

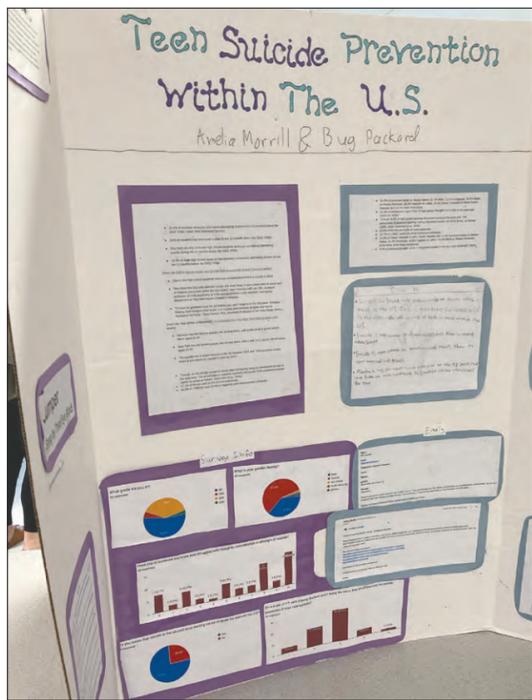
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For this Capstone project, Avelia Morrill and Bug Packard worked together. Their topic was Teen Suicide Prevention within the U.S.

## Eighth graders display Capstone projects

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BARRE – Last Wednesday June 18, attendees of the Quabbin Middle School graduation filled the gymnasium on a hot evening just days from the summer solstice.

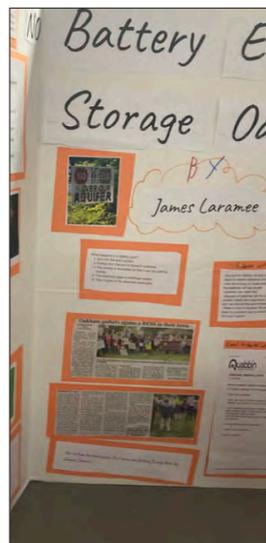
One hundred fifty two students received an eight grade certificate of completion. These students, members of the Class of 2029 will attend Quabbin Regional High School, a vocational technical high school or another school of their choice in the fall.

A Capstone project was a requirement to receive

their eight grade certificate. It would also be one of the requirements of graduation from Quabbin Regional High School for the Class of 2029 student's diploma.

Following the Quabbin Regional Middle School graduation, parents, relatives, siblings and friends got to view the eighth grade graduates Capstone projects displayed in the cafeteria. The middle school Capstone project was a requirement for completion of eighth grade. Students selected a topic and filled a cardboard display board with information on that topic.

The projects included  
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Eighth grader, James Laramee, selected the proposed Battery Energy Storage System in Oakham as his topic. The BESS project, if approved, would be on a site on Coldbrook Road, which was once a "junkyard."

## Students recognized for donation to animal shelter

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Superintendent Timothy McCormick recognized elementary school students, Carlee, Olivia, Tristan and Brooke, who sold handmade jewelry and donated the proceeds to a local animal welfare organization.

The student-run company is called Slay Beads, and it was started this past winter to raise money for Second Chance Animal Services.

"I love to see you giving back to the community," McCormick said at the

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## Resident recognized as Commonwealth Heroine

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume presented Karen Farrington with a Commonwealth Heroine award for her dedication to the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative.

Berthiaume presented

her with a citation recognizing her efforts at the June 17 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

"The Commonwealth Heroine is somebody that goes above and beyond in their town and their community to help everybody as much as they can," Berthiaume said.

Farrington said the members and volunteers of the

collaborative "give their heart and soul every week" to address food insecurity. She accepted the award on behalf of all of those involved with the organization.

"Without them, I can have ideas, but they wouldn't matter," she said. "It's because of the heart of North Brookfield and the people in it that volunteer every day we're making a dent in food insecurity

in our town and surrounding towns...it's an award for everybody."

**New Water Department hire**  
Water Department Superintendent Jamie Flamand introduced administrative assistant candidate Lindsey Rockwood to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

"Her resume is just out-

standing," Flamand said. "We think she's going to be an excellent addition to our team up there at the Water Department."

Rockwood said she grew up in central Massachusetts and has lived in town for the past several years. She enjoys training and riding horses and has worked in municipalities for about a decade.

"I like serving the public

so I'm excited to take on this role," she said.

**Discussion on bylaw enforcement**

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the board has received several complaints about town bylaws needing to be enforced to address violations including

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## Clown Bar 2 premiered at Connect Restaurant & Lounge

By Ryan Drago  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – There was plenty of "clown-

ing around" at Connect Restaurant & Lounge as they hosted Clown Bar 2, a show was presented by the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield.

Clown Bar 2 was a sequel

to a play they performed several years ago, Clown Bar. The play is by Adam Szymkowicz and the songs were written by Scott Grayson and recorded by Ginny Bailey.

Serving as Directors for the Theatre Guild's production of Clown Bar 2 is the trio of Derek Ingalls, Shelley Ingalls and Missy McDonald. The story follows Happy, played by D. Ingalls, a clown who became a cop, who re-enters the Clown Bar with the title of Clown Boss.

Several years later, Happy went missing and several other clowns are deemed as suspects. It is up to two cops, played by Joey Valencourt and



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Amber King as Popo, right, yelled at poor Petunia at the bar of the Clown Bar.

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Submitted Photos by Deb Morrison

A photograph of a rally taking place in New Braintree during its "Conserve Our Small Town" era. The town's residents were protesting against the proposed prison that was going to be placed on West Brookfield Road.

## A remembrance of New Braintree's 'Conserve Our Small Town'

By Ryan Drago  
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NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Historical Society hosted an evening of discussion and remembrance of New Braintree's "Conserve Our Small Town" era.

This event highlighted a moment in New Braintree's history that got the whole town together to fight against the possibility of a prison being built on the property that is now the Massachusetts State Police Training Center.

Deborah Morrison, chair and secretary of the New Braintree Historical Society. In 1983, the town got word that an old school off West Brookfield Road was going to be put up for sale. As the

residents of New Braintree got more information, they thought what was possibly going on the property would become something that would disrupt the way of life.

Soon it was made public that the proposed project for the building was going to be a prison, which wouldn't be far from the town center and resident homes. Morrison remembered this time as a resident of New Braintree and she said the town would soon act and fight this decision.

The town formulated a citizen's committee with the Select Board. The abbreviation of C.O.S.T. was created and stood for "Conserve Our Small Town." This was heavily used as the residents of New Braintree wanted their voices heard and help keep

New Braintree as a small town and not a small town that is home to a prison.

The symbol to go with C.O.S.T. was a cow which symbolized New Braintree as a farm town. This was part of the way of life in New Braintree that its residents were trying to protect.

Strategies were created to fight this decision and New Braintree received help from other towns throughout Massachusetts. The residents were spreading awareness of what was happening and the news spread gradually.

This event in New Braintree's history has been described as a "David and Goliath" fight as New Braintree was a small town

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## Hospital easement article fails at Ware town meeting

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – Over 120 voters attended the annual town meeting Monday evening to make decisions on 33 articles, including a citizens' petition to place a two-year easement on the Mary Lane Hospital property.

Proponents of article 33, Cathy Buelow-Cascio and Cynthia Allen (also identified as Cynthia Allen Bourcier), said they put this article forward to grant the town more

time to find a healthcare entity interested in the Mary Lane Hospital site, which is owned by Baystate Health.

"It's a temporary easement, not ownership," Buelow-Cascio said.

The article asked voters to approve the use of \$30,000 from free cash and \$25,000 from taxation to appropriate the funds necessary to move forward with the temporary easement.

Buelow-Cascio said "many are interested" in the South Street property, and "there's lots of things we're working on" in terms of finding healthcare for the site, which Baystate Health has slated for

demolition.

Resident Neil Gage said he lives across the street from the hospital and even though he and his family members were all born there, it's time to let go of the idea of a hospital on that site.

"I understand what the facility meant to the town, but the truth is that it's gone," he said. "It's not coming back."

Town counsel Attorney Nicole Costanzo said it is fairly common for municipalities to seek easements on properties for public purposes, but that an appraisal of the property would need to be con-

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# News of the Towns



## ROUND TOWN

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### Drinking water quality report available

Copies of the Barre Water Department Annual Drinking Water Quality report for 2024 are available.

To obtain a copy, people may contact the Department of Public Works office at 978-355-5013, email dpw@townofbarre.com, visit the Town's website at www.townofbarre.com or stop into the office located at 441 Wheelwright Road, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Rep. Berthiaume office hour

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, will hold an office hour on Wednesday, July 16 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. She invites constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with.

People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

### Nornay concert schedule

The concert season at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre begins with Uncle Country on Saturday, June 21 from 6-8 p.m. On Saturday, June 28 Kidd Hurricane will perform at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. Other concerts are The Otters on July 12, Crop Duster on July 26, all held from 6-8 p.m. The Other Guys (Glenn Carter) will perform on Aug. 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Alive 'n Kickin' (Rocket Ralph) on Aug. 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand at all the Saturday concerts.

Quabbin Community Band performs at Nornay Park on Sundays, June 29 at 6 p.m. This will be the last concert at Nornay Park. The rest of their concerts will be held at the Harding Allen Bandstand in the center of Barre. Barre Cultural Council and Barre Recreation Committee support the concerts at Nornay Park.

Event cancellations are usually only done for severe weather. The cancellation and rescheduling are at the discretion of the band/event. To schedule an event or wedding email barreboards@townofbarre.com or call 978-355-2504, extension 8.

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## Zachary Soulor receives Quabbin Community Band Scholarship

BARRE – “Summer Time Favorites” is the theme for the Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m. concert by the Quabbin Community Band at Nornay Park in South Barre this coming Sunday.

The following week the band moves to the Barre Common at the Harding Allen Bandstand for an additional six concerts each Sunday through Aug. 10. For their favorites theme, the band has chosen, “Irish Tune From County Derry,” “Begin The Beguine,” “Bugler’s Holiday,” “Music for a Summer Night” and many more.

The band hopes everyone will get a chance to come out and hear the band while enjoying lawn games for the children, (a holdover from our “Kids” concert) and to see all of the wonderful corporate and personal sponsors listed in the printed program. All summer concerts begin at 6 p.m. If it rains on any Sunday evening, the con-



Submitted photo

**Zachary Soulor, recipient of the Quabbin Community Band Scholarship, will be attending UMass in the fall as a music education major. He is pictured with Kelsey Forfa, his band director at David Prouty High School.**

certs are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

Zachary Soulor received the Quabbin Community

Band scholarship. He will be attending UMass Amherst this fall as a music educator major.

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of June 30. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – American chop suey, roasted broccoli, carrots, Lorna Doone cookies, Italian bread

TUESDAY – Greek chicken, steamed with rice, carrots, Mandarin oranges, pum-

pernickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, corn, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Hot dog on bun, baked beans, Coleslaw, baked apples, mustard

FRIDAY – Fourth of July Holiday no meal served

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

## Listening Wellness Center offers ‘Kids Enrichment Program’

BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., announces the launch of their “Kids Enrichment Program Summer 2025.”

This summer they have two weeks of art classes from July 8 to July 17 with Jen Swan ages 5-8 and ages 9-12+. Classes take place three days a week Tuesday-Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon for ages 5-8 and 12:30-

2 p.m. for ages 9-12+. Costs is \$60.

Brad Warren is also offering karate ages 8-12 for six weeks on Fridays starting July 11 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$95. Lisa Holloway is offering two yoga sessions for children on July 7 and July 14 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Cost is \$25.

They hope children join them for this fun summer

program. They can either email office@listeningwellness.org for more information or check them out on Facebook at Listening Wellness Center. Funding for these programs in part by Local Cultural Councils including Hardwick/New Braintree, Oakham, Petersham and Barre Cultural Councils.

## Friends host free children’s activities at Senior Center

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging is organizing a series of children’s activities on Wednesdays in July and August starting on July 9. Children ages 6-12 are invited to come to the Senior Center, 29 Forest St., from 1-3 p.m.

On Wednesday, July 9, children will enjoy a performance by a magician. Other activities include a visit from a clown, a movie, crafts, fitness, game day and an end of summer movie with pizza.

All of these activities are offered to North Brookfield residents for free and sign up is required. More information can be obtained by calling the North Brookfield Senior Center at 508-867-0220.



## OAKHAM

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### Golf tournament set for Aug. 11

It’s time to register for the 28th annual GABB Golf Tournament, which will be held on Monday, Aug. 11 at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road. The tournament was started to help the family of Bob Tyck, for whom the tournament was originally named. Three years ago the tournament was renamed GABB to also honor beloved friends, Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray and Bob Lajoie. Each year generous golfers have helped raise thousands of dollars to assist local families and charities, such as the Rutland and Barre Food Banks, Camp Putnam, Quabbin Pro Musica, Dismas Family Farm, the Oakham Opportunity Fund and others. In 2024 we raised over \$12,000. The tournament features a shotgun start with prizes for the winners and special contests including longest drive, closest to the pin and closest to the line. A hole-in-one could win you \$1,000. A putting contest precedes the start. Following the tournament is an Italian Buffet along with a silent auction and huge raffle. It is rare that anyone goes home without winning something. Many local businesses and vendors contribute items, gift cards or services for the raffle table – there is something for everyone. Golfers of all abilities are welcome; this is a fun tournament. Individual registration is \$100 or \$90 if players register before July 25. A registration form can be found on the church website by visiting <https://www.oakhamcongregational.net/news-1>. If people have any questions or need more information, they may call Dawn Thistle at 508-882-5537 or 774-479-6697. People may also support this fundraiser there are categories of sponsorship. Gift cards in any amount or merchandise that can be used as prizes are also welcome.

### Oakham Historical Association

Oakham Historical Association open house will take place Sunday, June 29 from 1-4 p.m. at the museum located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. During the June open house, a program entitled “Clearing the Valley” present by a Department of Conservation representative will take place at 1 p.m. Please note the change in time. In 1927 the Swift River Valley was home to four towns and over 2,000 people. This program will focus on how four towns ended and the occupants had to move elsewhere along with the history of some of the families involved.

### Berthiaume’s chief of staff hours

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

### Concert series

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

### Senior center news

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

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

Thursdays at noon is Weigh in at the Senior Center with the support weight loss

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Select Board – June 26 at 5:30 p.m. and July 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – June 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Town Meeting – June 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – July 1 at 6 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commissioners – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – July 1 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – July 2 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – July 8 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – July 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – July 10 at 1 p.m.  
 Board of Health – July 14 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – July 14 at 5:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – July 14 at 6 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.  
 911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – June 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – June 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – June 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Town Meeting – June 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – July 2 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – July 3 at 7 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – July 9 at 3 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – July 15 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – July 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – July 21 at 3 p.m.  
 Board of Health – July 31 and Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Parks Commissioners – July 9 at 12:22 p.m. and July 16 at 12:23 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD.

By Law Committee – June 30 at 2 p.m.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing – Jun 30 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – July 1 at 6 p.m.  
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hour – July 15 at 11 a.m.  
 Planning Board – July 16 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Select Board/Highway Seasonal Bids – June 26 at 11 a.m.  
 Library Trustees – June 26 at 5 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – June 26, July 17, July 31, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept.11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – June 26 at 7 p.m. and July 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Advisory Finance Committee – June 26 at 7 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – July 1 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – July 1 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Health – July 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – July 8 at 10 a.m.  
 Board of Assessors – July 9 at 11 a.m. and Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

## Brookfields Lions Club awards scholarships to graduates

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The Brookfields Lions Club has awarded 10 scholarships totaling \$2,500 to local high school graduates, according to club president, William Cass.

Each year, the Lions award scholarships of up to \$500 to students who live within the club's service area, and attend one of five local high schools: David Prouty High School, Spencer; North Brookfield High School, North Brookfield; Quabbin Regional High School, Barre; Quaboag Regional High School, Warren, and Tantasqua Regional High School, Sturbridge.

"This year, the club's scholarship committee awarded scholarships of \$250 each to ten area students," said Cass.

Alicia Sauvageau and Makenzie Morin, both of East Brookfield, are the recipients from David Prouty High School.

Alicia is the daughter of Kayleen and Jason Sauvageau. She will be attending the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, with a major in nursing with an emphasis on neonatal or pediatric intensive care. Makenzie is the daughter of Sarah and Eric Moring. She will be attending Collectiv Academy, Worcester with a focus on cosmetology and esthetics.

Scholarship recipients from North Brookfield High School are Dayton Ford and Anthony Polanco. Dayton is the son of Jade

and Channing Ford. He will be attending Assumption University, Worcester where he will study biotechnology and engineering. Anthony is the son of Mandy Tetreault and Mario Polanco. He will be attending Russell Sage College, in Albany, New York, where he will study criminal justice and forensic science.

Two scholarships were awarded to graduates of Quabbin Regional High School from New Braintree.

Samantha Carlson, daughter of Darcy and John Carlson, will be attending the UMass Amherst, where she will study biology. Nathan Pride, son of Jason Pride and Stacie Pride, will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, where he will study business.

Both scholarship recipients from Quaboag High School live in West Brookfield.

Falon (Jordan) Rice, daughter of Kelly Rice, will attend the University of Maine at Orono, Maine, where she plans to major in English with the goal of becoming a high school English teacher. Joshua Yeager, son of Lindsay Yeager, will also attend the University of Maine and plans to major in psychology and theatre.

Jackson Landine and Anthony R. Fazzuoli are the scholarship recipients from Tantasqua Regional High School.

A resident of Brookfield, Jackson is the son of Kelly and Jeff Landine. He will

be pursuing a degree in finance and accounting, with a minor in computer science, at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island. Anthony is the son of Despina and John Fazzuoli of West Brookfield. He will be attending UMass Amherst with a major in biology and a minor in psychology on a pre-med track.

To be eligible for a Brookfields Lions Club scholarship, applicants must be a resident of one of the Brookfields or New Braintree.

The student's high school guidance director must include the student's class rank and sign the application, and the completed application must be submitted before the high school's spring break. To receive the scholarship, recipients must demonstrate that they are enrolled as a full-time college student and have earned passing grades.

As the world's largest, youngest and most active service organization, the mission of Lions Clubs International is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding. Members of the Brookfields Lions Club are dedicated to service and support in the communities of Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, and New Braintree.

## HUBBARDSTON

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### Work takes place on Dottie Rock Accessible Trail

Construction on the new accessible trail leading to the Dottie Rock overlook at the Malone Road Conservation Area will continue intermittently throughout the months of June and July. This will include limited excavation activities to remove small stumps and smooth out the clear tread width. Geofabric and layers of aggregate will be spread and compacted in place, thus creating an accessible surface on the proposed trail segments. This work is being funded through a combination of a Department of Conservation and Recreation MassTrails grant, town American Rescue Plan Act funds, town Community Preservation Act funds and volunteer labor. On days with trail construction activity, machinery will be moving up and down the Dottie Rock Trail and loading gravel from stockpiles at the Malone Road turnaround. Parking will be limited and all recreational users should stay clear of the active construction area. Once complete, this accessible woodland trail leading to a dramatic cliff-side location will provide outdoor recreation opportunities for all trail users in a setting that is not offered by any other accessible trail in the region.

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

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

### Senior Center

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

## North Brookfield receives MassDEP funds

**BOSTON** – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection provides free technical assistance for infrastructure mapping to 16 municipal and state-owned water utilities across the state.

This assistance, offered through MassDEP's Water Utility Resilience Program (WURP), will support 11 drinking water systems and five sewer systems. These maps will help communities plan effectively, respond to emergencies and manage their infrastructure. The town of North Brookfield, Water Department was among the recipients of mapping technical assistance.

"This program has sig-

nificantly improved the water sector's understanding of where and how services are delivered in Massachusetts," said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "By mapping potential vulnerabilities and infrastructure risks, we're empowering local communities to plan for the future, adapt to our changing climate needs, and maintain the safety and quality of our water systems."

Since its launch in 2017, WURP has helped 156 utilities and 143 municipalities by upgrading their technical capabilities and creating detailed Geographic Information System datasets and infrastructure maps. As part of the service, the

program also creates and maintains statewide service area maps that show the areas served by both public and private drinking water and sanitary sewer utilities. These maps help utilities plan for better resilience, manage their assets, and adapt to climate change.

Data collected through this program are also used to create generalized service area maps that are publicly accessible via MassGIS to illustrate which communities are served by public drinking water or sewer systems, without disclosing sensitive infrastructure details. Additional information about the program is available online at Water Utility Resilience Program.

## Petersham to hold 4th of July parade

**PETERSHAM** – The Fourth of July parade will be held on Thursday, July 4 at 10 a.m. This year's parade starts on the Petersham Common and follows the route known as "the Old Maid's Mile." The theme this year is "We the People." All are welcome to participate and should arrive on The Common by 9:30 a.m. for parade assignment. If people are marching, riding, walking with an animal, they should call or text Sue at 832-499-1670 for more information or to answer questions.

### 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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group. Fridays at 10.30 a.m. and Functional Fitness meets at the New Braintree Town Hall. Cost is \$3 per class.

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# Opinion

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### What about non-career Veterans and their VA healthcare?

Dear Rusty:  
In your answer to the retired U.S. Navy veteran about why he is forced to enroll in Medicare, you focused on military TriCare's requirement for the member to enroll in Medicare. But you said nothing about regular VA health care. If a non-career veteran is eligible for VA health care, couldn't that be used in place of Medicare?

Signed: Veteran Advocate

Dear Veteran Advocate:

Thank you for your feedback. FYI, I have previously explained numerous times that veterans who rely on the VA for 100% of their healthcare can, indeed, disenroll from Medicare Part B (thus saving the monthly Part B premium). I don't personally recommend it because of my personal experience, but it certainly is possible to do so.

Personally, I use the VA for some of my healthcare needs usually an annual checkup and optometry services at my local VA clinic, which is only a mile away from where I live. But for any extensive treatment needs medical tests, etc., I must travel about 40 miles to the nearest VA hospital facility.

For contrast, I have numerous private healthcare services, specialists and hospitals very near where I live, but to use them under the VA I must get VA pre-approval and use only certain VA approved providers, which is inconvenient for me.

Personally, I prefer the freedom to go to any healthcare service provider I choose, without restriction, at any time I need to. So, I use my VA coverage when it is convenient for me, but rely also on non-VA, Medicare-approved specialists who I can choose to use or not at will. For me, it's a matter of convenience and the freedom to use whichever healthcare provider I want.

That said, I fully understand that some veterans rely exclusively on the VA for their healthcare needs,

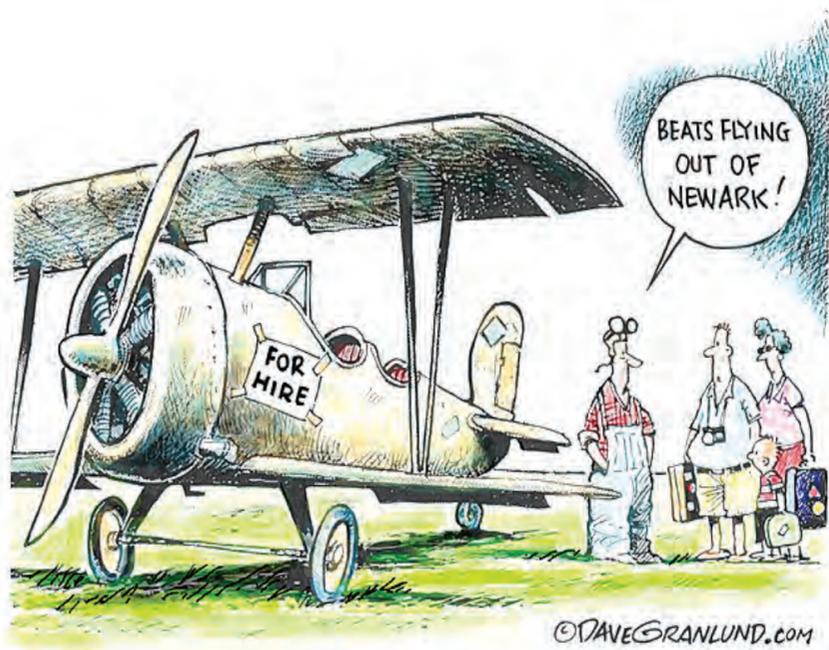
and I have explained to many who have written to me that they have that option. I have also published several public articles about this as well. Here is one such article:

<https://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-why-should-a-veteran-pay-for-medicare/>

So, please rest assured that we regularly advise our veterans about their healthcare options under Medicare, including the ability to decline Medicare Part B coverage if they have full VA healthcare coverage. FYI, free Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65, but Medicare Part B coverage is always optional because there is a premium associated with Part B.

A veteran can decline Medicare Part B coverage and save that monthly premium, but they would need to contact Social Security to do so. Social Security will want to interview the veteran to ensure they are aware of the potential financial consequences of not having Medicare Part B. And they may need to file form CMS-1763 Request for Termination. But a non-career veteran can opt out of Medicare Part B if they get all of their healthcare services through the Veterans Administration.

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### In Past Pages

5 years (July 2, 2020)

Fobes Memorial Library director, Samantha Bodine, asked Selectmen for permission to place posts containing storybook pages on town property. She said the Oakham Cultural Council gave permission for the library to repurpose grants it received as the library cancelled all events for 2020. She said the library plans to set up a story walk in the center of town. A carpenter is making 16 to 18 posts that resemble music stands to hold the pages of the stories and have a plastic covering to protect the books. Bodine said the library would change the story every two to three weeks and would provide a take home craft to coordinated with the story. Selectman Chairman Bradford Taylor said the board would need to know the location of the posts before granting permission. She said the location of the posts would be the Selectmen's decision.

A roof project began at West Brick Schoolhouse, Old Turnpike Road, as part of a restoration and preservation project of the almost two hundred year old building, circa 1826. The Friends of the West Brick Schoolhouse hired John K. Leacock of Palmer to replace the roof, shore up the rafters and align the gables. Leacock, specializing in churches and other old buildings, did the roof at the No. 4 Schoolhouse in Barre and the steeple roof at the Oakham Congregational Church. Tom Saupe, a member of both the West Brick Schoolhouse Committee and the Friends of the West

### Look Back Barre Flea Market – 1995



File photo

**Robin Bernard, left and Hazel Wyman of the Barre Congregational Church sell chance tickets for a coverlet depicting buildings of Barre and a reversible quilt, two projects of the Women's Fellowship at the Barre Flea Market on Sept. 16, 1995.**

Brick Schoolhouse said the roof was the major cause of the structural problem with the building as it was pushing out the walls.

Moderator Rene Lafayette began what was probably the first outdoor Annual Town Meeting in the town of Hubbardston by thanking all the people that made this "unusual setting a reality." One hundred thirty two registered voters attended the ATM held at Curtis Recreation Field to act on a 20 article warrant. Town Administrator Ryan McLane addressed the group wearing a pair of yellow sunglasses, which he said his son told him he needed to wear.

10 years (July 2, 2015)  
On Monday, June 29 the

Stetson School clock tower in Barre left its roof perch to rest on the ground. Once the main building is demolished, the tower will be placed in a park on the site of the old building. It will rest not too far from where it rested on the building roof. The preservation of the clock tower was part of the demolish project conditions.

Superintendent Maureen Marshall reported to the Quabbin Regional School District Committee that other districts that she approached seemed interested in partnering. She said they were receptive to the idea of sharing of programs, special education and professional

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wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out fourteen inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries.

Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. "Can't just this one stay?" Ease your guilt by giving away the extras; or, use them to start another patch.

Next, get rid of any "mother" plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile.

Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another- another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be

sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer.

Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits.

Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil.

In our climate, this should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises

should take place no later than July or August.

This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease.

Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about two inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good.

If your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well,

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## in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

### Renovate your strawberry patch and divide those irises, too

Renovate your strawberry patch and divide those irises, too

I started over with new strawberry plants this year, but for those of you who are completing your harvest, it's high time to renovate your patch so that it will remain productive.

Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly.

This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases.

Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very

# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Today is my youngest daughter's birthday.

It is hard to believe June is just about over. This week I have been working on a project that I have wanted to complete for a long time. A book case shelf fell down as it was too heavy with notebooks and books so I decided there was a change needed.

I have saved articles on gardening for many years including A. Gardener articles from the Barre Gazette. I needed to put them in notebooks by months. This bookcase contains all my gardening books so I decided to keep the notebooks in a separate area. I have a notebook for each type of flower, for instance hostas, day lilies, irises and moss gardens.

It has taken me a long time to work on this project as I want to reread the articles as I go along. In between working on that project, I have made two batches of Bob Cohn's Half Sour Pickles.

I also made biscuits for strawberry shortcake. My helper made a batch of pancakes I put in the freezer, but they are gone now so I will make some more. I also make muffins to put in the freezer.

I have a book called "Kitchen Hacks," who my dear friend from New Hampshire gave me. One of

the projects I plan to try is to take the shelf out of the upper freezer of the refrigerator and put it in a metal desk-top filing organizer so items can be placed upright in the freezer. An example would be a box of pizza. I only have the one freezer now so I need to make it easier to find things.

This seems like the best time of year to make a frozen peanut butter pie

## FROZEN PEANUT BUTTER PIE

1 nine inch graham cracker pie shell

1/3 cup strawberry jam or other flavor

1 cup cold milk

1/2 cup chunky peanut butter

1 package vanilla instant pudding, 4 ounce size

8 ounce Cool Whip, thawed

Spread 1 cup of the whipped topping in bottom of pie shell. Freeze for about 10 minutes. Carefully spoon jam over the topping.

Gradually add milk to peanut butter in a bowl, blending until smooth. Add electric mixer on low speed, beat until well blended about one to two minutes. Fold in remaining whipped topping. Spoon over jam in pie shell. Freeze until firm about four hours. Garnish with additional whipped topping and

chopped nuts, if desired. Note: If you don't have chunky peanut butter just add some crushed walnuts to the peanut butter.

## This and That

I noticed that two weeks ago the Barre Gazette had the Hubbardston column under Oakham. Hubbardston had the town elections last week. Also, voters approved the gift of the First Parish Unitarian Church building.

Gardens are growing well with all this rain. We do need the sun for the flowers and vegetables though. The Deutzia is in full bloom and the Hydrangeas are in bud.

In spite of the fact that I sprayed the large hostas so the deer would not consume them, they still did. They love them. They seem to only consume the large leaf ones.

I have very few peonies this year. There are no hollyhocks. The butterfly bushes are growing, but no buds yet. The day lilies are budded and should be out next week. There always seems nature is making a show of something.

My handyman took his brood on a bog walking tour last week. I get to see the photos. I just read an interesting article about the former Rutland Prison Camps on the computer.

Have a good week and hopefully the sun will be out.

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development. Mark Brophy, Chairman of the Quabbin Regional School District Committee will be sending out formal letter to the chairmen of other school committees in the area regarding possible partnering among districts as a way to improve or add programs as a possible way to lower costs.

James Cameron requested a key for the lock on the chain at the town owned beach so he can back his vehicle nearer to the beach to unload his canoe. He found it difficult to carry the canoe the longer distance. Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Currier said the chain shouldn't be at the town beach and said it was a safety issue. Paul Rochette commented that access should not be denied to the residents.

## 25 years (June 29, 2000)

Nearly 113 years ago, a group of 40 Barre residents, all active in many ways, culminated two years of organizing, planning and building with the dedication of the new town library. Last week, another group of equally dedicated town residents, all active in many ways, culminated nearly two years of planning, organizing and fundraising by breaking ground on the new expansion of the library. And the generation of today has not dismissed the long road from the past. "I understand completely and can appreciate the time it took to make this a reality," said Gloria Castriotta, who was the

master of ceremonies at the groundbreaking last week.

The Grand Old Lady of Main Street has been restored to her former elegance and about 60 patrons and Friends of the Hubbardston Library attended a fine re-dedication in her honor on June 17. The event was held outside with rows of chairs encircling the newly-refurbished white granite shape. It was followed by a former ribbon cutting and a special presentation to Librarian Geraldine Page, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of service to the library in many capacities. Dennis O'Donnell, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, was master of ceremonies for the event.

A probable record for brevity and lack of argument was set by the less than 100 Hubbardston voters, who turned out for the Annual Town Meeting. The 50 article warrant was dispatched in just under an hour and a half. With the firm warning from Finance Chair, Peter Burnham, that any increase in spending would exceed the proposition 2 1/2 limit, voters quietly approved everything that had been left in the warrant after the Finance Committee cuts.

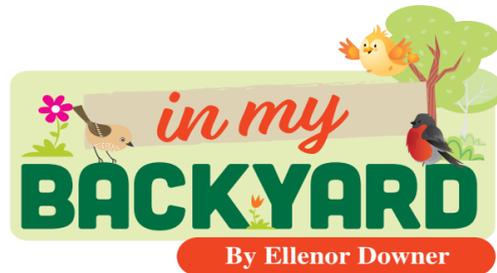
## 38 years (July 2, 1987)

The various Boards of Barre are assembling a steering committee for the purpose of working with consulting firm to develop a Strategic Growth Management Plan for the town and to examine the existing Land Use bylaws. Of the 11 member group, nine positions will be filled

by a representative of each board. The two remaining slots are reserved for town residents, who will be picked by the Selectmen.

The Hardwick Board of Selectmen filled 127 appointive positions in town government and committees at their regular meeting last week. Major slots went to Lillian Holden, Administrative Assistant to all Boards; Earl S. Ward Jr. who was tapped for service as Superintendent of Streets; Tree Warden, Gypsy Moth Superintendent, Dutch Elm Superintendent and special police officer, Thomas Collett was reappointed as Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Oakham will old a dedication ceremony and present a plaque to all Home of Record Veterans of WW II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Oakham Memorial Hall. Announcements for those veterans no longer living in Oakham will be mailed by the committee. The committee, however, does not have all addresses of the veterans. Any veterans, who was living in Oakham at the time of enlistment should contact committee members or write to Josephine Stone, Stone Road, Oakham, MA 01068.



By Ellenor Downer

## Osprey



Last week on a trip to Rhode Island with my brother and cousin, we saw two osprey when we stopped by Point Judith Lighthouse.

We watched them as they flew over the ocean and hovered as they looked for fish. One got ready to dive as it tucked in its wings, but then stopped and flew to another spot to hover.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk, eats a diet of live fish, has the ability to hover and dives into the water to catch them. They are often seen soaring over shorelines.

Ospreys are brown birds with a white head and a brown stripe through its eye. Underparts are grayish. They are over 24 inches long and have a wingspan of 71 inches. They are the only raptor whose outer toe is reversible, allowing it to grasp its prey with two toes in front and two behind.

Ospreys are very successful in catching fish. According to a study at least one out of every four dives results in catching fish. The average time ospreys spend hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

Ospreys often build large stick nests on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, and

nest platforms designed for their use. Their eggs do not hatch all at once with the first chick emerging about five days before the last one. The oldest chick dominates the younger ones. When food is scarce, the younger chicks may starve to death.

A Brimfield resident, who likes to visit inland ponds, often watches osprey nesting. Ospreys migrate and this resident reports their return in the spring. An osprey, equipped with a tracking device, flew 2,700 miles from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana South America during 13 days in 2008.

## Other seashore birds

In addition, to the osprey we saw cormorants, seagulls, bank swallows, grackles and even a redwing blackbird whose epaulets were bright red. There were new benches installed along the cliff bank. When we stopped there last year, the benches were in poor condition.

## Birds in Sutton

My brother lives in Sutton. He sets out grape jelly and a hummingbird feeder. The Baltimore orioles, catbirds, red bellied woodpeckers and even house finches come for the jelly. The ruby throated hummingbirds come for the sugar water.

## Mass Audubon Society sightings

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reports several unusual bird sightings. They included swallow-tailed kites in Mashpee, a Mississippi kite

in Harwich, a Franklin's gull and two royal terns in Provincetown, a continuing prothonotary warbler in Concord, a Wilson's phalarope at Belle Marsh Reservation in Boston and a Brewster's warbler in Amherst.

Berkshire County sightings were a worm-eating warbler on Mt. Washington Road in Egremont, a least bittern in the Post Farm Marsh in Lenox, an Acadian flycatcher at the Jug End Reservation in Egremont and six red crossbills at the summit of Mt. Greylock in Adams.

In Franklin County, there were four sandhill cranes on Plainfield Road in Ashfield and two hooded warblers on Falls Road in Sunderland.

Hampshire County highlights were a Brewster's warbler on the Narwottuck Rail Trail in Amherst and a least bittern near Station Road on the Narwottuck Rail Trail also in Amherst, three purple martins and four blue grosbeaks in the Honey Pot on Moody Bridge Road in Hadley and a common goldeneye on the Quabbin Reservoir off the Windsor Dam in Belchertown.

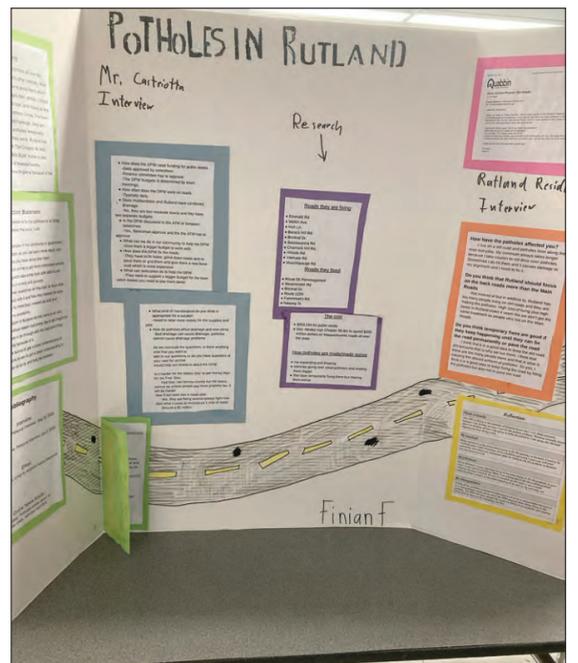
Hampden County notables were two upland sandpipers on the Perimeter Road in Ludlow and two blue grosbeaks at the Southwick Wildlife Management Area in Southwick. Worcester County had an Acadian flycatcher near the Uxbridge Rice City Pond in Uxbridge and five evening grosbeaks at a private residence in Royalston.

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.

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a wide variety of topics from Battery Energy Storage Systems to sports equipment, to suicide prevention to federal minimum wage to potholes in Rutland, to name a few. Their projects featured photos of their chosen topic, copy of newspaper articles, interviews, charts, drawings and other information researched by the students. It was a special night for the eighth grade class and just one of many milestones in their lives.

**F. Finian selected potholes in Rutland for the Capstone project and transcribed several interviews on the topic.**



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with a population of 800 people who was fighting against this decision that was made by the Commonwealth.

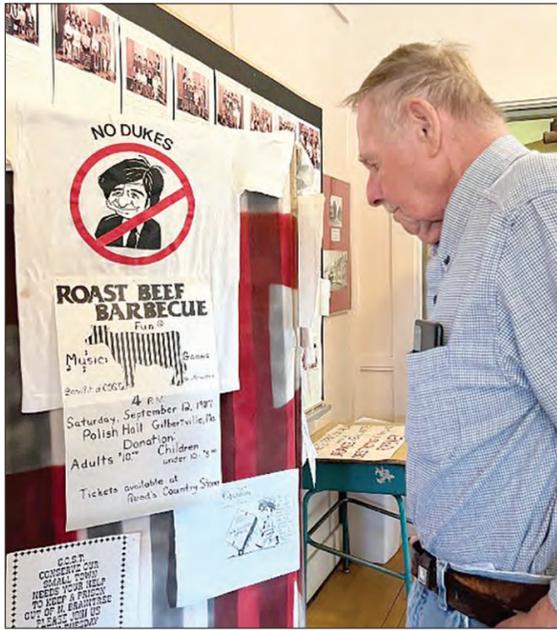
Town officials gathered petitions and soon residents designed signs, shirts and posters to begin picketing throughout the town. There were protests taking place on the Town Center and in front of the facility on West Brookfield Road.

The town put money together to hire a lobbyist, Dorothea Vitrac, who was a resident of New Braintree. Susan Reed of New Braintree was a key spokesperson for this event that took place for several years.

Former Massachusetts Sen. Stephen Brewer and Sen. Robert Wetmore were big supporters of the residents' cause and wanted to help the town during their mission to stop this project from happening.

Rallies in New Braintree featured people from all over supporting this fight. Not just residents of New Braintree, but residents from all over Massachusetts came to these rallies to support the town and its message, "Conserve Our Small Town."

William Weld came to one of the rallies and he understood why a prison was not a good idea. This



Former Selectmen Paul Schur attended the remembrance on June 20 and was reviewing the memorabilia displayed in the museum.

was around the time Weld was running for Governor of Massachusetts.

"If I am elected Governor, there will be no prison in New Braintree," Weld had stated to the residents.

Weld was elected and was a guest on Jerry Williams' radio show on WRKO Radio Station in Boston. Weld had an announcement and would soon find a better fit for the property in New Braintree. "He is still my hero,"

Morrison said, speaking highly of Governor Weld. "It's a great civics lesson."

"Not in our front yard" was said a lot as this prison was going to be a huge neighboring facility near many homes and farms. Morrison mentioned the prison would house a population of prisoners that would be higher than the number of people who live in New Braintree.

The battle was brought

to a successful conclusion in the early 1990s as Weld found a better fit for New Braintree. Soon the State Police Training Center was placed on the property and is still operating to this day.

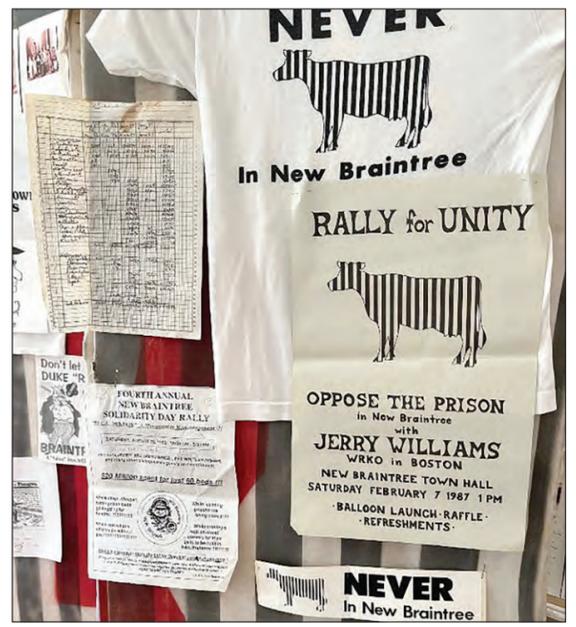
During the celebration on June 20, Morrison and the Historical Society shared memorabilia, such as picket signs that were used during protests in front of the site. Old newspapers and shirts were displayed as well.

The Historical Society members thought it was good to see fellow residents who believed in this cause. This was held at the New Braintree Historical Society and several residents attended to reflect on what they did when the C.O.S.T. era was taking place.

Paul Schur, who served on the Select Board at the time, came to speak during the remembrance. This event of conserving the small town of New Braintree can be described as democracy in action.

Displays are still up at the Historical Society at the 1939 Grade School/Museum at 10 Utley Road.

**A cut out of a cow, which was the symbol during "Conserve Our Small Town" as New Braintree wanted to remain as a farm town without a prison.**



T-shirts, posters, and stickers highlighting moments in New Braintree's history as they fought in this "David and Goliath" fight.



**STUDENTS** from page 1

School Committee's June 16 meeting.

Elementary School Principal Arthur Murphy had the students create a business plan to get Slay Beans up and running.

"It was all their ideas," he said. "After a while it grew and grew and then we were lucky enough to walk down to Second Chance Animals and give them a

good amount of cash...just through selling at lunch."

Murphy said the students raised \$230 through jewelry sales.

"It was well run by the students," he said. "I can't wait to see what they come up with next year for their business plan."

**Tuition Task Force update**  
Committee and task force member Matt Grant said a total of 10 people make up the Tuition Task

Force, including himself and School Committee member Dan Riendeau. Task force members are represented by school staff, parents, community members, the Town Accountant and the Board of Selectmen's Administrative Assistant.

School Committee members encouraged participation by students in the task force's meetings.

Grant said the task force met and heard a pre-

sentation from Quabog Regional School District Superintendent Stephen Duff regarding the possibility of a tuition agreement with the regional school district and the town.

**Superintendent's report**  
McCormick said it has been a busy month celebrating students as the school year wraps up; especially students stepping up into the middle school and high school.

He thanked High School Principal John Diorio for his time in the district and for his leadership as he prepares to leave the school district for a new opportunity.

"He led by example. He motivated our staff...he motivated our students. He moved our school forward," McCormick said.

McCormick said interviews are ongoing to fill vacancies in the school district.

**Administrators' reports**  
Diorio said over \$400,000 in scholarships was awarded to graduating seniors in the Class of 2025.

He said during the last week of May, eighth grade students completed the civics portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exam, and middle school students completed the third and final round of Measures of Academic Progress testing for the school year.

Diorio said high school and middle school awards ceremonies were held to celebrate student accomplishments.

"Another fantastic turnout from all the families," he said.

Diorio thanked McCormick, the School Committee and the families of students for helping the high school have such a great year.

Murphy said the elementary school held its second Senior Citizen Breakfast with the help of Karen Farrington. He said Stars of the Month students served during breakfast, and himself and McCormick cooked the food.

Murphy said there were about 24 senior citizens served at breakfast.

"It was really a great event, and everyone there did a phenomenal job," he said.

Murphy said students enjoyed Field Day despite the threat of rain.

He said a prize raffle was held for students participating in MCAS testing at the elementary school. He said he looks forward to continuing the tradition next school year.

**Student Council update**  
Student Representative Noah Gillette said class elections for rising seven through 12 grade students were held, and rising sixth graders will vote on class officers in the fall.

He said the Student Council had its junior conference event for fifth graders to learn more about the council and what it does. A Student Council lock-in event was held June 6-7 and featured workshops and team building activities.

On the last day of school, the Hanson family and Student Council will make milkshakes and slushies for students to celebrate the start of summer vacation.

Gillette invited people to attend Student Council meetings during the school year every other Monday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the High School kiva and to follow them on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok.

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**CLOWN BAR 2 from page 1**

Missy McDonald, who knew Happy when he was on the police force to go undercover as clowns in the Clown Bar, which is heavily painted into the criminal underworld.

The cast of Clown Bar 2 featured 12 talented actors of the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield. Shelley Ingalls plays Petunia, a clown trying her best to run the Clown Bar. Jay Valencourt portrayed the role of Musty/Gusty, a musical entertainer and storyteller with many clown puns.

Missy McDonald played Gloria, a cop who goes undercover as a clown and finds herself looking for love. Joey Valencourt played Gloria's partner Mac, a rookie cop with a taste for the curious.

Amber King played the terrifying Popo, a Harley Quinn like clown who has a passion for pain and killing. Ruth Honthumb and Joe Chenevert play Billy Bill and William Bill, two cowboy lackies who have a conflict with the clowns of Clown Bar. Paula Hinerth played Brigham Bill, the cowboy mob boss.

Tina Bemis played the clown Twinkles, a split per-

sonality who literally splits. Sarah Priestley played the adorable Virginia and Liam Honthumb-Wachewski played the French mime Cliteau.

During the shows on Friday and Saturday night, guests got to enjoy a delicious meal provided by Connect Restaurant & Lounge. The dinner included a chicken parmesan with a vegetable, rolls and salad with dessert afterwards, as well as a vegetarian option.

The Theatre Guild of North Brookfield thanked the owners and staff of Connect Restaurant for their wonderful meal, hospitality and for giving them a space to perform.

Ciarah Ross of Connect Restaurant & Lounge said this was the first time the restaurant hosted a theatre show. From observing the rehearsals, Ross said seeing the show be brought to life looked like a lot of fun.

After experiencing Clown Bar 2, Ross believes there will be more shows in the future at Connect Restaurant & Lounge. The Ingalls and McDonald were behind set design and décor. Mara Ingalls operated the lights and Hannah Ingalls worked on sound. Derek Ingalls, in

addition to playing Happy and serving as Producer and Director, he also was the creator behind the soundtrack and light design.

Ingalls described Clown Bar 2 as a show where there is comedy alongside a murder mystery. The audience were hanging on to their shirts and hats as they waited to see what happened in the Clown Bar. The cast were the masterminds behind their own costumes and had fun performing.

This was the last show before summer, and the Theatre Guild will return with new performances starting in October. As far as the Clown Bar goes, Ingalls believes "there may be clowns in your future."

In December, the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield will be presenting "Footloose: The Musical" which will be performed at North Brookfield Elementary School. Auditions for the show will take place sometime in September.

For more information about the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield, visit [www.theatreguildofnorthbrookfield.com](http://www.theatreguildofnorthbrookfield.com).

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vehicles being parked too close to the road, neon signs in windows downtown, unregistered vehicles and zoning infractions.

"We get calls all the time and we need to get people to start enforcing those things," he said. "We've got to figure out who's responsible for enforcing those."

Brandon Avery said the Bylaw Committee is in the process of updating the town's bylaws and he said the board could add language about who is responsible for enforcing each bylaw.

Petratis said the board will continue the discussion and make suggestions for the bylaw committee. The Bylaw Committee will be meeting on Monday, June 30 at 2 p.m. in the Town Offices, 215 North Main St.

**Financial requests**  
The board approved a

request from the Highway Department in the amount of \$2,557.44 paid to United Construction and Forestry to replace the cylinder piston for the backhoe.

The board also approved a reserve fund request for the Hasston Free Public Library to cover the cost of increased electricity costs. Petratis said the amount budgeted for fiscal year 2025 did not cover all of the invoices.

Administrative Assistant MaryBeth Kularski said the town is locked in to a lower electrical rate for the coming fiscal year.

**PARC grant application**  
The board approved for a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant application to be submitted to fund improvements on the town common.

Avery said this grant would specifically pay for improvements to the basketball court area. Improvements include

the renovation of the basketball court, as well as the addition of a pickleball court and a walking path.

**Public comments**  
Residents shared concerns about handicapped accessibility at certain areas in town, including the sidewalk in front of the Town House, crossing Summer Street. Adding a handicapped assist button to the door of the Police Station was suggested as a way to improve accessibility.

Farrington said the First Congregational Church has offered its space for a free community farmstand that will be maintained and stocked by the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative.

Avery said there are many boards and committees that have vacancies, and he encouraged people to get more involved. The board will compile a list of vacancies to review at a future meeting.

**HOSPITAL from page 1**

duct and the town would have to pay the fair market value of the property.

According to the article put forward by Buelow-Cascio and Allen, the purpose of the easement is to "occupy, test and evaluate all aspects of the buildings and land and to conduct engineering, environmental, public necessity and all other feasibility studies, testing and exploration with respect to the suitability of said property for hospital, medical clinic or other mental or physical health clinic purposes and/or uses."

This article comes after new zoning for the site was approved at an earlier special town meeting, designating the 21-acre property as a Health Care Services District.

Historical Commission Chair Lynn Lak said a nine-month demolition delay was placed on the property last year, and how the commission reached out to 78 healthcare entities by phone, email and letter without any success.

"Not one of them was interested in those buildings," she said. "We worked really hard for almost a year. Nobody wanted them."

Buelow-Cascio and Allen said there were interested entities, but that they were pushed away by Baystate Health. They said the easement would allow the town to have anyone interested tour the property without Baystate Health officials being present.

Allen said that Caring Health Center had expressed interest in the hospital years ago, but had not been contacted by the Selectboard. She noted that Caring Health Center was "tickled" when she reached out to them recently about the site.

At a prior Selectboard meeting, Town Manager

Stuart Beckley explained that Caring Health Center is federally funded, and that the reason they had not proceeded with a site in Ware in the past was due to lack of funding.

During the annual town meeting, Beckley said that Baystate Health officials have always allowed access to the property, and that it didn't need to cost the town \$55,000 to continue to have access. He also noted that this cost doesn't pay for the engineering or testing outlined in the article.

"This money doesn't address the other costs," he said.

Jack Cascio said having the easement "is going to give us a lot more freedom," adding that what Baystate Health has done to the buildings since the hospital closed, was "no mistake."

The town's Hospital Review Committee had hired HKT Architects through use of a grant to present potential uses for the site, including mixed use with medical and office spaces, single and multi-family housing, athletic fields, and more. The firm presented three design concepts using information gathered from residents, which were reviewed at several meetings last year.

Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said its members worked really hard to find use for the buildings of Mary Lane Hospital, and that environmental, engineering and feasibility studies were already conducted at no cost to taxpayers.

He said the cost to reuse just the Wetherby building was estimated to cost between \$9-12 million.

"I would strongly advise you not to vote for this motion," Trietsch said. "We're not getting a hospital back to the site."

Resident Dave Moriarty agreed with those who were against the article, and said the buildings were no longer in usable condition and should be taken down.

The article failed to reach a two-thirds majority vote required to pass, with 74 voters opposed and 38 in favor.

**Public Notices**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
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- 2009 Nissan Altima VIN: 1N4AL21E79C106318
- 2002 Mercedes-Benz E-Class VIN: WDBJF82J22X076707

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(SEAL)  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 25 SM 001860 ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: **Keri AJ Harvey** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):

**Freedom Mortgage Corporation**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Barre, numbered 188 South Street, given by Keri AJ Harvey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for JG Wentworth Home Lending, LLC, dated June 28, 2019, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60636, Page 1, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your

attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **August 4, 2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of said Court on June 20, 2025.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
06/26/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO25P2111EA Estate of: Earl Michael Ritzi Also Known As: Earl M. Ritzi Date of Death: February 20, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher M. Ritzi of Alpine, TX** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Christopher M. Ritzi of Alpine, TX**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
06/26/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO25P1603EA Estate of:**

**John Brigham, Jr. Date of Death: 12/24/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Miah Ufema of Petersham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Miah Ufema of Petersham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/22/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.

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**Stephanie Fattman**, Register of Probate  
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# Calendar of Events

## THURSDAY, JUNE 26

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 27

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28

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

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

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29

ANNUAL LEMONADE SOCIAL AND OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., Rutland, will take place today from 1-3 p.m. On display will be memorabilia featuring the Rutland Fife and Drum Corps, celebrating it's 65th anniversary. The Rutland Fife and Drum Corps was founded 65 years ago by Edmund Butkiewicz and was one of the few organizations that brought Rutland youth together having fun while learning discipline. They traveled around the Northeast and won many competitions as a group and individually. Butkiewicz had a list of what he thought the Fife and Drum Corps taught, which included responsibility, consistency



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**This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 23. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, James Laramée and Irene Prouty correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Verizon Building on the Corner of South Main Street, North Brookfield across from Hannaford Supermarket.**

an reliability, proficiency, direction and cooperation for the betterment of all. This is one of the many events Rutland's 4th of July will be having to celebrate their 77th year of activities.

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

HIKE TO PRINCE WALKER BURIAL GROUND is co-sponsored by Barre Historical Society and Department of Conservation and Recreation today at 10 a.m. The Prince Walker Burial Ground is the only African-American burial ground in Barre and one of

few in Central Massachusetts. The walk will be co-led by Lucy Allen, Barre Historical Society historian and Nancy Huntington, program coordinator of DCR. The walk to the Prince Walker Burial Ground is about 1/3 mile uphill on a wooded trail. Please wear solid footwear. Insect repellent is advised. Because June has been so rainy, the walk to the home-site is tentative as it requires going through a wet area. If heavy wind, rain, or thunderstorms appear likely, they will reschedule the hike at a time to be determined.

## MONDAY, JUNE 30

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

rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a lifelong musician and music educator, is the conductor.

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

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

## MONDAY, JULY 14

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

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

## GARDEN, from page 4

irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down. The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not

buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary. Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If

you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer.

Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over.

Control this pest by proper sanitation.

In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts.

In the spring, about

the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewn edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

Roberta McQuaid grad-

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

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A throw to catch an attempted base stealer.

## Middle School baseball closes season

BARRE – Earlier this month, Quabbin Regional Middle School closed out its baseball season with a home game. The Panthers, which features players in sixth through eighth grade, got an opportunity to play on Quabbin's high school varsity field to close the season.



Here is a play at home.



The throw comes back in from the outfield.



A pickoff attempts at third base.

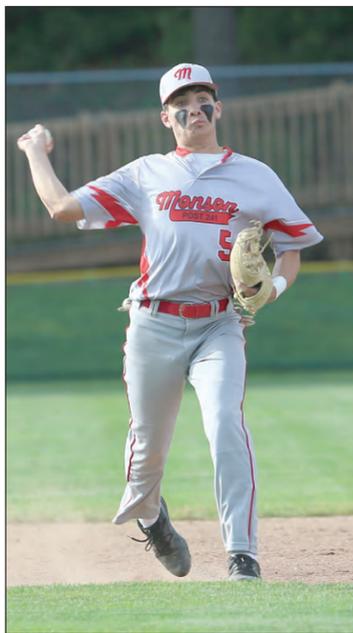
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## Monson Legion has tough stretch

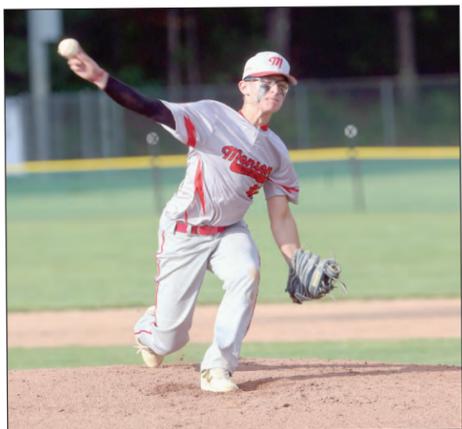
MONSON – After a win to start the summer season. Monson Legion Baseball Post 241 has had four straight losses. Monson Legion, which includes players this season from Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, Ware, and this season, Quaboag high schools, suffered a close 8-7 defeat against Wilbraham, then lost 7-1 to Belchertown and 7-3 to Sheffield. This week, Monson legion is on the road in the Berkshires. Their games this week are at Pittsfield, Greenfield, and North Adams. They return home and host Longmeadow next Monday, June 30.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Hunter Griswold fields a grounder.



Matthew Santos sends a throw across to first base.



Brayden Mega got the start for Monson Legion against Wilbraham last Monday evening.



Miguel Velasquez makes the play at second.

## Pioneers suffer rare league loss

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BURLINGTON, VT. —Not very much went the right way for the Western Mass. Pioneers against Vermont Green FC in the first match-up of the regular season between the USL League-Two rivals.

Vermont Green scored a goal at the end of both halves leading to a 2-0 shut-out over the Pioneers before 2,500 enthusiastic soccer fans at Virtue Field, which is located on the University of Vermont campus, last Tuesday night.

"I thought we played well, but we just couldn't put our chances away," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "They did put their chances away." The Pioneers had a 5-1-2 record following the road loss.

Vermont Green (6-0-1) took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division.

Since joining USL League-Two in 2022, Vermont has finished in third place behind the Pioneers in the league standings.

The overall series record between the two clubs is now tied 3-3-1. Three of the seven matchups ended 1-0.

In the second meeting of last season, Vermont made the trip south on Rte. 91 needing to defeat the Pioneers to qualify for the league playoffs. They got the job done with a 3-1 victory.

Their first meeting of 2024, which was played at Virtue Field, finished in a scoreless draw.



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Augustine Boadi hustles up the field.

The last time the Pioneers celebrated a victory over Vermont Green was a 1-0 home shutout in the second meeting of the 2023 campaign. The lone goal of that match was scored by Mamadi Jiana, who played soccer at Chicopee High School, and is still a member of the Pioneers. He also plays for the men's soccer team at Bryant University.

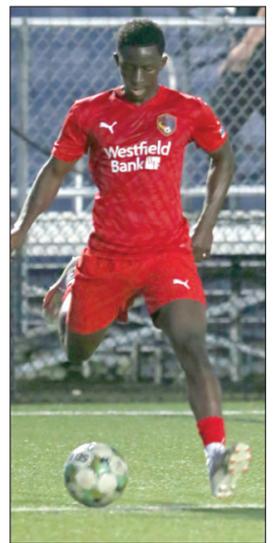
The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the first half of last Tuesday's match.

In the eighth minute, Robbie Lyons fired a shot from the top of the box, but Vermont goalie Niklas Hecceg managed to make the save.

A little more than ten minutes later, a Lyons free kick sailed wide

Hecceg made another save following a shot attempt from Augustine Boadi during the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Vermont Green took a



Mamadi Jiana runs down the loose ball.

1-0 lead 11 minutes later.

The scoring play began with Stephane Njike sending a crossing pass into the

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## Gaines shines for PeoplesBank in win over rival St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—People's Bank, who captured the last eleven Tri-County League championship titles, and the St. Joseph's Baseball Club are scheduled to face each other four times during the regular season.

The first two meetings on the baseball diamond were won by People's Bank without very much trouble.

A week after defeating St. Joe's, 13-3 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke, People's Bank celebrated a 6-1 road

victory at St. Joe's Park in Thorndike, last Friday night.

"This is a very big win early season win for us against St. Joe's, who's currently in first place," said People's Bank player/manager Joe Ferry. "I thought our pitching and defense was the difference in tonight's game. We also had some timely base hits."

People's Bank, who had two games postponed last week, had a perfect 4-0 record following the road win, while St. Joe's had a 5-2 record.

Each of the five Tri-

County League teams gets two points for a victory and one for a tie.

"We always want to beat People's, but they're a very veteran team and we have a bunch of younger players," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes, who shares the coaching duties with Paul Marcinek. "They don't swing at many bad pitches. They also don't make very many mistakes defensively."

People's Bank jumped out to a 2-0 lead against St. Joe's lefthander Jackson Petrin in the top of the first inning.

Petrin, who was a senior

on the Pope Francis baseball team this past spring, tossed a two-hitter against Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. Class A finals, which was held at Mackenzie Stadium on May 27. He didn't have the same kind of success in his start against People's Bank.

With one-out in the opening frame, second baseman Dave Clark (3-for-3) lined a single down the right field line. First baseman Kyle Platner followed with a ground ball single up the middle into center field putting runners at the corners.

Platner moved into scoring position on a wild pitch. Catcher Frankie Ferrentino, who's a first-year player, drove home both runners with a bloop single to center.

Ferrentino is a member of the Merrimack College baseball team.

Petrin retired the next two batters on a foul pop-up caught by third baseman Jacob Petrin and a strikeout.

St. Joe's threatened against People's Bank lefty Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke, with one-out in the bottom half of the first inning. Jacob Petrin (2-for-4) began the

rally with an infield hit and right fielder Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk. Gaines escaped further trouble by getting the next batter to hit into an inning ending double play.

After neither team scored in the second inning, People's Bank centerfielder Seth Allen hit a groundball to the third baseman leading off the third inning. He wound up at second base following a throwing error. A Clark pop-up single to center and a walk by Platner loaded the bases.

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## Athlete of the Month

**NAME:** Abby Rogowski  
**SCHOOL:** Quabbin

Rogowski emerged as the starting pitcher for Quabbin softball this year, and turned in a great season for the Panthers.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to [gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).



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## Candlepin League News

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### Summer Edition

**EAST BROOKFIELD** – The Wednesday Night Summer League is halfway done, and Sophia's Raiders remains in first place.

Sophia's Raiders leads in first place with a record of 46-10. Close behind in second place is Gutter Dolls with a record of 40-16. Gutter Snipes are in third place with a record of 34-22.

During week seven, the Rolling Stones bowled against the Gutter Dolls. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Rolling Stones by a score of 428-418.

In game two, Rolling Stones bounced back with a victory of their own, 448-429. Brett Green of the Rolling Stones bowled a 107 in game two.

In game three, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 440-426. The final score was 1297-1292 in favor of Gutter Dolls.

Kristen's Squad bowled

against No Shows. In game one, Kristen's Squad won the first game by a score of 463-426. Bob Button of Kristen's Squad started the match with a 115 opening game.

In game two, No Shows defeated Kristen's Squad by a score of 471-454. Steve Swistak of No Shows bowled a 119 as his son, Pete Swistak, bowled a 112.

In game three, Kristen's Squad won the last game by a score of 461-454. Steve Swistak finished strong with a 127 and had a three-game series of 342.

The final score was 1378-1351 in favor of Kristen's Squad.

Gutter Snipes bowled against Gutter Fingers in week seven. In game one, Gutter Fingers won a close game by a score of 420-417.

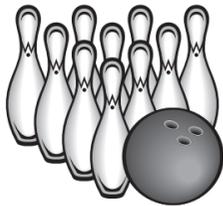
In game two, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 440-424. In game three, Gutter Sniped lost by one point to Gutter Fingers, 424-423.

Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1280-1268.

The #1 seed team, Sophia's Raiders, bowled against Straight Shooters this past week. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won by one point, 445-444.

In game two, Straight Shooters took the lead by winning game two, 471-457. Phil Clough of Sophia's Raiders bowled a 114 and Sophia Hearnlay bowled a 111.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won the last game by a score of 452-409. Clough bowled another 114 and had a series of 333. The final score was 1354-1324 in favor of Sophia's Raiders, who hope to remain in first place the rest of the summer league. There are seven weeks left of league candlepin bowling for the Wednesday Night Summer League at Bogey Lanes.



## In the Classroom Colleges and universities announce Academic Awards

**Plymouth State University  
Plymouth, New Hampshire**  
*President's list*  
Madison Senecal of Rutland, exercise and sport physiology major

**Southern New Hampshire University  
Manchester, New Hampshire**  
*President's list*  
Allison Choiniere Hume of Hubbardston  
Devin Davenport of Oakham  
Emily Higgins of Rutland  
Margaret Lacaire of North Brookfield  
Chelsea Sanders of North Brookfield

**Nichols College  
Dudley**  
*Academic awards*  
Class of '55 Professor John Katori Endowed Scholarship recipient  
Riley Bassett of Gilbertville, accounting  
Marcia A. Behrens '78 MBA '89 Scholarship recipient  
Joseph Collard of Rutland, business

**Assumption University  
Worcester**  
*Dean's list*  
Gemma Gabrielli of Barre  
Maura Lemoine of Rutland  
Hannah Stevenson of Hubbardston  
Jack Devlin of Rutland  
Julia Forest of Rutland  
Meadow Taylor of New Braintree  
Jamison Howland of New Braintree  
Aidan Nelson of Rutland  
Katelyn O'Connell of Rutland

**Champlain College  
Burlington, Vermont**  
*Dean's list*  
Madison Kaijala of Hubbardston

**Fairfield University  
Fairfield, Connecticut**  
*Dean's list*  
Lillian Riley of Hubbardston

**Hofstra University  
Hampstead, New York**  
*Dean's list*  
Bhryana-Dixie Otchere of Rutland, psychology major

**Holyoke Community College  
Holyoke**  
*Dean's list*  
Lindsey Brown of Rutland

**Lasell University  
Newton**  
*Dean's list*  
Bianca Chaves of Hubbardston

**Quinnipiac University  
Hampden, Connecticut**  
*Dean's list*  
Kenneth Stolgitis of Hardwick  
Mikayla Walsh of Hubbardston  
Olivia Sands of Oakham

**Regis College  
Weston**  
*Dean's list*  
Serenity Ayala of North Brookfield  
Madigan Burgess of Rutland

**Southern New Hampshire University  
Manchester, New Hampshire**  
*Dean's list*  
Franco Palma of Rutland  
Claire Houlihan of Rutland  
Logan Peterson of North Brookfield  
Christine Seaver of North Brookfield

**Springfield College  
Springfield**  
*Dean's list*  
Gavin Kanozek of Hardwick, primary major business management  
Natalia Marchand of Hubbardston, primary major exercise science /applied exercise science  
Kyle Nastasi of Hardwick, primary major of movement and sport studies  
Andrew Soltys of Ware, primary major mathematics  
Seth Twarog of Hubbardston, primary major finance

**Springfield Technical Community College  
Springfield**  
*Dean's list*  
Rachel Jean Morrison of Barre

**Stonehill College  
Easton**  
*Dean's list*  
Margaret Burton of Rutland  
Kelly Daige of North Brookfield

**University of Rhode Island  
Kingston, Rhode Island**  
*Dean's list*  
Samantha Dube of Oakham  
Jen Hall of Wheelwright  
Grace Marrier of Rutland  
Abby Menice of Rutland  
Raymond Owusu-Ansah of Rutland  
Brenna Ward of Rutland

**Washington College  
Chestertown, Maryland**  
*Dean's list*  
Katherine McMenemy of Barre

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Worcester**  
*Dean's list*  
Emerson Allyn of Rutland, class of 2027, biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering major  
John Auchter of Ware, class of 2027, management engineering major  
Gavin Burkhardt of North Brookfield, class of 2025, biology and biotechnology and environmental and sustainability studies major  
Tyler Clark of Barre, class of 2027 environmental engineering major  
Sophia DiBara of Rutland, class of 2025 biology and biotechnology major  
Jordan Gaspar of Oakham, class of 2027 mechanical engineering major  
Samantha Houle of Hubbardston, class of 2028 environmental engineering major  
Annabelle Magill of Oakham, class of 2028, civil engineering major  
Taylor Meier of Rutland, class of 2027 data science major  
Christopher Muldoon of Hubbardston, class of 2028 electrical and computer engineering major  
Vinam Nguyen from Rutland, Massachusetts, class of 2027, computer science major  
Hannah Peloquin of Rutland, class of 2025 biomedical engineering major  
Vanessa Peloquin of Rutland, class of 2027 electrical and computer engineering major  
Frederick Smith of New Braintree, class of 2026 civil engineering major  
Emmet Wright from Hardwick, class of 2026 mechanical engineering major

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box from the left side. Then Joseph Picotto flicked a shot into the back of the net past Western Mass goalie Cam Hall.

The Pioneers had an opportunity to score the tying goal in 52nd minute when Boadi sent a pass to Lyons, but his shot went over the crossbar.

In the 73rd minute, Jared Smith's free kick just missed going into the net.

With the Pioneers still trailing by a goal late in the second half, Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg received a yellow card from referee Elvis

Jandric.

Molinari thought his team should've been given a free kick following the card, but the referee gave the home team a goal kick instead.

"It should've been a free kick for us because the referee gave their goalie a yellow card," Molinari said. "The referee made a mistake and it's a very tough loss for loss."

Following the match, Molinari and several of the Pioneers got into a heated argument with Jandric in the middle of the field.

The home team sealed their victory when Hall attempted to make a diving

save on a shot taken by Tyler Trimnal. The ball bounced away from the Pioneers keeper and Njike put the ball into the back of the net sending the Vermont Green supporters into a frenzy.

The Pioneers did get back into the win column following a 2-0 win against the Boston Bolts.

The Pioneers goals were scored by Jorge Veintimilla and Jiana.

The second meeting between Vermont Green and Western Mass. is scheduled to take place at Lusitano Stadium on July 11. It's also the regular season finale for the Pioneers.

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The visitors, who had seven base hits in the game, took a 3-0 lead when Ferrentino was hit by a pitch. Then right fielder Cam Rivest, who's the varsity baseball coach at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly scoring another run.

St. Joe's broke the ice an inning later.

Fitzgibbons, who hit a hard ground ball into left field leading off the fourth inning, scored when centerfielder Aaron Little, who played baseball at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice

fly.

Second baseman Nate Carillon continued the St. Joe's rally with a walk and catcher Bobby Triglio was hit-by-a-pitch loading the bases with one-out. Just like they did in the first and third innings, People's Bank ended the inning with a double play.

"Our defense was awesome tonight," Ferry said. "We turned three double plays early in the game."

Gaines, who allowed one run on three hits in four innings, was relieved by fellow lefty James Flahive, who's normally a starter, at the start of the fifth inning.

"Danny has been one of

our top starting pitchers for a very long time," Ferry said. "It's still early in the season and we knew he could give us at least four strong innings."

Flahive, who threw 70 pitches over the final three frames, was credited with the win. He didn't allow any runs on two hits.

People's Bank final two runs were scored in the fifth and sixth innings on sacrifice flies from designated hitter Johnny Gegetsas and Platner.

The third meeting of the regular season between the two teams was scheduled to be played at Mackenzie Stadium on Tuesday night.

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#### An Ancient Voice Part 1

We possess many fascinating historical documents concerning ancient Christianity.

One such writing is known as the Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus. This letter is one of the earliest examples of Christian apologetics, dated to as early as AD 130, in which an unnamed author—self-labeled as a “mathetes” or “student” of the apostles—tries to explain and defend the faith to a figure named Diognetus. Many infer that Diognetus was a man of station, mainly due to the opening of the letter.

“Most excellent Diognetus: I can see that you deeply desire to learn how Christians worship their God. You have so carefully and earnestly asked your questions about them: What is it about the God they believe in, and the form of religion they observe, that lets them look down upon the world and despise death? Why do they reject the Greek gods and the Jewish superstitions alike? What about the affection they all have for each other? And why has this new group and their practices come to life only now, and not long ago? I cordially welcome this desire of yours, and I implore God, who enables us both to speak and to hear, to grant to me so to speak, that, above all, I may hear you have been edified, and to you so to hear, that I who speak may have no cause of regret for having done so.”

The entire document is an insightful read and is available online for your perusal. It has been translated from its original Greek into many languages, so review it at your convenience! Though this is not an inspired record on the level of Scripture, it offers us a glimpse into the Early Church and the power of the Christ they proclaimed.

In this edition I want to cover but one portion of this epistle—a portion which contends with the question(s): What is a Christian and what are their defining characteristics? Let us see how one ancient follower of Jesus responded to such queries for the benefit of dear Diognetus:

“The distinction between Christians and other men does not lie in country or language or customs. They follow local customs in clothing, food, and in the rest of life, and yet they exhibit the wonderfully paradoxical nature of their own citizenship. They live in their own countries, but as if they were resident aliens. They share all things as citizens and yet endure all things as if they were an underclass. Every foreign country is their homeland and every homeland a foreign country. They marry like everyone else and have children, but they do not abort their young. They keep a common table, but not a common bed. They live in the world, but not in a worldly way. They enjoy a full life on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven. They obey the appointed laws, but they surpass the laws in their own lifestyle. They love everyone and are universally derided. They are unknown and roundly criticized. They are put to death and gain life. They are poor, but make many rich. They lack all things and yet have all things in abundance. They are dishonored and are glorified in their dishonor. They are abused and they call down blessings in return. When they are beaten up they rejoice as men who are given a new life. In short, what the soul is in the body, that the Christians are in the world. The soul lives in the body, but is not confined by the body, and the Christians live in the world but are not confined by the world. God has appointed them to this great calling, and it would be wrong for them to decline it.”

We will revisit this selection in the next publication. Until then, I would have you contend with the following questions: What aspects of his description stand out to or resonate with you? Can you think of any corresponding scriptural passages? How does ancient Christianity arguably differ from that of our own era? May the Lord bless you as you consider accordingly.

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

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#### Second Sunday after Pentecost

“The Power that is in Him”  
Scripture Reading:  
Luke 8 v 26 - 39

#### I. Introduction

I have been contemplating the importance of our interpersonal relationships and the necessity of being supportive to others, both in good times and challenging times. I was also thinking about the pain and suffering in this world and was wondering about the efforts by many to alleviate it. These are the moments when we experience the power of human love and community.

I was also concerned about the powers that choose not to alleviate suffering and pain, the powers that would rather inflict pain on others and engage in war rather than making peace and building peace. This passage of Jesus and the man possessed by a legion of demons spoke to me as I reflected on the power and purpose of Jesus to love, to heal and transform today's world.

#### II. The Power that is within Him.

The power of Jesus is seen in many instances during His three-year ministry in Galilee and the surrounding areas. As the Son of God, He was filled with the power of God. Through His speech, His touch and those who touched Him, power went out of Him. He felt power leaving Him when a woman touched His garment amidst a large crowd and was immediately healed from her afflictions.

He had power and authority over the earthly elements, such as the destructive gale of wind that came over the lake, which endangered the lives of His disciples and Him as He was sleeping in the boat.

By issuing a command to the storm, it abated, transforming a perilous circumstance into one of tranquility and security. He had authority over all diseases and death and by speaking and touching, He healed and raised individuals from the dead. He was risen from the dead and ascended to heaven through the power of God. This Divine power was within Him and no crucifixion and burial were more power-

ful than the power that was within Him.

The man whom Jesus met in the region of Gerasenes across the lake of Galilee was called Legion because he had many demons inside him. These demons controlled his life and drove him into the tombs, which were inhabited by many other demons. He was isolated from his own community and suffered immensely under the control of these demons.

His life was hopeless and meaningless and he had no clothes and no home. But, when Jesus met him, He recognized these demons and commanded them to come out of this man. We read how the demons bowed down before Him, crying out loud and called Him the Son of God Almighty and begged Him not to torture them.

When Jesus commanded the demons to enter the large herd of pigs and they stormed into the lake and drowned, we see this man freed from his demon-possessed condition, sitting at the feet of Jesus, restored, healed, fully dressed and in his right mind, says Luke. Jesus then tells him to go home to his community. You are healed by the power that is within Me. You are healed.

#### III. Conclusion

What an overwhelming experience it must have been for the disciples to witness this exorcism. The community itself was afraid, because they knew the power and danger of these demons, and wanted Jesus to leave. What they did not understand was that the power in Jesus was far greater than the power of these demons.

The power from God through Him and the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, is still with us today in all its glory. It is a power of love and compassion that wants to heal and save. But we are also surrounded by powers and forces of darkness that are out to destroy and break down what God created. The powers of darkness are like a cloud over us, sometimes making us blind for the power of God within and around us. In God we have life and light and love and peace.

As the church of Christ and as a community, we must pray in the powerful Name of Jesus and command these forces to leave us. We must pray for the power of Jesus Christ to heal the sick, to enter the hearts and minds of those who want to destroy others, to end the power of drugs and alcohol addictions over our people, to end poverty and to end the wars that want to destroy precious lives.

We must not walk around with little power, but we must be filled with the powerful Spirit of God to speak and act, so that God's healing and wholeness can take place in our lives and in this world. May God help us and fill us with God's Spirit of power and love to go forth and be the light in this world God created.

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

## Obituaries

### Olivia M. (Gonsalves) Barkman, 77

Olivia M. (Gonsalves) Barkman, 77, entered into eternal rest on Monday, June 16, 2025. Born in Holden, daughter of the late Manuel and



Clara (Gates) Gonsalves, she grew up in Barre and was a 1965 graduate of Barre High School. She lived in Longmeadow before moving to Agawam in 1991. Olivia had worked as a customer service representative at the former Zayre's and Ames Department Stores and also HomeGoods and Kohl's.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts. She leaves two daughters and their husbands, Lisa A. and Michael Martin

of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Pamela I. and Ted Starkey of Medford, New York; three sisters and their husbands, Isabel and Richard Surette of Litchfield, New Hampshire, Gloria and Allan LaCoe of Hilton Head, South Carolina, Kathleen and Francis Carey of Agawam; four grandchildren, Spenser and his wife Hayley Martin, Sebastian Martin, Victoria Starkey, Olivia Ann Martin; a great-grandchild, Eleanor Martin and nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 9 a.m. from the Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper St. followed by a Mass in St. John Church at 10 a.m. The burial will

### DEATH NOTICES

**Barkman, Olivia M. (Gonsalves)**  
Died June 16, 2025  
Funeral July 1 at 9 a.m.  
Curran Jones Funeral Homes, Agawam  
Mass July 1 at 10 a.m.  
in St. John's Church

**Hunt, Paul Francis**  
Died June 10, 2025  
Calling hours  
July 12 from 11:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Eastern Star Service at 12:30 p.m.  
Pillsbury Funeral Home, Barre  
Burial to follow with military honors  
Glen Valley Cemetery, Barre

follow in Longmeadow Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday 4-7 p.m. For online condolences, please visit [www.curranjones.com](http://www.curranjones.com)

### Paul Francis Hunt, 88



BARRE/SAN DIEGO, CA – Paul Francis Hunt, 88, of San Diego, died Tuesday, June 10, 2025 in U.C. San Diego Hospital surrounded by family.



He was a devoted family man and Grampa. He had the pleasure of raising two beautiful families. He leaves his wife of 39 years, Diane (Flister) Hunt; two sons, Lucian P. Hunt and his wife Dawn of Millbury, Massachusetts; John D. Grady and his wife Erica of San Diego, California; two daughters; Laurie A. Corkery and her husband Michael of Millbury, Massachusetts and Paula F. Hunt of Chelmsford, Massachusetts; ten grandchildren: Jeremy Abel, Harmony Holland, Jacob and Nickolas Couture, Edward and Gabriel Corkery, Gabriella LaRocca, Nathan Hunt and Alina and Tristan Grady; nine great grandchildren: Ed, Robert IV, and Emily Holland, Drake Abel and Aurora Hughes, Jackson, Conner and Ellie Couture, Luca LaRocca and many

nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Kathy McFarlin.

Paul was born in Framingham, son of the late Albert M. and Cora (Haynes) Hunt and lived most of his life in Shrewsbury and Barre. The last eleven years he lived in San Diego, California. He is a graduate of Fitchburg State University and received a BS in computer science in 1991. Paul worked for many years as a meat cutter for Stop & Shop.

Paul was a 33-year member of Mt. Zion Lodge of Masons and served as Master in 1996. He was a 32-year member of Cradle Rock Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and served as the Worthy Patron many times. Paul also had the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts as their Worthy Grand Patron in 2002-2003. The General Grand Chapter appointed him to the Committee of Public Relations from 2009-2012. When he moved to California, he joined Harbor

Lights Chapter in San Diego and served as Worthy Patron three times.

Paul was a Navy Veteran and served his country from 1954-1957 and earned the National Defense Service Medal.

Paul was an avid archer and traveled all over the country for tournaments. He loved to take pictures of scenery and friends wherever he went. He was known as the “annoying man with the camera.” Paul was a gentleman always ready with a smile and a great fondness for vanilla ice cream.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, in Barre. An Eastern Star and Masonic Service will be held at 12:30 p.m.. Burial will follow, with military honors in Glen Valley Cemetery in Barre.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grand Chapter of MA. Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 600583, Newtonville, MA. 02460-0006.

## Orange Community Band performs June 27

ORANGE –The Orange Community Band will perform its second of six Friday evening concerts on the bandstand in Orange Friday, June 27 at 7 pm.

Conductor Stephanie Parker has chosen the theme of “Let's Go to the Movies” for this concert. Other themes this summer will include “From Sea to Shining Sea” on July 4 and Prom Night July 11. Children's Night July 18 will have the theme “Guys and Gals,” and the final concert of the regular season on July 25 will be “Down Memory Lane.”

Friday's program will include many of the following selections: “Country and Western,” “Edelweiss,” “The Entertainer,” “Studio One,” “Indiana Jones,” “Midway March,” “Magnificent Seven,” “West Side Story,” “Hooray for Hollywood,” “Themes From Today's Movies,” “Somewhere Out There,” “Disney at the Movies,” “Wizard of Oz,” “Fantasia 2000,” “Accidentally in Love” and John Williams at the Movies.”

The Salvation Army food truck will provide refreshments and all proceeds go to

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

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, June 1**  
 3:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital  
 8:53 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, South Street, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 12:25 a.m. Safety Concern, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 9:36 p.m. Safety Concern, School North Street, Officer Took Call  
 11:36 p.m. Suspicious/Vehicle Activity, Chapman Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
**Monday, June 2**  
 8:24 a.m. Serve Warrant, Broad Street, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest Mortell, Maureen Anne, 62, Barre  
 Charges Warrant  
 3:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Bentley Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:43 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Ruggles Lane, Peace Restored  
 5:06 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Kendall Street, Officer / Chief Advised  
 9:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital  
**Tuesday, June 3**  
 8:48 a.m. Public Assist, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:25 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, South Street, Fire Extinguished  
 4:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Wauwinet Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Animal Bites, Wauwinet Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 5:56 p.m. Larceny/Theft, West Street, Investigated  
 6:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, School South Street, Transported to Hospital  
 6:47 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:23 p.m. Harassment, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to

Party  
**Wednesday, June 4**  
 9:51 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, High North Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest (s) Made  
 Arrest Thibeault, Shawn H., 58, South Barre  
 Charges Warrant  
 4:34 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Union Street, Peace Restored  
 6:03 p.m. Illegal Dump, Valley Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 9:11 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, North Brookfield Road, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 9:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Gauthier Road, Investigated  
 11:03 p.m. Escort/Transport, Worcester, Removed to Court/Lockup  
**Thursday, June 5**  
 1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued  
 2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
 2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
 4:29 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hubbardston Road, Removed Hazard  
 5:06 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasant Street, Information Given  
 5:43 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 6:14 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Dana Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest Jones, Kevin Thomas, 37, Petersham  
 Charges Operating Under Influence OR .08%, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of  
 7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Hubbardston Road, Removed Hazard  
**Friday, June 6**  
 10:43 a.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 12:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued  
 1:48 p.m. Abandoned Vehicles – Parking Issues, Nelson Street, Investigated  
 4:32 p.m. Unwanted Party, Mechanic Street, Prisoner Bailed  
 Arrests Stevens, Shawn Alan, 41, South Barre  
 Charges Breaking and Entertaining Misdemeanor, Destruction of Party – \$1,200, Malicious c266 §127  
 5:20 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Oakham Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:34 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Located/Found  
 11:35 p.m. Noise Complaint, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:58 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Stetson Road,  
**Saturday, June 7**  
 1:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transported  
 3 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Nelson Way, No Transport Required  
 10:16 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist  
 10:29 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Kendall Street, Information Taken  
 12:46 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Hardwick Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 3:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, School North Street, Transported to Hospital  
 9:27 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Boylston, Investigation (on going)  
 10 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, South Street, Investigation (on going)  
 Arrest Stevens, Shawn Alan, 41, South Barre  
 Charges Breaking and Entertaining for Misdemeanor, Destruction of Property – \$1,200, Malicious C266 §127

**Sunday, June 1**  
 1:35 a.m. Community Policing, Brunelle Drive, Animal Brought to Veterans  
 5:26 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 9:19 a.m. Fire – Public Service Call, Spencer Road, Public Assist  
 8:15 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Central Tree Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
**Monday, June 2**  
 4:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Inwood Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:09 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Summerhill Drive, Officer/Chief Advised  
 9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 9:21 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised  
 10:59 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed  
 Summons Silva Santos, Pedro Henrique, 21, Leominster  
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection Sticker, No  
 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Godoy Paredes, Jesner G., 37, Worcester  
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation  
 3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Colonial Drive, Investigated  
**Tuesday, June 3**  
 7:02 a.m. Suspicious Person/Venue Activity, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 8:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive, Syncope, Grizzly Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 9:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Beechwood Drive, Report Filed  
 10:05 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:05 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Skyline Drive, Information Taken  
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Mott, Shawn A., 28, Rochdale  
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Skors, David

William, 41, Rutland  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
 4:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
 5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Edith Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 7:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Majorie Lane, Officer/Chief Advised  
**Wednesday, June 4**  
 8:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
 10:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
 1:42 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Glenwood Road, Vehicle Towed  
 1:54 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 Summons Eagan, Jeffrey R., 43, Hubbardston  
 Charges Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Leave Scene of Property Damage  
 5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Rios, Cruz A., 36, Worcester  
 Charges Stop for Police, Fail C90 S25, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S24 (2) (A), Passing Violation \* C89 S2, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit \* C90 S17, Marked Lanes Violation \* C89 S4A, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With (Criminal Subsequent Offense) C90 S23  
 8:22 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed  
 8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Crawford Road, Vehicle Removed  
**Thursday, June 5**  
 6:46 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Nancy Drive, Referred to Other Agency  
 11:59 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:23 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
 Summons Colon, Nadia, 27, Chicopee  
 Charges Operating Under the Influence, Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Register Motor Vehicle Operated +30 Days Year  
 4:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Anthony Drive, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:19 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Oakridge Drive, Entry Gained

4:32 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:50 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:54 Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Jamie Ann Drive, Officer/Chief Advised  
 5:03 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed  
 7:44 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Inwood Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
 9:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Sunnyside Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
**Friday, June 6**  
 7:56 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Brunelle Drive, Mutual Aid Transport  
 8:26 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Orchard Hill Drive, Message Delivered  
 10:18 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated  
 12:51 p.m. Complaint, Bushy Lane, Negative Contact  
 2:02 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed  
 3:41 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fire, Pleasantdale Road, Fire Extinguished  
 3:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:43 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), East County Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 4:44 p.m. Property Damage, Crestview Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:58 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Ulian Drive, Fire Extinguished  
 5:14 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 5:29 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Oakridge Drive, Report Filed  
 5:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Overlook Road, Report Filed  
**Saturday, June 7**  
 12:15 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Cheryl Ann Drive, Investigated  
 8:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:49 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 1:32 p.m. Identity Theft, Brunelle Drive, Report Filed  
 3:18 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 3:42 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Main Street, Removed Hazard  
 7:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Inwood Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
 11:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, June 1**  
 6:12 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Spencer Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 12:25 p.m. Safety Concern, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
**Monday, June 2**  
 6:38 a.m. Tree Incidents (No wires), New Braintree Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 12:28 Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
**Wednesday, June 4**  
 11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 12:48 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, South Road,

Mutual Aid Assist  
 10:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Removed  
**Thursday, June 5**  
 8:05 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Oakham Police Department, Officer Spoke to Party  
**Friday, June 6**  
 12:31 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Scott Road Information Taken  
 1:19 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Scott Road, Area Patrolled  
 2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

North Brookfield, Written Warning  
 5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
**Saturday, June 7**  
 8:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Road Transported to Hospital  
 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop – Disabled, Whitehall Road, Investigated  
 12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 12:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 Exceeding Posted Limit \*C90 S17, Marks Lane Violation \*C89 S4A, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With (Criminal Subsequent Offense) C90 S23  
**Thursday, June 5**  
 6:13 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, New Westminster Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
 4:28 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Chippewa Street, Area Patrolled  
 4:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Unfounded  
 5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 8:56 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Orange, Mutual Aid Assist  
**Friday, June 6**  
 9:02 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
 11:33 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
 10:34 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Stetson Home, Located/Found  
**Saturday, June 7**  
 5:26 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Mt. Jefferson Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 7:48 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Mt. Jefferson Road, Referred to Other Agency

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**Monday, June 16**  
 5:38 p.m. Scam, Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
 7:09 p.m. Scam, Turkey Street, Officer Handled  
**Tuesday, June 17**  
 4:57 a.m. Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital  
 9:13 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Transported to Hospital  
**Wednesday, June 18**  
 9:40 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hall Road, Removed Hazard  
 12:04 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Church Street, Services Rendered  
 4:37 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Could Not Locate  
**Thursday, June 19**  
 5:21 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard,

Petersham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 5:55 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Negative Contact  
 8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 9:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 10:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated  
 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
 11:24 a.m. 911 Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Collins Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 12:40 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street, Services Rendered  
 1:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 1:36 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street, Services Rendered  
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

North Road, Written Warning  
 1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 4:48 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, School Street, Transported to Hospital  
 5:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
**Friday, June 20**  
 7:53 a.m. Safety Hazard, Czesky Road, Dispatch Handled  
 9:07 a.m. Serve Warrant, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
**Saturday, June 21**  
 10 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 12:45 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Petersham Road, Services Rendered  
 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation Issued  
 4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
**Sunday, June 22**  
 3:27 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 10:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 1:03 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, North Street, Peace Restored  
 8:43 p.m. Property Damage, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, June 1**  
 1:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Old Princeton Cutoff, Transported to Hospital  
 7:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Old Princeton Cutoff, Mutual Aid Transport  
**Monday, June 2**  
 2:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Transport  
 3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop – Disabled, Gardner Road, Vehicle Removed  
 4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Road, Written Warning  
 4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
**Tuesday, June 3**  
 4:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital  
 1:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Clark Road, Transported to Hospital  
 1:45 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Sick/Unknown, Birches Road, Mutual Aid Transported  
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 4:48 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Thompson Road, Negative Contact  
 5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Templeton Road, Written Warning  
 5:57 p.m. Public Assist, Gardner Road, Vehicle Removed  
 6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Written Warning  
 8:11 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Williamsville Road, Entry Gained  
**Wednesday, June 4**  
 12:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ragged Hill Road, Negative Contact  
 7:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty  
 5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Rios, Cruz A., 36, Worcester  
 Charges Stop for Police, Fail C90 S25, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S24 (2) (A), Passing Violation \*C89 S2, Speeding Rate of Speed

Exceeding Posted Limit \*C90 S17, Marks Lane Violation \*C89 S4A, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With (Criminal Subsequent Offense) C90 S23  
**Thursday, June 5**  
 6:13 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, New Westminster Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
 4:28 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Chippewa Street, Area Patrolled  
 4:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Unfounded  
 5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 8:56 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Orange, Mutual Aid Assist  
**Friday, June 6**  
 9:02 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
 11:33 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
 10:34 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Stetson Home, Located/Found  
**Saturday, June 7**  
 5:26 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Mt. Jefferson Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 7:48 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Mt. Jefferson Road, Referred to Other Agency

## Hardwick Police Log

*During the week of June 16-23, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 66 building/property checks, 36 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, three traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, three complaints, two scams, one motor vehicle investigation, one burglary, one larceny/theft/shoptlifting, one property damage, three safety hazards, three animal calls and 26 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.*  
**Monday, June 16**  
 5:38 p.m. Scam, Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
 7:09 p.m. Scam, Turkey Street, Officer Handled  
**Tuesday, June 17**  
 4:57 a.m. Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital  
 9:13 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Transported to Hospital  
**Wednesday, June 18**  
 9:40 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hall Road, Removed Hazard  
 12:04 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Church Street, Services Rendered  
 4:37 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Could Not Locate  
**Thursday, June 19**  
 5:21 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard,

Petersham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 5:55 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Negative Contact  
 8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 9:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 10:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated  
 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
 11:24 a.m. 911 Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Collins Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 12:40 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street, Services Rendered  
 1:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 1:36 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street, Services Rendered  
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

North Road, Written Warning  
 1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 4:48 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, School Street, Transported to Hospital  
 5:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
**Friday, June 20**  
 7:53 a.m. Safety Hazard, Czesky Road, Dispatch Handled  
 9:07 a.m. Serve Warrant, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
**Saturday, June 21**  
 10 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 12:45 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Petersham Road, Services Rendered  
 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation Issued  
 4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
**Sunday, June 22**  
 3:27 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 10:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 1:03 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, North Street, Peace Restored  
 8:43 p.m. Property Damage, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of June 9-16, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, nine directed/area patrols, one traffic control, five radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one assist other agency, two scams, one complaint and three motor vehicle stops in the town of New

Braintree.  
**Monday, June 9**  
 4:24 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered  
 6:39 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
**Tuesday, June 10**  
 2:45 p.m. Scam, Old Common

Road, Spoken To  
**Wednesday, June 11**  
 4:25 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Dispatch Handled  
**Thursday, June 12**  
 11:57 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Ravine Road, Spoken To  
 2:24 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Common Road, Unknown Outcome

4:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
**Friday, June 13**  
 6:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
 11:32 a.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
 1:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Officer Handled  
**Sunday, June 15**  
 7:02 a.m. Assist Citizen,

Memorial Drive, Spoken To  
 During the week of June 16-23, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, one emergency 911 call, two citizen assists, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, one threat, one complaint,

three safety hazards, one animal call and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.  
**Monday, June 16**  
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled  
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued  
 5:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Spoken To

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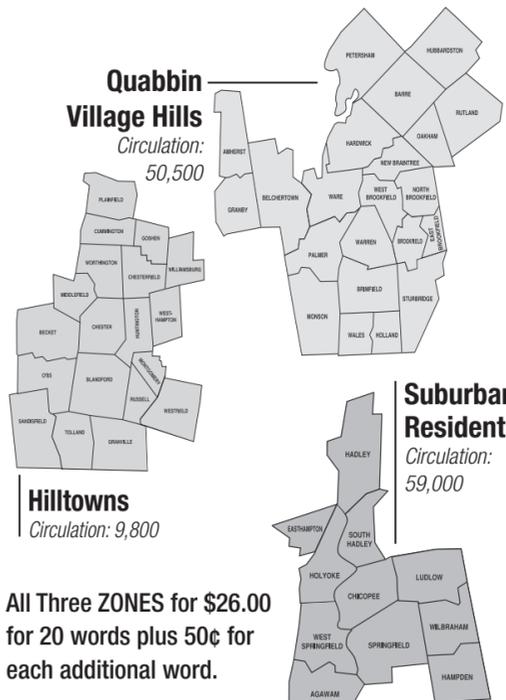
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Cristina brings more than 13 years of diverse marketing experience to the team, with a background spanning the financial services, insur-

ance and cannabis industries. Her expertise includes marketing communications, digital strategy, media planning, website management and event coordination.

Most recently, she was the marketing director for three brands simultaneously in a corporate B2B setting, overseeing everything from lead generation and public rela-

tions to website redesigns and advertising campaigns.

Cristina holds a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing with a minor in management from Quinnipiac University. She was recently recognized as the 2024 Marketer of the Year by the ADCANN Cannabis Advertising Awards, an honor awarded to just one

individual across the country.

"We are thrilled to welcome Cristina to the Country Bank team. Her experience, expertise and vision in bank marketing make her an excellent fit for this role" said Miriam Siegel, Chief Culture & Development Officer. "Cristina's passion for effective and efficient marketing, team-

work and her digital capabilities are abundant and align with our Corporate Values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity. We are confident that her energy, skills and leadership will elevate our marketing efforts so that we can continue to drive our strategic initiatives forward."

Cristina was drawn to

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