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Superintendent Muir to retire the end of June



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Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir talks with Kathy Graham. Muir will be retiring the end of this month. Graham retired several years ago after many years working in the Quabbin Regional High School office.

BARRE – The end of this month Dr. Sheila Muir will retire as the Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent, a post she held for five years.

A graduate of Quabbin Regional High School, she taught at Quabbin and served in administrative positions including Assistant Superintendent before becoming the Superintendent. When she announced her deci-

sion to retire, a school committee member asked what her retirement plans were. She said she planned to do some gardening.

In fact, she had already started some gardening; she is learning to raise dahlias. She said her daughter raises them. Dahlia tubers are planted in late spring and sport blossoms, which come in a wide range of colors. They bloom from midsummer through fall.



School committee members, colleagues, former colleagues and people from the community attended an open house held at the Educational Support Building in Barre to honor retiring QRSD Superintendent Muir last Thursday.

Voters approve omnibus and school budgets

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – It took almost 2 ½ hours for 135 voters to complete all town business at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, June 13.

In an effort to facilitate the process, Moderator Joshua Smith proposed placing 20 of the 27 articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant onto a Consent Agenda. Voters opted to hold five of those articles from the consent agenda to permit discussion. All these articles involved money and included the \$6,621,213.13 omnibus budget and \$6,878,718.67 for schools.

Voters approved both the omnibus budget and the school budget, which included \$6,492,678.46 for the Quabbin Regional School District, \$340,067 for Montachusett Regional Technical High School and \$45,973.21 for the town's share of Quabbin debt. Following the passing of the school budget, Mark Brophy, Chair of the Quabbin Regional School District Committee, announced Superintendent Sheila Muir would be retiring this June and thanked her for her long service to the school district. She received a round of applause.

An article regarding the transfer of \$25,000 from the Public Education Government funds for operating the town's Cable Access Channel garnered discussion. Matthew Urban did not question

the transfer of the money, but he asked why there was no plan or setting aside of money to comply with a bylaw passed three years ago at town meeting requiring the televising of all town board and committee meetings. Voters approved the article.

A bylaw outlining the town administrator's responsibilities garnered extensive discussion. Lorraine Leno, a former Barre Town Administrator, said the town voted a personal bylaw, which included the town administrator position, many years ago, but a previous Board of Selectmen voted to rescind the personal bylaw. She said his bylaw was very similar to the one outlined in the personal bylaw.

Town Counsel Craig Corbo of KP Law said under the proposed bylaw any policy level decision remained with the Select Board not the Town Administrator, which was a concern some residents voiced.

Mark Brophy said the reference to the Town Administrator and collective bargaining was contrary to the Regional School Agreement. The agreement allowed the five member towns to pick a single Select Board member to participate in school collective bargaining. Melinda Cheney said the section about use of town facilities should be amended from full responsibility of the Town Administrator to use of all town facilities in consultation with the Select Board.

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Imposter scam almost defrauds couple of \$8K

Ware PD rages against the machine

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Last year, people in the U.S. lost close to \$9 billion to scams and fraud according to the Federal Trade Commission, with the top two reasons being identity theft and imposter scams.

Hardwick residents Fred and Jane Debras were the recent target of one such imposter scam, commonly referred to as the "grandparent scam."

The grandparent scam targets senior citizens, with the scammer pretending to be either their child or grandchild in an emergency sit-

uation, demanding large amounts of money.

While sitting down to eat breakfast one morning around 8 a.m., Fred answered a frantic call from the west coast, where their daughter Viviane lives.

"I pick it up and I hear this awful cry, 'Dad, Dad, I am in jail!'" Fred said. "I said, 'Is this you, Viviane?'"

Fred and Jane said they noticed that their daughter's voice sounded different, but the person on the other end of the line said they had been crying in jail all through the night.

Jane said when she asked the caller who they were, they replied "I'm your daughter!"

"Right then, I should have known it was wrong," Jane said.

"But I was sure it was her."

Fred and Jane were directed to call a man known as "John Miller" to get their daughter out of jail, and clear her of charges related to texting while driving and hitting a woman pregnant with twins. When Fred spoke to John, he was told the pregnant woman was in critical condition at a nearby hospital.

Fred said John was very professional and spoke like a lawyer. He even had other people answer the phone, acting as receptionists.

"He said, 'We'd like your daughter to come home,'" Fred said. "He offered to clear her record if we paid right away."

Fred and Jane were instructed
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Food Policy Council discusses local BOH structures and food code

By Dallas Gagnon
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REGIONAL – The Quabbin Valley Food Policy Council discussed the structure of local Boards of Health, food codes and Health Department responsibilities at a public information and training meeting.

During the May 31 training, Lead Public Health Field Trainer for Franklin County Regional Council of Governments, Bri Dupras led the event's presentation, focusing on topics such as

residential kitchens, leased commercial kitchens and temporary food establishments.

"Historically, Health Departments have been severely underfunded," said Dupras.

According to Dupras, Massachusetts is one of the only states that does not receive funding from the federal government for public health work and is funded through local and state government funding.

Board of Health

Board of Health structures differ from towns and cities. Most towns have three to five members and members may be elected or appointed depending on the town.

In cities, the Board of Health is required to have at least three

board members and at least one must be a physician.

Unlike most boards and committees, the Board of Health has the authority to enact regulations without holding a public hearing.

They also have the authority to grant variances, vote on appeals and have overall authority over the Health Department staff.

The Board of Health also appoints agents to carry out their duties, and usually does not conduct inspections.

"You may find in really, really, tiny towns, the Board of Health will do the inspections," said Dupras.

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Quabbin Post Grad students set up town wide yard sale

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – What began as a simple idea by the students in Quabbin's Post Grad Program turned into a community event when the first ever New Braintree Town Wide Yard Sale was held on June 10.

"It was a wonderful way for our kids to interact with people in town to build community," said Greg Devine, Guidance Director for External Partnerships of the Quabbin Regional School District.

Fundraising is nothing new for schools, programs and organizations, however the Post Grad students were seeking something new and different from other fundraisers in the past.

With the help of lead teacher Ashley Roy whose husband had at one time run a retail business, Roy helped to expand an idea of selling a product and through brainstorming with her students came up with a yard sale model and wanted a way to include people in the community.

Since New Braintree did not have a designated date for a Town Wide Yard Sale event, Roy and her students took the initiative to adopt the event as their own and went through the proper channels to secure a date and time.

A mass mailing went out to all the residents in the town, inviting them to participate and be included on a map for a small fee and requests were made for donations to sell at the school site that would benefit the Post Grad Program.

The results were overwhelming, especially for the first year as numerous donations poured into the school for the students to sort, price and organize as well as close to two dozen individuals and families who wanted to join in the fun of holding a yard sale at their residence and be



Photo by Karen A. Lewis

JoAnn Wypych of Gilbertville searches through clothes looking for bargains for her grandchildren.

put on the event map.

"The students all seemed to enjoy the preparation and the sale itself," Devine said. "It was a big deal to them, as they were able to exercise some ownership of the process."

With the New Braintree School being the "home base" of the event, taking on multiple roles as a place to pick up the yard sale maps, a shopping site and also a location for others who wanted to take advantage of the school as a central spot to set up tables to sell their goods, the morning saw an impressive amount of yard sale shoppers and foot traffic.

Caitlin Wawrzonek was one of

the participants who opted to market her new business of Blu's Bows, a variety of adorable headpieces, bows and barrettes for babies and girls, at a spot outside the school.

"We live in town and got the flyer in the mail," said Wawrzonek, regarding the yard sale. "I graduated from Quabbin and the main reason why I signed up was to help out and I wanted to support the Post Grad Program."

Wawrzonek explained her twin baby daughters inspired her to create her up and coming bow business and the yard sale was her first

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News of the Towns

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Quabbin Community Band features marches

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

Farmers Market

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

Saturday concert

Timeless will perform Saturday, June 24 from 6-8 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre as part of the Barre Summer Concert Series. Admission is free. The Barre Lions Club will sell food at the concert.

Orange Community Band season begins June 23

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band will open its summer concert Friday, June 23 at 7 p.m. with a concert on the Bandstand in Butterfield Park.

The free outdoor concerts have been happening in Orange since the 1850s. The Community Band is a direct descendant of the Orange Brass Band, the Mechanics Band, New Home Band and the Minute Tapioca Band. Earlier Bands were “Union Bands” but the Community Band is open to everyone and has members ranging from high school to nonagenarians.

Many members have participated in the band concerts for over 50 years. People should bring a blanket or chair or remain in their car around the bandstand and enjoy visiting with their neighbors while listening to traditional concert music, show tunes and pop music. They may enjoy popcorn or a hot dog from the Salvation Army concession stand, while celebrating summer as it’s been done for nearly 175 years.

The band rehearses Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Central Congregational Church. New members are welcome. The program for the first concert will include “Star Spangled Banner,” “Mt. Everest” by Rossano Galante, “Disney at the Movies,” arranged by John Higgins; “That Old Hound Dog Rag” by Randall D. Standridge; “Just a Closer Wall with Thee,” arranged by Don Gillis; Gustav Holst’s “Second Suite in F,” containing “March,” “Song Without Words,” “Song of the Blacksmith” and “Fantasia on the Dargason;” “I’ve Had the Time of My Life,” arranged by Mike Story; and Somewhere arranged by Michael Brown.

Following intermission, the band will continue with “Choose Joy” by Randall Standridge; “Phantom of the Opera,” arranged by Warren Barker; “In the Miller Mood,” arranged by Warren Barker; “The Legend of Danny Boy,” setting by James Swearingen and “John Williams in Concert,” arranged by Paul Lavender. Several marches will also be included. The program is subject to change.

Conductor Stephanie Parker is in her 19th season as conductor, but she has been a member of the Band for over 30 years.

The summer concert season is sponsored in part by the trustees of New Salem Academy, the Orange Lions Club, Witty’s Funeral Home, the Perkins Family, the John Marsh Howe Family, Orange American Legion Post 172 and the Dance Studio.

Mountain laurel blooms abound



The Mountain Laurel is now in full bloom. Although forsythia and some rhododendrons did not bloom or only had a few blossoms, it was not the case with the laurel this year.

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Hubbardston

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Select Board seeks to fill vacancies

The Hubbardston Select Board is seeking members of the community to get involved in the town’s various boards and committees. These organizations play a vital role in shaping the future of the community and resident participation can make a significant difference.

There are vacancies on the Board of Registrars, Cable Advisory Committee, Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Monty Tech School Committee, Finance Committee, Parks and Recreation, Cemetery Commission and Board of Health.

outcomes of these groups. Those interested my visit the town website at hubbardstonma.us and fill out a form.

Library passes

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

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

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Quabbin Community Band presents ‘Everyone Loves a Parade’

BARRE – One of the Quabbin Community Band great stand-outs is the band has always involved musicians of all ages.

In the original concert program of 1973, there were no fewer than eighteen band members listed, who would just be entering the eighth grade. The current band also boasts a number of junior high students, as well as three veteran musicians from that very first concert 50 years ago; Steve Aliquo from Barre, Lois Sturtevant from Hubbardston, now Newport, New Hampshire and David Hagberg from Holden.

This week’s concert theme, “Everyone Loves A Parade” will feature a variety of marches, much like the first QCB concert in June of 1973. Back then the audience around the bandstand heard “Entry of the Gladiators,” “Chicago Tribune,” “Washington Grays,” “American Legion” and several other uptempo pieces.

This coming Sunday, June 25, the band will present their own regiment of marches including “The Thunderer,” “Washington Post” and “The American Legion Auxiliary March” by South Barre’s own



Peter Cirelli of Barre and Jeffrey Furst of Hardwick play their baritone horns in rehearsal at the former Quabbin Community Band Center, originally the Boy’s Club building in South Barre, circa 1976

Submitted photo

Severino D’Annolfo. The program will feature two classic favorites, “Highlights from The Music Man” and “South Pacific” and will showcase the bed-rock trumpeter of the Quabbin Community Band for the past 50 years, Steve Aliquo, playing Leroy Anderson’s “Trumpeter’s Lullaby.” This week’s concert begins in South Barre at the

Nornay Park Bandstand at 6 p.m.

Margaret Reidy is the current musical director of QCB who encourages musicians of all ages to join the band for rehearsals Monday nights at 6:30 each through Aug. 7 at the Barre Town Hall for weekly practice. People may follow the band on Facebook at Quabbin Community Band.

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Car show for 350th anniversary is June 24

BROOKFIELD – Brookfield’s 350th anniversary car show will be held at Quaboag Valley Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, on Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

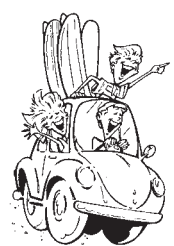
This event is rain or shine. Registration starts at 9 a.m.; \$10 cash only.

The Clam Box will have a food truck and DJ Glen will provide music from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be T-shirts and trophies.

For more information, call 774-200-0380.

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Dog missing in Paxton

PAXTON – Missing Dogs Massachusetts is working with a Rutland family to help find their dog who got loose when the wife was involved in a car accident in Rutland near the Paxton Library, Rtes. 31 and 56.

The dog ran off and hasn’t been seen since. We believe he could be injured as well which makes his search time sensitive. They ask for the community’s support in finding Mr. Chubbs, a male brindle Old English Bulldog. He is a year and half old and weighs 80 lbs.

If people see him, do not to approach him because he’s scared and possibly injured from the accident. Please call 774-230-1371.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Cemetery Commission – June 22 at 11 a.m.
 Conservation Committee – June 27 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – July 5 at 1 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 10 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – July 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – July 10 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – July 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – July 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – July 13 at 3 p.m.
 Planning Board – July 18 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – July 20 at 7 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK

Finance Committee – June 24 at 8:30 a.m.
 Board of Selectmen – June 24 at 8:30 a.m.
 Planning Board – June 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee – June 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Board of Health – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – July 6 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – July 12 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – July 12 at 4 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – June 29, July 20, Aug. 2 and Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Historical Commission – July 1 and Aug. 5 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Health – July 11, July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.

NEW BRAINTREE

Select Board – June 26 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – July 17 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Parks and Recreation Committee – June 22 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 27 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 28 and July 19 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – July 3 and July 18 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

Planning Board – June 22 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 6 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – July 7 at 9 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – July 11 at 10 a.m.
 Conservation Commission – July 11 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space & Recreation Committee – July 11 at 7 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – July 20 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board – June 22 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board Hearing – June 26 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – June 27 at 6:30 p.m. Public Meetings

Senior Citizens enjoy annual picnic with Sheriff Evangelidis



Submitted Photo

Worcester County Sheriff Law Evangelidis poses with a group of Worcester County residents driving through the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic.

SHREWSBURY – On June 10, 1,200 seniors from across Worcester County filtered through SAC Park in Shrewsbury to receive their free barbecue lunch provided by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Association.

For over a decade now, Evangelidis and his teams have been celebrating each summer with the Sheriff's annual senior picnic. This year, attendees were greeted with barbecue boxed lunches, raffle giveaways, a goodie bag, scratch tickets, chick-fil-a gift cards, and much more.

The Sheriff's picnic has

become a highly anticipated event for the county's senior community. The Sheriff's Office receives support and donations from local companies and organizations such as Table Talk Pies, Dimitria Delights, the Massachusetts State Lottery, Polar Beverage, Atlas Distributing, Chick-fil-a Worcester, Chick-fil-a Westborough, and Automatic Rolls of New England.

"The Sheriff's annual Senior Picnic is always one of my favorite events," said Evangelidis in a press release. "Each summer, it is great to reconnect with friends and familiar faces from all over Worcester County. Our seniors have done and contin-

ue to do so much for our cities and towns. They deserve to be recognized and celebrated."

This year, the picnic was sponsored by the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association and community partners such as CareOne at Millbury, The Overlook, Christopher Heights Assisted Living, Athol Savings Bank, The Gun Parlor, Mercadante Funeral Home, Falcone Enterprises, NEPBA Local 550 Worcester County Correction Officers, and the Worcester Red Sox.

In addition, many vendors attended to showcase their products and services as seniors made their way through the drive-thru.

Paige Library summer reading programs

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, will hold a summer reading program entitled "Find Your Voice."

Activities include reading, playing an instrument, writing, dancing drawing and painting. The summer reading program begins on Tuesday, June 27 at 6 p.m. on the Common with an interactive program featuring Tim Kane Drums. The Summer Program runs through Thursday, Aug. 10 with many special events. Participants will register at the Paige

Memorial Library, read books and list the books they have read. Participants should bring in lists of books read or listened to for nonreaders for prizes and projects. There will be a closing presentation on Thursday, Aug. 10

August 10 where special prizes will be awarded.

As part of the program, there will be music with Darlene Dobische of Germany, a musician and vocalist who grew up in Hardwick, on Tuesday, July 25 at 2:30 p.m.; flower arranging with Sherry Johnson on Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m.; ukelele les-

sons with Julie Sepanek on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. on the Common, Fairy House building in August, and more activities to be announced weekly. All ages are welcome to register and to join in the activities.

For more information people may call 413-477-6704, email directorpaigelibrary@gmail.com or visit www.paigelibrary.com and Facebook.com/paigelibrary-hardwickma.

Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Library to hold Kids' Fest

The Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., will hold a Kids' Fest on Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This event features the grand opening of the new Children's Play Garden with a 10 a.m. ribbon cutting for Tessa's Playhouse. This free family event will have twisters balloons, giant bubbles, henna art, Rainbow Reptiles Animal Show, Ed the Wizard, tie dye T-shirt making, bounce house, food and more. People may send donations to Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc., 4 Maple St. #9, Oakham, MA 01068.

Church golf tournament returns

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

People may call Dawn Thistle at 508-882-3982, George Paradis at 508-882-3068 or Brian Laramee at 413-265-5289.

Concert

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

Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, holds Sunday Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. During the summer, the choir will not sing and there is no Sunday School.

Paddlers explore upper Ware River on June 25

HARDWICK – The Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council is hosting a paddle along the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m.

Launching from Old Furnace to Ware River Park in Gilbertville, this great nature paddle is 4.5 miles long and expected to take 1.5 hours. There is quick water and riffles.

The trail map can be viewed at <https://chicopee4riverswatershed.files.wordpress.com/2022/12/wrwt-upper-11-14-22.pdf>.

Please RSVP by emailing chicopeewatershed@gmail.com to stay up to date in the event the paddle is rescheduled or canceled due to weather.

C4R will monitor weather and river levels and post any changes to the events the night before.

Teddy Bear Clinic and Picnic comes to Gilbertville

GILBERTVILLE – A Teddy Bear Clinic and Picnic will be held Monday, July 12 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Stone Church Cultural Center, Main Street.

This is a free event and will be held rain or shine. This event comes with Teddy Bear repairs, Teddy Bear adoptions, Teddy Bear story time, snacks and music. Children should bring their furry friend or just come to the clinic for any injured bear needing repair.

This is a continuation of Family Fun Days, with the support of Quabbin Valley Healthcare and is open to children and bears of all ages with their parents. For more information and to register, people may call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552. Space is limited; registration is requested before June 30.

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Theatre at Mount to hold auditions

GARDNER – Theatre at the Mount announces auditions for its October production of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple."

Director Craig Cormier is looking for a cast of eight adults. This is a classic comedy.

Auditions are Monday, July 10 and Wednesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. sharp in room A110 at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St. All auditions are by appointment only.

To schedule an audition appointment, people should call 978-630-9388 or email your request to box-office@mwcc.mass.edu.

Auditions will consist of cold-readings from the script. Performances of The Odd Couple are Oct. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

Rehearsal schedule is Sundays from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. For more information, people may call Professor Gail Steele at 978-630-9162 or visit the website at <https://mwcc.edu/campus-life/tam/>.

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Opinion

Guest Column



Will work earnings affect my Social Security at age 80?

Dear Rusty: I am 80 years old, and I receive monthly Social Security benefits, but I'm thinking about returning to work. At this age, am I limited in how much income I generate without affecting my benefit? If so, how much can I earn without affecting it? Signed: Spry Octogenarian.

Dear Spry Octogenarian: Since you have already reached your Full Retirement Age for Social Security's purposes, you can earn as much income from working as you like without your monthly Social Security payment being affected. Social Security's earnings test applies only to those who collect benefits before reaching their full retirement age, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on year of birth.

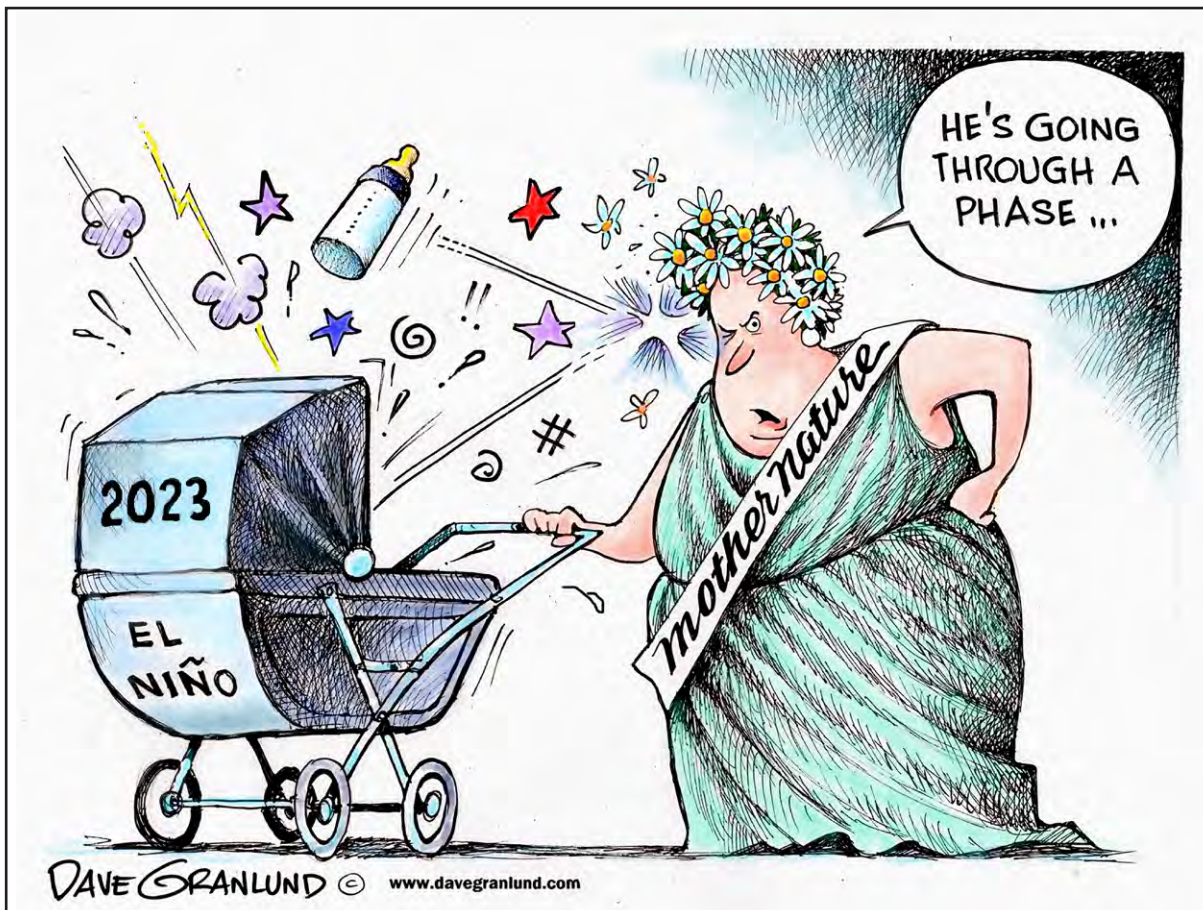
However, although the earnings test will not apply to you, it's important to know that Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if the annual combined income from all sources, also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" exceeds certain thresholds. The income tax filing status is an influencing factor - if filing as a single and the MAGI is more than \$25,000 or filing as "married/jointly" and the MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of the overall taxable income. And if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 or, as a married filer more than \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your standard IRS income tax rate. Thus, returning to work may result in Social Security benefits unexpectedly becoming taxable income.

For complete clarity, the "MAGI" is regular Adjusted Gross Income on income tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits a person received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income (except Roth IRA withdrawals) they may have had.

So, while earnings from working at age 80 and beyond will not affect the monthly Social Security benefit payment, you may - depending on the total income or "MAGI" - find that your Social Security benefits will become taxable if the combined income from all sources exceeds the above thresholds. And if your benefits will become taxable, you may wish to consider having income taxes withheld from your monthly Social Security payments, which you can do by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security field office.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



In Past Pages

5 years (June 28, 2018)

Lucy Allen was one of several residents that attended a recent selectman's meeting to voice concerns about residents safety. Deputy Chief James Sabourin said on June 6 and 7 three juveniles from the Seven Hills Foundation Stetson School escaped. There was a three hour delay before police received notification of the run-aways. A dog tracked their scent to the road where police believed they got picked up by someone. Staff secured one of the three the next day. While on the lam, they broke into three vehicles and stole a cellphone from one. A week later, there was another runaway incident involving one student. Police received notification in 30 minutes and he was apprehended. Allen, whose property abuts Cooks Canyon and the Stetson school property commented these incidents were "nothing new." She said in the old days residents could go to the director and he would fix it. Seven Hills doesn't do that; they took over the school in 2013.

Due to asbestos abatement at the Oakham Center School this past school year, all students in kindergarten through sixth grade attended New Braintree Grade School. For about eight years, all New Braintree and Oakham students in kindergarten through first grade attended New Braintree school and second through sixth grade went to Oakham. Principal Tricia Worthington and the Oakham/New Braintree teachers found having all the grades together was the best thing for the children and had many educational benefits. Superintendent Dr. Maureen Marshall proposed keeping kindergarten through sixth grade at one school and moving a transitional program for older students to the other. The superintendent explained the district continued to pursue possible alternate educational uses for the New Braintree school.

The 70th Rutland Fourth of July Celebration will be held Friday, June 29, Saturday, June 30, Sunday, July 1, Tuesday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 4. This year's parade theme is "All You Can Imagine." Events kick off June 29 with a bonfire from at Rutland Heights, parking in the field. Events for June 30 include Ann Marie Gordon Junior Olympics (Memorial Field), volleyball tournament (Memorial Field) Historical Society Open Hours and Lemonade Social, Rutland Road Race and The Otters band concert. Events on July 1 are bike and doll carriage parade, Music Man Fran Ruscitti and lip sync. Events for July 3 include chicken barbecue, strawberry festival, The Flock band concert and fireworks. July 4 starts with a pancake breakfast and ends with the 70th annual parade.

10 years (June 27, 2013)

The Hardwick Annual Town Meeting shot down a 2% cost of living increase for most town employees and rejected selectmen's proposal to take over the appointment of a number of town position that have been elected since the 1700s. Voting was held June

LOOK BACK Historical Society - 1982



Ruth Clark, Charles Connington and Clarence Clark, members of Barre Historical Society, were runners at the society's auction in May 1982.

22 with 173 voters or 12% of the registered voters. They approved most of a \$4.5 million budget including a 1% increase or \$23,825 more for Quabbin Regional School District and \$85,000 or 41% more for the Pathfinder Vocational School, where many more students have enrolled. Among the biggest increase was \$28,612 or 24% more for municipal retiree pensions.

Rosella Ouellet, 79, has the zest of a child, the glow of an angel and a heart as wide as your arms can reach around your most beloved friend. For 25 years, as a volunteer, she and her team lifted the loads of worn out families caring for seriously ill and dying family members. Ouellet was selected Hubbardston Senior Citizen of the Year 2013 by the Hubbardston Council on Aging and honored Friday, June 14 at Peaceful Acres Campground Recreation Hall in Hubbardston. The place was packed with 80 colleagues, friends, guests, family, clients and local and state government representatives.

Petersham Highway Superintendent Tim Graves and Paul Guertin, CHA Consultants, meet with selectmen regarding the Glen Valley Bridge project and work on Route 32A. Graves opened the conversation with some background information regarding the bridge. He said the state determined the bridge was unsafe and closed it in February 2011. Furthermore, the Department of Transportation informed him the town owned and the bridge and was responsible for it. The bridge span, however, is one hundred feet and therefore, said Guertin the state is responsible.

25 years (June 25, 1998)

The Quabbin Regional School Committee will hold a meeting Tuesday, June 30 in the Ruggles Lane School media center to discuss the drug problem at the high school. At a school committee meeting last Thursday night, the Quabbin Regional high School Dean of Administration, Joseph Maga, said officials need to take an aggressive approach to the problem.

He urged the committee to set up a meeting now and not wait until fall. "I believe we've waited far too long (to do something about the problem)," Maga said.

They came, they listened, they deliberated and they voted a balanced budget at Hubbardston's Annual Meeting on June 16. The second largest turnout of votes in recent years, almost 250 residents, took until nearly 10:45 pm to approve a budget that was lean to the point of emaciated, making no charges that would add costs and force a proposition 2 1/2 override. The town had overwhelmingly rejected that course by a 4-1 margin when a half-million overs was sought in May. A resolution framed earlier by Town Counsel Everrett Marder of Kopelman and Paige, said if voters approved expenditures without deleting a like amount from other accounts and thus created an unbalanced budget, an override would be automatic.

More than 100 parishioners and friends gathered at the home of Elizabeth Hodges Sunday to say farewell to the Rev. Emily Preston. "Pastor Em" came to the Barre Congregational church in March of 1996. She resigned in May. Those at the party recalled the fond memories they will have as a result of her vibrant leadership during her short time here. Corry Trask said, "It's been a good two years. You now the Christian way to live. Thanks for taking me into your life." He and others stressed Pastor /em was always giving generously of her time as well as her money to help those in need.

38 years (June 27, 1985)

The final decision on the abandonment of ten roads in Barre will not be made for about a month. This was announced by chairman of selectmen, Earl Sample, at the hearing on the road closings held on Monday, June 24. Almost 50 people were in attendance expressing their concerns about abandoning sections of Baldwin Road, Jim

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,
I thought I would go down cellar this morning. Missy has already been down to put in a washing. I am looking to see if there are any fat mice along the wall, but I guess they are still sleeping and only come out at night.



I know Missy has caught two upstairs recently. They don't interest me any more to eat. I see Master has taken off the cellar screens and put the along the wall again this year. I am having fun running behind them like last year.

Whoops, I just knocked one down, but no damage done as it is just lying on the floor. Missy has been putting things under the stairs this week. Some of the big things don't interest me, but these new small ones are different.

I think I can jump up where they are. Yep, that was easy. My, what do we have here? It looks like a plastic bag that seems to have some silvery stuff in it. I wonder what Missy is planning to do with it.

I really don't think I should bat it, but it is a tight squeeze here and maybe if I move a little I can see what's in there.

Oh no, I moved too much and there goes the bag. It has spilled all over the floor. I hear Missy coming back down for her washing. I better hide behind the freezer out of sight so Missy can't see me.

When she saw the floor she exclaimed, "Gertrude, you naughty cat. What have you done. That is my vermiculite that I use in my plants."

I am nowhere in sight, but she knows I did it. I think I will stay here for a while this morning. Even if I get locked down here, Missy will open the door with a few loud meows.

I know she loves me in spite of my mischief and I do try her patience. I will be especially good to her tonight as we watch TV and purr loudly for her as she pets me.

Love,
Gertrude

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

There were lots of days of rain this week, but the handyman was able to work around the rain.

On Saturday, I received a nice visit from a classmate from Maryland with his two sons. We had a nice visit and then I served ice cream with fresh strawberries as they just had their breakfast. They were going to attend the Finnish Festival in Fitchburg on Sunday.

I attended the flea market on Sunday, but I only spent seven dollars. I was home by 8:30 a.m.

I received word from my Uncle Willard Norberg's son Jack that Willard, known as Bill Norberg passed away on Saturday at the age of 101. He had just attended the Midway anniversary at Washington D.C. He was on the carrier Enterprise during World War II. He lived on Main Street and at the Peaceful Acres site during his early years.

I bought a plant that my Grandmother was fond of and called it London Pride. It is usually known as Maltese Cross on the market today. I got it at the flea market. I lost my original plant several years ago.

The laurel is especially beautiful all over town this year. Our bushes are also in full bloom.

Ken has had the habit of stealing some of my perennial plant seeds and sprinkling them over in his vegetable garden area. I took a trip out there last week and picked a huge bouquet of foxgloves and lupines. One foxglove was white and was about 24 inches long. Most of them were deep pink. The lupines were purple.

I also made a table centerpiece with laurel, dai-

sies and leaves of rhododendrons.

I was reading in my household hint notebook and noticed this article about early days and why things were called what they were.

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh straw on them to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance way and hence it was called the thresh hold.

Did you ever make refrigerator jam? You can make it with raspberries, blueberries or strawberries. Seeing strawberries are in season now here is a recipe for that jam.

STRAWBERRY JAM

1 1/2 lbs. strawberries hulled and washed and cut into one inch pieces. Add 1 cup sugar and three tablespoons of lemon juice. Boil over medium heat until about 15 to 20 minutes. Place in jars and refrigerate.

This and That

I received a call from a neighbor why she believes the rhododendrons did not bloom. She believes that late frost we had killed the buds.

I was sorry to hear Milly Thurston, who used to live on Flagg Road, later of Florida, passed away this month.

Have a good week and maybe a walk will take place if the weather cooperates. Be aware of the bears and there are a lot in town now.

The female lays three to four white eggs with heavy dots of brown or gray, often concentrated at the larger end of the egg. They build their nests on the ground or in low shrubs. It is a large, deep cup loosely made of twigs, grass, weeds, strips of bark and lined with finer grasses, rootlets and animal hair.

They eat mainly seeds and insects, but they will sometimes feed on berries or small fruits. They make a cat like meowing sound.

Best cities for birdwatching

New York, New York recently was ranked the number one city for birdwatching; I assume because of Central Park and the sea coast. Other cities on the list from two to ten were: San Diego, California; Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Phoenix, Arizona; Austin, Texas and Chicago, Illinois.

On the worst cities for birdwatching list Kansas City, Kansas came in at number one. Other cities were Montgomery, Alabama; Olathe, Kansas; Overland Park, Kansas and Mobile, Alabama (tied for fourth place); Des Moines, Iowa; Huntsville, Alabama; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Henderson, Nevada.

Wild turkeys

I recently saw a hen turkey with her poults on the edge of the road. The hen was standing on the edge of the road and her young were in the tall grass so I was unable to accurately count how many she had.

Geese and goslings

Last week, I saw two pairs of adult Canada geese with some young goslings in my hayfield. I spotted the adults heads in the tall grass and stopped to watch. I could see the goslings when they jumped up or stretched their necks to eat grass.

Nesting cardinal

One of my daughters had a cardinal nesting in her rhododendron bush. They could be observed from a window in the living room and not be disturbed. The nest is now empty and I hope they fledged and did not meet up with a predator.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



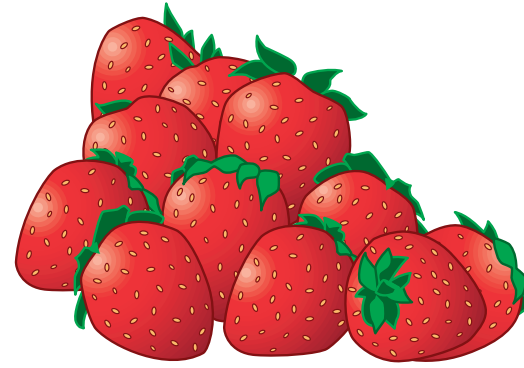
It's all about the pie

In our family we get the privilege of requesting a special dessert to celebrate birthdays or other special occasions.

My husband asked for a strawberry pie for Father's Day. My oldest daughter made the crust while my youngest and I picked the strawberries.

After making a sauce with half the berries we mixed it with the other half of chopped fruit and poured it into the crust. Now to wait two hours while it chills.

We'll whip up some cream and, voila! The taste of summer in my opinion!



I love having a small patch of strawberries in my garden. I think I am in year four or five with this particular planting.

I've thinned and replanted but I am starting to worry that having them in close to the same spot for this length of time has lured a strawberry-specific bug to the garden. Let's learn about this bug and maybe figure out a game plan as to how to combat it.

Many of my riper strawberries have damage consisting of circular holes, some of which go deep into the fruit. Occasionally there will be a beetle inside the strawberry, caught in the act.

Upon closer examination, I've determined them

to be the strawberry sap beetle.

It's tiny, measuring less than one eighth of an inch long, brown, and oval shaped. They are drawn to ripe fruit and because of this, we can come up with creative ways as to how to catch them.

Pesticides are shown not to work - nor would we want to use them on fruit we are ready to eat!

Folks have had good luck with traps of stale beer, vinegar, fermenting juice, or a mixture of water, molasses and yeast.

Add a few inches of the liquid of your choice into a bucket or other deep container placed outside, but near the strawberry patch. Typically the insect will get lured in and drown.

This type of trap, albeit shallower, will also catch slugs.

Slug holes on strawberries are irregularly shaped, not circular, and most often they extend into the fruit as if the critter is eating its way through it.

A basin or saucer, even a pie plate buried to soil surface level will catch slugs when they come out of hiding to feed. Empty these types of traps every few days, replacing the liquid.

I'm a bit nostalgic today. Thinking of my own dad, of course!

If he were still alive his pie of choice would have been apple, not a la mode, but topped with a piece of cheese!

One thing I am experiencing in my mini orchard right now is "June drop." While my apple orchard is still too young to bear many apples, there are tiny apples at the base of my best bearing tree.

Some say that June drop is due to pollination problems; others surmise that it is caused by a competition for carbohydrates. Roots and shoots are competing with the newly formed apples and sometimes there isn't enough to go around.

I had always thought that insects were to blame. Regardless, June drop isn't necessarily a bad thing.

We are taught to thin clusters of fruit so that individual fruits get to a respectable size. This is Mother Nature taking care of that for us.

Therefore, if you do plan on thinning, it is best to wait and see what happens between now and the first week of July before you thin down to one or two fruits per cluster.

Well, the strawberry pie was a big hit. I'm already thinking about the leftovers for tomorrow's dessert and what pie I'll have for my next big day.

Blueberry, anyone?

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



By Ellenor Downer



Green-tailed towhee

I received a note from a Williamsburg resident along with a newspaper clipping about a green-tailed towhee spotted in Newport, Rhode Island at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.

She said they are native to the Southwestern United States and "having gotten so far, they might be here any day now." The green-tailed towhee is the smallest towhee. They are small, but chunky songbirds with a big head, stocky body and a medium to long tail. Their bill is thick.

They are fairly common in the western mountains and spend most of their time in dense, low thickets where they forages on the ground. It has a gray body, fairly greenish wings and tail with a rufous crown and white throat. These towhees do sometimes wander east.

Orange Farmers Market held every Thursday

ORANGE – The Orange Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. now through Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Orange Armory, 135 East Main St. The next market will

be Thursday, June 22.

Vendors offer a full range of Farmers Market products: vegetables (in season), flowers, baked goods, annual and perennial plants, herbal remedies, milk

and ice cream, soaps, craft items and more.

Music entertainment will also take place at the market thanks to an Orange Cultural Council grant.

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Barre Road, Everett Road, Old Petersham road Sanderson Road, Silverbrook Road, Allen Road, Osgood Road, Adams Road and Britton Road. The Street Listing Committee had presented this list of proposed roads to be closed to the selectmen at an earlier date. The reason for abandoning these roads would be to save the town money in maintenance and to reduce the town's liability in the less travel areas. To abandon a road means the town would still own the road, but would no longer provide services to these roads.

It was "Farewell Day" for the sixth graders, but it turned into a very special farewell for retiring Petersham Center School principal John P. Lepoer, as well as thanks to the cooperative efforts of lots of people. Gathered in the gymnasium, chil-

dren, teachers and parents of six graders enjoyed the looks of surprise and pleasure of Lepoer's face as person after person from his teaching past entered the door. "I have a sensation I have no control of anything." With this laughing admission that for once he was going to be on the receiving end, Lepoer enjoyed the program as much as everyone else.

The Oakham Lions Club, with 34 charter members, is the newest community service organization in town. Its primary function is to assist the community thought volunteer work projects and to aid needy persons or groups. At times, it will have fund raising projects, the proceeds of which must be used in some form of assistance to the town or its people.

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An evening of BBQ+Beer+Band at Farmer Matt's

Rocking on in New Braintree

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – Just a small distance up the hill from West Brookfield lies the farmland of Matt Koziol, or Farmer Matt, if you will.

That is the moniker that he is most known by, and it certainly is accurate.

What else would you call a man who raises purebred angus cattle on his own 214 acres and more than 400 leased?

But farming is not all that Matt is. One might call him a showman.

Granted, that he probably prefers that “Farmer” be prefixed to his name, but Showman Matt would not be an error. Evidence of that is the man puts on events at the farm and invites the public to come and enjoy themselves.

That was clearly in view on June 15 when people began flocking to the farm for the event, BBQ+Beer+Band.

The assembled took to the picnic tables or chairs, but many not before patronizing the tent of Lost Towns Brewing. The name, Lost Towns, conveys the brewers’ love of their community and their connection with the Quabbin Reservoir and its history.

The Lost Towns were the several hamlets either taken by eminent domain or stolen (depending on outlook) to build what was arguably one of the greatest engineering projects of the 20th Century.

Normally, one obtains their beverages at the brewery on 483 Main St. (Route 32) in Gilbertville, but tonight cans and pours would be done on the farm.

There were several offerings from the Fog Dancer IPA to the Flannels & Blankets Brown Ale. Can’t say what Flannels & Blankets conjures in the mind, but we had the Fog Dancer.

It was time to think about food. There was much to choose, from smoked ribs to tender pulled pork.

Not wanting meat? Mac n’ cheese was available.

There was a line, but one could electronically jump it by ordering from your phone with what is



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Lobsterz From Marz performed music by the Grateful Dead.

known as a QR code.

As a primitive, my progress in the process was not impressive. This should not be surprising as the first family phone I remember in my 1950s Boston suburb did not even have a dial, but you spoke to the operator.

Now you order on a phone physically connected to nothing. In the words of Maynard G. Krebs, “What an age we live in.”

Anyway, a staff member, Caitlin, came to our rescue and we would not starve as the food was ready to pick up soon enough.

The band, Lobsterz from Marz, began playing early in the evening. Such an ensemble is proof the 1960s will never die in this country.

Lobsterz from Marz claims to be New England’s longest active Grateful Dead tribute band according to band member, Rand.

When the band began playing, it was obvious that Lobsterz from Marz was true to the era, even if some of the band members might have been too young to remember it.

The second song seemed a departure as it was the Merle Haggard standard, Mama Tried,

with that catchy lyric, “Turned 21 in prison doing life without parole.” The Dead covered it, including at Woodstock.

The band would rock on to the enjoyment of the audience. Dave, who was sitting at the same picnic table as us observed that Dead tribute bands are usually better than the original.

Your correspondent appreciated the music but is hardly connoisseur enough of the genre to pass judgement.

Suffice it to say, with Bands like Lobsterz from Marz, the Dead will never die.

The evening progressed with members of the audience rising to dance and enjoying a good time.

BBQ+Beer+Band was a great bit of showmanship by Farmer Matt. The man put on a mini-Woodstock in the rural idyll of New Braintree.

If you missed last Thursday, don’t despair. There will another chance on a Thursday in the next three months for BBQ+Beer+Band. Specifically, July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 21. All dates start at 4:30 p.m. with bands to be announced.



Farmer Matt is hosting a series of BBQ+Beer+Band events at his location in New Braintree.



Lost Towns Brewing offered liquid refreshments.

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After much discussion, Jason Pimental made a motion to table this article. Moderator Smith said a motion to table required a two third vote. A hand count determined 98 were for tabling the article and 15 against and the motion to table passed.

Two articles 15 and 16 to change the zoning bylaw. Article 15 would allow two family units in R 15 and R 20 zones. The current zoning by law allowed single family and units of three or more, but had no option for two family units. It passed. Article 16 to change a parcel indicated on a map from R 80 to R 20 if approved would allow for the building of ten housing units on the site. The par-

cel in question is located on South Street next to the Post Office and across from Seven Hills Foundation. A resident made the motion for a secret ballot and it received the needed 10% of voters for approval of a secret ballot. The motion failed to pass.

Voters approved the authorization for the Quabbin School Committee to borrow money for the purchase

of a new chiller for the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning unit at the Quabbin Regional Middle High School. The total cost of the chiller is \$387,344 and Barre’s share would be over \$154,000. A motion to table this article failed to pass.

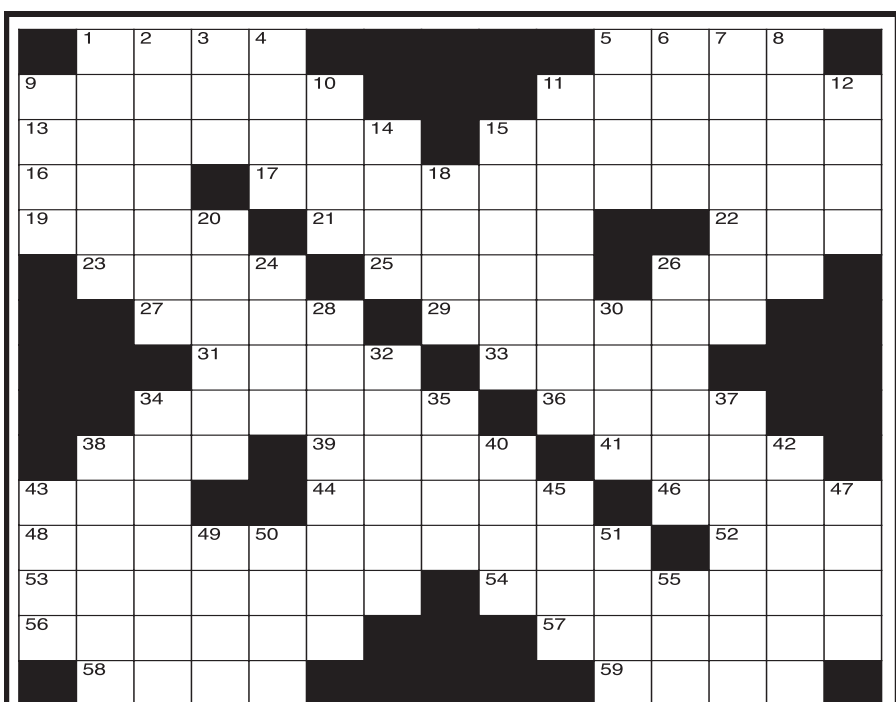
Voters also approved to transfer from free cash \$15,000 to provide for re-codification of the town of Barre. Town Clerk explained the

Code of Barre book contained all rules and bylaws in town. The town passed new bylaws, which were not in the book. They will be checked to make sure the previous codes are updated to be consistent with the new bylaws.

An article to change Council on Aging appointments to read by the Select Board as the current method was inconsistent with the way other

boards and committees are appointed. Voters approved this article.

An article to have the Council on Aging consist of four Barre members and three Hardwick members was tables as the Select Board said further information was needed and to find out if it was consistent with the Inter Municipal Agreement between the town of Barre and Hardwick.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Understand intuitively
5. Two of something
9. Not involving computer tech
11. Acclaimed
13. Undermine
15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
16. Irritate
17. The process of developing a theory
19. Ceramic jar
21. Not fresh
22. Dad’s fashion accessory
23. Popular review site
25. New Mexico county
26. ‘___ death do us part
27. Fees
29. Takes with force

CLUES DOWN

31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
33. Gordon and Snider are two
34. Body parts
36. Arranges
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Mimics
41. Witnesses
43. They ___
44. Lasso
46. Runs down
48. In response to
52. Bird-like dinosaur
53. Metamorphic stages
54. Conditions of incapacity
56. Sodas are sold in these units
57. Break away from
58. Ethereal
59. Boggy

CLUES DOWN

1. Mangled
2. Ruffled some feathers
3. Not young
4. Lakers legend
5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
6. Direction (Scottish)
7. Intestinal inflammation
8. Spring back in fear
9. Owl genus
10. Girls
11. Unbeliefs
12. Force unit
14. Expired trade agreement
15. Went alone
18. Animal noises
20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
24. The very top

CLUES DOWN

26. Organs in males
28. Earnings
30. Z Z Z
32. Reddish browns
34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
35. A place to get off your feet
37. More disreputable
38. Kidney condition
40. Cease moving
42. Quick
43. Extra seed covering
45. “Survivor: Panama” winner
47. Six
49. One who inspects lamps
50. Small parrot
51. Primordial matter of the universe
55. ___ fi (slang)

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official attempt at selling her wares.

JoAnn Wypych from Gilbertville was searching through a hefty pile of clothing looking for things for her grandchildren at the New Braintree School.

“I saw the signs around town and I worked at Quabbin for years and wanted to support the program,” Wypych said. “I love tag sales. It’s all about the hunt. You never know what you’re going to find.”

The Post Grad Program, housed at the New Braintree Grade School, services students ranging in age from 18 through 22 years, focusing on vocational, academic and life skills.

“The yard sale will help support their field trips and has given them the opportunity to develop life and business skills,” Devine said. “As a result of this project, the students learned to manage inventory, research regarding pricing,



Quabbin Post Grad student Johnny Olson uses his special selling technique as he shares with shopper Dawn Orr an interesting selection of books.

retail practices, math skills and interpersonal skills.”

Given the event was held on a non-school day, attendance to help at the yard sale was not



New Braintree Library Director Therese Goulet and volunteer Theresa Langelier help out at the Book Sale the day of the yard sale.

mandatory, but that didn’t stop a number of students, who happily dropped by to help with sale.

“We hope to make this a tra-

dition and hope we can make this an even bigger town wide event in the future,” concluded Devine. “This year’s event was just a beginning.”

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IMPOSTER SCAM,
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not to tell anyone, because John warned if the District Attorney found out about the payment, it would be considered a bribe.

Fred and Jane were instructed to withdraw \$8,000 in \$100 bills from their bank, and transfer it to an ATM at a gas station. After several calls with John, Fred and Jane made their way to the Cumberland Farms in Ware, near their bank.

"He stayed in constant contact, and was very friendly," Fred said of John.

Over the course of 30 minutes, Fred deposited \$8,000 into a Coin Cloud Digital Currency Machine, entering his name and Social Security number and receiving a text confirmation.

Once the transaction cleared, John contacted Fred and thanked him for the money. Soon after, John called again and said another \$3,500 was needed to release their daughter and clear her name.

Fred and Jane then traveled to Amherst, where they had an account at a different bank, to withdraw the money. Once they had the cash, they were unable to find another bitcoin machine, and stopped at another bank for help locating one.

While talking with the bank teller, a woman that works at the bank overheard the conversation and offered to help.

The woman suspected Fred and Jane were being victimized by a scammer, and suggested they try calling their daughter.

"I called her, and she answered...she was at work," Fred said.

The bank employee gave Fred and Jane the phone number for the Ware Police Department, and they spoke with Officer John Cacela.

Through Cumberland Farms' surveillance cameras, Cacela was able to verify that Fred deposited \$8,000 into the Coin Cloud machine, which was later impounded at the Police Station before it could be emptied.

"Coin Cloud has a key and empties it at midnight," Fred said. The Cumberland Farm employees do not have access to the machine.

Cacela called the helpline phone number on the Coin Cloud machine, but the company was uncooperative.

"It was now 8 p.m. and Fred had come in much earlier...we were running out of time," Cacela said, adding that there is a 12-hour window in which a customer can withdraw or cancel the bitcoin transaction.

Cacela and his fellow officers decided to seize the machine to prevent it from being emptied, while he continued trying to work with the company to open it.

"Frustration runs rampant in this digital, dehumanized age," Cacela said, as he continued to be faced by opposition from Coin Cloud's management.

Coin Cloud management told Cacela that he would need a warrant to open the machine, which he got.

Despite the warrant and Cacela's attempts to convince the company to help the defrauded couple, Coin Cloud was still unwilling to open the machine and the Ware Police Department had to employ the use of a crowbar and sledgehammer to break the machine's door.

"That was a tough job...it had layers of security, but we eventually got it open," Cacela said.

Once opened, Cacela was able to retrieve the money that Fred deposited.

"It only had \$8,000 in it," he said.

At 9 p.m., over one week since Fred and Jane received the scam phone call from the person pretending to be their daughter, they finally had some good news.

"Cacela calls and said, 'Fred,

we have your money,'" Fred said.

The Ware Police Department was able to return the money after a couple of weeks and Cacela said the couple was very "happy and grateful" to have it back.

Cacela said while it will be nearly impossible to press charges against the unknown scammers, he's relieved that the couple got their money back, as many aren't so lucky. As for the fate of the Coin Cloud machine, it still sits locked in a cell at the Ware Police Department, where it awaits recycling.

"I knew from the very beginning that we wouldn't be able to locate any suspects, but my goal was to get these residents their money back, and break down this barricade of greed," Cacela said.

Scams like this one occur almost 600,000 times a day, Fred said, targeting people from all backgrounds; and anyone can fall victim, even educated people that are aware such scams exist.

"It's getting easier and easier to pull this scam off," Cacela said. "We recommend when something like this happens, you call your local police department."

Your local bank can also provide tips to help spot a scam, and how to protect yourself against fraud.



Turley Photo by Paula Quimette
Ware Police Officer John Cacela stands with the bitcoin machine that was recently involved in an \$8,000 scam that targeted senior citizens.

FOOD POLICY COUNCIL,
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She added the county is trying to "get away from that," as Board of Health members are usually volunteers who are not necessarily fully trained.

By law, the Board of Health is responsible for inspections of septic systems, housing, food establishments, public and semipublic pools, recreation camps for children, tanning and animal and rabies control.

The Board is also responsible for permitting tattoo and piercing shops, beaver trapping, wood broilers, bathing beaches, indoor skating rinks, funeral directors and solid waste and trash.

However, certain permit regulations and requirements may vary from town to town such as tattoos and piercings, well regulations and solid waste permits.

Other responsibilities include communicable disease surveillance, lead paint determinants, nuisances such as smells, dust and smoke, as well as algal blooms.

Not every city or town will have the same regulations and may even be stricter than state laws or food codes. Some examples include tobacco regulations, trash haulers, cannabis and wells.

The Health Department is disease control investigations.

Dupras said if a citizen were to contract food poisoning, whatever lab tested the affected individual would report the case to the community.

"Then, the public health nurse would be calling [you] and starting an investigation," said Dupras.

Food Code

Massachusetts follows a merged food code between one provided by the state and one provided by the Food and Drug Administration.

Nearly all food establishments require permits including mobile and temporary food establishments, frozen dessert manufacturers, farmers markets, caterers and residential kitchens.

Dupras broadly defined food establishments as "typical restaurants" and "prepared food" establishments.

Residential kitchens

A definition of residential kitchen establishments provided in the presentation was "a person who produces cottage food products in the home kitchen of that person's primary domestic residence and only for sale directly to the consumer."

Some examples include baked goods, jams, jellies, candy, granola as well as spices and seasonings. Foods that are not permitted in residential kitchens include cream filled pastries, cheesecake, cut fruit and veggies, tomato sauce and pickles.

Processing operations that are not permitted in residential kitchens include acidification, hot fill, thermal processing in hermetically sealed containers, vacuum packaging, curing, and smoking; with the exception of preservation of jam and jellies.

Dupras said residential kitchens will need to have well water tested prior to getting a permit and then annually after that.

Leased commercial kitchens

Leased commercial kitchens are food preparation facilities that provide space and access to professional equipment on a lease or rent basis.

Lessees must obtain a retail or wholesale food permit and are not allowed to share the leased space with others who do not have a permit.

Temporary food establishments

"A permit is required essentially any time food is going to be sold or given away...food is essentially anything edible," said Dupras.

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She added non-profit organizations are typically exempt from paying permit fees, allergen awareness training, an allergen awareness training and posting an allergen menu board unlike other temporary food establishments.

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Mobile food establishments do not require a permit for every event they attend, as long as they are serving in the same town their annual permit is obtained from.

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The Board of Health has the authority to make reasonable health regulations including preventative regulations to protect public health safety.

Once the Board enacts regulations, a notice must be published in a local newspaper and will be considered as a notice to all individuals in the public.

Health Department

The Health Department generally consists of paid staff that carry out the daily responsibilities of the Board of Health. Dupras said most of the time, Health Department staff are trained and qualified for the position.

"The Health Department is who you are going to deal with day-to-day. They receive permit applications, conduct plan reviews, issue permits," said Dupras.

However, any significant decision making, and appeals go before the Board of Health for final decision making.

According to Dupras, Health Departments are generally composed of a Health Director or Agent, Health Inspector, Administrative Assistant, health education and public health nurse.

In some cases, social workers are employed by the Health Department, which is "helpful with housing situations," said Dupras.

"Food is obviously a big part of our job," said Dupras. She added Health Departments "are required to inspect restaurants twice a year."

Health Departments are also responsible for housing inspections. Dupras said, "properties must comply with the Massachusetts minimum standards for human habitation."

While many housing complaints are from renters, Dupras said the Health Department also receives a lot of reports from police or EMT's regarding sanitation or accessibility concerns.

The Health Department is responsible for nuisance reports as well; such as odors, dust, smoke and noise.

"Depending on what department you work for, septic systems and Title V can be a big part of the job," said Dupras. She added septic tanks must comply with Title V regulations.

For departments in charge of septic systems, soil tests must be conducted and logged. Another responsibility of

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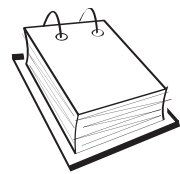
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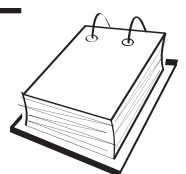
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

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

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

KIDS' FEST will take place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., Oakham. This event features the grand opening of the new Children's Play Garden with a 10 a.m. ribbon cutting for Tessa's Playhouse. This free family event will have twisters balloons, giant bubbles, henna art, Rainbow Reptiles Animal Show, Ed the Wizard, tie dye T-shirt making, bounce house, food and more. People may send donations to Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc., 4 Maple St. #9, Oakham, MA 01068.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND will present a concert today at 6 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. Concerts on July 2 and July 9 will all be at Nornay Park. Concerts July 16, July 23, July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 will be held from the Harding Allen Bandstand, Barre Common, Concert Mall, Barre.

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

WARE CENTER MEETINGHOUSE AND MUSEUM opens today from for the season 1-3 p.m. It will be open every other Sunday through the summer.



Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 26. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Gary Brigham, Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo was the site of the old New Braintree Town Hall, Hardwick Road, New Braintree.

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PADDLE ON UPPER WARE BLUE TRAIL sponsored by the Chicopee Rivers Watershed Council will take place today at 1 p.m. with launch from Old Furnace to Ware River Park, Gilbertville. This is a 4.5 mile, 1.5 hour quick water and raffles. People should email chicopeewatershed@gmail.com to RSVP.

OAKHAM HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE will be today from 1 a.m.-4 p.m. The museum is located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. Admission is free. There is an exhibit on the Oakham Lions Club, which was in existence from 1985-1994.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre and will be held every Monday night. People may

email Julie at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 or just show up at rehearsals. Margaret Reidy is the director.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

OAKHAM CONCERT SERIES sponsored by the Friends of the Bandstand, Inc. starts today from

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

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

MONDAY, JULY 12

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC AND PICNIC will be held today from 10 a.m.-noon at the Stone Church Cultural Center, Main Street, Gilbertville. This is a free event and will be held rain or shine. This event comes with Teddy Bear repairs, Teddy Bear adoptions, Teddy Bear story time, snacks and music. Children should bring their furry friend or just come to the clinic for any injured bear needing repair. This is a continuation of Family Fun Days, with the support of Quabbin Valley Healthcare and is open to children and bears of all ages with their parents. For more information and to register, people may call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552. Space is limited; registration is requested before June 30.

MONDAY, AUG. 7

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

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS will be held today, Aug. 14, Aug. 21 and Aug 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Plainfield Congregational Church, Plainfield. These free are concerts with donations gratefully accepted at the door or through their website. For program details, people may visit the Concerts at 7 website <http://www.plainfieldconcertsat7.org/>.

Second Chance launches pilot program for Domestic Violence Survivors and Their Pets

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

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

companions.

The unfortunate reality in our area is that emergency housing resources for survivors of domestic violence often cannot accommodate their companion animal. As a result, many victims find themselves trapped in dangerous living situations, afraid to leave their pets behind. Recognizing this pressing issue, Second Chance has developed Project Keep Me as a compassionate solution to help break this cycle of fear and abuse.

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

Sheryl Blancato, Second Chance CEO and found-

er, notes that the program has some limitations. "We can't take in aggressive animals, and we have limited space at this time, but we are committed to helping as many as we can. We have already assisted several pet owners, but we are seeking additional funding so we can help more as the need arises."

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

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

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

Friends of Town House launch YouTube channel

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House would like to introduce their newest media addition to the organization, a new YouTube channel, "Friends of the North Brookfield Town House."

They are currently working on releasing a series featuring local artists of different mediums. They have spoken with local painters, photographers, and musicians.

They will continue releasing videos in the coming months and would love to get more creatives featured on their channel.

Anyone interested in submitting their work and participating in an interview should email them at friends@nbtownhouse.com so they can get started showcasing artists' work.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

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Quabbin falls to South Lancaster

FITCHBURG – It was indeed ‘game on’ at the Game On Sports Complex in Fitchburg where the young and upstart players from Quabbin opened with a 46-24 loss to South Lancaster Academy.

The cagers are in two summer leagues with the majority of the younger players competing in the varsity league in Fitchburg. Quabbin, is sponsored by Ground Up Landscape in Fitchburg and by E.P. Wine Propane in Auburn Summer League. The interest level and number of participants warranted exploring two leagues and when the sponsorship opportunity was presented it was decided to go with both.

The Game On team is coached by Dawn Sulmasy and recent Quabbin graduate Aiden Welch. Sulmasy played at Bentley College for the coach Barabra Stevens.

She has coached the Wachusett boys summer team in the past and is currently the girls coach at Acton-Boxboro High School. Having Sulmasy to teach and mentor the younger players throughout the summer season presents a great opportunity for each of the players to advance their individual skill level and team understanding.

Aiden Welch is making his debut and his knowledge and acumen will certainly be an asset to not only Coach Sulmasy but

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Mumper leads Post 241 past Wilbraham

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - A solid pitching staff is a key ingredient for any successful baseball team.

John Mumper was an outstanding pitcher for the Ware varsity baseball team this past spring.

In the Class D championship game, the righthander hurled a masterpiece against top-seeded and previously undefeated Pioneer Regional. The outstanding performance helped Ware capture the Western Mass. title for the first time since 2010 with a 3-1 extra inning victory.

Mumper also pitched very well in his first career start as a member of the Monson Post 241 Legion team. He allowed one run on seven base hits with ten strikeouts in six innings, as Monson celebrated a 10-2 season opening victory over Wilbraham Post 286 (#2) at Minnechaug Regional, last Friday night.

“I just wanted to make a very good first impression,” said Mumper, who’s one of five players from Ware High School listed on the Monson Legion roster. “I went out there and threw strikes with my curveball.”

His younger brother, Jason, is also a first-year member of the Monson team.

Monson didn’t have enough players to field a Legion baseball team a year ago. There are 18 players listed on this year’s roster and 14 of them showed up for the road game against Wilbraham (#2).

“I love the game of baseball and it feels awesome to be back on the field again,” said Monson manager Steve Tripp. “I think we have some outstanding baseball players on this year’s team. They’re also very good kids.”



Nathan Kaczuwka makes a throw to first.

The only players listed on this year’s Monson Legion roster, who played on the 2021 squad, are Austin Lagimoniery (Pathfinder Tech), James Delaney (Belchertown High School), Dom Allen (Palmer High School), and Mike Mayberry, who graduated from Palmer last year.

Tripp saw Mumper pitch in a home game for Ware and he was very impressed.

“I watched John pitch against Quabbin during the high school season and I really liked what I saw. He pitched very well in tonight’s game,” Tripp said. “We do have a lot of pitchers on this year’s team, which is great. They’re all going to get their turns



Hunter Griswold fires across the diamond.

on the mound. This is probably the best pitching staff we’ve had since I’ve been coaching the Legion team.”

The other members of the Monson pitching staff are Nathan Kaczuwka (Ware High School), Ty Miller (Palmer High School), Brayden Mega (Pathfinder), Jesse Cygan (Pathfinder), and Mayberry.

Cygan, who relieved Mumper, allowed a run in the seventh inning. He walked a couple of batters.

“Jesse is a hard thrower, and he has a lot of potential,” Tripp said. “He just needs to work on his mechanics.”

Because of a couple of make-up games, Monson was scheduled

to play their first four games in four days.

Mumper’s batterymate in last Friday’s game was Dylan Sutkaitis, who was the Indians starting catcher.

Sutkaitis threw out two Wilbraham base runners in the first two innings.

“The Monson starting pitcher deserves a lot of credit because he pitched very well against us,” said Wilbraham (#2) manager Don Laware. “Their catcher also shut down our running game. You just have to tip your hat to those two players.”

For the first time since before the start of the COVID 19 pandemic, Wilbraham has two Legion



Jesse Cygan catches the out at first.

teams competing at the senior level. They also have a junior team, which had an outstanding season last summer.

Wilbraham (#2) (0-2) lost to East Springfield Post 420, 2-1, in their season opener on June 12.

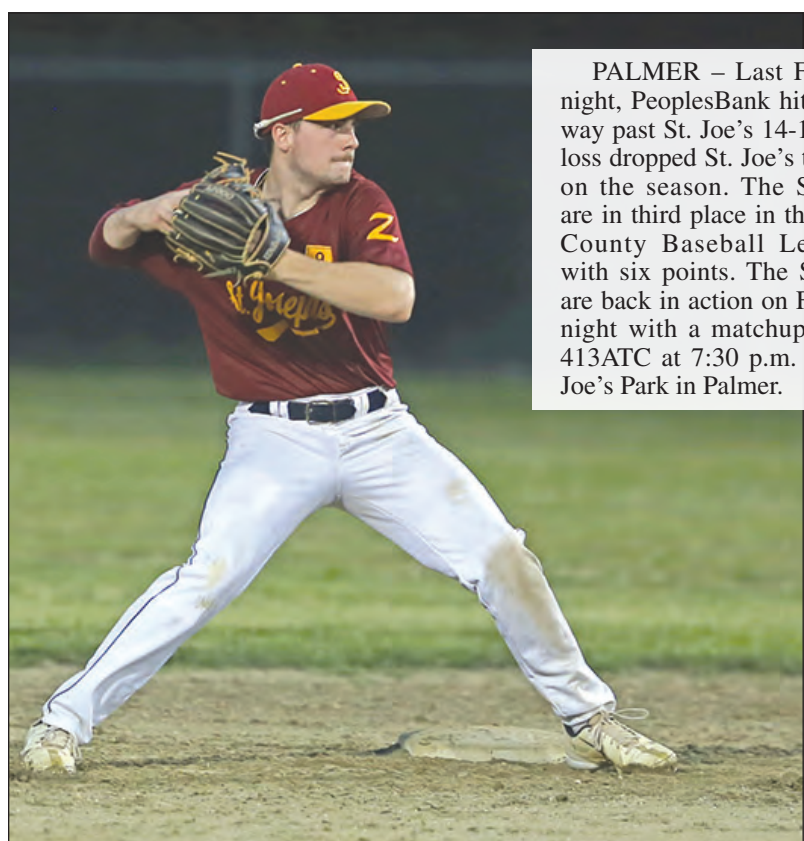
Their starting pitcher against Monson was John O’Connor, who attends Wilbraham & Monson Academy.

The righthander also pitched well during the first three innings. During that span, he allowed only two singles and recorded four strikeouts.

Wilbraham (#2) catcher Paul Diehl also threw out a Monson

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St. Joe’s falls to rival PeoplesBank

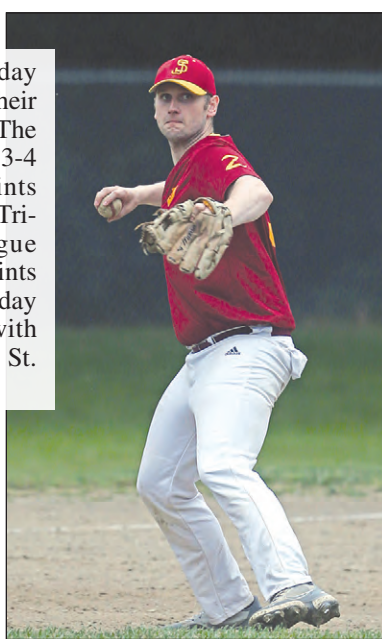


Devin Slattery, of Ware, fires a relay throw to first.



Max Silverman attempts to make a tag.

PALMER – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank hit their way past St. Joe’s 14-1. The loss dropped St. Joe’s to 3-4 on the season. The Saints are in third place in the Tri-County Baseball League with six points. The Saints are back in action on Friday night with a matchup with 413ATC at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joe’s Park in Palmer.



Brendan Clark throws across the diamond.



Matt Rzyk pitches for the Saints.

Mutiny ‘rush’ past Albany

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The June 11 United Women’s Soccer match between the Albany Rush and the New England Mutiny featured several outstanding soccer players from Western Massachusetts.

There was also a talented soccer player from Eastern Massachusetts, who put on the home jersey for the final time during the regular season.

Before heading back to the University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season, Catherine Berry scored a second half goal leading the Mutiny to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Rush before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium.

“It’s a bittersweet night for me,” said Berry, who’s from Hingham. “I do have a commitment at my school, and I’m required to be there next week. I’m very grateful for every game that I do get to play for the Mutiny. I have two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina and I’m hoping to play for the Mutiny again next summer.”

Joe Ferrara, who’s the Mutiny’s owner/general manager, is hoping Berry will be returning to Lusitano Stadium in the middle of July if the Mutiny qualify for the U.W.S. playoffs.

Berry, who’s entering her senior season, has scored 24 goals and has 14 assists for a total of 62 points in her first three years playing college soccer.

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Goalie Ela Kopec makes a save.



Rachel Marchini settles the ball.



Laura Gouvin, of Monson, makes a pass.

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Sports

Valley Blue Sox out to 6-3 start

HOLYOKE – The wins keep coming for the Valley Blue Sox in the early goings. The team defeated the Danbury Westerners last Saturday by a score of 8-6 to increase their lead in the West Division to two games. The Blue Sox now sit at 6-3 on the season.

Thomas Ballard started for the Blue Sox today, and pitched four innings with four strikeouts allowing three runs.

Greg Jeffries and James Vaughn both made their team debuts. Jeffries earned the win after he pitched a clean fifth inning with one strikeout. Vaughn pitched two innings and struck out three batters.

The bottom of the lineup was the story of the game for the Blue Sox. The seven, eight, and nine hitters combined for four RBIs in the ballgame.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman went 2 for 3 with an RBI single. The Pennsylvania native boosted his average to .208 on the season.

Second Baseman Jeff Pierantoni went 2 for 2 with two singles and two RBIs. He was also hit by a pitch twice in this game, getting on base in each of his four plate appearances.

Catcher Efrain Corea Jr. went 1 for 2 with an RBI and a walk.

Danbury had a chance to come back in this game in the seventh and eighth innings, but hit into two double plays to minimize the damage. The defense was on full display tonight as AJ Guerrero made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch on the run to end the game in the top of the ninth inning.

Eliot Dix fields a grounder.



Matthew Garcia hops over the runner as he makes a relay to first.

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Matthew Bergevin gets the high throw.

Turleysports

Athlete of the Month



NAME: Kenzie Casey
SCHOOL: Quabbin

In the league meet for Quabbin girls golf, Kenzie Casey led the team with a card of 95.

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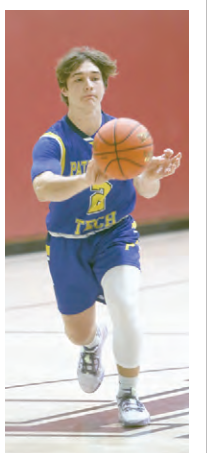


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Central Mass.
D3 runner-up



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GIRLS BASKETBALL
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Olivia Rose – Second Team

WRESTLING
Colton Wells
Cole Wilson

BOYS INDOOR TRACK
Kelán Mahoney
Seth Twarog

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK
Marilyn Giese

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Parker Tunley – Second Team

BOYS INDOOR TRACK
Brendan Burke – First Team
Camden Williams – First Team
Tyler Withers – Second Team

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK
Bella Grover – First Team
Nora Schwenker – Second Team
Margaret Stevens – Second Team



Sports

Blue Sox holding promotional games

The Valley Blue Sox revealed their home promotions for the rest of June. The team is offering different promotions each night in cooperation with sponsoring companies.

The next night on Thursday, June 22 vs. the Newport Gulls at 6:35 p.m., the team will give away water bottles sponsored by Holyoke Gas and Electric.

Sunday June 25, vs. the Danbury Westerners is Military

Appreciation Night. The Blue Sox will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of the United States Military by giving away military towels. The night will be sponsored by the Veterans Affairs of Central Western Massachusetts as well as UMassFive College Federal Credit Union.

Finally on Friday June 30, vs. the Bristol Blues, the official bus drivers of the Blue Sox, Michael's

Bus Lines, will sponsor a giveaway of seat cushions for the first 150 fans to enter the ballpark. Additionally, Michael's Bus Lines will raffle off a free 25-person ride to a destination of the winner's choosing.

The Blue Sox are looking forward to ending the month of June right, and encourage fans to come out to MacKenzie Stadium to join their celebrations and promotions.

Athletes invited to participate in sports clinics

LUDLOW – Lions Pride Sports Clinics are back. Young inspiring athletes have the opportunity to participate in one or all of our exciting clinics.

The 2023 lineup consists of, Soccer session 1 from June 26 to 30, Soccer Session 2 from July 17 to July 21. Athlete Prep strength

and conditioning program from June 27 to Aug. 10, Basketball from July 10 to 14, High School and Beach Volleyball June 20 to Aug. 15, Volleyball Basics July to Aug. 16, and Wrestling July 10 to Aug. 16.

All clinics are held on the campus of Ludlow High School and

are geared toward the development of fundamental skills.

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

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to each of the younger players. The two-time Wachusett League all-star is taking his skill set to the next level as he will be attending Quinsigamond Community College.

Luke Salvatore and Max Doane led the team with six points each. Anthony Quaterone and Matt Wade led the team in rebounds with five points each. The summer emphasis will be on rebounding and defense.

Coach Bob Catalini held his advanced offensive skills clinic last week and 14 players attended to improve their skill set and work with one of the best clinicians around.

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baserunner trying to steal third base in the second inning.

O'Connor didn't get out of the fourth inning.

Monson had two runners in scoring position with two outs in the top of the fourth when a bunt base hit by Lagimoniere, who started in centerfield, scored the game's first run.

Lagimoniere stole second before shortstop Hunter Griswold (Pathfinder) delivered a two-run single to right field.

At that point, O'Connor was replaced on the mound by righthander Ryan Atkin.

Delaney contributed with a two-run single to right, which gave Monson a 5-0 lead.

Delaney scored Monson's sixth run of the frame following a throw-

ing error by the catcher before extra hitter Jarrett Skowyrza capped things off with a run scoring single to left field.

"After we scored all of those runs in that inning, it felt nice to have a little bit of a cushion," Mumper said. "If you do make a mistake, it's not as costly."

Mumper did get into a little bit of trouble in his final inning.

With one-out in the bottom of the sixth, Atkin grounded a single up the middle into centerfield. A couple of batters later, shortstop Bryce Barlow (2-for-3) drove him home with a line-drive single to center, which ended Mumper's shutout bid.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Diehl had an RBI single to center before the next batter flied out to right giving Monson their first legion win in two years.

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Berry scored four goals in the Mutiny season and home opener against the Worcester Fuel, which was a 7-1 victory.

The Mutiny (2-0-1), who also played a 1-1 tie at the Maine Footy on May 21, had a couple of weeks off before hosting the Rush (2-1-1).

"The support that we receive from our fans at this stadium is something that's very special. I wouldn't trade being a part of this for the world," Berry said. "Joe Ferrara is also an awesome person. He has become a close friend to my family during the past few years. The players on this team are also very special."

Berry is following in the footsteps of her mother, Lauren, who played soccer at Middlebury College. Her father, Chris, played college basketball at Middlebury. Her parents attended last Saturday's home match.

The local players that played in last Saturday's home match for the Mutiny are Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown), Chandler Pedolozsky (Westfield), Emma Pedolozsky (Westfield), and Catherine Bean (Westfield).

Klingensmith, who started in five games as a freshman on the American University women's soccer team last fall, has enjoyed being teammates with Berry.

"Cat is a great soccer player," said Klingensmith, who's a midfielder. "We can always count on her to score goals for us. Playing for this soccer team is very similar to my college team."



Kopec, who was Mutiny starting goalie against Albany, didn't have to make any saves in recording her first shutout of the season.

The Mutiny defense, which was led by Laci Lewis, Meghan Cunningham, Rachel Marchini, Sofia Weber, Anna Carson, and Bean shutdown Albany forward Katelyn Krohn. She had scored a team leading seven goals in her team's first three regular season matches.

"We do have a very strong defensive unit this year," said Mutiny first-year head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra said. "Their chemistry has been getting better and better in every match. It's always nice to post a shutout."

Berry had several shots on goal during the first 45 minutes of the contest, but Albany goalie Emma Anderson (10 saves) was able to make the saves on them.

The contest was still scoreless at

halftime. Following a breakaway shot attempt by Santaniello that deflected off the right post, Berry gave her team a 1-0 lead in the 56th minute. She fired a line-drive shot from the top of the box into the left corner of the net.

"We did put a lot of pressure on them in the first half," Berry said. "I had a scoring opportunity early in the second half and I didn't want to miss it. It's always special whenever you score a goal, especially in this stadium."

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, Chandler Pedolozsky knocked home a rebound shot giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.

Berry was scheduled to play in her final regular season match for the Mutiny against the Scorpions SC on Monday night in a make-up game at Medway High School.

Education

New bill sets to permanently increase federal funding for school meals

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Representative James P. McGovern (D-MA), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee and a nationwide leader in the fight to end hunger and improve nutrition, introduced legislation permanently increasing the federal reimbursement level for school meals to help address funding challenges, enhance menus, increase access to locally grown food, and support expanded services like afterschool snacks and breakfast in the classroom.

H.R. 1269, the Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act, permanently increases the federal reimbursement level for all free, reduced-price, and paid-rate school meals by 45 cents for every lunch served and 28 cents for every breakfast served, with a yearly adjustment.

School meals help shape lifelong healthy eating habits, and research shows that students who participate in school meal programs have better overall diet quality than nonparticipants. Higher food costs are adding to the urgency of this legislation, and a permanent solution will

give school districts certainty as they upgrade their meal programs and plan for the future.

"If we want America's kids to remain competitive in the 21st century global economy, we can't just teach them science and math. We need to ensure they have access to healthy, nutritious food at school," said Congressman McGovern in a press release. "The next generation of Americans—our future doctors, nurses, engineers, mechanics, and leaders in every field across the country—all need us to step up and improve the quality of food in our schools. Food is just as important to their education as a textbook or a laptop. And if we can give our children healthy breakfasts and lunches as a part of their school day while supporting locally sourced foods and scratch-cooked meals, it will be a win-win for our economy, our farmers, and our students."

"School meal programs face crippling cost increases for the food, labor and supplies that are critical to ensuring students receive nutritious school meals

that fuel their success," said School Nutrition Association President Lori Adkins, MS, SNS, CHE. "When the additional funds Congress provided in the bipartisan Keep Kids Fed Act expire in July, school meal programs will be incapable of covering costs. H.R. 1269 will help avert a financial crisis and ensure school meal programs can continue offering students meals that promote healthy eating habits."

The Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act is endorsed by leading policy and advocacy organizations including the School Nutrition Association, American Heart Association, Food Research & Action Center, Share our Strength, Save the Children, National Education Association, Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger, Chef Ann Foundation, ScratchWorks, Project Bread, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Chop Chop Family, Children's HealthWatch, and the School Nutrition Association of Massachusetts.

MWCC receives behavioral and mental health grant

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College received a Public Higher Education Student Behavioral and Mental Health Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The goal of grant funds is to address the increased need for behavioral health services resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Throughout the past year, MWCC has been able to expand its mental health support and counseling services through Christie Campus Health, providing each student with free counseling services, as well as prescriber services from a nurse practitioner. Access to these services on campus has helped to reduce waiting time for students who are seeking mental health services. Funds are also being used for the train-the-trainer framework in suicide prevention for two students, who will then be able to train their peers. Faculty members will receive

behavioral and threat assessment training.

In support of the development of healthy behaviors around nutrition and physical fitness, the grant enables MWCC to offer benefits including healthy food choice discount cards when students choose healthy meals at the campus café and semester passes for students to use at Mount Fitness. In addition to the fitness passes, seven stationary bikes will be placed in various areas on campus to promote movement.

The college has also developed Wellness Wednesdays to encourage self-care, including Reiki and chair massage on campus, and a meditation and wellness room with yoga supplies, lounge chairs, light screens, and adult coloring books.

If people would like to learn more about the mental health services being offered on campus, they may visit bewellthemount.com or call 833-434-1217 for more information.

COLLEGE NEWS

Bridgewater State University announces Dean's List

BRIDGEWATER – Bridgewater State University announces the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester.

Local students making Dean's List are: Sam Rischitelli of North Brookfield, Trey Stevens of Oakham,

Reagan Bartlett of Rutland, Olivia Fournier of Rutland, Sophia Hale of Rutland, Meghan Morris of Rutland, Trevor Nutt of Rutland and Jenna Root of Rutland.

Assumption University announces Dean's List

WORCESTER – Assumption University announces those who have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester.

Local students making Dean's List are: Carly Blair of Rutland, Class of 2023; Matthew Brouillet of South Barre, Class of 2025; Rebecca Craine of Rutland, Class of 2025; Jack Devlin of Rutland, Class of 2026; Julia Forest of Rutland, Class of 2026; Gemma Gabrielli of Barre, Class of 2026; Hannah Stevenson of Hubbardston, Class of 2025; Meadow Taylor of New Braintree, Class of 2026 and Ava Walker of Oakham, Class of 2024.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

WPI students complete Intensive Research Projects

WORCESTER – At Worcester Polytechnic Institute all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue.

These local students completed these research projects.

Noah Herzig of Hubbardston, who is a member of the Class of 2024 and a mechanical engineering, completed a project titled "Advancing Community Climate Adaptation" in Puerto Rico.

Connor Dowgielewicz of New Braintree, who is a member of the class of 2024 and a mechanical engineering major, completed a project titled "Story Bikes" in Somers Town, London, United

Kingdom.

Morgan Whitney of Barre, who is a member of the Class of 2024 and a biochemistry major, completed a project titled "Increasing Awareness of Green Careers."

About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

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Liberty Part 1

Independence Day draws near

In this season, it is beneficial to consider the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this nation. We are truly a blessed people. However, it is of greater benefit to consider the freedoms afforded those who believe upon Christ. Thus said, in this new series we will explore the theme of Christ as our liberator.

Perhaps the best place to begin our exploration is with the words of Christ Himself. Note what the Gospel of Luke records following the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness:

Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Those who would understand the ministry and purpose of Christ must contend with this selection, for it is here that He first announced His singular mission. As the Spirit-empowered emissary of the Father, it was His task to do the following: a) proclaim good news to the poor; b) proclaim freedom for the prisoners; c) proclaim recovery of sight to the blind; d) set free the oppressed; and e) herald the dawn of an age of grace. How wonderful, yet we do well to ask! What type of freedom(s) would Christ bring? Moreover,

from what prison(s) were men and women delivered? These are questions we shall consider in upcoming publications.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below.

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 9 v 35 – 10 v 1 and 5-23

1. Introduction

We all know that it feels good, and that it is important to be equipped to do the things we need to do, or like to do, as parents, or activities such as sports, music, quilting, taking care of animals, gardening, farming and much more. At work there are certain requirements to fulfill the job we are hired for and as parents the job is never done, right?

2. Jesus calls and sends out the twelve

In our passage Jesus recognizes some serious problems and needs among the crowds, and immediately calls His disciples to let them know what is going on. They will now become His core leaders with the task of carrying forth His message and ministry. He gave them the authority and equipped them to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness, something they had not done before. This happened after He had gone through the villages Himself and preached the Gospel and healed the sick from their diseases. There He saw the crowds being helpless and harassed, and He had compassion on them. The Greek term for compassion is best translated

as "His heart went out to them." He saw a huge problem and needed some action here.

They were like sheep without a shepherd, the text says, and then He told His disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. He also tells them to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the field. Before anything is planned and acted on, let us pray to God for God's help and guidance.

After Jesus equipped His disciples with the gift of healing and exorcism, He gave them instructions for the mission He wanted them to fulfill. He made it clear that they were to go to the Jewish villages, and not enter the Gentile areas.

They would not be ready for that as beginners anyway. Start with your own people, He says. Tell them that the Kingdom of heaven is near. Make disciples of these people and heal them, raise the dead, and drive out their demons. This is urgent because My heart is aching for My people. They need help. They need leaders who care for them.

3. The nature and challenges of discipleship

Jesus instructed them to travel light because they will be invited by people who will be hospitable to them. You should greet them with a greeting of peace and if they are not welcoming to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. Please remember that this calling of yours is no small feat. You will encounter opposition, which at times might be dangerous for you. "I am sending you like sheep among the wolves."

The sheep are not the strongest animals, and they could be endangered by wolves in the area. But then Jesus continues saying, "Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves," meaning, in the words of RT France in his commentary on Matthew, do not be helpless and gullible like sheep, but be like the snake with an instinct for self-preservation. And then, be as innocent as doves, meaning, be shrewd, but without the venom.

Jesus warns them about the persecution that they will encounter, not because of who they are, but because of His Name and His message. The more they do this work, the more opposition there will be, from kings and governors later

on.

4. Conclusion – Do not worry about how you are to speak. But, when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say, He says. This is the crux of the message to them in verse 19 and 20. It is important to understand that the message and work of discipleship are supported by the presence and power and guidance of the Spirit of God. Everything you do and say must come from God. Then, do not be afraid of anyone, of how you are to speak, because the Holy Spirit is with you to help you.

What does this all mean for us as disciples of Christ today? Matthew is reminding us of our own call to discipleship here in Barre and beyond, perhaps? We are reminded that Jesus sees the crises in the lives of people, that the harvest is plentiful, and that there is a need for workers to meet the needs of people around us. He makes an urgent call to the disciples then and to us, to see and to hear the needs around us, and they are spiritual. Then, we are called to go out and spread the message of the Kingdom of God, of the love of Christ for everyone, and to let those in need know that here is a place to come together, to feel the comfort with God and the community of God. We ought to speak, and we ought to do the things that meet the needs of people.

What are those things, we may ask? What else can we do? What is it, Lord? And are we equipped to do them? These are the questions we as individuals and the congregation must engage in going forward. What do you want us to see, and what can we do?

It is wonderful to know that the Holy Spirit is with us always to help us discern, and to help us out there as we meet new people who need a place of worship and a place to feel connected. We need not worry about how to speak.

And so, may God through the Holy Spirit lead us this morning, and especially our fathers and those who are not fathers to hear the call from Christ and to answer the call and to be led and equipped by God to love and to serve. God's blessings on you as you reflect on this message this morning.

Amen.

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

Country Bank Receives Marketing Awards

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, has received two marketing awards from the New England Financial Marketing Association for its 2022 marketing efforts.

According to a press release, Country Bank achieved first place with a gold award for its "Made to Make a Difference" rebranding.

In May 2022, Country Bank introduced the rebrand in partnership with the bank's advertising agency, Financial Marketing Solutions. The new tagline was created from focus groups that consisted of Country Bank team members, board members, consumer and business customers, non-customers, and community non-profits throughout its marketplace.

Since 1850, Country Bank has been a part of the fabric of the communities it serves; so, it was essential to include the community in the process. As a result, the tagline was created with meaningful insights and feedback.

The common theme of how the bank made a difference became a

clear indicator of how its stakeholders received the brand in the market.

Country Bank also received a silver award for its Police vs. Fire baseball game in association with the WooSox Foundation.

This game was a century-old tradition brought back to life on September 26, 2022. Part of the game is giving back to the community, something the WooSox Foundation and Country Bank are passionate about.

The teams chose the Manny 267 Foundation, which received a \$15,000 donation.

"As a founding partner of the Worcester Red Sox, we are honored to bring back this tradition and support the police and fire departments in Worcester. It was a tremendous effort of the WooSox Foundation, the police and fire departments, and the Country Bank marketing team to make this happen. We look forward to the re-match this August, where the teams will again battle for the trophy and bragging rights. The game will also donate to a deserving local non-profit," said Shelley Regin, SVP, marketing and PR.

Massachusetts receives credit rating upgrade

BOSTON – State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg announced the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received a credit upgrade from the rating agency, Standard & Poor's, moving the Massachusetts general obligation bonds to AA+ (stable outlook) from AA (positive outlook).

Additionally, S&P raised their long-term ratings to AAA from AA+ on the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) outstanding revenue bonds.

"We are extremely pleased that the S&P credit rating is now aligned with the other ratings for the Commonwealth's General Obligation bonds," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "The Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget sent a strong signal that the state's commitment to prudent financial management

continues across Administrations. Our Rainy-Day Fund Balance has reached an historic high of approximately \$7.1 billion with additional deposits forthcoming, providing excellent coverage for when, no doubt, it will rain again. And we have made progress toward tackling and improving the state's pension liability, lowering the actuarial rate of return to 7% and adopting the new three-year funding schedule."

State general obligation ratings are largely based on several factors: the state's economy, governmental framework, budgetary performance, financial management, and debt and liability profile. Massachusetts' strong financial management practices and Budget Stabilization Fund levels are generally viewed as credit strengths for the Commonwealth.

Fidelity Bank earns 5-star rating

LEOMINSTER – Fidelity Bank announced it has earned a 5-Star "Superior" rating from BauerFinancial, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm. A 5-Star rating ranks Fidelity Bank among one of the strongest banks in the nation on BauerFinancial's Recommended Report.

Fidelity Bank was evaluated in several areas, including capital and asset quality, and profitability. No institution pays BauerFinancial to rate it, nor can it choose to be excluded. In addition to this strong rating, clients of Fidelity Bank also benefit from 100% of their deposits being insured through a unique

combination from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund.

Founded in 1888, Fidelity Bank is one of the strongest independent community banks in Central and Eastern Massachusetts. The bank offers a range of personal and business banking solutions to clients in 13 full-service banking centers in Leominster, Worcester, Fitchburg, Needham, Gardner, Shirley, Barre, Millbury, Paxton, Princeton and Winchendon.

As of Dec. 31, 2022, the bank had total assets of approximately \$1.4 billion. For more information, people may visit fidelitybankonline.com.

Senate approves \$55.9 billion budget for 2024

BOSTON – State Sen. Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) and his colleagues in the State Senate approved a \$55.9 billion budget for fiscal year 2024.

The Senate approved 478 amendments, adding \$82.2 million in spending to the budget. The next step will be the formation of a Senate and House Joint Conference Committee to work out an agreed-upon budget to send to the Governor.

In addition to increasing support to public libraries, Oliveira stressed the importance of regional equity for western Massachusetts and secured an additional \$1.75 million for the

budget, much of which will go directly to municipalities in the district. The increase to funds will make their way to the district indirectly through broader funding of critical investments in areas like regional transportation, public higher education, and healthcare.

"I'm glad to see the Senate take action with a comprehensive and inclusive budget that will bring regional equity to western Massachusetts, and I'm proud to have secured funding that will have a positive impact on the communities of the Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District," said Oliveira in a press release.

In addition to the \$750,000 in state aid to regional public libraries, Oliveira secured \$500,000 for an advanced manufacturing training program, \$200,000 for infrastructure improvements to the Cottage Avenue bridge in Wilbraham and Ludlow, \$50,000 for public safety improvements in Chicopee, \$50,000 for the Women's Fund of Massachusetts, and \$35,000 for the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club.

When asked about his approved amendments, Oliveira said "The Senate's budget prioritizes upholding fiscal discipline and responsibility and supports the long-term economic health

of the state. The Senate budget delivers investments in education, housing, regional transportation, health care, workforce development, climate preparedness, while centering equity and opportunity as part of a broader, more comprehensive strategy to make Massachusetts more affordable, inclusive, and competitive."

If the Senate's budget is approved, a group of six House and Senate lawmakers will meet privately to iron out differences between the two budgets and then send the final document to Gov. Maura Healey, who can accept or veto sections of the bill.

MassDOT announces Safe Routes to School awards to area towns

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation through the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program, held its annual awards ceremony to recognize the program's partner schools, community champions, stakeholders, and crossing guards who have made significant contributions within their communities by strengthening, promoting, and improving safety for students walking, biking, and rolling to school.

The Safe Routes to School awards are open to all school and alliance partners.

This year's Awards Ceremony honored 217 schools across the

Commonwealth including the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield and West Brookfield Elementary School.

For the third year, the program recognized the important role crossing guards have in supporting families' safety as they access schools and neighborhoods across the Commonwealth. Approximately 175 Crossing Guard nominations were submitted for consideration from over 35 statewide communities.

For more information on Massachusetts Safe Routes to School visit: www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, June 4
 8:06 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, 61 School North Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Vehicle towed
 Summons: Berthiaume, Cory Joseph, 39, South Barre
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No, License Not In Possession
 12:45 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Walnut Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, June 5
 1:21 p.m. Transport, Harty Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 5:19 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Valley Road, Officer Advised

Tuesday, June 6
 10:28 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Hampshire, Chief Took Call
 3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Negative Contact

Wednesday, June 7
 12:56 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, June 8
 6:14 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 12:36 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Area Search Negative
 1:37 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Summer Street, Services Rendered
 5:41 p.m. Warrant Check/Information, South Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Ackert, Robert Thomas, 24, Barre
 Charges: Warrant
 10 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Property Picked Up
 10:10 p.m. Officer Wanted, School South Street, Party Departed Without Incidence

Friday, June 9
 2:14 a.m. Falls, Fir Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:34 a.m. Dizzy, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 1:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 3:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 8:35 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Walnut Hill Road, Officer Advised

Saturday, June 10
 12:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning
 3:10 p.m. Serve Paperwork, South Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Robinson, William Raymond Jr., 62, South Barre
 Charges: Warrant
 7:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Officer Advised
 10:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Posco, Julianne H., 51, Fitchburg
 Charges: Warrant

SOUTH BARRE

Monday, June 5
 10:22 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Vernon Avenue, Officer Advised

Tuesday, June 6
 4:59 a.m. Lockout – Vehicle, Vernon Avenue, Entry Gained
 6:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Peach Street, Negative Contact

Thursday, June 8
 4:10 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Company Farm Road, Officer Advised

Friday, June 9
 6:55 p.m. Officer Wanted, Peach Street, Officer Advised

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, June 4
 10:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prouty Lane, Written Warning
 10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:58 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Barre Paxton Road, Animal Returned to Owner
 11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prouty Lane, Written Warning
 11:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:42 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Grizzly Drive, Gone on Arrival
 2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:43 p.m. Seizures, Forest Hill Drive, Transported to Hospital

Monday, June 5
 9:05 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 9:39 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Thurston Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:01 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 12:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Delacruzperalt, Yesika M., 36, Boston
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
 Summons: Alsaidi, Mugdad A., 34, New York, N.Y.
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 1 p.m. High Blood Pressure, Intervale Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:43 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Charnock Circle, Report Filed

Tuesday, June 6
 2:37 p.m. Gunshots, East County Road, Negative Contact
 3:01 p.m. Choking, Pleasantdale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Miles Road, Citation Issued
 3:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sunnybrook Drive, Written Warning
 5:16 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Wednesday, June 7
 1:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:43 a.m. Neurological/Head Injuries, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 1:02 p.m. Road Hazard, Maple Avenue, Removed Hazard
 1:53 p.m. Identity Theft, Prouty Lane, Report Filed

Thursday, June 8
 12:44 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Prouty Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:50 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:37 a.m. Harassment, Ware Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:29 a.m. Weakness, Intervale

Friday, June 9
 1:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Jackson Avenue, Negative Contact
 10:50 p.m. Property Damage, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, June 10
 1:19 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, No Police Service Necessary
 12:04 p.m. Falls, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:28 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground) Sassawanna Road, Referred to Other Agency
 4:23 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Patriot Lane, Transported to Hospital
 8:20 p.m. Harassment, Reed Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:39 p.m. Harassment, Welch Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, June 4
 11:11 a.m. Officer Wanted, Crocker Nye Road, Report Filed

Monday, June 5
 8:16 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, June 6
 8:19 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, 1 Deacon Allen Drive, Area Patrolled
 1:05 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 3:06 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, 1 Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered
 10:15 p.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Call Transferred

Wednesday, June 7
 8:15 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, 1 Deacon Allen Drive, Area Patrolled
 8:27 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Lincoln Road, Report Filed
 1:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Advised

Thursday, June 8
 8:22 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, 1 Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered
 9:55 a.m. Unable to Ambulate, Shore Drive, Mutual Aid Transported

Friday, June 9
 8:21 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, 1 Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered
 10:08 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Old Turnpike Road, Information Given
 2:27 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed
 6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, June 10
 3:21 a.m. Stroke (CVA), Oakview Lane, Transported to Hospital
 5:29 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Old Turnpike Road, Services Rendered
 8:09 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Barre Road, Area Patrolled

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, June 4
 10:11 p.m. Medical Alarm Activation, Williamsville Cutoff Road, Services Rendered

Monday, June 5
 8:41 a.m. Assist Motorist, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:12 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered
 3:08 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Area Patrolled
 3:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Elm Street, Services Rendered
 8:40 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Healdville Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, June 6
 8:25 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Area Patrolled
 3:03 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Services Rendered
 6:30 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Twin Hill Road, Information Take

Wednesday, June 7
 8:23 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Area Patrolled
 11:26 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Area Patrolled
 5:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered
 5:27 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

Thursday, June 8
 12:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 8:22 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Area Patrolled
 9:05 a.m. Falls, Mohawk Drive, Public Assist
 2:46 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Morgan Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:05 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Services Rendered

Friday, June 9
 7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Kruse Road, Investigated
 8:22 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Area Patrolled
 10:12 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered
 12:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision –

Fire, Pitcherville Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:22 p.m. Identity Theft, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:06 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Services Rendered
 6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Friberg, Mark Erik, 55 Westminster
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 7:46 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 9:26 p.m. Falls, Mohawk Drive, Public Assist
 9:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Gardner Road, Report Filed

Saturday, June 10
 2:24 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Gardner Road, Entry Gained
 5:18 p.m. Animal Lost and/or Found, Hale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:29 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hale Road, Animal Returned to Owner
 8:05 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Baystate doctor gives tips for beating the sun this summer to prevent skin cancer

SPRINGFIELD - Dr. Richard Arenas, chief, surgical oncology, Baystate Regional Cancer Program has some tips to help prevent melanoma this summer, which 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70. More than 2 people die of skin cancer in the U.S. every hour. Having 5 or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma, the third most common skin cancer which causes the most deaths. Dr. Arenas and The American Cancer Institute recommend these tips to protect your skin from sunlight, which can be reflected by sand, water, snow, ice and pavement: Wear a hat with a wide brim all around that shades your face, neck, and ears. Baseball caps and some sun visors protect only parts of your skin. Wear sunglasses that block UV radiation to protect the skin around your eyes. Wear long sleeves and long pants. Tightly woven, dark fabrics are best. Some fabrics are rated with an ultraviolet protection

factor. The higher the rating, the greater the protection from sunlight. Use sunscreen products with a sun protection factor of at least 15. (Some doctors suggest using a product with an SPF of at least 30.) Apply the product's recommended amount to uncovered skin 30 minutes before going outside and apply again every two hours or after swimming or sweating. Dr. Arenas and The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend the following tips for infants and children: Babies under 6 months of age should be kept out of direct sunlight. Move your baby to the shade under a tree, umbrella, or stroller canopy. Dress babies in lightweight clothing that covers the arms and legs and use brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. If adequate clothing and shade are not available, it is okay to apply a small amount of sunscreen on infants under 6 months, such as on the face and the back of the hands. Remember, it takes 30 minutes to be effective. If an infant

gets sunburned, apply cool compresses to the affected area. Kids should also cover up with clothes made of tightly woven fabrics. Cotton clothing is both cool and protective. Also, kids should wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses with ultraviolet protection. Stay in the shade whenever possible and avoid peak intensity hours between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Apply sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater to areas of your child's skin that aren't covered by clothing. Before applying, test the sunscreen on your child's back for an allergic reaction. Apply carefully around the eyes, avoiding eyelids. If a rash develops, talk with your pediatrician. Be sure to apply enough sunscreen -- about one ounce per sitting for a young adult. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating. If your child gets a sunburn that results in blistering, pain or fever, contact your pediatrician. For more information on the Baystate Regional Cancer Program, visit baystatehealth.org/brcp.

Baystate Health commits to hiring age diverse workforce

SPRINGFIELD – The American Association of Retired Persons announced Baystate Health signed their employer pledge recognizing the value of experienced workers and committing to an age diverse workforce. The AARP Employer Pledge Program encompasses a nationwide group of employers who understand that the multigenerational workforce yields a strong pipeline of talent, protects business continuity and taps into new resources to address labor shortages. AARP research notes that given the need for talent by so many employers today, it makes sense to hire experienced workers.

“Our multigenerational workforce is a great asset, adds significant value, and reflects our commitment to growing a diverse workforce of clinical and non-clinical team members with a variety of life and work experience. The result is a better, more diverse and stronger organization. At Baystate Health we know that treating one another with dignity elevates respect, as reflected in our core values. That mutual respect drives our community of healthcare professionals, to be their best, every day,” said Pam Snyder, Vice President, Talent, Baystate Health. AARP Vice President for Financial Resilience Carly

Roszkowski noted they are “thrilled” that Baystate Health has signed AARP’s employer pledge. AARP’s employer pledge reads: “We believe in equal opportunity for all workers, regardless of age, and that 50+ workers should have a level playing field in their ability to compete for and obtain jobs. Recognizing the value of experienced workers, we pledge to recruit across diverse age groups and to consider all applicants on an equal basis as we hire for positions within our organization.” To learn more about current career opportunities throughout their healthcare system, people may visit www.baystatehealthjobs.com.

Public Notices

Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing
 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on a **Notice of Intent for Ecological Restoration Project** for a Restoration Order of Conditions and meet the general Eligibility Criteria 310 CMR 10.13 (1), Section C1 and the Additional Eligibility Criteria for the Ecological Restoration Project type 310 CMR 10.13 (2) through (7), section C2 for the Wheelwright Dam Removal Project.
 From: Ric Raitto
 Raitto Industrial Park, Inc. 36 Mill Street
 Wheelwright, MA 01094
 To be held on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
 06/22/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608

(508)831-2200
 Docket No. WO23P2099EA
Estate of: Johanna Eve Glazier
 Also known as: Johanna E. Glazier
Date of Death: 10/31/2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Amy Grandone of Shrewsbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
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with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: June 15, 2023
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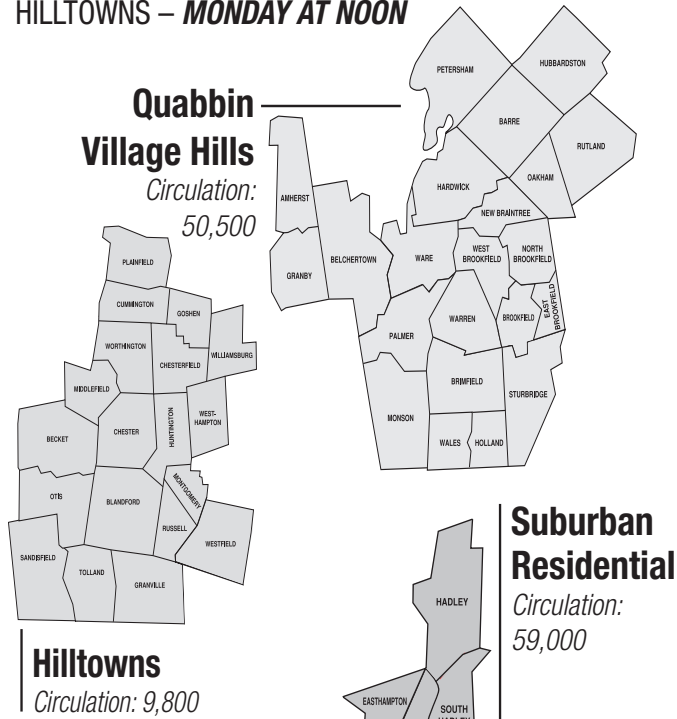
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All Wheels Show puts the brakes on hunger

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – For the second year, Palmer Motorsports Park hosted its All Wheels Show, featuring an array of cars, trucks and even tractors; all to benefit local food pantries.

Rows of vehicles lined the area around the entrance to the track, offering motor enthusiasts a visual buffet of the hottest rides spanning the decades.

Entry to the All Wheels Show was either a nonperishable food item or \$5 per person; to be split between the Palmer Food Share and the Jubilee Cupboard at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Just like last year, the community came out in full support to help fight food insecurity in the region.

Keeping with tradition, the All Wheels Show featured some rarely seen vehicles at a car show, including the predecessor to the modern, more compact SUV, the Chevrolet Suburban.

A rugged classic that can tow a boat (and fit the whole family), Chevy has been making the Suburban since the mid-1930s, and continues to make them to this day.

Gene and Jill Sorel of Ware have been rocking the “longroof” for over three decades, entering their 1979 Chevrolet Suburban C10



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Glenn Putek of Monson stands with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.

in the Show.

“We’ve had this style of vehicle since we met in the 90s,” Jill said.

“I’ve been fixing them since before it was cool,” Gene said with a laugh.

Gene has been restoring vehicles professionally, but admits he’d rather be driving them than fixing them.

Also from Ware was Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team – Pulling for a Cause, who was there with his 2000 Chevrolet S10, which competes in the minitruck pulling class.

Barrows said his 18-year-old son Devon usually drives the truck, but he was attending his prom the night of the Show. Devon has modified the truck, including changing the throttle to a hand lever in the center of the truck.

Marked with “slow,” “fast” and “faster,” the hand throttle cautions passengers to “hold on tight” as it nears “faster.”

Barrows and his family do eight pulls a year, and about 25 shows; all to bring awareness to depression and suicide.

“Our biggest purpose is to make

people aware,” Barrows said, who has struggled with depression himself.

Photos of two young women sat on the hood of the truck, both who lost their lives to suicide. Barrows has been working with the families of these women to advocate for awareness and offer support.

Evie Douglas was 21 years old when she died by suicide. She excelled at sports and had a passion for dance and helping others, creating the Facebook page, “Depression Doesn’t Define Me.”

Evie’s mother had reached out to Barrows to help continue her message following her death.

The other was his friend’s step-daughter, 19-year-old Kristen Crowell of Springfield.

“You don’t know what they’re going through,” Barrows said.

Barrows said he’s hoping to bring his truck and join suicide survivors at school assemblies, to let students know they’re not alone in facing mental illness.

Barrows credited James Guzman of Garage Mayhem in Granby for putting the truck’s chassis together.

Two Flakes Racing, based in West Warren, brought a pink and silver vintage modified 1936 Chevy Coupe racecar, The Outlaw, giving spectators a chance to sit behind the steering wheel.

Members of the F-Troop parked next to each other, displaying their various Chevy vehicles.

Focused on friends, fun and food, the F-Troop celebrated Memorial Day with a 12-car meet.

Glenn Putek of Monson, one of the F-Troop members, brought his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air to the All Wheels Show, which he bought in 1994 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The body of the car is a raspberry mother of pearl, and the top is painted Cadillac lilac pearl.

Putek said his brother built the engine, while he did the rest of the restoration.

“It was a labor of love, for sure,” Putek said.

Putek said he’s the 11th owner of the car, which was born in and stayed in North Carolina up until he bought it.

Joining Putek was Dan Belanger of Palmer and his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

Belanger said that his sister’s name is Chevelle, and he bought the car about six years ago so she could drive it.

“Her kids love it,” he said.

Belanger said the car’s been restored back to its former glory with the help of Putek.

Collecting cars is a passion of Belanger’s, and he also owns a 1967 Ford Fairlane, a 1967

Plymouth Barracuda and a 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, to name a few.

The Barracuda is his favorite, he said, because he did the most work on it with the help of his friends.

“It was a bonding experience with buddies,” Belanger said.

Rounding out the F-Troop’s All Wheels Show entries was Cynthia Reynolds’ 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe.

Purchased from an 80-year-old man in Connecticut, Reynolds has had the car for over a year.

Detailed with intricate pinstriping and sporting the front grill of a 1956 Chevrolet Corvette, the Fleetline also has Cadillac tail-lights.

“It’s something different...out of the ordinary,” she said.

Sitting in the rear windshield of the car is a feathered fedora that Reynolds found at the Brimfield Flea Market; just like the one her grandfather used to wear.

Supporters of the All Wheels Show include Classic Hits 97.7, Dunkin’ of Western MA, Sarat Ford and Lizak Bus Service.

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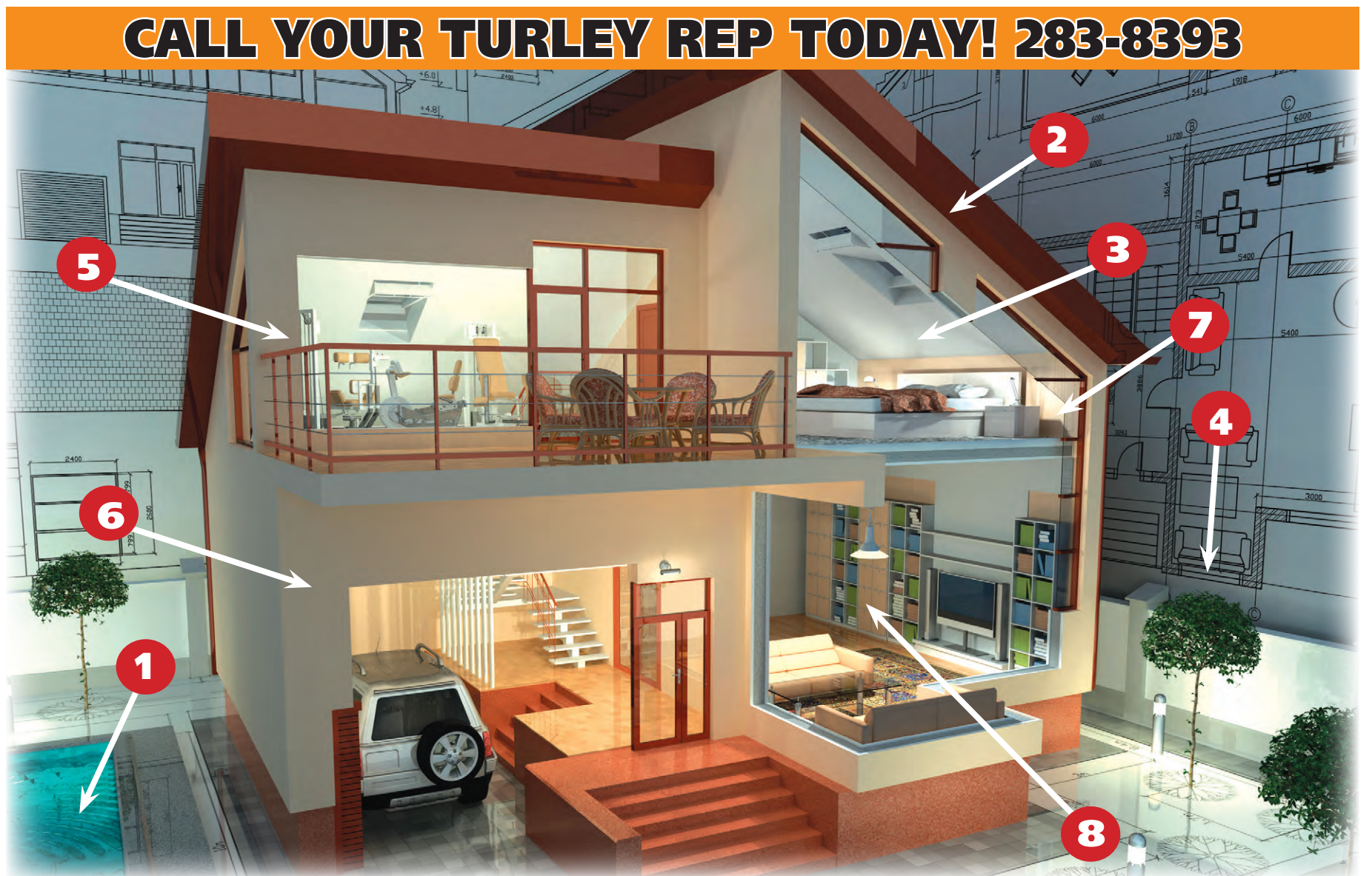
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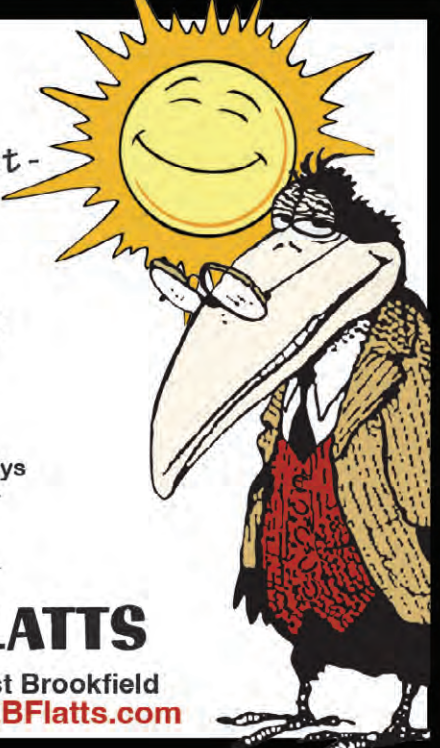
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