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Rain fails to dampen spirits at *Kid's Fest*



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This African spurred tortoise is the third largest species of tortoise in the world. It weighs 85 pounds.

OAKHAM – Despite the rain this past Saturday, the Fobes Memorial Library's Kid's Fest went on as planned.

Tents helped keep people dry and of course, the Bounce House had a roof so children could enjoy this fun activity without getting wet. Toddlers even had their own special time in the bounce house and did not have to jostle for space with older children.

This free family event offered many activities including twisters balloons, giant bubbles, henna art, Rainbow Reptiles Animal Show, Ed the Wizard, tie dye T-shirt making, food and more. A sword made from balloons was the

favorite of most of the boys attending. Of course, there were the usual animals and flowers too.

A giant African spurred tortoise was a favorite. Weighing 85 pounds it took two people to lift him out of his container so children could touch his shell. He stayed where he was put as he had a large pile of fresh lettuce to eat. Children got to see and touch other reptiles as well.

Upstairs in the library there were plenty of desserts and children got to eat a special "dirt," chocolate pudding garnished with other edibles like gummy worms, sprinkles and more. There was pizza too.



Tie dying tee shirts was one of the many activities at Kids Fest held at Oakham's library on Saturday, June 24 despite rain. Lizzie Laramée, from left, Cora Wangerin and James Laramée select the correct size tee shirt.



Fobes Memorial Library Director Samantha Bodine talks with Ed the Wizard at the Kids Fest held in Oakham last Saturday.

Select Board hears auditors report

Town receives
unqualified opinion

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Jim Powers of Powers and Sullivan, LLC of Wakefield, said the town received an unqualified audit opinion for Fiscal Year 2022.

He gave a presentation on the audit to the Select Board at their Monday, June 20 meeting and said "the paperwork was fine." An unqualified opinion or "clean audit" does not have any kind of adverse comments or any disclaimers about any clauses in the audit process.

This means the auditors were satisfied with the financial reporting. Powers said the two most important parts of the audit were the financial statements and the management letter.

He commended the town for putting some money aside, \$25,000 per year, for funding Other Post Employment Benefits. In addition to OPEB, the other town liability is the Worcester County Pension.

In the management letter to the Select Board, he said the treasurer and accountant needed to reconcile monthly and not "six months down the line." The tardiness of one department, the sewer and water department, in sending copies to the treasurer and accountant copies of the sewer and water bills made it hard for them to reconcile their books.

Treasurer/Collector Jake Voelker said he had to ask the sewer and water department for copies of those bills. Voelker and Town Accountant Jean Joel said they did not have that problem with the Board of Assessors.

The auditor recommended payroll checks be direct deposit only. The town still cuts some paper checks to a handful of employees. He said cutting paper checks takes more time and "effects performance."

Powers also discussed the need to write off long standing uncashed checks.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said she was aware of the issue with the sewer and water departments. She also said the letter "did not tell us anything we didn't know." The Board voted to accept the auditor's report.

National Grid request

Robert Williams of National Grid attended the meeting to discuss their plan to remove the right of way on Skelley Road and move the wires to new poles along the side of the road. This new placement of pole would allow service back to customers on the road in a faster manner.

Williams requested approval for this project and said a pole petition would be forth coming. The Select Board's next meeting is Monday, July 10 rather than the usual first Monday of the month on July 3. They will hold the pole hearing at the July 10 meeting and all parties concerned would be notified.

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Voters approve purchase of new fire truck at town meeting

By Eric Troy
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – Under the newly renovated roof of Glidden Hall, residents, school department and town officials gathered on June 22 for both annual and special town meetings to discuss budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

Additional funding was required to offset the budget from the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The town departments which required additional funding were as follows: Select Board, approximate-

ly \$838; Assessors (Clerical), approximately \$972; Treasurer, approximately \$600; Town Hall, approximately \$4,500; Police Department, approximately \$24,000; Fire Department, approximately \$42,000; Equipment Fuel, approximately \$2,000; Highway Department, approximately \$34,000; Health Insurance, approximately \$13,000; Medical Tax, approximately \$1,000; Insurance, approximately \$2,000; and Out of District Tuition, approximately \$1,000.

These budgetary adjustments were approved by residents and

included funds from free cash (money that was still available from last year's budget) for the Highway Department's \$34,000 increase and adjustments to the Capitol Improvement Account of \$37,000.

The increased funds for the Capitol Improvement Account will be used to help make software improvements for town Assessors and to increase the budget of the New Braintree Historical Commission by \$10,000 for future projects.

The annual town meeting was preceded by a moment of silence to

pay respect to members of the New Braintree community who passed since last year's Annual Town Meeting.

While the meeting's primary focus was on upcoming budget increases for fiscal year 2024, a number of other topics were also discussed, including the acceptance of Town Officials elected on May 1.

Officials elected at the May 1 annual town election were upheld for the following positions and terms: Dennis Letendre Jr., Selectboard for three years; Jessica A. Bennett, Town Clerk

for three years; Claire Reavey, Assessor for three years; Shelby Pollard, Assessor for one year; Janet A. Pierce, Treasurer for three years; Renee Gregoire, Auditor for three years; Amie Lefevre, Finance Committee for three years; Robert Glidden Sr., Cemetery Commissioner for three years; Paul Thompson, Board of Health for three years; Jeffrey Howland, Moderator for three years; Susie Mulliken, Constable for three years; Rory Fitzgerald, Constable for one year; Peggy Thompson, Quabbin Regional School District School Committee for three years;

Marjorie Wissiup, Library Trustee for three years; and Theresa Langelier, Library Trustee for three years.

All budgetary adjustments were passed, with conversation from residents focusing on increases to the Police Department budget and funds necessary for the purchase of a new fire truck.

The Police Department's budget for labor costs remained the same as last year (\$179,079), but the budget has risen approximately \$43,000 since fiscal year 2022.

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75 years of freedom, fun and fireworks

Annual 4th of July event celebrates the Rutland way

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

RUTLAND – Rutland is celebrating its 75th year hosting events on Independence Day for a five-day extravaganza of events, complete with a parade and some of the best fireworks around.

Food trucks will remain at the events all weekend, so there will be plenty to choose from, including local restaurants. Don't forget to also order your very own T-shirts on the website www.rutlandma-4thofjuly.org.

Tina Greenfield, a member of the 4th of July Committee, said that these events "ooze" tradition. "There is a certain magic that surrounds the 4th of July in Rutland, if it's been a part of your own family tradition then you understand exactly what I'm talking about," she said.

Greenfield has been on the Committee for six years, alongside her cousins, Melissa Puliafico and Carrie Mota. She and her cousins have done an amazing job of putting together events for this year's Independence Day celebrations.

The most well-loved events by far are the fireworks and the parade, where many creative mind make floats for a grand prize trophy.

"This year's theme is 'Independence Day the Rutland Way!' In the description it says, 'If you ask 10 people: What makes the way Rutland celebrates so special? You will get 10 different answers.' That's the truth and all part of the magic," she said.

Folks that come to these events should definitely make time for the fireworks and the parade this weekend, so mark your calendars. The week has much to offer.

The celebrations and events begin on Friday evening, June 30, and will be located at the Milk Room Brewing Co. The first event is a Road Race sponsored by the Rutland Lions Club, followed by a concert by Booty and the Jett.

The first night will end with a bonfire.

On Saturday, July 1, there will be events all day. Cub Scout Pack #141 will host a junior Olympics, and the Briggs Family is spon-

soring a volleyball tournament. You will find both events on the Memorial Field.

To continue Saturday's events, there will be a Bike and Doll Carriage Parade sponsored by Rutland Recreation on the Sunny Common. The Historical Society is hosting a Lemonade Social, and the Girl Scouts are hosting a Lip Sync Battle on the Town Common.

The night will end with a concert performance featuring the band The Midnight Riders also on the Town Common.

Day three, Sunday, July 2, will feature a Town Picnic on the Town Common for all to enjoy a lunch with friends and family. During the picnic, there will be a magic show with Steve Charette, and the show will be followed by balloon animals.

Sunday will end on a relaxing note in mid-afternoon with a performance by the band Chuck and Mud, also on the Town Common.

Monday, July 3 the celebration will take place in the evening with a Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Rutland Fire Brigade behind the fire station. Following that is the Strawberry Festival hosted by the Lions Club on the Town Common.

There will also be a concert

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Hubbardston welcomes new town clerk

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – The residents that attended the town's Annual Town Meeting on June 6 this year would have seen the new Town Clerk, Candace Livingston, sitting to the right of Moderator, Rene Lafayette.

Candace, represents another efficient job the Select Board does in hiring the right person for the right job. At first blush, one might not think so.

Livingston for seven years, following earning a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, was a kindergarten teacher. At some point, however, she became drawn to how town governments are organized. That interest and drive led her to being hired as Rutland's Assistant Town Clerk.

She worked there long enough to demonstrate to those who saw her in action, that she had not only strong writing and oral communication skills but an understanding of human behavior. Her degree in psychology was a good one for her. As a teacher of children of any age, being a good listener, having organizational skills, patience and a strong intuition is priceless.

She had no plans to leave that position but when the pandemic put some pressure on Rutland's budget,



Submitted Photo

Candace Livingston is the new Hubbardston Town Clerk.

reducing hours and layoffs in some areas, she wanted to prepare for a "just in case" Plan B. However, she wanted stay with the kind of work she had come to like. Her research revealed that Hubbardston was looking for a Town Clerk. She applied and was hired on April 24.

From the get-go she blended in well with the dedicated staff. In fact, the Town Administrator, Nate Boudreau, her boss, is six months in his position. It is evident to see

how well they work together when visiting the Town website and viewing the video they put together prior to the Annual Town meeting. The video gives brief explanations of each of the 24 warrants articles that would be voted upon, on June 6.

I asked Livingston what her job responsibilities are. The Town Clerk is responsible for all elec-

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News of the Towns



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Library hosts Mario Brothers Field Day

The Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., will hold Mario Brothers Field Day on Saturday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a Mario themed outdoor obstacle course as well as water games and guest Bill Roy with a lively music circle.

Adult landscape painting course

The Woods Memorial Library will hold a four week adult landscape painting course on Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6 p.m. Materials are provided. Registration is required by calling the library at 978-355-2533.

Quabbin Community Band

Quabbin Community Band will perform on Sundays, July 2 and July 9 at Nornay Park. Concerts July 16, July 23, July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 will be held from the Harding Allen Bandstand, Barre Common, Concert Mall.

Farmers Market

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

Saturday concert

Weir River Jazz will perform Saturday, July 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre as part of the Barre Summer Concert Series. Admission is free. The Barre Lions Club will sell food at the concert.

Legion Post 2 to hold meat raffle

BARRE – American Legion Barre Post 2 will be holding a meat raffle on Saturday July 22 from 3-6 p.m. at post headquarters, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. There will be five tables of meat. Tickets are 7 for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Meat is supplied by Arnold's Meats. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

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Listening Wellness Center offers classes for children and teens

Summer fun for mind, body and soul

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BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., is ready for summer with a selection of classes geared toward children ranging from 5 years old through teenagers.

Registration is required at least seven days before the first day of class; and space is limited and filling up fast.

Artist Jen Swan has a variety of classes she's offering this summer, and her "Dragons" class has already filled up.

Swan, who has been with the Listening Wellness Center for many years, is a teaching artist and mural painter. She is inspired by the connection between art and nature and her creativity gravitates toward the beauty of the outdoors.

"Mandalas with Jen Swan" will help children between the ages of 6-12 explore the art of mandalas. They will paint on smooth river rocks, making intricate patterns of dots.

Participants will also use colored pencils to create drawings, as well as experiment with sand to layer colors and designs, making both small and large scale works of art.

"Mandalas with Jen Swan" will be held July 11, 12 and 13 from 10-11 a.m. The cost is \$40.

Swan will also teach "Family Fun: Mosaic Stepping Stones" on July 13 and 20 from 2-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$50.

This is a workshop designed for an adult/child pair to make a stepping stone out of tile, small stones and glass marbles. This stepping stone will make the perfect addition to a garden or yard.

Swan will explore the art of papier-mâché with children ages 6-12 during "Sun and Moon Masks" held on July 25, 26 and 27 from 10-11 a.m. The cost is \$40.

These "night and day" masks can be displayed as wall sculptures, or even worn during costumed play.

Rhonda Hamer of Hubbardston will teach "On the Move with Food" in two separate classes; one for age 6-11 (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and the other for teens ages 12 and up (12:45-2 p.m.). The cost is \$50.

Hamer has trained and educated adults, teens and children with varying levels of fitness, including many who are new to exercise or with limited mobility. She is both



Submitted Photo

Jen Swan is teaching a class on how to make papier-mâché masks called "Sun and Moon Masks" at Listening Wellness Center.



Submitted Photo by Kindel Media

Rhonda Hamer will be making healthy snacks, including smoothies, during her class "On the Move with Food."

a Certified Personal Trainer and Nutrition Coach.

Participants will learn how food and movement are connected over three weeks, starting with Heart Smart on July 11.

During Heart Smart, children and teens will engage in movement to get the heart pumping and make a healthy snack of energy bites to quickly refuel.

On July 18, Hamer will lead participants through A Stronger Me! to work muscles and enjoy foods to rebuild them, such as hummus.

The final part of the class will be held on July 25 and is called Feelin' Good. Participants will learn flexibility exercises and enjoy refreshing smoothies.

Yoga instructor and Barre resident Lisa Holloway will lead "Yoga for Kids" and "Yin Yoga for Teens."

Holloway has been practicing yoga for over 20 years and is a Registered Yoga Teacher with a Children's Yoga Teacher Certification. She is also a National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach and has a private practice, Burnout to Bliss

Health Coaching.

"Yoga for Kids" will be held July 12, 19 and 26 from 10-10:45 a.m. for ages 5-7 and from 11:15 a.m.-noon for ages 8-11. The cost is \$30.

Holloway will join children while they breathe, move, sing, tell stories and meditate. This fun and imaginative class benefits all areas of health including physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

"Yin Yoga for Teens" will be held July 12, 19 and 26 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for ages 12 and up. The cost is \$36.

Each class will begin with a grounding exercise, followed by a practice of yin yoga postures that will be held for three to five minutes each. Classes will end in savasana, a restorative pose.

To register, visit listeningwellness.org, click on "Classes," then select "Children's Classes" where an interactive flyer will provide links.

Scholarship, made possible through the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation and personal donations, are available by emailing listeningwellnesscenter@gmail.com.

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Holiday hours for town offices

There will be modified hours on Monday. In observance of Independence Day, town offices will be closing Monday, July 3 at noon. Town offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4 to celebrate Independence Day.

Vacancies

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

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

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

Library passes

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

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

Golden Age Club

Golden Age Club will meet Wednesdays, July 5 and July 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St.

Senior center events

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

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 3. 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 – Pork rib-i-que, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cold baked apples, sandwich roll

TUESDAY – Holiday No meals served. WEDNESDAY – Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh fruit, hot dog bun, mustard

THURSDAY – Chicken Cacciatore, Gemmeli pasta, broccoli, brownie, diet = half piece, Italian bread

FRIDAY – Fish with crumb topping, rice pilaf, Tuscan style vegetables, fruited ambrosia, diet = Mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread

*Diabetic friendly dessert **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 \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Workshop on pollinator gardens is June 30

WARE – Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Pollinator Gardens," will be held on Friday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

At this workshop, presenter Allison Rosendale will teach you how to encourage pollinators to your backyard and provide practical information for any space from a terrace to a farm to attract and help pollinators thrive.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

Correction

In the June 22 edition, a press release entitled New bill sets to Permanently increase federal funding for school meals" U.S. Representative James P. McGovern is no longer the ranking member of the house Rules Committee.

Corrections policy

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



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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Council on Aging – July 5 at 1 p.m.
Board of Assessors – July 5 at 6 p.m.
Water Commission – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – July 10 at 5 p.m.
Select Board – July 10 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Committee – July 11 at 7 p.m.
DPW Commission – July 11 at 7 p.m.
250th Anniversary Committee – July 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – July 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – July 13 at 3 p.m.
Sewer Commission – July 20 at 7 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Aug. 1 and Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.
Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee – June 29 at 2:30 p.m.
Board of Health – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – July 6 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – July 12 at 9 a.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – July 12 at 4 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – July 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – July 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – July 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Recycling Commission – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

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

NEW BRAINTREE

Library Trustees – June 29 at 4 p.m.
Planning Board – July 17 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Select Board – July 5 and July 18 at 6 p.m.
Parks and Recreation July 6 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – July 19 at 6 p.m.
Department of Public Utilities – July 20 at 2 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health – July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Petersham School Committee – June 29 at 5 p.m.
Select Board – June 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Health – July 6 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – July 7 at 9 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – July 11 at 10 a.m.
Conservation Commission – July 11 at 6 p.m.
Open Space & Recreation Committee – July 11 at 7 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – July 20 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – July 27 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board Hearing – July 10 at 6 p.m.
Ad Hoc By Law Committee – July 11 at 1 p.m.

Barre Food Pantry to hold distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday July 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, July 20 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, July 12 or the evening on Thursday, July 20, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of the COVID-19 subvariant viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients July 12 and July 20 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

While the pantry typically used to have an “all hands on deck” approach to welcoming volunteers, in May they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups. Volunteers should not arrive on July 12 and 20 without first contacting Dave Petrovick at 978-852-1696 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should visit the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>

Quabbin Community Band presents ‘A Star Spangled Spectacular’

BARRE – This coming Sunday, July 2 at 6 p.m., the Quabbin Community Band will present a rousing All-American program titled, “A Star Spangled Spectacular” at Normay Park in South Barre.

A community band is often called upon to play for a variety of local functions, most often recognizing veterans and fallen soldiers on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. As we celebrate the 50th year of the Quabbin Community Band, it’s informative to find in QCB band history that for the Bicentennial in 1976, the Quabbin band was hired to play a Bicentennial concert or parade in the following

Communities: Rutland; North Brookfield; Readsboro, Vermont; Ware; Athol; Worcester; Three Rivers and of course on the Barre Bandstand.

The Quabbin Community Band has truly earned and kept the reputation of always “being there” for Barre and its surrounding towns with quality music and entertainment for the past 50 years and

the upcoming concert will be no different. “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” “America



Submitted photo
Jill Mongeau from Gilbertville plays the red-white-and-blue Quabbin Community Band bass drum circa 1976 when she was in the sixth grade. Jill now lives in Hardwick and has rejoined the band for their 50th season.

The Beautiful” and “Stars and Stripes Forever” along with a new arrangement for the band of “The 1812 Overture” make this an outdoor concert not to be missed. People should bring lawn chairs, a blanket, a cooler of snacks and even their American Flags to wave along to the music as the band celebrates the Fourth of July in

South Barre at Normay Park.

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

Woods Memorial Library announces summer reading program

BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., invites people of all ages to take part in our annual summer reading program, which began on Wednesday, June 21.

This year’s theme is “Find Your Voice.” Children pledge to read, set their own goals, and check in at the library to earn weekly prizes. Reading solo, listening to audiobooks, completing any school-assigned reading and being read to counts.

In addition to earning weekly prizes, children can attend as many free programs being held throughout the summer, such as “Animal Experience” at Normay Park in South Barre, “Infant Playgroup” with MOC Community Partnership, Tanglewood Marionettes puppet workshop and performance and the annual Touch-A-Truck Story

walk and Teddy Bear Picnic events.

Ongoing weekly events include Saturday Morning Story time, Messy Play and Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics nights. For teens, participants can earn a raffle ticket for every book they read throughout the summer for a chance to win some great prizes, including a Bluetooth speaker, a RocketBook reusable notebook and an inflatable outdoor lounge chair. Teens can also attend several programs this summer, like the escape room presented by Wicked Fun Games, a wand-making craft night, an improv and acting workshop by Little Spark Theater and more.

This year, adults earn one ticket for each book or audiobook they check out at the library or for each ebook or eaudiobook borrowed on one of our

online platforms and they can enter to win prizes such as gift baskets, various gift cards to local businesses, and a gift card to the Hanover Theater.

The Woods Memorial Library would like to thank the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation, the Barre Cultural Council and Barre Recreation Committee for helping fund this year’s summer program. They would also like to thank Wholesome Farmers’ Market, Country Gourmet and The Hardwick Farmers’ Co-op for their generous donations.

For more information about these and many other upcoming events, people may visit the library website at www.barrelibrary.org, find them on Facebook or visit the library to pick up a paper schedule with a listing of these free programs.

Orange Farmers Market held every Thursday

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

be Thursday, June 29.

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

and ice cream, soaps, craft items and more.

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

Car show for 350th set for June 30

BROOKFIELD – Brookfield’s 350th anniversary car show will be held at Quaboag Valley Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, on Friday, June 30 from 5-8 p.m. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m.

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The Clam Box will have a food truck and DJ Glen will provide music. There will be T-shirts and trophies. For more information, call 774-200-0380.

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First concert is Thursday

The Oakham Concert series sponsored by the Friends of the Bandstand, Inc. starts this Thursday, June 29 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham Town Common, with Dan Gabel and the Abletones “Little Big Band.” On July 13, the Quabbin Community Band will perform. On July 27, the band will be Rosie Porter and the Neon Moon instead of the Superchargers as originally listed. On Aug 10 it is Holden’s Back Band and on Aug. 24, the Bad Tickers.

Bird talk

On Friday, July 7 at 12:30 p.m. I will be talking about birds. I am the long time author of In My Backyard, a bi-weekly column about birds published in the Barre Gazette and other Turley Publications owned newspapers. A little birdie told me hummingbird cake will be the dessert.

Church golf tournament

The Bob Tyck Golf Tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, returns after a three-year hiatus under a new name, GABB Memorial Golf Tournament, in honor of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray, Bob Lajoie and Bob Tyck. The Florida style tournament will be held Monday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, Old Turnpike Road. Cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, “goodie” bag and barbecue buffet. Deadline to register is Friday, July 28. There will be prizes for first through third teams, longest drive, last place, closest to pin a dhole in one in addition to raffles and silent auction. People may call Dawn Thistle at 508-882-3982, George Paradis at 508-882-3068 or Brian Laramee at 413-265-5289.

Church news

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

Teddy Bear Clinic and Picnic comes to Gilbertville

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

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



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

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Opinion

Guest Column



Working widow seeks to maximize Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty: I was widowed years ago and, when I approached age 60, I looked into Social Security survivor benefits based on my late husband's record. He started receiving Social Security shortly before he died at \$1,200 per month. My income at age 60 was \$42,000 and, since Social Security would keep \$1 for every \$2 above the limit (around \$15,000 at that time), I did not apply.

Next year I will reach my full retirement age of 66½, but I plan to work until I am 70. Will I be able to receive full survivor benefits next year if I continue to work? I plan to switch to my own Social Security benefit at age 70, which will be higher than my husband received.

Since I am waiting to apply for survivor benefits, will there be an increase in the amount I receive? I am a municipal employee and when I retire, I will collect from the state retirement system. I paid into the state retirement system and also paid Social Security taxes, so will my state pension have any impact on my Social Security?

Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Congratulations on having an excellent strategy for maximizing your survivor benefit as well as your personal SS retirement benefit. Once you reach your Full Retirement Age next year, you are no longer subject to Social Security's "earnings test" and can collect Social Security benefits without those benefits being affected by your work earnings.

Your surviving spouse benefit will be more because you are waiting until your full retirement age to claim it. At your FRA you can claim your full survivor benefit from your deceased husband without reduction and collect only that while still allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to grow to maximum when you are 70. Then, at age 70, you can switch from your smaller survivor benefit to your maximum SS retirement benefit and collect that higher amount for the rest of your life. Essentially, your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA and your personal SS retirement benefit reaches maximum at age 70.

Note that you should apply for your benefits a couple of months before you wish them to start. For example, if you reach your FRA in May of next year you can apply for your survivor benefit in February or March, specifying that you wish your survivor benefit to begin in May 2024 at your full retirement age. Just be sure to emphasize that you are applying only for your survivor benefit and wish your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow by earning Delayed Retirement Credits until you are 70.

You cannot apply for your survivor benefit online, so you will need to call Social Security, at either the national number (1.800.772.1213) or your local Social Security office, to make an appointment to apply for your benefit as your husband's widow.

And to answer your last question, your state pension won't affect your monthly Social Security payments because you paid Social Security FICA payroll taxes from your municipal earnings.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Letter to the Editor

Kudos to team for reopening I-95 bridge

What an incredible accomplishment is occurring with re-opening of six lanes in both directions of Philadelphia's I-95 bridge in only two weeks after its destruction by a gas tanker explosion. Experts predicted re-opening would take a year or more.

Just the opposite occurred. A collaboration of professionals from all disciplines devised a temporary six-lane bridge to be built between and incorporated into, the eventual permanent bridge.

This plan required designing both the temporary and permanent bridges; manufacturing and procuring all the necessary structural steel beams and numerous other materials; hiring and coordinating several construction contractors and a crew of hardhat workers; obtaining all the necessary permits, government permissions and financing, and on and on.

The people involved with this project certainly had a "can do" attitude. What they did is not only a fantastic feat, but also a worthy example for others to follow. Every day we are swamped with plenty of negative head-shaking news. This story should make every American proud and optimistic and demonstrates qualities that can only have a positive effect. Thank you to the I-95 bridge reconstruction team.

Paul Gallo
Barre



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In Past Pages

5 years (July 5, 2018)

Members of Barre High School Class of 1948 agreed the 1948 was a good year. The war was over and the economy booming. A handful of graduates gathered for their 70th class reunion at the Jenkins Inn, located very near the high school that the class attended for four years. Today, it serves as the town municipal building. Five members of the class attended the reunion, Irene (Finan) Mitchell, "Kay" (Celona) Murray, Bertyne (Rice) Smith, Luis Spinney and Ethel (Drolet) Trifilo. John Milan, the one that organized the reunion, did not attend due to illness. Another classmate missed the event as she played the organ at two churches on Sunday. Spinney and his wife, Norma, traveled the farthest from California.

Five year old Elise Better from Phillipston had plenty of interesting things to look at and examine last Saturday afternoon when the No. 4 Schoolhouse in Barre held their annual Strawberry Shortcake Dessert Social. "We came for the strawberries," father Paul Better said who also brought along his younger daughter, three year old Katilin. "My mother was helping to serve the shortcake, but the kids were interested in the pictures and the old desks," he said.

According to No. 4 Schoolhouse President Joyce Dea, the building was one of the 18 working schoolhouses in Barre, closing for good as a school in 1937.

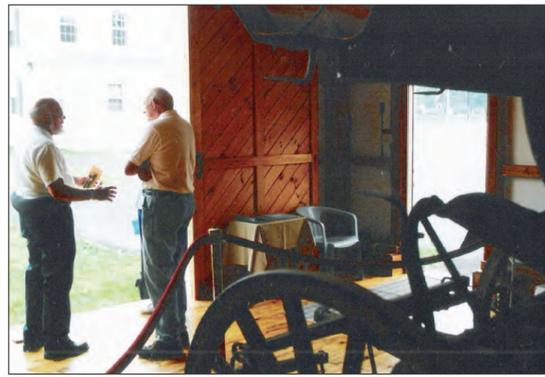
Dressed in her Brownie uniform, Hubbardston third grader Kailen McCarthy took some time out from selling cotton candy to have a look at the shiny green dirt bike on display at the Hubbardston Fair last weekend. "A fair like this brings in people from other communities and should be an annual thing," said father Patrick McCarthy. The pair was attending the event held at the Curtis Recreation Field in Hubbardston, as young Kailen was helping to sell cotton candy to raise money for her Brownie troop. This was once again another local event that came to life behind the driving force of the new Special Events Advisor to the town of Hubbardston, Katie Young.

10 years (July 5, 2012)

The Barre Board of Selectmen signed the contract with Baltazar Construction of Ludlow for the Barre Common drainage repair project. Funding for the \$532,837 project received voter approval at town meeting last year. Barre residents also approved a debt exclusion in a ballot election to find the town's share of the town common project. Town counsel reviewed the contract and said that it was ready to be signed.

Several churches in the area are

LOOK BACK Barre Stagecoach - 20??



File Photo

The Barre Stagecoach is on display before concerts. Herb Holmes, from right, chats with a visitor, at the open house for the Barre Concord Coach held on Sundays before the Quabbin Community Band Concert.

offering Vacation Bible School this summer. The Barre Congregational church, United Church of Christ, Park Street. Barre is holding their VBS on Wednesday evenings rather than a week program during the morning. The program begins on Wednesday, July 11 and continues for three other Wednesday evenings July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Participants will unpack their imaginations when they arrive on Promise Island where they will explore the Bible. In exciting new ways through drama, music and crafts.

Police Chief Erik Demetropoulos usually was the one handing out an award to individuals in the town of Barre that have helped save a life. In March of this year, he presented letters of commendation to Darlene Shatos and C. Ronald Potter for providing life-sustaining measures by using the Heimlich maneuver on Pauline Gifford who was choking. He referred to the two people as "shining examples of the very best attributes this community has to offer."

25 years (July 2, 1998)

Kids on drugs and a meeting divided over how to help them. This was the scenario played out at the Quabbin Regional School Committee meeting Tuesday night as its members struggled towns a new drug policy for the school district. About the only thing that was agreed on over the two and a quarter hour session was that a drug problem exists. Barbara Conti, the school district's health education coordinator, elicited shocked gasps when she presented the results of a drug use survey given to 439 students in grades 8, 10 and 12 last winter. Among the statistics Conti presented included that 68, 88 and 94 percent of eighth, tenth and

twelfth graders said marijuana was "very easy" for them to obtain.

Three Oakham Fire Department members attended the June 29 selectmen's meeting to discuss an alleged lack of communication between officers, firefighters and the Fire Chief. Firefighter Don Apholt, Captain Tom McCaffrey and Lieutenant Tim Toomey presented selectmen a list of issues they would like corrected. They told selectmen they would like to participate in the budgeting process and recommended goals be set for the department. They would also like to be notified when the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief is out of town.

Their name is MX - Ray. They are the fastest single-handed sailboats in the world and they are made right here in Barre. Mark LeBlanc is owner of White Manufacturing, the company that fashions these fiberglass boats and markets them all over the world. The company has been in its location at the door of Christian Hill in the 8,000 square foot building leased from Charles G. Allen Co. for almost a year. It will be a year in August since the business has been in Barre. He has owned the business, which employs five, for four years.

38 years (July 3, 1985)

Barre Selectmen received resignations and made appointments for town positions at their Monday night's meeting. The resignation of Mary Thomson from the Board of Registrars was received with regret by the selectmen. Mrs. Thompson, who has held that position for over 21 years was sent a note thanking her for her years of dedication to her duties. Selectmen also received the resignation of Robert Weldon from his post on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The selectmen also were notified by Richard Wronski, chairman of the Planning Board, that Weldon has resigned from his position on that board also.

At Oakham's Special Town Meeting held last Thursday, June See PAST PAGES, page 6

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,
I have been a very bad cat lately and only lapping off the butter on my morning toast.

Missy got upset with me and I have not had any toast for three whole days. Maybe if I purr loudly and rub her legs this morning, she will relent.

Yep, it worked. However, I was very careful to eat every crumb. I hope she will continue and give me my toast tomorrow morning.

Then, I wandered into the computer room after I had my breakfast and what did I spy, but a drawer in her filing cabinet open about four inches. I reached I and hauled out some papers.

Boy, this is fun. I have a large pile in front of me. Perhaps, I better stop before Missy comes in to read her daily emails.

I'll just jump up on the computer table and play with the string that is attached to the wall light. It has a nice knot attached to the bottom of the string and it swings nicely. Oh, oh I hear Missy coming so I'll better hide under the space bed. I do like that new hiding place by the night stand.

Later, I have just arisen from my morning nap and am headed for the front hall. Missy brought home a lot of books the other day and maybe I can play with a few. They are in a box and I may be able to fish out one. If that doesn't work I can crawl into the big red shopping bag and roll around.

That type of exercise would be good for my back. Next, I found a large rubber band by the red bag and started playing and twisting with that. The only thing it was missing the next morning.

I guess the cleaner picked it up. Oh well, I'll find something more to play with. I noticed a pen on the coffee table next to Missy.

I often sit up on the rack next to her chair in the morning as she sips her coffee. She won't get mad if I play with the pen.

Oh, I hear her sputtering about all the papers I pulled out of the file cabinet. I guess I better get out of sight for a little while.

Love,
Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It was another week of rain, but the deck has been finished.

It is not good weather for painting outside or sealing decks I went to the flea market on Sunday, but there were very few dealers set up. I guess they thought it was going to rain.

I did purchase two cute little boots for a baby, one set was camo and the other were rain boots. I put them side of my front door just for a decoration. I also purchased a Coach pocketbook, but I am not sure if it is real as I only paid a dollar.

In the afternoon on Sunday, I made a visit to Kathy's Consignment shop on Route 68. The shop is well stocked. I did get a nice sweater, a clutch bag and a Greta Chirco doll for my collection. Some of her accessory items are cute.

She sells my watercolor cards and she had sold a number of them. I will be bringing her a new supply.

Each day I try to do a new cleaning project. This week I picked over my lingerie drawer. Another day, I cleaned the shelves, which I hold my pasta jars in the kitchen. I need to pick over the recipe book pantry next.

I noticed a deer did eat one of the large hosta plants. They usually just choose the large leaf ones. I had sprinkled something to deter them around the hosta bed, but this was outside of that area.

The laurel is very pretty this year. We have several nice areas in the woods of the plants. I did pick some for a bouquet.

Strawberries are in season and I thought the readers would like this recipe that I got from my special friend, Nancy.

STRAWBERRY CRUMBLE

- 1 cup Grape nut cereal
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 quart plain whole yogurt
- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup

1-1/2 cups sliced fresh strawberries

Combine cereal, butter and honey and press into a 9 inch pie pan to form a bottom crust. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 6 to 8 minutes, cool.

Combine yogurt and maple syrup, spoon mixture into pie crust and top with strawberries. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Spoon into individual dessert dishes and top with whipped cream flavored with maple syrup, if desired.

I usually keep a can of the whipped cream on hand and use it for strawberry shortcake or on top of ice cream when making a banana split.

This and That

Each day I take a tour around the property to see what flowers need to be deadheaded. Ones I don't deadhead are lupines and foxgloves as I want the seeds to fall to make new plants for next year. I haven't put the large pots of houseplants out on the deck yet as one section has not been finished. I did give a coat of new paint to the sewing machine stand that I use to put my small houseplants on for the summer.

I have been working on a baby girl quilt. I had purchased three yards of three prints of flannel and it is just enough for a small quilt. I cut the blocks into five inch squares. I like to keep baby gifts on hand.

Another project I did this week was take out the photograph albums and made sure they were all labeled. Ken enjoyed looking at all the old pictures of family gatherings and there were plenty.

They included the corn roasts at Barre Falls and clam roast at the homestead. There were photos of many gatherings at my aunt and uncles in Gardner. They bring back fond memories.

Here is a tee shirt quote I enjoyed. "The best thing about the good old days was that I wasn't good and I wasn't old."

Lets hope the sun comes out this week. I'm starting to feel like a mushroom.

Once it is friable, add a four inch layer of compost on top and mix it into the soil. Now you are ready to plant.

Dig a hole and position the astilbe at the same depth it was growing in the container, with the crown of the plant an inch or two below the soil surface. Back fill and gently firm down the area.

Water well until your new plant is established, as well as during periods of drought. Mulch is very beneficial to astilbes; it helps conserve vital moisture and reduce competition from weeds.

If flowers become sparse or the plant encroaches on its neighbors, division may be necessary. Wait until spring, and at the first sign of new growth lift and separate the clump.

The freshest parts of the plant will be towards the edge, so be sure to replant those sections. No doubt you will have many gardening friends ready and able to take any divisions you have left.

Where you place your astilbe in the border depends on the variety you are growing. They can range in height from less than one foot to over three!

There are also numerous variations in flower and foliage coloration. Flowers can be brick red, salmon, mauve, lavender pink, white and many shades in between.

Leaves can have a red or bronze tint, or be deep or even "electric" green. Some astilbe plumes are upright, while others are arching.

They may be light and airy or rather dense. Certainly, with this many options to choose from there is an astilbe for each and every taste!

Do try growing them along with hostas and ferns - a classic and hard to beat combination. Another plus: this plant is rarely bothered by deer or rabbits; I have both!

But beware, it may be harvested regularly for your next floral creation. It will last a good long time in the vase, especially if picked at the first sign of bloom.

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



Gotta love astilbes

I love to walk around my yard admiring the blooming plants.

Within the last few days my beautiful frosty pink astilbe has burst on to the scene in my shade garden, stealing the show from what is left of the mountain laurel flowers.



I love astilbe, and when they are happy, they certainly perform. They work well with other shade lovers - hostas and ferns come to mind first -off.

The astilbe has two things going for it: nice flowers and handsome leaves; traits desirable in the vase as well as the garden! Nothing is worse in my opinion than perennials that bloom for a relatively short amount of time but leave you with drab or high maintenance foliage for the rest of the season.

Not the case with astilbes, that is, as long as they are grown correctly. Most appreciate light to full shade and moist, humus-rich soil.

They may do okay in the sun as long as the soil is right. Take my word that they will struggle in dry ground, and will be far less attractive than their sunny counterparts.

For years I tried to grow a division of one of Mom's plants on the north side of my old house. Sure, I had great shade, but no matter how much I watered it, the soil drained too readily, and it struggled until I finally gave up and gave it away.

To make the first astilbe happier I should have amended the soil with lots of compost prior to planting. This can be accomplished easily by loosening a space in the garden twice the width of your astilbe and a foot or more deep.

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Special events

The Select Board approved the special event permit on Saturday, Aug. 19 for Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust at Stone Cow Brewery, West Street. The land trust purchased land on Washburn Road and this would be a fundraiser for the acquisition.

The board also approved a boot drive for the 250th anniversary committee on Saturday, July 22 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the center of town.

Public hearing policy

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon proposed a recommendation that all public hearings would be held in the Select Board meeting room at the Henry Woods Building unless an alternative recording plan received approval by the Town Administrator. The board approved his recommendation.

Other business

Select Board Chair Marshall said the space on the third floor of this building could be an alternate location for meetings. The Planning Board and Conservation Committee have offices on that floor and it would be easier for them to conduct their hearing there. She said the location was used as a Youth Center, but the Youth Commission is inactive.

The space still could be used as a Youth Center if it becomes active again. She said purchase and installation of recording equipment would come from the Public Education Government Funds provided by cable subscribers. She hoped this location would be available as a site for recording public hearings and meetings in a few months.

Hardwick

Select Board amends accounting contract with Marcum LLP

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Town Administrator Nicole Parker said there are some amendments to the accounting contract with the firm Marcum LLP.

These amendments including allowing the town to give a 10-day notice to leave its contract with the firm, the same as the firm can. Marcum will still come to the Municipal Building one day a month in-person as well.

The Select Board voted to accept these changes to the contract at their Monday night meeting.

Parker also announced that accountant Laurie Dell'Olio has left her position at Marcum and will be replaced.

Parker said she is still looking into possibly hiring a shared accountant with another town.

Wastewater

superintendent's report

Water Pollution Control Facilities Superintendent Scott Potter updated the Select Board on the operation of the WPCFs in town.

The flow meter at the Gilbertville pump station failed, and he had to have an outside technician come in and get it up and running again.

They purchased a new gas meter for entering confined spaces.

Potter said even though the old one is no longer usable; they will keep it for parts.

The phone line for the Eagle Hill School pump station had been disconnected, and the school has been paying the bill for at least seven years. Potter said they are in the process of taking over that bill payment, and the phone line has been reactivated.

He toured the Middlebury Vermont Wastewater Treatment Plant that has an Aqua-Aerobic System, which is similar to what is

being proposed at the Wheelwright facility. He said the operators in Vermont are "very happy" with it.

Potter said after seeing the layout, it reinforced to him that they should take measures to bring up the temperature on their wastewater. He said engineers can address the feasibility of this once work is underway.

New truck

Parker said the bid for the new Highway Department truck came in less than expected. The cost of the 2023 Ram 5500 chassis cab truck is \$108,748.

The truck expenses will come out of the at least \$160,000 remaining in American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Select Board members voted to approve the purchase.

EV charging stations

Parker said she received a quote to replace the town's three electric vehicle charging stations. A grant will pay for the warranty and maintenance agreement.

She said a four-year warranty with maintenance would cost about \$5,000.

Parker said the town is not currently receiving any profit from the EV charging station, but she will look into whether or not it's worth it for the town to charge people for the service.

Parker said it's more of a service to residents than a moneymaker.

Select Board Chair H. Robert Ruggles said he was hesitant to spend money on something that has no return on it, but he was willing to look into pursuing the grant.

Currently, all three EV charging stations, the two at the Municipal Building at 307 Main St. and one at 402 Lower Road, do not work.

"The state is trying to go green, and we've already got them here," Parker said.

Town Administrator's report

Parker said the streaming equipment for the town's YouTube channel is broken, which is why they are using Zoom in order to record the meeting.

She said the company they purchased the equipment from has been bought out, and they are in the process of having it replaced.

Parker said she submitted written testimony on behalf of the town to the State House, regarding equalizing the value for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for state-owned land, as outlined in a bill put forth by state Sen. Jo Comerford.

Appointments

Parker said she went through all of the appointments expiring in 2023 and gave them three-year appointments. The only change in appointments would be replacing Julie Quink on the Personnel Committee with the newest Select Board member, Eric Vollheim.

The Select Board voted to accept the annual appointments with the change to the Personnel Committee.

Select Board members also voted to dissolve the Broadband Advisory Committee.

The town has recently signed a 10-year contract with Comcast and the town has almost 100% coverage.

Recognition of service

Select Board members signed a citation commemorating for Police Officer Edward Pollock for his years of service to the department.

MART appointment

The Select Board voted to appoint Sharon Hardaker to the MART Advisory Board for fiscal year 2024.

Building closed

The Municipal Building will be closed July 3-4 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Normal business hours will resume Wednesday, July 5.

Staff will be using their floating holidays to cover July 3.

Residents vote at ATM to pay police fair detail

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Voters took less than an hour to make decisions on the 20-article warrant at the annual town meeting this past Saturday morning.

With the exception of article 1, which was tabled, all motions passed favorably.

FY 24 budget

Lisa Cohen, secretary of the Hardwick Community Fair, spoke about the addition of \$3,000 in a line item in the Police Department's budget for fiscal year 2024.

This amount was not requested by the Police Department, but rather added by the Board of Selectmen after they were approached by the fair organizers

to cover the cost of police detail during the two-day community event.

While the Finance Committee did not recommend funding the line item, several residents spoke in favor of covering the cost.

Committee Chair Kenan Young made a motion to remove the line item from the budget, saying the budget is already tight and they are trying to build the town's reserve.

Cohen said the cost of police detail has nearly tripled since 2010 when it was about \$1,000, increasing from \$2,000 in 2019 to \$3,000 now. She said neighboring towns that have events with an equivalent number of attendees have a line item expense to cover police detail.

"The Hardwick Fair earns no

profit," Cohen said.

Police Lieutenant Kevin Landine said the detail rate goes up contractually each year and is currently set at \$58 an hour for patrolmen. Both Landine and Police Chief James Ayotte are salaried.

Landine said the cost of police detail increased in 2019 when the fair added the beer tent, and more officers were needed to ensure fairgoers' safety.

He also referenced the increase in active shooter events across the country as being a concern.

Cohen agreed with Landine, and said the fair's budget has been impacted by outside forces.

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Kelly Kemp said Board members

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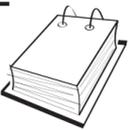
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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

OAKHAM CONCERT SERIES sponsored by the Friends of the Bandstand, Inc. starts today from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham Town Common, corner of Coldbrook Road and Maple Street, Oakham. The band today is Dan Gabel and the Abletones, "Little Big Band." On July 13, Quabbin Community Band will perform, on July 27, Rosie Porter and the Neon Moons, on Aug 10 Holdin' Back Band and on Aug. 24, the Bad Tickers.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

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

MARIO BROTHERS FIELD DAY will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre for all ages. There will be Mario themed outdoor obstacle course, play water game and join special guest, Bill Roy, for a lively music circle.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

STAY AND PLAY will be held at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre all day today and every Wednesday through Aug. 2. This is for all ages.

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, July 3. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Stephen Craven, Elizabeth Laramée, James Laramée and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was a barn located on Brookfield Orchard, Ward Street, North Brookfield.

ADULT LANDSCAPE PAINTING COURSE will take place at today, July 12, 19 and 25 at 6 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre. Materials are provided. The four-week class is for adults age 18 and up. Registration is required by call the library at 978-355-2533.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

MESSY PLAY will be held every Thursday at

10:30 a.m. now through July 20 for all ages 0 to 4.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

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

PET PARTNERS READ WITH COLBY a certified therapy dog today from 3-4 p.m. now through July 28 for all ages. Children may reserve a times lot with Colby by calling the Woods Memorial Library at 978-355-2533.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

TOUCH A TRUCK with the Barre Department of Public Works will be held today from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Children can follow the Woods Memorial Library Story Walk on North Common, Barre entitled "Trash Truck," explore trucks and get a free ice cream Fidelity Bank. It is for all ages.

MONDAY, JULY 10

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre and will be held every Monday night. People may email Julie at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 or just show up at rehearsals. Margaret Reidy is the director.

MONDAY, JULY 12

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

THURSDAY, JULY 13

TANGLEWOOD MARIONETTES PUPPET WORKSHOP will be held today at 4:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. This is for ages 8 plus and registration is required by calling the Woods Memorial Library at 978-355-2533.

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One resident questioned the budget increases, commenting, "I'm not ashamed to pay my share, but my taxes have already gone up." The resident also commented on the decrease in coverage as the Police Department currently covers Hardwick as well as New Braintree.

Police Lieutenant Kevin M. Landline commented on the increases in police budgets, saying that the increases have largely been due to union-required compensation increases, education, and the addition of a new officer to the police force. This new officer has his master's degree and was compensated an additional \$4,000 annually as required for his level of education.

Additional conversation occurred when the New Braintree Fire Department requested funds for a new pumper fire truck. The current truck is from 1996, has already had its pump rebuilt, and is due for another major maintenance run-through.

As the truck is nearly three decades old, the Fire Department hopes to replace the truck rather than repair it. The cost of a new pumper fire truck is approximately \$708,000.

Numerous emergency officials commented on the rapidly increasing cost of pumper fire trucks (cited at an increase of 4-10% per month by officials). An additional consideration was an upcoming Massachusetts initiative to require electric fire trucks.

The cost of an electric fire truck is significantly higher, with officials citing prices as high as \$12 million during the meeting.

A resident commented on potential savings on the purchase by acquiring a used fire truck, but Fire Department officials commented that many towns are in the same boat as New Braintree, making used pumper fire trucks in good condition scarce.

Funding for the new pumper fire truck was approved by voters and the town should see the new fire truck within the next three years.

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performed by the band The Flock on the Town Common.

Finally, the event we all look forward to, there will be fireworks starting at 9:20 p.m. on Memorial Field.

The celebration ends on the fifth day, Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day. There will be a Celebrity Pancake Breakfast with the Friends of the

Council on Aging at the Community Center on Glenwood Road.

The celebration will come to a close with its historic 75th Annual Parade, where local residents will honor the theme of "Independence the Rutland Way!"

The Rutland 4th of July Committee would love to have you at all of these events, and hope you enjoy fellowship and fun with all of the events included.

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tions and voter registrations, as well as overseeing the polling place and the conduct of all elections. Keeping accurate office records, certifies all official actions of the Town, including town meeting legislation and appropriations. Keeping of public records including birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing annual dog licenses, annual census and a variety of other services to the public. Notary Public service is also available. That is quite a bit and not even everything.

If the reader has not seen the town

website recently, take a look at it. It will be easy to learn what is going on now; in the future or being considered by the town by clicking the box next to what you want to be kept up to date about. Go to <https://www.hubbardston.ma.us> Click "Home" then "Subscribe" and check off any of the 35 boxes to receive updates and important information delivered right to your inbox.

Livingston, like Boudreau, is a supporter of full transparency in what the town is doing and how it is dedicated to serving the community. The word "TEAM" can be an acronym for what the town administration with the citizens is working to achieve, "Together

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27 voters refused to appropriate any money in article 5 for legal fees as a result of the controversy between the Planning Board and the selectmen. This was the article asking for appropriation of money to pay legal counsel to deferral the Planning Board in the suit brought against them by the selectmen over their acceptance of a "two plot" subdivision on Parmenter Road. The concuss of the voters present seemed to be that they were opposed to spending any money on the controversy and that the two

boards should be able to settle the matter without a court battle. It was explained that the two boards had met on five different occasions without coming to an agreement.

Six articles of Hubbardston's Special Town Meeting were approved Monday night in nine minutes after waiting 50 minutes for a quorum of 30 voters. Raymond Turcotte acted as moderator was not elected at the annual town election. Most of the articles deal with the transfer of funds from one account to another so that depicts could be cleared prior to the end of the fiscal year on July 1.

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Brewer to take softball talent 'down under'

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Tori Brewer may have played her final high school softball game in the Division 4 state tournament round of 32 game. But she is soon headed to a bigger stage.

Brewer, who was the Lady Panthers starting catcher, will be playing softball in Australia at the beginning of July. She'll be one of two high school softball players from Massachusetts representing the United States at the Down Under Games.

"Anytime that you can represent your county, it's an incredible honor," said Quabbin varsity softball coach Chris Nosek. "I'm very happy for Tori. It's going to be an experience that she'll always remember."

Tori and her mother, Kaelah, will be flying from Logan Airport in Boston to Australia on July 3. It'll be the first time that she'll be visiting another country.

Ten other high school softball players from throughout the United States will also be playing for the United States softball team at the Down Under Games.

"When we get to Australia, the players on the softball team will have a couple of days to get to know each other," Brewer said.

"Whenever I'm on the softball field, the other players become like a family member to me. I just want to work hard for them, and I want them to work hard for me."

Brewer has been playing softball for the past eleven years. She's also a member of the Jr. WooSox AAU softball team.

It was at AAU college showcase tournament in Connecticut last summer that Barry Roberts, who's the head softball coach at Louisiana College, saw Brewer play on a live stream. He was very impressed and invited her to play for the United States team at the Down Under Games. Brewer didn't believe it at first.

"The Louisiana College softball coach sent me a text message inviting me to play for United States team at the Down Under Games in July," Brewer said. "At first, I didn't believe it because I thought it was a scam text, but it wasn't. I'm very excited about having the opportunity to play softball in Australia. I never thought I would ever have this opportunity. It's amazing."

The United States softball team will be playing games during the first five days of the tournament. They could possibly play several more games depending on how

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Photo by Ray Duffy
Tori Brewer, who served as Quabbin's catcher this past season, is headed to Australia to play for a national team.

Post 241 scores big win over Aldenville

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE — Despite having runners on base in six of the seven innings that they batted, Aldenville Post 337 only scored one run in last Wednesday night's Senior Legion baseball game against Monson Post 241.

Monson, who scored all their runs in the fifth inning, remained undefeated with a 3-1 win at Szot Park in Chicopee.

"This was a low scoring game against a very good Aldenville team," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We only had runners in scoring position in a couple of innings, but we were able to capitalize on them. It was a fun game tonight."

The road win improved Monson's record to 3-0, while Aldenville had a 2-2 record.

"I thought it was a great pitcher's duel tonight," said Aldenville manager Mason Scott. "We just had one bad inning defensively, which wound up hurting us."

Monson righthander John Mumper won his second game of the Legion season. He went the distance allowing one run on six hits with eight strikeouts. He only issued one walk and threw a total of 82 pitches.

"Johnny was lights out again tonight," Tripp said. "He just pounds the strike zone and changes speed well. He just pitched a great game. I couldn't say enough good things about his performance on the mound."



Ty Miller swings and connects.

The home team had a golden opportunity to take a 1-0 against Mumper, who was the ace of the Ware High School pitching staff, in the bottom of the first inning.

Second baseman Luis Dejesus hit a grounder to the Monson third baseman leading off the bottom of the first inning. He wound up at third base following a throwing error.

After Mumper struck out the next batter, shortstop Nathan Carillon hit a flyball that was caught by Monson right fielder Ty Miller. His throw to the plate bounced away from catcher Dylan Sutkaitis. The ball was picked up

by Mumper. He tossed it back to Sutkaitis, who put the tag on DeJesus for the final out of the frame.

"That was a huge play in the bottom of the first inning," Tripp said. "If they scored a run there, they would've been all fired up. The key thing was Johnny backing up the play."

Aldenville left two more runners on base in the second inning.

"We just need to capitalize on our scoring chances," Scott said. "That's been one of our problems so far this season."

Meanwhile, Aldenville lefthander Brady Burnett, who



Hunter Griswold slings a throw to first from short.

graduated from Chicopee High School on June 2, retired the first nine Monson batters that he faced.

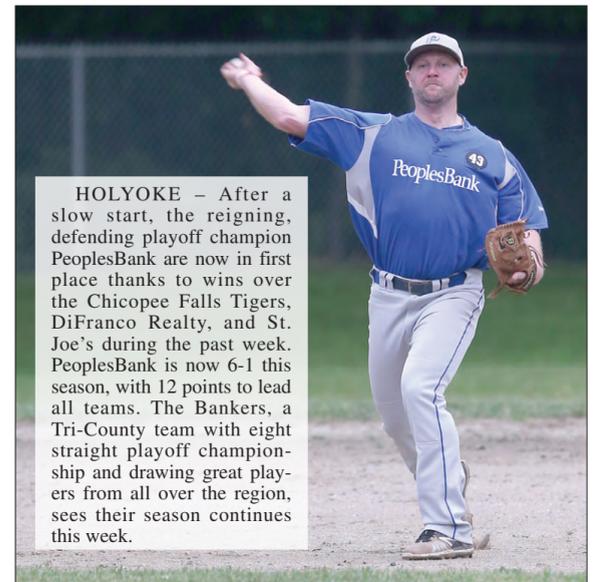
"Brady's performance was stellar tonight," Scott said. "He's a very good lefty pitcher for us."

Monson shortstop Hunter Griswold broke-up Burnett's perfect game bid by lining a single into left field leading off the top of the fourth inning. After stealing second base, Griswold was thrown out trying to steal third by Aldenville catcher Nikolas Misiaszek.

With two outs in the frame

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Bankers roll into first place



Ryan Franczek makes a throw to first.



Cam McDonald makes a quick throw for an out.



Dave Clark makes a catch in right.



Pitcher Danny Gaines starts for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive pitches in relief.

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Pioneers suffer first loss this season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Since the start of the 2019 regular season, the Seacoast United Phantoms are the only USL-League two team who have been able to beat the Western Mass. Pioneers at Lusitano Stadium.

The Phantoms knocked the Pioneers out of the 2022 playoffs with a 1-0 extra time victory in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

With the score tied 1-1 in last Friday night match-up between the archrivals, Seacoast retook the lead during the 62nd minute and they were able to celebrate a 2-1 road victory at Lusitano Stadium. "This result really hurts a lot because we clearly performed better than they did in tonight's match," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "You win soccer games by scoring goals. We just didn't score more goals than they did."

Last Friday's setback was the Pioneers first regular season home loss since June 22, 2018, when they lost to Black Rock FC.

The Pioneers also lost a home match to Flower City Union, who are from Rochester New York, in the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

The Pioneers (5-1-3) have posted a 1-1-2 home record this sea-



Alec Hughes tries to outrun his opponent.

son. Their only victory at Lusitano Stadium was a 3-0 shutout win versus the Boston Bolts in the home opener, which was played on a rainy night in the middle of May. The Pioneers do have a 4-0-1 road record. The road tie came in the first meeting of the regular season with Seacoast, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

"Our home matches have been disappointing this year," Molinari said. "The ball has been going into the net in our away games, but for some unknown reason it hasn't been going into the net at home."

The Pioneers and the Phantoms also faced each other in the 2021 Eastern Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium. The Pioneers advanced into the finals that season by outshooting the Phantoms, 5-4, in a penalty shootout.

"This isn't a very easy place to win a soccer match," said Seacoast head coach Alex Ryan following last Friday night's match. "We had a very good game plan and my players played very hard in tonight's match."

Seacoast United, who took over sole possession of first place in the



Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro makes a quick pass.

Northeast Division table, played their second match in a span of 48 hours. The Phantoms posted a 3-1 home win versus Boston City FC last Wednesday night. Their trip to Ludlow took a little longer than they expected because of traffic.

"It did take us a little while to get down here this afternoon because the traffic was really bad," Ryan said. "We also played a match two nights ago. We played very well in tonight's match."

Seacoast grabbed a 1-0 lead

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Sports

Williams gets another big win



Submitted photo

Ronnie Williams captured a win in the Outlaw Open Modifieds.

THOMPSON, CT — Ronnie Williams used a late caution to win the Icebreaker 125 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series at Thompson Speedway back in April. Wednesday night, Williams didn't need a late caution - he did it in dominating fashion. Williams took the lead early and rolled to the win after holding off Chris Pasteryak and on a flurry of late restarts. The victory came in the first of the summer Dash For Cash 50-lap, \$5,000 to win races for the Outlaw Open Modifieds at the Connecticut oval in 2023.

Williams had a tough challenge on the final restart with Pasteryak closing in on the back bumper. Pasteryak was close on the final lap when the field took the white flag, but got loose off turn two and had to settle for second. Joey Mucciacciaro posted a strong third-place finish with Kurt Vigeant and Swanson finishing the top-five.

Former Thompson champion Nick Johnson rolled to victory in the 25-lap Late Model race, taking the lead using the bottom lane. Johnson passed Matthew Lowinski-Loh for the second spot on the bottom, then passed Devin Deshaies for the lead just before halfway. Although Lowinski-Loh was closing in during the final laps, Johnson was able to seal the win. Lowinski-Loh finished in second, with Andrew Moelleur wrapping the race in third. Oddly enough, even though Johnson won the championship in the Late Models in 2019, it was his first career track Late Model win, he said in Victory Lane.

The New England Supermodifieds rolled into Thompson to supply pure speed and power and it was a dominant performance by Ben Seitz. The driver of the No. 11 jumped out to the lead passing Anthony Nocella for the top spot and never looked back en route to picking up the dominating victory. Danny Bowes was second and Rob Summers third at the end of their 30-lap feature.

Tyler Chapman collected the extra-distance prize in the SK Light Modifieds at the end of their 30-lap feature, worth \$750 to win. Much of the middle portion of the race saw Chapman chasing Danny Cates for the lead, with Alexander Pearl not far behind in third. Chapman would pass Cates for the lead with just under 10 laps remaining and go unchallenged the remainder of the laps to win. Cates would lose second to Pearl in the final laps, but the two did complete the podium. The division not only had extra laps and extra prize money, but also infield pitting during the race for the first time during their Thompson tenure.

Corey Fanning made it two-for-two on the 2023 season in the Limited Sportsman, outlasting a stout group of contenders during a wild green-white-checkered finish to take the win in the 30-lap EdenRaffety Clash For Cash. The \$750 to win race looked to be in the control of Ryan Waterman as the field took the white flag, but a caution for a spinning car in turn four slowed the race and set up the dash to the finish with a green-white-check-

ered. Waterman and Chicolas brought the field down for the green with Waterman jumping away with the lead into turn one. When the field hit turn one after taking the white flag a lap later, contact between Waterman and Chicolas sent Waterman drifting up the track sideways. Chicolas took advantage to grab the lead, but Fanning snagged the bottom lane and drag-raced him for the lead down the backstretch and Waterman rallied to chase them both in third. Off turn four to the checkered, Fanning jumped out to control and crossed for the win. Chicolas was second and Waterman third.

It was a dominant type of night for Kyle Wing in the Mini Stocks. Wing won his qualifying heat in dominant fashion, then followed it up by leading all 15 laps to win the Mini Stock feature race. It was his first career win in racing, he said in Victory Lane. Kevin Moore crossed the stripe second and Glynn Roy in third.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park's oval track is promoted by the American-Canadian Tour and Pro All Star Series again in 2023. The track will return to racing action on Wednesday, July 26, with the Twisted Tea Open Modified Dash For Cash round two, set for 50 laps and \$5,000 to win. The SK Light Modifieds will run double features, while the Late Models, Limited Sportsman and Mini Stocks will also be in action. Racing begins at 6PM and a full schedule of events will be released one week prior to race day.

Athletes invited to participate in sports clinics in July

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

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

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

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

are geared toward the development of fundamental skills. For more information log on to lionspridesc.wix.com/lpsc or contact Tim Brillio TBrillo1723@gmail.com.

Registration is now online at <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/lions-den-sports-clinics>

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well they do.

Being a member of a softball team with a bunch of new players isn't something new to Brewer.

She transferred to Quabbin from Tantasqua Regional before the start of her junior year.

Giorgi, who was Quabbin's starting first baseman, was the only varsity softball player that Brewer knew before the first practice.

"Sydney and I went to elementary school together," Brewer said. "We've been very good friends ever since. I also became good friends with Brynn Adams (outfielder) during the past couple of years."

It took coach Nosek about five minutes to realize that Tori was a very good softball player.

"Tori is a talented softball player, and she understands the game very well," he said. "If she decides to become a softball coach in the future, she'll do a very good job at that. She has done a tremendous job for us during the past two seasons."

Brewer has been a catcher since the fourth grade.

"Being a catcher is a position that I just fell in love with," Brewer said. "If I was an outfielder, I think that I would probably get bored very quickly. I just worked very hard to become a very good catcher."

Brewers called the pitches for the Quabbin pitchers this season.

"Calling the pitches can be very hard at times, but it's also a lot of fun," she said. "I had the opportunity to pitch in a couple of games last year. I really didn't like it very

much because there is a lot of pressure on you."

Brewer is a very good hitter at the plate.

She had the game winning hit in the Lady Panthers 6-5 senior day victory over the Gardner Wildcats on May 18.

"Tori is a very consistent hitter," Nosek said. "Every time that she steps into the batter's box, you always feel like she's going to deliver a base hit."

Besides being an outstanding softball player, Brewer has excelled in the classroom since she's been a student-athlete at Quabbin Regional.

Brewer, who's an honor roll student, hasn't made a college decision yet, but she's really looking forward to playing softball at the Down Under Games in July.

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Sutkaitis drew a walk and designated hitter Don Allen reached on an infield hit before Burnett escaped the jam with a flyball out.

Burnett wasn't as fortunate in the following inning.

After Monson loaded the bases with two outs with the help of a fielding error, Miller knocked home two runs with a single into right field.

"Ty fouled off a couple of pitches before getting the base hit in the fifth inning," Tripp said. "That was the biggest hit of the game."

Brayden Mega, who was hit by a pitch, also scored on the play following a throwing error.

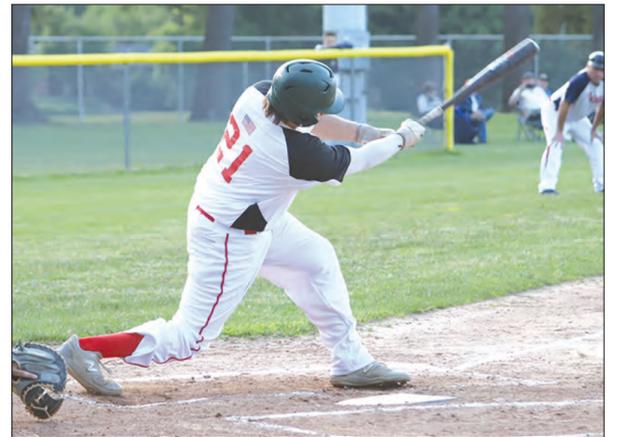
Burnett, who allowed three unearned runs on four hits, was replaced on the mound by righthander Race Drobiak in the sixth inning.

Aldenville ended Mumper's shutout bid in their final at bats.

Centerfielder Devan Santos led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a double down the right field line. He scored when right fielder Nathan Serrano grounded into a fielder's choice play.

The home team couldn't score any more runs against Mumper.

Monson lost, 6-5, to Belchertown Post 239 in their home opener, last Friday night.



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Dylan Sutkaitis fouls off a pitch.



Niko Matthieu smotheres a bouncer to second.

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Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Liberty Part 2

Christ is our great liberator. Scripture identifies Him as One who came to set the captive free (cf. Luke 4:18-19).

Yet what type of liberty does He bring? From what prison(s) does He deliver? In this edition, let us consider that Christ brings release to the ill and the infirmed, that they might know physical healing.

Jesus is recorded to have worked thirty-seven miracles in the Gospel record.

You are quite likely aware of many of them, including His walking on water, casting out demons, and multiplying food to feed the masses. However, the Bible places great priority on His healing power. In fact, of His thirty-seven signs, over twenty center upon healing. In the way of illustration, please note this selection:

Luke 13:10-13 (NIV)

10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at

all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." 13

Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Consider the words of Christ in verse 12 (italics mine): "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." The word "free" herein speaks to the release and deliverance of one held captive or bound. For nearly two decades this poor woman had suffered the ill effects of being a cripple, being unable to move according to her desires.

How tragic. Moreover, this does not begin to touch upon the mental, emotional, social or spiritual anguish associated with such a condition. Yet in an instant, the Lord brought sweet release.

To what degree do we believe that Christ is still able to heal our mortal bodies? To what degree do we, like the saints of old, have any sense of belief in His healing power? Time and again, our Lord set the captive free due to their faith (cf. Mark 5:34; 10:52; Luke 18:42)! If He remains the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8), why do we discount the place of miracles today? We

still have sick men and women, do we not?

Of course, I will cede that there is mystery herein, and the need for humility. I have prayed with many who have remained physically unchanged despite their faith. Do I always understand why? No. I do know, however, that quite often we have not because we ask not (Matt. 7:7-8; James 4:2), and that those without faith can expect to receive nothing from the Lord (James 1:6-8). So let us press in, for Jesus-in His compassion-remains able and willing to set the captive free from the bonds of sickness!

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come.

Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org for more information.

Pastor James Foley

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Congregational church to hold flea market

WEST BROOKFIELD – The flea market tradition continues.

The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. has been hosting their flea market on the town Common for more than 50 years. This year the flea market will be held on Saturday,

Aug. 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sellers of all kinds are welcome: flea folk, antique sellers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics.

No food vendors, please. Spaces are available for \$40 for

a 20' x 20' grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats.

Vendors may email Dee at fccofwb@gmail.com for an application.

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checked with Town Counsel to add this expense as a budget line item, which they did.

Kemp said the fair organizers asked for help this year, while they work to add a base for fundraising to help support future fairs.

The amended motion was moved to question, but voters opted to keep the \$3,000 line item for police detail.

Voters then voted to approve the FY 24 budget in the amount of \$6,248,501.31

Middle/High School chiller

Article 8 asked voters to approve paying a shared cost to replace the chiller component of the HVAC system at Quabbin Regional Middle/High School.

The total cost of the project is

\$387,344, which will be divided amongst the district towns, based on their student enrollment. Barre would pay the largest percentage of the cost, followed by Hubbardston, Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree.

A resident asked if money received during COVID-19 could be used to fund this project.

Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said the pandemic money was used for upgrades to air quality, and was not available for this type of project.

Voters agreed to pay the town's share of the expense to replace the chiller, passing by two-thirds majority.

Muir also introduced incoming interim Superintendent Colleen Mucha, who has been with the school district for the past five years.

Muir said she's "very pleased" to have Mucha take her place when she retires from her position on June 30.

Stabilization funds

Articles 16 and 17 asked voters to move money from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund and Capital Stabilization Fund, respectively.

With article 16, voters agreed to transfer \$89,000 and with article 17 they agreed to transfer \$60,000. Both articles passed unanimously.

Town meeting date

Voters approved a motion to move the annual town meeting to "the first Saturday in June at a time and place subject to a warrant called by the Board of Selectmen."

Change to Select Board

Voters unanimously approved changing the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board.

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during the 18th minute of the opening half when Taig Healy split a pair of defenders before firing a low breakaway shot into the back of the net past Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cersosimo (4 saves) for an unassisted goal.

A couple of minutes later, Western Mass. forward Alec Hughes blasted a shot that deflected off the face of Seacoast goalie Jackson Lee (4 saves), who laid on the ground for several minutes before coming out of the game.

"Jackson has a slight concussion and we're going to have him checked out by a doctor," Ryan said. "Our back-up goalie (James Lowell) came in and did a very good job for us. We do have a couple of very good keepers."

Late in the first half, another

shot attempt by Hughes was deflected over the endline by Lowell, who was credited with five saves, resulting in a corner kick.

Jared Smith also had a free kick for Western Mass before the first half ended.

Three minutes into the second half, Augustine Boadi gave the home fans something to cheer about. After gaining possession of the ball at mid-field, Boadi dribbled down the middle of the field before firing a low shot into the left corner tying the score at 1-1. "We were down at halftime and we really wanted to tie the score early in the second half," said Boadi, who faced a couple of his Boston College teammates. "I just the ball coming towards me. Then I had a lot of open space and Alec drew the defender away for me. Then I fired a shot into

the net, and it felt very good scoring the tying goal. It got us back into the game."

The contest remained tied until Ted Cargill scored the go-ahead goal, which was assisted by Austin Brummett, during the 62nd minute.

The home team had several scoring chances during the final 25 minutes of regulation, but they couldn't tie the score again.

"It's always tough whenever you lose, especially at home," said Pioneer's captain Nicholas Obberauch. "We had several opportunities, but we couldn't put any of them away. We just need to keep working hard during the rest of the season."

After playing a road match against Pathfinder FC on Tuesday night, the Pioneers will be looking to start another home winning streak when they host the Albany Rush at 7 p.m. on Friday night.

Public Notices

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Joint or Identical Pole Locations

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto, please be advised that at their meeting of **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, the Barre Board of Selectmen will consider a request to give Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc. permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 9th day of May, 2023.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked - Skelley Road - Barre, Massachusetts. No. # 30758661 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Skelley Road - National Grid to install 5 JO poles on Skelley Road beginning at a point approximately 285 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Old Petersham road and Skelley road and continuing approximately 720 feet in a west direction. Installing new pole line along Skelley road to service 55 Skelley road. Five new poles being installed

along Skelley road in Barre, Ma.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Select Board's Office at (978) 355-2504 x 135.

For the Board of Selectmen
Sandra Hood
Administrative Assistant
06/29, 07/06/2023

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Joint Pole Petition

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All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked - South Barre Rd - Barre - Massachusetts. No. 30663581 Dated March 21, 2023. Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said pole(s) by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

South Barre Rd - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on South Barre Rd. beginning at a point approximately 680 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of South Barre Rd. and Clem Ct. Install Pole# 53-75 - 48' North of Pole # 54 on South Barre Rd.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

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For the Board of Selectmen
Sandra Hood
Administrative Assistant
06/29, 07/06/2023

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 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, regarding gravel permit renewals for the following:

Robert and Deann Caron, 510 Barr Road
Thomas Stott, 324 West Road

Bo Lee Excavating, 300 McKay Road
Stanley Grigas, 87B Sibley Road

This meeting has been rescheduled from June 26, 2023. It is open to the public and all are invited to attend. You can also email comments to planning@newbraintree.org 06/30, 07/06/2023

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Petition For Pole and Wire Locations

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions

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and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Company dated the 2nd day of May, 2023.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked - Old Dana Road - Barre, Massachusetts. No.# 30663577 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Old Dana Road - National Grid to install 3 SO poles on Old Dana Road, Barre, MA beginning at a point approximately 3,750 feet Southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Old Dana Road and Sheldon Road and continuing approximately 265 feet in a Southwest direction.

Install 3 SO poles (new pole 40-50, 41, and 41-25) on Old Dana Road to facilitate the installation of a recloser on exiting pole 40.

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 5:51 p.m. Burglary, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:31 p.m. Allergic Reaction, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Services Rendered
 8:26 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Coldbrook Road, Information Given
 11:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Monday, June 12
 9:05 a.m. Vandalism, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:24 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Hardwick Road, Message Delivered
 9:22 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, June 13
 8:35 a.m. Trauma, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:50 a.m. Evidence Processing, South Street, Services Rendered
 Arrest: Hodges, Todd L, 64, Rutland
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle, Drug, Possess Class C, Drug, Possess to Distribute Class D, Drug, Posses Class D, Drug, Possess to Distribute Class D
 11:39 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Dana Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 4:01 p.m. Falls, Station Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, June 14
 8:40 a.m. Evidence Processing, South Street, Services Rendered
 Arrest: Wilber, Rain, 42, Barre
 Charges: Child Pornography, Posses
 Dissemination of Visual Material
 9:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Advised
 12:43 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Summer Street, Information Given

1:32 p.m. Animal Wildlife, South Street, Services Rendered
 3:20 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Bentley Road, Information Given
 7:06 p.m. Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, No Transport Required

Thursday, June 15
 8:43 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Valley Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:45 a.m. Falls, Station Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 12:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley Road, Officer Advised
 12:17 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pleasant Street, Animal Returned to Owner
 1:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Vehicle Towed
 2:21 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, South Street, Referred to Other Agency
 4:05 p.m. Animal Wildlife, South Barre Road, Message Delivered
 7:43 p.m. Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:34 p.m. Falls, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Berthiaume, Cory Joseph, 39, South Barre
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
 10:11 p.m. South Barre Road, Citation Issued

Friday, June 16
 1:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 Summons: Salvadore, Grace E., 22, South Barre
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR.08%
 Charges: Operating Under Influence

– Liquor OR.08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation
 11:37 a.m. Seizures, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:29 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:34 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pleasant Street, Removed Hazard
 3:20 p.m. Power Outage, Union Street, Information Given
 3:35 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Negative Contact
 11:27 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, June 17
 5:23 p.m. Gunshots, Dana Road, Report Filed
 8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Vernon Avenue, Vehicle Towed

Sunday, June 18
 12:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Berros, Nicademus Xavier, 20 Putnam, Connecticut
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 1:27 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

SOUTH BARRE

Wednesday, June 14
 9:49 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Nichols Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, June 16
 3:08 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Loring Road, Information Taken

Saturday, June 17
 10:40 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Worcester Road, Information Given

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, June 11
 8:30 a.m. Disturbance, Main Street, Report Filed
 9:57 a.m. Vandalism, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
 1:14 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Maple Avenue, Investigated
 1:59 p.m. Soliciting, Vista Circle, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:08 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Skyline Drive, Transported to Hospital
 4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 4:42 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Crawford Road, Negative Contact
 5:22 p.m. Dog Bite, John Robert Drive, Services Rendered
 6:37 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:46 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning, Bigelow Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:35 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Emerald Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, June 12
 1:32 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:19 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:20 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Soucy Drive, Information Given
 3:22 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Information Given

Tuesday, June 13
 8:59 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 11:33 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Juniper Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:56 p.m. Seizures, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued
 2:08 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, June 14
 2:10 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Olivia Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:33 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:44 a.m. Falls, Pleasantdale Road, Referred to Other Agency
 3:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 4:38 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Report Filed
 5:08 p.m. Allergic Reaction, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:10 p.m. Traffic Hazard, East County Road, Information Given
 8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Campbell Street, Vehicle Towed

Thursday, June 15
 8:10 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Kenwood Court, Report Filed
 Summons: Ramaska, Sean, 48, East Brookfield
 Charges: Larceny from Building
 9:22 a.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
 10:16 a.m. Falls, Sunnyside Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 10:31 a.m. Identity Theft, Emerald Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:27 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 3:31 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Clearview Road, Message Delivered
 4:04 p.m. Falls, Main Street, No Fire Service Necessary
 4:21 p.m. Harassment, Irish Lane,

Officer Advised
 6:13 p.m. Trees in Wires (Not on Ground), Campbell Street, Information Given
 6:23 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Kenwood Court, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:58 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:28 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Main Street, Services Rendered
 11:44 p.m. Gunshots, Main Street, No Action Required

Friday, June 16
 5:15 a.m. Complaint, Turkey Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Citation Issued
 Summons: Muhr, Kelly Ann, 54, Shirley
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
 10:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:49 p.m. Falls, Old Turnpike Road, No Transport Required
 8:19 p.m. Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Advised

Saturday, June 17
 1:23 a.m. Falls, Wachusett Street, Services Rendered
 8:26 a.m. Falls, Lewis Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Verbal Warning
 4:43 p.m. Stroke (CVA), Thurston Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, June 11
 3:08 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Skyline Drive, Transported to Hospital
 9:12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, June 12
 12:19 p.m. Abdominal-Back Pain, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Whitehall Road, Report Filed
 5:24 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sargent's Lane, Information Taken

Tuesday, June 13
 1:24 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Spencer Road, Area Search Negative
 7 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Spencer Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:11 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Edson Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, June 14
 8:24 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered

11:44 a.m. Falls, Pleasantdale Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 2:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 3:02 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Rutland Road, Information Given
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, June 15
 8:19 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered
 10:35 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Rutland Road, Message Delivered
 8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, North Brookfield Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Seiatlowski, Jacob A., 35, Webster
 Charges: Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Traffic, Town By-Law

Offenses, Speeding
 10:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

Friday, June 16
 8:21 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered
 12:49 p.m. Falls, Old Turnpike Road, No Transport Required
 10:55 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, June 17
 7:37 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, North Brookfield Road, Area Patrolled
 8:03 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, North Brookfield Road, Cancelled
 8:28 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:16 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 12-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 56 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, one traffic control, 10 emergency 911 calls, two radar assignments, four assist other agencies, one property damage, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle investigation, three animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, June 12
 10:02 a.m. Safety Hazard, Thayer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 12:50 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Lower Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 1:28 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Petersham Road, Vehicle Towed
 6:37 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Bridge Street, Officer Handled

7:41 p.m. Medical Emergency, Muddy Brook Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, June 14
 9:55 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 10:24 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
 12:06 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, River Run, Investigated
 2:33 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Church Street, Spoken To
 7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, June 15
 1:24 p.m. Property Damage, Petersham Road, Report Taken
 2:12 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Pine Street, Officer Handled

Friday, June 16
 10:07 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle

Operations, Collins Road, Spoken To
 4:50 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Taylor Hill Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, June 17
 5:37 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 9:15 p.m. Disturbance, North Road, Spoken To

Sunday, June 18
 1:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:27 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 5:49 p.m. 911 Misdeal, Lower Road, Transferred Call to C7
 10:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Charity Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of June 12-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 40 directed/area patrols, one traffic control, seven radar assignments, four emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, two complaints, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle investigation, five animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, June 12
 5:03 p.m. Complaint, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
 6:51 p.m. Complaint, Ravine Road, Spoken To
 10:36 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick

Road, Removed Hazard

Tuesday, June 13
 2:42 p.m. Alarm, Memorial Drive, Investigated

Wednesday, June 14
 7:25 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Barr Road, Taken to Family/Guardian
 8:23 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Barr Road, Merge

Thursday, June 15
 11:14 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Memorial Drive, Investigated
 5:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Padre Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, June 16
 3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Summons Issued
 6:23 p.m. 911 Misdeal, Oakham Line, Dispatch Handled
 6:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown, Services Rendered

Saturday, June 17
 10:30 a.m. 911 Animal Call, West Road, Services Rendered
 11:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Old Wine Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, June 18
 1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Cut Off Road, Officer Handled

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, June 11
 10:45 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:12 a.m. Property Damage, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 1:15 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Lombard Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:50 p.m. Burglary, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 7:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered
 8:03 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered
 10:05 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Gardner Road, Report Filed

Monday, June 12
 6:07 p.m. Burglary, Worcester Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, June 12
 10:14 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:57 a.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:18 p.m. Falls, Mohawk Drive, No Transport Required

Thursday, June 15
 3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Richard, Ryan, 29, Gardner
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 5:13 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Streeter Road, Officer Advised

Friday, June 16
 1:08 p.m. Erratic Operator, New

Westminster Road, Negative Contact
 2:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:36 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Westminster Road, Information Given
 8:57 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Old Westminster Road, Officer Advised
 10:06 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Westminster Road, Information Given

Saturday, June 17
 11:15 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Ragged Hill Road, Services Rendered
 11:34 p.m. Threats, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Report Filed

Sunday, June 18
 2:47 a.m. Vomiting, Mohwak Drive, Mutual Aid Transported

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