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Kids Fest



brings smiles and fun to all

Photos by James Laramée

Two bounce houses and tents were set up with painting activities and snacks at the annual Kids Fest in Oakham last Saturday.

By Ellenor Downer
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OAKHAM – The heat did not keep families in Oakham from attending the annual Kids Fest last Saturday, June 22 at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St.

There were many activities for children. Two of the most popular stations were the henna hand painting and balloon twisting. Children, mostly girls, stood in line for some time to get their hand painted with unique designs by an accomplished artist of that technique.

When first applied to the skin, the design is a raised, dark color. After drying and washed, the design is yellow orange in color and no longer raised. A clown with years of experience filled children's request for balloon animals, swords or flowers as they watched her twist and turn to fashion their balloon creation of choice.

There were plenty of hands on experiences for children. They could pump water using the hand

pump located in the children's garden, make a tie dye shirt or create giant bubbles. Many of the bubbles floated up the hill toward the town hall and church.

This year instead of one bounce house there were two: one for children six and under and one for older children. Bounce houses are a favorite of children and many children enjoyed time using them.

Lemonade and water along with watermelon slices, grapes on tooth picks and bags of chips were available.

Tessa's playhouse was open and children got to play in it and adults got to look inside. Talented artist Samantha Kirkland painted a mural on the inside walls of the playhouse, which is still a work in progress.

Kids Fest marks the end of the school year and the library received funds from Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc., the Oakham Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council for the event. The library outdoor play area received grants from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' Library Services



Goats, rabbits, chickens and ducks were at the Kids Fest for young and old to get up close and pet these friendly animals and poultry.

and Technology Act grant program, the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation and the Oakham Cultural Council, as well as many generous donations from community members and local businesses, the library is constructing an outdoor play area for children.

The next fun activity at the Fobes Memorial Library will be a family paint night on Thursday, June 27 from 5:30-7 p.m. with artist Samantha Kirkland. Registration is required and is recommended for ages 6 plus. Capacity is 14 to 18 spaces.

Historical Society presents program by Lucy Allen

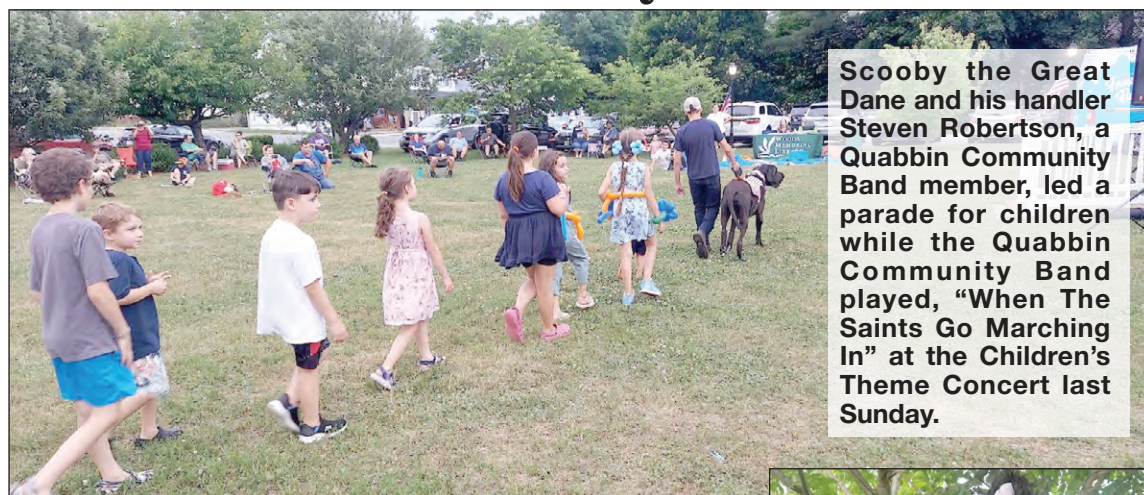
BARRE – A PowerPoint presentation by Lucy Allen entitled "Footsteps to Freedom – Tracing the Paths of Barre Residents who moved from Enslavement to Independence: will take place at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., on Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

This presentation is open to the public. The year was 1783. A long-running legal dispute that featured an enslaved man from Barre, Massachusetts, Quock Walker and his would-be enslaver, Nathaniel Jennison was finally settled by Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice William Cushing. In the end, slavery was abolished in Massachusetts, the first state to fully eliminate slavery.

What started in 1781 as a seemingly routine "personal freedom" lawsuit by Quock Walker against his alleged enslaver changed over the course of years into an important legal argument heard

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Quabbin Community Band feature Fourth of July classics



Scooby the Great Dane and his handler Steven Robertson, a Quabbin Community Band member, led a parade for children while the Quabbin Community Band played, "When The Saints Go Marching In" at the Children's Theme Concert last Sunday.

Submitted photos

SOUTH BARRE – On Sunday, June 30 at 6 a.m., the Quabbin Community Band will be kicking off celebrations for the Fourth of July holiday a little early with their theme of, "Independence Day Classics."

Performing for the final time this summer on the Nornay Park bandstand in South Barre before moving to the Barre Common, the band has prepared a rousing line-up of patriotic tunes. Included on Sunday's program will be "The Armed Forces Salute," "Salute to the G.I.," "National Emblem March," "Three Songs of Colonial America," "The Liberty

Bell March," "America The Beautiful," the powerful and dramatic, "1812 Overture" and the popular closer, "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

The band is indebted to their premium and corporate sponsors this summer, who contributed \$500 and above toward the band's annual budget. Many thanks go to The First Parish Church Committee, The Mass Cultural Council, Fidelity Bank, Bull God Lawn Care & Pest Control, Barre Savings Bank Foundation, and Lois Sturtevant. Be sure to save the next seven Sundays for live music by the Quabbin Community Band.



Maggie The Clown was on hand at the Quabbin Community Band's Children's Theme Night on June 23. Pictured with her is Genevieve Cummings from Spencer.

North Brookfield welcomes first Town Administrator

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis introduced the town's first Town Administrator, Michael Szlosek of Ludlow.

At the June 18 meeting, Szlosek said he has served in municipal government for over 20 years and started his career as Town Administrator in Ludlow, before moving on to Uxbridge, Athol and Sterling. He was also the Assistant Director of Public Works in Enfield, Connecticut.

He graduated from the Boston University School of Law and has a master's degree from the Iseburg School of Management at UMass Amherst.

A lifelong Ludlow resident, Szlosek said he and his family are eager to meet people in the community.

"We all look forward to meeting you," he said.

The board approved the transfer of \$3,448.20 from the Treasurer's Group Health account to the Town Administrator's salary to cover the first two weeks of that new position.

Annual town report dedication
Petraitis said this year there are two dedications in the annual town

report: one to retired Fire Chief Joseph Holway and the other to Lt. Col. James J. Foyle.

Holway has lived in town most of his life and has been a prominent fixture in all aspects of public safety, including police, fire and EMS. He began as a part-time patrolman in 1978 and also joined the ladder company in 1979.

Holway climbed through the ranks and was appointed Fire Chief in 2017, serving until he reached the state's age of retirement in 2023. He is also a rescue diver and EMT.

He was key in the design and construction of a new fire station, and also helped secure numerous grants to improve the town's public safety. Holway continues to act as a consultant for the fire station upgrades.

"Joe's always given his all for the safety and wellbeing of the residents of our community," Petraitis read from the dedication.

Foyle, a U.S. Marine veteran, moved here in the 1970s with his family and has been an active member of St. Joseph's Church. He was elected to serve on the Board of Selectmen in 2005.

He served as ex officio on the

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

The Pumpkin Heads were one of the road biking clubs that participated in the East Quabbin Land Trust's inaugural Hills of East Quabbin Ride held this past Saturday. Shown from left are Randy Thomas of Belchertown, Jen Ayre of Belchertown, Marcy Thomas of Belchertown, Karen Davis of Palmer, Lloyd Ortman of Belchertown, Jim Davis of Palmer, Melinda Rigney of Belchertown, Brad Hoffman of East Longmeadow, Moe Esposito of Lakewood Ranch, Florida and David Casey of South Hadley.

Hills of East Quabbin Ride

Inaugural bike ride benefits East Quabbin Land Trust

By Paula Ouimette
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NEW BRAINTREE – This past Saturday morning, 71 cyclists took to the road to conquer the rolling hills of the region, with the goal of raising money to benefit the East Quabbin Land Trust.

EQLT Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw said the Hills of the East Quabbin Ride was the idea of Ware resident and avid cyclist John Hogan, who helped lay out two courses, a 25-mile and a 50-mile, through the towns of New Braintree, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Hardwick, Barre and Oakham. The ride started and ended at Farmer Matt's.

Hogan said he has attended a few events sponsored by EQLT, but this was his first time being an active participant in organizing one.

"It really just came about because as far as cycling, there's several nice cycling events in the area. Two of the ones I really enjoy have been fundraisers for land trusts," Hogan said.

Hogan has been cycling as his primary form of exercise for about 10 years, joining his friends and fellow cyclists The Pumpkin Heads for rides around the region every Sunday. Many of The Pumpkin Heads signed up for the ride, ready to take on the 25-mile course.

The Pumpkin Heads hailed from Belchertown, Palmer, South Hadley, East Longmeadow and even Florida.

One of The Pumpkin Heads, so named because of his bright orange helmet, is Belchertown resident (and former North Brookfield Public Schools teacher) Lloyd Ortman. Hogan said Ortman was very instrumental in building this event and mapping out the courses using an app.

"Lloyd was essentially the brains of the project. I know these roads well, but Lloyd knows how to do apps...It worked fantastically," Hogan said.

Ortman was one of two tandem bike teams that participated in the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, partnered with his wife, Melinda Rigney.

"John and I designed the course, with Melinda's help," Ortman said.

The biggest challenge on both courses, Hogan said, is the degree

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News of the Towns



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Climate Forum set for Oct. 4

At the conclusion of a gathering to discuss the book "Existential Threats and Moral Prospects" a small group formed to explore one of the issues described by the author, Courtney Schlosser.

They decided to learn more about climate change. The climate team will host a Climate Forum at the Barre Town Hall on Friday, Oct. 4. Keynote speakers will be Massachusetts Climate Chief, Melissa Hoffer and Adam Schlosser, Deputy Director of MIT Center for Global Change. Jonathan Thompson, Research Director and Senior Ecologist at Harvard Forest will also participate.

The purpose of the forum is to learn how climate change will impact the central Massachusetts area, and most importantly to answer questions of area residents. The hope is that people will be inspired to learn more individually or in groups about how to mitigate the effects of climate change and ways they may need to adapt to future climate conditions.

Readers are urged to send in the questions, interests and concerns they'd like to have addressed, as soon as possible by emailing sucoles@gmail.com.

No. 4 Schoolhouse game night

This Friday, June 28 all are invited to a free family game night, being held at the No.4 Schoolhouse located at 209 Farrington Road. This fun night will be held from 6-8 p.m. with attendees of all ages looking for a challenging game of competition. They have several board games to share, but please feel free to bring a favorite game. Hopefully there will be several people in attendance just looking to play a variety of games. Families are invited to attend together. Please plan to stay with your children for this fun filled game night at the Schoolhouse! Light refreshments will be offered, and please feel free to bring something to share.

Barre Farmer Market

The Barre Farmers Market is held on the Common every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There will be produce in season, plants, dairy products, crafts and more.

Barre Players presents 'Diary of a Whimpy Kid' on June 29

BARRE – The Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., presents the musical, "Diary of a Whimpy Kid: the Musical" on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 at 2 p.m.

The musical is based on the book by Kevin Del Aguila. Music and lyrics are by Michael Mahler and Alan Schmuckler. It is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing. For tickets people may visit <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/barre-players/6632ef9d0622b1e01ccd474> or call 978-799-5300.

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Jon Sammis exhibits at Art Center

PETERSHAM – An opening reception for "My Turn," fine woodworking creations by Jon Sammis, of Petersham, will be held at the Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., on Sunday, June 30 from 2-4 p.m.

The reception is free and open to everyone, to meet the artist and view his works. An avid wood turner, Sammis creates bowls, segmented seashells, spheres, columns and vessels. The curves, twists, and smooth and unique transitions of the wood attract his artistic eye.

He began working in wood as a young man, following his father, who was a carpenter. He then joined the Navy, came home and began seriously pursuing woodworking. Following his apprenticeship years, he started his own company, Sammis Woodworking, in Petersham, which has been in business for over 29 years.

At his home studio, besides



Submitted photos

This is an example of the curves and twists of Jon Sammis, a woodworking artist.

artworks, he sometimes restores boats as well, which he says are naturally curving, too. "We do a lot of curves," he jokes. "The more curves, the more fun."

His stunning wood creations are intricate works of art. His exhibit will be on display from Sunday, June 30 through Sunday, Aug. 4. The Petersham Art Center is open Thursday through



This urn by Jon Sammis is one of the many examples of his artwork, which will be on display at the Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., in Petersham.

Sunday, noon-4 p.m. for the exhibit, as well as to view fine art and crafts in the sales shop, from artisans across the North Quabbin region.

Hubbardston

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Library to hold 5K fundraiser

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

MassTrails Grant

The town of Hubbardston is proud to announce it received a total of \$107,500 from the MassTrails Grant Program for two trail projects in Hubbardston. The first award will be used to create a fully accessible one-mile round-trip trail extending from the parking area on Malone Road to a stunning vista at the Dottie Rock scenic overlook. Improvements will include a stone dust trail surface and trail side amenities that will eliminate an existing safety hazard and enrich the outdoor experience for all users. The second award will be used to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at the Ware River Rail Trail's crossing of Williamsville Road in Hubbardston. This crossing is located on a blind curve on Williamsville Road. The trail is currently used by hikers, bikers, equestrians and snowmobilers and this project will provide all trail users with a safer road crossing in this location.

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.

Larry Buell to facilitate symposium on the Swift River Valley

PETERSHAM – Many communities in Central Massachusetts have landscapes with remarkable stories.

Petersham's Swift River Valley is one such landscape. The East Branch of the Swift River from its headwaters in Phillipston to Pottapaug Pond in the Dana Section of the massive Quabbin Reservoir will be the focus of a Symposium on the Swift River Valley on Tuesday, July 2 at 7 p.m. at the Harvard Forest's Fisher Museum. The symposium, facilitated by longtime local land historian, Larry Buell will add to the extensive body of research, photos, and artifacts that already exists on the Valley. Buell has been studying the Valley for over 60 years and has used it in his "Sense of Place" college curriculum.

While there is much information on the Valley, Buell knows there is much more that can be preserved to expand the story of the Valley. The symposium will invite members of the Swift River Valley Trust, a collaborating organization that is focused on the Valley, including Harvard Forest, Trustees of Reservations, Mass Audubon and the Quabbin Visitor Center. Buell will have an assortment of pictures, maps, journals, newspaper articles and correspondence related to the Valley.



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The Swift River Valley will be the topic at a symposium on Tuesday, July 2 at 7 p.m. at the Harvard Forest's Fisher Museum in Petersham.

Topics will include the 19th Century Brown's Pond mills, the Stage Road from Worcester to Brattleboro Vermont, land-use history area, the pre-European cultural history of the Indigenous Nipmucs, the natural history, and the various efforts to preserve the unique valley. Many who know the Valley have been invited to the Symposium, including Ecologist, Robert Clark; stage coach historian, Lucy Allen; Andy Williams, former director MA Audubon Camp Wildwood, and Dick O'Brien, former regional director of the Trustees of Reservations. Buell feels,

"There is some amazing history related to the Valley that must be preserved for present and future generations". Buell goes on to quote noted poet/farmer, Wendell Berry, "If you don't know where you are, you may not know who you are".

The program is cosponsored by the Petersham Historical Society and the University of the Wild and is free and open to the public and welcomes anyone with an interest in local natural and cultural history. For information, people may email Dr. Larry Buell at Larry@UofWild.org or call 978/855-1420.

Historical Society to hold lemonade social

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society will be hosting a Lemonade Social on Saturday, June 29 from 1-3 p.m. at the Wood House, 232 Main St., as part of the Rutland 4th of July celebration.

They will also be celebrating teachers/principals past and present. The collection of class pictures,

school memorabilia and locations of old school houses will be on display within the Museum.

Presentation to the recipients of the Rutland Historical Society Scholarships will be awarded during this celebration. The program is free, and open to the public.

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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 July 1. 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 – Stuffed pepper casserole, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, Lorna Doones, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Braised beef, Gemelli pasta, broccoli, pear crisp, diet = pears, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Fourth of July celebrated. Hot dog on bun, baked beans, coleslaw, baked apples, mustard

THURSDAY – No meal served Fourth of July holiday.

FRIDAY – Ranch chicken, wild rice, spinach, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

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

Community party celebrates directors at Listening

BARRE – The Board of Directors at Listening Wellness Center invites the community to join us on Monday, June 10 to wish Laura Dusha Nelson a farewell and good luck on her new journey, and to welcome Beatriz Arroyo as the new Executive Director.

Join them on The Porch at Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP appreciated by emailing director@listenin-gwellness.org or by calling 978-355-3501.

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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 Felton Field Commission – July 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – July 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – July 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – July 8 at 7 p.m.:30 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – July 9 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – July 10 at 6
 Barre Housing Authority – July 11 at 1 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – July 18 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Gilbertville Water District – June 27 and July 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – June 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Personnel Committee – July 1 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 2 and Aug. 1 at 6:45 p.m.
 Council on Aging – July 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – July 8, Aug. 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – July 10 at 4 p.m.
 Capitol Planning Committee – July 15 at 3 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – July 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – July 22 at 7 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustee – Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – June 27 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – June 27 at 6 p.m.
 Downtown Development Committee – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – July 2, July 16 and July 30 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – July 17 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Oakham Select Board – July 8 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – July 12 at noon
 Planning Board – July 16 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – June 27 at 5:30 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 27 at 7 p.m. and July 2 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – July 2 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – July 9 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – July 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – June 27 at 6:15 p.m.

BBQ + Beer + Band returns to Farmer Matt's

By Richard Murphy
 Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – Western Central Massachusetts was in the throes of a dreaded “heat dome” as June progressed.

What this meant, as those of us not air-conditioned can attest, is that we suffered under debilitating sweat-inducing temps, hoping for a bit of relief.

Yet, there were places where that relief existed. One of them required a drive up a hill to the town of New Braintree, where there was a gentle and cooling breeze.

On that hill is the spread of Matt Koziol, also known by the moniker Farmer Matt.

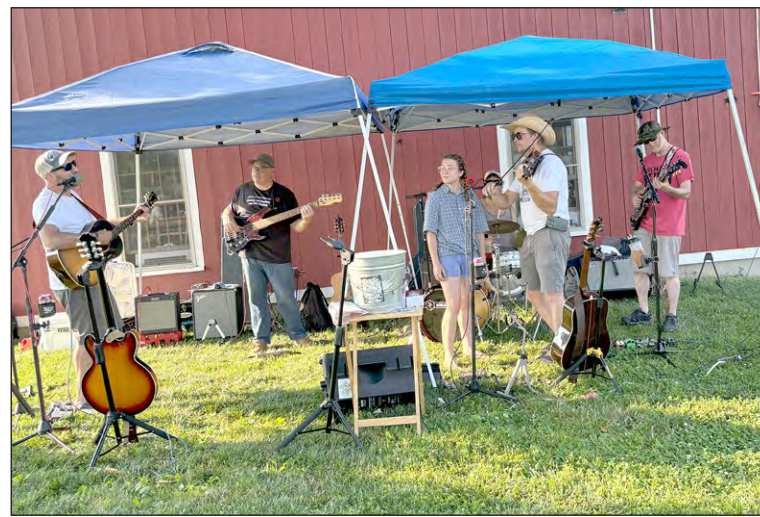
Farmer Matt raises purebred angus cattle on his own 214 acres and more than 400 leased.

He is also known for the summer events called BBQ + Beer + Band. The evening of June 20 had all those elements together at his idyllic location.

Arriving at the scheduled 4:30 p.m. start, folks were drifting up from the parking lot and the band was tuning up. We went to the back of the barn that had the beer being served by Lost Towns Brewing of Gilbertville.

On tap was the Nelson's Swift Ryde, a West Coast style IPA and the Barn Kat Kolsch, a more Germanic brew. We ordered our beer and began to walk around the bucolic farm.

In one of the fields was a



Turley Photo by Richard Murphy

Spoooner Well performed at Farmer Matt's BBQ + Beer + Band last Thursday.

group of the Angus cattle grazing on the grass. In the next field was a slightly different scene. The cows and offspring were brownish in color from light to dark.

Interesting.

When we returned the band, Spoooner Well was still tuning, but getting closer. More seats were being occupied and the night was getting started.

Before we ordered food, we had the pleasure of meeting Farmer Matt's Restaurant's executive chef. New this year, John Steinhilber has taken command of the kitchen.

Steinhilber is a New England Culinary Institute alumnus. He also has a wealth of experience in the chef business. He was the executive sous chef at the Seabrook Island Club off the coast of South Carolina and has been owner/chef at the classic French bistro, Chez Fish, also a coastal Carolinas venue.

Judging by what was on offer and what we ate, the man is accomplishing the mission.

So, it was over to order the food with the help of Katelyn who showed us the menu. We would certainly enjoy the brisket sandwiches we selected.

That task accomplished; it was time to listen to the music.

At the makeshift bandstand on the side of a barn, the band, Spoooner Well, was now fully set up and playing.

To say Spoooner Well is a local Brookfields band with a local story could be considered an understatement.

The Spoooner Well tale is one of deception and betrayal, things versatile music makers could easily use for great songs.

Joshua Spooner was a wealthy local loyalist during the Revolution. His wife, Bathsheba had deep feelings for him. Unfortunately, for him, and eventually for her, they consisted of hatred.

Bathsheba and a trio of guys conspired to do him in. When he was done for, Spooner was thrown down his own well. Hence, the origin of the band name.

Bathsheba would enter the record books as one of the defendants in the first capital murder case in U.S. history as well as the first woman executed after the Declaration of Independence.

Now the ensemble knows a good deal of music, but they do have the Spoooner Well business down pat and they have a CD available for download called Headstone Marker and they passed out cards with the info on the front and a QR code on the back.

Those interested can find the information at their website.

During an early set, one of the band members mentioned that the Summer Solstice was upon us. Much later on the rains would come but at this moment, with the band and the food and the locale it was a grand way to greet the new season.

There will be more BBQ + Beer + Band evenings monthly this summer as well as other events. Dates include Thursdays, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 19 and Oct. 31.

You can find info at Farmer Matt's website as well as the front page of the Quaboag Current.



Executive Chef John Steinhilber prepares the grill.



Many people enjoyed the evening at Farmer Matt's.

Oakham

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Summer concerts begin Thursday

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

Annual Town Wide Yard Sale

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

Senior Center activities

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

Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant list staff office hours for July

BOSTON – State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's, Constituent services coordinator, Jared Grigg, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. They may call Donna if they would like a private meeting at 774-402-4742.

Dates to meet with Donna or Jared are: Monday, July 8 from 9-10 a.m. in the town of Ware Senior Center; Tuesday, July 8 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the town of Hardwick the Town Hall; Monday, July 8 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the town of West Brookfield Senior Center; Monday, July 8 from 12:45-1:45 p.m. in the town of Brookfield Town Hall; Tuesday, July 9 from 9-10 a.m. in the town of East Brookfield Senior Center; Tuesday, July 9 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the town of Spencer Howe Village Rep Marsi's Staff will be joining them); Tuesday, July 9 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the town of LeicesterSenior Center (Rep Frost's Staff will be joining them); Tuesday, July 16 from 9-10 a.m. in the town of North BrookfieldTown Hall; Tuesday, July 16 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the town of New Braintree Town Hall; Wednesday, July 17 from 9-10 a.m. in the town of Hubbardston Senior Center and Town Hall; Wednesday, July 17 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the town of Barre Senior Center and Wednesday, July 17 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Oakham Town Hall, upper level.

National Night Out happens Aug. 6

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

People may visit www.qdrug.org for more information or on Facebook at “QuabbinDrugResponse.”

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

Businesses are welcome to set up a table and offer free family fun activities. They may register by visiting www.QDRUG.org.

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Why is there a Social Security Earnings Limit?

Dear Rusty: I

I try to read your article in the Carmichael Times each week and appreciate the information you provide. I am 62 and considering my retirement options and when I should do that to get the most benefit. I understand my full retirement age is 67, but what I don't understand and I hope you can answer, is why there is such a thing as the Social Security earnings limit? I know that if I was to retire before 67, my benefits would be reduced. But since I have been paying into SS for 45+ years and that money is technically money I have earned, why does SS care if I make more than the earnings limit? It doesn't affect them or my benefits. Can you tell me about the reasoning behind the earnings limit? I will, for many years after "retiring," continue working in my field.

Signed: Working American

Dear Working American:

This is a great question and, as a point of interest, our parent company, the Association of Mature American Citizens, advocates doing away with Social Security's earnings test which affects those collecting benefits before reaching their SS Full Retirement Age. In AMAC's view, it discourages people from working and, thus, paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. It is, after all, SS taxes from the earnings of working Americans, which largely pays for the benefits provided to Social Security beneficiaries. Eliminating the restriction would tend to improve Social Security revenue and help ease Social Security's current financial stress.

The reasoning behind the earnings test? Well, when Social Security was first enacted in the 1930s, the intent was that Social Security was for retired workers, meant to keep them from poverty in old age. The logic back then was that if a person worked they didn't need Social Security to sustain them, so those who worked could not collect Social Security at all. The current rule, after many adjustments over the years, says that annual earnings for those who collect early SS benefits are limited. If each year's earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (FYI, the penalty is less severe in the year FRA is attained).

Historical accounts suggest that the reasoning behind the wording in the original Social Security Act - that "No person shall receive such old-age annuity unless he is not employed by another in a gainful occupation" - was quite controversial, except for the fundamental thought that if someone worked they didn't need Social Security. Over the ensuing decades the rule has been softened to provide that only those who collect benefits before their Full Retirement Age would have a portion of their SS benefits offset by their work earnings. In any case, the earnings test, in its mitigated form, still persists today. FYI, H.R. 5193 - The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act was recently introduced in Congress proposing to repeal the SS earnings test, but has not advanced in the legislative process since introduced in August 2023.

In any case, under current rules, if you continue working after your FRA, the earnings test will not apply to you. And, if you lose any benefits before your FRA due to the earnings test, when you reach your FRA you'll get time credit for any months that benefits were withheld, resulting in a somewhat higher monthly payment after your full retirement age.

One final point: if you continue to work after starting your Social Security benefits and your recent earnings are higher than any of those in the inflation-adjusted 35 years used to originally calculate your benefit, your entitlement will be recalculated to give you credit for those higher recent earnings.

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Guest Column



A rabbit rendition

Yesterday I walked up to one particular garden at Old Sturbridge Village and stood in amazement.

There was something off with the bed of red dahlia plants, orange cannas and a mixed color lot of rudbeckia that I had planted less than a month ago. What kind of animal would eat the rough, somewhat hairy leaves of the rudbeckia, better known as "brown-eyed Susan" almost all the way down to the ground?

The culprits ran or should I say "hopped" in front of me, just as I approached the bed. Peter and Petra Rabbit in plain sight.

If you too are plagued with rabbits, read on for a few tips straight from the archives on how to dissuade them from eating your precious plants.

I never had a problem with rabbits in my home garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that "the marking of his territory" had something to do with keeping the bunnies at bay.

Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear by.

One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the border or place containers of it in the garden.

Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may, or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves - maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. These would need to be reapplied periodically, especially after it rains.

A less attractive but better option to control rabbits would be to install a wire fence. It should be at least three feet tall and dug into the ground four inches or more.

Be sure that the fence is fine enough so that the rabbit's head won't fit through the holes - the unfortunate rabbit that is able to fit his head may think that the rest of his body will follow suit. When it doesn't, panic ensues, and the result is not something I would want anyone to find in his or her garden a day later.

Rabbits will eat almost anything except for prickly plants or strong smelling/tasting plants. For prickly plants think Globe Thistle (Echinops Ritro); blue globes bloom in early July. Sea Holly (Eryngium maritimum) is another similar plant.

Strong smelling/tasting plants include Bee Balm (Monarda didyma), Catmint (Nepeta racemosa), Yarrow (Achillea millefolium), Mints (Mentha spp.) Garlic and Onions among others. In fact, I read of one gardener having great success keeping rabbits away from her flowering plants by planting a living fence of garlic in between them.

This summer, when it came time to clip the scapes off of my garlic plants, I collected the stems and dispersed them in and amongst the broccoli. It worked for a time being, probably as long as the scapes held

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In Past Pages

5 years (July 4, 2019)

This season the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, will feature and exhibit photos from its collection. Members of the Oakham Historical Association and volunteers worked for the past two years cataloging photos. The project is ongoing and volunteers are welcome to come to the museum on Thursday workdays from 10 a.m.-noon to help said Curator Linda Housman. Photos of people and locations for visitors to peruse include Deacon Jesse Allen, Professor George Alden of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Henry Stone Sr., a member of Oakham's Brass Band and Boyd Cemetery.

On the first anniversary of Marguerite "Marge" Maki's death, the Council on Aging hosted an event to honor her memory at her beloved Barre Senior Center, June 17. Hers was a life of service to her town. She grew up here and graduated from Barre High School in 1952. She served as the town welfare agent and operated out of an office in the Barre Town Hall. In retirement, she became the Barre Council on Aging senior center director and retired in 2009. Until the Barre Senior Center was built on South Barre Road, she had a tiny office in the Town Hall. For years, Barre seniors used the American Legion Post 2, located on Mechanic Street behind the Lighthouse Block, as its senior center. Gloria Castriotta, one of the planners of the event, said she was a "driving force for improving Barre seniors."

Friday night, July 12, The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road, will be the place to be as it welcomes a talent competition compared to no other singing, dancing, magicians and clowns. In the heat of the summer, the state of the art theater at offers air conditioning, cafe bar and great family entertainment.

10 years (July 3, 2014)

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Maureen Marshall told the School Committee at a meeting last Thursday, "We have a budget." She explained that four of the five member towns: Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston and New Braintree approve the school budget at Town Meetings. The school budget required four of the five towns approve it. The fifth town, Oakham, was the last one to hold their town meeting on Monday, June 23. Oakham residents on the recommendation of Selectmen and Finance Committee members voted an amount about \$48,000 less than requested by the school. The town must schedule a Special Town Meeting at a later date to balance their budget.

Once again, the Barre Players Youth Theater presented a play that not only appealed to children, but to people of all ages. The cast for "Charlotte's

LOOK BACK Barre Bicentennial - 1974



The Midnight Riders had a float in the Barre Bicentennial parade.

Web," consisted of young people and adults. Based on the book by E.B. White, Joseph Bobinette adapted the popular children's book to a play Carol Allard Vancil directed and Lynne Miller was producer and Jeanne Hanson, assistant producer. Summer Hunting, Sarah McMenemy, Summer Barringer and Samantha Aremburg were the storytellers. Sara Aremburg as Fern Arable played a young girl, who convinced her father and mother (Andrew Bigelow and Colleen Boucher respectively) to spare the life of a runt pig she need Wilber.

The Petersham Lions Club will be offering free eye exams and hearing tests as part of the Petersham Celebration of the Fourth of July. This Petersham Lions Club Community Service project will be available to young and old and will give everyone the opportunity to have a hearing test, blood pressure check, a glaucoma test and a basic eye exam. The Sightmobile will be on the Common throughout the day on July 4 and will be open from 9 a.m. to noon for screenings. People can enjoy the parade and get a check-up.

25 years (July 1, 1999)

The Barre 225th Anniversary Committee has finalized plans for Barre's Olde Home Day on Sunday, July 18. Live music groups, supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, will perform from the Harding Allen Bandstand on the Barre Common beginning at 11:30 a.m. Mixed Company, King Philip's Dixie Land and the Band of Voices

will entertain Mimo's Big Band will end musical performances with a concert at 4 p.m. Middle Common only will be set up for all food vendors, souvenir sales, farmers market and Barre Craft Association.

The title role of "Quork's Passage," a story about the famous Barre slave case, is played by Victor Chibas who its living in Barre for the year on staff at the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies. The historical play, written by Samuel Pickens, is coming to Barre Players Theater on July 9. Chibas was interested in the play upon first hearing about it and was pleasantly surprised, months later, to be asked to read for the role of Quork. This is his first time on stage.

Oakham Police Chief David Galena informed the Board of Selectmen at the Monday, June 28 meeting that Oakham won a safety award. The town competed with 19 other communities of similar size and took a second place award. Last year the town won first place.

38 years (July 3, 1986)

Corridon F. Trask, Jr., former Superintendent of the Quabbin Regional School District was honored recently at a surprise party in his honor. Senator Robert Wetmore and Rep. Henry Grenier presented him with a joint proclamation by the House and Senate on his nineteen years of service as Superintendent.

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Election letters to the editor welcome

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

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in the Barre Gazette.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is hard to believe the month of June is almost gone.

Fourth of July is the next holiday and I have the mantel decorated in red, white and blue with flags and patriotic things.

It sure has been a hot and humid week. It is hard to get anything done outside, but I did have fans going and started the air conditioner and blew a fuse. I wondered why until I realized I forgot to open the window to have the vent go outside. I had not used the air conditioner for a year so I did not remember all the steps to get it started.

We had three nights of thunder and lightning. I had the lantern ready just in case the lights went off but they did not.

We are now getting some help from Catholic Charities. Two days they came and a therapist came for Ken. They are trying to get him to walk better. Getting old is not the golden years

Handyman Mike brought me some more of his delicious rhubarb so I need to make another pie as soon as I get some more strawberries.

Here is a recipe I plan to make today with some broccoli I bought.

BROCCOLI QUICHE

- 1 small onion, finely chopped and sauteed in butter
- 8 ounces of cheese, any kind, grated
- 4 to 6 ounces milk
- 3 eggs
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup flour
- pinch of garlic salt
- small pkg of broccoli chopped and slightly cooked
- 1 nine inch pie crust

Place onions in bottom of pie crust. Put broccoli over onions. Sprinkle with cheese. Mix the eggs, salt, pepper, garlic salt, milk and flour together with mixer or blender and pour over cheese. Place in preheated oven and bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes, then 300

degrees for 20 minutes, until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

This and That

I've been working in the garage and finding all kinds of things I forgot I had. My oldest daughter brought me a bunch of plastic totes so I have been sorting things and labeling the boxes. In each box, I put a list of what is contained in the box.

I also used the totes to put my wool fabrics for making penny rugs, a box of all our games and a box of chair pads.

I did make up a box of things I will send down to the Senior Center for their yard sale.

I wanted to go to the garden tour and pie sale that the Hubbardston Historical Society had on Saturday, but my foot was just too sore. I did ice it so I hope that helps.

My potted gardens are coming along just fine. The daily rains have made it easier as I have not had to water.

Mike brought me two loads of wood chips to put around the bushes and hosta plants. It will make it so I won't have to weed so much and enrich the soil.

Some of the potting soil I purchased has perlite mixed with it as it seems so heavy and the drainage would not be so good.

Things in the garden in bloom right now are peonies, penstemon, white daisies, dogwood, deutzia and weigelia. The daylilies are in bud and should be out by next week.

A few roses are out but they are not as plentiful as last year. I have fertilized them in hopes the bushes grow larger. I don't have much sun and that is the problem.

The hydrangea are well budded and some are out. I have two bushes and this will be the first year they blossom. I like to pick them in the fall and dry them as they don't seem to make good bouquets in water.

So life goes on and I take one day at a time. Have a good week and enjoy the summer.

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Master Plan Committee, Town House Building Committee and the Downtown Development Committee.

Foyle took over the organization of the town's Memorial Day festivities in 2012 until 2023.

"He continues to support charities and organizations that reflect his faith and his belief in the inalienable right to life," Petraitis read.

Electrical aggregation

Representatives from Colonial Power Group, Mark Cappadona and Denise Allard, continued discussion on the town's electrical aggregation program. Allard presented pricing from the four suppliers that are currently offering aggregation in the commonwealth.

Residents will automatically be enrolled in the electrical aggregation program, but will have the ability to opt out at any time. The program is expected to start in October. Electricity users are expected to save about \$12-15 a month.

The electrical aggregation program offers two "greener" renewable energy options, which residents can customize to meet their needs.

Cappadona said the 24-month term has an estimated rate of 00.13644 per kilowatt hour and the 36-month rate is 00.13652 per kwh. These rates can change by the time the board signs the contract.

"It's about 60 cents difference per month," he said, between the two term rates.

Cappadona said the process of selecting the electrical supplier is similar to the town going out to bid for fuel.

The board will make its decision about the energy options at its July 9 meeting.

Fire Station update

Captain Eric Hevy updated the board on the four bids that came in for the Fire Station project. He said W.J. Mountford Co. of Windsor, Connecticut had a base bid of \$4,370,000, as well as three alternates that included mini piles in the old Highway building, an emergency shower at the old Huck's building, and ren-

ovating the upstairs kitchen at the Fire House, respectively.

"As of right now, W.J. Mountford is the low bidder for the base bid," he said. "We then looked at all the alternates and they also came in as the low bidder including the alternates at \$4,704,000."

The second bid came from Construction Dynamics Inc. of Clinton with a base bid of \$4,839,000; the third bid was from City Enterprise Inc. of Springfield with a base bid of \$4,930,566; and the fourth bid from D.A. Sullivan & Sons, Inc. of Northampton with a base bid of \$5,197,000

Eric said the committee recommends awarding the bid to W.J. Mountford Co.

"Everything came within the budget," he said. "We're looking forward to moving forward and getting some updates done in those three buildings. I think it was a good process that we went through, based on the times and the market."

A newly construction fire station was estimated to cost around \$12 million, which would have provided less room than the current project, which includes the renovation of three buildings to benefit both the Fire and Highway departments.

Holway said a lot of area fire departments are now considering rehabilitating existing buildings rather than constructing new buildings due to the elevated costs.

Reserve fund requests

The board approved a request from the Haston Free Public Library to transfer \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund to the library's Heat Account to cover electrical expenses. Petraitis said the cost of electricity was more than the budget allowed.

The board also approved a request from the Council on Aging to transfer \$1,498.76 from the Reserve Fund to the Purchase of Services account with is in deficit, due to the higher than expected cost of utilities.

ARPA discussion

The board approved the American Rescue Plan Act Committee's recommendation to rescind unspent remaining funds allocated to the Sewer

Department for the purpose of main line scoping, and to reallocate those funds (about \$40,000) to replace a failing Bigelow Street pump.

Senior Center report

Senior Center Director, Courtenay Rivera, submitted her monthly report to the board, highlighting programs and activities.

Seniors enjoyed a Memorial Day cookout, and the next lunch special will be a luau on Friday, Aug. 23. Art classes will be moved to Mondays to help balance weekly activities.

A new television will be purchased by the Friends of the North Brookfield Senior Center and installed soon.

Rivera said there has been an increase in attendees to the Senior Center, and bread distribution days has seen very high attendance. She is looking into supplementing the program by using some funds from the center's food account to purchase food, due to a decrease in the amount of food received for distribution.

Rivera said seniors enjoyed a trip to New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill on June 21. The cost of transportation was paid for by a donation.

Appointment

Rivera said the Council on Aging voted to appoint Darlene Foster to the position of Program and Outreach Assistant. Foster is a longtime resident, and she has been volunteering at the center for the past couple of months.

"Darlene has been a key volunteer down at the center...I think she'll be an excellent, excellent team player," Rivera said. "I'm really excited to have her."

Liaison to the COA

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Elizabeth "Brooke" Canada was selected to serve as the board's ex officio liaison to the Council on Aging.

Ambulance services contract

The board approved the contract for ambulance services. Holway said the contract is the same as it has been, including a \$20,000 increase to keep the agency stable.

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Love with no expectations,
Kisses with no destinations,
Recognize obligation,
Whistle at every station.

Know what it feels like to share,
Keeping a handle on dare,
A palate of taste,
Nothing in haste.

Don't let it rain on the parade,
In the heat, make your way to the shade.
Never a bridge to burn,
Happily give up your turn.

Make music with living each day,
Knowing when it's harmful to stay,
Acknowledge you've given your best,
Labeled a life of success.

- Patricia Masten

Orange Community Band opens season on June 28

ORANGE - The Orange Community Band will open the summer season on the bandstand with "Rock and Roll/American Songbook" on Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

The band had to cancel "Ladies Night" last week because of the storms, but it will try to fit that program into the season at a later date, to be announced. This week's concert is sponsored by Dotty Verheyen and Miffy Sirois to honor the "Tradition of Band concerts in Orange."

The concert is directed by Stephanie Parker. Orange Community Band members range in age from middle schoolers to nonagenarians, and continue the summer band tradition begun in the 1850's. The Community Band is a direct descendant of the Minute Tapioca Band, which was created from the members of the New Home Sewing Machine Band in 1922. That band stems from the Mechanics Band and the "Town Band" of 1850.

Following the theme of American songwriters and rock and roll, this concert will include many of the following selections, along with the National Anthem and several marches. Selections include "I Write the Songs," "The Hustle" by Van McCoy; "Salute to Bob Hope" arranged by Warren Barker; "Chicago" arranged by Victor Lopez; "Free World March" by Karl King; "Theme from New York, New York," arranged by Cofield; Blues Brothers, "All Shook Up" John Williams Young Persons Guide, Salute to Motown, Queen in Concert, Earth, Wind and Fire in Concert, arranged by Saucedo and new music, Stevie Wonder, Rolling Stones, and Taylor Swift Duo, arranged by Michael Story.

Other themes this season will include "Patriotic Night" sponsored by Orange American Legion Post 172 on July 5; "Children's Night" July 12; "Featuring..." on July 19 and "Heroes and Villains" on July 26, sponsored by Witty's Funeral Home, including music for the Town-wide "Return to Hogwarts."

The Band will also perform a "Back to School" Concert on Aug. 30. Programs are always subject to change and partial-ly weather dependent.

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About 25 Oakham voters present at the Special Town Meeting in the multi-purpose room of the Oakham Center School, Monday evening, June 30 passed all twelve articles on the warrant in less than 30 minutes with a minimum of discussion. A total of \$78,559 was added to the FY 87 budget to be raised and appropriated. The largest money item was \$50,000 to be added to the Stabilization Fund. This was voted because an addition to the school will soon be needed. Rough estimates put the price at about one million dollars, about two thirds of which will come from the state leaving roughly \$400,000 as the town's share. An additional \$10,000 was voted for use by the School Building Addition Study Committee for architect's fees.

Sixteen members of Barre Assembly No. 114 International Order of the Rainbow, attended the 61st annual Grand Assembly "Walk on a Rainbow Trail" session this past weekend at the Civic Center in Springfield. Jodi M. Johnson, Past Worthy Advisor, retired her office of Grand Religion at the Saturday evening session after serving in that capacity for the past year and also at the sessions Friday evening and Saturday morning. Linda C. Willey, Past Worthy Advisor was appointed Grand Representative to Maine, an office she will hold until the next session in June of 1987. Shelly M. Modzeleski, Past Worthy Advisor, received one fo the Grand Assembly Scholarships on Saturday evening.

Paige Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK - Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, announces its summer reading program Read, Renew, Repeat runs from now through Wednesday, Aug. 7.

There will be fun activities each week and prizes at the end. Children may sign up and stay tuned for more details.

On Wednesday, July 3 at 11

a.m. Cynthia Henshaw from East Quabbin Land Trust will offer a program on exploring life forms in our backyard. She has a story and nets and has flying and wiggling things to explore.

On Tuesday, July 9 at 6 p.m. people will meet with local author Lisa Cohen and hear about her books and writing career and what inspires her. On Thursday, July

11, at 4 p.m. children create their own sundial to take home.

For more information and to register for activities, people may call 413-477-6704, email director. paigelibrary@gmail.com or stop by the Paige Memorial Library.

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

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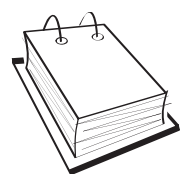
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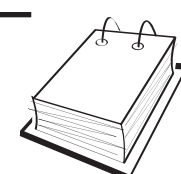
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, JUNE 27

OAKHAM SUMMER CONCERT SERIES begins today from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gazebo, located on the Oakham Common. The first concert on Thursday, June 27 will feature the Weir River Jazz. Other performers are The Otters on Thursday, July 11; Wylie and the Boogiemens on Thursday, July 25; Say Uncle on Thursday, Aug. 8 and Quintessential Brass on Thursday, Aug. 22. All concerts are 6:30-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

OTTER RIVER FOREST GUIDED HIKE will take place today from 10-11:30 a.m. at Department of Conservation and Recreation Otter River State Forest, 86 Winchendon Road, Baldwinville. The guided hike, entitled "From Past to Present: Otter River Forest Walk, is with one of the foresters. The forester will share an overview of the land use history, forest health, forest resiliency and wildlife habitat while talking about the recent forest management projects at Otter River State Forest. People should meet at the nature center and the hike is appropriated for ages 12 and up. The walk is 1.1 miles on pre-existing roads and trails and is relatively flat except for a 400 foot steeper slope. Participants should bring water and wear hiking footwear or other sturdy-soled shoes as well as wear sunscreen and apply bug spray. This program is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. An adult must accompany children. For ADA/Reasonable Accommodations, contact Moneesha Dasgupta: 617-645-0358, Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov

LEMONADE SOCIAL hosted by the Rutland Historical Society will be held today from 1-3 p.m. at the Wood House, 232 Main St., Rutland as part of the Rutland 4th of July celebration. They will also be celebrating teachers/principals past and present. Their collection of class pictures, school memorabilia and locations of old school houses will be on display within the museum. This program is free.



Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 30. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy, Civilik, Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the former Christ Episcopal Church on Vernon Avenue in South Barre.

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

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

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

OAKHAM MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE will be held today from 1-4 p.m. The Oakham Historical Association Museum located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. The museum is open the last Sunday of the month now through October.

SUPPORT GROUP for grandparent raising grandchildren will be held today from 9:30-11 a.m. at Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday of every month. People should call 508-796-1411 or email yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg to register or for more information.

MONDAY, JULY 1

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

THURSDAY, JULY 4

FOURTH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging will be held today from 8-11 a.m. at the Senior Community Center, 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. Price is \$10.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

DARYL DAVIS IN CONCERT presented by the Princeton Arts Society will take place today at 7 p.m. in the first Congregational church, 14 Mountain Road, Princeton. Suggested donation is \$10. Davis has performed extensively with Chuck Berry and is a keyboardist extraordinaire as well as a vocalist, guitarist, composer, actor, writer and race relations expert. The Princeton Cultural Council, a local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation are the sponsors.

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of climbing, which he said is reflective of this area.

"Both really had respectable elevation for those distances...this area is just loaded with gorgeous back roads most of which are in really good shape and do not have a lot of traffic."

These two things combined make the roads of the East Quabbin region especially appealing to cyclists.

"You just get a chance to put your head up and breathe the air and look around," Hogan said.

Ortman and Rigney are now on their third tandem bike, and they have traveled roads near and far for adventures, including Sicily, France, Netherlands, Majorca and more.

"It's the most fun you'll ever have on a bicycle," Rigney said of the tandem.

Rigney said at first, she was opposed to riding on the tandem but now it has been a bonding experience for her and her husband.

Another cycling club, the Seven Hills Wheelmen, also had a strong showing, including member and past president, Bill Dobson of Spencer. Dobson has been a member of the club for 25 years.

Dobson, a regular customer at Farmer Matt's, said he rides for six hours a week and also enjoys mountain biking.

Dobson said he "blames the bikes" for helping him overcome the side effects of his cancer treatment following his diagnosis two years ago. He is now



A biker takes off on the 50-mile course.



Bikers leave Farmer Matt's on Saturday morning for the Hills of East Quabbin Ride.

cancer-free and enjoying the challenge the hills of East Quabbin and Worcester give him every time his tires meet pavement.

"It's been great," Dobson said of the ride. "This is the time of year you want to do this."

Matt Koziol of Farmer Matt co-hosted the ride on his farm located at 860 West Brookfield Road, offering barbecue food options while Lost Towns Brewing brought cool, refreshing brews. Live music was provided by Serena Mae of Mama Kilsmith and Andrew Paulin.

"I'm an avid supporter of the East Quabbin Land Trust," Koziol said, adding that one of its kestrel nesting boxes is located on his farm.

Koziol said he saw a lot of his regular customers as well as new faces at the ride.

Hogan said the feedback he received following the event from cyclists was overwhelmingly positive.

"The feedback was good, and people were happy. We were lucky, too, the weather was decent. Considering how the weather was a couple of days before," he said.

Hogan and others are already looking forward to next year's event after the success of Saturday's ride.

"It was really just the idea to do something that I think would be nice locally for an annual event," Hogan said. "It's a win-win. Helping the land trust is something I feel strongly about...it's just what I had hoped it would be."



Bill Dobson of Spencer takes a moment to pose with Farmer Matt's Matt Koziol before heading out on the 25-mile course.

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before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. It was no longer a question of whether Quock was "owned" by Nathaniel Jennison, but whether any person in Massachusetts could be owned by another human being. In evaluating all the evidence, in 1783, Chief Justice William Cushing found that "the idea of slavery is inconsistent with our own conduct and Constitution." Quock Walker was now a free man and because of these legal actions, all other enslaved persons in Massachusetts were also freed. This program that will focus

on the exciting times of 240 years ago and will discuss how the enslaved people of Barre lived before their emancipation, and the changes in their lives that came about in 1783 when they were freed. The lives of Quock Walker, his family members and other important characters in this story will be described.

Light refreshments will be available before the program, beginning at 6 p.m. with the presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. People should come early to grab a seat and a sweet treat.

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Panthers begin summer basketball season



The team has had pretty good success and uses the league to prepare for the winter.

AUBURN – Over the past several years, Quabbin Regional High School basketball has worked to be competitive by doing an extensive amount of work during the summer and fall seasons with recreational leagues.

One of those is the Auburn High School summer league, which was scheduled to kick off action earlier this week.

The Panthers have been fielding a team in the recent years and

has seen moderate success facing familiar players from schools in the area. Auburn hosts all the games. The boys games typically play on Mondays and Wednesdays while girls games play on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Unfortunately, the girls basketball team has not sent an entry to Auburn last year and they are not on this year's schedule, either.

The boys had two games scheduled this week, and return to action

following the Fourth of July holiday on July 8 against Montachusett Tech with a July 10 matchup against Northbridge.

The Panthers are also scheduled to face Leicester, Millbury, Nipmuc, Oxford, Whitinsville Christian, and Quaboag. It is an eight-game slate and this year's boys division is stacked with participants. More than 20 teams are taking part in the league this year.



Most of the boys games are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Quabbin girls basketball is not taking part in the league this year.



Quabbin boys basketball has participated in the Auburn Summer League the past few years



Auburn High School is the host site for all the games.

Post 241 falls to Belchertown

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The first four innings of last Monday's Senior Division Legion baseball game between Belchertown Post 239 and Monson Post 241 was very close.

Belchertown scored four runs in the fifth inning enroute to a 6-3 victory at Legion Field in Palmer.

"I'm very proud of the way my players played against a very good Monson team," said Belchertown manager Todd McDonald. "We had a little bit of trouble against their starting pitcher early in the game, but we were able to get the job done."

The come-from-behind victory improved Belchertown's early season record to a perfect 3-0.

A year ago, the Post 239 squad represented District 3 in the Senior Division Legion state tournament.

Monson (1-1) began the legion season with a walk-off victory against North Adams Post 12 a week earlier.

"We just made a couple of costly errors, which you couldn't afford to do, especially against the district champions," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We're capable of beating any team in this league if we don't make very many mistakes."

The winning pitcher in the only meeting of the regular season between the two squads was lefthander Brady Perkins, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2023.



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Hunter Griswold makes a play to his left.

Perkins allowed three runs on three base hits with four walks and two strikeouts. He threw a total of 52 pitches during the first four innings.

This past spring, Perkins won two games as a freshman member of the Framingham State University baseball team.

Belchertown righthander Alex West, who attends Hopkins Academy, took over on the mound in the bottom of the fifth inning. He only allowed just one base hit over the final three frames.

Righty James Delaney was the Monson starting pitcher.

Delaney lives in Palmer, but he graduated from Belchertown High School a year ago where he was

a member of the Orioles varsity hockey team.

"James asked me if he could be the starting pitcher in tonight's game," Tripp said. "He was an outstanding hockey player at Belchertown High School, but he didn't make their baseball team. In my opinion, he got a raw deal."

Delaney also played hockey at Phillips Academy (Andover) this past winter.

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John Mumper slings a throw over to first.



Austin Meacham slides into second base.

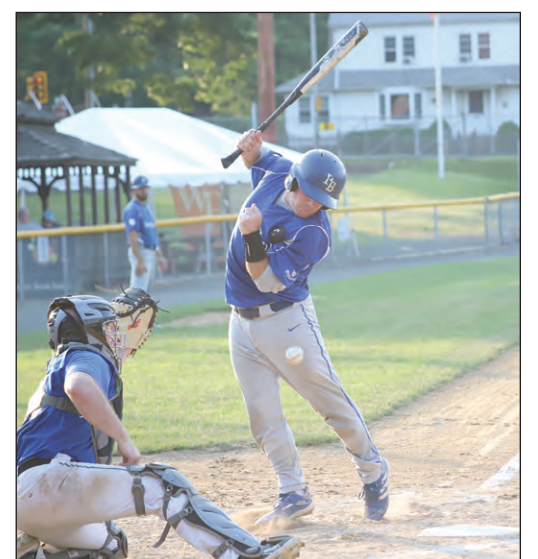
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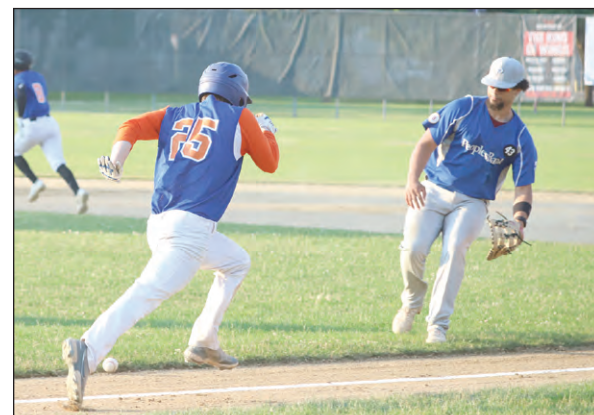
PeoplesBank pitcher Jimmy Flahive makes a pickoff throw to first.

HOLYOKE – Last week, PeoplesBank was in action in the Tri-County Baseball League. The Bankers faced Chicopee and BankESB during the week. The Bankers narrowly defeated ESB to improved to 3-2 on the young season. The Bankers are in the middle of the pack currently with Hilltown Tents holding a 5-2 record for first place. Chicopee and Teddy Bear Pools have second place with four wins each.

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Pete Hogan tries to get out of the way, but is drilled by a pitch.



First baseman Carlos Pena attempts to field a slow roller.



Sam Allen connects to drive in a run.

Pioneers keep playoff hunt alive with win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just like every other player listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers roster, Alec Hughes would like to play for a professional soccer team in the future.

Led by Hughes, who recorded a hat-trick in the first half, the Pioneers remained in the playoff hunt by defeating Boston City FC, 6-1, at Lusitano Stadium last Friday night.

"It's always nice to get off to a fast start in every game," said Hughes, who only played the first 45 minutes of last Friday's home match. "The turf field was a little bit slick which helped us move the ball a little faster. It was very similar to playing on grass."

While it rained prior to the start

of last Friday's match, the rain stopped sooner than it was expected to and it was a pleasant evening weatherwise.

The Pioneers had a 7-1-1 overall record and they moved into second place behind first place Seacoast in the USL League Two Northeast Division standings.

Since losing to the Seacoast United Phantom, 3-2, at home on June 7, the Pioneers have gone 3-0-1 in their next four matches.

"It was another very good performance, especially since it was at home," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Everyone is playing very well."

Hughes entered last Friday's contest tied for the most goals in the USL-2 with eight. He finished the match with a total of 11 goals.

Hughes scored a team-leading 15

goals for the UMass men's soccer team last season.

He also attended the MLS combine in Arizona, but he wasn't selected in the MLS draft last December.

Hughes will be wearing the Minutemen uniform again this fall.

"I wasn't drafted last year, but I was planning on going back to school," Hughes said. "I'm hoping to play for a professional soccer team in the future. It would be a great honor."

Molinari, who has watched several of his players turn pro during the past 15 years, is hoping Hughes is drafted.

"It's Alec's dream to play professional soccer and I really hope he makes it," Molinari said. "He's our

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Sports

Blue Sox get big win over North Adams

HOLYOKE - Sunday was a statement game for the Valley Blue Sox against the North Adams Steeplecats.

Scoring in the first inning off a double hit by Chris Jans, the Blue Sox never trailed in this game. However, the Steeplecats did not give up whatso-

ever. With the Blue Sox holding onto that 1-0 lead, both teams were in a stalemate going into the fifth inning. Pitcher Jax Traegar took early care of the Steeplecat offense in the top of the inning, to give the bats back to the Blue Sox. It was just the momentum needed to deliver a shot to blow the game wide open.

The Blue Sox did just that, starting with Jonathon Hogart's RBI single bringing Chris Jans home and Michael O'Connor following it up with a highlight, two run home run. When it was all said and done, the Blue Sox scored five total runs to extend their lead to 6-0.

The Steeplecats scored two runs over the last three innings, but the deficit was simply too large to overcome. The most intriguing aspect of this game was that both teams had eight total hits, yet the Blue Sox took advantage of far more to win the game.

In a game where early on it was clear hitting and scoring was going to be a deciding factor for the victor, the Blue Sox came together as a team to deliver just that. Throughout this season, it has been discussed that hitting was a "work in progress" for the Blue Sox, and that they leaned on their pitching for many of their wins. However, tonight they proved that when needed their hitting was also reliable. It's a major stepping stone for the Blue Sox offense, and it helps them advance to a 2-0 season record over the Steeplecats and 8-5 overall.

Quabbin League wants to fill remaining roster spots

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball has begun its season. There are still several open spots to get filled despite the season being underway.

While the fee for the full season is \$190, the league will prorate the fee as the season goes on. Teams are still looking to fill their last couple of roster spots and plenty of season remains.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team. The league can also pro-rate registration at this point. Simply contact a league board member. Contact information is located at the registration link.

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He allowed six runs (four earned) on five hits with three walks and three strikeouts.

After scoring two unearned runs during the first three innings, Belchertown put-together a rally in the fifth.

Derek Gould, who was a senior on the Orioles varsity baseball team this past spring and was selected as an Academic All-American by the High School Baseball Coaches Association, drew a lead-off walk.

His younger brother, Ryan followed with a bunt hit and Pat Fitzgibbons also walked which loaded the bases.

At that point, Delaney was relieved by righty Nate Kaczuwka, who was a pitcher on the Ware varsity baseball team.

Another walk by Beau Elson (Hopkins) forced home the tying run.

Then Ryan Gould scored on a wild pitch giving the visiting team a 4-3 lead.

Two more runs crossed the plate when Chace Earle (2-for-4) doubled to right center with one out.

West retired six of the final seven Monson batters that he faced.

Belchertown took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

With two-outs, Fitzgibbons was safe at first base following a throwing error by the Monson third baseman. Fitzgibbons came home when Elson blasted a triple to right field.

Belchertown didn't keep the lead for very long.

Monson took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first when Dylan Sutkaitis(2-for-2) blasted a two run double to the gap in right center. Sutkaitis is one of the five players from Ware High School listed on the Monson legion roster. He's planning to play baseball at Anna Maria College in Paxton next year.

After Belchertown tied the score with another unearned run in the third inning, Monson answered right back in the bottom half of frame.

Jason Mumper, who's another Ware varsity baseball player, broke the tie with an RBI single to right field.

Monson held onto the one run lead until the fifth inning.

Education

Quabbin Middle School lists honor roll

BARRE - The Quabbin Regional Middle School announces the seventh and eighth grade honor roll for the final quarter.

Seventh grade high honors

Students in seventh grade making high honors are: Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Jeremy DeMoranville, Fiona Derr, Xavier Fjeld, Olivia Gregory, Hayston Hay, Carson McConnaughey, Gemma Mullins, Greyson Mullins, Whitney Reeves, Chloe Richardson, Ava Rogowski, Zoey Salvadore, Dimas Santos Jr., Madisyn Shotwell, Addison Surprenant, Michael Tabares, Robert Tobin, Launa Tran, John Tyler and Jack Wynne.

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Students in seventh grade making honors are: Olivia Abbas-Peck, Emma Racket, Adeelya Andrade, Joshua Caranci, Joseph Cook, Gabriel DelGiudice, Landon Devine, Brynna Dunphy, Maya Faucher, Silas Flint, Nathan Gingras, Juliana Guilderson, Sawyer Harmon, Madisyn Hill, Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Aubrey Lawson, Sage McQueston, Lunabelle Moore, Ryan Morin, Sarah Neal, Olivia O'Conner, William O'Neill, Joseph Perrone, Lukas Potter, Kimberly Riendeau, Connor Roohan, Jacob Rosario, Madisyn Scanlon, Annabelle Silver, Deven Skinner, Rosalie Stark, Maxwell Wade and Sarai Zhindon.

Eighth grade high honors

Students in eighth grade making high honors are: Brent Benoit, Abraham Brown, Josephine Buck, Vivien Burch, Nicholas Carroll, Kaylee Correia, Samuel Feldman, Chloe Howarth, Alison LaRoche, Stella Pears, Ellie Poulin, Moira Powers, Juliet Priestley, Ava Sobol, Hailey Stoll, Erin Trotter, Catherine Tucker and Amelia Wertelet.

Eighth grade honors

Students in eighth grade making honors are: Haleigh Agurkis, Nicolas Antonio, Sadie Arnold, Anyiah Bergeron, Mackenzie Black, Carlmorisia Campbell, Eleanor Carroll, Alianna Casey, Justen Chris, Wyatt Clark, Brian Colleton, Aiden Crane, Kayla Curran, Adrien Cyr, Finley Davis, Olivia Drake, Aliyah Edouard, Maya Edouard, Andrew Erickson, Arianna Fargnoli, Audrey Faucher, Maya Fontaine, Sydney Freeman, Daniella Gaudreault, Callahan Hardy, Samuel Jamieson, Ava Kinney, Matthew Labrousse, Lorali Lamarre, Lucy Langlois, Dylan Lantighe, Collin Leclair, Emma Lindsey, Kingston McKenzie, Lynn Diarra Michel, Gianna Montalvo, Anthony Noborini, John Orsini, Zion Parks, Aubrie Phelps, Lucas Proctor, Gwendolyn Ruis, Veanna Salvadore, Kristen Schur, Carter Stevenson, Ryleigh Sullivan, Benjamin Thompson, Noah Toupense, Akhai Tran and Shane Woodruff.

Quabbin Regional High School lists honor roll

BARRE - Quabbin Regional High School lists quarter 4 honor roll.

Grade 9 High Honors

Student in grade 9 attaining High Honors are: Madeleine Boisselle, Mackenzie Casey, Jack Desjean, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Tess Dunphy, Brody Faucher, Grace Flamand, Anna Hautala, Violet Kelley, Audrey Laursen, Anna Metcalf, Ella Reeves and Brendan Welch.

Grade 9 Honors

Student in grade 9 attaining honors are: Klavdiya Antonian, Skyler Bard, Carter Bassett, Jacob Bassett, Halo Bissonnette, Emma Clark, Benjamin Darcey, Kherington Deschenes, Katelyn Durant, Quinlan Fauteux, Alijah Flint, Aiden Gow, Jacoby Hartshorn, Sadie Kennan, Sierra Lambert, Ailey Majoy, Scarlett Merriman, Mia Miville, Jesse Newton, Samantha O'Connor, Charlotte Oliver, Nahdiya Pena Leary, Julia Quintal, Camren Robertson, Emma Ryan, Kailynn Schuster, Gabriella Totas, Grace Vanoudenhove, Ellary White and Leanna Zou.

Grade 10 High Honors

Student in grade 10 attaining High Honors are: Micah Cerezo, Annabella DiMartino, Kenzie Gallagher, Elizabeth Mattheson and Zoe Orellana Cadenas

Grade 10 Honors

Student in grade 10 attaining Honors are: Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Tricia Brusio, Troy Budreau, Addison Christiansen, Kylee Costello, Mia Ducos, Kalina Dyer, Evelyn Giese, Ava Gilman, Madeleine Hardy, Adelaide Harmon, Emma Harrington, Emma Kahlau, Jacob LaValley, Collin Lindley, Grace Manna, Hunter McQueston,

Parker Proulx, Lindsey Ryan, Wesley Sanderson, Allison Sprinkle, Madelyn Stauder, Cameran Vega, Andrew Warfield, Bianca Wilder, Hannah Zereski and Jin Xi Zou.

Grade 11 High Honors

Student in grade 11 attaining High Honors are: Ava Conlee, Matthew Erickson, James Geary, Isabel LaBelle, Ethan Salvadore, Sydney Slattery, Isabella Smith, Irene Stolgitis and Jaxon Warburton.

Grade 11 Honors

Student in grade 11 attaining Honor Roll are: Eamon Arnold, Haley Ayer, Alexander Bedard, Kevin Boles, Kaeliana Boucher, Samantha Carlson, Kyle Clark, Teaghan Earle, Adam Faulha, Angelina Feliciano, Ellie Frost, Ruby Gatulis, Kyra Grummell, Samuel Guertin, Veronika Mendrek, Sadie Sheldon, Richard Tucker and Abigail Ure.

Grade 12 High Honors

Student in grade 12 attaining High Honors are: Baylee Garcia, Kylie Casey, Grace LaValley, Ally Legare, Amy Stauder, Michael Tobin, Seth Twarog, John Waltz and Brianna Whitelaw.

Grade 12 Honors

Student in Grade 12 attaining Honors are: Alena Arnold, Hannah Baxter, Trinity Boissonneau, Sophie Borbone, Brianna Caponigro, Chloe Dennis, Erin Eldredge, Jady Gonzalez, Colin Harmon, Sophia Januszewski, Gavin Majoy, Natalia Marchand, Joshua Marcotte Jr., Kelsey Marsh, Cole Morrill, Camryn Orsini, Aubrey Raposa, Carlee Rich, Kayla Sherblom, Julianna Stanger, Heather Stuart, Eleanor Thompson and Benjamin Vasseur.

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their stink.

Along the same lines are all natural pellets that are soaked mainly in garlic essential oil. These should be hung or planed about three feet apart to make a stinky barrier that the rabbit won't cross to get to your plants.

I will certainly have to employ some of these tactics after I replant that garden.

You would think that the rabbits

would have been happy enough with the clover in the lawn. I guess they are more "hoppy" with a varied diet.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Athlete of the Month

NAME: Natalia Marchand
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Marchand reached the All-State Track meet earlier this month, competing in the high jump.

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.



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Bonsignore wins Mohegan Sun 100

LOUDON, N.H. - Justin Bonsignore had a busy Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway - one that ended with his 42nd career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victory - and a strong performance in his NASCAR Xfinity Series debut with Joe Gibbs Racing.

Bonsignore started the day early - as the Whelen Modified Tour hit the track for the Mohegan Sun 100 at 10 a.m. Bonsignore ran inside the top-three for the duration of the race after rolling off on the front row for the 100-lap event. In the final laps, he battled with his cousin, Kyle Bonsignore, for the win. Justin kept control of the race for the final restart, then drove away from Kyle on the backstretch and back to the start-finish line to rocket to Victory Lane.

The Whelen Modified Tour win was Justin's second of the season through seven events, and tied Ted Christopher for third all-time on the series wins list. Bonsignore now sits behind Reggie Ruggiero (44) and Mike Stefanik (74) on the wins list.

"We have 16 awesome races in a year, but this is our Daytona 500," Justin said. "Everyone wants to win this race. There's so much that goes into putting yourself in position and having a good car. It's mentally tough to control and understand what you need to do in these late restarts."

Bonsignore pulled within two points of leader Ron Silk in the championship standings as the series heads for the half-way point of the season in the next race, set for July 20 at Monadnock Speedway.

After the Whelen Modified Tour win, Bonsignore moved to his NASCAR Xfinity Series debut with Joe Gibbs Racing, competing in the SciAps 200. Driving the M3 Technology, USNE No. 19 Toyota GR Supra, Bonsignore started 25th in the field after qualifying was canceled on Friday due to rain. In the early part of the race, Bonsignore pitted and stayed out at the end of the first stage, taking the lead of the race. From there, he ran in the top-five for a large portion of the day.

After a late caution, contact in turn one sent Bonsignore spinning, pushing him to a finish of 23rd in his debut. However, the result didn't show the day the New York native had on NASCAR's National Series stage.

"You really couldn't have asked for a better day with Joe Gibbs Racing," Bonsignore said. "Our crew chief played some great strategy to get us up there. I was still learning even right to the end of the race. I was getting better and better all day long and we had a really good car. I can't thank M3 Technology, USNE and everyone else who made this possible enough for the opportunity."

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Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Names of God Part 3

Scripture employs an array of names for God which speak to His nature and work. In this edition let us consider God as 'El 'Elyon, meaning "God Most High."

This phrase presents the Lord as sovereign over all things. Let us note one of the most striking examples of His dominion—an example that comes from the days of the prophet Daniel, featuring Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

Daniel 4 (NIV)

1 King Nebuchadnezzar, To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! 2 It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.

3 How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders. His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. 5 I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. 6 So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. 7 When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. 8 Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.) 9 I said, "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me. 10 These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. 11 The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. 12 Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed. 13 In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. 14 He called in a loud voice: 'Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. 15 But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. 16 Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times

[years] pass by for him. 17 The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people.' 18 This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means, for none of the wise men in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

19 Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you."

Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! 20 The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth, 21 with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds— 22 Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth. 23 Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.' 24 This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: 25 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. 26 The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. 27 Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue."

28 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30 he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" 31 Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This

is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. 32 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes." 33 Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing.

He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Give careful thought to how this account speaks to the supremacy of God. Review this material and look for all the ways God exercised dominion over individuals, circumstances and even nations. I promise you will compile quite a list! How should such realities inform and impact our walks before God and among men. In the estimation of this pastor, let us come to revere Him in true humility, as did Nebuchadnezzar, and may the exclamation of this ancient king (vv. 3, 34b-35) become our own!

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Touch-a-Truck returned to apple orchard

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield, Spencer, and Brookfield Fire Departments came together over the weekend at the Brookfield Orchards to host a joint Touch-a-Truck event.

The orchard has hosted the fire departments and the Touch-a-Truck events for five years, and every year has been filled with fun opportunities for families to learn about fire safety.

This year, there was face painting with Party Time Face Paint, owned by artist Terri Sutton, corn-hole, and a fun opportunity to get coloring books, hats, bracelets, and stickers from the firefighters.

Brookfield Orchards held a fundraiser for the Fireman's Relief Fund. The money specifically goes to the North Brookfield department, where they can use the money for whatever they need.

Fire Chief Darin Anderson and Chief Deputy Keith Marshal partner with the orchard's owner, Diana Nydam, and have worked to host



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Remy and his dad, Lionel Touze, relax in North Brookfield's Engine 2 at the Touch-a-Truck event held at Brookfield

these events for the community.

"We're all one big firefighting family," Ralph Kirouac of the North Brookfield Fire Department said.

"My favorite part about hosting these events is supporting my town and first responders, but also bringing awareness to the people that

live in these towns and surrounding towns fire safety techniques," Diana Nydam said.

The Touch-a-Truck event is a community favorite, so be sure to go to it next year so that you don't miss some fun moments with friends and family.



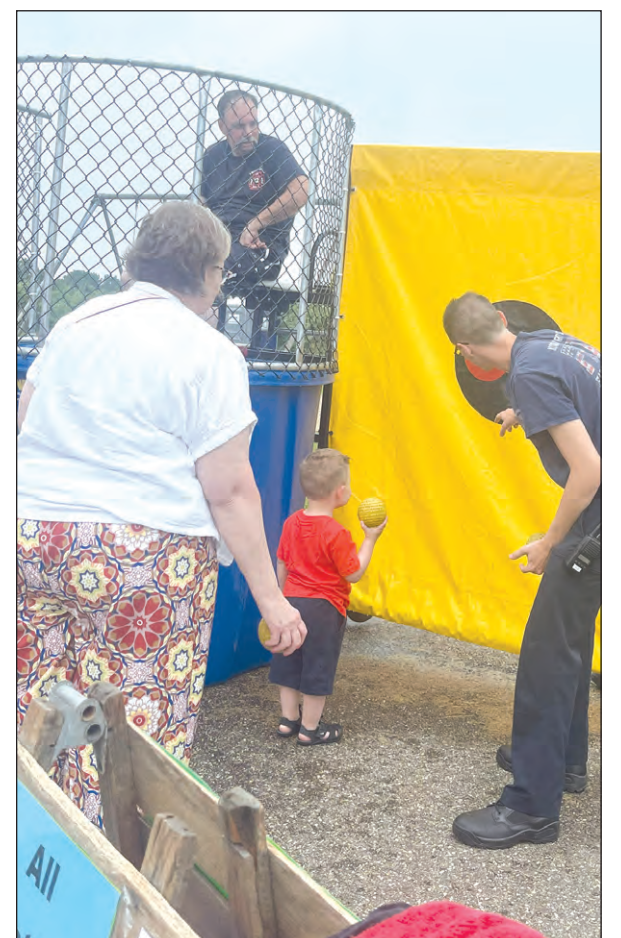
Hannah shows off her cat face paint and blue dress.



Julian wore his firetruck shirt and is shown with his mom, Hillary, and dad, Eryk Knutelski.



Sammy Sousa practiced his skills at putting out fires.



Murphy Swindell lined up with a ball to dunk the Fire Chief Darin Anderson while his grandma Kim Swindell stood by to help.

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leading goal scorer this year. I'm very happy for him."

Boston City (1-5-2) had a golden opportunity to take a 1-0 lead during the ninth minute of the opening half, but Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cersosimo (2 saves) made a diving save.

Two minutes later, Laurie Goddard sent a crossing pass into the box from the right side and Hughes headed it into the right corner past Boston City goalie Sebastian Montoulieu.

"I always try to find a gap between the defenders," Hughes said. "It was a perfect pass from Laurie and all I needed to do was head the ball into the net."

The Pioneers took a 2-0 lead twenty minutes later.

This time, Aidan Kelly sent a long pass to Hughes, who controlled the ball with his chest before tapping it across the line.

Hughes capped off his hat-trick by firing a shot into the left corner of the net during the 34th minute.

With about five remaining in the opening half, it looked like Oscar Sears had scored his first goal in a Pioneers uniform, but it was disallowed by referee Jonathan Luk because a Pioneers player was offside.

Sears, who has been on the Pioneers roster all season long, played in his first game at Pathfinder FC, which was a 2-0 win, last Tuesday night.

Sears was a member of the men's soccer team at Wake Forest.



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Jared Smith corrals the ball.



Augustine Boadi fakes and heads up the field.

He'll be playing soccer at Bryant University this fall.

Holding a 3-0 halftime advantage, Hughes was replaced by Scott Testori at the start of the second half.

Testori, who's a member of the UConn men's soccer team, added his name to the score sheet with an unassisted goal during the 55th minute.

Goddard scored the Pioneers fifth goal two minutes later, which was assisted by Camilo Comi.

Josh Tubbs, who made his first appearance of the season for the Pioneers, replaced Cersosimo in

goal during the 68th minute.

Boston City got on the scoreboard with a goal by Thiago Goes with 20 minutes remaining in regulation.

Ali Taleb capped off the scoring for the Pioneers with a breakaway goal in the 88th minute. Testori was credited with the assist.

The Pioneers are scheduled to host the Albany Rush at 7pm on Friday night. They'll then play three road games before returning to Lusitano Stadium to face the Vermont Green on July 13 in the regular season finale.

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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, June 9
12:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Coy, Shane D., 32, Orange
Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
6:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
12:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, June 10
11:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Glenwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:33 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Glenwood Road, Report Filed
5:28 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Millbrook Street, Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, June 11
6:17 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Referred to Other Agency
8:26 a.m. Escort/Transport, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Rivera, Luis A., 55, Dothan, Alabama
Charges: Warrant
10:42 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Cheryl Ann Drive, Information Given
12:29 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Information Given
2:45 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Wheeler Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:24 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Deacon Allen Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Beechwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
9:43 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
9:48 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Kenwood Drive, Negative Contact
10:08 p.m. Fire – Structures Fires, Maple Avenue, Fire Extinguished

Wednesday, June 12
7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:43 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Information Taken
8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Peterson, Brandy Lynne, 26, North Brookfield
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
11:07 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Cheryl Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Street, Written Warning
4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:48 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Central Tree Road, Citation Issued
6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Thursday, June 13
12:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
12:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
1:02 a.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
8:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Vehicle Towed
9:42 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Maple Avenue, Referred to Other Agency
12:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Message Delivered
3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Rivas-Rodriguez, Jurnio, 25, Worcester
Charges: Warrant
4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
5:02 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Verbal Warning
5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Memorial Drive, Written Warning
5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
11:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Hunt Road, Transported to Hospital
11:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Central Tree Road, Ambulance Signed refusal

Friday, June 14
5:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
8:09 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Message Delivered
9:04 a.m. Past Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
9:12 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Finn Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
2 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
4:39 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:52 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Maple Avenue, Animal Brought to Pound
6:13 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Juniper Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
9:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
10:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Highland Park Road, Transported to Hospital
10:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Birchwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, June 15
9:45 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, River Road, Referred to Other Agency
12:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised
11:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Hunt Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, June 14
1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
4:39 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Saturday, June 15
1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
8:28 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Crawford Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Healdville Road, Animal Returned to Owner
3:08 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Advised
5:42 p.m. Vandalism, Bicker Pond Road, Report Filed
9:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Thursday, June 13
4:58 p.m. Public Assist, Williamsville Road, Dispatch Handled
5:52 a.m. Erratic Operator, Brigham Street, Message Delivered
10:57 a.m. Suspicious Person Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact
Friday, June 14
6:41 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Westminster Road, Message Delivered
10:53 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Old Boston Turnpike, Mutual Aid Transport
11:32 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Unfounded
Saturday, June 15
5:04 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:04 p.m. Safety Concern, Pine Tree Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
10:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Worcester Road, Public Assist

Barre Police Log

Road, Information Taken
10:08 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Maple Avenue, Fire Extinguished

Wednesday, June 12
6:07 a.m. Fire – HazMat Incidents, Peabody, Information Taken
9:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
9:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pine Tree Terrace, Written Warning
1:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, School South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
1:35 p.m. Fire – Power Lines-Down/ Arcing, Hubbardston Road, Message Delivered
3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
4:43 p.m. Harassment, Terry Lane, Call Transferred
7:19 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Sunrise Avenue, Removed Hazard

Thursday, June 13
6:24 a.m. Property Damage, Summer Street, Report Filed
8:50 a.m. Past – Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Summer Street, Information Given
10:55 a.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
10:57 a.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact
1:26 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
3:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Varney Lane,

Transported to Hospital
10:01 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:53 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Unfounded

Friday, June 14
2:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Grove South Street, Transported to Hospital
4:35 p.m. Erratic Operator, South Barre Road, Information Taken
6:07 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Phillipston Road, Referred to Other Agency
9:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed
Summons: Rivera, Jossie I., 29, Spencer
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

Saturday, June 15
10:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Summer Street, Officer Advised
2:13 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Winter Street, Investigated
6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
Summons: Lynch, Bonnie Marie, 43, Erving
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
10:48 p.m. Gunshots, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact

Public Notices

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. WO24P2107EA Estate of: Janice J. Cullen Date of Death: 12/28/2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ayden W. Cullen of New Braintree, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Ayden W. Cullen of New Braintree, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition 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 07/23/2024. 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

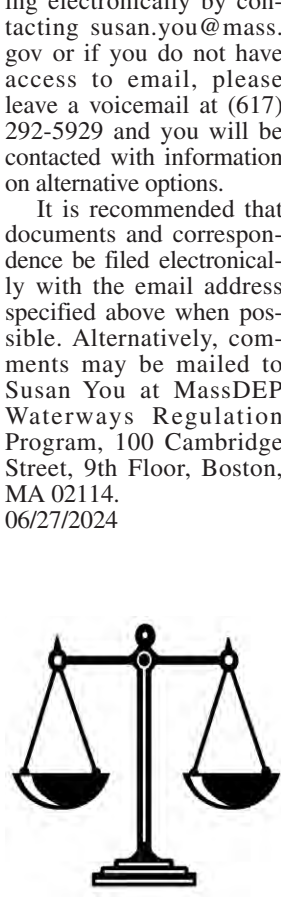
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TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the New Braintree By-laws (Removal of Topsoil, Loam, Sand or Gravel), the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, regarding gravel permit renewals for the following: Robert and Deann Caron, Assessor Map 411, Parcel 96, Barr Road Thomas Stott, Assessor Map 408, Parcels 94/95, 324 West Road Bo Lee Excavating, Assessor Map 408, Parcel 96, West Road, Stanley Grigas, Assessor Map 409, Parcel 34, 87B Sibley Road. This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. You can also email comments to planning@newbraintree.org 06/27, 07/04, 07/11/2024

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number WW22-6019 Applicant: Raitto Industrial Park, Inc. **Project Location:** 36 Mill Street (Property ID 147.0-0000-0023.0), 0 Hardwick Road (202/402.0-0000-0009.0) and off 0 Church Lane (147.0-0000-0108.0), Hardwick and New Braintree. **Notification Date: June 28, 2024** **Public Comments Deadline: July 12, 2024** Public Notice is hereby given of the Chapter 91 L Application by Raitto Industrial Park, Inc. for dredging and installation of temporary cofferdams and a temporary access road associated with the removal of the Wheelwright Pond Dam within waters of the Ware River at and adjacent to 36 Mill Street (Property ID 147.0-0000-0023.0), 0 Hardwick Road (202/402.0-0000-0009.0) and off 0 Church Lane (147.0-0000-0108.0) in Hardwick and New Braintree, Worcester County. The Department has determined that the proposed project is a Water-Dependent Use project. **The Department will consider all written comments on this application received by July 12, 2024 (Public Comments Deadline).** Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten (10) citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five (5) citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. A public hearing may be held at the request of the Municipal Official. Project plans and documents for the application are on file for public viewing electronically by contacting susan.you@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options. It is recommended that documents and correspondence be filed electronically with the email address specified above when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to Susan You at MassDEP Waterways Regulation Program, 100 Cambridge Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02114. 06/27/2024

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Oakham Police Log

Sunday, June 9
12:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Braintree, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, June 11
4:24 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Deacon Allen Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:08 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Maple Avenue, Fire Extinguished

Wednesday, June 12
10:05 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
4:35 p.m. Vandalism, Barre Road, Report Filed
Arrest: Lindsey, Eriq N., 27, Spencer

Summons: Lindsey, Eriq N., 27, Spencer
Charges: Motor Vehicle, Malicious Damage to c266 §28(a), Destruction of Property – \$1,200, Malicious c266 §127

Thursday, June 13
1:26 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
6:32 p.m. Suspicious Person Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party
7:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Robinson Road, No Action Required
9:14 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, North Brookfield Road, Public Assist

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, June 9
2:08 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pine Tree Lane, Referred to Other Agency
4:18 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Information Taken

Monday, June 10
10 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
10:17 a.m. Safety Concern, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:10 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
1:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Old Boston Turnpike, No Fire Service Necessary
1:59 p.m. Complaint, Williamsville Road, Call Transferred
5:44 p.m. Keep the Peace,

Pitcherville Road, Peace Restored
6:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Public Assist
8:57 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Brigham Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, June 11
10:31 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed
10:08 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Maple Avenue, Fire Extinguished

Wednesday, June 12
4:36 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Healdville Road, Report Filed
9:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital
11:49 a.m. Animal – ACO Call,

Healdville Road, Animal Returned to Owner
3:08 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Advised
5:42 p.m. Vandalism, Bicker Pond Road, Report Filed
9:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, June 13
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5:52 a.m. Erratic Operator, Brigham Street, Message Delivered
10:57 a.m. Suspicious Person Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact

Friday, June 14
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10:53 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Old Boston Turnpike, Mutual Aid Transport
11:32 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Unfounded

Saturday, June 15
5:04 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:04 p.m. Safety Concern, Pine Tree Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
10:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Worcester Road, Public Assist

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