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**Five-year-old
Beauden
testing his
coaster with a
Ping-Pong
ball.**



Children build chain reactions and creative contraptions

By **Ryan Drago**
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BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library welcomed guests for a workshop known as Chain Reactions and Creative Contraptions.

This program is made possible thanks to Playful Engineers, an arts-in-education business which creates and facilitates programs promoting play-based, curiosity-driven learning for children. This business was founded by Jay Mankita, a

Teaching Artist, who offers virtual and in-person programs to schools, libraries and camps.

Arriving at the Woods Memorial Library is Teaching Artist and Workshop Facilitator of Playful Engineers Merlin

Katz. This program allows children to build interesting chain reactions and creative contraptions, which Katz describes chain reactions as

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Town officials discuss historic burial ground

By **Ellenor Downer**
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BARRE – Elizabeth Martin of the Cemetery Commission and Lucy Allen of the Historical Commission attended a recent Select Board meeting to discuss the Prince Walker Burial Ground.

This small town owned cemetery sits on a small piece of land and is the resting place of Prince Walker, his first wife and four children.

The plot sits within acres of Department of Conservation and Recreation land. Allen said the location made the grounds difficult to reach. She said it was one of only a few burial grounds started by Afro-Americans for Afro-Americans.

She said there was a large, old tree that presented a risk to the burial site if the tree came down. The DCR forester and their cutter looked at the tree in question and since they don't own the cemetery, they did not want to remove it for fear of damaging the burial site.

Allen said the burial

ground was on the State Register of Historic Places and was going for national designation as well. She said she was “looking for the best way to keep it maintained and to keep it safe.”

She suggested turning the burial ground over to the DCR with a historic preservation agreement. She said in the past when several groups like the American Legion, Boy Scouts, etc. sought a small amount, \$200, to help maintain the site at town meeting, the town voted against the articles.

Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said “[The town] should do their best to preserve it and [I] hate to turn over to the state.” She suggested the Historical Commission apply for funds from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.

Select Board member Richard Stevens said, if [town] gives it to the state would be undoing [Prince Walkers] wishes.” Stevens also mentioned the “Prison Camp” issue in Rutland with the DCR, who now

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Board discusses regional dispatch contract

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board discussed a contract with Central Mass Regional 911 District at their Monday meeting.

Select Board member Peter Walker, who also sits on the board of directors for the dispatch center, said there was a majority vote by the board to amend the payment structure to each of the five member towns to pay the entire assessment up front on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year.

At the June 29 meeting, Walker said the board called a meeting last Wednesday to be held on June 26, to change the structure. He said the previous contract that was agreed upon with the Rutland Regional Dispatch (which is now the Central Mass 911 district) stipulated the towns pay their assessments quarterly.

Walker said the board, made up of five people of which he is the only elected member, voted favorably with himself being the only no vote. The other towns include Rutland, Barre, Oakham and Warren.

Walker questioned how the appointed members of the board of directors could change the structure of a previously agreed upon contract without notifying the select boards of each town.

Walker said when he voted no, certain members of the board asked why

Hubbardston did not plan for the up front payment in their budget.

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald said it may not be permissible to pay the entire cost up front because of the previously signed contract, and said it is “completely unacceptable” to change the structure so close to the beginning of the next fiscal year. Fitzgerald said towns are closing their books on the last fiscal year at this time.

The Select Board voted unanimously to only pay the 25% cost on July 1. The board has reached out to legal counsel about this matter.

The board also voted to reappoint Walker as a member of the board of directors.

Finance update

Fitzgerald said Marcia Bohinc, the temporary accountant, has provided an expenditure summary and is continuing to make reconciliations to past fiscal years. He said there will be some end of year shuffling over the next couple of weeks, and there was \$111,695 left in the fiscal year 2026 budget as of the meeting date, or a little less than 1% of the budget, before the next fiscal year starts.

He said the new budget has been put into VADAR, and there will be a focus on budget discipline, with only department heads in charge of specific line items to expend the budget.

Walker asked why the veterans' budget was slightly overspent, and Fitzgerald

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Julia and Lyra enjoyed time at the drawing table inside the Fobes Memorial Library during Kid's Fest held Saturday, June 27.

Kid's Fest kicks off summer reading program

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OAKHAM – The Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., kicked off their summer reading program with Kid's Fest held last Saturday, June 27.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Fobes Library, Kid's Fest offered many activities for people of all ages not just for the children. The Bounce House was a child favorite as was the chance to climb into one of Oakham Fire Department's trucks, Engine 1.

There was a bubble station. Children and adults enjoyed this. It was a challenge to see, who could make the largest bubbles. One woman briefly encased her upper torso within a large bubble. Another used a wand to make a bubble over a yard long.

The Family Farm Education Center, located in Oakham, brought several animals including a rabbit some ducks. Ray, a friendly sheep, walked around the library grounds meeting people.

The center, run by Jen Keane and Beth Cogoli,

is a nonprofit farm serving children, teens and adults with intellectual and developmental differences, mental health challenges and those on the autism spectrum.

Anyone – children, teens and adults – interested in the summer reading program may register at the library. They then track their reading over the summer.

As they read a book, they earn entries or chances to spin the prize wheel for various prizes such as

FinCom finalizes year end transfers

By **Zacharias Fragkiadakis**
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RUTLAND – The Finance Committee met last Thursday to vote on various year-end transfer requests to finalize their acceptances following the Select Board voting favorably on them at their June 22 meeting.

Year end transfers are allowed to happen in the last month of the fiscal year, and must be approved by both boards.

The first transfer request was for \$90,000 to be transferred from Highway wages to the snow and ice account.

Members of the committee asked why there was that much money left in the account, and Fire Chief Seth Knipe said there was a transfer at a fall special town meeting to fund for a whole year of highway wages, and the \$90,000 is surplus.

Another request was for \$64,000 to be transferred from the Town Planner salary to legal costs for town counsel. Town Administrator Heather Butler said there is a \$37,000 debt to KP Law, and it is likely that the June bill will be between \$15,000-\$20,000 because of a special town meeting and labor counsel.

Butler said there were some discussions about charging the bills associated with labor counsel to a \$360,000 stabilization fund for unemployment and work-

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Purple Heart Day set for Aug. 7

A Purple Heart Day Ceremony takes place Friday, Aug. 7 at 9 a.m. at South Barre Common, Prisoner of War Corners, South Barre. Purple Heart Day is observed on Aug. 7 each year and is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Purple Heart Day is also known as National Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Recognition Day and Purple Heart Appreciation Day. Purple Heart Towns across Massachusetts typically hold official ceremonies and flag-raising on or around Aug. 7 to recognize the date in 1782 when General George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit.

Barre is officially designated as a Purple Heart Town, a title recognizing local combat-wounded veterans and honoring their sacrifices.

Bruins mascot

The Boston Bruins teamed up with libraries across the Commonwealth to encourage children and teens to keep reading over the summer. On Tuesday, July 21 at 3 p.m., Blades will join readers for a story, some game day fun and crafts. Participants can design and make their own Bruins fan button, take pictures at the ice rink photo station, and more. A special library poster featuring Bruins player Jeremey Swayman will also be available. Note: The incorrect time was in last week’s edition.

Library programs

As part of its Summer Reading Program, Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., invites community members to attend two free educational programs celebrating the natural world and the importance of environmental stewardship. Both events are free and open to all. On Saturday, July 18 at 11 a.m., Master Gardener Gretel Anspach will present “New England Native Flora.” The following Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m., the library will host “Seeding the Future: Why Local Farms Matter” with Dave Reed, Executive Director of Central Mass Grown. This informative discussion examines the vital role local farms play in supporting healthy communities, protecting the environment and strengthening the local economy.

Special Town Election

The Town Clerk’s office will be open on Friday, July 17 from 9 a.m-5 p.m. for the last day and time to register to vote and for in person absentee voting for this election fo those who qualify. The Special Election takes place Tuesday, July 28 from noon-6 p.m. The sole election question on the ballot seeks to allow exemption from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ the amounts to pay for the bond issued to purchase a 10-wheeled dump truck including all other incidental costs for the Department of Public Works. Vote by mail applications are also available. The Town Clerk’s office will be open from 9 a.m-5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 for voters to submit applications. The Town Clerk announces Special Town Election deadlines. Friday, July 17 at 5 p.m. is the last day to register to vote. Mail in registrations must also be post marked no later than this day. Tuesday, July 21 at 5 p.m. is the last day to apply for a Mail In Ballot. Monday, July 27 at noon is the last day to vote in person absentee for those who qualify.

Tuesday, July 28 polls are open from noon-6 p.m. for in person voting. Applications are available from the Town Clerk’s Office or online at www.townofbarre.com and need to be filled out completely, signed and received by the Town Clerk’s Office by the deadline. All voted ballots must be returned to Town Clerk Office by July 28 from 6 p.m. Ballots can not be mailed after the deadline.

For more information, people may visit the town website at www.townofbarre.com, email the Town Clerk at clerk@townofbarre.com or call 978-355-2504, extension 5.



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

People enjoy the first concert of the season in Oakham. The next concert will be Thursday, July 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. and features the Traveling Homebodies.

Oakham Concert season underway



Cousins Cora and Lizzie enjoy the first concert of the season in Oakham last Thursday night. Reggie, Lizzie’s family Old English sheep dog, enjoyed the concert too.

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 6. 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 – Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, jardiniere vegetables, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY – Shepherd’s pie, carrots, peas, fruited ambrosia, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Beef with onions and peppers, herbed potato, honey glazed carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Buttermilk chicken, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables, cinnamon streusel, diet = Lorna Doones, Italian bread

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



OAKHAM

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Senior cookout takes place July 3

The Oakham Council on Aging will hold and Independence Day cookout on Friday July 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Center, lower level of Town Hall. Seniors should sign up so they have an accurate head count and indicate any side dishes they are bringing.

Summer band concerts

The next summer band concert series is Thursday, July 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham Common, corner of Maple Street and Coldbrook Road. The band is the Traveling Homebodies. The Friends of the Oakham Bandstand sell popcorn, drinks and ice cream. Other Thursday concert dates include: July 23 The Long Run: Songs of the Eagles, Aug. 13 The Cropdusters and Aug. 20 The Otters.

Library events

Terrific Tuesday takes place on Tuesday, July 7 from 11 a.m.-noon with DIY Graffiti Fences at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St. All materials are provided. No registration is required. Other dates include July 14 from 11 a.m.-noon stamped clay decorations, July 21 from 11 a.m.-noon DIY nature wands and July 28 from 11 a.m.-noon DIY wind chimes. Terrific Tuesdays Program is made possible by the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc.

Senior Center events

The Council on Aging meeting takes place on Friday July 10 at noon in the voting room at Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road. Lunch Bunch will be meeting at 308 Lakeside, Route 9, East Brookfield on Friday July 17 at 12:30 p.m. People should sign up in the Senior Center or call 508-882-4073 so they can make the appropriate reservation. Podiatry clinic will be held Monday, July 20 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., by appointment only. Blood pressure/glucose screening will be held Tuesday, July 28 from 11a.m.-1 p.m., no appointment needed.

Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Board of Assessors – July 7 at 6 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – July 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – July 7 and July 21 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – July 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – July 13 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – July 13 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – July 13 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Committee – July 14 at 7 p.m.
Select Board – July 15 at 5 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – July 23 at 11 a.m.
Special Town Election – July 28 from noon-6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – July 2 at 7 p.m.
Recycling Commission – July 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – July 8 at 3 p.m.
Historical Commission – July 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – July 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – July 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – July 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – July 20 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – July 21 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Health – July 21 at 6 p.m.

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Board of Library Trustees – July 2 and July 9 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – July 15 at 4 p.m.
Board of Assessors – July 15 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – July 16 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Rep. Donnie Berthiaume office hour – July 8 at 1:30
Planning Board – July 8 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – July 2 at 6 p.m., July 9, July 16 and July 23 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – July 2 at 7 p.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – July 7 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – July 9 at 6 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – July 14 at 11 a.m.
Board of Health – July 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – July 24 at 9 a.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – July 9 at 6 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee discusses grant for former church repairs

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HUBBARDSTON – The Community Preservation Committee discussed a grant to start repairs at the First Meetinghouse at 2 Main St., where the First Parish Unitarian Church stands.

The Town of Hubbardston has taken over control of the building, and there is a First Meetinghouse Preservation Committee appointed late last year that is working to put the building into use again.

Susan Worth, who is a member of that committee along with a member of the Community Preservation Committee as the representative from the Open Space Committee, spoke on behalf of the First Meetinghouse Preservation Committee at the CPC’s June 25 meeting.

Worth said there is a grant from the Mass Historical Commission, where the Community Preservation Act funds can be used to match \$100,000 for the grant, front another \$50,000, and get a reimbursement back so the total grant money equals \$250,000 for the town to use for the building.

Worth said there should be approximately \$210,000 in undesignated funds, enough to cover the match.

Worth said this application would not get to the MHC until March of 2027, and the awards come out in June 2027. She said it is a competitive grant, but even if the town does not get it, they would still have funds to make a dent in costs associated with repairs.

Danielle Arakelian, chair of the CPC said before the town asks voters at town meeting to approve the funds for the match, there needs to be consulting and cost estimates for what needs to be repaired.

Arakelian said if they are asking town meetings to take about 50% of the funds without a plan in place, they might not be good stewards of the money. Worth said there is a CPA administration account with \$5,000 in it that can be put toward consulting costs.

Arakelian also said there is a list of historical architects and consultants provided by MHC that should be contacted before the plan is approved by the CPC, so they can have an idea of how much a feasibility or damage study would be, and get general estimates for how much it would cost to do certain repairs, such as water infiltration and bowing of the building, which are priorities of the preservation committee.

Worth said there are needs seen by the MHC,

including the potential of loss and destruction, along with demonstrated financial needs.

Arakelian said the committee needs some more detail about the needs and what the funds will go toward before accepting it. She said without an outside review, it could be seen as putting tax dollars toward a project with no plans.

Worth also said there was a study done about the building in 2025, but Arakelian said it was only a preliminary study to determine whether it was historic, and it was not detailed enough.

“Do we want to solve this problem, or are we gonna push this down the road?” Worth said.

Arakelian said it is not pushing it down the road, but the request is for a lot of money, and an architectural study is needed, similar to one conducted for the library.

Worth said there is a vision, and this is a chance for a timeline to work, but Arakelian said the grant opens yearly. Arakelian also said the cost of all of the repairs is going to be more than the grant awards.

The committee set a meeting on Aug. 5 to revisit this topic, and give Worth time to contact architects and get some quotes on the costs of repairs.

Barre Food Pantry holds distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday July 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, July 16 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, July 8 or in the evening on Thursday, July 16, 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 disease 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 has considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but has decided

that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients July 8 and July 16 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.

On Tuesday night, July 7 at 5 p.m. the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning.

If people can help pitch in for an hour on the July, 7, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

They should not arrive to volunteer on July 7, 8th or 16 without first calling either Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: <http://www.barre-foodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

HUBBARDSTON

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Dinghy Dash happens Aug. 22

The ninth annual Dinghy Dash takes place on Saturday, Aug. 22 on Brigham Pond at 10 a.m. This year, there are three categories to choose from: single occupant adult, single occupant youth and group vessel. People may visit the town website at www.hubbardston-ma.gov for official entry forms and rules. The entry deadline is Monday, Aug. 17.

Library K run/walk

The 29th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K run/walk takes place Saturday Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the library, approaching \$95,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fund-raising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Sunday, Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as medals/prizes to age group winners will be provided. Prizes are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors may call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2025 Race/Walk raised over \$4,100 for support of the library’s activities and Scholarship Fund.

Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

U.S. Air Force band to perform on July 5

NEW BRAINTREE – The U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band will perform under the newly built pavilion on the town green on Sunday, July 5 at 2:30 p.m.

This free event is part of the town’s 275th and nation’s 250th anniversary celebrations organized by the 275th Anniversary Committee.

People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks.

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 edowner@turley.com or call 413-283-8393. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

Bruins Mascot Blades visits Woods Memorial Library

BARRE – The Boston Bruins teamed up with libraries across the Commonwealth to encourage children and teens to keep reading over the summer.

Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., is one of just 12 public libraries selected to receive a special summer reading visit from Bruins mascot Blades.

On Tuesday, July 21 at 3 p.m., Blades will join readers for a story, some game day fun and crafts. Participants can design and make their own Bruins fan

button, take pictures at the ice rink photo station and more.

A special library poster featuring Bruins player Jeremy Swayman will also be available. Summer reading is one of the best ways to help children and teens avoid the “summer slide” and maintain skills they’ve learned over the academic year.

It also helps them grow the skills required for their next year in school. Studies have shown that children,

who read just four books over the summer, fare better in the fall on reading comprehension tests than their peers who read one or no books.

The Boston Bruins have been teaming up with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners since 2009 for the annual Summer Library Program, When You Read, You Score. Since then, millions of

children, teens and adults have participated in this statewide program.

The Statewide Summer Library Program is sponsored by a local library, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Library System and the Boston Bruins.

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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Photo by John Kunhardt
Northern yellow warbler

John Kunhardt of Belchertown took this photo of a northern yellow warbler near Lake Wallace in Belchertown.

Northern yellow warblers are small, evenly proportioned songbirds with medium-length tails and rounded heads. They are 4.7 to 5.1 inches long. For a warbler, the straight, thin bill is relatively large.

Northern yellow warblers are uniformly yellow birds. Males are a bright, egg-yolk yellow with reddish streaks on the underparts. Females are also yellow but appear slightly duller.

Both sexes flash yellow patches in the tail. The face is unmarked, accentuating the large black eye.

People may look for these warblers near the tops of tall shrubs and small trees.

They forage restlessly, with quick hops along small branches and twigs to glean caterpillars and other insects. Males sing their sweet, whistled songs from high perches.

Northern yellow warblers breed in shrubby thickets and woods, particularly along watercourses and in wetlands. Common trees include willows, alders and cottonwoods across North America

In winter these warblers inhabit a variety of wooded habitats including mangroves, deciduous forests and tropical evergreen forests, as well as gardens, town plazas, second growth, brushy pastures, hedgerows, agricultural lands and plantations.

Their song sounds like “sweet-sweet-sweet, I’m so sweet.”

Yellow warblers usually build their nests in shrubs or small trees, typically 3 to 10 feet above the ground. The nest is often placed in dense foliage, making it difficult for predators to spot.

They commonly select willows, alders or other shrubs near water. The surrounding leaves provide camouflage and protection from harsh weather.

A typical yellow warbler clutch contains about three to five pale greenish or bluish white eggs with small brown or gray speckles.

The female incubates the eggs for roughly 11 to 12 days, rarely leaving the nest except to feed. Once the chicks hatch, both parents help feed them.

Feeding mealworms
After seeing a pair of bluebirds, I started putting out mealworms on the picnic table every day. I figured black bears would not bother with mealworms.

I was right and the birds ate them up quickly. Yes, the bluebirds came for the mealworms, but so did two catbirds and a male robin.

The other day the pair of catbirds landed on the table as I spread out the mealworms. I’ve noticed them check the table for meal-

worms before I put them out.

Red-shouldered hawk
A woman in Montgomery reported a red-shouldered hawk in her yard. It’s one of the most distinctively marked common hawks with barred reddish-peachy underparts and a strongly banded tail.

Wild turkey encounter
My daughter, Paula, was walking her dog, JoJo on the rail trail in Gilbertville along the river. A hen turkey was hidden on the side of the trail. She states, “When JoJo and I ran by, she flew up. One of the babies panicked and started running after mom flew off, which caused mom to charge at us making a bunch of noise.”

She states, “JoJo and I sprinted a good 20 feet before she decided we weren’t a threat anymore.”

She continues, “But this was definitely the closes encounter we’ve ever had. JoJo now ranks turkeys in the ‘scary’ category along with Canada geese.”

Brimfield birds
A Brimfield resident emailed, “A pair of yellow-bellied sapsuckers spent a few days visiting a native dogwood tree in the yard awhile back. And we have seen a few warblers, a common yellowthroat checked me out when I was working in the garden yesterday. We have at least two male hummingbirds visiting the yard and feeders and at least one female.”

He stated, “I saw a female rose-breasted grosbeak collecting nesting material so I’m going to look for a nest. Several years ago I found a grosbeak nest near our shed.”

Osprey
The Brimfield resident stated in his email, “The Osprey nest in Warren looks like the chicks have hatched based on the behavior of an adult at the nest yesterday. In the past it is usually mid June before I see chicks in the nest. When they are very young osprey chicks mostly lay down in the nest waiting to be fed.”

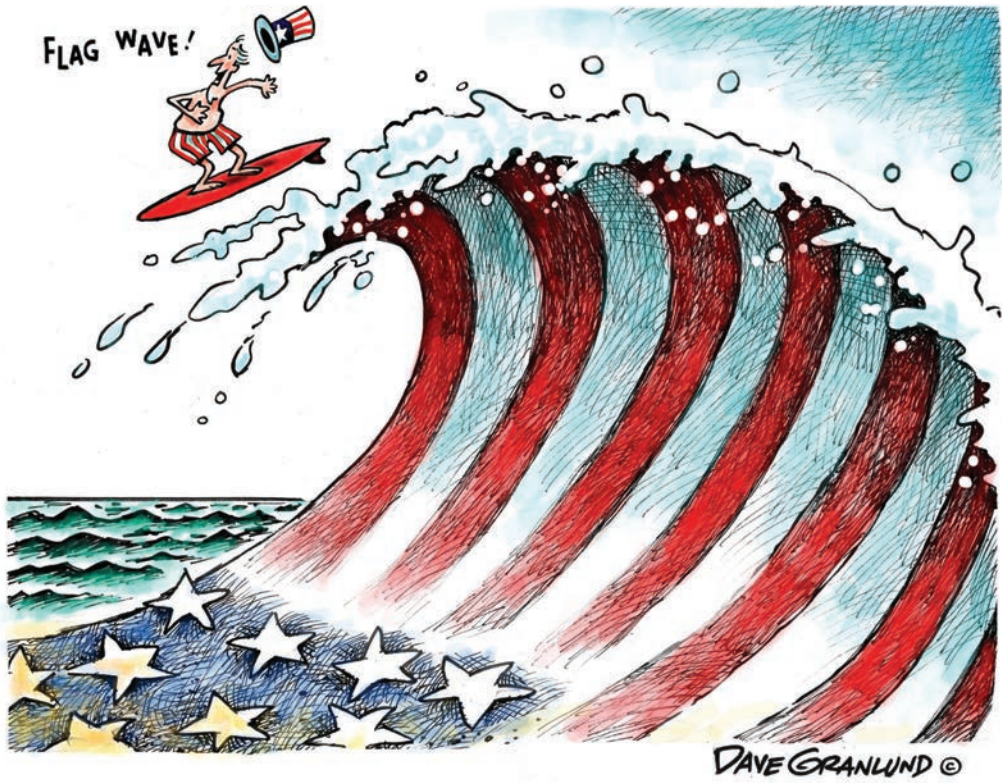
He reported four great blue heron nests at the pond I visit in Warren where the Ospreys nest.

The Brimfield resident also stated, “The Allen Bird Club of Springfield does a spring bird count each year in mid May. We use the Christmas Bird Count count circle, I have covered Ludlow since 1989. I only managed 50 species this year, partly because my hearing isn’t what it use to be.”

He stated, “I did manage to find a Tennessee and Parula warbler, about a dozen yellow-rumped warblers, two common loons, one each solitary and spotted sandpiper and a black-billed cuckoo. I hadn’t seen a cuckoo in a few years.”

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it is set up.

Opinion



In Past Pages

Look Back Barre 225th Anniversary – 1974



File photo

Contestants in the Barre 225th Anniversary tricycle race have a practice run. Barre selectman Frank J. Gromelski is the second from the left.

5 years (July 8, 2021)

The Barre Board of Selectmen discussed the paving of the Ruggles Lane School parking lot with Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir and Director of Administrative Services Cheryl Duval. After talking with the paving providers, DPW superintendent Jason Pimental found the cost estimate for paving the main school parking lot was \$84,000, higher than the \$61,000 estimate. The total figure of \$120,000, which included drainage and paving the schoolyard as well, was correct. If the Selectmen waited for a Special Town Meeting in the fall to get the additional money for the project, it would be past the paving season. Selectman Maureen Marshall said, “Let’s do it right, if have to wait until spring.” The town has \$50,000 for the paving and for \$70,000 more can get the parking lot, play-

ground and drainage done. Selectman Dylan Clark said it made sense to hold off to spring. The board voted to table action on paving the school parking lot until spring.

“Enjoy what you are doing,” says Pauline Dwelly of Oakham. She has lived by that motto all her life doing the two things she enjoys the most taking care of babies and making quilts, and those joys filled her days with the best kind of work, labors of love. She realized the joy of babies when she did babysitting during her teenage years. Then after she married Ralph in 1955, she had the joy of caring for her own babies, two boys and a girl but realized it wasn’t sensible to go on having baby after baby, so in 1968 when her youngest was 5, she decided to apply to Children’s Friends, an adoption agency in Worcester, to be a caregiver for newborns awaiting adoption. That started

her baby career, quilts came later. It was an exciting day when Children’s Friends sent them home with their first newborn, the first of 27, a little girl they named Cindy. Pauline gave every baby a name and even though it was just a child’s temporary name that would be changed after adoption, having a name made each one someone special, it gave them individuality while they were with her.

A caravan of about 26 vintage Stanley steamers stopped on Barres Common Tuesday, June 29. The owners, who lived up and down the eastern United States were on tour sponsored by the Stanley Museum, Southbridge. After the stop in Barre center, the group headed for The Cross in Barre. The late John Hardy, who built the Cross, was friends with some of them. Over the years, he found parts for their vintage cars. Dennis

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Reminiscing brings butterflies to mind

My husband and I were sitting on the porch reminiscing.

To be honest I felt a bit melancholy. Where has time gone?

With empty nesting feeling like it’s right around the corner, it’s easy to drift back in time and wish just for a moment that the kids were little again.

Boy, did we read lots of books. I remember one of the girls’ favorites was “Butterfly Count” by Sneed B. Collard III.

In honor of “days gone by,” enjoy this column right out of the archives

The basic premise of the book highlights the North American Butterfly Association’s Fourth of July butterfly count with a simple story of a mother and daughter counting butterflies at a prairie restoration site named after the girl’s great great-grandmother Nora

Belle.

When Nora traveled west as a child, “regal fritillaries by the thousands danced over the bluestem grasses, setting the prairie afire with butterfly wings” yet today they are



gone, “their prairie homes are farms and houses now.” The story ends with mother and daughter finding the rare butterfly in an undisturbed area of the preserve, the tiny cemetery in which her great great-grandparents are buried.

Reading the book got me thinking about what we could do as gardeners to encourage healthy butterfly popu-

lations. According to the North American Butterfly Association it isn’t enough to simply choose specific flowering “nectar” plants to attract butterflies, we must also choose plants that will feed caterpillars- that way we are providing for the entire life cycle of the insect.

Some of the best nectar plants for our area include native wildflowers such as boneset, Joe-pye-weed, milkweed, black-eyed Susan and purple coneflower. Other common wildflowers like hawkweed, ox-eye daisy and Queen Anne’s Lace make good nectar plants as well.

Top caterpillar food plants for our region include carrot, dill, parsley, fennel, milkweed, nasturtium and verbe-

na.

The largest number of butterfly species will be drawn

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is hard to believe the Fourth of July is here.

The summer will go very fast I am sure. I wish the winter would.

I have been working in our garage where we store a lot of things. Trying to downsize is not easy.

I also worked on the closet that I keep my recipe books and I must have at least 100 of those put out by area groups and clubs. I really like those recipes as they are tried and true.

One book I got from a local yard sale and is called “The New England Cookbook.” I got it when the Historical Society was cleaning out the Richardson estate and having a yard sale.

There is no cover so I do not know the year of the booklet, but it has some very funny names of recipes, like, Apple Roly Poly Pudding, Bird’s Nest Pudding, Tipsy

Topsy Pudding, Fried Shad Roe, The Famous Grunts etc.

The page that had the most marks of use on included blueberry, frostings , corn cakes and gingerbread.

I also have a handwritten sleeve of recipes that my friend Gladys sent me from Nova Scotia.

I use to work at Woolworth with her in our early years and she went back to remarry a first husband and has since passed away. She was a good cook and gave me some of her favorite recipes.

I also cleaned out my Curio Cabinet and put all my favorite hand painted china in it. The glassware goes into an old jelly cabinet that I got at an auction of the Willard Slade property many years ago.

I had a man from Barre refinish it as it had the old red milk paint on it, which

he kept.

We got some nice needed rain and things are growing well. There are a lot of day lilies coming out.

I had a telephone call from a cousin from Petersham. Karen reads this column and keeps up with my progress.

She plans to come and visit. She is a music teacher and has the summer off. She sang at our youngest daughters wedding, which was held at the Congregational Church in Barre.

Have a nice week and be careful as the youngsters are out of school now.

As I drive along Ragged Hill Road and notice anyone walking with dark clothes on it is hard to see them with all the foliage out now so they need to wear light clothes when walking the roads. This is just a hint to stay safe.

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Fleming of Barre said, “Boy they’re really something.” He said, “Some had the old acetylene tanks for the head lamps. It was such a treat to be able to see them driving around.” The next stop was the Brookfields.

10 years (July 7, 2016)

The Barre Lions Club will host a candidate’s night Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange St. Residents will have an opportunity to meet the three candidates for board of selectmen for a two-year term. The special election is Tuesday, Aug. 9. Candidates include: John M. Lathrop, III, 280 Hardwick Road; Robert A. Milkman, Jr., 23B Maple Lane and Matthew D. Urban, 330 Williamsville Road.

The Village Lyceum welcomes the critically acclaimed Worcester Chamber Music Society Saturday, July 9 in a performance of and exploration of the crafting of Shostakovich’s String Quartet No. 7 in F-Sharp Minor. The performance, “Shostakovich Deconstructed,” will be held in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Parish Unitarian, on the Town Common at 4 p.m. The great Russian composer, Dimitri Shostakovich, wrote 15 string quartets, from his early 30s until his death 30 plus years later. These are widely known to be autobiographical and document his political and personal struggles. “Shostakovich Deconstructed” will be presented by WCMS musicians Krista Buckland Reisner, violin; Rohan Gregory, vio-

lin; Peter Sulski, viola and cellist, David Russell.

The Friday Market music program brings the Green Sisters to the town common Friday, July 8 from 3-6 p.m. with their own local brand of roots music, two fiddles, string bass and mandolin. A dozen vendors offer fresh local produce, local eggs, garden plants and flowers, baked goods, hand-crafted soaps and more. The market opens at 3 p.m. each Friday through mid-October and provides an accessible place for neighbors to visit, shop and enjoy live music on the bandstand. Music performances are made possible by major support from Heywood Healthcare, the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, The Country Store and from individual local donors.

25 years (July 5, 2001)

Not available

38 years (July 9, 1988)

Dorothy Salminen of Hubbardston received the Elder Achievement Award at the volunteer recognition dinner last Friday at the Hubbardston Senior Center. Maude Edwards of the Council on Aging med the presentation. Dorothy was honored for her many hours of volunteer services to the seniors of Hubbardston. She served as treasurer of the Golden Age Club and was previously in charge of the 120 Club and dinner a chairman for the Booster Club. She is a member of the Council on Aging and serves on the board of directors at Hubbardston House.

The town of Petersham recently welcomed back

Kenneth Richards for a memory filled, week long visit that was highlighted by a reception in his honor arranged by long time friend, John LePoer of Old Hardwick Road. Richards recently retired to Bainbridge Island, Washington. Though he left Petersham over 50 years ago to join the Navy, Richards has always held strong ties to the Hilltop Town. In 1985, he wrote “Memories of a Smalltown Yankee,” after one of his Petersham visits. After serving 21 years in the Navy, he continued in civilian life as a meteorologist at the Naval Department.

Eight residents attended the July 6 Barre Selectmen’s meeting to voice their individual and collective concerns surrounding contractor D.A. Robinson’s removal of large amounts of dirt and gravel. Mary Petersen of South Barre Road presented photos depicting what she called “very dramatic” holes and hills.” She said these and the many avalanches happening present a safety hazard for children riding bicycles. Chrissy Thomas of South Barre Road said Robinson is digging three feet from her property line and has “left a cliff.” Town Counsel James Baird is being consulted for professional advice. Attorney Paul Cranston joined the meeting and introduced himself as Robinson’s lawyer. Cranston said Robinson has been trying to obtain a building package and is having difficulties because of confusion surrounding a septic system. Robinson must prepare to install a septic system as well as tie-in to the town sewer system because “the town doesn’t know which way it should be done,” Cranston said.

and lower wing surfaces to heat up at the same time.

After researching this article I realize just how little I know about butterflies. Luckily, some of the plants mentioned above already grow on my property, and butterflies often frequent the premises.

For more information on or to participate in the North American Butterfly Association’s butterfly count consult their website at www.naba.org.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.

Guest Column

What is local government for?

By Aaron Langlois

This week, the Energy Facilities Siting Board approved the Oakham Battery Energy Storage System. Many people will see this as a debate about battery storage, renewable energy, or climate policy. I see something else. I see a question about the future of local government in Massachusetts.

For more than 200 years, Massachusetts has prided itself on a tradition of local self-governance. We elect local officials. We hold Town Meetings. We appoint volunteers to boards and commissions. We encourage residents to participate in decisions affecting their communities. We do these things because we believe local voices matter.

But what happens when a community speaks, its elected officials speak, its appointed boards speak, and ultimately none of it changes the outcome? That is the question many Oakham residents are asking today.

Throughout this process, Oakham residents participated exactly as they were supposed to. The Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and countless residents engaged in the process in good faith.

People attended hearings, reviewed documents, hired experts, submitted comments, testified, and volunteered countless hours. They engaged because they believed their participation mattered.

I understand that reasonable people can disagree about this project. That is not really the point. The point is that every city and town in Massachusetts should be asking itself where local government fits into this equation.

Today it is a battery storage project. Tomorrow it could be housing, transmission lines, renewable energy projects, transportation infrastructure, water resources, economic development or any number of issues where state and local priorities may conflict.

The specific project is less important than the precedent. The question is whether local government remains a meaningful part of decision-making when communities and the Commonwealth disagree.

Oakham’s planning efforts make that question particularly difficult to ignore.

The Commonwealth encouraged communities to develop Hazard Mitigation Plans and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plans. Residents were asked to identify environmental priorities, vulnerable resources, and community values. We were asked what mattered most to our town. Oakham answered that question through years of public participation and planning.

Yet many residents are left wondering what value those efforts have if the priorities identified by a community carry little weight when major decisions are ultimately made. If local communities do not get to decide what environmental priorities matter most within their own borders, why are we asking them to spend years identifying them in the first place?

I was also surprised by the lack of a broader public conversation about what this decision means for local governance. To my knowledge, there was no public statement from the Massachusetts Municipal Association regarding what this decision could mean for municipal planning, local authority, or the role of cities and towns in state siting decisions.

This is not about whether the MMA should have supported Oakham’s position. It is about whether organizations that advocate for municipalities should be discussing what happens when local priorities, local boards, and local elected officials can be overridden so completely.

Having previously served on the MMA Board and the Massachusetts Local Government Advisory Commission,

I have always believed that strong local government makes Massachusetts stronger. Rural communities already struggle to have their voices heard on Beacon Hill. We have fewer people, fewer resources, and less political influence. Yet we are still expected to participate, volunteer, plan, and engage. We do those things because we believe they matter.

Nobody can say Oakham failed to participate. Residents showed up. Local boards did their jobs. Volunteers gave up evenings and weekends. People followed the process exactly as they were asked to do. The Energy Facilities Siting Board still approved the project.

The question raised by Oakham is not whether battery storage is good or bad. It is not whether one supports or opposes this particular project.

The question is whether local government in Massachusetts still has a meaningful role when communities and the Commonwealth disagree.

Democracy is not limited to casting a ballot every few years. It depends on citizens willing to serve on boards, attend meetings, volunteer their time, and participate in their communities. If those efforts are going to continue, people need to believe their participation matters.

This is not just an Oakham issue. It is a Massachusetts issue. Every resident, every municipal official, and every one of our 351 cities and towns should care about the answer.

Aaron Langlois is a resident of Oakham, former member of the Oakham Board of Selectmen and Board of Health, former member of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Board and Massachusetts Local Government Advisory Commission, and participated in the development of Oakham’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan.

MIDNIGHT IN A GARDEN OF FLIGHT

*The night now is lonely and the hour is late,
My heart is weary from the staggering weight,
The people pass me by and cannot relate,
They have no calming words, here to give.*

*I’ve lived a long time and known a great love,
A sense of purpose that just stands above,
The everyday things that we’ve been speaking of,
Give voice to a reason to live.*

*This empty Airport has never felt so tired,
A long day of traveling, was incredibly wired,
The hushed remains of its’ traveler’s mired,
In chasing those dreams as they come.*

*Why do we spend all our life’s own pursuits.
In search of these goals in our Brooks Brother’s suits,
Gathering treasures at the expense of our truth,
That leads to our hearts feeling numb.*

*Now I’m here writing, in this massive space,
Devoid of the energy to finish this race,
Like an astronaut walking untethered in space,
Their echoes I’m hearing just now,*

*Alone in the twilight on this quiet night,
My words are like birds, simply seeking their flight,
They lead me to know what is wrong and what’s right,
And define my existence somehow.*

*As I wander this hall, now unable to rest,
I remember the way we all gave it our best,
As we hustled to fly from our comfortable nests,
To continue our journey by night.*

*When the weary among us, including this scribe,
Sit in quiet reflection of life in our tribe,
There are questions to ask that are hard to describe,
All alone here at Midnight in a Garden of Flight.*

–A.B. Splaine

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to our yards if we imitate how plants grow in the wild. To do so, we should install a diverse mixture of trees, shrubs, perennial and annual flowers and herbs that bloom throughout the growing season.

Trees such as aspens, willows, poplars, and wild cherry make great host plants for caterpillars. In addition, they give butterflies shelter from the wind, protection from predators and spots to roost at night.

A good habitat should also include some form of water source that will provide butterflies with additional moisture when dew and rain are scarce. “The Family Butterfly Book” by Rick Mikula (Storey Publishing, \$29.95) offers a fun project to make with your kids called a waterless pond.

Line a shallow hole in the garden with a trash bag, fill it with stones and add water. Dew will collect on the rocks in the morning and slide down the cracks.

Butterflies can land on the rocks and sip water from the crevices. Put a narrow band of sand around your pond and this area will serve double-duty as a “puddling station,” a place for male butterflies to imbibe salts and minerals in preparation for mating.

Another important feature in a butterfly garden is a basking station. To be able to fly, these solar powered creatures must warm up.

In fact, Mikula reports that their flight muscles must achieve 83 degrees before lift-off!

Light colored stepping stones placed about the garden will reflect the sun, allowing the insects upper

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Merlin Katz of Playful Engineers arrived at the Woods Memorial Library to get kids creative at chain reactions and creative contraptions.

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“telling a story with random parts.”

A chain reaction is like a story, there is a beginning, middle and end, and that is what children get to explore and learn through building.

Katz brought boxes full of toys and parts for children to explore and play and test their contraptions.

This program by Playful Engineers is a traveling program and Katz is a traveling instructor that has inspired the next generation of tinkers and engineers to explore new ideas.

Children got right to work by using various pieces such as building blocks, catapults, exploding popsicle sticks, ramps, cups, tape, gravity-powered carousels, track feeders, domino rallies, ziplines, rolling compasses and so much more. With every test conducted, children made a solid effort to learn and adjust their contraptions to successfully complete the chain reactions.

The testing objects vary from toy cars, Ping-Pong balls, domino blocks and rolling wheels. Katz talked about one of the unique contraptions he ever worked on.

One of them was at a “To



The Woods Memorial Library had a packed house of young builders working on their own chain reactions and creative contraptions.

Catch a Tiger Event,” where he put two tables together which had connecting medal arms to the table. With a string in between the tables and a bin to help lower and trap the tiger.

Katz explained that this was a larger version of the contraption board game, Mouse Trap. This contraption took Katz approximately a few hours to build.

Children of all ages got to work and made some interesting contraptions. Beauden, age five, had a contraption

guiding a ball down a ramp supported by building blocks and navigating itself to the inside of a cup.

After a few attempts, Beauden was successful at completing his chain reaction.

Lainey had a similar contraption, but this time the ball makes its way down the ramp, hits a few blocks to initiate a domino effect, and the last block pushes another ball into a cup. Chain Reactions and Creative Contraptions also features a



Lainey testing her coaster contraption which features blocks and cups.

lot of team building. Many children worked on projects together and shared ideas with one another.

Chain Reactions and Creative Contraptions was Playful Engineers’ first program and is still a popular one. Katz went around the room to see what every child was working on and would always share tips and suggestions on how they can better improve their contraption.

To learn more about this hands-on, play-based learning program, people may visit www.playfulengineers.com.



A contraption featuring a golf ball, car, and rolling wheel set to start a chain reaction.

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said he would look into it.

Fitzgerald said the FY 25 audit was started in March, which is six months later than an audit should be started. He said they should start a couple months after the previous fiscal year ends, and the FY 26 audit should be starting in August.

He said the FY25 audit should be finished in three to four weeks, where a management letter will come in, informing the town of how they can strengthen their finances.

Board and committee
 assignments

Each member of the Select Board was appointed to serve as a liaison to var-

ious boards and committees. Select Board chair Katie Young will be the liaison to the Municipal Complex Building Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, Cemetery Commission and board of Library Trustees.

Walker will be a liaison to the Emergency Management Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Health.

Select Board member Kris Pareago will be the liaison for the Finance Committee, Town Administrator Search Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Parks Commission, Open Space Committee, Board of Assessors, Ware River Watershed Committee and

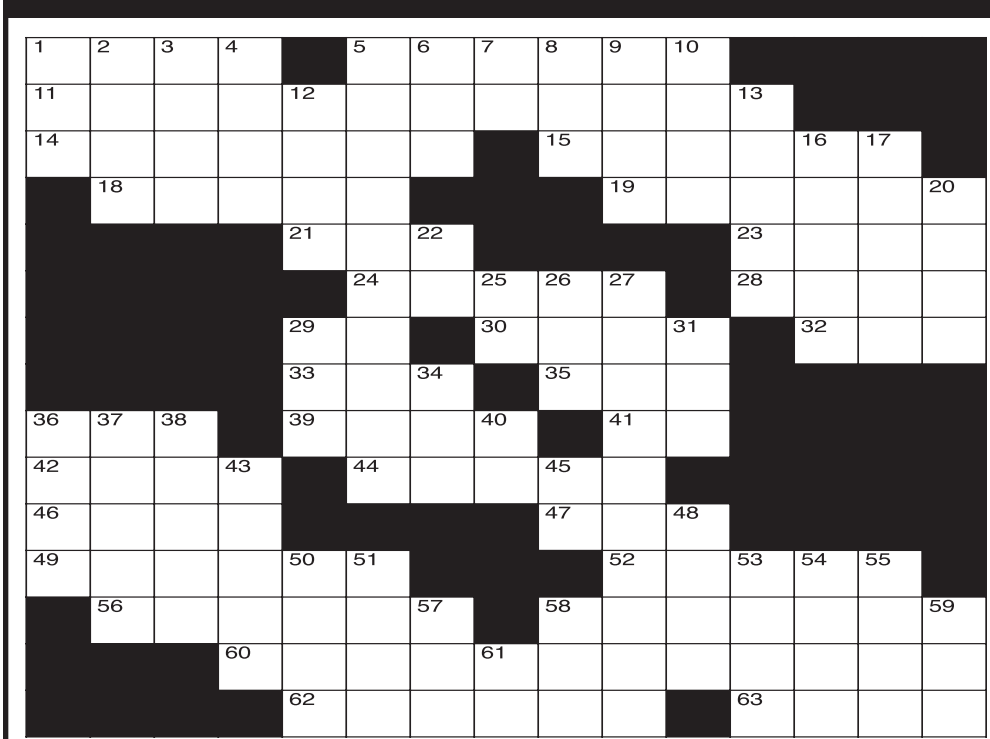
the Board of Registrars.

Select Board member Terry Tyler will be the liaison for the Cable Advisory Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Cultural Council and Conservation Commission.

Town Administrator
 update

Young said Alex Magee, who was offered the job of town administrator, has accepted a position in another community, and the board worked out an agreement to extend Fitzgerald’s contract to Dec.31. Young said he has put them on a path, and wants him to continue on with it.

She said the board would appoint another search committee to do another search.



CLUES ACROSS

1. ___ chat
 5. Statue near the Pyramids
 11. A process to change the look
 14. Herb
 15. Think about excessively
 18. Bass vocal part
 19. Supreme Allied Cmdr. of NATO
 21. A major division of geological time
 23. New Zealand parrot
 24. Cognitive contents
 28. Lump of yarn
 29. Atomic #109
 30. Let go of
 32. Indian title of respect
 33. Whereabouts unknown
 35. Electronic data processing

36. Drivers’ licenses count
 39. Snakelike fishes
 41. They precede C
 42. Popular personal computers
 44. Intermediate community stage in ecological succession
 46. Wings
 47. Indicates position
 49. Pleasantly smooth or soft
 52. Jeweled headdress
 56. In slow tempo
 58. ___ Falls
 60. Reassertions
 62. Eras
 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Corporate executive
 2. A plant used for flavoring food

3. Opinion or belief
 4. Sheep in their second year
 5. Intensities of sound
 6. Indicates support for
 7. Expression of laughter
 8. OJ trial judge
 9. Pointed ends of pens
 10. True bugs genus
 12. Lawyers argue theirs
 13. Body parts
 16. Closes tightly
 17. World Heritage site in Nigeria
 20. Islamic calendar month
 22. Commercial
 25. “Westworld” actor Harris
 26. They ___
 27. Religious guilds

29. Woman (French)
 31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
 34. Brew
 36. Spiritual leader
 37. Indigo bush
 38. Burn with a hot liquid
 40. Older citizen
 43. Scad fish genus
 45. Morning
 48. Line passing through the center (abbr.)
 50. Double S-shaped curve
 51. Small, thin person
 53. Older
 54. Mars crater
 55. Humanities
 57. Word element meaning ear
 58. To the ___ degree
 59. Residue
 61. It cools your home

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Emergency Management Committee talks grants, future plans

By Zacharias Fragiadakis
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HUBBARDSTON – The Local Emergency Management Planning Committee discussed grants received, including a \$35,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a hazard mitigation plan.

Chair of the committee Judith O'Donnell said she was told they would need to put the vendor out to bid, but since it is a grant of less than \$50,000, it won't require a request for proposal.

At the June 16 meeting, O'Donnell said there are two quotes so far out of the three required from Ray Davis, the director of operations at Patriot Emergency Preparedness Solutions out of Boston and Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC out of Northampton.

Raymond Ferrin, a local coordinator with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency said she should reach out to the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission or Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission for a third quote.

O'Donnell said the town also received an Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$2,400. She said the grant approved large and small animal supplies for sheltering, water filters and a generator for their trailer.

She said the committee is working with the Agricultural Commission for animal sheltering, and that commission also wants a first aid kit.

O'Donnell said the spending on that grant begins on July 1.

O'Donnell also presented

a communication guide made by the Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication sector of the Centers for Disease Control, which provides a framework for communicating with the public during emergencies. She said this is sponsored by the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness sector of the CDC and the Department of Public Health, and the goal is for the whole region to adopt this framework.

She said the committee would have to identify the media type that is best for getting the word out such as email, reverse 911 calls or message boards in neighborhoods. Sandra White, a student from Fitchburg State University was a guest at the meeting, and brought up getting the message out to people who are deaf, blind or speak another language.

O'Donnell said there is progress being made with

looking at shelter plans, and there are final edits being made on a contract with a company called NV5, and after the legal edits are done they will move to design work. She said they have about \$38,000 to look at the Hubbardston Center School and put a design together for solar and a generator, and they are working on getting a FEMA grant called Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities.

O'Donnell also talked about the opportunity to put on a Community Emergency Response Team workshop, which would cost \$500, but said there is another workshop happening later this year by MEMA.

She said the town is having trouble recruiting people for CERT, and are starting to talk to Templeton to merge. She said the town does not use CERT very much though.

O'Donnell also said

the committee is working on upgrading their trailer, including countertops, cabinets, solar panels and a generator possible. She said they are working with Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School on that with the contact Brian Williams.

She said Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald built \$10,000 into the budget to go toward the trailer, and hopes to see it used as a vaccination clinic.

O'Donnell also said she has received word from lawyers saying there should be a memorandum of understanding signed with the school to allow the town to bring people into the gymnasium in the case of an emergency. She also discussed signing MOUs with local stores for supplies and food during an emergency.

The committee will meet next in October.

Petersham Band concert to be held July 5

PETERSHAM - The Petersham Brass Band will be held July 5 at 7 p.m. on the bandstand on Petersham Common, Route 32, Petersham.

Sunday's performance marks the band's 864th concert since being formed in 1914.

Joseph Gougen is the current director of the band. He is a native of Gardner and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Gougen is currently the music Director in the Northbridge Public Schools.

Concerts will continue on the four Sundays in July and end Sunday, Aug. 2.

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own that property.

The Select Board approved a motion to authorize the Barre Historical Commission and Cemetery Commission to initiate discussions with DCR.

Insurance rider

Julie Rawson of Circle of Song and also representing the Quabbin Community Band asked why the Select Board now required an insurance rider from those who use town property when they never did in the past. She said Circle of Song used town property for 25 years and the Quabbin Community Band for 41 years.

Chairman Marshall said both the Town Administrator and the town's insurance carrier, Municipal Interlocal Insurance Agency, required a certificate of insurance by groups, who use town property, to protect the town in the event of a lawsuit.

She said some towns don't allow outside use of town buildings due to this

issue. She also said an insurance carrier could increase rates or refuse to insure the town.

She suggest Rawson contact an insurance carrier about purchasing an insurance rider. Rawson asked if it was possible for groups using town property, to be pay for an umbrella policy through the town's carrier.

In the meantime, both Rawson and the town would get additional information for later discussion on the matter. Chairman Marshall said other groups, who use town property such as the Lions' Club for their car show, Christmas in Barre for their event and a church that rents the Town Hall on Sundays all have insurance riders.

Special Town Election

The Select Board met with Town Clerk Ellen Glidden to discuss a special election for the debt exclusion question on the purchase of a 10-wheel dump truck for the Department of Public Works. Voters approved the purchase at

the Annual Town Meeting contingent on the passing of a debt exclusion, which exempted the purchase from Proposition 2 ½ and the tax increase to end when the vehicle was paid off.

Glidden said there was only one question on the ballot. She recommended the election be held on Tuesday, July 28 with hours from noon-6 p.m. The state allowed for a minimum of four hours and the election must begin at the latest by noon. She said the additional two hours would allow voters, who work, a chance to vote.

She said they also could vote by absentee ballot in the clerk's office fit they were unable to get to the polls due to their work. The Select Board approved the time and date of the election and also approved the wording of the ballot question, which Town Counsel already approved.

Other business

The Select Board approved an agreement with

the town of Hardwick for shared services at the Barre Senior Center. Hardwick already approved the agreement to pay \$23,000 plus the amount of their State formula grant of \$7,000.

The Board opted to wait another month before accepting the contract extension from R.J. McDonald, Inc. The extension increase fuel oil costs by \$.52 from \$2.99 per gallon to \$3.95. Select Board Vice Chairman Mark Regienus said to wait another month on signing the extension to see if fuel prices drop.

The Board approved the chip spreader rental extension from All State Construction, Inc. The cost remained \$425 per hour. They also approved the extension on crack sealing contract as their was no increase.

The Board voted a 2 ½% Cost of Living Adjustment for town employees. The DPW and Police Department employee union contracts were still in negotiations.

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force reduction. She said that number would have been the unemployment costs if every employee who was set to be laid off filed for unemployment.

Butler said several people have found work elsewhere, and it is unlikely they would file.

Butler said the hope with charging the costs to the stabilization fund, there would not be as large of an effect on the operating budget. She said last year, the town only budgeted \$45,000 for legal counsel, and there were multiple cases litigated including labor, dispatch, and override/budget related cases.

Butler said whatever costs are not used toward legal counsel would become free cash. The motion for this request passed 4-2.

Another transfer request was for \$75,145 to be transferred from the health insurance account to the snow and ice supplies account. Butler said this number, along with the earlier \$90,000 from Highway wages, another

er transfer of \$13,895 from health insurance to the snow and ice purchase of supplies account along with a \$49,000 allocation at town meeting would cover all snow and ice expenses for fiscal year 2026.

Butler said the reason for there being \$90,000 left over in health insurance is because the town budgeted for three extra positions to prepare for unexpected events of employees.

There was concern among board members that the numbers were not adding up correctly, and Butler said that could be because the \$49,000 allocation had not hit yet, and the request passed.

There were a number of smaller transfers approved as well, including \$4.01 from health insurance to long term debt, \$132 from Select Board expense to election workers to cover the June 16 special town meeting, and \$1,000 from health insurance to postage. The committee also approved a reserve fund request of \$4,000 for heating and fuel.

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Turn your savings into paychecks in retirement

Margaret had saved diligently for decades. Every paycheck, a portion went toward her retirement account. Then, the day finally came: she retired. Suddenly, the hardest part wasn't the saving. It was learning to spend.

If that sounds familiar, you're not alone. Many retirees find the shift from building savings to living off them emotionally difficult, even when they've planned carefully. Here are five smart strategies that can help you feel more confident about what's ahead.

Give yourself permission to spend conservatively. Your retirement plan likely assumes a certain annual spending amount, with increases each year to account for inflation. All else being equal, the lower those initial withdrawals, the longer your money will last. A financial advisor can help you set up portfolio withdrawals personalized to your goals and situation. Feel free to give yourself permission to spend those amounts, knowing there's intention behind them.

For many retirees, the challenge isn't math — it's mindset. After years of being rewarded for saving, spending can feel like doing something wrong. It can help to reframe withdrawals as a paycheck you've already earned. For example, using your monthly distribution to cover travel, hobbies or time with family isn't indulgent; it's the purpose of the plan you built. Connecting spending to your values can make it feel more natural and sustainable.

Do be sure to review your spending regularly and don't forget to set aside funds for annual expenses like taxes and insurance.

Keep some cash on hand. A general rule of thumb for retirees is to keep about 12 months' worth of withdrawals in a separate account for spending and another three to five years' worth in short-term, fixed-income investments. This cushion can allow your stock investments time to recover from a market downturn, reducing the need to sell investments when markets are down. That said, holding too much cash carries its own risk, as your portfolio may not grow fast enough to keep pace with inflation. So, while some cash is good, you'll also want to remain invested in assets with more growth potential to help your portfolio last through retirement.

Review regularly. Retirement can last 25 years or more, and even the best-laid plans need updating along the way. Review your financial strategy at least once a year or after any major life change.

Stay flexible. Even small adjustments to your spending can have a big impact on how long your money lasts. Retirees who hold off on spending increases in years when their portfolio declines are often able to stretch their savings further than those who increase withdrawals each year for inflation regardless of market performance.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JULY 2

ARTISTS' EXHIBITION takes place today now through Sunday, July 26 from noon-4 p.m. in the at Petersham Art Center, 8 North St, Petersham. The works of painters Fabio and Sara Deponte celebrating the year of the horse will be on exhibit. Regular Art Center hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon -4 p.m.

PALMER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '76 REUNION takes place Friday, Aug. 28 with cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. at Salem Cross Inn, 260 West Main St., West Brookfield. It will be a summer option for those unavailable in the fall, when a separate Class of 1976 group is planning a reunion on Oct. 17. The event at Salem Cross offers a menu of cheese and crackers, garden salad, and entrees of rustic chicken, honey dijon salmon or vegetarian option. Tickets for the summer event will be \$50, which will include a tip. For the Aug. 28 registration link, which includes payment options online and by post, email Suzanne Strempek Shea at sess7@com-cast.net. RSVP and payment is due no later than Monday, Aug. 10.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

ORANGE COMMUNITY BAND summer concert takes place today at 7 p.m. on the bandstand in Butterfield Park, Orange. Concerts will continue on Fridays through July 31. The band will rehearse Wednesday evenings at the Congregational Church from now to July 29. Today's concert will be the annual Patriotic concert. The theme is "A Nations's story in Song" with music ranging from Mohawk Trail by Anne McGinty, to National Game to Apollo 13.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE takes place today starting at 10 a.m. in Petersham. Grand Marshals Representative Aaron Saunders and former Senator and currently Director of Rural Affairs Ann Gobi will be the honored guests. The parade will step off at 10 am, starting at the flagpole on The Common, follow the traditional route known as the "Old Maid Mile" and finish in front of Town Hall. Anyone may participate in the parade, either by walking, riding (bicycle, motorcycle, horse or other animal) or by driving car, truck or float. Local Fire Departments will mark the end of the procession. Spectators can view the parade from many locations along the route: on The Common, in front of Town Hall or at Petersham Center School.



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This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, July 6. Bill Bowles and Peggy Civilik correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Town House on the Common, Hardwick.

Parade participants are encouraged to arrive at least by 9:30 a.m.; participants with horses and other animals can park on the Nichewaung Meadow adjacent to the Petersham Memorial Library. The Old Maid Mile route is as follows from the flagpole, travel west on West Street, south on Hardwick Street east on East Street and turn north on Main Street and finishes just beyond the Town Hall. The “Petersham Firefighters’ Association Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser” will kick off the event at 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

PETERSHAM BRASS BAND CONCERT will be held today at 7 p.m. on the bandstand on Petersham Common, Route 32, Petersham. Sunday's performance marks the band's 864th concert since being formed in 1914. Joseph Gougen is the current director of the band. He is a native of Gardner and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Gougen is currently the music

Director in the Northbridge Public Schools. Concerts will continue on the four Sundays in July and end Sunday, Aug. 2. Concerts are held rain or shine. In the event of rain, the concerts move inside to the Town Hall. Refreshments will be available at the band hot dog stand and the bake sale this week will also benefit the Band. Then Lions Club will also offer popcorn.

U.S. AIR FORCE HERITAGE CONCERT
BAND performs today at 2:30 p.m. as New Braintree kicks off their 275th and the country's 250th anniversary celebrations. This is a free, family-friendly event for all ages to enjoy. Attendees are invited to bring their lawn chairs or blankets to the green, lying between the New Braintree Historical Society/Post Office at 10 Utley Road and Town Hall at 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. People may visit the town website at <https://www.new-braintreema.us> for more information. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

ARTIST TALK WITH HEATHER takes place today at 6 p.m. at East Quabbin Land Trust Headquarters, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. People are encouraged to bring a favorite dish or drink to share. Upcoming artist talks take place July 23, Aug. 5, Aug. 20 and Sept. 3.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

NORNAY PARK SUMMER CONCERT features the Otters from 6-8 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. Other concerts are: Saturday, July 25 Cropdusters from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday,, Aug. 8 The Other Guys from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club will run a concession stand for all Saturday concerts. The concerts are supported in part by the Barre Cultural Council and the Barre Recreation Committee.

SUMMER FAIR will be held today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the front lawn and inside the Petersham Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., Rte. 32, Petersham. A variety of treasures will be available for sharp eyes to spy a deal. There are books, attic goodies, vintage items, furniture, clothing, household items, toys and much more. The church will also sponsor a snack bar, bake sale and the historically tasty and well loved strawberry shortcake. This is always a well attended event and it will be held rain or shine. Larger items will be on the front lawn and the remainder will be in the church and dining hall. Cash and checks will be accepted.

Calendar Policy

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a tote, drink tumbler, fan, pen, cooling towel and metal bookmark.

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Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-noon.

The Family Farm Education Center, located in Oakham, is a nonprofit farm serving children, teens and adults with intellectual and developmental differences, mental health challenges and those on the Autism Spectrum.



Beth Cogoli, sitting, brought some ducks and a rabbit. She and her mother, Jen Keaney run the non-profit Family Farm Education Center in Oakham.

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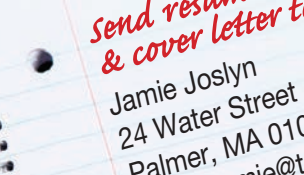
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Quabbin athletes make their decisions



Submitted photo
During the spring, several athletes at Quabbin Regional High School made some important decisions about their futures. The school hosted an NLI signing days where the students committed to playing sports at the college level. Pictured are: Wes Sanderson- Football at Curry, Collin Lindley - Track at Merrimack, Owura Ankoma-Mensah - Track at University of New Haven, Bianca Wilder - Soccer and Track at Mount Holyoke, Abi Falconi - Track at Franklin Pierce and Mia Ducos (not pictured) - Basketball at Skidmore.

Mutiny shut out by Vermont Green FC

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Even though the New England Mutiny had already been eliminated from the USL W playoffs, they still had a chance to influence the race for first place in the Northeast Division entering the regular-season finale.

Had the Mutiny pulled off an upset victory against Vermont Green FC, the Hudson Valley Crusaders would have finished at the top of the Northeast Division table.

However, it was Vermont Green FC players and their rowdy supporters doing all the celebrating following a 3-0 shutout win over the Mutiny at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday night.

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Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Addyson Earl tries to outrun an opponent.

Monson Legion Post 241 falls at home to Aldenville

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER – The final American Legion baseball game of the regular season at historic Legion Field in Palmer was a vintage pitcher's duel.

Aldenville (Chicopee) Post 337, who only had nine players available for the road game, snapped its four-game losing streak by edging Monson Post 241, 1-0, last Wednesday night.

"We battled the entire game," said Matt Sutton, who was the winning pitcher for Aldenville. "I focused on staying calm on the mound, pitch to pitch, and this is a huge win for us."

Aldenville had a 2-4-1 record following the shutout victory, while Monson fell to 2-4.

The two squads were scheduled to face each other for the second time this summer at St. Joe's Park in Thorndike on Wednesday night.

Monson is also scheduled to face Longmeadow Post 175 in another home game at St. Joe's Park on Thursday night, and West Springfield



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Theo Haley takes a lead off first.

Post 207 at Veteran's Field in Monson on Monday night.

Last Wednesday's contest marked Sutton's first career victory as a member of the Aldenville Post 337 baseball team.

Sutton, who was a junior member of the Chicopee Comp's varsity baseball team this past spring, gave up only three base hits while striking out eight in his performance against Monson. The righthander issued four walks and hit a pair of batters in six innings. He threw a total of 102 pitches.

"I thought Matt pitched a great game," said Aldenville manager Nate Carillon. "We've been mostly using him as a relief pitcher so far this season. He stepped up in tonight's game."

Sutton, who earned a save in Aldenville's season opening road victory against Westfield Post 124, made his second start of the Legion season. His first start came against Northampton Post 28, which was a home loss a couple of weeks ago.

Memphis Huertas, who's normally Aldenville's starting catcher, didn't attend last Wednesday's game at Legion Field. Noah Carillon, who's Nate's younger brother, strapped on the catcher's gear for just the second time during his Legion career.

"Noah used to be a catcher in little league. He also



Kyle Kaczuwka tries to check a swing.

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William Fauth watches his pass move away.

Playoffs hopes still alive after Pioneers shutout

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Had the Western Mass. Pioneers failed to secure a victory in last Friday night's match against AC Connecticut, their playoff hopes would have vanished for the first time since they entered USL League Two in 2019.

The Pioneers kept their postseason dreams alive a little bit longer thanks to a hard-earned 1-0 shutout win at Lusitano Stadium.

"We didn't get the result that we wanted in our last match on Tuesday night, and we had a tie here last week," said Pioneers assistant coach Tomas Duben. "It was very important for us to get the three points and the win in tonight's game. We're still battling for a postseason berth."

Duben took over the head coaching duties from longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari, who spent last weekend coaching a Western United Pioneers U-16 girls' team at



Matiwos Rumley goes to meet the ball.

a tournament in Virginia.

Since 2024, Duben has a 3-0-1 record as the Pioneers interim head coach.

"My playing career ended a couple of years ago because of a knee injury," he said. "I really enjoyed playing for this soccer team. I'm very grateful that Federico gave me this coaching opportunity and I'm still learning."

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Fourth grade student keeps promise to join band

BARRE – In August of 2022, Braiden Bowles and his brother, Jace, were invited onto the Harding Allen Bandstand to help lead the Quabbin Community Band as they played one of their final pieces of the season on “Dixieland Night.”

Both boys stood on chairs to conduct the band with their own batons, doing a great job assisting director Margaret Reidy, including a perfect cut-off at the end of, “Canal Street Strut.”

Braiden in particular made it clear he was going to take up the trumpet when he was old enough and would someday join the band. That day has come sooner than later, as Braiden has shown an advanced aptitude for a first-year player in the fourth grade.

He began rehearsals with the group in May and has already performed in two concerts. He plays in a section of more experienced but very supportive trumpeters who are amazed at the progress Braiden has already made.

Brother Jace is not old enough to begin an instrument yet, but he says he’ll be in the band too, either on trumpet or trombone. The band looks forward to



Braiden Bowles and his brother, Jace helped lead the Quabbin Community Band in August 2022

welcoming Jace when he’s ready.

Next Sunday, July 5 at 6 p.m., the group will present, “Happy 250th America” at Nornay Park in South Barre featuring many patriotic and uplifting selections, ending the evening with the rousing “1812 Overture” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Quabbin Pro Musica will once again be providing hotdogs, drinks & snacks throughout the evening. All summer concerts begin at 6 p.m. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

Library hosts two educational programs

BARRE – As part of its Summer Reading Program, Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., invites community members to attend two free educational programs celebrating the natural world and the importance of environmental stewardship.

Both events are free and open to all.

On Saturday, July 18 at 11 a.m., Master Gardener Gretel Anspach will present “New England Native Flora.” This engaging program explores the many benefits of choosing plants native to New England for home landscapes.

Attendees will learn how native trees, shrubs, and perennials are naturally adapted to the region’s climate, making them easier to maintain while providing valuable habitat for birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

The presentation will also discuss how native plants can be more resistant to deer and rabbits, helping gardeners create beautiful, sustainable landscapes with less effort.

The following Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m., the library will host “Seeding the Future: Why Local Farms Matter” with Dave Reed, Executive Director of Central Mass Grown. This informative discussion examines the vital role local farms play in supporting healthy communities, protecting the environment and strengthening the local economy.

Participants will learn about modern farming practices, the benefits of purchasing locally grown food, the challenges facing today’s farmers and simple ways individuals can help support local agriculture.

For more information, people may call the library at 978-355-2533.

Public Notices

Town of Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals

The Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular business meeting on **Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Oakham Town Hall. There will be a public hearing for the following item:

VARIANCE: Owner/Applicant: Michael Russ

Location: 154 East Hill Rd., Oakham, MA. The applicant is requesting a Variance from Chapter 14 section 5.3 of the Oakham Zoning Bylaw. The applicant is seeking to extend the kitchen in the place of a deck and is seeking variance from the set back requirements from the abutting property line. The applicants may bring all pertinent information and plans with them and may bring a consultant/attorney to answer questions and to represent them at the hearing.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the public hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the meeting to the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham, MA 01068. Interested parties may review the application by calling the Town Hall (508)882-5549 and making an appointment to view the application at the Town Hall.

Carl W. Lindley Jr., Chairman
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Local residents participate in Pan-Mass Challenge

NEEDHAM – This Aug. 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on Aug. 1-2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC’s mission to fund life-saving cancer research and treatment.

They include: Pam Rockwood of North Brookfield (https://profile.pmc.org/PR0153), Sean Sullivan of Rutland (https://profile.pmc.org/SS0662),

Karen Sharpe of Rutland (https://profile.pmc.org/KS0607).

John Bubello of Rutland (https://profile.pmc.org/JB1200), Carol Benoit of Rutland (https://profile.pmc.org/CB0140), Charles Bateman of Rutland (https://profile.pmc.org/CB0350), Lisa Kelly of Rutland (https://profile.pmc.org/LK0233), Seth Cormier of North Brookfield (https://profile.pmc.org/SC0377).

David Larson of Hardwick (https://profile.pmc.org/DL0322) and

Dena Brayson of Ware (https://profile.pmc.org/DB0232.)

The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million.

This year’s PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100% of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation’s top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization’s largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber’s community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefiting patients across the world.

There is still time to participate in this year’s Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register by visiting PMC.org.

Orange Community Band offers patriotic events

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band will be providing two patriotic events on the bandstand in Butterfield park, first as part of the regular summer series and then as part of the town of Orange’s contribution to America’s 250th Birthday.

First is the band’s regular Friday evening concert on Friday, July 3 at 7 p.m. on the bandstand. This concert is themed: “A Nation’s Story in Song” and will feature

many of the band’s usual July 4 programming.

The concert is the third in the summer series of seven concerts. Sponsors for this season include Witty’s Funeral Home, Donald Hurtle American Legion Post 172, Susannah Whipps, The Lyman Family, New Salem Academy Trustees, Orange Lions Club (providing insurance), and in memory of John and Esther Smith, Nursie Perkins

Family, John Marsh Howe Family, and Dr. Robert and Jeanne Clark.

Partial sponsors include St. Mary’s Woman’s Club, Venture Community Services, Dean’s Beans, Edward Jones of Athol, and in memory of Gordon and Madena Kilhart.

Then, on Wednesday, July 8 the band will participate in the state’s Celebration of America’s 250th Birthday at 6 p.m. on

the Bandstand in Butterfield Park. This program is organized by the Town of Orange and Select Board member Kelli Bixby.

The program will include the Pledge of Allegiance, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and selections by the band, conducted by Steph Parker.

The Community Band’s summer series on the bandstand on Fridays extends through July 31.

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for the New York Islanders since beginning play in the 2017-18 season. The Railers have posted a .500 or better record in seven of their eight seasons, including a 35-30-7 record during the 2025-26 season, their second-best record in franchise history. The head coach and gener-

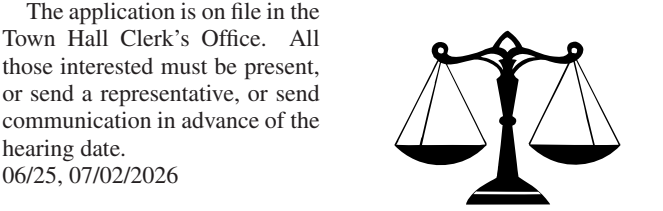
al manager of the Railers is Nick Tuzzolino.

The Railers play in the ECHL’s North Division in the Eastern Conference and have seen five former players make their NHL debut. A pillar of the Worcester, Massachusetts community, the Railers have received the ECHL’s league-wide Community Service

Award five times in their eight seasons.

The Blues helped introduce minor league hockey to Worcester from 1994-2005 when the Worcester IceCats were the team’s top AHL affiliate. In addition to a series of successful play-off runs, the IceCats produced several players that went on to play prominent

roles for the Blues, including Jim Campbell, Michal Handzus, Jamal Mayers, Tyson Nash, Darren Rumble, and Blues Hall of Famer Barret Jackman. After the IceCats were sold and relocated to become the Peoria Rivermen in 2005, the Worcester Sharks served as the AHL affiliate of the San Jose Sharks until 2015.

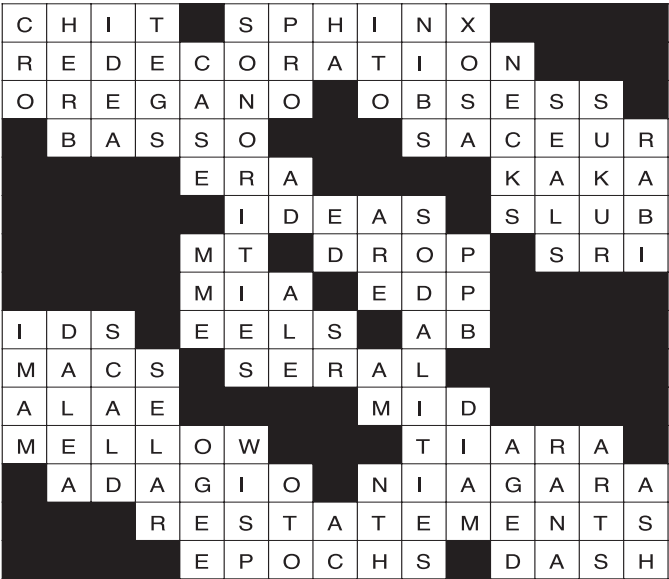


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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, May 31 9:13 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Glenwood Road, Referred to Other Agency 11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 11:38 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal 11:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 12:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 12:50 p.m. Fire – Miscellaneous Fire, Pleasantdale Road, Fire Extinguished 1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 2:34 p.m. Complaint, Blueberry Lane, Officer/Chief Advised 11:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed	Monday, June 1 8:31 a.m. Keep the Peace, Main Street, Returned 9:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital 9:18 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Thurston Hill Road, Removed from Scene 9:45 a.m. Larceny or Theft, River Road, Officer Spoke to Party 1:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Whitehall Road, Report Filed Tuesday, June 2 2:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Road, Mutual Aid Transport 8:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital 11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Campbell Street, Transported to Hospital 11:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Anthony Drive, Transported to Hospital 4:25 p.m. Harassment, Wilson Way, Peace Restored 4:53 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party 8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Hill Road,	 Ambulance Signed Refusal 10:15 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Mutual Aid Assist 11:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning Wednesday, June 3 1:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital 3:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital 8:34 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Information Given 8:37 a.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised 9:06 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed 11:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Country Road, Transported to Hospital 11:12 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Area Search Negative 2:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Prescott Street, Transported to hOspital 4:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Prescott
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Street, Transported to Hospital 5:23 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact 6:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Brooke Haven Drive, Transported to Hospital 7:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Prospect Street, Mutual Aid Transported 7:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Grizzly Drive, Negative Contact 8:07 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Returned Thursday, June 4 3:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, River Road, Transported to Hospital 7:51 a.m. Complaint, Ivy Lane, Officer/Chief Advised 8:29 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Juniper Lane, Area Search Negative 9:02 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Rutland Heights Way, Removed from Scene 10:53 a.m. Serve Warrant, Brunelle Drive, Removed to Court Arrest Johnson, Neil Joshua, 56, Rutland Charges Warrant 4:56 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal 6:33 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle	Collision, Main Street, Citation Issued 7:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Report Filed 7:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Report Filed 10:46 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Negative Contact Friday, June 5 7:11 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Report Filed 7:23 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Fisherman’s Road, Transported to Hospital 7:46 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Carly Circle, Information Taken 1:53 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, East County Road, Investigated 2:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Area Search Negative 3:59 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Information Taken 7:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Wachusett Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal 8:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 8:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport 8:42 p.m. Animal – Lost	and/or Found, Kenwood Drive, Returned 11:08 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival Saturday, June 6 2:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Sycamore Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal 9:35 a.m. Safety Concern, Memorial Field, Referred to Other Agency 9:36 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley View Circle, Officer/Chief Advised 10:43 a.m. Safety Concern, Pommogussett Road, Officer / Chief Advised 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint Summons Tah, Tifuh Afor, 21, Milford Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With 12:16 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained 8:22 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Arrowhead Way, Investigated 8:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal 9:03 p.m. Noise Complaint, Skyline Drive, Peace Restored
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Barre Police Log

Sunday, May 31 3:25 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party Summons Furno, Steven, 30, Barre Charges Shoplifting by concealing merchandise 3:53 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Valley Road, Returned Monday, June 1 1:25 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Austin Street, Officer Spoke to Party 1:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Pleasant Street, Transported to Hospital 10:48 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised 12:19 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party 1:37 p.m. Property – Lost. Found/Surrender, South Street, Information Taken 5:36 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Mechanic Street, Peace Restored 6:07 p.m. Safety Concert, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party 9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning 11:13 p.m. Unwanted Party, Old Stage Road, Officer Spoke to Party Tuesday, June 2 5:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital 7 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Summer Street, Referred to Other Agency 10:27 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Summer Street, Information Given 11 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Broad Street, Officer/Chief	Advised 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued 2:21 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Old Hardwick Road, Referred to Other Agency 5:51 p.m. Assault and Battery, South Street, Call Transferred 9:37 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, School S. Street, Report Filed Wednesday, June 3 8:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Coldbrook Road, Party Departed without Incident 10:38 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, James Street, Information Given 10:41 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Old Coldbrook Road, Criminal Complaint Summons Rodriguez, Alexis, 21, Southbridge Charges Credit Card, Improper Use Under \$1200, Utter False Document 1:50 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, West Street, Referred to Other Agency 1:55 p.m. Assault and Battery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party 3 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised12 3:11 p.m. Recovered/Confiscated Property, South Street, Call Transferred 4:56 p.m. Unwanted Party, Old Coldbrook Road, Peace Restored 5:43 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, West Street, Call Transferred 7:04 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party 8:59 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised 9:01 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned	Thursday, June 4 12:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Sams Way, Transported to Hospital 6:17 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Negative Contact 11:05 p.a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Information 11:20 a.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Negative Contact 2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 11:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party Friday, June 5 12:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital 2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 8:17 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, South Street, Returned Saturday, June 6 9:02 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Moulton Street, Officer Spoke to Party 12:22 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Worcester Road, Returned 6:14 p.m. Speak to Police, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party Summons McCreedy, Thomas, 72, Templeton Charges Assault and Battery
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Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, May 31 10:46 a.m. Erratic Operator, Ragged Hill Road, Negative Contact 6:04 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party Monday, June 1 7:28 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Hale Road, Investigated 10:01 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party 11:56 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised 1:47 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised 7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Birches Road, Officer/Chief Advised 11:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Road, No Action Required Tuesday, June 2 2:46 a.m. EMS – Falls, Old Princeton Road, Mutual Aid Transport 5:32 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Williamsville Road, Returned 6:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Lunenburg, Report Filed 7:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Road, Officer/Chief Advised Wednesday, June 3 6:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 7:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Street, Written Warning	8:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Street, Written Warning 8:23 a.m. Safety Concern, Brigham Street, Information Taken 8:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Princeton Road, Public Assist 9:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Old Boston Turnpike, Transported to Hospital 9:15 a.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Report Filed 10:21 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Area Search Negative 11:57 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Brigham Street, Party Departed Without Incident 3:31 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact 3:44 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative Contact 5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 5:18 p.m Motor Vehicle Stop – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party Thursday, June 4 10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Investigated 11:40 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Simond Hill Road, Information Given 1:32 p.m. Complaint, Ragged Hill Road, Officer/Chief Advised 3:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Road, Report Filed 7:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Street, Written Warning 7:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 10:40 p.m. Suspicious	Person//Vehicle Activity, Hubbardston Police Department, Report Filed Friday, June 5 2:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic, Gardner Road, Mutual Aid Transported 4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning Saturday, June 6 12:02 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, No Action Required 3:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, No Transport Required 4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Street, Written Warning 4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning 4:59 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Constitution Avenue, Transported to Hospital 5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning 6:05 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Mt. Jefferson Road, Returned 11:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Penobscott Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
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Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 39 building/property checks, 40 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, three traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, one motor vehicle investigation, two complaints, two safety hazards, one burglary, one property damage, one scam, one motor vehicle accident and one motor vehicle stop in the town of Hardwick. Monday, June 15 9:41 a.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Spoken To 1:20 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Death/Unattended uesday, June 16 7:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled 2:45 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Birch Street, Officer Handled 3:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prospect Street, Spoken To 3:45 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Main Street, Report Taken 5:02 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Report Taken Wednesday, June 17 6:57 a.m. Assist Citizen, Grove Street, Officer Handled 8:28 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Services Rendered 9:01 a.m. Property Damage, Barre Road, Negative Contact Thursday, June 18 11:41 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ware, Services Rendered 2:15 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered	2:24 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled 4 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered Friday, June 19 3:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled 4:22 p.m. Scam, Main Street, Report Taken 7:29 p.m. Complaint, School Street, Officer Handled 10:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered Saturday, June 20 7:31 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 11:04 p.m. Medical Emergency, High Road, Transported to Hospital Sunday, June 21 9:24 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Spoken To During the week of June 22-29, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 68 building/property checks, 34 directed/area patrols, 16 radar assignments, three traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, three assist other agencies, one investigation, two complaints, eight animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick. Monday, June 22 10 p.m. Complaint, Turkey Street, Officer Handled Tuesday, June 23 9:24 a.m. Utility Issues, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered	4:26 p.m. Investigation, Jackson Road, Criminal Complaint 4:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled Wednesday, June 24 10:08 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Petersham Road, Negative Contact 6:40 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Turkey Street, Arrest(s) Made Thursday, June 25 3:31 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered 8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Braintree Town Line, Citation Issued 9:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 9:53 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered 6:13 a.m. Disturbance, Broad Street, Peace Restored Friday, June 26 10:44 a.m. Assist Citizen, Telephone, Voice Message Left Saturday, June 27 2:29 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Road, Referred to Other Agency 11:12 p.m. 911 Complaint, Broad Street, Negative Contact 11:25 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled Sunday, June 28 1:05 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Vehicle Towed 8:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued Monday, June 29 6:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
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New Braintree Police Log

During the week of June 22-29, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 17 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, five emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle accident, two complaints, three animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree. Monday, June 22 10:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled 11:33 a.m. Serve Warrant, Wine Road, Arrest(s) Made Tuesday, June 23 10:04 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital 11:22 a.m. Parking Complaint, Worcester Road, Spoken To 12:07 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled Wednesday, June 24 9:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Oakham Road, Services Rendered Thursday, June 25 2:59 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal	9:08 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital 10:42 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled Friday, June 26 11:47 a.m. Complaint, Worcester Road, Negative Contact Sunday, June 28 4:15 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Road, Transported to Hospital Monday, June 29 7 a.m. Medical Emergency, Oakham Road, Transported to Hospital
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Oakham Police Log

Sunday, May 31 10:24 a.m. Weapons/Ammo Complaint, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party 11:38 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal 8:42 p.m. Harassment, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party Monday, June 1 7:13 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, South Road, Referred to Other Agency 6:09 p.m. Complaint, Ware Corner Road, Officer Spoke to Party Tuesday, June 2 8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Hill Road, Ambulanc3e Signed Refusal	Wednesday, June 3 7:29 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Turnpike Road, Recovered Friday, June 5 6:15 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Scott Road, Officer Spoke to Party 9:37 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Bechan Road, Call Transferred Monday, June 22 10 p.m. Complaint, Turkey Street, Officer Handled Tuesday, June 23 9:24 a.m. Utility Issues, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
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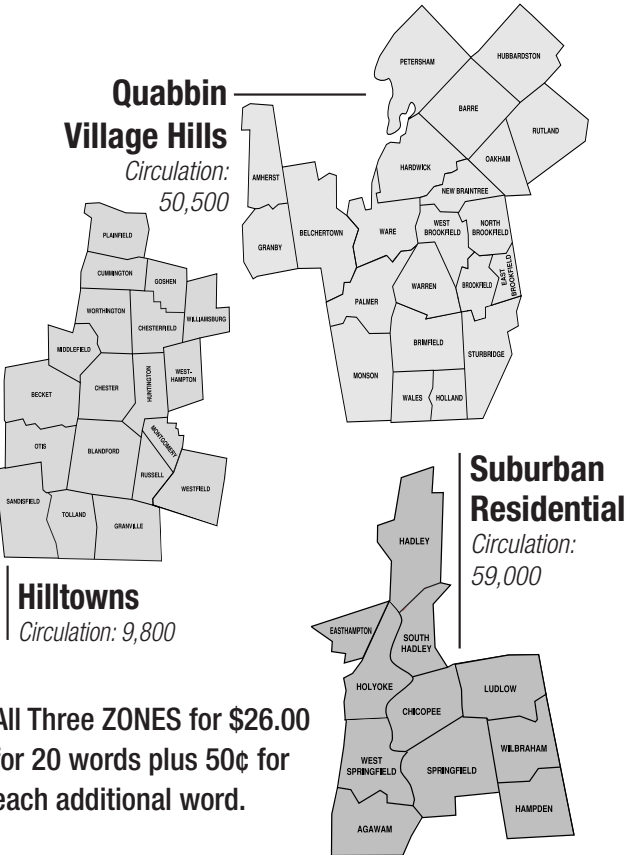
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