the gentlemen were dapper in their outfits, adding to the festive atmosphere.

In addition to the Derby party, they held an art show, which will become an annual event. With over 30 participants contributing their unique artwork, the show was

a vibrant display of creativity. Jen Swan and participant volunteers curated the pieces beautifully, attendees were treated to a visual feast complemented by carefully chosen music and food pairings.

The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center was thrilled to feature at the Art Show, two special displays funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. There also were basket making workshops hosted by Sue Morello, and fruit and vegetable art workshops led by Jen Swan. These additions truly enriched the experience for everyone involved.



David sports his attire to celebrate the first ever Kentucky Derby party at the Barre Senior Center.



In addition to the Kentucky Derby party, the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center held an art show. This will become an annual event.

This gingerbread style doll house was also on display at the art show.

## HUBBARDSTON

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### Rep. Berthiaume Chief of Staff holds office hour

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, will hold an office hour on Wednesday, July 16 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Hubbardston Senior Center, Slade Building, 7 Main St. She invites constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

### Senior Center

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

## Senior Center hosts Barre's Best Bites

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center will host Barre's Best Bites for the aging population, a flavorful community event taking place on Monday, July 21 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road.

Local restaurants and food businesses will showcase nutritious, delicious offerings tailored for the aging adult community. This event is part of the center's year-long initiative, "Stronger Together," which highlights nine monthly themes designed to support becoming Stronger Together both individually and as a community.

July's focus on Nutrition emphasizes the importance of healthy eating, trying new foods, and connecting with others through shared meals. "This is a wonderful opportunity for local aging adults to come together, try new dishes and connect with community members, who care about wellness and nourishment," says Betty-Jo O'Brien, Council on Aging/Senior Center Director.

Participants attending Barre's Best Bites include: Café on the Common, Country Gourmet, Hardwick Crossing, Hartman's Herb Farm, Mimi's Coffeehouse, Red Tomato Pizza and Wholesome Farmer's Market. Contributing Partners are Barre Pizza gift certificate for door prize, Dunkin Donuts, Carter & Stevens Farm/Stone Cow Brewery, Barre Farmer's Market information table, Hardwick Farmer's Market information table and Barre Food Pantry information table. More local favorites will be announced soon.

Attendees can look forward to sampling hors d'oeuvres, main entrées, desserts and beverages, each offered in tasting portions to encourage variety and exploration.

Barre's Best Bites offers an afternoon of good food, new flavors and vibrant community spirit. Admission is free and all seniors are welcome. People may sign-up at the Barre Senior Center Front Desk or by calling 978-355-5004.

## Historical Society holds program on COST

NEW BRAINTREE – An evening of discussion and remembrance of New Braintree's "Conserve Our Small Town" era will be held at the New Braintree Historical Society, 10 Utley Road, New Braintree on Friday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m.

This David and Goliath fight was to prevent a prison from being built on the current site of the Massachusetts State Police Training Center on West Brookfield Road. Many town residents fought this monumental battle to its final conclusion with Governor Weld in 1990. People who were involved, are invited to come and share their experiences. All are welcome.

### Editorial deadline reminder

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

## 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 23. 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 – Burger with chili and cheese, herb potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

TUESDAY – Burgundy pork, mashed sweet potatoes, green peas, pears, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY – Butter chicken, red bliss potatoes, country blend vegetables, vanilla mousse, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Jambalaya, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, birthday cake, diet = small piece, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Bean and cheese enchilada, Spanish rice, summer corn, sour cream, pineapple, pita bread

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

## Senior Center program has change of time

BARRE – The Monday July 7 program at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South St., with Fred Hamel changed to 10 a.m. from 9 a.m.

Fred Hamel shares his personal story of connecting to the Glucose Goddess and shares why reducing sugar intake is so important. This program is free and people may sign up at the Senior Center.



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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Select Board – June 20 at 3:42 p.m. and July 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – June 23 at 10 a.m. and July 2 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Town Meeting – June 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – June 26 at 11 a.m.  
 Felton Field Commissioners – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – July 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – July 10 at 1 p.m.  
 Board of Health – July 14 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – July 14 at 5:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – July 14 at 6 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.  
 911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Council on Aging – June 23 at 10 a.m.  
 Planning Board – June 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – June 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – July 3 at 7 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – July 9 at 3 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – July 21 at 3 p.m.  
 Board of Health – July 31 and Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Cemetery Commission – June 25 at 3 p.m.  
 Board of Parks Commissioners – July 9 at 12:22 p.m. and July 16 at 12:23 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Rep. Berthiaume's and Sen. Durant Office hour – June 24 from 10-10:45 a.m.  
 By Law Committee – June 30 at 2 p.m.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing – Jun 30 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – July 1 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – July 16 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen/Highway seasonal bids – June 26 at 10 a.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – June 20 at 11 a.m. June 26, July 17, July 31, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – June 25 at 7:30 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – June 26 at 7 p.m. and July 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Advisory Finance Committee – June 26 at 7 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – July 1 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – July 1 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – July 8 at 10 a.m.  
 Board of Assessors – July 9 at 11 a.m. and Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Planning Board Public Hearing – June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

## Hike to Prince Walker Burial Ground set for June 29

BARRE – The Barre Historical Society and Department of Conservation and Recreation announce they are co-hosting a hike to the Prince Walker Burial Ground and the nearby homesite of Prince Walker on Sunday, June 29 at 10 a.m.

Prince Walker was born June 24, 1774, so this hike will commemorate the 251st anniversary of his birth. The Prince Walker Burial Ground is the only African-American burial ground in Barre, and one of few in Central Massachusetts. Prince Walker was born enslaved in Barre in 1774 and died at his homesite near the burial ground in 1858. He built a burial ground on his property after his first wife died in 1809 and several children are buried there as well as Prince Walker himself. He gave the burial ground to the town of Barre before his death. The

small, remote burial ground is surrounded by Ware River Watershed land.

The walk will be co-led by Lucy Allen, historian Barre Historical Society and Nancy Huntington, program coordinator DCR. Lucy Allen will describe Prince Walker's life from his childhood in Barre, his sale into slavery in Connecticut when he was only nine years old and his escape to Barre before his 21st birthday. Here he purchased property, farmed, and was a registered voter and respected citizen. Nancy Huntington will describe the history of the Ware River Watershed and the management of the area.

The walk to the Prince Walker Burial Ground is about 1/3 mile uphill on a wooded trail. Please wear solid footwear. Insect repellent is advised. Because June has been so rainy, the walk to

the homesite is tentative as it requires going through a wet area. If heavy wind, rain or thunderstorms appear likely, they will reschedule the hike at a time to be determined.

Those wishing to participate should meet at the Barre Historical Society Headquarters at 18 Common St. in the center of Barre at 9:45 a.m., from which they will carpool to the trailhead because of limited parking there. The Burial Ground is located off Gilbert Road, a dirt road that leads left off Route 62 East near the Hubbardston Town Line. There is no address for the meeting place and no sign, thus best planning is to meet at 18 Common St. They will start the program at the Gilbert Road site at 10 a.m.

People can email barre-history@gmail.com for more information.



**OAKHAM**  
 by Ellenor Downer  
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### OHA to hold open house

The next open house at the Oakham Historical Association Museum, Old Turnpike Road, will occur on Sunday, June 29 from 1-4 p.m. There will be a very interesting program presented at 2 p.m. by the local Department of Conservation and Recreation interpretive services. They will discuss the beginning of the Quabbin reservoir project, "Clearing the Valley."

### Berthiaume's chief of staff hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. On Tuesday, July 15 Donna will be at the Oakham Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m.

### Concert series

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

### Senior center news

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

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

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

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

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

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

On June 20 the group will go to Charlie's Diner in Spencer. There is a sign up sheet at the Senior Center in the Main Room. People should sign up by stopping at the senior center, e-mailing COA@Oakham-MA.gov or calling the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave a message.



Submitted photo

Members of the Band and Audience dressed for Hogwarts week on the bandstand in 2023.

## Orange Community Band begins season June 20

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band begins its summer season Friday, June 20 at 7 p.m. on the bandstand in Butterfield Park.

Stephanie Parker will be conducting the band for her 23rd season. The concerts will continue through June and July, ending on July 25. A Back to School Concert will be held Friday, Aug. 29. The Friday, July 18 will be Children's Night with balloons and special prizes.

The opening concert will be "Welcome, Summer" on June 20. Selections may include some of the following: "Hill Country Holiday," "Thunder and Lightning," "Flight of the Bumblebee," "Summertime," "Beach

Boys," "River of Life," "Big Band Signatures," "As Summer Was Just Beginning," "Thundercrest," "Disney March Spectacular," "Pink Lemonade," "Carnival," "Grease, Moana," "Shop Around" and "Tropical Merengue." The program will begin as always with the National Anthem and other marches may be included. The Salvation Army will provide refreshments including coffee, hot dogs, soda and popcorn with their proceeds going to send children to summer camp.

The theme for the June 27 concert will be "Let's go to the Movies" and will include themes ranging from Disney to John Williams

to the Wizard of Oz. Many concerts during the summer will include guest appearances from talented singers and dancers from the community.

Summer season sponsors for the Orange Community Band include Witty's Funeral Home, Orange American Legion Post 172, Nursie Perkins Family, Lyman Family in memory of Gordton and Madena Kihart, Dean's Beans, Dotty V. and Miffy S., "Forebears and Traditions," Susannah Whipps, John M. Howe Family, Orange Lions Club, Trustees of New Salem Academy, Venture Community Services, and Honest Weight Brewery.

## Rep. Berthiaume office hours announced

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with.

People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. Office hour locations on Tuesday, July 8 include the Ware Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m., Hardwick Town Hall from 10-11 a.m. and

Brookfield Town Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Office hour locations on Wednesday, July 9 include Leicester Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m., Spencer Senior Center from 10-11 a.m. with Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi's Office and East Brookfield at the Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Office hour locations on Tuesday,

July 15 include Oakham Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m., New Braintree Town Hall from 10-10:45 a.m. and North Brookfield Town Hall from 11 a.m.-noon.

Office hour locations on Wednesday, July 16 Barre-Senior Center 9:30-10:15 a.m. and Hubbardston Senior Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Petersham to hold 4th of July parade

PETERSHAM – The Fourth of July parade will be held on Thursday, July 4 at 10 a.m. This year's parade starts on the Petersham Common and follows the route known as "the Old Maid's Mile." The theme this year is "We the People." All are welcome to participate and should arrive on The Common by 9:30 a.m. for parade assignment.

If people are marching, riding, walking with an animal, they should call or text Sue at 832-499-1670 for more information or to answer questions.

## Corrections policy

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# Opinion

## Letters to Editor

### Selling out our water

The fate of our drinking water sources lies in the hands of the Department of Public Utilities Siting Board and the energy development companies Rhyndland/Moraga Storage.

If approved, Rhyndland/Moraga's petition to seek exemption from Oakham's State-approved zoning by-laws will result in a large-scale lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage System facility to be constructed at 358 Coldbrook Road in our Town. It is outrageous that such a risky proposal could be considered for a property that is located so close to Oakham's Elementary School, residential homes, the Ware River Watershed and adjacent wetland areas. One of the most pressing concerns about this project is the protection of a precious natural resource necessary to sustain life...our water.

The foreseeable, realistic potential of a fire at a large scale lithium-ion facility poses unimaginable threats to the health, safety and environment of Oakham's residents and those of other communities across the State. Such a fire cannot be extinguished. It will burn for days, constantly emitting toxic fumes and particles containing dangerous chemicals that will contaminate air, land and water for miles. The result-

ing, irreversible pollution will threaten the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs, area wells, ponds, multiple rivers, streams, brooks and lakes. The drinking water sources for millions of Massachusetts residents will be poisoned.

The example of Moss Landing's California energy storage facility fire in January, 2025 should be a wake-up call to any state considering the use of large scale lithium-ion battery storage facilities. This disastrous event forced evacuation of over 1,000 residents and left significant health and environmental issues in its wake. We cannot let this happen in Massachusetts.

Cleaner energy solutions are necessary, but the risks posed by the use of lithium-ion batteries are significant and far outweigh the benefits. Fast evolving technology for safer options should be pursued and researched. More stringent guidelines for battery energy storage are necessary before irreversible and deadly consequences occur in our State.

Become informed and join Oakham's fight for the sake of all Massachusetts' residents and communities. Updated information can be accessed at theacorns.org website. Your support is necessary and much appreciated.

Ellen Carpenter  
Oakham

### Reader urges ban of single use plastic bags

It's Barre's turn to ban single use plastic bags; 160 municipalities in Massachusetts have already done so.

The production and use of thin film single use plastic check out bags have a significant impact on the environment. When left at the dump, on land or in the ocean, these bags break down and form microplastics which are airborne, in the soil and waterways. Microplastics cause harm to all life.

National Institute Health states, "that approximately 360 million tons of plastic are produced every year worldwide with only 7% recycled, leaving the majority of waste to accumulate and cause a serious threat in the form of microplastics." All ecosystems are affected by this.

The Environmental Protection Agency states, "that current research suggests microplastics can have potential impacts on the immune system, inflammation, oxidative stress on organs tissue like the liver,

kidneys and lungs."

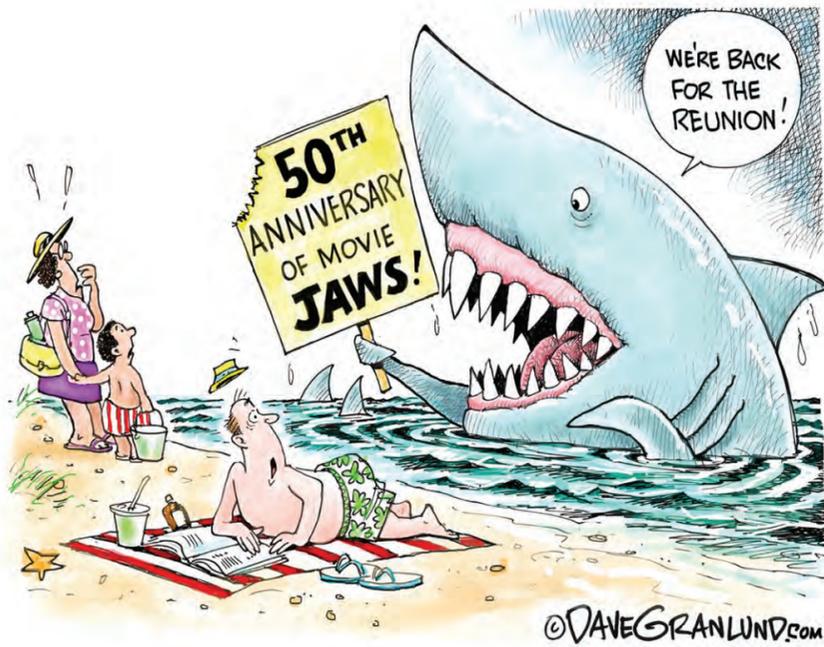
Microplastics also have endocrine disrupting properties. This can affect reproductive capabilities and alter hormone levels. The NIH states "infants in the womb and young children are at the highest risk of plastic related health effects."

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization research finds "microplastics have become part of the food chain and have been found everywhere: in drinking water, salt, beer and in soil where we grow our vegetables."

Our Barre Transfer Station does not recycle single use plastic bags. From Barre, these single use plastics go to a Material Recovery Facility. They cannot be recycled at this facility and are put in the dump.

It is important to diminish the use of plastics in any way we can. At the Barre Town Meeting on June 24, we will have the opportunity to do this.

Louisa Knowles  
Barre



## In Past Pages

### Look Back Jennie Blaisdell-Helen Connington Scholarship Horse Show – 1993

The Barre Riding and Driving Club sponsored the Jennie Blaisdell-Helen Connington Scholarship Horse Show on Aug. 15, 1993.

File photo



#### 5 years (June 25, 2020)

A 12.59% turnout or 479 of the 3,804 voters went to the polls Tuesday in Barre. They elected Karen Keegan to the Board of Health and Elisha S. Musgraves to a five-year Planning Board, the only two contests on the ballot. Karen Keegan with 284 votes (181 precinct 1 and 103 precinct 2) on a three-year term to the Board of Health over Anthony F. Mobilio with 152 votes (86 precinct 1 and 66 precinct 2). In the only other contest on the ballot, Elisha S. Musgraves with 255 votes (153 precinct 1 and 102 precinct 2) defeated Ralph Hallowell Rogers III with 203 votes (133 precinct 1 and 70 precinct 2) for a five-year term on the Planning Board.

Hubbardston Town Administrator Ryan McLane invited representatives from Wesley and Sampson to discuss a water study in the town center. McLane said at the Selectmen meeting June 15 the deadline to file an application for Massachusetts Vulnerability Planning appli-

cation. Town buildings including the library, school and Slade Building rely on one well. A representative from Wesley and Sampson said the town could take a phased approach. She said the work had to be done within a year. She said the water study would fit nicely with Town Center Project, which will begin in 2022. The MVP grant required a 25% community match that could include in kind services and/or cash. The town's share for an analysis of drinking water would be \$15,000.

Oakham Selectman Bradford Taylor said he received a note from the Police Department that there were more problems at the town beach. He said town counsel, KP Law, determined the property known as town beach was not transferred and the town owns the beach on Lake Dean. Taylor said no taxes were ever paid by the person, who believes owns it. He said, "It is time to put the [the issue] to bed so the Police Department doesn't get called

to straighten out a situation." Selectmen Lucy Tessnau and Donald Haapakoski agreed. Taylor will have the Highway Department remove the sign from the tree to allow people in town to use the beach.

#### 10 years (June 25, 2015)

On Sunday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m., Bay State Equine Rescue will host a 5K run/walk at Old Sturbridge Village. Consisting of dirt trails and paved roads, this unique race will take participants back in time as you run through covered bridges, beautiful scenery and 19 century living. Run Like the Dickens 5K is the only public trail run through Old Sturbridge Village. It features a children's stick-horse race and Run Like the Dickens t-shirts to the first 150 pre-registered runners.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation announced that the Police Department in Barre was awarded \$500 from

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## What not do this last week of spring

By avoiding these common mistakes you'll be well on your way to a wonderful landscape this summer.

### Sowing grass seed at the wrong time

Did you know that the end of August/ beginning of September is the best time to get a new lawn off to a good start? It is, first and foremost because crab grass (the arch enemy of real grass!) can't gain a foot hold late in the growing season. Slightly cooler temperatures and adequate rainfall prevalent during that time of year help too.

### Scalping the lawn

Healthy turf isn't mown as low, or as often as you might think. Mowing to a height of about three inches will encourage a strong stand of deep-rooted grass that is capable of shading out developing weeds and

sustaining itself during periods of drought.

### Removing grass clippings

Take the bagger attachment off of your mower and let the clippings fall back onto the lawn! Grass clippings are a valuable source of nitrogen, the nutrient responsible for giving grass its green color. It's silly to remove it, only then to provide it in the form of granular fertilizer.

### Watering during the heat of the day

Most gardeners know that early in the day is the optimal time for watering the lawn as well as other plants. Less water is lost to evaporation, and fungal diseases are kept to a minimum since foliage has a chance to dry



before darkness sets in.

### Choosing the wrong plant for the location

Almost everyone has fallen victim to the "I've got to have that plant syndrome." This condition causes even smart gardeners to buy plants that don't fit their particular situation. Heed the advice provided on the plant's tag.

If it requires shade, plant it in a shady location. If it demands a well-drained soil

and yours is clayey, amend the soil first! Etc. etc.

### Applying mulch too thinly

Topdressing our shrub beds with a layer of mulch each season can be an expensive endeavor. Frugal gardeners may skimp in order to save money. Do so and you may be sorry, as weeds will no doubt pop through less than adequate coverage.

Make sure that bark mulch is three to four inches thick; hay or straw used in veggie gardens should be even thicker, to the tune of eight to 12 inches.

### Mulching too close to the base of a tree

Never mound up bark mulch against the base of

a tree. It can result in bark decay. This condition can bring about a disruption of the translocation process of food from the leaves of the tree to its roots, weakening it severely. The tree will also become more vulnerable to attacks by insects and fungi.

### Not moistening peat moss before use

Most experts recommend adding peat moss to the planting hole when installing trees, roses or other shrubs. Rich in organic matter, it will get your plants off to a great start, but only if incorporated correctly.

Peat moss must be moistened before use, otherwise it will wick water away from the plant it is intending to help. Once thoroughly wet, peat moss will aid in moisture

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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is another rainy week. I'm feeling like a mushroom? Our handyman brought Ken a delicious pie from the Hubbardston Historical Society pie sale for Father's Day. It even had a can of whipped cream with it.

Ken was disappointed he was not able to attend the pie sale or bake an apple pie like he used to do.

I made a strawberry shortcake for dessert. For Father's Day, I gave Ken a new watch and a large round thermometer for the back deck. His two daughters and their families gave him a new Lazyboy chair. He really needed one.

Patrice gave me two new day lilies to plant and I had ordered four others that I planted. Another friend gave Ken some snack foods and a writing tablet and a very

nice card. We are so fortunate to have a good family and friends.

I have made a batch of half sour pickles with a recipe that I was given by a late friend, Bob Cohn. I have been shaking the bottle each day for about four days and I am anxious to try them.

Here is a recipe I plan to make when I pick the next batch of rhubarb from the garden.

**STRAWBERRY RHUBARB COMPOTE**  
1 pint strawberries  
4 medium to large stalks rhubarb

1/2 cup sugar  
Wash and chop the strawberries. Wash and chop the rhubarb. Combine in a two quart saucepan on low heat. Add sugar when the strawberries start to create liquid and cook for about 10

minutes, covered and stirring occasionally. Cool and refrigerate. Excellent on toast or vanilla ice cream.

**This and That**  
My craft projects for this week included making six placemats and some matching napkins that match my best dishware. The other ongoing project is a table runner made with woolen cutouts that made a wreath of summer flowers. It is done on a black woolen runner and sewn with pearl cotton. It took some time to cut out the pieces but hopefully it will be pretty when completed.

Another friend made a delicious meal of stuffed peppers, a salad and garlic bread with cheese cake for dessert.

Have a nice week and happy cooking.

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the Foundation's Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant program. Sandra Maddocks, an employee of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's affiliate, Health Plans, Inc., nominated the Barre Police Department for the award. Funds will be used to support the purchase of training equipment. To commemorate those Harvard Pilgrim members that lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 Harvard Pilgrim and the Foundation created the Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Golf program. This program allowed each Harvard Pilgrim employment award a \$500 grant.

Eagle Hill School received a \$10,000,000 gift from a family whose child graduated from the school on Saturday morning. The donation is earmarked for endowment and will be used to increase the school's financial aid budget. The family has made the gift anonymously. Asked if this gift was a surprise to the school, Eagle Hill School Headmaster Dr. P.J. McDonald explained.

**25 years (June 22, 2000)**  
Now that the Annual Town Meeting is over and summer is here the Barre Selectmen had only few items on the agenda at the Monday night meeting. Tony Musnicki proposed the forming of a committee to oversee the sounds system at the bandstand and the town's portable sound system. Since there was approval of \$3,000 for purchase of a new sound system for the bandstand, the formation of a committee would be helpful. The town

also owns a portable system that is used at Memorial Day and other outside functions. Musnicki recommended the committee consist of Don Funk, Beth Bryant and himself.

In what may be the last exercise of its kind, the Planning Board denied three separate applications from SBA Inc. to build cell towers in town. The meeting June 15 in the Henry Woods Memorial Building was called to make sure there would be a quorum present to decide the fate of the requests. The town was facing a legal time deadline or deciding the issue. At issue were three applications from SBA Inc.. The first was to build a cell tower on Britton Road owned by Norman and Ruth Brodmerkle. The second parcel is on Spring Hill Road owned by Michael Crevier and Lori Stelmokas. The third application was for the construction of a tower on Old Coldbrook Road owned by Richard and Irene Stevens.

The students from the Hubbardston Center School entertained the crowd, which gathered for the Founders Day celebration last weekend. The group performed skits, songs and instrumental pieces along with traditional folk dances. The period costumes helped add to the entertainment.

**38 years (June 25, 1987)**  
Barre voters approved a \$4.7 million bond issue for an addition to Ruggles Lane School and reluctantly okayed a \$30,000 expenditure for professional planners

to study Barre's growth at the Special Town Meeting held last Monday, June 22. The addition to Ruggles Lane will increase the population capacity to 688 pupils, the maximum number the state will support. The 20 year bond issue calls for a minimum of 75% reimbursement from the state and will cost taxpayers approximately \$1.7 million.

An informational meeting on the proposed power plant was well attended by Barre residents after the Special Town Meeting last Monday, June 22. Representatives from New England Power gave an educational presentation on the possibility of Barre being chosen as a site for a future base load generating plant in the mid 1990s. According to New England Power Vice-President Joe Harrington, there are a number of criteria, which must be met for the site to be chosen. Barre has the necessary criteria, which included a diversified fuel supply, good transportation access and adequate water supply.

Senator Robert D. Wetmore announced June 18 that Secretary of state Michael J. Connolly has set the deadlines governing the special election to be held to fill the vacancy in the 1st Hampden District seat created by the passing of Representative William E. Moriarty of Ware. "The House of Representative recently adopted an Order designating that the special election be held on sept. 15, 1987," said Wetmore.

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retention!  
**Forgetting to "butterfly" root balls at planting time**  
Did you ever purchase a tree or shrub, perennial or annual whose root ball was so thick with roots you could barely see the soil in which it was planted? Plants that match this description are "root bound."

If this situation isn't remedied at planting time the roots may never know they have room to sprawl;

ultimately, growth may be affected! Let the roots run free by taking both hands and splitting open or "butterflying" the root ball. Root balls of larger specimens can be scored in several places with a knife.

**Pruning summer blooming shrubs now**  
Don't prune your Rose of Sharon or Hydrangea now or you'll take the flowers with your clippings. On the flip side, you have until July 1 to prune your lilacs. Rhododendrons and Azaleas

can be deadheaded now for even more flowers next spring.

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

## Historical Society hosts lemonade social and open house

RUTLAND - The Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., will be hosting their annual Lemonade Social and Open House on Sunday, June 29 from 1-3 p.m.

On display will be memorabilia featuring the Rutland Fife and Drum Corps, celebrating its 65th anniversary. The Rutland Fife and Drum Corps was founded 65 years

ago, by Edmund Butkiewicz and was one of the few organizations that brought Rutland youth together having fun while learning discipline.

They traveled around the Northeast and won many competitions as a group and individually. Butkiewicz had a list of what he thought the Fife and Drum Corps taught, which included responsi-

bility, consistency and reliability, proficiency, direction and cooperation for the betterment of all, pride of participating in something large and knowing they did their best that day and better preparation equals improvement. This is one of the many events Rutland's 4th of July will be having to celebrate their 77th year of activities.

## Ware Meetinghouse upcoming events

WARE- The Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum at 295 Belchertown Road, Route 9, is where the Town of Ware began.

Tours and exhibits will be open on Sundays, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, and Sep. 7 from 1-3 p.m. and by appointment. The featured display this year is a collection of dishes and pottery including examples of plates and serving pieces, flow blue and tea leaf patterns and pottery for bed and bath.

People may bring a lawn chair and enjoy concerts on the Green on July 13 with New England Brass Quartet, July 20 with Dixieland Stomp, and July 27 with Lori Brooks, all at 6 p.m. The United Church of Ware will hold service on Old Home Day on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. The Annual Ware Center Fair will be on Sept. 13.

Come stand where Ware colonists mustered to prepare to fight for freedom in the American Revolution. See hardtack from the Civil War, a uniform and medals from WW I, stories, mementos, and pictures from WW II, Vietnam, Korea, Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Visit the school room to hear the story of Ware's alligator and explore an amazing model of the Meetinghouse by Chris Novak; the kitchen with the original wood stove, dry sink, milk bottles from local dairy farms and Coca-Cola bottles from Ware's own bottling company; the ladies' par-

lor, important during the Civil War when the women met to roll bandages and share letters from their soldiers. See the piano and doors from the Casino Theatre, the oldest movie house in the U.S when it was taken down in 2011. Learn about the Quaboag Indians, weirs and wetus, our town seal, famous people from Ware like Erastus Salisbury Field, Elizabeth Howe Lincoln, and Shamus Culhane, and Candy Cummings. There are pictures of early Ware, mementos from the banks and businesses, furniture, Mary Lane Hospital memorabilia, Ware High year-books and more.

Upstairs the sanctuary looks much as it did 1838 when it was renovated due to the division of church and state. See pictures of the fire of 1986 which nearly destroyed the meetinghouse and of the bell cast by Holbrook, student of Paul Revere, that visitors are invited to ring.

Established in 1962, the Ware Historical Society preserves local artifacts and information and promotes local historical research

and educational activities to develop the community's awareness of its unique heritage. The organization cooperates with local, state and national historical agencies in the preservation of historical sites, buildings and materials, and in any other areas of common concern and effort. The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meetinghouse maintain the building and the grounds and together the Historical Society and the Proprietors maintain the museum.

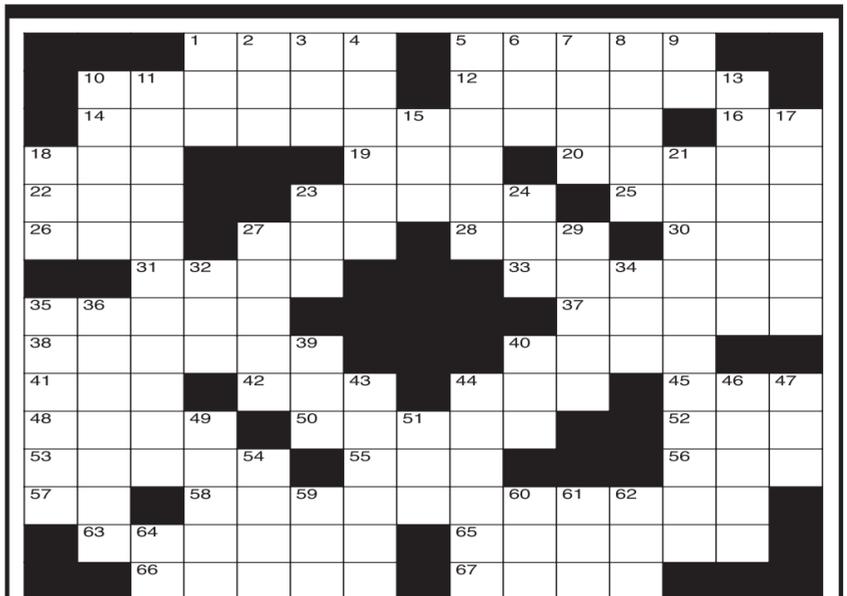
For sale are History of Ware books, books by local authors and gift items like mugs, postcards, and T-shirts with pictures of Ware landmarks. This year, T-shirts portray feature Mary Lane Hospital which was very important to Ware and the surrounding towns. Artifacts are being collected for a display to tell the story of a well-to-do benevolent mill owner wanting to provide medical support for his workers and the people in his communities. For more information, check the internet at Facebook and warecentermeetinghouse.org.

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

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

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661.**



### CLUES ACROSS

- Type of bread
- Range of mountains
- Ended
- Musical forms with a recurring theme
- On the nature of being
- Law enforcement agency
- Australian flightless bird
- Subway rodent
- More dried-up
- A beaver might build one
- Suggestive of the supernatural
- Art \_\_, around 1920
- American rocker Snider
- Not or
- Earliest human: \_\_-Magnon Man
- Firearm
- Tough outer skin of fruit

### CLUES DOWN

- Retired game show host Sajak
- Equal (prefix)
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- Loved
- A type of analyst
- Ad \_\_
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Ran without moving
- Opposite of yes
- Diffuse clouds of gas
- Mentioning one by one
- Instruments used to dilate
- Freshwater fish
- Remotely-manned flying objects
- Doctor of Education
- Renews
- Not the start
- Pitching stat

- Small water buffaloes
- Ceramic jars
- I (German)
- Something to toss on a fire
- The process of flowing in
- A series of acts at a night club
- Egg of a louse
- Inquire too closely
- Travelers
- Drink
- Behave in a way that degrades
- Electronic music style
- Northern Ireland city
- Upset
- Stiff structure resembling a hair
- Father
- North Atlantic fish
- 8th month (abbr.)
- Make an effort
- Commercial

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# Public Notices

**Town of Oakham Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing**  
 There will be a Request for Determination hearing on **Tuesday, July 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Oakham Town Hall for determining a wetland between two properties, 415 and 457 Hunt Rd. The Request has been filed by Dominic Coppolino for purpose of identifying a BVW or wetland boundaries.  
 06/19/2025

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON **June 28, 2025** AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:

- 2012 Subaru Impreza  
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- 2005 Toyota Corolla  
VIN: 2T1BR32E55C468635
- 2001 Ford E-Series Chassis  
VIN: 1FDXE45F11HB31571
- 2011 BMW X5  
VIN: 5UXZV4C54BL740545
- 2007 Mercedes-Benz S-Class  
VIN: WDDNG86X97A121933
- 2007 Mazda CX-9  
VIN: JM3TB38C770110634
- 2009 Nissan Altima  
VIN: 1N4AL21E79C106318
- 2002 Mercedes-Benz E-Class  
VIN: WDBJF82J22X076707

**The sale will be held at Early's on Park Avenue 536 Park Ave. Worcester, MA 01603**  
 06/12, 06/19, 06/26/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
 225 Main Street  
 Worcester, MA 01608  
 (508)831-2200  
 Docket No. **WO25P2140EA**  
 Estate of: **Mary R Estabrook**  
 Also known as: **Mary Rachel Estabrook**  
 Date of Death: **04/05/2025**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **David C. Estabrook, Sr. of New Braintree, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **David C. Estabrook, Sr. of New Braintree, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection

at this Court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **07/15/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
 A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: June 16, 2025

**Stephanie Fattman**, Register of Probate  
 06/19/2025

**NOTICE TOWN OF NEW BRAintree SEALED BID REQUEST**  
 The Town of New Braintree Select Board requests sealed bids on gasoline, diesel, #2 fuel and services on heating equipment for FY 2026. For details and bid packet, please call 508-867-2071 ext. 100 or email: selectboard@newbraintree.org  
 06/12, 06/19/2025

**(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**  
 Docket Number: **25 SM 001696**  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**  
 To: **Jeanne M. Parker**  
 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):  
**Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oakham, numbered 9 Barre Plains Road, given by Jeanne M. Parker to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated October 28, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37736, Page 115, as modified by a certain modification agreement recorded on October 1, 2015, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54377, Page 361 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.  
 If you now are, or recently

have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 21, 2025**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **Gordon H. Piper**, Chief Justice of this Court on June 9, 2025.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
 Recorder  
 26843  
 06/19/2025

**Town of New Braintree Accepting Sealed Bids General Road Maintenance Materials FY2026**

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 FY2026.

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 FY2026".

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 12:30 p.m., Tuesday July 08, 2025**, and will be opened and read at 12:35 p.m. in the office of the Select Board. The bid shall include a statement of non-collusion.  
 06/12, 06/19/2026

**Town of New Braintree Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing**

New Braintree Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 7 p.m.** at the Selectmen's office, New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA to discuss a Notice of Intent filed by Matt Charleson, 0 Oakham Cutoff Rd., New Braintree, MA., Assessors Map # 404, Lot 84, to conduct work in the buffer zone, a copy of which is on file at the town hall. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Conservation Commission.

James Brown, Chairman  
 06/12, 06/19/2025

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ment on the Fire Truck lease. During the discussion phase of the meeting after the warrant received Select Board approval, Town Accountant Jean Joel said the fire truck lease payment should come from Capital Stabilization Account. Select Board Chairman Marshall said it would be discussed at a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Select Board. A motion to amend could be presented at the town meeting.

Article 5 and 6 were articles that appear yearly on the warrant. They requested transfer of Water and Sewer receipts to cover operations and maintenance for each department in separate articles. Article 7 was the Fiscal Year 2026 Omnibus budget and Article 8 was the School budget for the Quabbin Regional School District and Montachusett Regional Vocational School District.

Article 9 asked voters to approve a FY 26 override of \$556,623 to defray municipal department charges and expenses contingent on the passing of a 2 1/2 override question on the ballot at a special election. The passing of a 2 1/2 override involved two steps: approval at a town meeting and a majority

vote at a Town Election.

Article 10 through 12 were yearly articles. They included transfer of Public Education Government Access and Cable fund, setting limits on Revolving Funds and acceptance of Chapter 90 highway funds.

The next article asked voters to approve a local meal tax on sale of restaurant meals originating within the town at a rate of 0.75% of gross receipts or 75 cents per \$100 spent. Article 14 was a Department of Public Works Special Act, which would reorganize the department, abolish the Public Works Commission to make the Superintendent of Public Works appointed by the Select Board.

Article 15 asked voters to rescind votes take a prior Town Meetings and return the unspent funds to the General Fund. The next article appears yearly to make a member of the Board of Assessors a paid part-time position as allowed under Massachusetts General Law. The following article sought funds for Assessors re-certification of properties.

Articles 18, 19 and 20 were proposed zoning map changes. The first involved rezoning the former Roger Langley School site from R15 general residence busi-

ness to R80 rural residence. The second sought the rezoning of several parcels in South Barre owned by Caruso Construction Corp. totaling about 14 acres from R80 rural residence to R20 open residence. The third article if approved would change two tracts on Worcester Road from R20 open residence to B-C business commercial district.

Article 21 if approved would ban the use of single use plastic bags in town. The final two articles, 22 and 23 were citizen petitions. Article 22 would urge the Select Board to accept the offer from the Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety to access and remove the dam located off Williamsville Road. Article 23 sought providing a stipend of \$5,000 to Shannon O'Connor for service provided as Administrative Assistant during the DPW Superintendent vacancy.

Following unanimous approval of the warrant, the Select Board approved a 2 1/2 override question for the ballot for a Special Town Election on Aug. 8 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. The question if approved at the election would allow the town to assess an additional \$553,623 for FY 26 to supplement Article 7 Omnibus Budget.

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too far for people out west and throughout Massachusetts," she said. "In 1773, resistance to British Imperial policy was regularly debated and coordinated right here in a town meeting across Massachusetts."

Orsi read a letter from the town of Brookfield to the city of Boston, saying its residents would be ready to assist in any resistance against the crown. She said it was common during this time for British loyalists to spy on their rebel neighbors at town meetings and report back to British leadership.

Orsi said town meeting was "the true birthing of the American Revolution."

"Town meeting is the cornerstone of freedom," she said.

Orsi also recognized Kathy Crevier for her many years of dedication to the town and for serving as its longtime moderator. She said Crevier is preparing to move to Florida.

**Dedication of town report**  
 Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the 2024 town report is dedicated to former Moderator James Caldwell. He said Caldwell moved to town with his wife in the 1990s and immediately became involved in municipal government. He served as Moderator from 2013

until this year.

"Thank you, Mr. Caldwell, for your service to North Brookfield, and most of all, your friendship," Petraitis said.

The town report also memorialized the late Lisa Morgan, who worked at the town's transfer station.

"Lisa was a friendly soul who always had an upbeat personality...there wasn't a holiday or event that went by without Lisa wearing a hat or outfit to celebrate and make people smile or laugh on that day," he said.

**FY 26 budget**  
 Voters approved the fiscal year 2026 budget in article 3, with four separate motions to break down the various departmental expenses.

The first motion totaled \$5,560,468.59 which will be funded from Stabilization, with \$90,000 coming from Free Cash to Group Insurance. This portion of the FY 26 budget will pay for the salaries and expenses of various town office staff.

The second motion totaled \$977,488.16 and this pays for police, fire, emergency management and the town's various inspectors. The third motion totaled \$7,779,991.04 to pay for town's school assessments.

The fourth motion totaled \$1,145,531.20 to pay the salaries and expenses for highway,

Council on Aging, library, veterans agent and parks.

The total operating budget set for FY 26 was approved at \$15,463,478.99.

### Emergency Squad services

Article 13 asked voters to raise and appropriate \$70,000 for the North Brookfield Emergency Squad Services Contract account, bringing its total to \$110,000 for FY 26, in addition to \$68,000 for the ALS Services account for a total of \$178,000.

### Print-free legal notices

Voters approved of the motion for article 15, which will allow the town to post "print-free" digital legal notices instead of paying for printing in newspapers.

Town Clerk Tara Hayes said other towns are doing this and voters need to accept the act in order for the legislature to allow it. She said the town spends about \$1,000 a year to print legal notices in newspapers.

Hayes said abutters for any public hearing will also be notified directly by mail.

### Other articles

All other articles passed, including bylaw amendment articles 16 and 17, which established the creation of revolving funds for the Board of Health's Tobacco Control and Police Department Records Requests, respectively.

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 The 2024 Water Quality Reports for Wheelwright Water District will be available June 14, 2025. Copies of the reports are available to the public and can be picked up at the Hardwick Municipal building, Wheelwright Post Office or the Wheelwright Housing or by calling 413-477-6646.

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**BIKE RIDE**  
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beverages from Lost Towns Brewing.

Despite a little drizzle of rain in the morning, cyclists still showed up for the ride. There were not only local bikers from the East Quabbin towns, but bikers from all over New England. There were bike riders from Connecticut, New Hampshire and from all regions of Massachusetts.

Rick Romano, who participated in last year's ride and has returned to participate this year, chose to participate in the long route in the first Hills of East Quabbin Ride and said he witnessed many of the beautiful back roads and rolling hills in the East Quabbin region.

"It was a good ride last year," Romano said. "It's about getting exercise and having fun on this ride."

Both routes took cyclists through the Ware River valley. The tour highlights many of the EQLT properties such as Wendemuth Meadow (25 Bates Street, North Brookfield), Mandell Hill



**Mark Lynch started his bike ride in the Hills of East Quabbin ride.**

(660 Barre Road, Hardwick), Deer Park Preserve (Barre Road, Hardwick), Patrill Hollow Preserve (Hardwick Road, Hardwick), Pynchon's Grist Mill Preserve (165 Wickaboag Valley Road, West Brookfield), and Eva's Woods (Ware Corner Road, Oakham).

Though it started off as a "rainy ride" the cyclists had a great time and enjoyed the

Hills of East Quabbin. Start times were flexible, but many bikers returned to Farmer Matt's in the afternoon.

For more activities provided by the East Quabbin Land Trust, visit eqlt.org. This charity bike ride helps benefit the East Quabbin Land Trust, who is dedicated to caring for the farmlands, woodlands and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts.



**Cyclists checked in prior to the bike ride. Members of East Quabbin Land Trust were stationed at the starting and end point of the ride, Farmer Matt's in New Braintree.**



**Cyclists started their ride as they exited from Farmer Matt's.**

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

**SCHOOL BUDGET**  
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reduced by 15,000 gallons (about \$40,000) by looking at heating trends over the past few years.

He said the school district received a \$75,000 state grant which can be used to offset the salary for a district-wide STEM teacher by

\$25,000.

McCormick said athletic transportation was reduced by about \$17,000 and one bus was cut to give a further cost savings of about \$90,000. He said materials and supplies were also cut to help reduce the budget.

"That's a total savings... just shy of \$525,000,"

McCormick said.

McCormick said an increase in Circuit Breaker and transportation reimbursements have also helped to add to the number of offsets for the FY 26 budget.

The School Committee voted to accept the budget as presented by McCormick.

"There's been a lot of

work done to come to this point," Committee Chair John Magario said.

**Public comment**

An English Language Arts teacher in the high school whose position has been cut in the FY 26 budget, said the teachers and staff work "exceedingly hard" in the school district.

"Every day is a joy and a battle at the same time," she said. "We have the absolute pleasure of working with the children in this town...but we also have the uphill battle of having to deal with folks who just want to slander and defame."

She said it was unfortunate that an override wasn't

considered as an option to help address the budget shortfalls.

The committee members and residents attending the budget hearing discussed the need for more federal and state aid to help take some of the financial burden off of the taxpayers.

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# Calendar of Events

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19

**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** will take place at Old Sturbridge Village, Route 20, Sturbridge today from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.. In commemoration of this day, admission to the Village will be free; pre-registration is encouraged. To pre-register, people may visit <https://www.osv.org/event/juneteenth/>. Visitors will have the opportunity to hear a performance by gospel choir Anthony Smith and Fully Committed, as well as a drumming performance by the African Community Education group of Worcester. In addition, guests can join a discussion on New England's Black Abolitionists, participate in the Kids Freedom Parade and more.

**GFWC NORTHBORO JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB** are now accepting crafters' applications for the 48th Annual Harvest Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Robert E. Mexican Middle School, 145 Lincoln St., Northboro. This is a juried show requiring that all items are hand-made. Please visit NJWC'S website for applications and more show details by visiting [www.northborojuniors.org/craft-fair.html](http://www.northborojuniors.org/craft-fair.html). The Northboro Junior Woman's Club is a non-profit organization that has been active in Northboro for over 40 years. They support community projects in Northboro as well as internationally. The Harvest Fair is the club's major fundraiser.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 20

**EVENING OF DISCUSSION AND REMEMBRANCE** of New Braintree's "Conserve Our Small Town" era will be held at the New Braintree Historical Society, 10 Utley Road, New Braintree today at 6:30 p.m. This David and Goliath fight was to prevent a prison from being built on the current site of the Massachusetts State Police Training Center on West Brookfield Road. Many town residents fought this monumental battle to its final conclusion with Governor Weld in 1990. People who were involved, are invited to come and share their experiences. All are welcome.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 21

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22

**MUSEUM TOURS AND EXHIBITS** will take place at the Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum at 295 Belchertown Road, Route 9, Ware today and Saturdays, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24 and Sept. 7 from 1-3 p.m. and by appointment. The featured display this year is a collection of dishes and pottery including examples of plates and serving pieces, flow blue and tea leaf patterns and pottery for bed and bath.

## MONDAY, JUNE 23

**QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND**



## Where is this?



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**This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 23. Bill Bowles, Elizabeth Laramée and James Laramée correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the arts and crafts building at Camp Putnam, Rutherford Road, New Braintree.**

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 27

**SILENTS ARE GOLDEN** with Peter Edwin Krasinski, who will accompany on organ the silent movie Emil Jennings in "The Last Command" today at 7 p.m. in the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Gilbertville St., Gilbertville.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28

**QUABBIN PARK CEMETERY TOUR** will take place today from 1-2 p.m. at Quabbin Cemetery, Route 9, Ware. The hike is easy, but on uneven ground. Participants will take a walk through the Quabbin Park Cemetery and learn about the history and lives of residents, both prominent and ordinary of the Valley towns. They will meet in the Quabbin Park Cemetery off Rte. 9, Ware and dress Exploring the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29

**ANNUAL LEMONADE SOCIAL AND OPEN HOUSE** sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., Rutland, will take place today from 1-3 p.m. On display will be memorabilia featuring the Rutland Fife and Drum Corps, celebrating its 65th anniversary. The Rutland Fife and Drum Corps was founded 65 years ago by Edmund Butkiewicz and was one of the few organizations that brought Rutland youth together having fun while learning discipline. They traveled around the Northeast and won many competitions as a group and individually. Butkiewicz had a list of what he thought the Fife and Drum Corps taught, which included responsibility, consistency, reliability, proficiency, direction and cooperation for the betterment of all. This is one of the many events Rutland's 4th of July will be having to celebrate their 77th year of activities.

**OAKHAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE** will take place today from 1-4 p.m. at the museum located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. During the June open house, a program entitled "Clearing the Valley" present by a Department of Conservation representative will take place at 2 p.m. In 1927 the Swift River Valley was home to four towns and over 2,000 people. This program will focus on how four towns ended and the occupants had to move else-

where along with the history of some of the families involved.

**HIKE TO PRINCE WALKER BURIAL GROUND** is co-sponsored by Barre Historical Society and Department of Conservation and Recreation today at 10 a.m. The Prince Walker Burial Ground is the only African-American burial ground in Barre and one of few in Central Massachusetts. The walk will be co-led by Lucy Allen, Barre Historical Society historian and Nancy Huntington, program coordinator of DCR. The walk to the Prince Walker Burial Ground is about 1/3 mile uphill on a wooded trail. Please wear solid footwear. Insect repellent is advised. Because June has been so rainy, the walk to the homesite is tentative as it requires going through a wet area. If heavy wind, rain, or thunderstorms appear likely, they will reschedule the hike at a time to be determined.

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

**SUMMER CONCERTS** take place on the Ware Green in front of the Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum, 295 Belchertown Road, Route 9, Ware today, July 20 and July 27 at 6 p.m. People should bring a lawn chair. Today New England Brass Quartet will perform, July 20, Dixieland Stomp and July 27 with Lori Brooks.

## MONDAY, JULY 14

**13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** to benefit Second Chance Animal Services will take place today at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown. Check in begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Individual golfers and foursomes are welcome. Early registration is encouraged as spots fill quickly. To register, golfers should visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf). Golfers will receive a box lunch, banquet dinner, a commemorative gift and a bucket of range balls. Guests can also take part in raffles and silent auction, which opens one week prior to the event.

**AUDITIONS FOR 'ANYTHING GOES'** at Theatre at the Mount, Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Gardner will take place today and Tuesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. in Room A110 at the college. Cast requirements area large adult cast ages 16 and up. All auditions are by appointment only by emailing to [boxoffice@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:boxoffice@mwcc.mass.edu) or calling 978-630-9388. Callbacks are on Wednesday, July 16, if needed People should prepare a short vocal selection that best shows your abilities and range (bring sheet music if selection is not from the show). Wear comfortable clothing and footwear for dance audition. If auditions are a tapper, please bring tap shoes. Also expect cold-readings from the script for key roles. Performance Dates: Oct. 3, 4, 10, 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. Tentative Rehearsal Schedule: Sundays from 6-9 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m., beginning Aug. 3.

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Sarai Zhindon connects on a grounder.

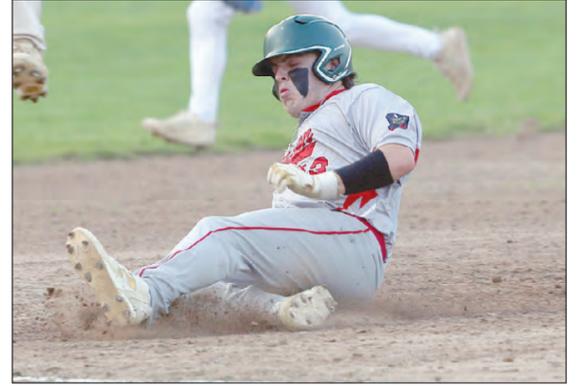
## Middle School softball in action

BARRE – Earlier this month, while high school baseball and softball had ended, the Quabbin Regional Middle School teams still had some action left as they played during the first week of June, including this match-up for the Panthers softball team against Narragansett.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Josie Castell takes her lead off first



Nathan Kacuwka, of Ware, slides into third base.

## Monson Legion picks up win over Aldenville

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE— During the past several years, all the District 3 Legion baseball teams qualified for the playoffs. That won't be the case this summer. Only the top six teams in the standings will qualify for the Legion playoffs.

Two days after having their season opener at North Adams Post 125 postponed due to rain, Monson Post 241 defeated Aldenville Post 337, 4-2, at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Wednesday night.

"There isn't going to be a Western Mass. playoff this year," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "The top six teams will qualify for the State tournament. Every game that you play during the regular season is very important."

The first-place team in the District 3 standings will be hosting one of the pods in the preliminary round of



Miguel Velasquez, who attends Pathfinder, makes a throw to first.

the double elimination state tournament. There are going to be a total of seven pods with four teams each. The winner of each pod, along with Quincy Morrisette Post

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Julianna Nickson hustles to first.



Sophia Rogers sends a throw to first.



Bree May makes a backhand play.

## Pioneers battle to draw with Black Rock

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—While the Western Mass. Pioneers haven't lost a home match this season, their faithful supporters have celebrated just one victory at historic Lusitano Stadium.

The only meeting of the regular season between Black Rock FC and the Pioneers ended in a 1-1 draw before a large crowd, last Friday night.

"We do have a lot of quality players, and we always try to strive for excellence," said Pioneers defender Aidan Kelly, who's also the team's first year captain. "It's always disappointing whenever we drop points, especially at home. Hopefully, we can get a result in our next match at Vermont. We just need to keep working hard."

The soccer teams in the USL League Two earn three points for a victory and one point for a tie.

The Pioneers (5-0-2) had a total of 17 points after their first seven matches. They're battling Vermont Green FC (5-0-1, 16 points) for first place in the Northeast Division standings.

The first meeting of the 2025 regular season between the two rivals was scheduled to take place at Virtue Field in Burlington, Vermont on Tuesday night.

The Western Mass. squad will be hosting Vermont in their final match of the regular season on July 11.

The Pioneers also played a 1-1 tie in the home opener on May 23 against Seacoast United Phantoms, who are the defending USL League Two champions. Their only

home win came against New England FC, 4-1, on June 6.

"We dominated tonight's game, but we couldn't put away our chances," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Sometimes you can score a goal on four or five shots. Sometimes you take many shots and don't score any goals. It's just part of the game."

Black Rock hasn't celebrated a victory at Lusitano Stadium since the 2018 regular season. The two squads did play a scoreless draw at the old stadium in 2023.

Kelly, who joined the Pioneers a year ago, is from Belfast, Northern Ireland. He'll be a senior on the UMass men's soccer team in the fall. The Minutemen men's soccer coach is Fran O'Leary, who's a native of Dublin, Ireland.

"My college coach is from Ireland," Kelly said. "He's the main reason why I decided to play soccer at UMass. It has been a great three years there and I have one more left. I'm really looking forward to it."

Kelly replaced Nicholas Oberrauch as the Pioneers captain.

"I learned a lot from Nicholas last year," Kelly added. "I was honored when Federico told me that I was going to be the captain of this year's team. I'm very glad to be leading this group of players."

Kelly is also a starting defender, along with Jared Smith, Jaiden Willems, and Juan Hermoso.

Kelly and Smith combined to score what turned out to be the only Pioneers goal against

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## Mutiny gets shutout of Racing Power FC

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Sole possession of first place in the U.W.S. East Conference standings was at stake entering the first ever meeting on the soccer pitch between Racing Power FC USA and the New England Mutiny.

After a scoreless opening half, the Mutiny scored three second half goals en route to a 3-0 shutout victory at Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

"We played very well for the entire game," said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "We finally scored a few goals in the second half."

The Mutiny had a perfect 5-0-0 record following their third shutout win of the season. They only allowed two goals in their first five regular season matches.

The Mutiny are hoping to finish in first place for the fourth time since 2019. They lost to the Santa Clarita Blue Heat in the United Women's Soccer Championship match



Jenna Kalwa pops up a pass forward.

a year ago in a shootout. It was their only loss of 2024.

Racing Power FC (4-1-0) outscored their first four opponents, 19-0. They only had four subs for the road match, including the back-up goalie.

Cat Perez, who was born in Bogotá, Colombia, was the Mutiny's starting goalie for the first time this season. She was also a member of her country's soccer team which competed in the 2024 Summer Olympics games in Paris, France. She has also played for Team Boca Blast of the WPSL.

Chloe Laizer, who recently graduated from West Springfield High School, replaced Perez 15 minutes into the second half.

The duo didn't have to make very many saves against Racing Power, who's an affiliate of the Portugal's Pro women's team.

The Mutiny starting defenders were Rachel Marchini, Aida Name, Anna Carson, and Laci Lewis, who's the team captain.

Name, who graduated from Belchertown High School, will be a junior on



Aida Name of Chicopee gets in action for the Mutiny last weekend.

the University of Rhode Island women's soccer team this fall.

Another defender listed on the Mutiny roster is Kylie Ray. She played soccer at Minnechaug Regional for legendary head coach Nundi Goncalves. Ray is currently a member of the women's soccer team at Seton Hall University.

Tennessee Murphy, who lives in Monson, scored her first goal in a Mutiny home match during the 63rd minute.

The scoring play began when Lewis launched a crossing pass into the box from the right touchline. After the ball took a high bounce, Murphy headed it into the back of the net past goalie Riley Melendez.

"We knew that tonight's opponent was a very good team," said Murphy, who

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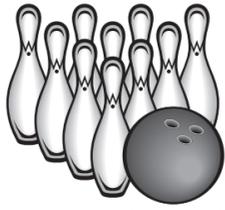
Avery Klingensmith, of Belchertown, navigates through traffic.

# Sports

## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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### Summer Edition



**EAST BROOKFIELD** – The summer league on Wednesday nights at Bogey Lanes has reached week number six.

In first place is Sophia's Raiders with a record of 40-8. In second place is Gutter Dolls with a record of 34-14. With eight weeks left in the summer league, Sophia's Raiders is looking to expand their lead and maintain their #1 seed position.

During week six, Sophia's Raiders bowled against Gutter Fingers. In game one, the score was 456-432 in favor of Sophia's Raiders. Sophia Hearnlay had a good game of 117 to start the match.

In game two, Sophia's Raiders won again by a score of 474-436. Trever Kenneson of Sophia's Raiders bowled a 125 to help his team get the victory.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won the last game and swept Gutter Fingers by a score of 442-433. Kenneson bowled a 116 in game three for a series of 343. The final score was 1372-1301 in favor of Sophia's Raiders.

Kristen's Squad bowled against Straight Shooters during week six. In game one, Kristen's Squad won by a score of 482-465. Bob Button of the Squad began the match by scoring a 129, which featured a double strike.

In game one, Straight

Shooters bounced back with a win of their own, 469-426. Alan Nason of Straight Shooters bowled a 106, fifteen points higher than his current league average.

In game three, Straight Shooters won by a score of 479-420. The final score was 1413-1328 in favor of Straight Shooters.

The Rolling Stones bowled against the No Shows in week six. In game one, No Shows won a close game by a score of 448-445. Kathy Swistak was well over her league average with a 101.

In game two, Rolling Stones won by a score of 443-422. In game three, No Shows won the last game by a score of 459-432. Steve Swistak made a clutch spare to help his team regain the lead in total pinfall. It was a matter of pinning the last few frames, which Swistak did to have No Shows win total pinfall by a final score of 1329-1320.

Gutter Snipes bowled against Clock Barn. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 452-393. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes started the match with a 107.

In game two, Gutter Snipes won again by a score of 426-409. In game three, Clock Barn won the last game by a score of 424-423. Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1301-1226.

## Bonsignore breaks record for wins at Riverhead

**RIVERHEAD, N.Y.** – Justin Bonsignore had a perfect day Sunday at Riverhead Raceway.

Driving the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine for Kenneth Massa Motorsports, Bonsignore was fastest in both NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour practice sessions on Father's Day, then followed it up by capturing his first pole award of the season in qualifying.

Bonsignore rocketed to the lead early, then settled for second for much of the middle stages of the race. It was on pit road where the Kenneth Massa Motorsports team again shined - getting Bonsignore back out front into the final stages.

He would hang on, holding off Ron Silk, Patrick Emerling and Matt Hirschman over a flurry of restarts in the second half of the race to take the victory.

The win was Bonsignore's 46th career on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, all with

Kenneth Massa Motorsports. It was also his 12th career at Riverhead - breaking a tie with Mike Ewanitsko for the most all-time in Whelen Modified Tour competition at the New York quarter-mile.

"I've been wanting to break the record for a long time," Bonsignore said. "Mike was a childhood hero of mine. The pit crew did another awesome job, with two excellent pit stops. To have my family here, it's the first race that all of them have been to this year. For it to be on Father's Day at home and everything we did, it's just really cool."

Justin Bonsignore will return to the track at Pocono Raceway on Saturday, June 21, driving the No. 19 Toyota GR Supra in the NASCAR Xfinity Series for Joe Gibbs Racing. The team will carry sponsorship from TW Cable LLC for the event, which will air live on The CW at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

## Valley rebounds with win over North Shore

**LYNN, Mass.** - After Valley dropped the first game of their five-game road trip they showed up and defeated the North Shore Navigators 6-1 at Fraser Field.

The Blue Sox came out firing early getting on the board thanks to Sebastian Mexico launching a two-run homer giving them a quick 2-0 lead. Starting pitcher Trey Yesu struggled in the early goings but settled in during the second inning and kept Valley in check.

Valley starting pitcher Marty Coyne got himself into a bases-loaded jam in the fifth but ended up only allowing one run due to an infield single before being relieved by Andrew Besell. Coyne pitched for four innings and allowed one run with two strikeouts plus a walk.

Valley held onto a 2-1 lead going into the sixth before shifting the tides. Rees Kozar drove in a run

to make it 3-1 before the Sox loaded the bases and ran in three more guys off of reliever Sam Beiveau for North Shore, making it 6-1. It was no secret that the top of Valley's batting order delivered big time throughout the sixth inning to take control of the game.

Jack Niedringhaus and Besell combined for three scoreless innings right out of the bullpen each recording strikeouts and giving no opportunities for Northshore to claw back.

The win gives Valley a 5-3 record on the season as they look to continue their road trip to Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, New York to take on the Martha's Vineyard Sharks Monday at 1 p.m.

The Valley Blue Sox displayed a balanced showing from both the pitching staff and offense.

### MONSON from page 9

294, will advance to the Final Eight Team Department Championship Tournament, which will be held at Adams Field in Quincy from July 26-30.

The Northeast Region One Tournament will be held at Holy Cross College in Worcester.

Brayden Mega, who graduated from Pathfinder Tech, was the winning pitcher for Monson against Aldenville. The righthander went the distance allowing two runs on just three base hits. He issued two walks and recorded six strikeouts.

"We received an outstanding pitching performance from Brayden Mega," Tripp said. "This is the third year that he's been playing for us, and he has improved each year. We do have several other very good pitchers on this year's team."

Monson's other pitchers are Austin Meacham (Monson High School), Nate Kaczuwka (Ware High School), and Liam McGrath (Quaboag

Regional), who's a first-year member of the Legion team.

Mega, who won five games for the Pioneers this past spring, will be playing college baseball at Monroe University, which is in New York City. Their baseball team competes at the NJCAA Division I level.

Mega can also play for the Legion team again next summer.

"I just wanted us to win our season opener," Mega said. "I was feeling very good out on the mound, especially after my teammates gave me an early 4-0 lead."

Aldenville (2-1) began the Legion season with a 9-1 road win against the Wilbraham Falcons.

A year ago, Aldenville lost to Belchertown in the District 3 championship game.

Righthander Justin Moskal, who was the ace of the South Hadley High School pitching staff this past spring, didn't receive very much support from his defense against Monson.

The majority of the Aldenville players are from South Hadley.

Monson second baseman Miguel Velasquez led off the second inning with an infield hit. Then Kaczuwka, who started at third base, bounced into a 6-4 fielder's choice play and catcher Shane Szado drew a walk.

After stealing third base, Kaczuwka scored the game's first run following a throwing error by the catcher.

"Nate is a fantastic base runner," Tripp said. "He has very good baseball instincts. You can always count on him to do the right thing."

With one-out in the fourth, Kaczuwka reached first base following a fielding error. Szado and right fielder Jarett Skowyra followed with walks, which loaded the bases. Then McGrath hit a foul pop-up which was caught by first baseman Matt Drobiak. He threw the ball to catcher Memphis Huertas, but the runner at first base broke towards second on the play. Kaczuwka crossed the plate following a run down.

An infield hit by center fielder Jason Mumper scored Monson's third run. Another run scored on a throwing

error, which gave the visiting team a 4-0 lead.

Aldenville cut the deficit in half with a two-out rally in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Shortstop Brandon Carillon was hit-by-a-pitch, and third baseman Alex Savlick walked. One run scored on a double by centerfielder Noah Carillon. Drobiak also drove home a run with a single into center field.

Mega would then retire the final seven Aldenville batters of the game, which gave Monson its first win of the Legion season.

"We just made several costly mistakes in tonight's game," said Aldenville manager Mason Scott. "We did battle back after following behind 4-0. We're now looking forward to playing Westfield."

Aldenville squeaked out an 8-7 win at Westfield Post 124 last Friday night

On the same night, Monson suffered an 11-3 loss to East Springfield Post 420 in their first home game at Legion Field in Palmer.

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Black Rock following a corner kick two minutes into the opening half.

Israel Neto booted the ball into the box from the left corner. Kelly tapped the ball over to Smith, who fired a wide open shot into the back of the net for his first career goal with the Pioneers.

"We've been working on set pieces at practice," Kelly said. "I got my foot on the

ball and luckily Jared was there to take a shot. I'm very glad that he scored his first career goal in tonight's match."

Black Rock scored the equalizer on a header by Koki Hamada in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute.

Western Mass. goalie Cam Hall didn't have to make very many saves during the final 80 minutes of the match.

At the other end of the field, the Pioneers had seven more corner kicks during the

final 35 minutes of the opening half, but they were unable to score.

With 15 minutes remaining in the half, Mamadi Jiana, who's a former member of the Chicopee High School boys' varsity soccer team, stole the ball away from a Black Rock player. He then took a shot from inside the box, which sailed high over the crossbar.

The score was deadlocked 1-1 at halftime.

The Pioneers had several

more scoring chances in the second half, but they could not put the ball into the net past goalie Benjamin Diffley.

With less than two minutes remaining in the contest, Kelly made a sliding tackle breaking up a breakaway opportunity for Black Rock.

The visiting team didn't have any other shots on goal, and the score was still tied when referee Fabio Cardoso blew his whistle for the final time.

### MUTINY from page 9

scored her first two goals of the season on the road. "It was a perfect cross from Laci. When I saw the ball go over the defender, I was a little bit nervous because I didn't

want to miss a scoring chance. After I headed the ball into the net, it was a very good feeling."

Three minutes later, the Mutiny were given a penalty kick following a foul in the box.

Chioma Okafor, who's a member of the UConn women's soccer team, blasted a shot into the lower left corner of the net giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.

Murphy, who's a first-year member of the Mutiny, assisted on the third goal in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute.

After dribbling around a couple of defenders, Murphy made a short pass to Avery Klingensmith, who finished off the play by putting a shot into the right corner.

"I used to play against Avery when we played in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League," Murphy said. "It's been a lot of fun being teammates with her on this soccer team. She's an outstanding player."

Klingensmith, who's from Belchertown, will be a senior on the American University women's soccer team. During her outstanding high school career, Klingensmith

was selected to the All-American team by the United Soccer Coaches.

Murphy, who transferred to the Loomis-Chaffee School four years ago, received the same honor last fall.

"My older sister, Brooke, was also an All-American and it was a very special honor for me. I really didn't expect it, but it was a lot of fun celebrating the accomplishment with my family," said Murphy, who's entering her senior year at Loomis. "I've also committed to play soccer at Bucknell University. It's a small school and I really like the soccer team. I think it's a very good fit for me."

The Mutiny are scheduled to play a road match against the Maine Footy on Saturday night before facing the NJ Alliance in the regular season home finale at 5pm on June 29.

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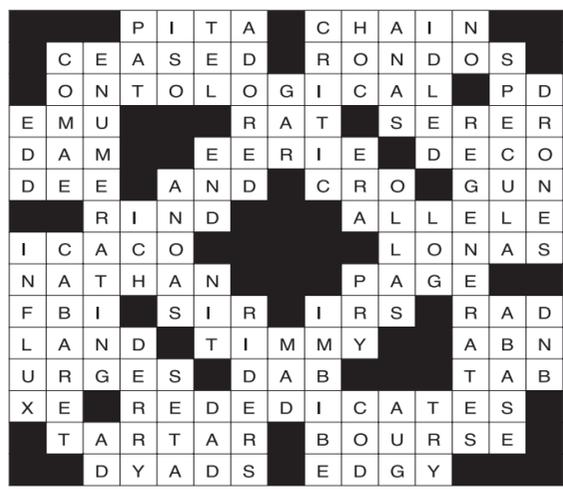
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## Church News

### Local pastors offer sermons

#### Lessons from Guatemala Pt. 4

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

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

#### 1) Length of Travel

It seems in Guatemala everything takes longer than expected when traveling. I recall the first day I asked our driver, Davis, how much longer it would take to reach our destination after an hour or so of driving. Davis smiled and simply said in reply, "Ten more minutes." Only later did I come to understand that "ten minutes" in Guatemala means an indeterminate period of time and in this case "ten minutes" meant two more hours. Everything on Guatemalan-time is just "ten more minutes."

Life is much this way. The Lord moves slowly and things almost never seem to happen on our timelines. Of all the words in Scripture that I love, patience and wait are rather low on my list especially as a New Englander. However, serving the Lord will require both patience and waiting, so we must learn to wait with a good attitude. Consider these timely selections:

#### Psalm 46:10

10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."

#### Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

31 but those who hope in [i.e., wait on] the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

#### 2) Destinations

It was Miley Cyrus who said it's about the climb versus the destination. I happen to largely disagree. Often in Guatemala the reward for making an arduous trek was the beauty of the destination and the joy of the work. For instance, our job site as a team was some two-plus hours from the hotel, but I have never seen so breathtaking a view.

What makes the journey of life worth it? It's the ultimate destination. The apostle Paul knew heaven to be worth the wait:

#### 2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for

his appearing.

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

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#### Trinity Sunday and Father's Day "In Our Oneness We Come to you!"

Scripture Reading: John 16  
V 12 - 15

#### I. Introduction

We all have stories to tell of our fathers, whether they are our biological fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, or the ones who have assumed the roles of father figures in the absence of a father.

Some of them are still with us, while others have passed away. These are the individuals we rely on or consult with for advice, who offer support and care, and provide guidance and discipline. These are the men who helped shape us, and built our character as best as they could, who showed us the little things in life, and the larger world we travel in. These are the men who tried their best to raise us and, and still do, and whom we want to honor and remember today on Father's Day.

I had the privilege of being raised by my biological father, who, despite his strict demeanor, deeply cared for his children and was committed to ensuring the best for us. He was very smart and intelligent, the greatest carpenter and jack of all trades. He loved to help everyone in the community and was loved for his care and compassion and charm. But most of all, with my mother, they instilled in us the values of love and friendliness and kindness and respect for others.

These are the principles I have upheld throughout my life journey, from my time in South Africa to my experiences in the United States and other countries, engaging with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds. When he passed away the day after Christmas in 2012, I felt as if my world came to a standstill. We lost a remarkable man who embodied love, kindness, and complexity, living his last years with love, peace and forgiveness. I miss him deeply and often find myself conversing with him, particularly when I am working on repairs or maintenance tasks around the house.

#### II. In Our Oneness We come to you

When Christ speaks about God, His Father (or parent as many would refer to God), He speaks of the close relationship they have, of the oneness they share, and whatever He had, was His Father's, and then He includes the Holy Spirit Who will take from what is His, and will make it known to the disciples and to His followers.

The Spirit will guide the church in all the truth, which is the revelation of God's love in and through Christ for the world. The Spirit will remain with us and continue God's ministry of love, and

salvation and compassion and guidance. The Trinity of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is the manifestation of God's love for the saving of the world.

The same oneness that is in the Trinity must therefore be in the church and its followers, and with this gracious gift, the church must give expression to this gift of love, oneness and forgiveness from God. The church, says Edward W. Klink in the commentary on John, is now the extension of the love and mission of God to the world. What an extraordinary relationship between God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and what an example for us to follow.

#### III. Conclusion

Today, we celebrate fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and all men who play important roles in their children's lives and loved ones. Life has become increasingly complex compared to earlier times, making the guidance and support of fathers and other male adults essential for our youth. These role models play a crucial role in helping young individuals make informed decisions, develop into compassionate and generous adults, and foster a sense of love and service towards God and others.

It is simpler when they are young, but as children mature, they may require less parental guidance while they pursue their own goals and ambitions in life.

heTrinity comes toyounall its glory an dall thehelpyouneedto care for them. When you feel confident, the Trinity is sharing in your confidence; when you feel you need help and guidance for the day ahead, the Trinity is there for you.

To all of us, this offer is the same.

The Holy Spirit guides us to unity, love, and inner peace. The Holy Spirit during this period after Pentecost wants to strengthen us in all that we face.

When you do not feel supported, and when things are hard, the Holy Spirit helps you to stay the course of inner peace and joy. And here at church, the Holy Spirit of Pentecost wants to come in our midst and upon us and in us, forgive us from our sins and fill us with itself, which is the power of Divine love, that inner peace and joy that spill over to others. May God help each one of us to see that and yield to its loving counsel. And may God bless you as you carry the responsibility of being an example to the ones who have been given to you by God.

To those of us who do not have our fathers with us in the flesh anymore, we are reminded that our earthly fathers have been given to us for a while. They are there to raise us and to guide us throughout our journey on earth.

When they are gone, we continue to remember them in meaningful ways. To those who did not have the experience with your own father, my hope and prayer is that you know deep down that God knows everything, the feelings of loss, or hurt, or anger maybe? God's love and merciful presence give us the comfort that no human being can fully give us. May God give us all the comfort we need, and may God bless all fathers and all homes today and always.

#### Amen.

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

## Obituaries

### John J. Jackson Jr.

April 8, 1941-June 12, 2025

BARRE – John J. Jackson Jr., 84, husband of 55 years to Janta "NOY" (Thanusorn) Jackson, died June 12, 2025 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester.

John was born in Ware, a son of the late John J. Jackson and Philippa (Sidoti) Jackson and was a life long resident of Barre. After graduating from Barre High School in 1960, John joined the U.S. Army and served in Germany. Following his honorable discharge, John joined the U.S. Air Force and served in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He received an honorable discharge as Master Sergeant in 1991.

Prior to his retirement, John was employed as a

machinist for Reed Rolled Thread and Dye in Holden. In addition to his wife, John is survived by one brother, Robert Jackson and his wife Joanna; two sisters, Anna Marie Mankin and Irene Phelps and her husband Ron; many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family.

A graveside service with military honors will take place on Monday June 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, South Barre Road, (Route 32), Barre. In lieu of flowers the family would like memorial donations made to Wounded



Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre is entrusted with arrangements. [www.pillsburyfuneralhome.com](http://www.pillsburyfuneralhome.com)

#### DEATH NOTICE

**Jackson, John J. Jr.**  
Died June 12, 2025  
Graveside service with military honors June 23 at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Joseph's Cemetery, South Barre Road, Barre

## Public Safety

### Barre Police Log

#### Sunday, May 25

5:37 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Hancock Road, Referred to Other Agency

7:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Varney Lane, Public Assist

8:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Returned to Family/Guardian

11:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Wauwinet Road, Transported to Hospital

11:30 a.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

3:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Barre Road, No Transport Required

5:16 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist

5:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital

8:35 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party

8:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital

11:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

#### Monday, May 26

9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

10:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service, Welfare Check, Varney Lane, Negative Contact

4:19 p.m. Property Damage, Valley Road, Officer/Chief Advised

5:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact

7:14 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Peace Restored

#### Street, Peace Restored

7:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Oakham Road, Transported to Hospital

#### Tuesday, May 27

5:55 a.m. Safety Concern, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

6:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

7:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

9:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

11:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

12:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

3:27 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, South Street, Investigated

#### Wednesday, May 28

4:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Varney Lane, Mutual Aid Transport

1:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

2:30 p.m. Unwanted Party, North Brookfield Road, Peace Restored

Summons Murphy, Kristen M., 26, Worcester

Charges Utter Counterfeit Note

3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sunrise Avenue, Citation Issued

3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

7:02 p.m. Public Assist, South Street, Transported to Hospital

8:25 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Prisoner Bailed

Arrest Przbycien, Adam J., 25, Three Rivers

Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation

#### Thursday, May 29

2:38 a.m. Notification, Town Farm Road, Information Taken

9:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued

10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued

5:40 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned to Family/Guardian

#### Friday, May 30

1:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Peach Street, Transported to Hospital

6:25 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, High North Street, Information Taken

10:12 a.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised

5:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, School South Street, Transported to Hospital

9:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Criminal Complaint

Summons Kopacz, Karol K., 40, Spencer

Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

#### Saturday, May 31

7:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Barre Falls Dam, Report Filed

12:32 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

8:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Hardwick Road, Officer Spoke to Party

## Hubbardston Police Log

#### Sunday, May 25

3:03 p.m. Burglary, South Cove Road, Report Filed

8:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Seminole Avenue, Mutual Aid Transport

9:03 p.m. Noise Complaint, Simond Hill Road, Unfounded

#### Monday, May 26

2:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA) Laurel Street, Mutual Aid Transport

6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

#### Tuesday, May 27

12:36 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised

3:03 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rhode Island, Officer Took Call

3:21 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

#### Wednesday, May 28

12:36 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Warren Road, Officer/Chief Advised

7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed

#### Thursday, May 29

9:19 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Grimes Road, Negative Contact

2 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Williamsville Road, Officer/Chief Advised

6:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Mare Meadow, Transported to Hospital

6:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Mayo Road, Mutual Aid Transported

#### Friday, May 30

11:37 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Elm Street, Gone on Arrival

9 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Childbirth, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital

#### Saturday, May 31

7:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed

8:32 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Barre Road, Removed Hazard

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# Public Safety

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, May 25**  
 11:38 a.m. Animal Wildlife, River Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 1:48 p.m. Gunshots, Emerald Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:03 p.m. Burglary, South Cove Road, Report Filed  
 5:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ Emergency Medical Service Response, Main Street, Report Filed

**Monday, May 26**  
 5:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
 7:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:16 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Birchwood Road, Negative Contact  
 10:44 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Turkey Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 11:01 a.m. Property Lost/ Found Surrender, Main Street, Property Returned  
 11:17 a.m. Fire – Propane Incident, Clealand Circle, Investigated  
 11:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Highland Park Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:48 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed  
 2:43 p.m. Erratic Operator, Sunnyside Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:27 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
 3:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, No Fire Service Necessary

**Tuesday, May 27**  
 8:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Pelletier Peter 49, Royalston  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 10:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, No Fire Service Necessary  
 11:52 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Naquag Street, Report Filed  
 1:24 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 Summons Bonney, Chrislove, 34, Worcester  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 2:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Highland Park Road, Transported to Hospital  
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 3:57 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Investigated

4:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheeler Road, Written Warning  
 5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
 5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning  
 5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
 11:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

**Wednesday, May 28**  
 7:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 8:59 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Bushy Lane, Officer/Chief Advised  
 9:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital  
 2:26 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Wildbrook Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:26 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist  
 4:11 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Juniper Lane, Information Given  
 4:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Transported to Hospital  
 4:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:33 p.m. Fire – Alarm Activation, Brintnal Drive, Investigated

**Thursday, May 29**  
 12:40 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, River Road, Report Filed  
 8:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Vehicle Towed  
 Summons Espino, Elio Antonio, 34, Worcester  
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 9:27 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 10:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sassawanna Road, Written Warning  
 2:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Autumn Wood

Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:43 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised  
 3:51 p.m. Harassment, Settlers Lane, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:35 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Mutual Aid Assist  
 8:42 p.m. Erratic Operator, Prouty Lane, Negative Contact

**Friday, May 30**  
 11:57 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Wildbrook Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:57 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, Main Street, Report Filed  
 Summons Maurus, Laura Lapsley, 43, Newport, R.I.  
 Charges Witness/Juror/ Police/Court Official, Intimidate  
 2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 3:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Deacon Allen Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:28 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Skyline Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 6:12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Clealand Circle, Officer/Chief Advised  
 6:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Bechan Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 10:38 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Police Department, Message Delivered

**Saturday, May 31**  
 7:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/ Syncope, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed  
 8:31 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Public Assist  
 9:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Transported to Hospital  
 10:57 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Kenwood Drive, Referred to Other Agency  
 1:33 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Clealand Circle, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:34 p.m. Assault and Battery, Maple Avenue Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:30 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Main Street, Report filed  
 10:31 p.m. Complaint, Brunelle Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, May 25**  
 5:20 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist

**Monday, May 26**  
 7:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

**Tuesday, May 27**  
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road Written Warning  
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning  
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 5:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 6:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Schoolhouse Road, Citation Issued  
 6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning  
 6:51 p.m. Gunshots, Barre Road, Unfounded

**Wednesday, May 28**  
 7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 8:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed  
 Summons Killinger-Connors, Sage Katherine, 22, Wilbraham  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 8:53 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
 3:03 p.m. Fire – Fire Power Lines Down/Arcing, South Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 4:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Parmenter Road, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, May 29**  
 8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, No Action Required  
 9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
 11:15 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Forest Hill Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 12:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 12:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
 1:55 p.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact  
 2:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hunt Road, Written Warning  
 2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning  
 2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued  
 2:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, May 30**  
 8:38 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
 3:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Deacon Allen Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 6:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Bechan Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Saturday, May 31  
 9:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 9-16, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 51 building/property checks, 40 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, two traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, seven assist other agencies, two investigations, two motor vehicle investigations, four complaints, one threat, one fraud, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, June 9**  
 11:50 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated  
 11:56 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Officer Handled  
 4:55 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Greenwich Road, Report Taken  
 5:31 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled  
 7:28 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Jackson Road, Report Taken  
 7:51 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Fiske Road, Transported to Hospital  
 9:45 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

**Tuesday, June 10**  
 12:28 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patril Hollow Road, Services Rendered  
 8:13 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Spoken To  
 10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, June 11**  
 1:10 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, June 12**  
 5:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued  
 8:04 a.m. Investigation, Unknown Location, Investigated  
 9:50 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Old Petersham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 2:36 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To  
 3:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled  
 4:24 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled  
 8:41 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital  
 10:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Services Rendered

**Friday, June 13**  
 10:20 a.m. Fraud, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 12:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Turkey Street, Services Rendered  
 8:55 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Pond Road, Unfounded  
 11:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Sullivan Avenue, Removed Hazard

**Saturday, June 14**  
 1:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Call Canceled

**Sunday, June 15**  
 1:32 a.m. Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital  
 9:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Criminal Complaint  
 11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
 12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 1:03 p.m. 911 Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting, Prospect Street, No Action Required  
 1:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Merge  
 11:20 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Abandoned, Ruggles Street, Spoken To

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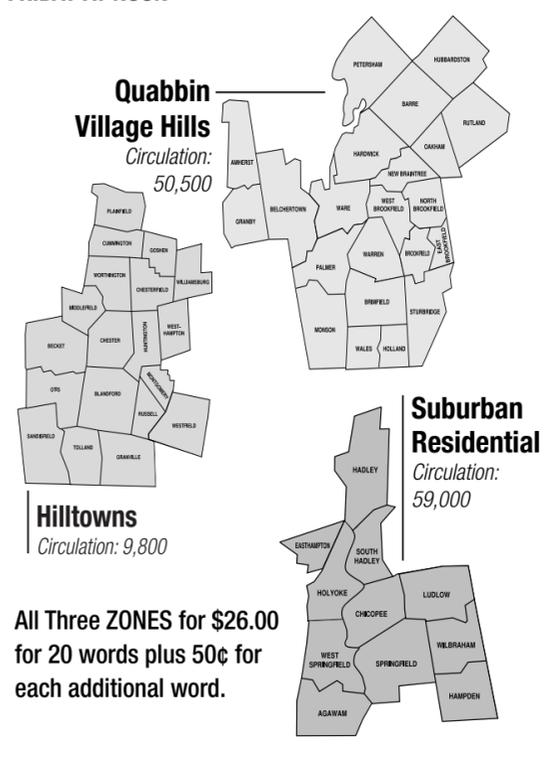
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This 1964 Ford Falcon Futara is owned by Stanley Miknaitis.



A yellow Dodge Challenger was parked in the back field of the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.



This 1974 Dodge Challenger is owned by Mike Hebert.

**CAR SHOW** from page 1

For Miknaitis, collecting and fixing vintage cars is a hobby and he has been involved in car shows since 1997. His journey into being around cars started when he came across a 1964 Falcon that was about to be demolished. After taking it off the truck, withing an hour, Miknaitis got it running.

Having a car in his possession gave him a project to do and soon that one project became a hobby.

"I've met a lot of people and got more friends involved," Miknaitis said.

Miknaitis has gone to national car shows all over the United States. The second car he brought was



A 1955 Red Chevy Pickup truck with its engine being shown as well.

a 1965 Ford two door Wagon. What makes this vehicle rare is only 4,800 were ever made. Miknaitis will be attending another car show later this year

that is hosted by the Barre Lions Club on Sept. 6 on the Barre Common.

In addition to vintage cars, there were also vintage pickup trucks as well.

One of the oldest trucks on display during the annual Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show was a 1955 Red Chevrolet Pickup. Many guests got to tour around the back field of the South Barre Rod & Gun Club to see these vintage cars and the owners were there to present some information.

The event also featured music and a raffle where guests can try to win some cool basket prizes. Under the pavilion was a beautiful sign made in memory of Mark Blanchard.

The South Barre Rod & Gun Club is located at 2626 Barre Road. Visit [www.southbarrerodandgunclub.org](http://www.southbarrerodandgunclub.org) or follow the club on Facebook for future events.



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The South Barre Rod & Gun Club hosted the third Annual Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show this past weekend. Shown is a sign made in honor of Mark, who was a longtime member of the club.

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