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## Founder's Day looks back at town's

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BARRE – On a hot and sunny June 17 day about 60 people came out to honor the town of Barre's founding 250 years ago to the day.

The ceremony location, North Common, was the same location previous Founder's Day marking the town's significant other anniversaries were held. The 250th Anniversary Committee planned and hosted the morning ceremony.

It began with the 250th Anniversary Committee Chair Richard C. Stevens welcoming the attendees. Other members of the committee: Meghan Peddle, Vice Chair; Nicole Ricchazzi, Treasurer; Diana Tuttle, Secretary; Hillary Budreau; Amanda Clapham; In Memorium Cindy Clarkson; Mark Clarkson; Melissa Handy; Bekki LaVenture; Kristen Shepardson and Thomas Tuttle flank sat in chairs in front of the Civil War monument.

Pastor Margaret Keyser of the Barre Congregational Church gave the prayer of invocation. She said, "Bless us as we look to the future together." Following the invocation, Anniversary Committee member Hillary Budreau read the flag citation and presented the flag to American Legion members: Robert Bentley, Dennis Fleming and Tony Musnicki, who removed the flag flying from the flagpole and replaced it with the new one, which flew over the



American Legion members Tony Musnicki, from left, Dennis Fleming with step ladder and Robert Bentley, partially hidden by the flagpole, raise an American flag given to the town that flew over the Capital.

Capital. The playing of the National Anthem and the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance followed the flag raising.

Maureen Marshall, Chair of the Barre Select Board and former School Superintendent, gave the address. She said she talked with Richard Stevens about what he would like her to talk about in her address. He answered her questions.

She talked about the last 50 years of education in Barre. She said Barre always supported education and only one did the

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The town of Barre celebrated Founder's Day on Monday, June 17, 2024 on Barre's North Common. There were rows of chairs some in the shade and some in the sun. Residents, town officials and friends came to the same location of previous Founder's Days on another significant town anniversaries.

## Town clerk announces June election results

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HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Town Clerk Melody Green announced the official town election results.

One hundred twenty of the town's 3,661 registered voters or 3.3% went to polls on Tuesday, June 11. Incumbents Heather M. Munroe and Jeffrey L. Williams ran unopposed for the two seats for three-year terms on the Select Board. Munroe got 102 votes and Williams, 103. Jeffrey A. Young also ran unopposed for a three-year term to the Board of Assessors and got 104 votes.

Two positions for three-year terms to the Board of Health were blank on the ballot, but voters

electd Gael Moncoeur and Peter DeBlois, by write-in with each getting one vote. A two-year term to Board of Health failed to elect. Other positions, which failed to elect as all had no candidates and write-ins were Parks Commission one-year term, Parks Commission two-year term, Parks Commission three-year term and one of two positions for three-year term to Finance Committee.

David Melville received 106 votes for a three-year term to Cemetery Commission. Voters elected Thomas F. Robinson with 102 votes and Connie M. Strittmatter with 104 to fill two positions for three-year terms to Library Trustees. Alycia Smith received five write-in votes for a

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## Proposed solar project begins to move forward

By Paula Ouimette  
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HARDWICK – Andrew Bernstein and Alex Young from Kearsarge Solar appeared before the Select Board to discuss a proposed solar project at 2380 Barre Road.

A request for proposal was submitted to the town from Kearsarge Solar in 2017 and has been on hold due to delays with National Grid. If constructed, the project would be located on town-owned land, which offers better incentives.

The proposed location is a gravel site for the town, and it is possible that those operations could continue on a smaller scale.

"It's a really exciting project," Bernstein said at the June 10 meeting. "To the town, it's worth millions of dollars."

He said the project is beginning to move forward and that Kearsarge Energy will honor the pricing out-

lined in the original proposal.

Bernstein said Boston-based Kearsarge Solar was formed in 2009 and is one of the larger developers.

"We now have close to 300 megawatts of solar projects that we own and operate," he said. "We don't have outside capitals; we're all local. When we develop something, we own and operate it for the whole time."

Nearby projects they own include Barre, but they have locations across the commonwealth and up into New York and Maine.

Bernstein said his company works very closely with the communities they operate in.

He said the project will not have any cost to the town, and that it can generate revenue for the town through the lease of the land and taxes. The lease revenue would be \$2.4-3 million over 20 years, or

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## Committee looks at conceptual plans for MLH reuse

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WARE – Amy Dunlap of HKT Architects Inc. shared three conceptual schematics with members of the Hospital Review Committee, exploring possible reuses for the former Baystate Mary Lane Hospital property on South Street.

The renderings were intended to "reimagine what would happen on the site," if uses aside from a hospital were allowed at the property.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the renderings were just concepts and not actual plans, as the property is owned by Baystate Health and not under the town's control.

Dunlap said each design was created to utilize the flat land where the buildings are located, taking care to respect the residential areas that abut the property. She said the landscape architect identified numerous trees that were "beautiful specimens," that should be saved.

Dunlap said her team has heard from residents that health care, housing and mixed commercial uses were all top priorities. Residents also expressed a need for a hotel, retail shops, library and recreational fields.

"These are the things we took

into account," Dunlap said.

The first two renderings Dunlap presented showed the Wetherby Building preserved for municipal use. The first rendering also contained one health care space, five commercial/business spaces, nine townhouses, two single family homes, one soccer field and multiple athletic courts including pickleball.

The second rendering had a second municipal building for community use in addition to the Wetherby Building. There is one space for health care, six for commercial/business, 11 townhouses and one single family home.

Athletic courts are included in the second rendering, but there is no soccer field.

The third rendering showed what the site could look like if all of the existing buildings were removed. The additional space would allow for 14 townhouses and four single family homes, along with a baseball field and athletic courts and six commercial/business spaces.

All three renderings included walking trails near the back of the property to the river.

"It's flexible," Dunlap said of the renderings. "My hope is to get feedback."

Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said he would like to see the Wetherby Building saved and said the multiuse of the site explored in the plans was "wonderful."

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## Quabbin Band presents 'Children's Theme Night'

BARRE – Sunday June 23 is "Children's Theme Night" with the Quabbin Community Band at Nornay Park in South Barre from 6-8 p.m.

The band invites all elementary and junior high students to join the band on one song, "Beyond the Frontier" to close the first half of the show. Sheet music for this song can be accessed ahead of time by emailing mereidy14@gmail.com to be sent the part for their instrument. There will be a special booth set up by the Henry Woods Library with games and books for children, as well as the Fidelity Bank Ice Cream truck providing free treats for all.

The music this week will include "The Pink Panther," "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," "Music from Aladdin," "The Bare Necessities" from The Jungle Book, "Captain Marvel,"

Selections from the movie "Up" and many more.

The band began the season last Sunday with a record 52 members overflowing the bandstand and a crowd of more than one hundred filling the park to enjoy the sounds of summer. Many thanks to our sponsors, who are listed in the printed program made available to all concert-goers for free, as well as thanks to the Mass Cultural Council for supporting this particular event. The concerts next week and on June 30 are in South Barre, with all remaining shows on the Harding Allen Bandstand, on Barre Common, through Aug. 11. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange St.

Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer  
The gazebo at Nornay Park filled to capacity with 52 members playing in the first Quabbin Community Band concert of the season.



Family fun at the first Quabbin Community Band concert of the season. Pictured are Heather, Jeff, Alana, Chris and Roger Griffin and band members Patty Griffin and Marica Cummings.





# News of the Towns

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## Sheriff's Office B.R.T.A. graduates class



The 61st Basic Recruit Training Academy graduates poses with Sheriff Evangelidis to close out the graduation ceremony.

WEST BOYLSTON – On Friday, May 31 Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis proudly administered the Correctional Officers Oath to the 24 graduating recruits of the Sheriff's Office's 61st Basic Recruit Training Academy at the department's Training and Command Center.

Among the twenty-four graduates was Officer Matthew Cornell of Hubbardston. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to ensuring the public safety of the cities and towns in Worcester County. The department acknowledges the significance of assembling a team that mirrors the community it serves. The graduates of B.R.T.A. #61 constitute a highly qualified and diverse cohort of recruits, each contributing unique skills and experiences to their new roles as correctional officers. These officers originate from eleven different towns across Massachusetts.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office Academy is a paid full-time 13-week program that teaches recruits how to handle and maintain the care, custody and control of inmates at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction. The academy incorporates both classroom time and hands-on instruction.

Throughout the academy, recruits are exposed to all areas of corrections, including de-escalation, duty to intervene, fire safety, defensive tactics, first responder training, suicide prevention, mental health and substance abuse. The academy also

includes daily physical fitness training, weekly exams on classroom content and frequent guest lectures/demonstrations from many partners in public safety.

"After 13 rigorous weeks of training, I'm thrilled to present the best and brightest in corrections today," commented Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "The Worcester County Sheriff's Office Training Department is one of the best in the state. I can confidently say that these men and women are ready to join the ranks as full-time corrections officers and contribute to successfully executing work experience."

Before the start of the academy, applicants must pass a written exam, physical fitness test, background check and psychological screening test. To ensure fairness and impartiality, Evangelidis has also implement-



Submitted photos  
WCSO Officer Matthew Cornell of Hubbardston recently graduated from Sheriff's Office 61st Basic Recruit Training Academy.



Sheriff Evangelidis addresses the graduates of the 61st B.R.T.A.

Recruit Training, Academy, which will begin in September 2024. To learn more about what it takes to be a correctional officer, people may visit [www.WorcesterCountySheriff.com/Careers/Correctional-Officer-Academy/](http://www.WorcesterCountySheriff.com/Careers/Correctional-Officer-Academy/).

## Final public forum set for June 25

PETERSHAM – The residents of Petersham are invited to attend the third and final public forum to review and discuss the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan update completed by the Conway School on Tuesday, June 25 from 6-8:00 p.m. in Lower Town Hall, 3 South Main St.

The public can also attend the forum remotely by joining Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88447059659?pwd=aCohf7dhUO6pLDbtOjPKKVUPbYYNrh.1>, ID: 884 4705 9659, Passcode: 010255.

The Open Space and Recreation Committee will host the meeting and will provide light refreshments. The committee encourages residents to review the draft ahead of the meeting, in particular, Section 8. Goals and Objectives and Section 9 Seven-Year Action Plan.

The draft is posted online at the town's website and may be viewed by visiting [www.town-ofpetersham.org](http://www.town-ofpetersham.org); a printed copy is available at the Petersham Memorial Library.

Residents are invited to share their comments at the meeting or submit comments by email to [Petershamosr@gmail.com](mailto:Petershamosr@gmail.com). The deadline for submitting comments regarding the draft OSRP is Sunday, June 30.

Send your stories and photos to [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com)

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### Library hosts stamp presentation

On Wednesday, July 24 at 10 a.m. a stamp Presentation by Hubbardston Postmaster Trisha Dursa will be held in the Children's Room at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. The presentation will then be followed by story time for the children.

### Jazz Festival

A Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, June 22 from 2-6 p.m. at the Hubbardston Recreation Field, Route 68. People should bring chairs, a blanket and picnic baskets to listen to jazz performed by J.B. 5, E-Pluribus Unum, Fishfry Fried and Russell and Tunes. The festival is free to the public and sponsored by the Hubbardston Parks Commission.

### Library 5K Fundraiser

The 27th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7. This event marks more than a quarter century of community support for the Library, approaching \$85,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after August 2nd. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, Race Director at (978) 928-5120 or [MTWigler@gmail.com](mailto:MTWigler@gmail.com). The 2023 Race/Walk raised over \$3500 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

### Garden tour and pie sale

The Hubbardston Historical Society will hold a pie sale on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road. A garden tour will also be held on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Garden tour tickets are available on line by visiting [hubbardstonhistorical.org](http://hubbardstonhistorical.org) or at the Chapel the day of the tour for \$20 cash only the day of the tour from 10 a.m-2 p.m.

### 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.

## National Night Out happens Aug. 6

BARRE – The Third Annual National Night Out, hosted by Q-DRUG and Quabbin Regional School District, will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 5-7 p.m. at the Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St.

People may visit [www.qdrug.org](http://www.qdrug.org) for more information or on Facebook at "QuabbinDrugResponse."

This fun, free family event is designed to show the community the wide range of activities in our area for children and families to participate in; as well as show the youth that their whole community supports them in making healthy, safe choices throughout their lives.

Businesses are welcome to set up a table and offer free family fun activities. They may register by visiting [www.QDRUG.org](http://www.QDRUG.org).

## Gilbertville library lists summer hours and programs

GILBERTVILLE – The Gilbertville Public Library, Main Street, lists summer hours effective June 11.

The library will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2-6 p.m. and will be closed Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

On Thursday, July 11 from 3-4 p.m. there will be a learn to use a loom and participants will make a pot-holder. On July 11 children may sign up for summer reading program from 2-6 p.m.

On Thursday, July 18 from 3-4 p.m. people may paint and decorate a small wooden bird house. On Thursday, July 25 from 3-4 p.m. people may plant a mini garden. On Thursday, Aug. 8 from 3-4 p.m. there will be an end of summer reading party.

### Editorial deadline reminder

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

### Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at [barrenews@turley.com](mailto:barrenews@turley.com) or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

**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 24. 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 – Baked ham with maple glaze, herb potatoes, roasted California blend vegetables, peaches, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, apple crisp, diet = baked apples, biscuit

THURSDAY – Potato crunch fish, sour cream/chive mashed potatoes, peas and onions, birthday cake, diet = small piece, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Garlic herbed chicken, bread stuffing, roasted Brussel sprouts, vanilla mousse, whole wheat 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 week-day. 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.

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE.

Cemetery Commission – June 20 at 11 a.m.  
 Sewer Commission – June 20 at 7 p.m.  
 Annual Town Meeting – June 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – June 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – June 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – June 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – July 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – July 3 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – July 8 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – July 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – July 8 at 7 p.m.:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – July 9 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – July 10 at 6  
 Barre Housing Authority – July 11 at 1 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Planning Board – June 20 and June 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – June 21 at 6:05 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – June 26 at 10 a.m.  
 Conservation Commission – June 26 and July 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – June 27 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – June 27 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – July 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – July 3 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – July 8, Aug. 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – July 10 at 4 p.m.  
 Capitol Planning Committee – July 15 at 3 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – July 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustee – Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – June 20 at 6:30 pm.  
 Affordable Housing Committee – June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Parks and Rec – June 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – June 24 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – June 26, July 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Downtown Development Committee – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – July 2, July 16 and July 30 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – July 17 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Oakham Select Board – June 25 at 6 p.m., June 27 Highway Seasonal Bids at 10 a.m. and July 8 at 6 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – July 12 at noon  
 Planning Board – July 16 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – June 20 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – June 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – June 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 25 at 6 p.m., June 27 at 7 p.m. and July 2 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – July 2 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – July 9 at 10 a.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

By Law Committee – June 20 at 7 p.m.  
 Select Board – June 24 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – June 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory – June 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – June 27 at 6:45 p.m.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Members of NOFA alongside guests during the Tools of the Trade Presentation on Microscopy & Soil Management Practices.

## North Brookfield farm hosts NOFA workshop

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**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – Nature's Way Farm hosted a Tools of the Trade Workshop from the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Massachusetts.

NOFA/Mass promotes organic agriculture to expand the production and availability of nutritious food from living soil for the health of individuals, communities and the planet. At Nature's Way Farm is Education Director for NOFA/MASS Ruben Parrilla. Parrilla said this workshop on farm microscopy and soil management practices is an introduction for farmers to understand the linking of soil to nutrient density. Parrilla stated at the start of the workshop that the attendance is much appreciated.

The workshop was funded by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. The goal is to educate farmers and help increase their understanding of soil microbes as a part of a sustainable specialty crop production system and help them adopt new tools and practices to support the soil microbes and soil health.

There is no firm definition for soil health and Parrilla believes it is up to everyone during the workshop to discover that definition.

"It's up to us to make that definition," Parrilla said.

The workshop would then be passed down to organic farmer Dan Kittredge of Nature's Way Farm. Kittredge has been involved with farming is whole life and is the founder of the Bionutrient Food Association.

In 2010, Kittredge started this organization to help ignite a movement around food quality.

Kittredge is one of the leading proponents of "nutrient density". His presentation during the workshop at Nature's Way Farm was titled "Nutrient Density from the Ground Up".

Kittredge shared the history of the studies behind nutrient density dating back to 2010.



Dan Kittredge is an organic farmer who provided a presentation for the event at his farm, Nature's Way Farm in North Brookfield.

Kittredge's studies have built a framework for nutrient density as a market standard. There were several labs completed to help define nutrient variation across more than 25 different crops.

Kittredge said his organization has collected over 10,000 samples across the U.S. and Europe.

One example of studying nutrient variation is that Kittredge had a study done that would detect the amount of sulfur and phosphorus in a carrot based off the health of the soil used. The results were surprising to several farmers who attended the workshop.

Kittredge wants to provide this sort of evidence to as many farmers as possible who use different soils for their crops.

"It's about the soil life," Kittredge said.

Kittredge talked about a bio-nutrient meter they invented to help track soil life and their nutrient levels. By 2017, the Bionutrient Food Association developed the first prototype of what is now the Bionutrient Meter, a hand-held, non-invasive consumer-priced spectrometer that can be used to get relative nutritional scores off food at point of purchase with a flash of light.

This sort of tool can give folks the ability to test food before they purchase it. A second generation of the meter was released in 2021. The improved

meter is calibrated to eight crops and shares conclusive evidence from the work done previously by the BFA.

In 2021, the BFA did a meat study to see how farms handle their meat processing. A lot of the quality of meat reflects on what the animals consume.

"What animals eat connects to what you eat in meat," Kittredge said.

Farmers who attended the workshop did bring some soil samples to help test their nutrient levels. The BFA alongside NOFA/Mass are currently working on a research paper to help bring these studies to a global audience.

"This information is important for the global commons," Kittredge said.

The organizations have done many tests on farms all over the globe, including the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and South America.

The workshop would continue with a lunch provided by Nature's Way Farm. To learn more about the BFA, visit [www.bionutrient.org](http://www.bionutrient.org) for newsletters, courses, history, science and resources.

To learn more about the Northeast Organic Farm Association, visit [www.nofamass.org](http://www.nofamass.org). NOFA/Mass is a statewide organization dedicated to promoting organic agriculture and expand the production of nutritious food from living soil.

## Strawberry Festival to be held on June 22

**NEW BRAINTREE** – The annual Strawberry Festival will be sponsored by the New Braintree Congregational Church at the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Dr., at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday June 22.

The menu of baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and beverages will be followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. There will be one sitting. Reservations must be made by calling 508-410-7424 or 508-477-6653. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$12 for children ages 5-10, children under 5 are free.

## Oakham

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### Summer concerts begin June 27

The Oakham summer concert series begins Thursday, June 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. with the Weir River Jazz. The Otters will perform on Thursday, July 11 and Wylie and the Boogiemen on Thursday, July 25. On Thursday, Aug. 8 Say Uncle will entertain and on Thursday, Aug. 22 Quintessential Brass. All concerts are held on the Oakham Common from 6:30-8 p.m. People may purchase popcorn, cold drinks and water at the concerts. People may bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

### Annual Town Wide Yard Sale

The Oakham Historical Association's Annual Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, Aug 24 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The fee to have an address put on the map is \$15. People may call Kathy Young 508-882-3137 or mail to: OHA, P.O.Box 234, Oakham, MA 01068.

### Kids' Fest

On Saturday June 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., will hold Kids' Fest. This is the annual end of school bash. All are welcome to this free event. The Kids' Fest is funded by the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc., the Oakham Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council. No registration is required.

### Senior Center activities

On Friday, June 21 the Lunch Bunch will meet at Kostas Café on Pleasant Street, Spencer at 12:30 p.m. On Tuesday, June 25 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. a Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone representative will be at the Oakham Senior Center, lower level of Town Hall. On Wednesday, June 26 nutritionist Nicole Reynolds will talk about sugar.

Zumba Gold meets Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the North Brookfield Congregational Church, North Brookfield; Wii Bowling and Corn hole is held Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.; yoga Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays "Walk Aways from 11 a.m.-noon; coffee with friends Wednesday from 9 a.m. to lunch; Socializing Thursday Afternoons from 1-3 p.m.; Functional Fitness Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall and Quiet Time rides with music, Wii bowling, quiet contemplation or casual conversation 10 a.m.-noon.

## Theatre at the Mount to hold auditions

**GARDNER** – Theatre at the Mount, located at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., will hold auditions for "Ivy and Bean, the Musical" in Room A110, on Tuesday, July 16 and Wednesday, July 17 at 5 p.m. sharp or by appointment.

To schedule an appointment, people should email [box-office@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:box-office@mwcc.mass.edu).

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# Opinion

## Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

### I'm already collecting Social Security how will my WEP be calculated

Dear Rusty

I don't understand exactly how the Windfall Elimination Provision works for my situation. I turned 62 in 2017 and am currently still working in a "non-covered" job, not paying into Social Security, but from which I will get a government pension when I retire. I began collecting Social Security at my full retirement age in 2021 and am now collecting \$1,507 per month thanks to the cost of living adjustments since I started. Will my Social Security benefit be reduced by \$587 if I retire this year? SignedConfused by WEP

Dear Confused

You're certainly not alone to be confused by WEP and your situation is somewhat special because you started your SS benefits before taking your "non-covered" government pension. And, unfortunately, most tools and charts, which suggest how much WEP will reduce your Social Security benefit don't accommodate that nuance very well.

In your case, when you claimed Social Security at your Full Retirement Age, you were awarded the full benefit you were entitled to, unreduced by WEP because you were not yet collecting your non-covered government pension. You were able to collect your full SS amount and receive each year's full Cost Of Living Adjustments to those higher amounts.

What actually happens is that each person's Primary Insurance Amount is first determined at age 62 and Social Security applies an annually awarded COLA to their PIA even if they're not yet receiving benefits. You received your full PIA including COLA, because you claimed at your Full Retirement Age. But when you start collecting your pension from your non-covered government job, the Windfall Elimination Provision will kick in and reduce your Social Security benefit.

The amount of WEP reduction depends on how many years you had contributed to Social Security from "substantial" earnings but, with 20 or fewer years, the maximum WEP reduction is determined by the year you turn 62 and doesn't change. Since you turned 62 in 2017, your maximum WEP reduction, according to Social Security's process, is \$442.50, lower than the \$587 you suspect.

Nevertheless, due to the way Social Security calculates the WEP reduction, the reduction from your current amount will seem larger than the WEP maximum. And that's because of the way Social Security applies the WEP reduction to your benefit. They start by first removing all COLA increases since you were 62 from your PIA. They will then take your PIA (sans COLA) and subtract \$442.50 (if you have more than 20 years of substantial SS-covered earnings they will subtract less and then they will reapply all the cost-of-living increases since you were 62 to the WEP-reduced PIA.

What just happened, in effect, is that your previous, pre-WEP, COLA increases were removed from your PIA and those same COLA percentages were reapplied to your smaller WEP-reduced PIA to arrive at your new monthly benefit amount under the Windfall Elimination Provision. And that new amount will be lower than your previous SS benefit amount by more than the published maximum WEP reduction for the year you turned 62.

A word of caution: Timely notification to Social Security of your non-covered pension is very important. As soon as you receive your non-covered pension award letter, deliver it to your local Social Security office and request a WEP recalculation of your SS retirement benefit. The WEP recalculation will likely take months to process, during which time you will continue to receive your higher non-WEP SS benefit. That means you will be overpaid for the period between when your non-covered pension started and the month your new WEP SS payment began and that overpayment must be refunded to Social Security.

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## Guest Column



### June companions worthy of admiration

I was chatting with a fellow gardener recently and she made a comment that really struck me. "Aren't the flowers just beautiful this year?" I had to agree.

Everything that is blooming is blooming in abundance, in terms of biennials, perennials and flowering shrubs. Even the \$65 hydrangea bush I got suckered into two years ago on Mother's Day weekend is loaded with flower buds.

I thought it would be fun to give you a few factoids about some of the plants in my yard that are blooming now. Ironically enough, they make a great companion planting. Here goes.

The apothecary's rose (*Rosa gallica officinalis*) is so laden with flowers that I need to get a good support system in place and fast! This rose in particular is an excellent choice for the beginner heirloom rose enthusiast.

Known as the oldest rose in cultivation, it is easy to grow, survives the winter without protection, and blooms effortlessly for about a month each June. Bright crimson flowers have two rows of petals and attractive yellow stamens; rose hips form as the flowers fade providing a bit of winter interest.

Its compatible color and short stature, about three feet, make this bush rose an ideal choice for the perennial border or hedge, keeping in mind though that it sends up new shoots pretty relentlessly, even invading a think mat of bearded iris in my landscape.

Another great spot for the apothecary's rose would be in a garden devoted to herbs. For centuries it has been used medicinally, as well as for a source of food and perfume.

Reportedly, it is also the only rose whose petals, when dried, retain their fragrance – some argue that it even increases! Potpourri anyone?

Another plant booming in abundance is the Pheasant Eye Pink (*Dianthus plumarius*).

*Dianthus* is the genus for a group of plants known as "pinks," not because of their color, which ironically are usually shades of pink, but for the fact that their petals are finely "pinked." Think of the funny scissors known as pinking shears.

Common names for this group of plants include Gilliflower and Sops in Wine, noting the age old use of steeping the clove scented flowers in cheap wine for tavern owners to end up with a drink that tasted far more expensive. The clove fragrance of these flowers is outstanding. Just a few of the two inch flowers will undoubtedly perfume a room.

The silver leaved plant prefers a dry, rock garden type situation in full sun. Soil must be well-drained and non-puddling over the winter months.

Do not mulch or the crown will rot. Few pests are known to bother it. The plant will stay in bloom up to three weeks. Deadheading spent blooms will help it to stay tidy.

I can honestly not say enough about my foxgloves this year. It's enjoyable just to stare at them in admiration.

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## In Past Pages

5 years (June 27, 2019)

Voters at the Hardwick Annual Town Meeting on June 19 passed the town's fiscal 2020 budget of \$5.5 million without much discussion except for a brief discussion of the Quabbin Regional School District's budget. Resident "Tex" Sarabia made a motion to add \$45,000 to the school budget, of \$2.7 million, but it did not pass. Finance Committee member said the additional money was not discussed at their last meeting and before they could support it, they would have to analyze it.

Saving the date for the Hubbardston fair is something that Hubbardston resident Nicole Sturgis always makes a point of do for her and her three children. "We come every year," Sturgis said. "Each year they seem to have more things. They're always adding different booths and activities." Last Saturday under mostly beautiful skies, the Hubbardston Fair was in full swing for its third annual stint, located at the Curtis Recreational Field in the center of Hubbardston. "The fair draws a lot of people," stated Sturgis. "Vendors from town and surrounding towns set up. It's a nice day to spend with everyone."

Looking for something fun to do on the Fourth of July? Celebrate the country's independence with community members of Petersham as they host their annual Fourth of July parade. "The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning in front of the Petersham Library and steps off at 10 a.m. sharp," said parade organizer, Rich Marsh. What started over 20 years ago with Beth Cummings parading her grandchildren down the main drag of Petersham to celebrate their independence, has evolved into a grand affair with anyone and everyone invited to participate. "Beth and I used to organize it together," Marsh said. "Then she passed away and I took over."

10 years (June 26, 2014)

After a hiatus of several years, the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee sponsored the return of the Oakham Block Party last Saturday, the first day of summer. A large number of classic and custom car owners participated in the car show. There were so many cars that some parked in the library parking lot as well as the town hall parking lot. The Best in Car Show prize went to Bob Sumwalt for this 1977 Gremlin.

About 55 voters acted on a 21 article warrant in less than one hour Monday evening in the cafeteria at the Oakham Center School. Moderator Jeffrey Young moved six articles with voter approval as a consent calendar. Voters raised and appropriated \$1,063,767, transferred \$160,889 from free cash and transferred \$45,000 from ambulance receipts for a total town-operating budget of \$1,269,656. Residents also approved \$2,068,208 for total edu-

### LOOK BACK Bicentennial Court - 1974



This float transported the Queen and her court in the Barre Bicentennial parade on July 23, 1974.

cation costs.

Tension ran high at the Petersham Select Board meeting Monday night. Building Inspector, Brianna Skowrya, responded to the previous weeks request from the Nichewaung Inn Committee to gain access to the building in a letter. She originally declared the building to be unsafe in November 2007. She said in the letter, "Now seven years have passed since this originally took place. Nothing has been done to the building in that time. I have no reason to believe that the condition has improved and as a matter of fact the last last time. I looked in the building, it appears to have deteriorated significantly," Skowrya said.

25 years (June 24, 1999)

About 57 voters approved 40 article on Monday at the Oakham Center School in about one and a half hours. A Special Town Meeting with three articles preceded Annual Town Meeting. Registered voters passed all three articles in 15 minutes. At the Annual Town Meeting voters approved a \$1,721,941 budget for Fiscal Year 2000. This was \$6,310 more than recommended by the Finance Committee.

Everyone agreed it was a good town meeting with a lot of thoughtful discussion, a lot of good natured laughter and a little rancor thrown in for spice. The Annual Town Meeting in Hubbardston exemplified grassroots government. The Quabbin Regional School District presented a school assessment at \$75,000 lower than antic-

ipated, allowing for balancing the budget with only minimal impact to the town's savings.

James Caldwell and his brother, John are described in the "history of Barre as helping to create and maintain roads from Rutland to the Northwest Quarter or New Roland in the 1730s and 1740s. New Rutland was to become Barre, which the Caldwells helped establish. Like other settlers they owned slaves. One of the slaves, Quork would become famous in his successful fight for freedom in 1788. This is the subject of a play, "Quork's Passage" written by Samuel Pickens and his mother, Sandy Pickens.

38 years (June 26, 1986)

Approximately, 80 residents of New Braintree picketed for almost three hours in North Brookfield on Sunday, near the site of the Democratic Family Day picnic. The people were protesting the Governor's latest request for funds to purchase the former Pioneer Valley Academy in New Braintree and turn it into a medium security prison. The Governor was not in attendance as had been previously announced. Th picketers did not disband, but felt they had gained some attention and support from folks attending the picnic.

The Oakham Selectmen and Vincent Luchessi, Board of Heath Chairman, reviewed the problems surrounding a house built by Jack

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### Election letters to the editor welcome

The Barre Gazette welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the Barre Gazette care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

The weather has been a little cool all week, but it felt good

I understand this week will be a heat wave. The flower gardens are producing new flowers each day and I picked some to bring in the house for bouquets.

The dogwood tree is especially pretty right now as is the Weigelia and Deutzia. I did some trimming on the Rhododendron and found some galls, which I removed. I will have to spray it.

I made a rhubarb/strawberry pie, which was good. With the left over strawberries and rhubarb, I made a sauce and then put the strawberries on top. I also took some Crescent rolls and made tarts with rhubarb and strawberries.

One meal I like to make, which is easy, is to take a cookie sheet with an edge and spray olive oil on it. Cut up potatoes, broccoli carrots, onions, celery and pieces of chicken thighs and put them on the cookie sheet. Cover with a can of cream of chicken soup and bake for one hour at 350 degrees. Note; I had a half box of beef broth I had to use up so instead of the chicken soup I used the broth.

I just served bread and butter and had ice cream with strawberries for dessert.

### This and That

I have been cleaning in the wood shed, which we keep the garden tools and outside things. I am also, still cleaning in the garage where I had packed a lot of things when I thought we were going to move. I'm finding all kinds of treasures.

I also made up a box I plan to donate to the Hubbardston Senior Center yard sale and clothing sale.

I took a trip out to the former vegetable garden using my cane and picked some white daisies. There were a number of Foxgloves and Lupines out there also, but I am leaving them to go to seed.

I did plant some seedlings of squash in a pile of soil near the house. I also purchased two tomato plants, which I put in larger pots and will put them on the deck.

The broccoli plants are growing well in the planters.

I haven't been doing much watercoloring because I have a large supply of cards now. I did take some photographs of flowers and attach them to cards, which I can use to send greetings. I use the stick on both sides tape to attach them to plain cards.

Have a good week and summer is here.

with neighboring males. He courts the female with song and by displaying with wings and tail spread. Their song is two whistles followed by a high trill like "drink your teee."

During egg laying and incubation, the male rarely comes near the nest and the female is secretive. Both parents feed the young.

### Bobolinks

An Oakham resident sent an email, he said "In 1982, after graduating with my M.S. degree from Cornell, I worked as a field assistant on a bobolink study. We assembled staging in the fields to construct elevated observation platforms. Then we needed to capture and mark all the individuals. Several mist nets were set up."

He said, "When a bird landed near one of the nets we would rush to it and try to scare the bird into a net, quite effective. With 'bird-in-hand' we needed to mark it to allow us to recognize it. So we painted the tails with different combinations of colors. Capturing the very last bird took a lot of time and effort." He also said, "When females returned repeatedly to a particular spot, we searched there for the nests, which was very difficult, as the nests were well hidden. We could then monitor nest success."

### Bluebirds

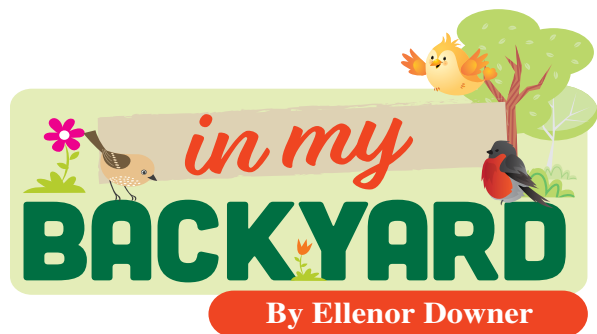
I received an email from a woman, who also sent photos of fledgling bluebirds, in her yard. She said, "At the end of winter the mated pair shooed off their offspring and got down to nesting. We now have four fledglings visiting our mealworm feeder. They are too funny to watch, so hungry and they keep their parents very busy." The bluebirds laid eggs for second time.

### More Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident, who sent the email about the towhee also said, "The other day I spent a couple of hours at the pond in South Street where the osprey nest is located. In addition to the osprey nest there are four great blue heron nests with at least eight chick. I can't see the fourth nest very well but an adult is standing on the nest so I assume there are young chick there also. Young herons can't stand for awhile so they probably wouldn't be visible yet."

He said he saw common grackles, chickadees and tree swallows at the pond as well phoebes, Eastern kingbirds and belted kingfishers.

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Eastern towhee



A Brimfield resident reported his wife saw an Eastern towhee in their driveway.

It has been some time since I saw a towhee. I saw it hopping to get seeds on the ground under my feeder.

The towhee is eight inches long with a long tail. The male has a dark hood, beak and back with reddish brown flanks and white belly. The female is brown on top with the reddish flanks and white belly.

They hop backward, raking up leaf litter in search of insects and seeds. They eat insects, spiders, lizards, snakes and weed and grass seeds. They come to feeders for seeds on the ground.

The female lays two to six cream with brown spotted eggs in a nest of leaves, strips of bark and grasses lined with finer grasses. The female places the nest on the ground in a scratched depression under brush.

Towhees inhabit edges or open woods with shrub cover. Often towhees are heard rather than seen. The distinctive "chevink" or "chweee" call note of both sexes is a good clue to their presence. The noise from their "raking" of leaf litter is another clue they are nearby.

In the spring, the male sings and counter sings

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town fail to support the school budget. Marshall said in the 1950s Barre talked about a new high school and ten years later decided to build a new high school and began talking with surrounding towns about creating a regional high school.

When the Center School that housed middle school students burned to the town, the need became pressing. Those students, who attended the Center School built during the Civil War, went to Barre High School. The High School had have double sessions to accommodate all the students.

In 1967, the last class graduated from Barre High School and the remaining students moved into the new Quabbin Regional Junior Senior High School. The regional high school educated students from four towns: Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston and Oakham. Later, New Braintree joined the regional school district. In the 1980s, the school district expanded to kindergarten to grade 12. Today, it is the largest school choicer district

in the state of Massachusetts. She concluded by quoting Leon Joseph Suennens, "Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true."

Lucy Allen, town historian, gave the historical oration. She said following the purchase of a large piece of land from five Native Americans the area was called Nichewaug or Rutland. In 1718, the first settlers, Scots/Irish moved to what was later known as the North West quarter of Rutland. That quarter became the town of Barre.

James Caldwell was one of the first settlers. They cut through the woods and had to be totally self-reliant. His home, the oldest surviving house in town, still stands on Granger Road. Today, the only place that carries the Caldwell name is Caldwell Cemetery on Fruitlands Road. In 1849, the Caldwells were instrumental in building the Barre Congregational Church. Many of other prominent names in town such as the Woods family had Caldwell mothers.

In 1774, Barre became and was called Hutchinson, after the unpopular governor of the then British colony. Later, the name changed

to Barre after Colonel Issac Barre, a member of Parliament who supported the colonies. Of Barre's 250 years, it was called Barre for the last 248 years. Allen said, "Tranquil and Alert the [Town] will go forward into the next 250 years."

Committee member Meghan Peddle read a poem recited at the 100th anniversary of the town. Committee member Thomas Tuttle presented the time capsule. The 250th Anniversary Committee along with the Barre Historical Society will be working on contents to place in the capsule, which will be housed at the Barre Historical Building and opened at the town's 275 anniversary in 2049.

Committee member Nicole Ricchazzi introduced the student essay winners: Sage Morin, Gabriela Da Silva and Benjamin Wrek, all Ruggles Lane School students. The students read their essays entitled, "What does Barre mean to you." A common theme of their essays was the importance of community.

Joseph Goldstein of Barre Center for Buddhist Studies gave the closing blessing.

# Flea markets and fudge for Father's Day weekend

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Brookfield Orchards hosted its first flea market of the summer season over Father's Day weekend, and also celebrated National Fudge Day with 10 new flavors.

The orchard hosted a flea market with several people coming out to sell their treasures and get a chance to meet with the community.

"Hosting these flea markets are so much fun," Diana Nydam, the orchard's owner said. "We get to remind people that we are open all year long, and they can come and see what we have to offer, like all the local vendors that we have in store."

The flea markets will occur at the end of the summer this year, with two more coming up on the Saturdays of Aug. 10 and 31.

"I really hope our customers and people participating in the flea markets have a good time and enjoy doing it because it is something so close to home and it's a great family venue," Nydam said.

But the flea market wasn't the only exciting thing the orchard had to offer for the weekend. June 16 shares the day celebrating both fathers and eating fudge for National Fudge Day.

The orchard has its own fudge counter, and fudge is made fresh and deliciously sweet in 30 different flavors.

To commemorate National Fudge Day, there were 10 additional new flavors for customers to try including lemon meringue pie, peanut butter whoopie pie, caramel latte, a mystery flavor to try in-store, and many more.

"My favorite fudge flavor always changes because I am so lucky to always be around it," Nydam said. "At the moment, my favorite is the Peanuttiest Caramel Chocolate Fudge."

"I love hosting National Fudge Day at the orchard because it gives me a chance to open up my customers' point of view of fudge and get away from the traditional flavors of just chocolate and peanut butter," Nydam said.

The orchard has many delicious flavors of fudge to try and is preparing for apple picking season just around the corner. With the flea markets and more events, people can find something to enjoy for all occasions and age groups.



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Nancy DiPilato, John Tetreault, and Wendy Perron with their shared tents filled with new treasures.



J.R. Greene holding proudly one of his many self-published books with a wonderfully organized coin collection.



Video game collector Ben Raymond with his collection of games from the original Xbox to the newest Play Station.

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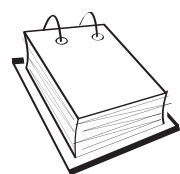
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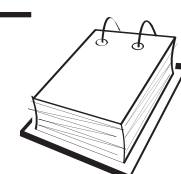
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# Calendar of Events



## THURSDAY, JUNE 20

**COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP DRIVE THRU SUPPER** will be held today with pick up from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Barre Congregational church, 30 Park St., Barre. This is the same day as the Food Pantry Distribution. The Food Pantry always could use donations of canned items, personal care items, pasta, pasta sauce, etc.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21

**PETERSHAM FRIDAY MARKET** is held every Friday from 3-6 p.m., once again bringing local food, handmade crafts and live music to the town common. People are invited to come enjoy the day with the vendors and live music. The common provides limited seating or people can bring their own. It is also wheelchair accessible. Fern and Rita is scheduled to provide the first live performance of the 20-week music series. The Petersham Friday Market runs from May 24 – Oct. 4. The live music series is offered thanks to support from the Wild Geese Foundation, Petersham Town Meeting voters, the Petersham Cultural Council, Petersham Grange No. 95, Harvard Forest and other local donors. Vendors of produce and other edibles can email [petershamfridaymarket@gmail.com](mailto:petershamfridaymarket@gmail.com) for more information about joining the market. The Friday Market charges no vendor fees.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22

**BARRE FARMER'S MARKET** will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. There be many local vendors selling cards, honey, jams, jellies, crafts, plants, flowers, vegetables and fruits in season, eggs, dairy, ice cream and more. The event is held rain or shine now through October.

**SATURDAY STORY TIME** will be held today from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre in the multipurpose room at the library. The program is recommended for ages three to six. Each week Ms. Katie will read a story and pair it with a craft or related activity. To request sign language interpretation or other accommodation for special needs for any program, people should call the Library Director at least two weeks before the program date at 978-355-2533 extension 101 or email [jhood@barrelibrary.org](mailto:jhood@barrelibrary.org).

**ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** sponsored by the New Braintree Congregational Church will be

## Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from Barre. 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 24. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko, Marianne Meyer, Cheryl Paul and Gretta Scully** correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the swimming pool located on Pommogussett Road in Rutland.

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held today at 5:30 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The menu of baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and beverages will be followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. There will be one sitting. Reservations must be made by calling 508-410-7424 or 508-477-6653. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$12 for children ages 5 – 10 and free for children under 5.

**BENEFIT FOR SOUTHERN BRAZIL FLOOD VICTIMS** will be held today at 5 p.m. on the Petersham Common, Main Street, Petersham. Ricardo Frota of Petersham, an internationally known Brazilian musician and rainforest activist has stepped-up to help his local Brazilian community by offering a Benefit Fundraising

Event for his Southern Brazil Flood Victims. He a violinist/percussionist trained at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston will bring his remarkable array of instruments and sound objects to the benefit. Ricardo is best known for playing an eight foot high tree like a drum and for mimicking the sounds of the Brazilian rainforest. At the June event Ricardo will be joined by local musicians, story tellers and environmental activists, including Maurice Cahen, French guitarist; Greta Bro, singer/songwriter and Kaja Esser, singer. The event will be emceed by local storyteller and performer, Brother NorthStar, Medicine Walker, who has spent over twenty-five years walking on global pilgrimages to bring attention to social and environmental injustices.

## HARDWICK, continued from page 1

\$120,000-150,000 a year and tax revenue would be \$1.2-1.5 million over 20 years or \$60-75,000 a year.

The total combined revenue would be \$180,000-225,000 annually.

Young said the location is a great site, and it is set back several hundred feet from the road, and will be well-screened from view. The batteries for the solar array are self-contained with built-in fire suppression.

Bernstein said he estimates that the project will be up and running in three-to-four years.

### Mary Lane Hospital update

Resident Judi Korzec updated the board regarding the former Baystate Mary Lane Hospital property. She said since the hospital closed, there has been a lot of activity in breaking down the buildings.

However, she said, "there hasn't been a lot of activity on 'what do we do about healthcare going forward.'"

Korzec said Baystate Health does not have interest in

opening an urgent care or other type of facility in Ware. She said Hardwick is in a healthcare desert due to the lack of access.

She said there are legal teams involved that are reviewing the Gilbert trust, that has provided funding for the hospital for over a century.

"The goal is to get that \$17 million back," she said.

Korzec said it's possible that Hardwick could become the site for an urgent care facility. She has been talking with several urgent care owners.

She said with access to the trust's funds, along with the help of various grants, there is a lot of potential to accomplish this.

### Fire Chief position

Select Board Chair Kelly Kemp said Josh Pease was appointed to serve as interim Fire Chief through June 30, following the retirement of Fire Chief Raymond Walker late last year.

Vice Chair Eric Vollheim said he would like the board to meet with Pease and discuss the next steps for the position.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said \$21,000 was approved at the recent annual town meeting to fund the Fire Chief's salary. Kemp said the salary can be adjusted at the special town meeting in the fall.

The board will arrange to meet with Pease at its next meeting.

### VADAR contract renewal

The board members discussed renewing the town's contract with financial software provider VADAR Systems, which it has been using for the past few years. Kemp said the VADAR software allows the town's financial departments to communicate with each other, instead of using separate systems.

The three-year contract for the software and cloud storage totals \$14,455.40 annually.

Clerk Bill Tinker said he would like clarification about the licensing fee found within the contract. He asked if the town owned the software, or if they were leasing it.

Kemp said the town pays for five license agreements, to allow for the Accountant, Assessor, Treasurer/

**GARDEN TOUR AND PIE SALE** sponsored by the Hubbardston Historical Society will be held today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. A garden tour will also be held on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Garden tour tickets are available on line by visiting [hubbardstonhistorical.org](http://hubbardstonhistorical.org) or at the Chapel the day of the tour for \$20 cash only the day of the tour from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**JAZZ FESTIVAL** will be held Saturday, June 22 from 2-6 p.m. at the Hubbardston Recreation Field, Route 68, Hubbardston. People should bring chairs and picnic baskets to listen to jazz performed by J.B. 5, E-Pluribus Unum, Fishfry Fried and Russell and Tunes. The festival is free to the public and sponsored by the Hubbardston Parks Commission.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**WEIR RIVER CONCERT BAND** will perform a free concert today at 2 p.m. on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Rte. 32, Gilbertville. People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, but some chairs and tent space will be available.

**QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS** begin this Sunday at 6 p.m. at the South Barre Common Bandstand, Normay Park South Barre. Other concerts in South Barre are Sundays, June 30 at 6 p.m. The remaining Sunday concerts July 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. will be in the Harding Allen Bandstand on Barre Common. The Sunday, Aug. 4 concert will celebrate Barre's 250th anniversary including alumni band members. The Quabbin Community Band will also play during the Barre 250th parade on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. For more information, people may email Julie at [julie@mhof.net](mailto:julie@mhof.net) or call or text 978-257-1192.

## MONDAY, JUNE 24

**QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS** are held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, corner of Mechanic and Exchange Streets and continue through Monday, Aug. 6. Musicians should bring a stand and bring their friends and family members, who play instruments. This is Margaret Reidy's third year as conductor. All musicians are encouraged to be part of this community group of folks from their early teens to those in their 70s. There are two exceptions to this rehearsal schedule. Monday, May 20 rehearsal will be held at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., in the band room under the direction of Toni Brown.

Collector, Town Administrator and the Treasurer/Collector's Assistant to use the software.

Tinker said he also wants to see a comparison of costs from other software providers.

Caggiano said it takes several months to change financial software, and it would not be possible to complete by the end of the month. She said the town has been satisfied with VADAR since making the switch years ago.

Tinker asked Caggiano to reach out to VADAR for answers to his questions and to see if there is any "wiggle room" in the cost. He also questioned the \$2,800 per person cost for use of the cloud.

"It's a huge number for just digital server in the sky," he said.

Kemp said the cloud is constantly backing up the financial data offsite, helping to protect the town's data.

She said the board could table approval of the contract until the next meeting, and she asked Caggiano to see if the town could reduce the contract to one year instead of three.

### Liquor license

The board approved a one-day liquor license for Exhibit A Brewing Company at the Hardwick Rocks event to be held on Aug. 10 at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

### New position

The board gave their approval for the new position of the Assistant Superintendent of the Water Pollution Control Facilities. The position was already approved by the Personnel Committee the week prior.

Caggiano said she has reached out to the recommended candidate's references.

### Morss Scholarship essay

Kemp said the board received a second essay for the Morss Scholarship from Westfield State University student Kara Hunter. The board awarded Hunter a scholarship of \$500.

### Town Administrator's report

Caggiano said in her first 120 days, she continues to familiarize herself with town bylaws, personnel policies and town procedures and meet with department heads along with Select Board members and Finance Committee chair.

She is also touring town facilities and public buildings and will attend a meeting of each board and committee in order to introduce herself. Caggiano will then meet with individual staff members and superintendents of various schools.

Caggiano will also establish and engage interest in quarterly "Coffee with the Town Administrator."

She will look at the town budget to assess potential problem areas and cost savings, including information technology operations and the town's website.

Once this is complete, Caggiano will assess her findings from her employee and board meetings, and meet with legislators and assess the financial management policies before reporting back to the board.

Caggiano said she joined former Town Administrator Nicole Parker on an introductory call with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She will also be leading her first department head meeting.

### Public comment

Harry Comerford said he is in favor of making the Town Clerk's position full-time. Kemp said the board is not opposed to this change, but the members need to determine when this should happen.

"We're willing to work with him to figure this out," Kemp said of Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos.

### Roundtable discussion

Tinker said Craig Della Penna, president of the Norwottuck Network, has requested to meet with the board to talk about the development of the Mass Central Rail Trail. He said Della Penna is looking for support from the board to finish the rail trail.

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## Quabbin to welcome new girls soccer coach

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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BARRE – This fall, there will be at least one new coach at Quabbin Regional High School.

Earlier this month, Athletic Director Mark Miville announced the addition of John Gillis.

He will take over the varsity girls soccer program this fall at Quabbin, replacing Jamie Cook.

“Jamie was our varsity coach for the past seven years and has now stepped down to watch her boys play high school and middle school soccer,” Miville said.

Because boys and girls soccer teams play schedules where schools face each other same on the same day, but at opposite sites, Cook would not be able to watch her high school-aged son, who was a starter on varsity during his freshmen year. Miville said Cook did an great job during her time with the program, and is looking forward to having Gillis this fall.

Gillis comes with a great background in soccer as a coach with the FC Stars, a club team. Gillis’ daughters Delaney and Emilia Gillis were both standout players under Cook during their time at

Quabbin.

He was the Regional Director for Scorpion FC from 2016-19 and merged with FC Stars in 2019. Before Scorpion FC and FC Stars, John was the Co-Director for SCOR FC, that they established in 2010.

“We are thrilled that John is coming on board with our girls’ varsity program,” Miville said. “He brings with him a wealth of soccer background and coaching experience. John’s leadership, vision, expertise and passion for the game are exactly what we need to continue to grow the program.”

Gillis is a resident of Hardwick.

Last year’s team went 4-9-4, having a tough time with the middle of its schedule. Quabbin found itself with several ties early in the season. The Panthers would rebound near the end of the season and had four straight wins to close out its regular campaign.

The preseason for Quabbin Regional sports will begin around Aug. 19 for girls soccer. From that point, Gillis will have a lit-

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## Final year of current alignments set to take place

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The new state tournament format has brought with it a lot of complications, criticisms, and changes for teams, especially many of those in Western Massachusetts who never voted in favor of the tournament changing.

The format was widely pushed by the Eastern half of the state while Western Mass. teams lost their beloved sectional tournaments as they knew them.

But like any tournament or formula, it has its flaws and it is constantly evolving.

Western Massachusetts, which uses the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference to make its local leagues and now host a small Western Mass. tournament in most sports, is heading into its

final school year of a four-year alignment agreement.

After this year, teams will be re-aligned, and power rankings could be a bigger factor in how leagues are created going forward.

Previously, leagues are typically compiled using previous years records as a measure, and teams are placed in leagues based on competition, often intermingling teams from different divisions.

This can help or hurt teams. Smaller schools benefit from playing larger schools in their league because the larger schools help the power rankings of small schools.

The opposite is often the result for larger schools, which sometimes need every point possible to qualify for the state tournament as part of the top 32 teams in its

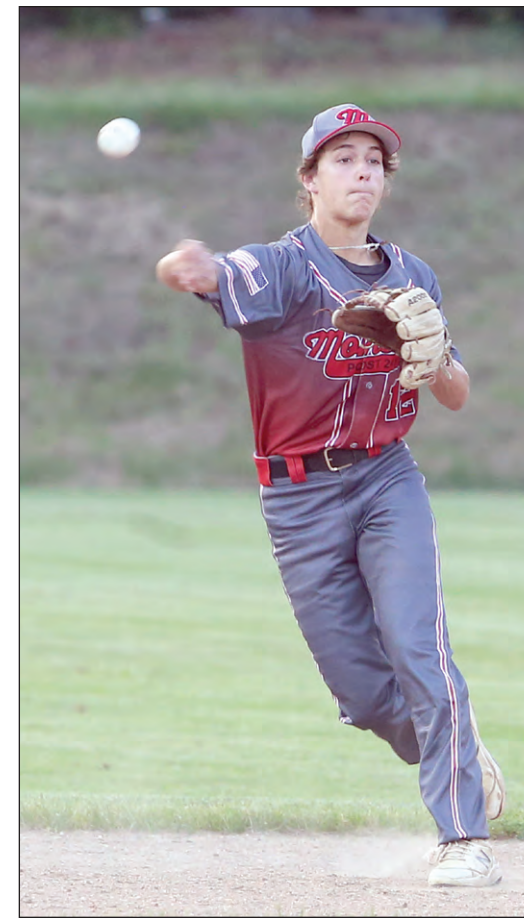
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Jarrett Skowyra makes a catch in left.



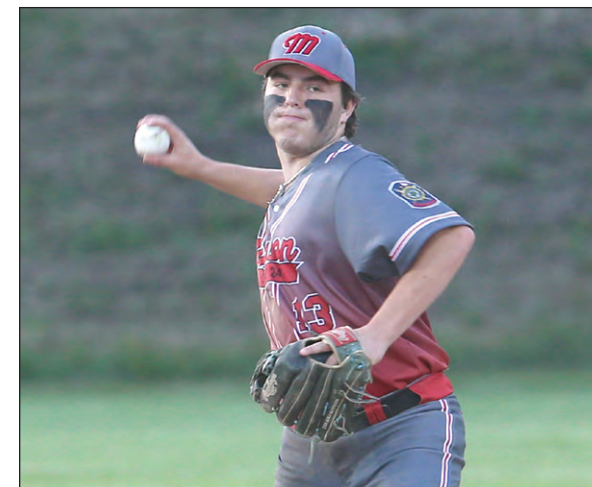
Hunter Griswold fires a throw over to first.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
John Mumper fires a throw from shortstop.

## Post 241 outlasts North Adams for win

PALMER – Last Monday evening, Monson Post 241 scored a 10-9 win over North Adams Post 125 in the opener for American Legion baseball. Post 241 is based in Monson, but plays at Palmer’s Legion Field. Players on the team come from Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, and Ware High Schools. Post 241 had its other game last week rained out due to heavy thunderstorms last Friday night against Longmeadow. Coming up, Monson faces Westfield on Sunday, June 23 at 7 p.m.



Nathan Kaczuwka makes a play for Post 241.



Kyle Kaczuwka makes the catch at first.



Pitcher Brayden Mega fires to the plate.

## Pioneers score big shutout over AC Connecticut



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Gianluca Cersosimo sends a long free kick away.

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday evening, the Western Mass. Pioneers defeated AC Connecticut, a longtime rival, 5-0. The match brought the Pioneers record to 5-1-1 on the season. The Pioneers will have one more meeting later this season with AC Connecticut. The Pioneers also battled to a scoreless draw against Vermont Green FC last Saturday evening in Vermont. Coming up, the Pioneers will host Boston City FC for the first time this season on Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m.



Lawrence Goddard winds up for a shot on goal.



Kerman Sukia gets ready to clear the ball.

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# Sports

## Williams takes win in Nutmeg State 50

THOMPSON, CT — Finally, fantastic weather greeted fans, teams and officials at Thompson Speedway last Thursday night for the rebirth of Thursday Night Thunder at the Big-T with the Nutmeg State 50 presented by Twisted Tea.

The Street Stocks led the evening's activities, 16 strong on Thursday. While Mike Viens showed the way under the initial green flag, familiar faces quickly flooded the top of the field. From a ninth-place start, Ryan Waterman powered up through the top-ten to take the top spot with a rear-view mirror full of 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett. They would cross the line 1,2 in the 20-lap green-to-checkers feature followed by a competitive Jason Chicolas in third with Aaron Plemos and Icebreaker winner Al Stone III rounding out the top-five.

The AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds were not so lean and green, throwing two cautions in the first three laps, the last of which saw Danny Gamache hooked off after racing hard with Nick Hovey in the opening circuits. Driving up through from an eighth-place start, Ellington's Tyler Chapman claimed the Twisted Tea Thursday night victory to bolster his AZ Roofing SK Light Modified point lead followed by Hovey and Daltin McCarthy on the podium.

A slow start to the Mini Stock race quickly worked itself out

with Icebreaker winner Jared Roy claiming his second win of the season followed by Ryan Pomposelli and Kevin Moore across the line. The Sunoco 604 Modifieds put on a thrilling show with the thirty-lap feature event dominated by a side-by-side fight for the lead between Keith Rocco and Danny Cates. The two swapped the lead, and paint, dive-bombing into the corners with Rocco coming out on top to take his first 604 Modified victory over Cates and Icebreaker winner Jon Puleo. Isaiah Newcomb battled from the last row up to fourth with Chase Cook rounding out the top-five.

Fourteen Late Models rolled into the pits for Twisted Tea Thursday Night action. A competitive start turned sour on lap 23 with Ryan Lineham leading the pack. Facing hefty pressure from Matt Lowinski-Loh, both lead cars slammed into the turn one wall bringing out the night's lone red flag for clean-up and safety check from Thompson's medical team. Both drivers walked away unscathed, their machines were not so lucky. More drama unfolded on Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki with a growing smoke screen from a leaking rear end forced officials to send the 03MA pit side for the remainder of the event. Coming through it all, defending champion Nick Johnson nabbed the check-

ers followed by Icebreaker victor Ryan Morgan and fellow former champ Brian Tagg.

The green-to-checker 50 lap sprint for the Outlaw Open Modifieds went start to finish in just over 16 minutes. The Nutmeg State 50 presented by Twisted Tea, and it's \$5,000 prize, were taken by Ellington's Ronnie Williams over a hard-charging Matt Swanson and young-gun Jacob Perry.

Thursday Night Thunder is back at Thompson Speedway in just two weeks on Thursday, June 27 headlined by the 3rd Dash for Cash \$5,000-to-win, 50-lapper for the Outlaw Open Modifieds! All five divisions of track championship action including the Sunoco 604 Modifieds, Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks are back in action on Thursday, June 27 with a 6:00pm Post Time!

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@actour.com, or visit www.actour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

For technical information concerning all PASS divisions, and for media or marketing questions, please contact passracing@roadrunner.com or visit www.proall-starsseries.com. Don't forget to "Like" the Pro All Stars Series on Facebook or follow on Twitter @PASSMLM14 to keep up with breaking news as it happens.

# Education



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Shown from left are Janelle Vitello, Melody Karungii, Brianna Brewer, Jenna Cushion, Felicia Page, Jennifer Thurlow, Vic Axelson, Kaycee DeForte and Maya Berube.

## Veterinary Technology graduates hold pinning ceremony

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) welcomed eleven students to the veterinary technology profession on May 10, 2024, in a traditional pinning ceremony.

The group of students were welcomed by President James Vander Hooen, Dean Kimberly Shea and Program Director Tara Novak, CVT, LATG.

"I am so proud of your accomplishments. It hasn't been easy, but every step of the way, you as a group came together to meet those challenges and to overcome them," Vander Hooen told students. "These ceremonies are an acknowledgement that you are entering a

caring field, and we are thankful you chose to pursue your education here at the Mount."

Addressing the gathered families and supporters, Vander Hooen continued, "They could not have done it without you. You recognized that your loved one was in search of this goal, and you were there for them, and helped them to be here this evening. Thank you."

The MWCC Veterinary Technology Program extends its thanks to its partnering veterinary hospitals and local farms: Gardner Animal Care Center, Hanson Farm of North Brookfield, Hemlock Hill Farm in Ashby, Holiday Acres Equestrian Center in Rutland and

Charles River Laboratories in Worcester.

The students were pinned by a family member, friend, or faculty, and then recited the Veterinary Technician Oath.

The graduates are: Victoria Axelson of Gardner, Maya Berube of Shrewsbury, Brianna Brewer of Millbury, Jenna Cushion of Dunstable, Kaycee Deforte of Leominster, Julie Ghizzoni of Fitchburg, Melody Karungii of Worcester, Kade McCann of Whitinsville, Felicia Page of Gardner, Jennifer Thurlow of Winchendon and Janelle Vitello of Jaffrey, N.H.

## Candlepin League News

### Summer Edition

By Ryan Drago  
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EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes is nearing the halfway point of the season.

After five weeks of match play, the Split Smashers remain in first place at 33-7. Behind the Split Smashers is the #2 seed Rolling Stones at 27-13. Team Nine is in third place at 24-16. Team Seven and Clock Barn are tied for fourth place at 22-18. Team Swish is in sixth place at 20-20.

Gutter Snipes and Gutter Dolls both have a record of 16-24. Straight Shooters and Gutter Fingers are at 10-30.

The Split Smashers bowled against Team Seven on the league night of June 12. In game one, Split Smashers defeated Team

Seven by a score of 449-416. Sophia Hearnlaye bowled her best game of the season with a 123.

In game two, Team Seven salvaged a win over Spilt Smashers by a score of 415-412. It came down to the final ball of the game where both anchor bowlers, AJ Gagner and Nate Fontaine were both working on spares. Fontaine got a light hit off the headpin and only got four and Gagner salvaged a higher count of eight.

In game three, Split Smashers won the last game by a score of 443-408. Fontaine finished strong with a 120. Ryan Drago of Split Smashers had scores of 122, 114 and 118 for a series of 354. Hearnlaye bowled a series of 309.

Split Smashers won total pinfall by a final score of 1304-1239.

The Rolling Stones bowled against The Straight Shooters. In game one, The Rolling Stones won by a score of 442-441. In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 457-445. In game three,

Rolling Stones won 460-443 for a three-game sweep.

The Stones won total pinfall by a final score of 1359-1329. Taking all eight points, Rolling Stones move into second place.

Team Swish bowled against Clock Barn. In game one Team Swish won by a score of 467-438. Pete Swistak of Team Swish started off strong by bowling 116. On Clock Barn, David Wentworth started off with 113.

In game two, Team Swish won again by a score of 446-391. In game three, Clock Barn bounced back and won the last game 452-431. Wentworth finished the match by scoring 105, the highest on his team in game three.

Team Swish won total pinfall by a final score of 1344-1281.

Gutter Dolls bowled against Gutter Snipes. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Gutter Snipes by a score of 474-426. In game two, Gutter Dolls won again by a score of 434-405. In game three, Gutter Dolls won again for a three-game sweep over Gutter Snipes, 464-446. Marc Vinciulla finished strong with a 114.

## Colleges and universities announce President's and Dean's lists

### President's List

**Champlain College**  
Burlington, Vermont  
Henry Foley of Hubbardston

**Plymouth State University**  
Plymouth, New Hampshire  
Athena Comeau of Rutland, marketing major; Kelan Mahoney of Oakham, criminology major; Madison Senecal of Rutland, exercise and sport physiology major and Emma Wilbur of Barre, art and design major

### Dean's List

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
Worcester  
Emerson Allyn of Rutland, class of 2027and majoring in biomedical engineering; Gavin Burkhardt of North Brookfield, class of 2025 and majoring in biology and biotechnology and environmental and sustainability studies; Tyler Clark of Barre, class of 2027 and majoring in environmental engineering; Caleb Corpuz of Rutland, class of 2027 and majoring in robotics engineering; Sophia DiBara of

Rutland, class of 2025 and majoring in biology and biotechnology; Jordan Gaspar of Oakham, class of 2027 and majoring in mechanical engineering; Ashley Hutchings of Rutland, class of 2025 and majoring in chemical engineering; Devin Kachadoorian of Rutland, class of 2025 and majoring in mechanical engineering; Brendan May of Rutland, class of 2025 and majoring in biomedical engineering; Taylor Meier of Rutland, class of 2027and majoring in data science; Vinam Nguyen of Rutland, class of 2027 and majoring in computer science; Hannah Peloquin of Rutland, class of 2025 and majoring in biomedical engineering; Vanessa Peloquin of Rutland, class of 2027 and majoring in robotics engineering; Frederick Smith, of New Braintree, class of 2026 and majoring in civil engineering; Alexandar Whiteman of Rutland, class of 2027 and majoring in mechanical engineering and Emmet Wright of Hardwick, class of 2026 and majoring in mechanical engineering

**American International College**  
Springfield  
Emma Giard of Ware, sociology major; Alexys Prouty of Gilbertville, general business major and  
Kianna Reilly of Petersham, nursing major

**Bryant University**  
Smithfield, Rhode Island  
Samuel Bray of Oakham and James Dubovick of Rutland

**Champlain College**  
Burlington, Vermont  
Danni Vecchione of Ware

**College of Charleston**  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Zoe Fish of Hardwick, Spanish and foreign language education major

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Amidio on Barre Road that does not have a proper septic system. According to Luchessi, the lot was perched in three locations and only one passed the test. Amidio was instructed to place the septic system where the test passed. According to various sources, there person who was to buy the finished home from Amidio, requested the

house be moved. Amidio was way at the time and the builders built the home to the new owner specifications. Over 14 percolation test have been made all over the lot and they all failed. The BOH suggested a septic system designed for a 60 minute rate be designed and submitted to DEQEm for their possible approval. Another possibility would be the installation of a tight tank the would require periodic emptying.

New Braintree voters approved a sum of \$5,500to be used to pay a lobbyist to help fight the Governor's recommendation to locate a medium security prison in New Braintree. The article was voted on by secret ballot and passed with 90in favor and 29 opposed at a Special Town Meeting held in the Town Hall Monday evening, June 23.

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tle more than two weeks to prepare his team for the season, which is currently scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3 on the road at Oakmont Regional High School. Girls soccer will have

its home opener on Tuesday, Sept. 10 against Maynard High School. Among new opponents this fall,

Quabbin is currently scheduled to meet Tahanto High School twice this year. There are no scrimmages for pre-season currently posted on the schedule.

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respective sports and division. While a .500 record will get you into the state tournament, if you are below .500, you will get a low seed and possibly a trip across the state depending on where you draw.

There have already been some interesting changes happening in some league since the last alignment. Among them, Longmeadow no longer competes in the PVIAC for boys and girls lacrosse. Longmeadow has been sectional champion almost every year for the past 25 years. Now, the Lancers play a completely independent schedule designed more for its competition level and to benefit its power rankings for the state tournament.

In football, there has been a push to see the same happen to Central football, which has dominated schools like

Minnechaug, Agawam, Holyoke, and Chicopee Comprehensive for the past decade. However, the challenge with an independent schedule for the Golden Eagles is that almost all teams in the state play a conference schedule in Week's 4 through 8, making it difficult to find games. Most football teams play independent games in Weeks 1 through 3.

Realignment work will start taking place following the fall season when committees begin meeting, and will continue following each season during the next school year.

In Central Massachusetts, alignments will be ending after this school year as well, and the schools will be looking at evaluating its own tournament as well. When the state tournament began in 2021, the Central Massachusetts Athletic Directors Association began holding its own tournament during the final week of the season like Western Mass.



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### Names of God Part 2

Scripture employs an array of names or titles for God which speak to His nature and work. In recent weeks we examined both 'El and 'El 'Olam. Let us continue this week with an exploration of God as both 'El 'Shaddai and 'El 'Roi.

1) 'El 'Shaddai  
Another member of the 'El family of names, 'El 'Shaddai means God "Almighty." God is identified as "Almighty" some 48 times in the Old Testament, with 31 of the 48 appearances found in the Book of Job alone! The Hebrew term 'Shaddai functions as a standalone term 41 of the 48 times, and is connected with 'El 7 times. The first appearance of this label is Genesis 17, which records the following:

Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19, 22  
1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. 2 Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram ["exalted father"]; your name will be Abraham ["father of many"], for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you and I will be their God." . . . 15 God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai ["my princess"]; her name will be Sarah ["mother of nations"]. 16 I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

17 Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" 18 And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!" 19 Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son and you will call him Isaac ["laughter"]. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him." 22 When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.

What do we see herein? God, as the Almighty One, made a series of promises to Abraham-promises impossible to fulfill by any earthly means. After all, at this point Abraham and Sarah were quite old. So much so, Abraham laughed upon hearing this promise (v. 17), hence the giving of the name "Isaac." Sarah would similarly react in Genesis 18, yet with God nothing is impossible. As writer Larry Richards adds concerning 'El 'Shaddai: "While this term refers to God's power, it is also connected with God's ability to fulfill any promise that He might make. It is because God is 'Almighty' that we can have confidence in His power to faithfully fulfill His word."

2) 'El 'Roi  
'El 'Roi might be translated as "the God who sees" or "the God who sees me." Whereas 'El 'Shaddai speaks to power, this term speaks to intimacy. Let us consider an appearance of 'El 'Roi in the pages of Scripture, once again featuring a scene from the time of Abraham:

Genesis 16:1-15  
1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children [i.e., despite the promise of God in previous selections]. But she had an

Egyptian slave named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. 3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me."

6 "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

7 The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. 9 Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." 10 The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." 11 The angel of the Lord also said to her:

"You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, ["God hears"] for the Lord has heard of your misery.

12 He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

13 She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen [or "seen the back of"] the One who sees me." 14 That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi ["well of the Living One who sees me]; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered. 15 So Hagar bore Abram a son and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.

Does not this name (vv. 13-14) evoke a sense of divine awareness and tender compassion? If the Lord saw Hagar amidst her misery, can He not see us in the midst of our adversity and act in kind?

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### Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 5 v 6-17

#### I. Introduction

We all have different interests in our lives, and special things we are passionate about, such as music, art, reading, poetry, carpentry, sports, gardening, photography, and so forth. Anything specific you are passionate about? Let us all think about that for a moment... When we are passionate about something, we love to spend time doing it or being engaged with it, improving our skills and appreciat-

ing what we love to do.

To be passionate about something brings us inner joy and fulfillment. It can make us smile and put a spring in our step. Creating something we love also gives others the opportunity to appreciate what we have done, and it makes us feel good. Sometimes we are so excited about what we achieved, that some may believe we are a bit crazy.

II. If we are besides ourselves, it is for God

Paul, we read in 1 Corinthians 4 v 12, loved to work with his hands. His trade was that of tent making, which was quite a difficult task, due to the materials they needed to prepare before building the tent. He made tents for himself and those who traveled with him, but also for the Roman government and private parties who ordered them. He collaborated with the couple, Priscilla and Aquila who were missionaries and made leather tents. Paul kept this job of tent making to earn money, while creating the churches on his journeys.

We do not hear him speak passionately about tent making or other activities, but he instead, tells the church here in v 13, "If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you." He was aware that there were people who looked at him as having a mental instability, as abnormal or strange, because of how passionate he was about preaching the word of God.

His intensity about his ministry may have sparked rumors about him being a little crazy. Despite those perceptions, he encouraged the Corinthians to take pride in him and his fellow apostles and defend them against those who think of them as mentally unstable. If it is true, he says that they are out of their minds, then it is ok, because He says in verse 14, "Christ's love compels us..." and in verse 17, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...we are reconciled with God through Christ." This truth about Christ's work in him and those around him, prompted him to work tirelessly to spread the Gospel of Christ, and his passion for this ministry made some people uncomfortable to be in his presence.

#### III. Conclusion

I remember in my earlier years as a Christian believer, I was told a couple of times by those around me, that I was too Christian and too strange .the way I talked and behaved. It was not easy to hear, but my passion for the word of God and God's work in me, was so much more valuable than what others thought of me. Maybe today, it is a bit too strange to talk too much about God or Christ or invite people to church, or for some to come to church, because going to church, or believing in God, or talking about God feels too awkward, maybe?

Maybe some left the church, to find God in a different way? These are questions for us to examine, and to think what makes church really church? Are we truly being compelled by Christ to become more like Him, a new creation, more loving and kinder, and just, and compassionate, and in our reaching out to others, do we see what Christ sees, the hungry, the poor, the despair, the pain, the suffering, the loneliness?

The way of Christ must be the way of the church, and that should not keep people away, but draw them to the place where they feel welcome and safe and joyful and inspired! May God fill us today and every day with love the way Christ taught us to love, and on this Fathers' Day, may God bless every father, uncle, grandfather, sons, and all men out there with the gift of being a little crazy for God, crazy with love and kindness and doing good for the world around them.

Amen

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**  
Barre Congregational Church  
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was elected to a one-year term on Finance Committee.

Other candidates on the ballot elected were Jessica H. Alexander with 98 votes to a three-year term on the Parks Commission and Francois I. Steiger with 103 votes to a five-year term on Planning Board.

votes and Joseph Afonso had one write-in vote to be elected to those two positions.

Only one of two positions for three-year terms to Finance Committee got elected. Seth Knipe received

seven write-in votes. Hunter Young with three write-in votes

# Public Safety

## Hardwick Police Log

*During the week of June 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 62 building/property checks, 34 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, seven emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one assist other agency, two complaints, one threat, eight animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.*

**Monday, June 10**  
8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation Issued

**Tuesday, June 11**  
12:01 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Bridge Court, Services Rendered  
2:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
4:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Lower Road, Officer Handled

9:53 p.m. Complaint, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Officer Handled

**Wednesday, June 12**  
8:25 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
11:49 p.m. Threat, Main Street, Officer Handled  
2:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled

**Thursday, June 13**  
4:54 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Abandoned, Silver Bridge, Officer Handled  
5:05 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Route 32, Officer Handled

**Friday, June 14**  
2:15 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham

Road, Officer Handled  
7:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled

**Saturday, June 15**  
2:47 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Abandoned, Ridge Road, Officer Handled

**Sunday, June 16**  
12:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
7:05 p.m. Complaint, Prospect Street, Spoken To  
10:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Report Taken

## New Braintree Police Log

*During the week of June 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 12 building/property checks, 28 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one scam, one fraud, two complaints, one brush fire, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.*

**Monday, June 10**  
10:14 a.m. Scam, Oakham Road, Investigated  
5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Utley Road, Spoken To

**Wednesday, June 12**  
2:50 p.m. Fraud, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled

**Thursday, June 13**  
3:01 p.m. Fire/Brush, Prouty Road, Negative Contact  
5:29 p.m. Complaint, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled  
6:36 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Gilbertville Road, Investigated  
11:37 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Vehicle Towed

**Friday, June 14**  
3:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barr Road, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, June 15**  
10:13 a.m. 911 Gunshots, Padre Road, Officer Handled  
6:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

**Sunday, June 16**  
11:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, McKay Road, Officer Handled

**Monday, June 17**  
7:51 a.m. Alarm, Tucker Road, Investigated

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Friends of Mary Lane Hospital Chair Cindy Allen Bourcier said she would like to see the Wetherby Building used for health care purposes.

"I think that's going to be difficult," Dunlap said. "It's a tough building to remake into something else...it's basically a corridor through the middle of the space with offices on either side."

Dunlap said the Wetherby Building is more ideally suited for office space than health care.

Hospital Review Committee member Denis Ouimette said the more commercial space, the better, to help increase the town's tax revenue. He suggested keeping the façade of the Wetherby Building on a newly constructed building if it's reuse isn't feasible.

**Health Foundation**  
Amie Shei, president and CEO of the Health Foundation of Central Mass spoke with member of the committee about the services the foundation provides. The foundation has worked with the town to provide funding for the Quaboag Connector van service.

Shei said the foundation has brought about \$2 million in grant funding to the town through the Quaboag Connector, ClayWorks, Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Recovery Center of HOPE.

"We just want to be helpful any way that we can," Shei said.

Shei said there are a lot of possibilities that can be explored to bring healthcare to the region using the Gilbert Trust, noting

that there has to be a sufficient number of patients in order to launch one. She said having the Quaboag Connector was a huge asset for this, helping to provide transportation to a potential healthcare facility.

Shei said one option was establishing a facility with a federally qualified health center designation. The center would need to serve an underserved population in order to meet that criteria.

This designation can also include dental, vision and behavioral health services.

If approved, Shei said, the site could become more appealing to new healthcare providers.

Shei said the state is focused on maternal and cardiometabolic disease at this time, and there has been an initiative launched in Boston and Springfield.

**Attorney General and legal help**  
Beckley said the town's two attorneys continue to work on the Gilbert Trust and the will, and that they will be reaching out to Vanessa Smith, Baystate Health's attorney, soon.

"I think the goal of everyone involved so far is to work out an agreement," he said, about how the revenue from the trust is spent.

Trietsch asked Beckley to reach out to the town's various healthcare agencies to start outlining uses for the trust's funds.

Bourcier said she met with Emily Gabrault, Assistant Attorney General and Senior Health Care Policy Advisor in the Non-Profit Organization/Charities Division of the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. She said Gabrault is looking at all endowments managed through the

Baystate Health Foundation.

Bourcier said she has learned that descendants of donors have no legal rights, and that only living donors do.

She said the Attorney General's office would not say whether or not they would be investigating the foundation. She said if there was no investigation, Baystate Health Foundation and Bank of America could still oversee the Gilbert Trust.

"We need to get some kind of agreement sooner or later," Bourcier said.

Bourcier said distributions from the trust have been on hold since the hospital closed in 2023.

Bourcier said she also spoke with Nora Mann at the Department of Public Health and filed a complaint about the lack of representation Ware and Gilbertville had in the hospital closure, and how Baystate Health has not provided transportation, mental health services, more physicians in the area or representation from them on the Wing Hospital board.

"We have seen some really good things happening," Bourcier said, by reaching out to various agencies.

In addition to the Health Foundation of Central Mass, Bourcier has also reached out to the American Red Cross of the central/western region, and she said they are looking to open two new blood donation sites in this area.

She has also reached out to UMass Memorial about the Barre Family Health Center, which she believes could be a good healthcare model for the town.

## GARDEN, continued from page 4

Yes, I am serious. The spires are four-to-six feet tall with dozens of individual flowers lining the stems.

I cut one and brought it indoors and just asked my daughter to go count the flowers and buds yet to open; it's no joke when she came back with the amount. Seventy five, and that's just on one stem.

Native to Western Europe, the common foxglove (Digitalis purpurea) has had a place in North American gardens since its introduction during colonial times. There has always been a secretive side to foxgloves, due in part to an unusual name and the potent medicine that is obtained from the plant.

Legend has it that foxglove was derived from "folk's glove," folks referring to the elves and fairies of country lore. Another legend tells that the fox needed magical gloves to steal a chicken or two.

A less fanciful explanation traces glove to gleow in Old English; a gleow was an ancient musical instrument made of bells suspended from a curved frame. In 1785 William Withering, an English physician, published a decade's worth of studies devoted to the use of foxglove as a heart medicine.

Although far too dangerous to be used by amateur herbalists, the drug digitalis was studied at length in the early years of the 20th century and is still prescribed by doctors today for those suffering with certain types of heart disease. Caution should be taken when growing the plant in the company of young children as all parts are considered poisonous if ingested.

Foxglove are easy to grow in full sun or part shade as long as they are provided with fertile, well-drained soil rich in organic matter. Plant them as you would a hill of squash: with lots and lots of composted manure!

Most species tend to be biennials or short-lived perennials. In my garden all types self-sow; leave a few seed heads to ripen if you appreciate volunteers as much as I do.

These three beauties are in the same border planting and what a show! Pay off for all

of the "work" it is to garden. If you call it work at all. Enjoy your own flowers in abundance this June.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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## Second Chance to hold anniversary block party on June 22

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services has a special surprise for everyone attending next Saturday's 25th Anniversary Block Party on Saturday, June 22.

Second Chance will be handing out free pet beds, donated by Chewy in partnership with the Humane Society of the United States. The cozy cave style beds are perfect for cats and small dogs to relax or take a nap.

The pet beds will be distributed free of charge at Timberyard Brewing Company on Saturday, June 22 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. as part of the 25th Anniversary festivities hosted by Timberyard and Klem's on Route 9 at the East Brookfield/Spencer line. The day's events include live in-store demos, raffles and prizes from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Klem's with a vendor fair in the adjacent field.

The fun will kick off at Timberyard at 11 a.m. with pet reunion "yappy hour" and "Walking Off Leash" book signing with authors Sheryl and Joe Blacato, followed by the anniversary barbecue with seatings at noon and 6 p.m., Lion's birthday party from 1-3 p.m. and pet trivia at 4 p.m.

There will also be music, raffles and a silent auction featuring gift baskets. Admission is free and tickets must be purchased in advance for the anniversary barbecue meal seatings. For ticket purchases, silent auction and a detailed schedule of events, people may visit [secondchanceanimals.org/anniversary](http://secondchanceanimals.org/anniversary).

When Second Chance Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray got the call about a large donation of pet beds, she was



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Second Chance will be handing out free cave style pet beds from Timberyard Brewing Company on June 22nd as part of their 25th Anniversary Block Party festivities.

excited about all the pets it could help. "Second Chance is committed to helping pets live better lives including the pets in our community," said Doray. "We are grateful to Chewy and HSUS for the donation which will help to spread the word to pet owners about the resources available for their pets."

Each of Second Chance's Community Veterinary Hospitals offers full-service veterinary care from checkups and sick visits to general and dental surgery. "We pioneered access to care in Massachusetts to help people care for their pets," notes Doray. "We offer reduced pricing for households that qualify. If someone doesn't qualify, they pay our regular fees, and the proceeds benefit programs helping pets in need."

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal

welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need. Last year Second Chance helped over 49,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community & educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, people may visit Second Chance's website at [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org).

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### Legal Notice FY2025 Fuel Bid

Legal Notice Town of Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2025 Invitation for Bids for Low sulfur diesel fuel, #2 heating fuel for public buildings, propane, heating equipment service specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on June 10, 2024 <https://www.hardwick-ma.gov> or by contacting Town Administrator at email listed below. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "HWY IFB – FY2025 Diesel, Heating, Propane" and are due no later than 1:00 PM on June 27, 2024. Deliver to the Municipal Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or mailed to: Board of Selectmen, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Additional information please contact Town Administrator at 413-477-6197 ext 101 or Admin@townofhardwick.com. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. 06/13, 06/20/2024

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**SEALED BID REQUEST**  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen A. Smith of Webster, 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: Kathleen A. Smith of Webster, 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 07/16/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a 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.

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