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## Board hears dispatch update

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board met Monday, where Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald gave an update on the Central Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communications Center.

Fitzgerald said he worked with state agencies including State 911 and Undersecretary for Forensic Science and Technology Kerry Collins to try to get more funding for the center. He said the town underfunded the assessment line because they were trying to find something more reasonable.

Fitzgerald said there are some other local districts that could possibly take up

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## Touch-a-Truck

Library and DPW host Summer Reading event

BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library and Department of Public Works hosted a Touch-a-Truck event on North Common this past Saturday.

During the event, participants enjoyed exploring the various vehicles displayed by the DPW and local businesses.

There was also self-guided outdoor read-

ing featuring the book “Trucker Kid” by Carol Gordon Ekster.

This event was part of the library’s ongoing Summer Reading program.

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Jacoby Anderson enjoyed the view from one of the vehicles at the Woods Memorial Library’s Touch-a-Truck event held this past Saturday. This event was co-sponsored by the Department of Public Works. More photos on page 14.

## Residents raise concerns to Board

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met Monday where several residents brought up concerns about parking and town practices.

At the July 13 meeting, one resident brought up concerns about parking near the Rose 32 Bakery, located at 412 Main St. in Gilbertville. The resident said that the road is a no parking zone, and when cars are parked there it creates safety issues such as an inability to see pedestrians, people having to walk into the road and difficulty making room for emergency response vehicles.

According to the resident, this has been an ongoing problem for the past three years, and she alleges

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## Select Board discusses FY 27 override vote

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RUTLAND – The Select Board continued their discussion on potentially asking for an override in the fall at their July 6 meeting.

This discussion stems from a favorable vote at a June 16 special town meeting, where residents voted favorably on a citizens’ petition for an emergency services override, including the police, fire and public works departments.

According to Select Board Chair Sheila Dibb, one of the options was to have the ballot question on the Sept. 1 primary, but the town clerk’s office did not think it was a

good idea.

Select Board member Leah Whiteman said she did not support a fall vote, as at the May 9 town meeting, the overrides passed overwhelmingly before being rejected just two days later at the May 11 annual town election. Whiteman also said the override costs voted at the STM did not include ancillary costs.

Whiteman said if there was an override vote in the fall, it would only be funding one year, and if the town hired employees with that money, they wouldn’t be guaranteed a job next July.

She said it would be better to start engaging the community on a FY 28 override by September.

Select Board member Harry Sechman said the town tried its best to educate residents this year, with Town Administrator Heather Butler holding several informational sessions. Sechman said a majority of the town spoke at the ballot, and people would likely come out in larger numbers to reject an override if the town tried again in the fall.

Select Board Vice-Chair Alex Mowatt said it would be up to the citizen’s to decide again if the board called for a revote.

The board did not take a formal vote, but they were not in favor of calling another election. Dibb said the town could focus on listening sessions and creating

partnerships with community members, and potentially put multiple options on which departments to fund on a future ballot.

### Public comment

During public comment, resident Louis Cornacchioli gave the board updates on some projects he had been working on, including lighting the flag poles.

Cornacchioli said he donated two lights, and is in the process of getting more so all five poles can be lit. He also said bandstand lighting may be done in the near future without help from the vocational school, as a local electrician has given him a

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## Communications tower approved by Planning Board

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BARRE – The Planning Board held a public hearing last Tuesday, as requested by the Central Massachusetts Regional Emergency Communication Center to install an emergency communications tower at 50 Main St. in South Barre, the site of the fire station.

According to the public hearing notice, this is a municipally owned property.

A representative from

the CMRECC said there is currently a tower in the back of the property, but it is on a truck. He said the current tower is 80 feet tall, and the new tower will be a maximum of 100 feet tall.

The representative said the tower will be a free-standing aluminum tower, and it will require a 5 foot by 5 foot pad.

The CMRECC representative also said there is a tower on Pleasant Street, and this tower will be smaller. The engineer with

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## BOS holds gravel pit licensing hearing

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen held a hearing regarding new regulations on gravel pit operations in the town at their meeting Tuesday, June 21.

Chair Jamie Gilman said this bylaw was recommended by the Planning Board to ensure activities on gravel pits were consistent with the regulations. He said the original bylaw was approved unanimously at the annual town meeting of 2023, but it had not been enforced until 2026.

Building Inspector John Couture and Police Chief Ryan Daley each inspected the properties with gravel pits, and recommended all of them be re-licensed, so the board voted to approve the licenses of several residents in attendance who operate gravel pits.

Executive assistant Mary-

Beth Kularski said the annual license fee is \$100, but she sent out a letter charging \$50 since the regulations were acted on halfway through the year.

John Kaminski, a resident who has a gravel pit, said his property has been grandfathered in, and the property has had a pit for 70 years without issue. Kaminski said he did not want to sign a new contract because the board could change the regulations in the following year.

Gilman said that is not true, because once a property is grandfathered in, it is permanent.

Gilman said the reason this bylaw was recommended was there were some gravel pits whose operations did not align with the specifications, and this bylaw allows the town to keep an eye on changes of use. He said the bylaw is the only way to have control over the pits, because without a regulation, there are no violations.

Kaminski said this is a “99%” rule, where most people are following the regulations, but have to make up

for one person disobeying them.

Gilman said the intent was not to interrupt any businesses, but this bylaw allows for consistency and fairness.

Gilman said Kaminski would have to pay the \$100 fee, but a resident who was with him said that would not happen because they pay property taxes.

The resident asked if the people who voted on the bylaw had gravel pits. Gilman said it was an annual town meeting of less than 100 people who voted on it.

### Spending requests

The board approved several spending requests from the Highway Department. The department requested to spend \$291.84 for a piston for a leaking plow, \$4,385.49 for shop supplies, \$650 for a trimmer, \$5,358.24 for 12 tires, including for a Mack and a sander, along with \$1,423.01 for ball joint replacements for a Ford F450.

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Turley Photos by Camren Robertson

Ed Erickson offered a colorful variety of plants. See more photos on page 6.

## Barre Farmers Market in full swing

BARRE – The Barre Farmers Market is in full swing this summer, with a steady flow of shoppers visiting the common this past

Saturday. The market featuring over 20 vendors is held every Saturday through October from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., rain or shine. Barre

Famers Market vendors and information can be found on Facebook, or by visiting www.barrefarmersmarketma.com.



News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Auditions happen July 26 and 27

Barre Players Theater,, 64 Common St., will hold auditions on Sunday, July 26 from 3-5 p.m. and Monday, July 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The theater will be performing “A Murder is Announced” by Agatha Chrisite and adopted for stage by Leslie Babson.

Quabbin Community Band

Sunday, July 18 the Quabbin Community Band presents Movie Night beginning at 6 p.m. on the Harding Allen Bandstand, located on the Common in Barre Center.

Legion holds meat raffle

On Sunday, July 19 at 2 p.m., American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, will hold a meat raffle.. The doors open at 1 p.m. The bar will be open. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and five tables of meat being raffled off. This is a great way to stock up on meat for summer barbecues as well as grilling items.

Purple Heart Day

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

National Night Out

National Night Out takes place Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 4-7 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre. This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Businesses and programs from the Quabbin Community are invited to partiicpate. If they are interested in setting up at this fun family event, they should complete a short form, which is found by visiting www.QuabbinCommunityCares.org. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great way to bring communities together to showcase the opportunities that are available in our region for children and families. This event is intended to be a free family event, with activities and fun to introduce children and families to what hobbies, groups, fun, safety systems and varied supports are available in the Quabbin Region. Quabbin Community Cares, formerly known as Q-DRUG, will be providing hotdogs for families who attend, and invite local restaurants to join them in providing free taste tests.

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Quabbin Community Band presents movie night

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Rebecca Jackson, a retired physician, is a beginning horn student of QCB president Julie Rawson and Evelyn Kania is entering fifth grade next fall as a continuing student of Quabbin Regional High School band director Toni



Submitted photo

Rebecca Jackson and Evelyn Kania are both new members of the Quabbin Community Band French horn section.

Brown.

People are invited to the Barre Common on July 19 at 6 p.m. to enjoy, “Movie Night” featuring Rebecca, Evelyn and the rest of the French horn section on the following titles: “Dances with Wolves,” Highlights

from “La La Land”and John Williams: Symphonic Marches and Titanic.

All summer concerts begin at 6 p.m.

Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall.

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 20. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Pork rib-que with barbecue sauce, mac n cheese, green beans, cold baked apples, sandwich roll

TUESDAY – Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, Scandinavia vegetables, vanilla pudding, diet = vanilla pudding, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY – Sloppy Joe, herbed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

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

FRIDAY – Fish with crumb topping, rice pilaf, country blend vegetables, fruited ambrosia, whole wheat 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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OAKHAM

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The Long Run performs July 9

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

Library events

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

Senior Center events

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

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

Congregate hot meals

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

Lions Club holds on line Pampered Chef party

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Lions Club holds a virtual on-line pampered chef party now through Monday, Aug. 31.

Based on product sales, 20 to 30% will be donated to the Petersham Lions Club. People may visit https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/3486703kyv.

If anyone signs up and hosts a party with Stephanie Leblanc, the Pampered Chef consultant, during this event, double donation dollars will apply.

People may email lynneshaw@gmai.com with non Pampered Chef questions and email sleblanc\_pc@hotmail.com for Pampered Chef questions and/or to book a party.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Water Commission – July 20 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – July 20 and Aug. 10 at 6 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – July 21 at 6 p.m.  
Planning Board – July 21 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – July 23 at 11 a.m.  
Special Town Election – July 28 from noon-6 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council of Aging – Aug. 5 at 12:30 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees — Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 12 at 1 p.m.  
Barre Common Oversight Committee – Aug. 13 at 5 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – July 20 at 3 p.m.  
Gilbertville Water District – July 21 at 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 21 at 6 p.m.  
Master Plan Steering Committee – July 23 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Aug. 5 at 12:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 12 at 3 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – July 16, Aug. 5 and Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – Aug. 7 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Library Trustees – Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Planning Board – Aug. 19 all day

### OAKHAM

Library Trustees – July 22 at 4:30 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – July 23 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.  
Board of Assessors – July 24 at 9 a.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Aug. 4 at 6 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Historical Commission – July 16 at 5:30 p.m.  
Library Board of Trustees – July 16 at 7 p.m.  
Select Board – July 20 at 6 p.m.  
Planning Board – July 22 at 6 p.m.  
Capital Improvement Planning Committee – July 23 at 6 p.m.

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### Library programs

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

### Special Town Election

The Town Clerk’s office will be open on Friday, July 17 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for the last day and time to register to vote and for in person absentee voting for this election for those who qualify. The Special Election takes place Tuesday, July 28 from noon-6 p.m. The sole election question on the ballot seeks to allow exemption from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ the amounts to pay for the bond issued to purchase a 10-wheeled dump truck including all other incidental costs for the Department of Public Works.

## Long Run performs July 23



Submitted photo

The Long Run, songs of the Eagles, will be in Oakham on Thursday, July 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the bandstand at the corner of Coldbrook Road and Maple Street. Shown in the back row from left Dave Jolie, Glenn Jackson, Rick Barrett and Carl Bongiovi and front row Kathy Finn and Dan Kirouac. The concert is free and is weather-dependent.

## Historical Society celebrates 100 years

PETERSHAM – The 100th anniversary celebration of the Petersham Historical Society, 10 North Main St., on Saturday, July 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the historical society building.

Crane’s 3rd Continental Artillery Revolutionary War reenactors will be at Nichewaug Field across the street from the historical

building from 3-4 p.m. This event will also be a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the nation.

They will be performing a Celebratory Salute from their Revolutionary War-era cannon. Visitors can have a special opportunity to fire the cannon for a \$20 donation. The Crane’s Artillery soldiers

are trained and licensed instructors.

All proceeds will benefit the Petersham Historical Society for its next one hundred years of progress.

The museum will be open with special displays, music, games and refreshments.

All are invited to this free and fun event.



Photo Courtesy of Crane’s Artillery Revolutionary War reenactors.

The Crane’s 3rd Continental Artillery Revolutionary War reenactors will be a part of the Petersham Historical Society centennial celebration on Saturday, July 25 from 3-4 p.m. in the Nichewaug Field on North Main Street, Petersham.

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the project said the tower on Pleasant Street is an infrastructure tower with microwave waves, and the proposed tower on Main Street is not.

The engineer said there will be no guy wires, but an anchor for the tower, and all materials will be inside of the building, so there won’t be noise emitted from it. He also said there will not be a light on the tower since it does not meet the height requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration, which requires lighting on structures over 160 ft.

According to the applicant, the tower will be used for communication between the Fire Departments and Police Departments shared by

four municipalities in the district, including Barre, Oakham, Hubbardston and Rutland. The fourth community, Warren, is too far away for this tower, and is serviced by a separate one.

The applicant said the tower will solidify the dead zone in town, and use fire station power. He said the tower will be owned by the CMRECC.

The Planning Board approved the special permit unanimously, and there was no public comment.

### Pine Hill Leasing

The board briefly discussed special conditions for the gas station project sub-

mitted by Pine Hill Leasing and Bruce MacDonald. Planning Board Clerk Mary Ann Gendron said the board approved the gas station at the last Planning Board meeting.

Some conditions discussed included allowing for 24 hour gas only coverage, fencing and shielded lighting to minimize light pollution.

The Planning Board will meet next on July 21.

## HUBBARDSTON

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### Hubbardston celebrates country’s 250th birthday

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., will be celebrating the Country’s 250th birthday with a party on the patio on July 18 from 4-7 p.m. Hot dogs with traditional sides will be served along with cake and ice cream. Entertainment will be provided by the Swingin’ Singin’ Seniors with a medley of patriotic songs. This group, led by Jeanine Como, is 35 voices strong. Nancy Afonso, a former music teacher at Hubbardston Center School, is manager of the group, and offers flute accompaniment on some special pieces. The event will also feature a historical display of memorabilia which ties Hubbardston to the American Revolution. A British cannonball that was pulled out of the Concord River by the great-great-great grandfather of Gary Kangas, a Hubbardston resident, is a highlight of the display. The program is free and open to the public.

### Dinghy Dash

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

### Library K run/walk

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

### Senior Center events

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

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Opinion

By Ellenor Downer



**Black and white warbler**  
 My daughter, Paula, saw a black and white warbler and as the name implies it has black and white feathers.

The black and white warbler is easy to spot and easy to recognize. Its former name was the black and white creeper. Like the white-breasted and red-breasted nuthatches and the brown creeper, it climbs about on the trunks and major limbs of trees seeking insects in the bark crevices. It often feeds low, and nests even lower, usually on the ground.

This warbler inhabits forests, woodlands, shrubs, Savannas, and thickets from Alaska and the north, California, eastern Canada, Florida, Great Lakes, mid Atlantic, New England, northwest, Plains, Rocky Mountains, southeast, southwest, Texas and Western Canada.

Spring migration begins rather early and takes place mainly at night. Migration is spread over a lengthy period in both spring and fall.

The sexes are similar and are about 4.3 to 5.1 inches long. The black and white warbler feather pattern is stripes, white central crown stripe and black streaks on back and sides.

The adult male has black throat and cheeks and the female and young paler or whitish there.

Their song is a thin, high-pitched, monotonous “weesy-weesy-weesy-weesy” like a squeaky wheelbarrow. The call is a chirp or chip.

The black and white warbler breeds in mature or second-growth forests, deciduous and mixed. Males arrive on breeding grounds in late April, before the females.

During courtship, a male chases female, with much singing and fluttering. The female lays five creamy white eggs flecked with brown in a cup shaped nest on the ground or less than two feet above under dead leaves or limbs or against a shrub or tree. They

are commonly parasitized by cowbirds.

Both parents feed the young and the young leave the nest in eight to 12 days after hatching. The young are able to fly well.

Adapted to creeping along limbs and on tree trunks to feed, they forage on dormant insects from tree trunks and branches in early spring. They switch body from side to side at each hop while foraging. Sometimes, they fly out after insects in the air.

They eats primarily insects. It feeds on a wide variety of caterpillars including those of spongy moth, beetles including bark beetles, click beetles, and wood borers, ants, flies, bugs, leafhoppers, aphids and other insects, spiders and daddy longlegs.

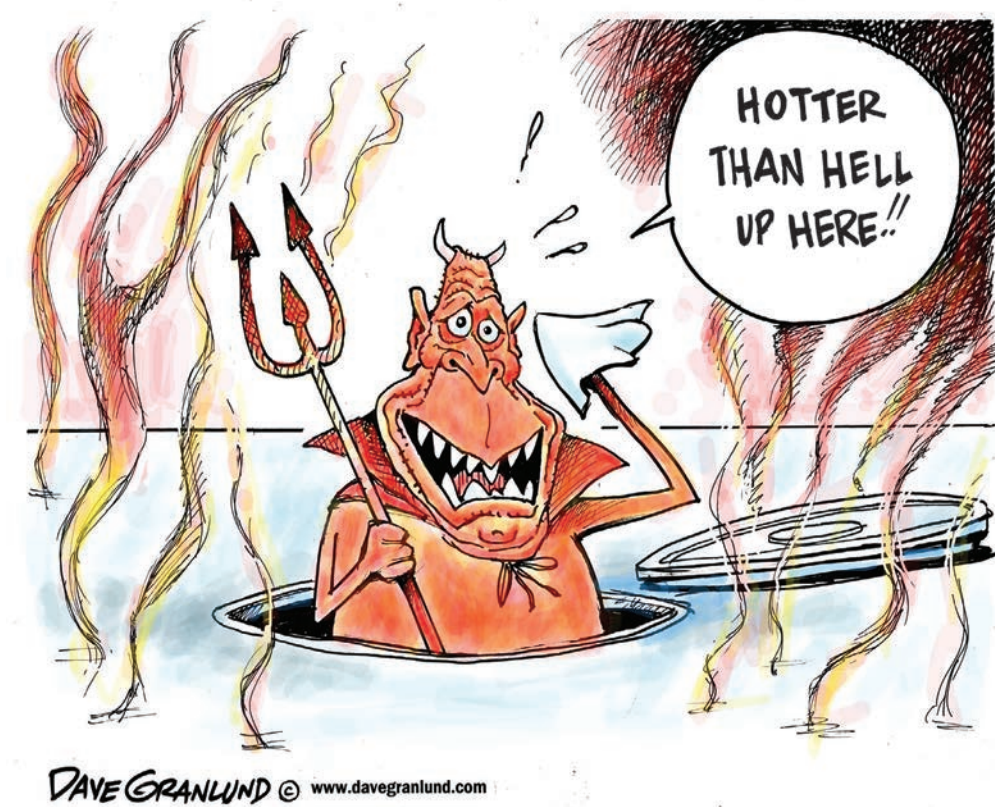
Massachusetts Audubon sightings

Unusual bird sightings reported in late June to the Massachusetts Audubon Society included swallow-tailed kites in Mashpee, a Mississippi kite in Harwich and a Franklin’s gull and two royal terns in Provincetown.

Central Massachusetts sightings in the Ware River watershed included: a great blue heron, belted kingfisher, yellow-bellied sapsucker, two northern flickers, two eastern wood pewees, two alder flycatchers, two least flycatchers, three eastern Phoebes, four great crested flycatchers and two eastern kingbirds, a yellow-throated vireo, a blue-headed vireo, six warbling vireos, 110 red-eyed vireos, a common raven, two red-breasted nuthatches, two house wrens an eastern bluebird, 43 veery, a hermit thrush, a wood thrush, 34 gray catbirds and four cedar waxwings.

Also reported were a blue-winged warbler, four yellow warblers, seven chestnut sided warblers,, three black-throated warblers, three green warblers, a Blackburnian warbler, seven pine warbles, on prairie warbler, three black and white warblers; two redstarts, 56 ovenbirds, 28 yellow-throated warblers, a Canada warbler, nine scarlet tanagers, six eastern towhees, a field sparrow, three swamp sparrow, a rose-breasted grosbeak, four indigo buntings, two bobolinks and three red cross-bills..

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.



In Past Pages

5 years (July 22, 2021)

Town administrator Jessica Sizer said entering into a regional public health agreement with the town of Leicester offered opportunities for more funding. Leicester received a grant for the endeavor. She said the program would augment and not eliminate Barre’s part-time board of health agent and part-time public health agent. She said post pandemic mental health was going to be a real concern and the regional agreement would offer more services, which were hard for small towns to provide. Sizer said the agreement would provide two resources for the people of Barre. She said when the grant ended, the selectmen may decide to continue with services and engage in a long-term contract.

Dennis Fleming showed the board of selectmen a sample Purple Heart Town sign, Fleming said the American Legion and veteran’s agent Tony Musnicki had six signs made by Mass Core of the Department of Correction. He said two signs were already installed on Rte. 122, which required state approval – one near the Petersham line and the other near the Oakham line. The other four signs would be located on Rt. 67, Rt. 32, Williamsville Road and Rte. 62. Fleming said a previous

Look Back  
 Barre Horse Show – 1993



Meghan Coakley of Oakham rides the horse Spring Kamala at the Barre Horse Show at Felton Field Aug. 19, 1993.

board approved the placing of signs. The current board voted to have the Department of Public Work place signs in the above-mentioned locations in town.

This past Monday, the Board of Selectmen and the Sewer Commissioners held a joint meeting to hear about the design progress for the sewer project from DPC representatives David Prickett and Justin Skelly. The BOS also shared a notification of adverse decision they received from Jennifer Lerch, USDA Director, Community and Business Programs last Friday afternoon. Skelly said

the overall project, which was awarded 75% of its funding through the USDA, has been broken down into three separate projects, which could potentially be put out to bid with separate contractors. The three parts include upgrades to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facilities, Wheelwright WPCF and the Hardwick Road Sewer System.

10 years (July 21, 2016)  
 Oakham Selectmen instructed highway superintendent, C. Kevin Currier, to

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An endless supply of flowers for the windowsill

I must admit that I feel unmotivated in the flower garden this summer. It took me forever to sow my seeds, and even longer to install the resulting plants.

The seedlings finally went into the ground a good two weeks after Memorial Day (gasp!) but they are making up for lost time despite my bad attitude! Just last week the first bouquet graced the kitchen windowsill.

In a few weeks I will have a collection of different vases filled with flowers in that very spot; it’s something I look forward to doing every summer. But if I am going to have flowers to fill the vases, I have to keep up with maintenance.

It’s not enough to sit back and watch them grow.

Here is some great advice worth repeating that will help to keep summer annuals looking their best.

Deadhead

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

You see, a plant produces flowers for one purpose: to

survive. Once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed, seed that will grow

future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease and it will begin to decline.

By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower! When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best throughout the growing season.

Shear them back to encourage new growth  
 Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about

now. Others may have brown tips. These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks.

Give them a good haircut. Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point.

Alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don’t worry; they won’t look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

Feed your plants

Occasionally, even plants that are well fertilized at planting time begin to have issues. If foliage is pale and flower production is nil, pull back the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in

You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks. If going natural is your cup of tea, make some!

Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep

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Anne Banville and Lindsay Banville offered tie-dyed creations.



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Mathilde Duffy displayed her cards and bookmarks created using her artwork and photographs at the Barre Farmers Market.



Melekai Joe performed during the Barre Farmers Market. The market is held on the common every Saturday through October from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., rain or shine.



Tiffany R. Trevino-Pandey and Rajendra Pandey of The Raediate Company offered microgreens at the Barre Farmers Market

## Barre Farmer's Market

Young shoppers visited booths during Saturday's market.



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Hubbardston.

As a result of this meeting, Fitzgerald said the dispatch center is receiving an additional \$1 million and reducing the assessment to Hubbardston back to \$125,000, for a savings of over \$30,000. He said other towns in the district got similar savings.

Fitzgerald also provided a slide deck presentation outlining some of the concerns the town has with the CMRECC. The town has fears that as the district grows, smaller towns will get less services.

According to population data from 2023 in the deck, of the five current towns in the district, the highest population is Rutland at just over 9,400 residents and the lowest population is Oakham at about 1,900 residents. Of the new proposed communi-

ties, as of 2023, the lowest population is Sutton at about 9,400, with the highest being Southbridge at over 17,000.

The average population of the five current communities is 5,238 and the average population of the proposed eight new communities is 13,066.

Additionally, the presentation states the town does not think the direction of the dispatch center will be aligned with the police and fire departments, stating things like operational alignment, administrative support and short/long term financial planning are not working for the town.

The slide deck also shows the annual assessments to Hubbardston for the dispatch center, with the actuals being \$117,411 in fiscal year 2024, \$149,261 in FY 25, a 27% increase over FY 24, and a budget of \$157,063 in FY 26. The requested assessment for FY 27 was \$172,729 and the

approved budget for FY 27 was the same as FY 26.

The increase between FY24 and FY27 was 47%

According to the deck, the town is looking for financial support to move to a new regional dispatch with either Templeton or Winchendon, and to work cooperatively with the Central Mass Dispatch.

**Municipal priorities**

Another presentation was provided about the municipal priorities of the town. According to this deck, 48% of Hubbardston’s land is conserved by the state, restricting the town’s ability to balance the needs of the master plan.

Some of the key priorities being pursued include the municipal complex at 48 Gardner Road, the sand pit at Pitcherville Road and 68 Gardner Road and the town center property at 21 Gardner Road. The municipal project

is currently in the schematic design.

According to the deck, the town is seeking state and federal funding to assist with costs associated with the building. Early preliminary cost estimates range from about \$8.938 million for use of only the first floor, and about \$10.230 million for both floors.

The deck also presents ideas for the sand pit, with the town looking to develop a commercial overlay district on the 140 acre parcel of land.

According to the presentation, there are three scenarios for sand pit redevelopment: Conservation focused, neighborhood focused and employment focused. The conservation focused scenario would maintain environmental protections and conservation land, reserve use for low-impact development like agriculture and cultiva-

tion and a focus on limited residential, small retail and office uses along Gardner Road.

The neighborhood focus would also maintain environmental protections, but allows the center of the site to have small retail and housing rather than only along Gardner Road. The employment scenario maintains the environmental protections, but allows for larger footprints of retail, office and light industrial uses, and identifies an area on Pitcherville Road as residential.

According to the deck, similar projects have happened in both Northborough and Sutton.

The deck also focuses on 21 Gardner Road, stating the town is looking to secure a suitable site for new municipal facilities like a senior center, public safety building and town offices. The site is

a centrally located building with room for infrastructure.

**Consent agenda**

The board approved a consent agenda including the reappointment of Flo Pervier to the Council on Aging, the reappointment of Robert Hayes Jr. to the Municipal Complex Building Committee, the appointment of Judie O’Donnell as the Health Agent for Communicable Disease follow up and MAVEN back-up administration and the appointment of Travis Brown as a Health Agent for Beaver Control and permitting.

**Citizen of year**

The nominations for citizen of the year are open, and will be put on the website (hubbardstonma.gov), and nominations are due by Aug. 31.

The Select Board will meet next on Aug. 3.

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reasonable price.

He said all the material for the bandstand has been donated.

Cornacchioli also addressed the town’s removal of comments on social media, saying he would not have shut down non violent speech because of the first amendment.

Dibb said the board decided to shut down comments because staffing shortages make it difficult to monitor the page. Butler also commented, saying those comments are public record, and when there are hundreds, it can get difficult.

Cornacchioli also addressed the STM, saying the override passed by a 2-1 ratio, and said he was glad the board was addressing it at the meeting.

Resident Mike Dvareckas also commented during the session, urging the board not to hold another election for an override. He said elections have consequences, and holding another one would have ignored the voters.

Another resident addressed the social media policy, saying it is easy to manage a page and set standards. She also questioned why the 4th of July celebrations were canceled even though the Sheriff’s Office offered to help.

Resident Jeanne Scigliano, who is also the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission delegate for the Select Board, said one of the reasons comments were shut off was because of inaccurate information being posted, and the staff needing to correct it. She also said there is a PILOT commission holding listening sessions about state owned land across the state.

Scigliano also questioned why the library board of trustees are limiting after hours access for meeting space, saying there have always been meetings without staff. Butler said the building belongs to them, and it is their right. The Select Board discussed possibly setting up a joint meeting with the library trustees.

Scigliano also said there will be a summer send-off event on Sept. 5.

Select Board member Paul Mattson utilized public comment to announce a July 26 chicken barbeque at Finn Park along with an Aug. 25 “Coffee with a Finn” event at Finn Park. Whiteman utilized the period to thank the 4th of July Committee for the events they did put on.

**Meeting space**

The board discussed where meetings will be held since the library is unavailable, with one option being the annex. Butler said it is zoom accessible, and there is a technology cart available. Some other options discussed included the town hall basement, fire brigade building and the community center.

**Appointments**

The board re-appointed Jacob Morris, Robert Paulsen and Elliott Nadeau to the Zoning Board of Appeals. They also appointed Gary Circosta as a one year alternate to the board.

**Town welcome signs**

The board considered a new policy for the welcome signs, where local businesses can buy the rights to one of the nine signs in town to advertise their business. According to the board, the prices range from \$750 to \$1,250 for a two year period. Sechman said there could be a lottery system for each sign to prevent favoritism. Whiteman said there shouldn’t be a grandfathering system, so even if a business already has one, they will have to enter the lottery again.

Some other specifications noted by the board include it must be Rutland specific, with preference for Rutland based businesses, and nobody, including the Friends of Rutland, are exempt from the cost. The board sent these changes to Butler to update the policy.

**Select Board goals**

The board formally approved the goals set out at their last meeting, with the five headers being regional

collaboration and advocacy, financial sustainability and stewardship, public engagement and transparency, workforce strategy and policy and infrastructure and capital. Butler suggested revisiting the progress on these goals quarterly.

**Trash service**

Dibb said the town recently lost a provider to Casella, and a new provider, Lawrence Waste Services, who are based in Medway, have come into consideration.

**Transfer requests**

The board approved a transfer of \$3,616 from the Council on Aging other charges account for a donation to the Elder Services of Worcester Meals on Wheels program. They also approved a transfer of \$20,000 from health insurance to Central Mass Regional Emergency Communication Center wages.

**Town Administrator’s report**

Butler said the fire department responded to 15 calls between July 3 and July 5, with all of them being described as routine. She said the police department also had minimal calls over the weekend, with all described as routine.

She also announced several resignations, including Library Director Kerry Remington, who is retiring after more than 30 years of service, former Executive Assistant Tomeca Murphy, who accepted a job with CMRECC and studio manager Jacob Conway. She said the Assistant Town Clerk is now going to be the interim Executive Assistant and the Payroll Clerk is now going to be the Water and Sewer Clerk.

Butler said there have been new hires for gas, plumbing and electrical inspectors, and the Rutland Heights request for proposal is being advertised on July 15, with bids opening Aug. 25.

The board will meet next on July 20.

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**Reserve fund requests**

The board approved several reserve fund requests, including \$1,620.45 to library heat for excess fiscal year 2026 expenses, \$903.40 to the fire maintenance account for pest control and \$900.83 to the fire equipment account for turnout gear.

**Fire/Highway costs**

The board approved a quote for dirt for the Fire/Highway project from Bond Sand Gravel and Asphalt totaling \$2,396, including 20 tons of dirt at \$29.95 per ton and four loads of material at \$599 per load.

Gilman said Bond is donating the trucking for a savings of \$520. The board also approved the fire and highway spend up to \$500 for grass seed and hay for the project from Klem’s.

es at 215 Main St. from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2029, at an annual rent of \$38,239.44 for approximately 4,460 square feet of office space.

**Donations**

The board accepted a \$100 donation to Parks and Recreation, along with a separate donation of four bundt cakes from Marsha Ort.

**Public comment**

A resident was concerned about operations at 45 Hines Bridge Road, where there is a gravel pit. They said after a change of ownership, the new owner has not honored hours of operation, and there have been more trucks and activity, including weekends and holidays.

The resident also said they have faced intimidating behavior from the new owners. Kularski said the Building Inspector said the property was clean, and had no issues.

Another resident said he wanted an update on road reconstruction on Mount Pleasant Street. He said he cannot get through the road, and has heard multiple different answers on when the project will be completed.

Kularski said it is a federal project, and the town has no control over it.

**Fuel bids**

The board passed over signing contracts with Petersen Oil for diesel fuel and Frantacelli Oil for #2 heating oil because of some confusion regarding wording in the contracts.

**215 Main St**

The board signed a three-year lease for the town office-



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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JULY 16

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

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

**BROOKFIELDS LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT** registration is now open, according to event chairman Marc Kokansky. The annual event is taking place on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Quail Hollow Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. The four-person scramble tournament begins with registration at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$100 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, skins competition, closest-to-the-pin contests and a meal following the tournament at Quail Hollow Country Club.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Brookfields Lions Club’s charitable programs and community service projects throughout the area. Through fundraising events such as this tournament, the club supports local organizations and individuals while carrying out the Lions’ mission of serving those in need. To register a team or obtain additional information, contact Kokansky at 508-847-9843. Registration is open now through Aug. 15.

**ON LINE PAMPERED CHEF PARTY** sponsored by the Petersham Lions Club takes place now through Monday, Aug. 31. Based on product sales, 20 to 30% will be donated to the Petersham Lions Club. People may visit <https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/3486703kyv>.If anyone signs up and hosts a party with Stephanie Leblanc, the Pampered Chef consultant, during this event, double



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**This week’s mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) with their answer by noon on Monday, July 20. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Marie Gagnon and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the New Braintree Public Library, Memorial Drive, New Braintree.**

donation dollars will apply. People may email [lynneshaw@gmai.com](mailto:lynneshaw@gmai.com) with non Pampered Chef questions and email [sleblanc\\_pc@hotmail.com](mailto:sleblanc_pc@hotmail.com) for Pampered Chef questions and/ or to book a party.

**VENDORS WANTED** for a Flea Market on the WestBrookfield Common hosted by the First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield, UCC on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The church hosted their Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years. Vendor check-in is 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sellers of all kinds are welcome flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out their basements and attics. There will be no food vendors. Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20’ x 20’ grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. People interested in renting a space should email to [fccofwbflea-market@gmail.com](mailto:fccofwbflea-market@gmail.com) for an application or call Karen at 508-801-7692.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

**ORANGE COMMUNITY BAND** summer concert takes place today at 7 p.m. on

the bandstand in Butterfield Park, Orange Concerts will continue on Fridays through July 31.The band will rehearse Wednesday evenings at the Congregational Church from now to July 29.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

**COUNTRY’S 250th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** takes place today from 4-7 p.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston with a party on the patio. Hot dogs with traditional sides will be served along with cake and ice cream. Entertainment will be provided by the Swingin’ Singin’ Seniors with a medley of patriotic songs.

This group, led by Jeanine Como, is 35 voices strong. Nancy Afonso, a former music teacher at Hubbardston Center School, is manager of the group and offers flute accompaniment on some special pieces. The event will also feature a historical display of memorabilia which ties Hubbardston to the American Revolution. A British Cannonball that was pulled out of the Concord River by the great-great-great grandfather of Gary Kangas, a Hubbardston resident, is a highlight of the display. The program is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

**MEAT RAFFLE** sponsored by American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre, takes place today at 2 p.m. The doors open at 1 p.m. The bar will be open. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and five tables of meat being raffled off. This is a great way to stock up on meat for summer barbecues as well as grilling items.

**FINNISH HERITAGE SOCIETY DANCES** take place today and Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at Sovittaja Park, Pleasantdale Road, Rutland today at 7 p.m. with music by Dan Mackowiak. Cost is \$8 per person.

**PETERSHAM BRASS BAND CONCERT** will be held today at 7 p.m. on the bandstand on Petersham Common, Route 32, Petersham. Sunday’s performance marks the band’s 864th concert since being formed in 1914. Joseph Gougen is the current director of the band. He is a native of Gardner and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Gougen is currently the music Director in the Northbridge Public Schools. Concerts will continue on the four Sundays in July and end Sunday, Aug. 2. Concerts are held rain or shine. In the event of rain, the concerts move inside to the Town Hall. Refreshments will be available at the band hot dog stand and the bake sale this week will also benefit the Band. Then Lions Club will also offer popcorn.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

**BRUIN’S MASCOT BLADES** will visit the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre today at 3 p.m. Blades will join readers for a story, some game day fun and crafts. Participants can design and make their own Bruins fan button, take pictures at the ice rink photo station and more. A special library poster featuring Bruins player Jeremy Swayman will also be available. The Boston Bruins have been teaming up with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners since 2009 for the annual Summer Library Program, When You Read, You Score! Since then, millions of kids, teens and adults have participated in this statewide program.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

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

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the Police Department has ignored her calls. She said there are few citations found in the police logs on Main Street, citing two written warnings, four verbal warnings and three citations over a month period.

Select Board member Zack Spencer responded to her concerns, saying oftentimes the people parked on the street are only there for less than five minutes to pick up an order. He said if there is a complaint about a particular illegally parked car, they may be gone by the time an officer gets there.

Select Board Chair Jeff Schaaf also responded, saying he was on the Planning Board when Rose 32 Bakery got its permit, and they knew about the limited parking. He said there is not much the town can do other than increase enforcement, but they do not have enough officers for the area to be constantly watched over the hours the bakery is open.

Resident Liz Cyran suggested the bakery could implement a drive-thru type configuration to allow people to pull into the property and grab their order to avoid parking on the street.

Resident Bill Cole also said patrons are able to park at the municipal building and walk there.

Cyran also suggested the bakery hire an auxiliary officer or a detail to watch the road while the business is open. However, Schaaf responded it may be a burden on the business and drive them away from the town.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker said the board could send them a letter or bring them into a meeting to discuss the concerns.

Cyran also brought up concerns as to whether the Accountant and Treasurer had the proper certifications to do the job. She also said there are 36 binders of commitments missing, and asked where they could be found.

Cyran also asked if the board would deal with complaints brought against the Town Administrator Justine Caggiano, saying multiple people have sent letters complaining.

Tinker said he had requested the evaluation of her performance to be put on an agenda, but it hasn’t made it to one yet. Schaaf said she is an asset to the town, and letting her go would leave them in a poor position.

“Without her, we’d be

lost,” he said.

At this point in the meeting, resident Jeffery Smith was removed from the meeting by Schaaf. Smith had accused Caggiano of having a relationship with a police officer in town, and was told to leave.

Earlier in the public comment period, Smith said he received a determination from the Attorney General stating the Planning Board violated the open meeting law last year by deliberating without posting.

Another resident said the town has a problem with holding employees accountable, to which Tinker responded he has tried to hold people accountable, but said it is met with hostility, saying he has been handcuffed from speaking.

Conduct at meetings

The Ware River News has also received, by request, a written statement from Caggiano regarding recent Select Board meetings: “The actions and lack of decorum at Select Board meetings do not accurately represent the wonderful residents of Hardwick that I am proud to serve.”

Caggiano also provided a statement about town

employees: “Since I walked in the door, we have done a complete overhaul of the financial departments, implemented a hiring process and have worked to bring up department head salaries to market rate. As a former Human Resources Director in two different larger communities, it is my utmost responsibility to hire qualified candidates. Unfortunately, given the state of what I walked into, it has meant long hours of identifying and correcting prior actions of gross negligence.”

She continued by saying, “I am proud of our current workforce and my goal is to take all the corrective action necessary and use my professional experience to leave the town stronger than how I found it.”

Landfill liabilities

Rick Romano of the Board of Health requested the ability to use KP Law for a couple hours to review obligations related to the landfills, including on Lower Road and Patrill Hollow Road. He said there is a concern of town exposure to certain chemicals in the near future from the landfills.

He said the Board of Health spends over

\$20,000 a year monitoring the Lower Road one, but the Department of Environmental Protection reached out saying the board failed to test for PFAS, so that will add another \$6,000 to the monitoring bill.

The board approved the request to use town counsel, capping the hours at four.

Appointments

The board approved the officer appointments as presented by Police Chief Kevin Landine, along with the appointment of David Larson as Conservation Commission clerk and Gail Anderson to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Caggiano said the Cultural Council is looking for members.

The board also approved the hiring of Anne Garwood-Hampp as Highway Department clerk. Caggiano said she is the current highway clerk in West Brookfield.

STM

The board called a special town meeting for Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town House, with a warrant including zoning bylaw changes and the Quabbin Regional School District regional agreement.

Administrative items

The board approved a new

Information Technology contract with Anevry.

The board also approved a warrant review process, describing it as a roadmap for future boards. Part of the policy gives the finance committee quarterly reviews of expenditures.

The board approved two one-day liquor licenses for Fieldcrest Brewing for Aug. 14 and 15 for the Hardwick Community Fair. The board also approved the meeting minutes of April 13, April 30 and June 22.

Quabbin Estates violation

The board approved the request from the Sewer Commission to fine Quabbin Estates \$5,000 and order them to remove solids. Spencer said the issue has been ongoing, and it appears they will not fix the problem unless they are fined.

Other business

Caggiano said the Highway Superintendent Martin Gryszowka will follow up with the state on the railroad crossing on Lower Road, as it is worse than it was previously.

The Select Board will meet next on July 27.

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growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed. Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can.

Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

Water, water, water

If Mother Nature fails to

provide at least an inch of rain each week, then unfortunately we must make up the difference. It is so easy to forget to perform this very obvious maintenance task, especially when we are busy doing other things.

If we are negligent often enough, however, our plants will suffer.

Sometimes pale green foliage is a nitrogen deficiency from simply a lack of water. When you water the garden, remember to do so in the early morning, if possi-

ble, to avoid evaporation.

Early evening is another good option, but try to get the job done with enough time for the foliage to dry before darkness sets in.

Deep waterings twice a week are far better than numerous quick showers. The former will promote deep, penetrating roots and future drought tolerance.

Well-watered, well-fed and well-groomed annuals will reward you with beautiful bountiful blossoms for another two months or more

– well worth the effort for vases of flowers on the windowsill!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.*

# SPORTS

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## Monson Post 241 baseball comes away with win

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WESTFIELD—Despite wobbling defensively in the third and fourth innings, Monson Post 241 regrouped and fought its way to a gritty victory at Bullens Field in Westfield.

With the Senior Legion contest knotted at 6-6 with two outs in the sixth inning, Monson catcher Kyle Kaczuwka delivered an RBI single. He also scored a run

during that frame, as Post 241 celebrated an 8-6 win over Westfield Post 124 last Thursday night.

“Most of the games haven’t gone our way this season,” said Kaczuwka, who’s the only player from Ware High School listed on the Monson Legion baseball roster. “We’re a big family and it feels very good to get back into the win column again.”

Monson had a 4-8 overall record following last

Thursday’s road contest.

“We did struggle defensively early in the game, but we were able to score a few runs,” said Monson manager Steve Tripp. “This is a very big win for us heading into the playoffs.”

Monson was sitting in fourth place in the Zone 3A standings. They were scheduled to close out the regular season with another road game against Belchertown on Monday night.

Brayden Mega was

Monson’s starting pitcher against Westfield (6-6-1). He threw 30 pitches in a loss at Greenfield Post 81 the previous night.

“Brayden has a rubber arm, and he loves being in the spotlight,” Tripp said. “He only threw 30 pitches last night, which kept him eligible to start tonight’s game.”

The righthander allowed six runs (one earned) on five hits with three walks and two strikeouts during the first

four innings.

Righthander Sebastian Mayberry, who began the game in left field, wound up as the winning pitcher. He took over the mound with no outs in the fifth and tossed 1 1/3 innings without allowing any runs.

Matt Santos earned the save. The righty hurled the final 1 2/3 inning allowing just two base hits.

Monson took a 4-0 lead in the second inning.

After loading the bases

against lefty Noah Amaral, Monson centerfielder Jarett Skowrya drew a walk forcing home the game’s first run. A couple of batters later, Santos (2-for-5), who started the game at shortstop, hit a double into center field driving home another run. Following a Kaczuwka walk, Mayberry, who started in left field, capped off the inning by hitting a two-run double to left.

The Monson defense com-

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## Here for Beer shuts out Monson Mustangs



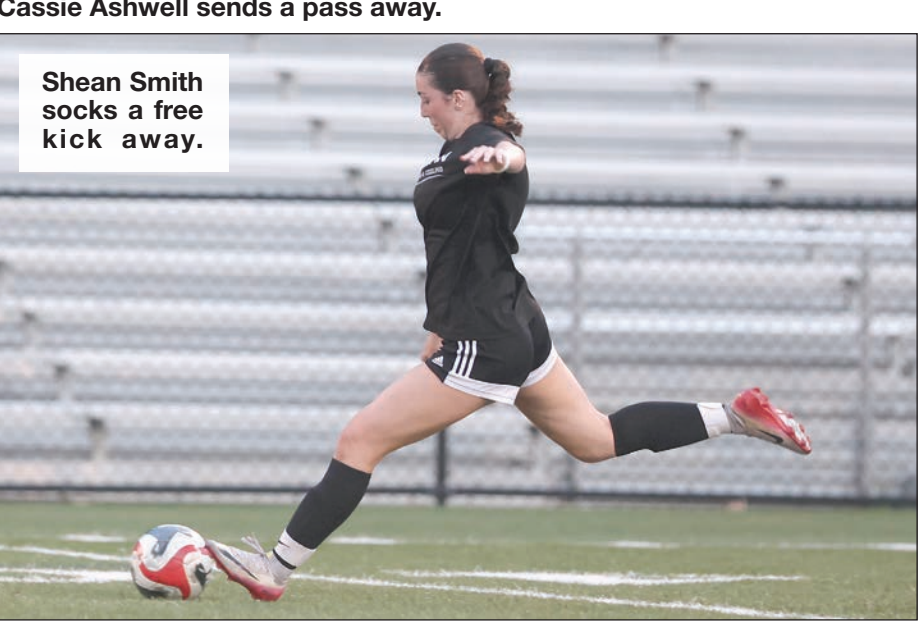
Rachel McKenna rushes for the ball.



Martine Worrall-Turgeon eyes a teammate up the field.



Cassie Ashwell sends a pass away.



Shean Smith socks a free kick away.

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Thursday evening, Here for Beer scored a big win over Monson Mustangs 5-0 in Women’s summer soccer action. The two teams were in a key matchup with both teams near the top of the Women’s Division in the PVSSL. Here for Beer is now alone in second place at 6-1 while Monson is now 5-2 heading into the final weeks of the regular season.

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Johnny Gegestkas connects on a base hit.

## St. Joseph’s Saints grabs win over PeoplesBank

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – Since 1995, the PeoplesBank baseball team has built a dynasty in the Tri-County League, capturing 21 championship titles, including each of the last 13 seasons.

The St. Joseph’s Saints, who are looking to win the TCL championship title for the first time in two decades, are determined to knock PeoplesBank from its perch this summer.

In a span of 48 hours last week, the Saints celebrated two victories in the rivalry series.

St. Joseph’s traveled to Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke last Wednesday night and defeated PeoplesBank, 10-5, which kept them in first place in the league standings.

“We’ve faced Peoples in the championship series the past couple of years, and they’ve gotten the best of us,” said St. Joe’s shortstop Devin Slattery, who had a base hit and scored three runs in last Wednesday’s game. “We beat them in a regular season game last year and they’re a great team. We’re also outstanding team this year and we’re trying to win the championship title.”

St. Joe’s entered this week’s action with a 13-3

overall record, while Peoples had an 11-3-1 mark.

“We made a couple of mental errors in tonight’s game,” said Peoples player/manager Joe Ferry. “We out hit them, but we left too many runners on base. It’s a frustrating loss.”

Peoples, who fired a 6-0 shutout victory in the first meeting of the regular season between the teams, never held the lead in last Wednesday’s game.

The visitors took a 3-0 lead against lefty James Flahive in the top of the second inning.

After loading the bases with no outs, St. Joe’s second baseman Greg Vouras, who’s the Athletic Director at Westfield High School, grounded into a double play plating the game’s first run. First baseman Dillon

Slattery, who singled to center, and his older brother, Devin, (walk) both crossed the plate on an errant throw by the catcher that bounced into left field.

“I believe baseball games are won and loss on the bases,” said Devin Slattery, who played for Peoples for one season before moving to St. Joe’s. “We put some pressure on them in the second inning, and they made a

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## Vermont Green hands Pioneers defeat

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The members of the Western Mass. Pioneers gathered for a team photo before kicking off their regular-season finale against rival Vermont Green FC last Friday night.

Having been eliminated from the USL League 2 playoffs for the first time

since 2018, the Pioneers were hoping to end Vermont Green’s long unbeaten streak.

The Pioneers overcame a 2-0 halftime deficit to tie the score early in the second half, but Vermont Green stretched their unbeaten streak to 37 matches following a 4-2 victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium.

“Our main goal was to make the playoffs, which we’ve been able to do every year since 2018,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We battled back in the second half, but it just wasn’t enough.”

Vermont Green (13-0-1), who are the defending USL League 2 champions, haven’t suffered a loss since a 3-0 setback against Seacoast United in the 2024 Eastern Conference semifinals.

Alfred Baafi, who completed his first season playing for the Pioneers, was a member of the Seacoast United squad, which wound up winning the National championship title, two years ago.



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Ronan O'Brien heads past midfield.

“We really wanted to beat our rivals in tonight’s game,” said Baafi, who led the Pioneers with four assists. “It was a great feeling after my Seacoast team beat them in the playoffs two years ago. I really enjoyed playing for the Pioneers this summer. My dream is to play for a professional soccer team.”

One of the Pioneers veteran players is Santiago Blasco Gomez, who was the team captain.

“This is my third season playing for the Pioneers and

I love this place,” Gomez said. “We’ve made the playoffs the past two years, which was an amazing experience. It’s disappointing not making it this year. I’m hoping to play here again next year.”

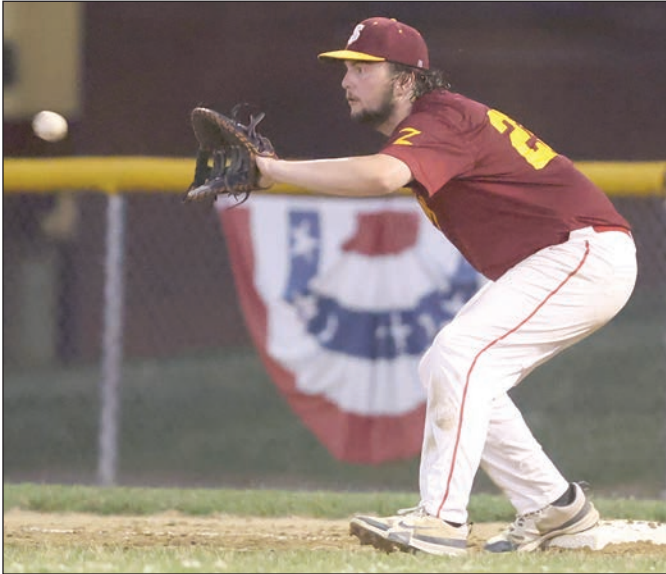
Gomez, who’s from Alborache, Spain, was a graduate student on the Bryant University men’s soccer team a year ago.

The Pioneers, who fin-

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Shun Murasawa sends a free kick away.



Dillon Slattery makes the catch at first for an out.

Sports

Battles gets victory on Wednesday night showcase

THOMPSON, CT — The Crown Vics began Wednesday’s showcase with multi-time winner Ethan Williams showing the way early before youth prevailed. Upon his first time at the Thompson 5/8-mile, young Jack Emerson would take over the lead with eight laps remaining and never looked back to take the win over Williams and Ty Mello.

Jared Materas and Jason Williams may have brought the Late Model field to green but it was Matt Lowinski-Loh who quickly took over the top spot within the first lap. Materas would bring out the first caution on lap 10 after spinning across the nose of Jared Roy’s #1CT. Things went sideways once again on lap 18 with a mechanical issue slowing Jake Johnson leaving Williams and Mike Benevides to pile in for a massive wreck into the turn four wall. Back to green, Lowinski-Loh drove away with the 25-lap win over rookie Travis Hydar and Jared Roy.

Todd Douillard ran away with the lead at the start of the SK Light Modified feature before Austin Goff made it a two-man show by lap four. RJ Marcotte, John O’Sullivan, Kevin Davis and Daltin McCarthy ran nose-to-tail behind the leaders, keeping them honest before Goff was shuffled back on the inside groove. Motoring into turn one, Davis and O’Sullivan launched sideways into the corner to bring out the lap nine caution that also ended the day for newcomer Brandon Michael with a

hard lick into the turn one wall.

Douillard would be next on the wrecker on the restart with Marcotte leaving no room to race, making hard contact with the turn one wall to end his day. Back to green, McCarthy, Goff and Eddie Gomarlo ran nose-to-tail at the head of the field. The busy night for the Thompson Speedway wreckers continued on lap 13 with McCarthy and O’Sullivan piling into the turn three wall. Under green for the final time, Austin Goff would run away with the win followed by RJ Marcotte and rookie Milania Shilosky.

Dan Bowes took off at the start of the Twisted Tea 40 for the New England Supermodified Series with hopeful winner Jon McKennedy dropping out on lap five with mechanical issues. All the while, Jeffrey Battle began reeling in Bowes out front as Ben Seitz lay in wait back in third. Battle would finally nab the lead on lap 22 while Seitz and PJ Stergios went to war for third behind him. Stergios would win that battle and one more against Bowes as the right-rear tire on the #25 was all but expired through the final fifteen circuits. Jeffrey Battle lambasted the field for the win with PJ Stergios coming home second and Dan Bowes holding on for third to round out the victory lane podium.

Ryan Lineham would bring out the lap one caution in the Street Stocks when a three-wide move in the first corner didn’t pan

out. Back under green, Nick Anderson and Mike Viens showed the way up front with Jerrod Soucy and Al Stone III keeping the pressure on behind them. Soucy would make his way around to lead the halfway marker and never looked back for win number one on the season ahead of Lineham and Viens.

The Thompson Sunoco Modifieds rounded out Wednesday’s racing program under the leadership of Nathan Pytko and Derek Ramstrom at the head of each lane under the initial green flag. Keith Rocco and Todd Owen made their way to the front by lap five just as contact between Bryan Narducci and Ramstrom sent the #35 into the turn one retaining wall. The remainder of the 50 lap feature saw Rocco and Owen wage their classic over-under battle for position before Owen finally began to drove away with fifteen laps remaining to take his first Sunoco Modified victory of the season. Keith Rocco came home second with Narducci coming back from his penalty for the lap five caution to claim third.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returns to Thompson Speedway on Wednesday, August 5 for the Thompson 150 presented by FloSports.com. The August midweek showdown at the Big-T will also feature the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds, Late Models, SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Crown Vics with a 6:00pm Post Time. Event schedule will be released in the near future.



Submitted photo

The Orange Community Band performed a Beach Night program recently Dana Robinson, Adam Whitten (standing) Stephanie Flynn, Bonnie Benjamin, Vicki Dumont, Paul Maier, Terry Parker and Dave Bremner.

Orange Community Band performs July 17

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band continues its summer season on Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. on the Bandstand in Butterfield Park with a program entitled “Sounds of the Seasons.”

Conductor Stephanie Parker, a second generation band member, is enjoying her 24th season in that role. Previously she joined the band as an elementary school student.

Her father Terry Parker has long been the band’s tuba player, and her brother Terry II also played in the band. They join other family groups and long time members.

Many band members have over 50 years membership in the band, which follows directly from the

Orange Mechanics Band which began around 1850, and is one of the oldest bands in the state.

The program on July 17 will include such favorites as “What A Wonderful World,” “The Desert Song,” “Riffin’ the Blues” and “Sleigh Ride” plus other pieces which make reference to the many seasons of lives. Red White and Brass, Music for a Summer Night, To Challenge the Sky and the Heavens Above, Thunder and Lightning, Country Sketch, Blue Wind. Ice Breaker March, Time Out for a Jam Session, House of the Rising Sun, and Earth Wind and Fire are other pieces being considered.

Season sponsors include Orange Post 172 American

Legion, Witty’s Funeral Home, In Memory of John and Esther Smith The Lyman Family, In memory of Nursie Perkins Family, In Memory of the John Marsh Howe Family, In Memory of Dr. Robert and Jeanne Clark, Susannah Whipps, Anonymous and New Salem Academy.

The Orange Lion’s Club provides insurance for the concerts. Partial sponsors include St. Mary’s Women’s Club, Deans Beans and In Memory of Gordon and Madena Kilhart and in memory of Eva Newbury Otten.

Patrons and sponsors are always welcome. Forms are available at the concerts. The band will continue on Friday evenings until July 31.

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ished their season with an 8-3-3 overall record, haven’t beaten their archrivals from Burlington since a 1-0 road win on June 17, 2023.

Vermont Green, who are hosting the first two rounds of the playoffs this weekend, now holds a 4-3-2 edge in the series against the Western Mass. squad.

Vermont Green took the lead when Samson Kpardeh sent a pass from the left side into the box where Jeremy Fancou fired a shot into the right corner past Western Mass. goalie Ben Alexander during the 24th minute of

the opening half.

Fancou scored his second goal seven minutes later, which was assisted by Ryan Zellefrow.

The score was 2-0 at intermission.

Nine minutes into the second half, the Pioneers sliced their deficit in half following a corner kick goal.

Ronan O’Brien booted the ball into the box from the left corner. After the ball was headed by Dylan Hunston, Riley Priddy put another header into the left corner past Vermont Green back-up goalie Seth Wilson.

During the 59th minute,

Martin Echarren booted a free kick into the right corner tying the score at 2-2. It was also his team leading seventh goal of the season.

Vermont Green retook the lead following a goal by Kpardeh during the 74th minute.

Another goal by William Sawin during stoppage time sent the Vermont Green rowdy supporters into a frenzy.

The Pioneers will be looking to qualify for the league playoffs, and they’ll also be looking to celebrate a victory against the Vermont Green during the summer of 2027.

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mitted two errors in the bottom of the third inning leading to three unearned runs.

Monson, who banged out 13 base hits, got two of those runs right back in the top of the fourth inning on back-to-back RBI singles by Kaczuwka and Mayberry.

Trailing 6-3, Westfield began the bottom of the fourth inning with a triple to right field by centerfielder Jacob Barnes. He crossed the plate when a ground ball hit by second baseman Audrey Amaral was misplayed by the third baseman. It was Monson’s fourth error of the

game.

Post 124, who’s managed by Don Irzyk, tied the score in the fourth following a sacrifice fly from DH Keith Drzyzga and a throwing error.

Before retiring several years ago, Irzyk served as Pathfinder Tech’s Athletic Director while also leading the football program and guiding the varsity baseball team.

With one out in the top of the sixth inning, Mega beat out a groundball to the shortstop for an infield hit. After stealing second base, he advanced to third on a throwing error by the

catcher. The next batter hit a pop-up caught by the shortstop, which set the stage for Kaczuwka. He smacked a fastball into left field scoring Mega with the go-ahead run. Following Mayberry’s third base hit of the game, Kaczuwka scored on a ground ball single into left field by right fielder Emerson Boronski.

It gave Monson a two run cushion heading into the final two frames.

Westfield loaded the bases in their final two at-bats, but the Monson defense didn’t commit anymore errors and managed to celebrate a road victory.

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## Church News

### Local pastor offers sermon

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

“May the Seeds in our Hearts be Protected.”  
Scripture Readings:  
Matthew 13 v 1-9 and  
18 - 23

##### I. Introduction

We all face circumstances that can lift our spirits and bring us joy, while at other times they may cause concern, uncertainty, pain, anxiety, anger or a range of other emotions.

The way we respond depends greatly on the nature of these circumstances and conditions and our state of mind. Sometimes we have the clarity of mind and heart and inner strength to respond in a way that leads to resolutions that help us to move forward.

Other times we find ourselves in a quagmire of confusion and inability to deal with the situations. The conditions might be too complex and difficult to navigate our way through it. Sometimes we might just be too empty, tired and filled with despair to see the light.

##### II. May the Seeds in our Hearts be Protected

In our passage Jesus sat in a boat on a lake, surrounded by large crowds of people.

He told them the parable of the Sower who was in the process of sowing seeds, most likely barley or wheat, which, according to R.T. France in his commentary on Matthew were the two main grain crops in Palestine during that time.

In this parable Jesus describes in detail the conditions of the soil as the Sower proceeds to plant the seeds. First, He describes the unplowed path, where the soil was not prepared to receive the seeds, ger-

minate, and grow. Instead, they were lying there ready for the birds to pick and eat them.

The second type of soil he crossed was a rocky area with a thin layer of soil. France notes that in Galilee, bedrock often lay close to the surface, making it difficult for seeds to take root in such shallow soil. The seeds began to germinate and grow, but when the sun rose, they were scorched, withered and died.

The third type of soil was filled with thorny plants that choked the seeds and kept them from producing a crop. The fourth and final type of soil conditions, Jesus said was the good soil that was fertile and produced good crops in abundance.

What was the point of this parable by Jesus? He was looking at the crowd and His disciples, who have been with Him for some time. He must have understood the different kind of followers they were and so He explained to them what He meant.

The seeds that fall on the path and get eaten by the birds are like those who hear the words about the Kingdom, but do not understand them, and the Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in the heart.

That prevents this group of people from hearing, understanding and making the words of the Kingdom part of their life. They remain weak and unable to live a life filled with the Spirit. The image of the rocky path and the thin layer of soil, refers to the group of people, who get excited about the word of God, but only for a little while, and they too lack the inner strength to draw on

the work of the Holy Spirit in them to face their struggles and tribulations.

The image of the thorns in the soil points to those whose dependence on wealth keeps them from becoming truly fruitful.

He then finally refers to the seed that falls on good soil, the perfect condition of the heart who listens to the word of the Kingdom, takes the time to wrestle with it and understands it, not an intellectual kind of understanding, but a deeper understanding in the heart that leads to a transformation through the Spirit of God who reveals the word of God and changes the heart and minds and brings a fire in the soul.

##### III. Conclusion

This parable of Jesus invites us to examine the condition of our hearts and souls and consider what kind of soil we carry within us.

Do we receive the seeds of God’s word, but struggle to cultivate them and let it feed our souls and strengthen our being so we can face our daily challenges and live our lives according to God’s will?

Do we protect the seeds in our hearts, so they don’t get snatched away by forces outside our control? These are the questions Christ places before us this morning.

Though He left the lake and the crowds long ago and resides with God, His words remain with us, and the Spirit of God continues to help, guide, and strengthen us to stand firm and be nourished by the blessings of the Kingdom of God. on our journey.

May God bless us as we protect the seeds in our hearts.

Amen.

## Public Safety

### Hubbardston Police Log

#### Sunday, May 17

7:05 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, New Templeton Road, Call Transferred

#### Monday, May 18

9:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, High Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Westminster Road, Written Warning

#### Tuesday, May 19

2:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Williamsville Road, No Transport Required  
8:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Natty ford Drive, Transported to Hospital

#### Wednesday, May 20

2:31 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Road,

#### Information Taken

9:28 p.m Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Plum Tree Lane, Negative Contact

#### Thursday, May 21

2:11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Worcester Road, Removed from Scene  
12:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Morgan Road, Written Warning  
6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning  
6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
7:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party  
8:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, No Transport Required

#### Friday, May 22

9:11 a.m. Property Damage, Cross Road, Report Filed  
11:16 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Area Search Negative  
1:14 p.m. Vandalism, High Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised

#### Saturday, May 23

8:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, High Street, No Transport Required  
11:17 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
5:03 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Road, Written Warning  
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

#### Friday, May 22

11:43 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Lincoln Road, Information Taken

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## Obituary

### Melissa A. Hosegood, 55

BARRE – Melissa A. Hosegood, 55, passed peacefully on June 28, 2026, at UMass Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family.

She was born July 5, 1970, to Linda (Guerin) Miller of Barre. Melissa will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 33 years, Richard J.; daughter, Rachael, and son-in-law, Sam; her beloved grandson, Isaac; her mother, Linda; her sister, Karen and her brother, Donald H. Miller III, his wife, Grace, and their children, her cherished nieces and nephews.

Above all else, Melissa was dedicated to her family. She found her greatest joy in spending time with those she loved, whether gathered for celebrations, trips to White



Horse Beach, or just sharing stories and laughter around the campfire.

She loved watching the children in the family grow through the changing seasons. Her kindness,

love, and unwavering support created lasting memories that will be treasured by all who knew her.

Melissa held a deep love for Barre, Massachusetts, the town she proudly called home. Melissa found comfort in the quiet beauty of the outdoors and enjoyed spending time on her porch seeing the wildlife that would visit. She especially enjoyed the warmth of a summer day and cookouts under the big tent.

Friends and family were invited to attend memorial

#### DEATH NOTICE

**Hosegood, Melissa A.**  
Died June 28, 2026

calling hours on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 South Barre Road, Barre. A graveside service will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Barre.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to RFK Community Alliance’s Adult Services day programming, which helps adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities live connected and meaningful lives. Donations may be made online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/adultservicesprograms> or by mail to RFKCA, 971 Main St/, Lancaster, MA 01523. The family appreciates your kindness and support during this difficult time.

## Public Notices

#### BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold public hearing on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards’ Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Diane & Robert Miller for a special permit pertaining to Zoning 140-7B(11), Antiques/Gifts, for property located at 2298 West Street, Assessors Map B, Lot 170 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 71519, Page 0004.

All persons who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman  
07/09, 07/16/2026

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and  
Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO26P2233EA  
Estate of:  
William S Barkentin, III  
Also known as:  
William Slater Barkentin, III  
Date of Death: 05/03/2026  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Rachel R Berthiaume of Ware,**

MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Rachel R Berthiaume of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition 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 08/04/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and**

**may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Kathryn M. Bailey**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 08, 2026

**Stephanie Fattman,**  
Register of Probate

07/16/2026

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07/16, 07/23, 07/30/2026

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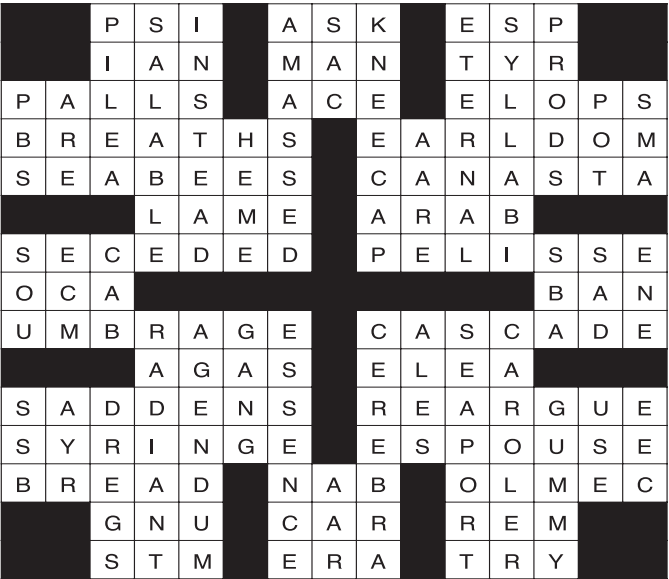
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### Oakham Police Log

#### Monday, May 18

4:30 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency  
6:25 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), New Braintree Road, Area Search Negative  
6:53 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist  
7:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist  
9:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
9:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

#### Tuesday, May 19

5:50 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Spencer Road, Investigated (On-Going)  
5:56 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, East Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency  
10:47 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Negative Contact

#### Wednesday, May 20

8:56 a.m. Public Assist, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

#### Thursday, May 21

2:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative  
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield

# Public Safety

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, May 17**  
1:34 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
2:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
2:03 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Lord Lane, Transported to Hospital  
9:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Bushy Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:15 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
12:19 p.m. Safety Concern, Whitehall Road, Party Departed without Incident  
1 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Barre Paxton Road, Information Taken  
1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Paddock Road, transported to Hospital  
3:20 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Blueberry Lane, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:08 p.m. Complaint, Laurelwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:28 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Referred to Other Agency  
7:40 p.m. Complaint, Prospect Street, Area Search Negative  
5:44 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:25 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Area Search Negative  
10:17 p.m. Complaint, Miles Road, Call Transferred

**Monday, May 18**  
5:36 a.m. Burglary/ Breaking and Entering, Miles Road, Report Filed  
7:35 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Brintnal Drive, Officer/Chief

Advised  
9:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unable to Walk, Mark Circle, Transported to Hospital  
4:19 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
4:22 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Grizzly Drive, Report Filed  
4:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Village Way, Transported to Hospital  
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Baptista, John Michael, 41, West Brookfield  
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
10 p.m. Harassment Serve – Information – Violate, Public Safety Lobby, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Boutiette, Monisa, 52, Rutland  
Charges Harassment Prevention Order, Violate  
8:20 p.m. Property Damage, Richards Avenue, Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, May 19**  
5:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Highland Park Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:32 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Rutland Police Department, Criminal Complaint  
Summons Molina, Alexis, 27, Dallas Texas  
Charges Identify Self, Motor Vehicle Operator Refuse, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:40 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Brunelle Drive, Officer/ Chief Advised  
11:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road,

Written Warning  
11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:06 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Main Street, Returned  
1:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
1:51 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Rutland Police Department, Recovered  
1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:34 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Maple Avenue, Referred to Other Agency  
5:40 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Information Given  
7:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Turkey Hill Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:47 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

**Wednesday, May 20**  
1:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Edson Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
3:21 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pleasantdale Road, Removed from Scene  
7:30 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Information Taken  
7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest Maypothor, Richard A., 34, Worcester  
Charge Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID C90 S23, Number Plate Violation \* C90 S6, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23  
2:27 p.m. Threats, Rutland Police Department, Report Filed  
Summons Williams, Isaiah Christopher, 21, Dudley  
Charges Incendiary, Threat to Commit Crime/ Murder  
2:47 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup  
2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assist  
4:34 p.m. Identity Theft, Michael Drive, Mutual Aid Assist  
8:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Wkildbrook Road, Gone on Arrival  
8:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, May 21**  
7:59 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Charnock Hill Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
2:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative  
3:47 p.m. Property Damage, Miles Road, Report Filed  
4:04 p.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
4:54 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Watson Lane, Information Given  
6:48 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
6:52 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Friday, May 22**  
6:02 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Bushy Lane, Referred to Other Agency  
9:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Valley Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Nelson Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:17 p.m. Safety Concern, Cedar Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised  
12:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Road Cutoff, Transported to Hospital  
2:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Cedar Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
3:53 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:14 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:13 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Turkey Hill Trail, Transported to Hospital  
10:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, May 23**  
12:49 a.m. Safety Concern, River Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:11 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prescott Street, Officer/ Chief Advised  
12:04 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Forest Hill Drive, Information Taken  
12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
3:58 p.m. Bomb Threats/ Found, Rutland Public Safety Lobby, Report Filed  
10:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Area Search Negative

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, May 17**  
12:42 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Pleasant Street, Investigated  
6:40 p.m. Property Damage, Ruggles Lane, Report Filed  
8:05 p.m. Fire – Fumes/ Odor/Gas Leak, Farrington Road, Investigated

**Monday, May 18**  
3:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital  
4:36 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency  
9:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Gauthier Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:02 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, South Street, Returned  
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued  
8:16 p.m. Complaint, Trafalgar Square, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:13 p.m. Threats, Gauthier Road, Peace Restored

9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning  
10:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sibley Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
1:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
Summons Stenman, Justine M., 33, Leicester  
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No  
2:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued  
7:51 p.m. Safety Concern, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
8:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, No Transport Required  
8:23 p.m. Noise Complaint, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact  
9:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Report Filed  
11:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Vernon Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

10:55 a.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned  
12:59 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency  
1:27 p.m. Complaint, Nichols Road, Negative Contact  
2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued  
3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
4:33 p.m. Safety Concern, Nichols Road, Area Patrolled  
5:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, South Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:55 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Old Petersham Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Ruggles Lane, No Transport Required  
8:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, May 21**  
1:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Ruggles Lane, No Transport Required  
8:04 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, South Street, Removed from Scene  
9:37 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, South Street, Information Taken  
4:07 p.m. Complaint, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact  
6:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

6:49 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
9:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning

**Friday, May 22**  
8:17 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other Agency  
9:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Valley Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Nelson Street, Transported to Hospital  
12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning  
7:15 p.m. Unwanted Party, Sheldon Road, Unfounded  
10:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer / Chief Advised  
11:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Austin Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, May 23**  
12:48 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist  
4:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Sunrise Avenue, Area Search Negative  
8:08 p.m. Safety Concern, South Barre Road, Investigated

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 6-13, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/ property checks, 33 directed/ area patrols, 11 radar assignments, two traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, five assist other agencies, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, two safety hazard, one vandalism, one threat, one motor vehicle accident, three animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, July 6**  
9:37 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
11:51 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ridge Road, Report Taken  
2:11 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
3:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered  
4:40 p.m. Medical Emergency, Ridge Road, Patient Refusal  
5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Spoken To

**Tuesday, July 7**  
11:28 a.m. Investigation, Police Department, Spoken To  
4:19 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Pond Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Wednesday, July 8**  
5:59 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:59 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Street, Negative Contact  
12:54 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

1:58 p.m. Safety Hazard, Ruggles Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Thursday, July 9**  
5:04 a.m. 911 Fire/Alarm, Charity Hill Road, Services Rendered  
10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
11:20 a.m. Serve Warrant, Church Lane, Arrest(s) Made  
12:46 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Highland Terrace, Officer Handled  
6:13 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Patient Refusal

**Friday, July 10**  
7:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:53 p.m. Assist Citizen, Broad Street, Officer Handled  
5:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Broad Street, Officer Handled  
7:09 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Greenwich Road, Spoken To

**Saturday, July 11**  
9:04 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Spoken To  
3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Joslyn Road, Written Warning

**Sunday, July 12**  
7:01 p.m. Vandalism, Church Lane, Report Taken  
8:18 p.m. 911 Threat, High Street, Peace Restored  
10:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

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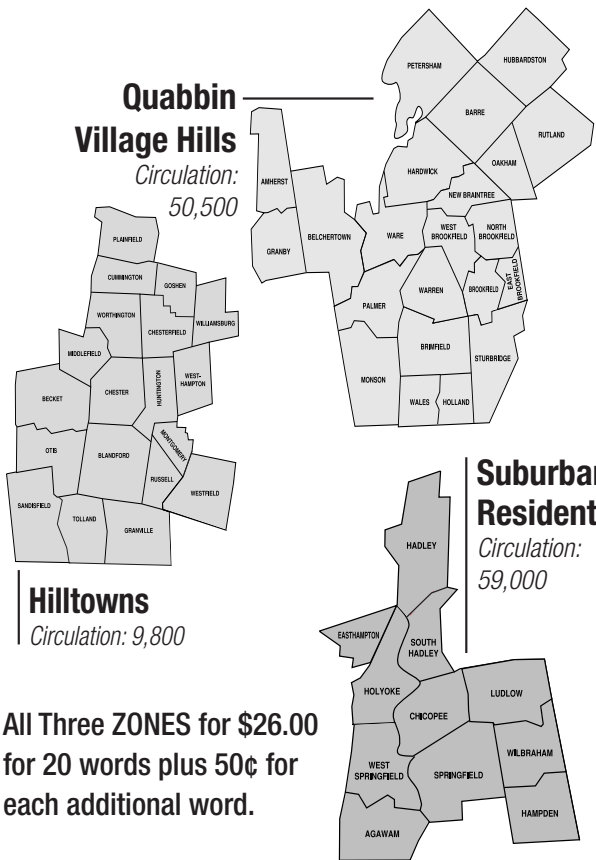
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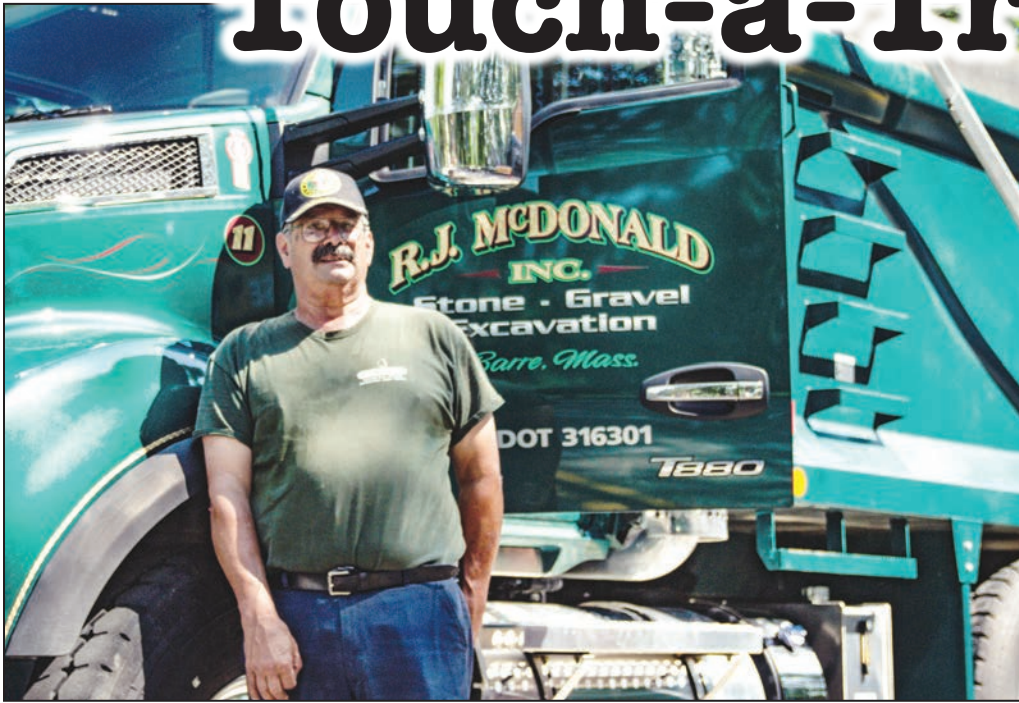


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