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Extreme heat postpones ATM to June 26

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Note: The Annual Town Meeting will be a two part article as the meeting lasted just over four hours. The second half of the meeting will appear in the July 10 edition.

BARRE – Due to extreme heat on the scheduled Tuesday, June 24, officials postponed the Annual Town Meeting to Thursday, June 26 when temperature was cooler.

Moderator Joshua Smith presented voters with a consent calendar of articles, which appear yearly. One voter could request a hold on any of the articles presented if they wanted to discuss the article further. A voter requested a hold on articles 5, 6 and 17. Voters acted on Articles 1, 2, 10, 11 and 16 as a consent calendar.

The four hour plus meeting was due to a lot of discussion on articles, several amendments from the floor and having 23 articles on the

warrant. Corey Bombredi asked that Articles 5 and 6 regarding transferring Water and Sewer Receipts to help fund the Water and Sewer Enterprise budgets respectively be moved to the end of the agenda after the final Article 23, a citizen petition. Article 23 asked voters to appropriate \$2,500 each from Water and Sewer Retained Earning for a total of \$5,000 to compensate Shannon O'Connor for services performed to the Department of Public Works during the

DPW Superintendent vacancy. The moderator agreed to the moving of those two articles.

Voters approved \$208,145 and change to cover the snow removal deficit They used \$168,230 from free cash and \$39,915 and change from stabilization. This was a divided article with two motions on advice of Town Counsel. The second motion approved the transfer of \$127,388 and change from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund the first pay-

ment of the fire truck lease.

Article 7 on the recommendation of Town Counsel was a divided questions having two motions as one was a majority vote and the other required a 2/3 vote. The first motion asked voters to raise and appropriate \$579,415 and to transfer \$113,776 from stabilization for a total of \$693,211 to fund Worcester County Retirement. It passed by the required 2/3 majority. Matt Urban asked what plans were in place to replenish stabili-

zation. Dan Jewell, Chairman of Finance Committee, said that was addressed in a future motion for a Proposition 2 1/2.

The second motion asked voters to raise and appropriate \$5,948,318 and transfer \$563,913 from ambulance reserve receipts. The first amendment made by Corey Bombredi was to the Fiscal Year 2026 Omnibus Budget. His amendment would transfer \$7,212 from the senior center director salary line

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Magi Bish (center) is shown with her daughter Heather and son John Jr. during the 25th anniversary vigil of 16-year-old Molly Bish's abduction from her lifeguarding job at Comins Pond on June 27, 2000.

Because of Molly

Community marks 25 years since Bish's abduction

By Paula Ouimette
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WARREN – This past Saturday, the common was filled with community members, legislators and law enforcement officials to support the family of 16-year-old Molly Bish, who was abducted from her lifeguarding job 25 years ago on June 27, 2000.

Her remains were found three years later in a wooded area on Whiskey Hill in Palmer. In 2021, investigators named the late Francis

“Frank” P. Sumner Sr. as a person of interest in her murder.

But on this day, the focus would be on Molly, and the changes made to protect children and get justice for the victims of crimes since her disappearance.

“We gather today to remember Molly,” her mother Magi Bish said. “It’s been 25 years of great sadness, but remarkable love.”

Magi said that her youngest daughter was a “simple, silly, sweet 16-year-old.”

“Her joyfulness will not be forgotten,” Magi said. “I believe Molly’s love and light have guided us these 25 years...because of Molly, we have conquered what evil could not.”

The theme of this year’s vigil was “Because of Molly,” and each speaker shared the impact Molly’s life has had on both the community and beyond.

“Molly transformed us into doers of good,” Magi said.

This included establishing the Molly Bish Foundation in her memory, which has provided victim advocacy services, support and promoted legislative actions since it was formed.

Molly’s older sister, Heather, said while time at the vigil could be spent talking about the person suspected of Molly’s abduction and murder; they weren’t going to give him that power.

“Tonight is ‘Because of Molly,’” Heather said. “I’ve come to see the beauty in the pain...because of Molly, I have hope her legacy lives on in all of us.”

Heather invited people attending the vigil to sign a book placed on a table in front of the gazebo on the common, sharing their “Because of Molly” experiences with the family.

Retired state Sen. Stephen Brewer, who was serving the region at the time of Molly’s disappearance, said it was initially thought that she may have drowned at Comins Pond, where she was working as a lifeguard. This ultimate-

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Planning Board approves special permit for campground

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The Planning Board continued a public hearing for a special permit by Quabbin Glamping and Camping, LLC.

John Samek, who is the proprietor of Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, is one of the applicants alongside Libby Talbot of Quabbin Glamping & Camping, LLC. At the public hearing on June 24, the applicants provided newly updated plans with a new site plan designed by Stoddard Engineering, based out of Athol.

This proposed plan is on 80 acres of land at 3305 Greenwich Road.

Originally the applicants had a plan for 100 campsites in total. As of June 24, the plan has been reduced to 50 campsites featuring 24 tent sites, six existing cabins, four proposed cabins and 16 camper sites.

The engineer from Stoddard Engineering was in attendance, Chris Stoddard, and located the existing roads in the site plan, including Patrill Hollow Road. On the site plan there is a proposed sign to be installed and is in full compliance with Section 8 of the Hardwick Zoning Bylaw and all the applicable building codes.

There were some questions regarding lighting on the site. Samek said the campground

will have solar lighting and the posts for the lights are not at a standard height and are adjustable. The applicant wished to place lights near the turns and corners of the campground roads. Their intention is to keep the lights as minimal as they can.

When asked about water supply and sewage for the campsites, the vision of the applicant is to place water spigots near the sites and not have them placed on each individual site. Samek addressed the Planning Board and the public in attendance that other boards are aware of this project.

Samek met with the Board of Health and also the Building Inspector, Paul Stringham, who attended the Planning Board meeting. The plans provided did raise some questions regarding the water supply for the units and the restroom setup. The applicants did address that piping infrastructure will be included with the plans and will be review by the Board of Health.

On the plans there was a proposed leach field on the site as well as a bath house and portable restrooms. The engineer did address the bath-house which can’t be built without the approval from the Board of Health.

Samek said the campground is intended to be year-round use. Samek said this

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Voters say yes to all three ballot questions

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HUBBARDSTON – Town Clerk Melody Green announces the official election results of the June 17 Annual Town Election.

Three hundred sixty six of the town’s 3,789 registered voters or 9.7% cast ballots. All three ballot questions passed. Two hundred twenty nine voters said yes and 114 said no to exempt from Proposition 2 1/2 the purchase of a new fire truck. They said yes with

230 to 130 to exempt from Proposition 2 1/2 to exempt the purchase of a used plow truck. They also voted with 208 yes and 151 no to exempt from Proposition 2 1/2 the purchase of a new brush mower.

All candidates on the ballot ran unopposed. René Lafayette received 305 votes for a three year term as moderator. Voters elected Select Board members Kris E. Pareago with 275 votes and Peter J. Walker with 272 votes for the two three year terms to Select Board. John Kenneth Prentiss got 293 for a three year term to the Board of Assessors.

Voters elected Morgan T. Brinker with 287 votes and Christine Mary Kisiel

with 284 votes to the two positions for three year terms to the Board of Library Trustees. Maria D. Tourigny received 295 votes for a one year term to Board of Library Trustees.

Paul Sweeney with 17 votes for three year term to Cemetery Commission and Alan Carpenter with 27 votes for five year term to Planning Board were write in candidates and accepted the positions. Amit Kaul received 280 votes for a three year term to Finance Committee, Rosemary Southwick got 281 votes for a two year term to Finance Committee and Hunter

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Kids fest draws crowd despite weather



Turley photo by Ellenor Downer

The bounce house and giant bubbles were some of the fun activities that took place Saturday, June 28 at the Fobes Memorial Library kids fest in Oakham.

OAKHAM – Despite being a drizzly day, a large group of children, parents and grandparents attended the annual kids fest at the Fobes

Memorial Library, Maple Street.

Most of the activities were held outdoors. There was a bounce house, balloon

twisting with Ed the Wizard and giant bubbles. Children enjoyed playing in Tessa’s Playhouse when not busy with the many activities offered.



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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Food Pantry holds distributions

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, July 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, July 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, July 9 or in the evening on Thursday, July 17, whichever is more convenient for them. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and clients July 9 and July 17 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.

Summer meals for children

Summer of YUM is by Summer Eats and the Quabbin Regional School District. This summer, all children and teens get free meals at Quabbin Regional Middle High School. No ID or registration required. It is open to all children 18 and under. Children and teens must be present to receive a meal and are required to eat on-site.

The summer feeding program at the Middle High School begins Tuesday, July 8 and runs through Thursday, Aug. 7. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If parents or guardians are looking for a way to entertain and feed their children nutritious meals all summer long, they don't need to look any further. Summer Eats sites can be nearby at libraries, parks, splashpads, farmers markets, schools and more. People can find additional Summer Eats sites near them using Project Bread's Summer Eats map by visiting projectbread.org/summereats.

Drinking water quality report

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

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Business



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Katelynne's Consignment hosted their very first Fill A Bag event in Petersham, which featured a lot of kids and adult clothes.

First Fill a Bag event held in Petersham

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer

PETERSHAM – For those wanting to shop for clothes, a Petersham home hosted their first Fill A Bag event this past weekend.

Kaitlynne Batista of Petersham is a stay-at-home mom who sells clothing online. Batista launched her new business, Kaitlynne's Consignment back on Feb. 1 and is a neighborhood online thrift shop.

The Fill A Bag event was a success as many online customers and local shoppers reached out and expressed interest in finding second-hand clothing for kids and adults. Kaitlynne's Consignment answered the call and announced they were having a Fill A Bag event this past Saturday, June 21.

Batista said the event posting on Facebook received a lot of interest. When the event began Saturday morning, many shoppers lined up to find some clothing, accessories, and home items. If customers bring a paper or plastic shopping bag, they can fill it with as many clothes as they can for just \$20.

Many of the clothes are donated and these generous donations of clothes for children and adults allow Kaitlynne's Consignment to provide clothes at prices customers will appreciate. Many clothes are donated throughout the local towns, including Petersham, Barre, Athol, Oakham and Orange.

Kaitlynne's Consignment also provides free local pickup and has a special blue bin that



For Real Dough had a tent set up during the Fill A Bag event selling homemade bread and other goodies.

is used for pickup and donations.

"Everybody knows my blue bin," Batista said.

In addition to having local shoppers, Batista said she has a lot of online shoppers as well. During the Fill A Bag event, Batista welcomed Liz from For Real Dough out of Oakham. For Real Dough had some delicious homemade breads and other goodies for sale during Fill A Bag.

Prior to the Fill A Bag event Batista said she was always involved in the thrift shop business and the product she thrifted was clothes. It was a busy day for sure, according to Batista as customers shopped for clothes, especially shopping for kids' clothes.

Many bins of donated, used clothes were organized neatly outside of the Batista's Petersham home. There were kids clothes lined up by age and size for both boys and girls. There were also shoes, bags and other household

accessories that would be good in a new home setting.

Batista said she got a lot of messages for donations, and she soon posted information about the Fill A Bag event on a Quabbin Moms Facebook page. Batista estimated that she had close to 40 moms calling her and expressing interest in shopping for some clothes.

Kaitlynne's Consignment also brings items to Orange Gives Back, a community clothing center running solely by donations and volunteers. With a decent turnout during their first Fill A Bag event, Batista will look into hosting another event in the future.

For more information or if you're a parent looking for clothes for your kids, visit www.kaitlynnesconsignment.com. Kaitlynne's Consignments can be contacted at kj_batista@aol.com or call 603-851-1791. Katelynne's Consignment also offers free local pickup and shipping nationwide.



OAKHAM

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Berthiaume's chief of staff holds office hour

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

Concert series

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

Golf tournament

It's time to register for the 28th annual GABB Golf Tournament, which will be held on Monday, Aug. 11 at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road. The tournament was started to help the family of Bob Tyck, for whom the tournament was originally named. Three years ago the tournament was renamed GABB to also honor beloved friends, Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray and Bob Lajoie. Each year generous golfers have helped raise thousands of dollars to assist local families and charities, such as the Rutland and Barre Food Banks, Camp Putnam, Quabbin Pro Musica, Dismas Family Farm, the Oakham Opportunity Fund and others. The tournament features a shotgun start with prizes for the winners and special contests including longest drive, closest to the pin and closest to the line. A hole-in-one could win you \$1,000. A putting contest precedes the start. Following the tournament is an Italian Buffet along with a silent auction and huge raffle. Golfers of all abilities are welcome; this is a fun tournament. Individual registration is \$100 or \$90 if players register before July 25. A registration form can be found on the church website by visiting <https://www.oakhamcongregational.net/news-1>. If people have any questions or need more information, they may call Dawn Thistle at 508-882-5537 or 774-479-6697.

Senior center news

On Thursday, July 10 seniors can have their blood pressure taken from 11 a.m.-noon at the Oakham Senior Center, located in lower level of Town Hall. On Thursday, July 17 someone from Sharing Health Insurance Needs of Elders will be at the Senior Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; reservations are required.

On Monday, July 21 the podiatry clinic is from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Reservations are required.

On Tuesday, July 22 there will be blood pressure/glucose testing from 11 a.m.-noon.

On Tuesday, July 22 there will be SNAP benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome and there is no age restrictions.

Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon; walking group Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. (meet at Senior Center); Tuesday through Thursday walking group at 11 a.m. (meet at Senior Center) and Thursdays at noon weigh in at the Senior Center for the support weight loss group. People may be added to the text message group by calling the Senior center at 508-882-4073 and leaving their cell phone number.

Wednesdays at 9 a.m.: Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center. There is a \$3 donation per class. Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness at the New Braintree Town Hall takes place; \$3 donation per class.

Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Friday, July 10 the Oakham Council on Aging meets at noon. Lunch brunch meets the third Friday of the month. This Friday, July 18 the group will go to the new Clam Box. There is a sign up sheet at the Senior center main room. If people can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up, or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

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 7. 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 – Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

TUESDAY – Egg Frittata, stewed tomatoes, O'Brien potatoes, fruited ambrosia, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY – Chicken Picatta,

garlic mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli, lemon pudding diet = tapioca pudding, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Meatballs with onion gravy, bowtie pasta, peas, pineapple, Italian bread

FRIDAY – Lemon pepper haddock, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, Lorna Doones, marble rye bread, tartar sauce

*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.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Select Board – July 7 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – July 8 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – July 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – July 10 at 1 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – July 10 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 14 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – July 14 at 5:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – July 14 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – July 24 at 11 a.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.
 911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.

HARDWICK

Planning Board – July 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – July 9 at 3 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – July 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – July 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – July 15 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – July 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – July 21 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 31 and Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Conservation Commission Public Hearings – July 8 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Parks Commissioners – July 16 at 5:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Sewer Commissioners – July 7 at 3:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – July 8 at 7 p.m.
 Finance Committee – July 10 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – July 14 at 2 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hour – July 15 at 11 a.m.
 Planning Board – July 16 at 6 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – July 21

PETERSHAM

Cemetery Commission – July 8 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – July 8 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Assessors – July 9 at 11 a.m. and Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.
 Select Board – July 17, July 31, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – July 17 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Joint Meeting Planning Board and Select Board – July 7 at 6 p.m.

Historical Society presents History under the Tent

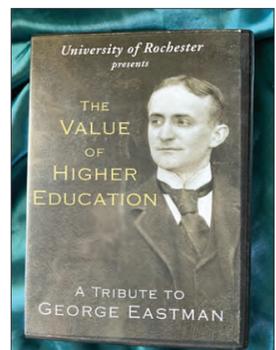
PETERSHAM –The communities of the Quabbin Region, particularly the village of Petersham had many influential and inspiring residents, visitor, and guests over the years.

This topic will be the focus at the Petersham Historical Society's annual "History Under the Tent and Trees" on Sunday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. on the South Common in the center of Petersham.

The program, "Famous and not so Famous People of Petersham" will offer noteworthy sketches of people from the history and present day Petersham. The program will be facilitated by local historian and life-long resident of Petersham, Larry Buell. Petersham has a very unique perspective of history, particularly since a "dirt" farming community welcomed national and international writers, artists, politicians, activists, and influencers starting in the late 1880s.

A change for Petersham came, in part, from what is referred to as the "Golden Age of Summer Residents" during an approximate period from the 1880s - 1930s. Since Cape Code was not the mecca for vacationers as it is today, the quiet, healthy and beautiful hilltop villages in the Quabbin Region attracted visitors from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and beyond.

One important draw to Petersham began in 1907 when Harvard University opened its Harvard Forest campus in Petersham. International influencers came to Petersham because of Harvard Forest, including, Benton MacKaye, creator of the Appalachian Trail concept; Bob Marshall, founder of the Wilderness Society; famous 19th century historian, John Fiske; Staislavski's Method Acting approach; and noted golf course designer,



George Eastman spent time in Petersham in the early 1900's and his personal secretary built a home in Petersham.

Donald Ross who designed the Petersham Country Club. In the present day, NY Times best selling author,



Submitted photos
Books written by Petersham writers will be one theme of the Historical Society's "Famous People of Petersham" program on Sunday, July 13th at 5:30 PM on the Common.



Lewis and Corinne Babbitt were internationally known ecologists, who lived in Petersham and toured the country teaching nature-based topics.

Lynda Mapes of "The Witness Tree;" Steve Sperry, founder of Sperry Sales & Tents and Bill Pfeffier, author and founder of the Sacred Earth Network all have direct ties to Petersham.

Some of the more interesting facts to be shared at the program will be how George Eastman secured funds for his Kodak dream at the Brenser Summer Colony; how President Calvin Coolidge came to fish at Carter's Pond and the mysterious "Pond Community" at the Davenport Place.

For Buell, this topic takes on a very personal perspective, since he grew-up on a dirt farm in Petersham, yet was influenced greatly by the artists, environmentalists and writers who came to Petersham during the summers. Buell left Petersham in 1961 to attend a NH Prep School, then on to higher education to eventual-

ly receive his doctorate. Buell returned to Petersham in 1969 and for the last fifty-six years has taught his speciality, "Sense of Place" to thousands. According to Buell, "My strong roots of Petersham and its history has guided my personal and professional life and have allowed me to influence others on the importance of place, ecology, and the stories therein."

At the program there will be a comprehensive list of those who have influenced Petersham over the years and could bring forth new stories not yet told. The program is free and open to the public. Come to the Historical Program and then the following weekly Petersham Band Concert. For information, people may call Dr. Larry Buell at 978-855-1420, email LarryBue112143@gmail.com or visit www.FaceBook/PetershamHistory.

HUBBARDSTON

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Rep. Berthiaume Chief of Staff holds office hour

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

Dottie Rock Accessible Trail

Construction on the new accessible trail leading to the Dottie Rock overlook at the Malone Road Conservation Area will continue intermittently throughout the months of June and July. This will include limited excavation activities to remove small stumps and smooth out the clear tread width. Geofabric and layers of aggregate will be spread and compacted in place, thus creating an accessible surface on the proposed trail segments. This work is being funded through a combination of a Department of Conservation and Recreation MassTrails grant, town American Rescue Plan Act funds, town Community Preservation Act funds and volunteer labor. On days with trail construction activity, machinery will be moving up and down the Dottie Rock Trail and loading gravel from stockpiles at the Malone Road turnaround. Parking will be limited and all recreational users should stay clear of the active construction area.

Senior Center

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

Rutland celebrates Fourth of July

RUTLAND – The 77th Fourth of July parade will be held on Friday, July 4.

This year's theme is "It's Out of This World." On the Fourth of July eve, Thursday, July 3 events include a chicken barbecue, strawberry festival and band concert. The Rutland Fire Brigade serves a chicken barbecue from 4-6 p.m. at a new location this year in front of the Rutland Public Library. The Rutland Lions Club sponsors the strawberry festival from 4-9 p.m. on the Town Common. The concert will also be on the Town Common from 7-10:30 p.m. on July 3.

On the Fourth, the holiday begins with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Rutland Council on Aging at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road, from 8-11 a.m. The 77th annual parade, "It's Out of This World" begins at 2 p.m. In past year, fireworks end the day. This depends on funding.

The Hilltop town of Petersham holds a Fourth of July parade, which follows the so called "Old Maids Mile." The parade travels down West Street to Center School, then proceeds down Spring Street and up South Main Street and around the Common. Music concludes the event at the bandstand on the common.

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SUBMISSIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Send your stories and photos to edowner@turley.com

Friends of library hosts an evening of song

NEW BRAINTREE – The Friends of the New Braintree Library present Isabella Gentleman and Terry Parker for an evening of song at the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, on Sunday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

This program is funded by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council, a State agency. This program is free and open to the public.

Corrections policy

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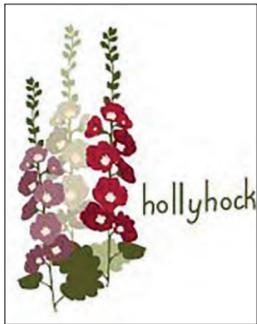
Opinion



What are biennials exactly?

Right now, many of our favorite “cottage-garden” flowers are beginning to put on a summer show.

Most of these fall into the category of plants known as biennials. From the towering pastel spikes of the beloved hollyhock, to the tattered, clove-scented sweet William and the mysterious and dangerous foxglove, each share the same life cycle.



Unfortunately, however, here is where lots of gardeners get confused. So then, what exactly are biennials? Do they bloom every other year or just during the second growing season? Is a “short-lived perennial” the same as a biennial?

Let’s take a closer look. Merriam-Webster defines biennial as “continuing or lasting for two years; specifically: growing vegetatively during the first year and fruiting and dying during the second.” In other words, if you started a hollyhock plant from seed in the spring expect it to put on a lot of green growth this season.

Next spring (year two) the plant will send up a flower stalk. The flowers will eventually die and seeds will form and drop from the plant.

Usually, the mother plant will not return for a third season. If all goes as Nature intended though, a percentage of her seeds will germinate the following spring, starting the two year process to flower all over again.

I encourage gardeners to have fresh green plants growing alongside blooming biennials – that way they will end up with flowers every year, at least hypothetically. Keep in mind that self-sown seedlings are not without work.

Oftentimes they come up too close to one another and must be thinned. Or they germinate in an inappropriate spot and likewise need to be moved. You can

try to manipulate the outcome of your “volunteers” somewhat.

For notorious self-sowing biennials like rampion, rose campion, and foxglove, deadhead all but a few seed pods. You will reduce the population and there won’t be as many to thin out.

You can also watch the seed pods carefully, and when they are ripe sprinkle them where you want them to come up- this works especially well for hollyhock and sweet William – both of which I’d call reluctant self-sowers. Work I know, but still far easier than setting up the grow lights and heat cables and starting your seedlings indoors!

Remember to give your little volunteers lots of TLC in the way of food (a top dressing of compost and a sprinkling of organic fertilizer) and water (a drink during droughty periods) if you want them to compare to their parents.

Speaking of parents, what happens when the older plant survives into year three? This happens to me periodically, especially with hollyhock, foxglove and sweet William. Certainly not every plant in the clump comes back, but perhaps one out of three do.

Sometimes they look okay, while other times the crown is woody or the flowers aren’t quite as tall. Oftentimes diseases can take their toll. Be your own judge here- if you want to gamble, leave the plants in place.

Presently I am doing just that with an amazing stand of hollyhocks that bloomed ever so beautifully near my lamppost last summer. So far, so good. But, to be on the safe side, I do have a couple of self sowers waiting in the wings for next year, since a third year of blooming is highly unlikely.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



In Past Pages

Look Back

Quabbin Cross-Country Team – 1971



File photo

The boys’ team won the League Championship at Lawrence Academy in Groton. Pictured from left to right are: Coach Dick Shea, Charlie Chase, Louis Panaccione, Tom Gustafson, Dino Lamacchia, Bert Allen, Dave Williams and Floyd Bowles. All runners finished in the top 20. Lamacchia was the overall winner and set a new course record.

5 years (July 9, 2020)

Weather caused the postponement of the Annual Town Meeting from Tuesday, June 30 to Thursday, July 2. A fast moving thunderstorm came through the area Thursday and caused the meeting to be delayed until the rain ended and the sun came out. Moderator Joshua Smith welcomed voters to probably the first ever “al fresco” town meeting in the parking lot of Quabbin Regional Middle High School. In an effort to speed up the meeting, voters approved a consent agenda for articles 1 and 2, 4 through 12, 16, 17, 19 and 20. All the articles passed unanimously.

The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur Thursday, July 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. The Barre Food Pantry wants to continue to fulfill its 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 catastrophic spread of the novel COVID-19 to which no one has immunity. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

After a four month closure period due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, the Woods Memorial Library I Barre announces its plans and protocols for the limited resumption of patron services. Please bear in mind that the public will not be allowed inside the library building under any circumstances until further notice. The library will start general outdoor pickup and return service for library materials on Tuesday, July 7. The library staff will schedule five outside the building appointments every fifteen minutes. Only one person

will be allowed to approach the pick-up area.

10 years (July 9, 2015)
Department of Public Works Superintendent Jason Pimental said the Barre Common project digging would start in two weeks. Poles need moving before that begins. Pimental said National Grid has twelve utility poles that need to be moved first. He recently met with Baltazar Contractors Inc. of Ludlow, the project contractors. Allstate Asphalt will be doing the reclamation and Palmer Paving, the paving, the same companies that received the bids for town roadwork. Pimental said the project has four phases and Phase 1 and 2 are scheduled for completion before winter.

Oakham Police Chief Fred Gehring asked Selectmen to increase the road detail rate

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When will funds stolen from Social Security be replaced?

Dear Rusty:
When will the funds stolen from the SS Fund be replaced?

They used Social Security when the government ran out of money and used it for illegals. I think the funds should be replaced except for legitimate payments to Social Security recipients. This money was never meant to be used by the federal government to pay their bills.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:
I must tell you that no funds have ever been “stolen” from the Social Security Administration despite the persistent myth. All money received by SS from payroll taxes, interest on investments and income tax on SS ben-

efits is – and always has been – immediately converted to special issue government bonds (investments), which are held in the Social Security Trust Funds and which pay interest at the current federal bond rate.

Those bond investments held in reserve have been and are used only to pay benefits to those who have earned them by contributing to Social Security via payroll taxes for at least 10 years (40 quarters). Only U.S. citizens and legal residents can get Social Security benefits. Illegal aliens cannot receive Social Security benefits.

For information, repayment of the special issue



bonds held in SS reserves occurs every day, because incoming revenue has been insufficient to pay all Social Security benefit costs for several years now, which means that the bonds must be redeemed regularly so that full benefits can be paid to all SS recipients, who have earned them. There were about \$2.8 trillion in SS reserves as of the end of 2023, but that balance is steadily decreasing due to being redeemed to pay full benefits. As of the last report by the Trustees of Social

Security, the reserves will be depleted in about 2033, unless Congress passes reform legislation to restore SS to full solvency.

F Y I, the Association of Mature American Citizens is working hard to prevent depletion of the Trust Fund, suggesting to Congress a way to reform the program so future generations can fully benefit from it, with AMAC’s Social Security Guarantee proposal. AMAC is constantly working to prevent depletion of the SS Trust Funds, which would result in an across the board cut in everyone’s benefit by about 23%. AMAC works every day in Washington D.C. to ensure Social Security is here

for many generations.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Happy Fourth of July.

Many picnics will be enjoyed and hopefully the weather will be good. We are planning to have lobster and crabmeat cakes. I haven't used the grill this year yet.

This week I have been picking over papers and trying to get rid of some of the things I do not need any more. I did finish the table runner for summer. I had a friend stop in and she enjoys needlework and watercolors. She also is a gardener.

The gardens are doing well and after a tour today I noticed the coneflowers are budded. I was disappointed to find the deer have been eating the buds of the day lilies in the back gardens. They must be doing it at night as I

never see them. I am sure it is not a rabbit as the stocks are tall.

Both the blue hydrangea and the Anna Bell hydrangea are in blossom. I picked a few to see how they last in a vase.

My handyman gave me a calendar with a lot of nice easy recipes. Here is one I plan to try.

FOUR INGREDIENTS MACAROONS

1 14 oz. bag of shredded sweetened coconut

1 14 oz. can of condensed milk

2 cups of chocolate bits

2/3 cup of shopped almonds

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line a large cookie sheet with parchment paper. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Spoon a tablespoon of

dough onto the sheet. Wet the hands and press down on the dough and bake for 14 to 17 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen cookies. Let cool 1 minute on the cookie sheet before removing.

This and That

My peonies did not bloom well this year. I guess they need more cow manure. So far only the Stella and orange day lilies have bloomed, but there are a lot of buds so hopefully there will be a lot of others.

I did make another batch of rhubarb strawberry jam and half sour pickles. I made corn chowder by cooking the corn cobs in the microwave and cutting off the corn from the ears.

Have a nice week and hopefully the sun will shine most days.

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from \$42 to \$45 for outside details. The two Selectmen present Matt Broderick and Eliot Starbard, approved the request. Outside details included utility, tree and contracting companies, etc. Gehring said the rate had not increased in three years and the \$45 per hour was what many other towns charged. Road detail rates were subject to prevailing wages guidelines and this amount was less. The town rate for the highway department and other town departments would remain at \$32 per hour.

The Oakham Police Association will host a car and bike show on Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Town Hall parking lot, 2 Coldbrook Road. The burnouts on Coldbrook Road will be held at 1 p.m. There will be a beer tent, games for children, food, trophies and live music. Cost is \$15 per car or bike, \$5 for spectators and free for children under 12. Proceeds will benefit the Oakham Police Association sponsored like the bicycle program at Oakham Center School and the senior citizen chicken barbecue on Aug. 22 at Lake Dean Campground.

25 years (July 6, 2000)

The massive platter hoofs of the big team beat an eager tattoo in the hard packed clay. Their long ears swiveled backwards, listening for the decisive moment when they would hear the metallic clan of the whiffle-tree ring attached to their traces being dropped onto hook of laden stone boat. Their chins were drawn into their broad chest as owner Steve Valley leaned back on the long reins, holding them back for the proper moment. The crowd ben forward in anticipation as the team eagerly lunged into their collars, pitting muscle against inertia of several tons of cement block. These exciting moments make up competitive horse drawing at fairs and competitions across

the country and they still hold a fascination for Steven Valle, even after six years. A logger and the son of a logger and raised on a farm in Hubbardston, Valley owns a logging business that operates year round.

The Barre Board of Selectmen approved the application for alteration of licensed premise of the the Barre Mill Restaurant in South Barre. The alteration will allow all alcohol and food to be served in an outdoor area. Restaurant owner, Dominic Coppolino, described the outdoor area as approximately 150 by 75 feet located adjacent to the parking in the rear of the restaurant. This application will now be submitted to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for final approval.

Selectmen met recently to discuss convening a meeting of a number of the heads of boards and committees to put together an action plan for the new fiscal year. The Selectmen wants the other boards to find where their activities overlap, to prevent duplicate effort by different entities. The Selectmen also discussed how to improve communications between the diverse groups.

38 years (July 9, 1987)

Barre Selectmen releases a letter at their meeting Monday, July 1 from William J. Donovan Sr. to the Barre Planning Board defending the company's position in the recent Cease and Desist

Order leveled against the company's gravel pit located at Vernon Avenue in Barre. Donovan, president of R.T. Curtis, Inc. noted in the letter dated June 24 that he was unaware that the gravel permit had expired nor was he aware of the complaints against the pit until he received a Cease and Desist Order signed by Zoning Enforcement Officer Harold Nichols. Donovan wrote that he was assured by the issuing Planning Board that the company would be notified prior to the expiration of the permit.

Barre Selectmen have threatened legal action against Charles G. Allen IV for failure to restrain his bull. The threat was issued at the Monday, July 1 Selectmen's meeting after noting that the bull has generated several complaints in recent weeks. Selectmen wrote to Allen last June 8 asking him to restrain his animal from wandering from his Pleasant Street pasture to abutting property. Allen was not present at the meeting to defend himself.

The U.S. Air Force has announce that Barre Falls will be a site for a GWEN Towner despite opposition from the Barre Citizens Alliance, Governor Dukakis, the Metropolitan District Commission and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. The tower will be one of two in Massachusetts and is part of 56 Ground Wave Emergency Network Tower being built nationwide.

Barre Food Pantry holds monthly distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, July 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, July 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, July 9 or in the evening on Thursday, July 17, 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 they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients July 9 and July 17 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 8 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 10, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

Please do not arrive to volunteer on July 8, 9 or 17 without first calling 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 at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Paige Memorial Library events

HARDWICK – The Level Up at Your Library theme was developed around puzzles and games to remind us that libraries are not just a space for knowledge, they are a space for fun, too.

People may sign up at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, for summer reading, offering special programs and activities, prizes, and lots of good books to borrow. Participants may have their reading Log checked each week to receive a ticket to win a raffle prizes.

Every Wednesday children may come to the Paige Library on wonder-filled Wednesdays for story time at 11 a.m. with stories, crafts, science and games. Lego building takes place from 3-4 p.m. Participants may build a Lego creation and put it on display in the library with a picture on Facebook.

On Thursday, July

10, children will make a checkerboard game to take home. On Saturday, July 12, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. is board game day with snacks.

On Tuesday, July 15 from 4-6 p.m. is Pokemon Day. On Thursday, July 24 children can make a Tic-Tac-Toe game to take home. On Tuesday, July 29 from 3-5 p.m. is Bingo with prizes. On Tuesday, Aug. 5, Tuesday children will make a "jig-saw puzzle." The library has an a die cut. More activities will be added, including a puppet show, bowling, hopscotch.

On Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Town House the Mystic Aquarium Traveling Touch Tank will be here. This is a unique and engaging experience which will provide an assortment of live invertebrates such as lobsters, horseshoe crabs and shellfish to enter-

tain and educate people of all ages. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Aug. 9 is the end of the End of Summer Reading

On Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13 from 1-3:00 and on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 4-6 p.m. There will be a "Build a Fairy House Workshop." In preparation for the Hardwick Fair, the Paige Library will supply materials to create Fairy Houses to be placed in the Hardwick Fair-y Village on Fair Day. Participants will build their own Fairy House to display and then take home. For more information, people may email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

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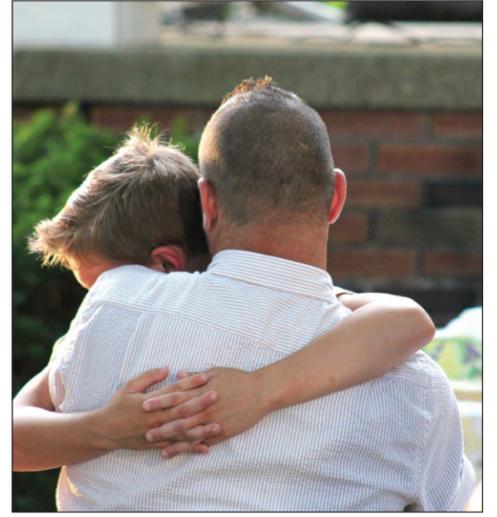
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State Rep. Todd Smola presented a citation from the House and Senate to Magi and John Bish.



Heather Bish talked about all of the changes made to protect children and get justice for victims of crime since her sister Molly's abduction and murder.



John Bish Jr. gets a hug from his son during the vigil.

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ly led to the commonwealth getting a side scan sonar device to search bodies of water, after investigators had to borrow one from the state of Connecticut to search the pond.

Brewer said the commonwealth also didn't have an Amber Alert system at the time of Molly's disappearance, but now it does. He said Molly's sister Heather has worked tirelessly on improving legislation, including anti-stalking laws.

"This was a different world 25 years ago and we all came together to support this beautiful girl and her family," he said. "We will never forget Molly Bish."

Former state senator and current Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi said she never met Molly, but has come to know her through her family.

"Because of you, I know Molly," Gobi said to the Bish family.

She spoke about each family member, and how John Jr. grew up to be a wonderful father, and how passionate Heather is. She



State Sen. Jake Oliveira's District Director Jennifer Pickering presented a citation to Magi and John Bish.

said she has shared "a lot of tears," and "a lot of laughs" with Magi and John Sr.

"A couple who have taken grief and turned it into action," Gobi said.

State Rep. Todd Smola, a resident of Warren for the past 14 years, said that change happens in the legislature through the "gut and determination of people who lead the charge," like the Bish family.

"To make sure that these

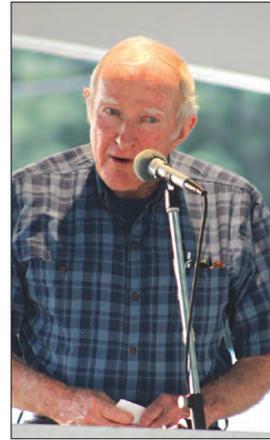
terrible tragedies don't happen again," he said. "These things would not have happened if it was not for the Bish family."

The emcee for the vigil was a former state representative and retired State Trooper, Reed Hillman, who first became close to the Bish family through his work in law enforcement, when he met John Sr. Hillman said he even served as the officiant for John Jr.'s wedding.

Hillman spoke about the family's continuous efforts to protect missing children and seek justice.

"There are children here today who are here because of your efforts," he said to the Bish family.

Hillman said while this may be the last vigil the family holds for Molly, her abduction and murder are still an active investigation, and he encouraged anyone with information to con-



Retired state Sen. Stephen Brewer spoke about the Bish family.

tact the Worcester County District Attorney's tip line by calling 508-453-7575.

District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. said State Police investigators continue to work on Molly's case and he said tips still come in every week.

Early said forensic science has gotten better since Molly's disappearance, and they will continue to seek answers.

"This case has a special place in everyone's heart,"



This banner featured pins from the annual Ride for Molly charity motorcycle ride.

Early said. After the vigil, Hillman invited everyone present to grab a candle and join the Bish family at Comins Pond, where the Quabog Highlanders Pipes & Drums performed a tribute to Molly on the bagpipes.

Hillman thanked everyone for attending the vigil and for remembering Molly after all of these years.

"We just wanted to make sure Molly was remembered by all who love her," Hillman said.

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item to the treasurer/assistant treasurer department line item. Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said the \$7,212 for the treasurer/assistant treasurer department was included in the Article 9 budget, which was contingent on the passing of a Proposition 2 1/2 override. Bombredi said the treasurer/assistant treasurer was an important department and should be funded in the first motion on the omnibus budget, which was a balanced budget, staying within the guidelines of Proposition 2 1/2 cap. Voters approved the amendment by Bombredi.

Lucy Allen asked the moderator if this amend-

ment was reducing the senior center budget and was told yes. The senior center director salary would be cut by \$7,212 and restored in the budget contingent on passing a 2 1/2 override at a ballot election in August. Michael Kowal asked if the \$563,713 from ambulance receipts was going to the ambulance line items and not general government. He was told it was the ambulance line items was for \$819,000.

Article 8 the school budget also garnered discussion. The motion sought \$7,653,684 to fund the school budget with \$7,159,965 for the Quabbin Regional School District, \$415,496 for the Montachusett Regional

Vocational Technical School and \$78,223 for Quabbin debt service. Mark Brophy, Quabbin Regional School Committee Chairman said the other four Quabbin District member towns already approved the Quabbin budget at their Annual Town Meetings.

Superintendent Colleen Mucha answered a voter's question on what the debt service was for. She said it was for a chiller, which is part of the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning system at the middle high school and the other was for the middle high school roof. She said there was only one more year left on that debt.

Floyd Kelley asked what the minimum the state

required for the Quabbin District. He said other town departments are cut, but the school budget keeps going up. Superintendent Mucha said this year's school budget cut nine positions and they were "taking steps to put forth a reasonable budget."

Ralph Gendron asked if there was any attempt to contact state regarding the effect of their requirements to the towns. Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said the Select Board has been "extremely active" in contacting legislators. Urban said as long as the town approves budgets above the state minimum, nothing will change. Marshall said Town Counsel asked her to inform

the residents if they voted down this budget, it is in violation of the Regional School Agreement.

Town Counsel said if the school budget number was binding on the town and if voted down, it is a breach in the agreement and they would be forced to hold a Special Town Meeting to approve the \$7 million plus presented at town meeting.

An amendment to reduce the Quabbin School District budget to \$4,210,985 from the \$7,159,965 failed to pass. Voters approved the original motion.

Article 9 sought to supplement the FY 26 budget approved with an additional amount of \$543,623 contingent on a Proposition 2 1/2 override at an election in August. The process to override Proposition 2 1/2 requires two parts, approval at town meeting and

approval as a ballot question at a town election. The additional \$543,623 would restore \$125,000 to the police department, \$67,000 to fire department, \$150,000 to DPW, \$20,000 to library and \$15,000 to reserve fund. An amendment removed the \$21,000 for a wage and clarification study changing the amount to \$522,623. The motion also changed the \$7,212 to Senior Center Director instead of Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer, as amended from the floor in the Omnibus Budget.

After discussion, voters approved the article 133 yes and 67 no. The Moderator said Town Counsel reminded town employees to not use company time, emails or town copier to support or not support the Proposition 2 1/2 election scheduled for August.

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A day of fun and service

Amateur Radio Field Day held on West Brookfield Common

By Richard Murphy, KC1EZH
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – Where the West Brookfield Common fronts North Main Street there was an information tent set up with two ban-

ners. The one hanging from the table announced an Amateur Radio Field Day. The one on the tent bore the words, Ask Me About Ham Radio!

So, what is Ham Radio and thus, one might ask, why an Amateur Radio Field Day?

Ham Radio is amateur radio, and Amateur Radio is non-commercial radio communication service on radio frequencies assigned by the

Federal Communications Commission in the U.S. Worldwide, The International Telecommunication Union assigns frequencies.

Originally, professional telegraph operators called amateurs “hams” as sort of an insult, amateurs embraced it, “transforming it into a badge of pride.”

Now that we know what Hams are i.e. non-commercial radio, the field day was

the place to meet hams and find out who they are.

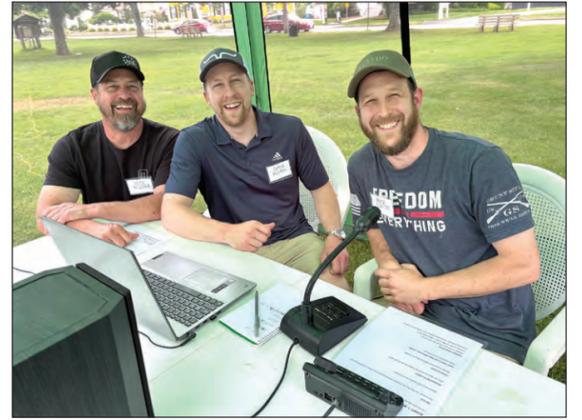
Why a field day on Saturday, June 28? The goal was to set up temporary stations using off-grid power to demonstrate ham radio’s ability to provide vital communications during natural disasters, power outages, and other emergencies.

The Field Day is the largest emergency communications exercise in North America, and is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League. The ARRL is the national amateur radio association in the U.S.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a proclamation, signed by the governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State, recognizing the field days.

There are radio associations regionally across the country. The Quabog Valley Amateur Radio Club is the club in this area and was the local field day sponsor.

Many members participated in the field day and it



Three Hams from one family attended the event.



Peter and Ed at the 2-meter demo station.



Submitted photos

Steve and Mert and a digital Ham radio.



The Commonwealth recognized Field Day with a citation.

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campground is not looking to host events and is “strictly a campground.” Hours of operation would be from 3-9 p.m. with staff on site.

The barriers for the site include a wire fence and a boulder barrier. The plans provided dimensions for each structure, whether it is a tent, cabin or an RV campsite.

Stringham said he did review the plans and mentioned that cabins do need building permits and will be inspected to be sure they’re safe for human occupancy. Cabins will also be for seasonal use and not for long-term camping.

Samek said the campers will sign a contract for a short-term stay which is up to four days. There are rules in place to enforce any issue if campers exceed the stay limits. When asked if the

campground is accessible for firetrucks and ambulances, the applicant said both Fire Department and EMT companies were both at the site for a drive-through and thought the roads were adequate.

Jenna Garvey of the Planning Board read an email from Hardwick Fire Chief Josh Pease, who is in support of the zoning and permitting of the campground.

Samek also addressed the possibility of an emergency breakdown case if a camper had vehicle or camper breakdown on the road. In case of a late entry, the camper could stay in the winery.

Stringham had more information to share when enforcing the licenses of campgrounds. The Building Inspector said a lot goes on the Board of Health when enforcing campgrounds. They have be licensed and campgrounds are inspected every

year. “It’s a zoning matter,” Stringham said.

Several residents still addressed concerns of campground rules being broken in other scenarios or locations and Samek addressed the public that their campground is an “off the grid type campground” and is committed to enforcing the rules they put in place.

For heating in the winter, heat will be added and Quabbin Glamping and Camping LLC is exploring solar options. The campground is looking to rotate the sights and is not looking for seasonal RV camping. Campers will be booking sites online.

The initial concern the Planning Board had at the start of this special permit public hearing is if the authorities are working together on this decision for a special per-

mit. The Board agreed that there must be more communication between the boards in the future.

Planning Board member Jeff Schaaf asked if the Planning Board has enough information to make a decision.

Cole looked to his fellow board members to get each of their opinions. Considering that plans typically change in the process there were four favorable votes for this special permit. Erik Fleming of the Planning Board went on a tour of the campsite and said everything has been laid out. Vice Chair Harry Comerford said the site appears professional and “doesn’t see many issues.”

The Board voted to accept and approve the special permit with said conditions in place for Quabbin Glamping and Camping, LLC.

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Work toward your own financial independence day

We’re getting close to the Fourth of July, our national Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy. But have you thought of what you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to retire when they want to, and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps:

- Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money “lying around” before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

- Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your retirement goals, along with how long you have before you need the money and how comfortable you are with different levels of investment risk. If you deviate from these guideposts — for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk — you may end up making decisions that aren’t right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

- Avoid financial “potholes.” The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt — the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It’s not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

- Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you’re prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans — perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer — you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own “Financial Independence Day,” it may not warrant a fireworks display — but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.



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

FRIDAY, JULY 4

ORANGE COMMUNITY BAND continues its summer concert season with the third concert, on the bandstand in Butterfield Park, Orange today 4 at 7 p.m. Other dates are July 11, July 18 and July 25. The Band will also perform a Back to School Concert on Friday, Aug. 28, to kick off Labor Day Week. Steph Parker will conduct "From Sea to Shining Sea," and the players and bandstand will be decked out in red, white and blue for the July 4 concert. The Salvation Army food truck will provide refreshments, with proceeds going to youth programs, including music lessons. The theme for the July 11 concert will be "Prom Night." July 18 will be "Kids' Night" with a theme of "Guys and Gals." The final concert of the summer series, Down Memory Lane, is July 25.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

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

MONDAY, JULY 7

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

SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

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

blue and tea leaf patterns and pottery for bed and bath.

PETERSHAM FAMOUS AND NOT SO FAMOUS PEOPLE will be presented today at 5:30 p.m. on the South Common, in the center of Petersham. The program will be facilitated by local historian and life-long resident of Petersham, Larry Buell. Petersham has a very unique perspective of history, particularly since a "dirt" farming community welcomed national and international writers, artists, politicians, activists and influencers starting in the late 1880s. The program is free and open to the public. For information, people may call Dr. Larry Buell at 978-855-1420.

MONDAY, JULY 14

13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT to benefit Second Chance Animal Services will take place today at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown. Check in begins at 9

a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Individual golfers and foursomes are welcome. Early registration is encouraged as spots fill quickly. To register, golfers should visit www.secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf. Golfers will receive a box lunch, banquet dinner, a commemorative gift and a bucket of range balls. Guests can also take part in raffles and silent auction, which opens one week prior to the event.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 15

CHAT WITH A CURATOR PROGRAM will be held today from 5-6:30 p.m. at the American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury St., Worcester. New collection of diaries reveals fresh insights into nineteenth-century rural life. The focus of this free, drop-in program will be a new AAS collection: hundreds of daily journals and record books that were kept by longtime Barre resident William Lewis (1819 - 1897) for fifty-nine of his seventy-eight years. Christie Higginbottom and Bruce Craven of Leicester discovered and purchased Lewis's journals at the 2012 Tolland (Connecticut) Antiques Show, and later that year acquired his account books and records. In 2024, the couple published a book, "Finding William Lewis (1819-1897): The Every-day Life of this Singular Man" and last fall donated the full collection of Lewis's manuscripts to AAS.



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This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, July 7. James Laramee and Jennifer Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the MassWildlife Management Area, Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife on Lincoln Road, Oakham.

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Allan Young received 267 votes for a one year term to Finance Committee.

Catherine Hansgate accepted a three year term to Board of Health with three write in votes. Voters failed to elect anyone to a one year term to the Board of Health although there were write in candidates none accepted the position. Diane Marie Johnson received 285 votes for a two year term to Board of Health.

Voters also elected Mark T. Wigler with 288 votes to a three year term to the Quabbin Regional School Committee. Joshua Tenpeny received 287 votes for a three year term to Board of Park Commissioners. Jessica Hall received 16 write in votes and accepted a two year term to Board of Parks Commissioners. Votes failed to elect anyone to a one year term to the Board of Park Commissioners

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Panthers get their reps in during summer season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

AUBURN—While there are a couple of new boys' basketball teams competing in the Auburn Summer League this year, Quabbin Regional has been a member of the prestigious league since the 1990's.

"We really enjoy playing in this summer basketball league," said long-time Quabbin boys varsity basketball coach Dennis Dextradeur. "We get the opportunity to play against some of the teams that we normally don't face during the regular season. It's always nice to see different styles of play and compete against different players."

The Auburn Summer League games were held at the outdoor courts located behind the Horgan Skating Arena for many years. The games are now played indoors at the Auburn High School gymnasium, which is air conditioned.

"When we first joined this summer basketball league, it was an outdoor league, but now all the games are played indoors," Dextradeur said. "We don't have to worry about the weather anymore, and the gym is air conditioned."

According to Dextradeur, it has been more than ten years since Quabbin won the Auburn Summer League championship title.

"I believe the last time



Luke Salvatore gets the turnaround shot.



Jacoby Dilling makes his way up the court during action last summer season.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

that we won the summer league title was in 2012 or 2013. We're hoping to end that drought this year," he said. "This is an outstanding developmental league for us. We're able to play some of our younger players."

Quabbin has also played in the Game On Summer League in Fitchburg in the past, but they're just playing in the Auburn league this summer.

While Dextradeur can attend the Auburn Summer League games, he isn't allowed to coach the team.

Those duties are handled by Alan Crane. See PANTHERS page 10



Evan Sherblom looks to shoot for the Panthers. The summer season is important to Quabbin's development.



Kyle Clark muscles his way to the hoop.

Registration open for 3v3 soccer jamboree

BELCHERTOWN – The Third Annual Julia's 3v3 Soccer Jamboree is scheduled to be held at the State Street Fields in Belchertown on August 16th, 2025. The annual event is held in memory of 13-year-old Julia Haynes who passed away in March of 2023 following a battle with brain cancer. All of the funds the Jamboree raises benefit the Julia Haynes Scholarship Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) founded by four of Julia's classmates.

The first two events hosted more than 60 teams, each year, in grades 3 through high school for the all-day event bracket which also featured food trucks, raffle

and dunk tank.

Registration is open until July 20 and is \$100 per team for up to four players and includes an event t shirt. There is also a new bracket for class of 2022 - 2025 participants. There will again be food trucks, a DJ and some fun activities for attendees including a raffle. Those interested in registering a team, becoming a volunteer, sponsor or donating to the raffle can get more details on the @julias3v3jamboree Instagram or Julia's 3v3 Soccer Jamboree Facebook pages or through Runsignup: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Belchertown/Julias3v3SoccerJamboree>

Mutiny drills Fuel to clinch playoff spot

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Back on June 8, the New England Mutiny scored a season-high six goals during a road victory against the New Jersey Alliance. The Alliance were scheduled to make their first ever visit to Lusitano Stadium last Sunday afternoon, but they didn't have enough players to fill out their roster.

Instead of taking the weekend off like the Western Mass. Pioneers were forced to do 24 hours earlier, the Mutiny were able to find another opponent on short notice. The Worcester Fuel made the 45-minute

trek west on the Mass. Pike to Ludlow.

It wasn't a very competitive match, as the Mutiny posted a 12-0 shutout victory in what was most likely their final home game of the season.

The Mutiny and Fuel were originally scheduled to face each other at Millbury High School on July 6.

"New Jersey indicated to us that they were having roster issues for this weekend, so we decided to switch our game with Worcester," said Joe Ferrara, who's the Owner/Managing Director of the Mutiny. "We'll try to reschedule the game with

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Dave Clark slings a throw to first.



Kyle Platner goes for a tag.

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Bankers take second straight over Saints

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—After People's Bank fell behind against the St. Joseph's Baseball Club in the top of the first inning, player/manager Joe Ferry knew that his team could make a comeback in the Tri-County

League contest

The score was tied 3-3, entering the bottom of the sixth inning when People's Bank scored a pair of runs leading to a 5-3 victory on a hot night at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke, last Tuesday.

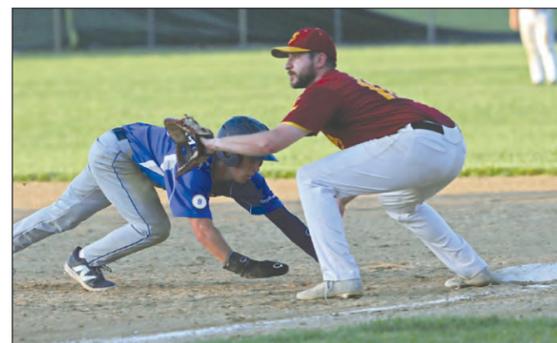
"We fell behind in the first inning, but we kept battling back the entire game," Ferry said. "This is a very good team win for us."

The home victory improved People's Bank overall record to a perfect 5-0.

St. Joe's (6-3) lost to People's for the third time in a span of less than two weeks.

"It's another frustrating loss," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes. "I would like to play them in a playoff series. I think we have a little more pitching depth than they do."

After allowing the two runs in the first inning, People's Bank righthander



Brandon Magni attempts to catch a pickoff throw.



Jovanni Merced sends a pitch home for PeoplesBank.

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Jack Feltovic fires a pitch home for St. Joe's.

Sports



Photo by Shannon O'Connor

The team poses after their semifinal match at Farber Field in Worcester. Shown from left are Nolan O'Connor, John Cook, Jacob Blanchard, Joseph Haley and Brady Malin and back row from left, Assistant Coach Chris Haley, Carter Majoy, Cameron Charpentier, Brayden Surprenant, Chase O'Connor, Walker Larson, Silas Howe, Brady White, Head Coach Ryan, White and Assistant Coach Brian Majoy.

Quabbin Youth Soccer U12 boys have great season

The Quabbin Youth Soccer U12 Boys team recently completed a successful spring season, their first at the Division 1 level. The team won their league and advanced to the semifinals of the Central Mass playoffs, finishing with a record of 7-2-1.

Photo by Joe Haley

Left winger John Cook battles with a Douglas defender while racing down the sideline in the team's quarterfinal win.



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who's a former Quabbin basketball player, and Steve Gasper.

The other members of the Panthers summer league team are Brady Patchen, Jacoby Dilling, Aiden Crane, Isaac Patchen, Bobby Tobin, Jack Leclair, Anthony Quarterone, Evan Sherblom, Collin Leclair, Matt Wade, Calvin Hurd, Lucas Gaspar, Gavin Rivard, and Bryce

Pariseau.

Brady Patchen and Dilling are the captains of the summer league team.

Unless something changes between now and November, Quarterone will be the only senior on the varsity basketball team during the 2025-26 regular season.

"I think we're going to be the underdog next year, which is something that I like," Dilling said. "We're also hoping to qualify for the state tournament. We just missed it by one game last year."



Aiden Crane makes a pass on the run.

Quabbin finished the first week of the Auburn summer league season with a 1-1 record.

After losing a close game to Quaboag in the first game, the Panthers pulled out an exciting 49-45 overtime victory against Tahanto Regional last Wednesday night.

"It feels great to win our first game of the summer league season, especially after losing our first game," Brady Patchen said. "We were trailing in the second half, but we were able to battle back and win it in overtime. Playing in this league is going to help us a lot."

Patchen made a 3-point-er in overtime against Tahanto, which gave his team a 47-45 lead with a minute remaining. He also made a foul shot.

A made free throw by Dilling sealed the deal with ten seconds left in OT.

"We played with a lot of energy defensively in the overtime period," Dilling said. "It led to our offense, which was the reason why we won the game."

After taking the Fourth of July week off, Quabbin is scheduled to face David Prouty on July 7 and Wachusett Regional on July 9.

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New Jersey or find another opponent to fill out our regular season schedule."

Because Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari was unavailable to coach last Sunday's home match, Ferrara took over the coaching duties.

The Worcester team used to be in the same Division as the Mutiny, but they were moved down to the second Division this year. They've played a couple of other games against First Division clubs this season.

The victory improved the Mutiny's record to a perfect 7-0

Racing Power, who are from Baltimore, lost to the Mutiny, 3-0, at Lusitano Stadium on June 14, but they'll most likely be hosting the playoff game on July 13 because of the goal differential. The margin is capped at five goals for each match.

The U.W.S. National semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

The Mutiny, who lost in last year's championship match, clinched a berth in the United Women's Soccer League playoffs for the fifth time since they moved to Lusitano in 2019.

"We've had a lot of success since we began playing our home matches here at

Lusitano Stadium," Ferrara said. "We've had a dynamic group of players during the past couple of years. We are losing a couple of key players for the rest of the season."

Chioma Okafor was called up to play for the Nigerian Women's National Team in the African Nations Women's Cup. Cat Perez, who's a goalie, is playing for the Colombian National Team.

Kendall Bodak, who's from Monson, returned to Clemson University to start preparing for the college soccer season. Avery Galante also went back to the University of South Carolina.

While the Mutiny were missing a couple of players,

Hope Santaniello played in her first match of the season against Worcester. She returned home to Agawam after playing for a professional soccer team in Iceland. She has been a member of the Mutiny since 2019.

"Playing soccer with this team is something that's very special to me," Santaniello said. "It was great to be back and see all the girls again. I've also really enjoyed playing for the professional soccer team in Iceland. I'm learning a lot of different things."

Santaniello scored the Mutiny's fifth goal of the first half and added three more during the final 20 minutes of the match.

"Hope just looks fantastic," Ferrara said. "She's been on our roster the whole season and is one of our all-time best players."

Hope's younger sister, Bella, was also scheduled to play for the Mutiny in last Sunday's match. However, because Worcester didn't have enough players show up for the match, she played for the visitors.

"My sister definitely has a lot of potential," Hope said. "I'm very glad that she's following in my footsteps. It was a lot of fun playing against her today."

Maddy Theriault, who graduated from Palmer High School, recorded a hat-trick

during the first 15 minutes of the opening half.

Bella Meadows scored the other first half goal for the Mutiny. She also scored the first goal of the second half.

Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School, chipped in offensively with a pair of second half goals.

Mila Dillard, who's from Chicopee, also scored a goal during the second half.

It was the Mutiny's fourth shutout of the regular season. The defense was anchored by Aida Name, who's from Chicopee, Kylie Ray, who graduated from Minnechaug Regional, Rachel Marchini, and Anna Carson.

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Jovanni Merced only gave up an unearned run during the final six innings. He allowed six hits with a walk and six strikeouts.

"Jovanni hadn't pitched in two weeks, and he got off to a slow start in tonight's game," Ferry said. "He settled down after the first inning."

People's Bank sixth

inning rally began with third baseman Cam McDonald hitting a double to right field against righty Jack Feltovic. He advanced to third following a bunt hit by shortstop Sam Allen that rolled up the third base line. Allen then stole second base putting two runners in scoring position. Both runners crossed the plate when centerfielder Seth Allen (2-for-4) blasted a triple to right

field.

It was People's tenth and final base hit of the ballgame.

With one-out in the top of the seventh inning, pinch hitter Colby Harrington hit a single into center field before Merced retired the next two batters on flyballs.

Things started out very well for St. Joe's.

Shortstop Devin Slattery leadoff the top of the first

inning with a line-drive single up the middle to center field. Then left fielder Jacob Petrin drew a walk on a 3-and-2 pitch. The visitors loaded the bases when a ground ball hit by right fielder Pat Fitzgibbons wasn't handled cleanly by the third baseman.

St. Joe's took a 2-0 lead when third baseman Joey DeMichele hit another ground ball into left field for a single.

It was the only runs Merced allowed in that inning, as he got out of the jam with the help of a 6-4-3 double play and a strikeout.

Following back-to-back singles in the bottom half of the opening frame by second baseman Dave Clark and first baseman Kyle Platner, Feltovic escaped further trouble with a 6-3 inning ending double play.

The home team took a 3-2 lead against Feltovic, who pitched the entire game, two innings later.

A ground ball single by left fielder Brady Balint, a bunt hit from Seth Allen, and a walk by catcher Pete Hogan loaded the bases. Clark drove home People's first run with a line-drive single into left field. Then Platner hit into a double play scoring the tying run. Hogan scored on a wild pitch, which gave People's the lead for the first time at 3-2.

St Joe's tied the score in the top of the fourth following a throwing error before People's Bank retook the lead again two innings later.

The fourth and final meeting of the regular season between the two squads is scheduled to take place at St. Joe's Park on July 11.

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Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

An Ancient Voice Part 2

Last week we noted an ancient text commonly called the Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus.

This letter is one of the earliest examples of Christian apologetics, dated to as early as AD 130, in which an unnamed author self labeled as a "mathetes" or "student" of the apostles tries to explain and defend the faith to a figure named Diognetus. We noted this selection in particular, which addresses the nature of Christianity and the distinctiveness of those who practiced the faith long ago:

"The distinction between Christians and other men does not lie in country or language or customs. They follow local customs in clothing, food, and in the rest of life, and yet they exhibit the wonderfully paradoxical nature of their own citizenship. They live in their own countries, but as if they were resident aliens. They share all things as citizens and yet endure all things as if they were an underclass. Every foreign country is their homeland and every homeland a foreign country. . . . They live in the world, but not in a worldly way. They enjoy a full life on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven. They obey the appointed laws, but they surpass the laws in their own lifestyle. They love everyone and are universally derided. They are unknown and roundly criticized. They are put to death and gain life. They are poor, but make many rich. They lack all things and yet have all things in abundance. They are dishonored and are glorified in their dishonor. They are abused and they call down blessings in return. When they are beaten up they

rejoice as men who are given a new life. In short, what the soul is in the body, that the Christians are in the world. The soul lives in the body, but is not confined by the body, and the Christians live in the world but are not confined by the world. God has appointed them to this great calling, and it would be wrong for them to decline it."

How does this ancient voice characterize those who follow Christ? Of import for this edition, the writer notes that believers lived as sojourners in this world; pilgrims who were merely passing through until they arrived at their heavenly destination. Take note of the particulars herein: "They follow local customs in clothing, food, and in the rest of life, and yet they exhibit the wonderfully paradoxical nature of their own citizenship. They live in their own countries, but as if they were resident aliens. . . . Every foreign country is their homeland and every homeland a foreign country. . . . They live in the world, but not in a worldly way. They enjoy a full life on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven."

How this should challenge those of us who live in this generation! I often wonder if we are a bit too at home in the earth. Amidst the creature comforts and conveniences afforded us in this nation, are we too tied to this world and its trappings? How often do you and I live as if heaven is our home, and to what degree does that reality impact us in the here and now? Ultimately, the manner of living evidenced by the believers of antiquity comports beautifully with the teaching of Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9b-11 (NIV)

9 . . . you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a peo-

ple, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

Philippians 3:17-21
17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

I would challenge you to fix your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2), who calls you to Himself! May we do as the old hymn commands: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace."

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

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FIELD DAY from page 7

was a more than welcoming event.

At the information tent, Tim, KC1RZE (KC1RZE is Tim's call sign, a call sign is how stations, amateur or commercial, are identified) was there to greet visitors and answer question as well as provide literature from the well-stocked table.

There were several other tables in tents for Field Day goers to visit. Most would first visit the GOTA tent. GOTA, stands for Get On The Air. The tent had equipment set up so that people who were not hams could make a contact. The table staff was Dennis, KC1LNL, and Dan W1DPN, who were guiding someone in making a contact with a ham in the Mid-Atlantic region.

In a demo tent near Main Street, Peter, WB1QGY and Ed, WB2ESF were making contacts on 2 meters.

Amateur radio has been around long before the digital era, but the computer was destined to interact with the ham world. Mert, KC1KVA and Steve, KC1SZP were speaking to the world digitally with a computer feed that is known as FT8.

The husband, and wife team, Ken, KB1HXO and Deb, KC1RDH had been working the 10-meter band, and were leaving and would be replaced in the tent by three members of the same family, Pete KC1TDO, Chris, KC1RZL, and another Pete, KC1SAB.

Bill, KC1WGM and Ken WB1DX were active on 20 meters.

Ken's wife, Michele, KC1TIW was indispensable in answering the reporter's questions.

Two officials of the ARRL came to the field day at different times, Ray Lajoie and Sierra Harrop. Ray is the Western Mass Section Manager and Sierra is the Public Relations and Outreach Manager.

An interesting bit of history was brought to the information table by West Brookfield resident Barbara Rossman. She left a HealthKit manual. HealthKit, as the name implies, made kits for generations of amateurs.

Rossman also left off a number of transistors which were once as high tech as could be back in the day, but are now obsolete. History never stops.

So, what is it that draws the members participating in the field day and others to become hams? Certainly, motivations are personal, but the ARRL has literature suggesting reasons. One can make global connections, and compete in events.

If there is an interest in tech, Amateur Radio has a lot of that.

Hams get involved in public service, sometimes

crucially.

If you remember the famous Hurricane Sandy, it just about closed much of the Northeast. Amateur Radio was open, and vital.

If your interest is piqued, the place to learn about ham radio locally, is the aforementioned Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club. The website is qvarc.com/

The excellent website has information on what the hobby is and how to become one. Periodically, the club hosts examination sessions so one can pass a test and get on the air.

Other than July and August, the club meets the last Tuesday of each month at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St., at 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday, the club hosts a weather net where hams (not just members) share weather info from where they live. It's a fun on air meet up.

If interested, contact QVARC on the form in the website, or see you in September. The membership is more than welcoming.

St. Mary's Parish donate to Valuing Our Children

ORANGE – Once again, parishioners and friends of St. Mary's Parish in Orange have helped the St. Mary's Women's Club to donate a large collection of baby clothes, diapers and other necessary baby items to Valuing Our Children in Athol.

For over a decade the Women's Club has set up a crib in the entry of the church between Mother's Day and Father's Day and parishioners have responded generously. Items include handmade blankets, diapers of all sizes, bottles, rattles, bibs and onesies. Some clothing for toddlers is also in the crib.

In fact, parishioners were so generous this year that the leg on the crib broke and items were removed early. Club secretary Mary Carey brought the items to Samantha Caranfa and Chelsea Cwalina of Valuing Our Children.

In the past, the club donated baby items to the Problem Pregnancy Center in Athol.



Submitted photo
Samantha Caranfa of Valuing Our Children, Chelsea of Valuing Our Children (kneeling) and Mary Carey, St. Mary's Women's Club Secretary are shown after they received a crib full of baby clothes, diapers and other necessary items for babies.

In the Classroom

MWCC graduates early college programs students

GARDNER – On May 30, Mount Wachusett Community College celebrated the achievements of its Early College Program graduates.

The Gateway to College and Pathways Early College Experience programs have played an integral role in shaping the futures of fifty-one exceptional students, twenty-four of whom earned an associate degree.

Gateway to College, which is completing 19 years of programming, serves students wishing to enter post-secondary education while earning their high school diploma and college credits. To date, 608 students have graduated from the Gateway program, with 38 students graduating this year. Of these, 16 graduates earned their associate degree and/or certificate from MWCC just two weeks ago.

Graduates from Gateway will continue their educational journey at a variety of institutions, including Worcester State, Salem State, Dean College, Emmanuel College, Fitchburg State, UMass Boston, trade schools and MWCC. Several students will also be joining the mil-

itary or entering the workforce.

The Pathways Early College Experience, entering its 15th year this fall, allows high school students to earn both a high school diploma and an associate degree simultaneously during their junior and senior years. Since its inception in 2010, Pathways has seen 211 students graduate, including 13 from the Class of 2025. These graduates will continue their education at prestigious institutions such as Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), UMass Dartmouth, UMass Boston, Columbia University, Fitchburg State, Westfield State, Merrimack College, and many more.

Graduates of the Pathways program have had great success, with 75% of them going on to earn bachelor's degrees. The program was initially launched in collaboration with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District and has since partnered with Gardner Public Schools in 2019.

The Gateway to College Class of 2025 members who earned their diploma are: Parker Donald Bolden of Hubbardston,

Sarah Leeanne Bunton of Hubbardston, Katelin Charland of Hubbardston, Olivia Rachel Gallant of Barre and Frederick Everett Jenoure IV of New Braintree.

Gateway graduate Nayah Liz Islam Espinosa of Rutland received a diploma and Associate Degree.

The Pathways Early College Class of 2025 member, who earned their diploma and associate degree, is Kiley Mary Marie Kulesza of Rutland, a Pathways Early College Class of 2025 member earned her diploma and Associate Degree.

Pathway graduate Alyssa Jean Goulet of Barre earned her diploma, Associate Degree and certificate.

In addition to the Gateway to College and Pathways Early College Experience graduates, homeschool graduate Julien Nordstrom-Learnard of Hubbardston was presented with a diploma during the ceremony.

For more information about the Early College Programs at Mount Wachusett Community College, mwcc.edu.

Lily Smith named to Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society

MILTON – Curry College welcomes Lily Smith of North Brookfield into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society.

The objective of the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is to promote and recognize academic

excellence at Curry College. The Society is named for the famous inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who was an early chancellor at Curry College. It was founded in 1971 to recognize and promote academic excellence through a variety of activi-

ties at Curry. The Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is one of Curry's most distinguished organizations. Membership in the Society is limited to those students who have achieved Dean's List every semester while enrolled at Curry College.

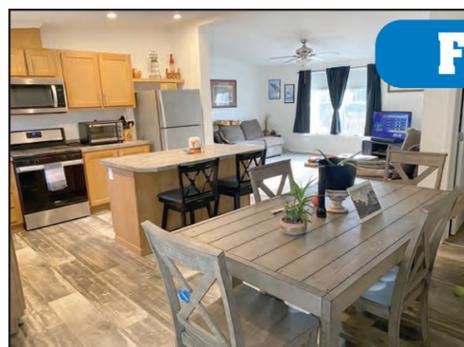
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Barre Police Log

Sunday, June 8
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 9 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Stetson Road, Referred to Other Agency
 12:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, cut Off Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Lane, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Szymakowski, Stanley J. III, 45, Templeton
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

Monday, June 9
 7:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Walnut Hill Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Ruggles Lane, Report Filed
 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Summer Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Mongan, Daniel Christopher, 22, Worcester
 Charges Leave Scene of Property Damage
 6:35 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Chamberlain, Krista L., 32, Clinton
 Charges Warrant
 8:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transported
 11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Boakye, Richard, 24, Oxford
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Uninsured Motor Vehicle,, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Tuesday, June 10
 1:06 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ruggles Lane, Area Search Negative
 7:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:04 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Barre Road, Public Assist
 9:06 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, No Transport Required
 11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
 1:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, June 11
 7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 8 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 9:41 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Varney Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Vehicle Towed

12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 1:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 3:32 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Stetson Home, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 6:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, June 12
 6:02 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Coldbrook Road, Information taken
 10:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, transported to Hospital
 11:25 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Old Stage Road, Investigated
 6:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Fristcher Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning

Friday, June 13
 6:49 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, South Street, Information Taken

Saturday, June 14
 11:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Station Road, No Transport Required
 12:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Ruggles Lane, Investigated
 1:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Wuawinet Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:51 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Stetson Home, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Public Assist

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, June 8
 1:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Carr, Vic Elliot, 33, West Brookfield
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, No, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
 3:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Laurelwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:30 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Johnson Way, Entry Gained
 1:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:04 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Rolling Ridge Road, Investigated
 10:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA) Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, June 9
 7:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 7:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Kenwood Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:31 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Colonial Drive Officer/Chief Advised
 12:11 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Woodside Avenue, Call Transferred
 12:42 p.m. Threats, Carly Circle, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 4:20 pm Motor Vehicle Stop, Rutland Heights, Citation Issued
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:44 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Area Search Negative
 10:02 p.m. Threats, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, June 10
 7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:31 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:38 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Intervale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, River Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Barre Plains Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Joanna Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:04 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Prescott Street, Investigated
 7:22 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Cameron Drive, Officer Spoke

to Party
 10:48 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Negative Contact

Wednesday, June 11
 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale, Written Warning
 12:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:59 p.m. Fire – Fuel Spill, Forest Hill Drive, Investigated
 1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:50 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed
 4:41 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Edson Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Headache, Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Joanna Drive, Mutual Aid Transported

Thursday, June 12
 6:41 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:24 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency
 10:33 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Paxton Road, Information Taken
 10:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 11:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Highland Park Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:23 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Negative Contact
 1:48 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Wachusett Street, Officer Took Call
 6:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Juniper Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:27 p.m. Complaint, Hope Way, Officer/Chief Advised

Friday, June 13
 6:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised

7:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 10:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:08 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Athens Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:53 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Valley View Circle, Referred to Other Agency
 12:06 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:40 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 3:08 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, East County Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
 3:16 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
 3:49 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact
 6:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, In Custody of ACO

Saturday, June 14
 10:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Crestview Drive, Transported to Hospital
 4:36 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Returned to Family/Guardian
 5:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:26 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Welch Avenue, Returned to Family/Guardian
 5:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Verbal Warning
 5:31 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Juniper Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:04 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Information Taken
 6:25 p.m. Animal – Wildlife Bear, Grizzly Drive, Information Taken
 8:30 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Turkey Hill Road, Information Taken
 8:49 p.m. Complaint, Rutland Heights Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Bechan Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, June 8
 12:03 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Turnpike Road, Located/Found
 2:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact
 2:19 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Schoolhouse Road, Information Given

Monday, June 9
 9:49 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Negative Contact
 10:45 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 6:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

Tuesday, June 10
 12:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Barre Plains Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:05 pm. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, June 11
 10:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, June 12
 12:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield, Citation Issued
 1:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

6:11 p.m. Complaint, South Road, Area Patrolled

Friday, June 13
 7:57 a.m. Burglary, Forest Hill Drive, Report Filed
 8:26 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, New Braintree Road, Returned or Family/Guardian

12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 1:54 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Braintree Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, June 14
 9:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Bechan Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 To all interested persons:
 A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dana R Collins of Willington, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
 The Petitioner requests that: **Dana R Collins of Willington, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate

to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
 You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/15/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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 WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: Stephanie Fattman
Stephanie Fattman,
 Register of Probate
 07/03/2025



Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, June 8
 8:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 12:52 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Vehicle Towed
 6:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Monday, June 9
 1:29 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Grimes Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:31 p.m. Assault and Battery, Gardner Road, Information Given
 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Summer Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Mongan, Daniel Christopher, 22, Worcester
 Charges Leave Scene of Property Damage
 3:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ragged Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Coelho Chaves, Vitor, 24, Hartford, CT

Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 6:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Burnshirt Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, June 10
 9:19 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Burnshirt Road, Call Transferred
 3:03 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Lombard Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, June 11
 8:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 7:52 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Westminster Road, No Action Required

Thursday, June 12
 4:06 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Old Boston Turnpike, Report Filed
 6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued

Friday, June 13
 8:15 a.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative Contact
 8:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Gardner Road, Written Warning
 10:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 12:27 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 12:42 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Moosehorn Hill Circle, Dispatch Handled
 2:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:49 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact
 4:09 p.m. Gunshots, Healdville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 10:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Mutual Aid Transport
 Saturday, June 14
 8:29 a.m. Fire – Power Line Down/Arcing, South Cove Road, Investigated
 10:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:10 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed

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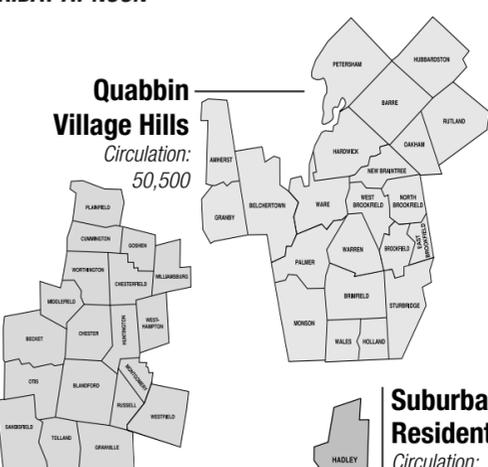
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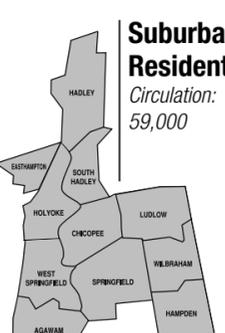
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