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SIRENS & Sizzle

Rescue squad
hosted open house
at new location

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Rescue Squad hosted a fun open house and BBQ dinner known as “Sirens & Sizzle” this past weekend.

The West Brookfield Rescue Squad was founded in 1952 as a volunteer, non-profit ambulance service by eight residents of West Brookfield. Over the years, this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization has evolved and is now a full-time Advanced Life Support service with ambulances with full-time and part-time EMTs and Paramedics.

The Squad provides life-saving care to the communities of West Brookfield, Hardwick, New Braintree and Advanced Life Support in Warren.

The Sirens & Sizzle event featured an open house and a BBQ dinner at the West Brookfield Rescue Squad’s new location at 30 Ware St. The BBQ dinner featured smoked pork and chicken complete with a



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

One of the ambulances is shown at the West Brookfield Rescue Squad which hosted a Sirens & Sizzle open house at their new station.

number of sides and guests also enjoyed some yard games and raffles.

Guests also met members of the Squad and toured their new station.

Brianna Boudreau has worked at the West Brookfield Rescue Squad for over a year and is an EMT and also works in inventory. Boudreau is also the Chair of the Events Committee for the Squad and loves working in this community.

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Members of the West Brookfield Rescue Squad prepared meals in front of their new station off Ware Street in West Brookfield.

Barre receives 25 TA applicants

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – At the Monday, July 7 Select Board meeting, Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis, said he received 25 applicants for the position of Town Administrator.

An ad for the position ran for 30 days through the Massachusetts Municipal Association, an online website and the town of Barre website. The deadline to apply was Monday, June 30. The ad said, “The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or Planning; a minimum of three years of progressively responsible experience in an administrative and/or management position with some supervisory experience preferably in a municipal setting; or Master’s Degree in public or business administration with at least two years’ experi-

ence in local government; MCPPO preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience.”

Interim Town Administrator Balukonis said he was reviewing the applicants. He would present the board with a preliminary list of six and he would recommend three or four of those applicants for the Board to interview.

Select Board Vice Chairman Mark Regienus asked if the deadline should be extended in hopes of getting more candidates. Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said she would hesitate to extend the deadline as it would delay the process of hiring a Town Administrator. The Interim Town Administrator said he did not receive any applicants after the deadline and if he had, they would not be accepted.

Open meeting complaint and records requests

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Quabbin Community Band presents country music

BARRE – The Quabbin Community Band will be presenting a theme of country music at their concert next Sunday, July 20 at 6 p.m. on the Barre Common.

New songs to the band will include a medley of Shania Twain hits, A Symphonic Portrait of John Denver, Dolly Parton’s “9 to 5” and others. This concert will mark the sixth in a nine week series of concerts by the Quabbin Community Band, under the direction of Margaret Reidy.

All concerts begin at 6 p.m. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.



Submitted photo

Ryan Malakie of Ware plays his baritone sax with the Quabbin Community Band on the Barre Common for, “Movie Magic” night presented July 13.

Landine appointed Police Chief at joint SB meeting

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK/NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree and Hardwick Select Boards met during a joint meeting on July 14 to discuss and vote on the next steps following Police Chief Jim Ayotte’s notice of retirement.

Both boards received the notice of retirement let-

ter from Ayotte, who was appointed to the position back in 2011. Ayotte started in the department in the 1990s and his last day will be Aug. 1.

New Braintree Select Board Chair Dennis Letendre, Jr spoke and suggested that both towns should have an internal candidate who is qualified to take over the role as Chief of Police for the Hardwick/New Braintree

Police Department.

Many members of the Police Department attended this joint meeting in support of one qualified candidate. Lieutenant Kevin M. Landine attended the meeting and was the leading candidate chosen to take the position of Chief.

Landine joined the police department in March 2002 at the age of 19. In 2005, Landine was a full-time police officer.

Both New Braintree and Hardwick Boards agreed and had appointed Landine to Chief of Police, effective Aug. 2, 2025.

Landine spoke on the subject regarding other police officer ranks in the department and said he wishes to “continue moving forward in the department.”

Robert Toupin was appointed to Lieutenant and

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Great American Muscle Car Show

First ever car show
pays tribute to U.S.
horsepower

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – Car enthusiasts celebrated our nation’s independence and American-made horsepower at the first ever Great American Muscle Car Show held at Palmer Motorsports Park on July 5.

Hundreds of American muscle cars were on display at the track, ranging from hot rods and gassers, to popular “pony cars” such as Mustangs and Challengers.

This event was sponsored by Sarat Ford Lincoln and Palmer Motorsports Park, along with EMPERFORMANCE. The Valley’s Classic Hits 97.7 gave a live broadcast from the

car show and played tunes for all to enjoy.

All who attended had a variety of food to choose from provided by Buster’s food truck and Monson’s own Cookies by Ray.

Exhibitors lined their cars up and popped the hoods, ready to answer questions about their car’s history with anyone who was interested.

Ed Caplette of Hampden brought his 1968 Jeepster Commando half-cab pickup complete with a custom paint job by artist Michael Raina. Caplette said he has had the Commando for about five years now and he recalled how he dragged it out of a field to bring it home.

“I started with a frame sitting on jack stands,” he said. “I built the whole car.”

Caplette has restored over 50 cars during his career, and he said it usually takes about a year and a half to complete each one.

Caplette said there were about 3,000 models made of the half-cab pickup, which



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Ed Jodoin of Palmer stands with his 1932 Ford So-Cal Highway at the Great American Muscle Car Show at Palmer Motorsports Park on July 5.

was used as farm truck.

An avid car enthusiast, Caplette said he had a “whole bunch” of Camaros and Chevelles and he hopes to one day own a 1955 Chevy gasser – the same year he was born.

Gassers were a popular vehicle at the Great American Muscle Car Show, especially Bob Desroches’ 1949 Chevy.

Desroches owns Bob’s Auto in Spencer, and he has had the vintage racecar for

close to 30 years.

“I bought it as a hot rod in 1998,” he said. “It’s been the love of my life.”

Bob’s Auto does automobile repair and specializes in vintage cars, work which he

described as being “years of acquiring parts.”

He’s added some unique features to this 27 year-build, including a new style, 6-speed manual transmission, and next up is the paint job. The gasser is fast enough to be a street car and does well in nostalgia races.

Joining Desroches was his friend Eric Hubert from Rhode Island, who drove up in his mint condition 1986 Pontiac Trans Am.

Hubert said he’s had this car since this past October, which he bought from its first owner with just 81,000 miles on it.

“It’s a true original car,” Hubert said.

Hubert said he bought the Trans Am because it was the same type of car he drove in high school. The only difference being that his first Trans Am was a 1985.

“It’s the identical twin to my high school car,” he said. “Same interior, same color,

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Barre Players holds auditions

The Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., will hold auditions for the world premiere of "Prima Verde Inn" on July 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. This horror-comedy is by Peter and Teresita Brimms and directed by Anthony Masciangioli. To schedule an audition time, people should click on Barre Players: Barre Players Auditions for Prima Verde Inn.

National Night Out takes place Aug. 5

Quabbin National Night Out

The Fourth Annual Quabbin National Night Out takes place Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St.

This event is sponsored by Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group and the Quabbin Regional School District.

Rep. Berthiaume office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. On Tuesday, Aug. 19 office hours are at the Barre Senior Center from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Barre Food Pantry

The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, July 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients July 17 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

No.4 Schoolhouse seeks donations

BARRE – Summer in New England is full of outdoor fun and summer projects.

People, who have been by the No.4 Schoolhouse, they may have noticed the lawn being mowed, additional perennials and expanding gardens. All of this is donated and maintained by the members and friends. People may have also heard the hammers and power tools at work on the schoolhouse itself these past weeks.

As with all older buildings, the harsh New England weather takes its toll. Upkeep is vital to maintain a safe and sturdy structure that will continue to endure over time. This type of vital upkeep is best completed by a professional.

Those hammers and power tools are being operated by a hired professional contractor for the immediate needs. These repairs do not come as a surprise. At every annual meeting, which is open to all members, discussions on maintenance, upkeep, financial standing and community programming continue. To best serve the community and the overall operations of the schoolhouse, despite the financial burden, members have taken steps to ensure best care and upkeep of this historic building. The last major renovation and major fundraising event was over a decade ago.

Multiple generations, members, friends and supporters of all ages hold a special place in their hearts for the No. 4 Schoolhouse. Over the years, people have shown this through their participation, volunteerism and financial support. To continue these traditions, maintain the historic building, continue hosting the Ruggles Lane third grade class history field trip, provide activities, holiday parties and hopefully expand the programming, the No. 4 is asking for financial assistance.

The future of the No.4 Schoolhouse needs action now Without strong ongoing community support the No. 4 Schoolhouse cannot stand on its own. They also welcome volunteers to bring their ideas and help with activities, fundraising, expanding programming, light upkeep and more.

Currently the greatest and most pressing need is financial. To fund the vital immediate needed repairs, the No. 4 Schoolhouse Inc. has been drawing down their existing funds, actively pursuing grants and other means of support. As of yet, the schoolhouse committee has not been awarded a grant or major funding, but they will persist. Please consider financial support now, at this critical time, to the No. 4 Schoolhouse. Make no mistake the impact of each donation is significant to help to keep the No.4 Schoolhouse operational. No donation is too big or too small and consider breaking payments down into manageable ongoing monthly contributions. The No.4 Schoolhouse is a nonprofit organization making donation tax deductible.

To volunteer or if people have specific questions, they may email No4Schoolhouse@gmail.com

They accept Venmo and people can find them at @no4schoolhouse or use their phone camera to scan the QR Code. People may mail donations to The No.4 Schoolhouse, Inc., P.O.Box 85, Barre MA 01005-0085



People may scan this QR Code to make a donation to the No. 4 Schoolhouse, Farrington Road, Barre.



OAKHAM

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Podiatry clinic available by appointment

Podiatry clinics are held in the Oakham Senior Center, lower level of Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road by appointment only. People should call 508-882-4073 and a volunteer will return their call. Clinics are held Mondays, July 21, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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Senior center news

On Tuesday, July 22 there will be blood pressure/glucose testing from 11 a.m.-noon. On Tuesday, July 22 there will be SNAP benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome and there is no age restrictions. Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon; walking group Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m.(meet at Senior Center);Tuesday through Thursday walking group at 11 a.m. (meet at Senior Center) and Thursdays at noon weigh in at the Senior Center for the support weight loss group. People may be added to the text message group by calling the Senior center at 508-882-4073 and leaving their cell phone number. Wednesdays at 9 a.m.:Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center. There is a \$3 donation per class. Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness at the New Braintree Town Hall takes place; \$3 donation per class. Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m.

Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072. Lunch brunch meets the third Friday of the month. This Friday, July 18 the group will go to the new Clam Box. There is a sign up sheet at the Senior center main room.

If people can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up, or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

Town Clerk lists special election information

BARRE – Town Clerk Ellen Glidden announces the last day and time to register to vote for the town of Barre's, Aug. 5 Special Proposition 2 1/2 Override Election is Friday, July 25 by 5p.m.

The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Friday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for residents who wish to register to vote in person. Online Voter Registration, Vote By Mail Applications, Voter Status, Ballot Status and drop box location are available online at www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/

Sample ballot, warrant and election deadlines are available from the towns website by visiting www.townofbarre.com and also www.mytowngovernment.org

There will be both early vote by mail and absentee ballots available for this elections by sending in an application or by contacting the Town Clerk's Office clerk@townofbarre.com or 978-355-2504 extension 5. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office or online.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of July 7. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Vegetable cheese bake, herbed potatoes, Jardiniere vegetables, mixed fruit, pumpernickel bread

TUESDAY – Banh Mi pork with sauce, carrots, Coleslaw, baked cinnamon pears, sandwich roll, mayo

WEDNESDAY – Chicken vegetable stir fry, rice pilaf, summer corn, fresh fruit, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Beef Bourguignon, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli and carrots, birthday cake, diet = half piece cake, Italian bread

FRIDAY – Lentil stew with cheese, steamed rice, peas and carrots, Rice Krispy Treat, marble rye bread

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

Have something to share?

Send your stories and photos to edowne@turley.com

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Editorial deadline reminder

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Select Board – July 21 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – July 22 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – July 24 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 6 at 12:30 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.
 911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.

HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – July 21 at 3 p.m.
 Planning Board – July 22 at 6:30 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – July 23 at 7 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – July 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 31 and Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council On Aging – Aug. 6 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Aug. 7 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 12 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – July 17 at 6 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – July 21 at 6 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Aug. 18 at 11 a.m.-noon
 Planning Board – Aug. 20 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – July 21, Aug. 4 and Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – July 21 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – July 17, July 31, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – July 17 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – July 22 at 7:30 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – July 23 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – July 17 at 6 p.m.

Sheriff's Office introduces staff therapy dog

WORCESTER – Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office are rolling out a new program with the help of an English Labrador Retriever named Milo.

The Sheriff's Office has established a staff-centric Therapy Dog Unit to enhance staff well-being, reduce workplace stress and create a more supportive environment for all employees within the facility.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is held to high standards by various state and national organizations. Since 2008, the Sheriff's Office has consistently met the American Correctional Association's standards, which emphasize officer training, facility management and staff well-being. With the introduction of the Therapy Dog Unit, the Sheriff's Office aims to exceed these established standards and continue to prioritize staff welfare.

Officer Lindsay McNamara, a nearly 10-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, will serve as Milo's handler. Officer McNamara had previously served in various WCSO units, including receiving, classifications, and line operations. In her new role, Officer McNamara will oversee Milo's daily training and responsibilities around the facilities. This will ensure the Therapy Dog Unit provides emotional and mental health support to employees around the clock.

"We've been looking into this type of program for years," commented Sheriff Evangelidis. "After speaking with partners in corrections across the state who have existing therapy dog programs, we determined this program would bring tremendous value to our daily operations."

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office currently employs around 600 individuals and has continuously been dedicated to creating a supportive and positive work environment.

"I'm honored to step into this role alongside Milo, supporting the team I've worked with for over a decade," said Officer McNamara. "Stressful situations are a daily occurrence in any jail



Milo, an English Labrador Retriever is the new staff therapy dog at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

or house of corrections, but we have systems in place to help employees manage stress. By combining my experience in corrections with the skills that Milo will develop through hundreds of hours of training, we'll be able to respond to various situations to connect with staff and help reduce anxiety and stress."

Therapy dogs have been proven to show a decrease in stress for individuals exposed to high-stress environments or traumatic situations. While Milo and Officer McNamara will make their usual rounds in the facility to promote a positive atmosphere, they will also be there to help after critical incidents, working alongside a variety of teams, including Critical Incident Stress Management, Military Peer Support, and other programs focused on employee well-being.

"Just like police, fire, and other first responders, corrections officers have demanding and challenging jobs," remarked Sheriff Evangelidis. "Access to mental health resources is crucial for ensuring our employees remain safe, happy, and healthy. Milo has made an immediate impact on the WCSO staff who work diligently to keep the residents of Worcester County safe."

The necessity for mental health support within the Sheriff's facility is important.

More than half of the individuals, who are incarcerated at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction experience some sort of mental health illness. In addition to various internal K9 programs, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office partners with the Animal Assisted Therapy Services of Massachusetts. Through a contract with AaTS, therapy dog handlers visit certain populations within the facility to help lower stress levels and reduce tensions among inmates in the housing blocks.

Sheriff Evangelidis emphasized that prioritizing the mental health and well-being of staff leads to better outcomes for inmates. When employees are supported and maintain mental resilience, they can engage with inmates constructively and professionally. This approach fosters a more rehabilitative environment within the facility. Ultimately, it contributes to improved outcomes for incarcerated individuals. With the establishment of the Therapy K9 Unit, the Sheriff's Office reaffirms its commitment to the wellness of both its staff and the overall mission of rehabilitation.

People may visit www.WorcesterCountySheriff.com to learn more about the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

HUBBARDSTON

by Ellenor Downer
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Wendy Howes to lead nature hike

Wendy Howes will lead a hike at the Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area on Sunday, July 27 from 9:30 a.m. to mid-day. Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area features several roadside fields and wooded paths and trails. People can usually expect a good variety of butterfly and bird species. They'll initially look and listen for late-summer breeding bird species and their fledglings, as well as unexpected birds that may already have dispersed from their usual nesting areas. When the sun warms the landscape, they should start to see butterflies foraging in the fields. There are opportunities to use shaded areas if it becomes uncomfortably hot. If there is interest, they'll visit a nearby DCR-owned property in search of silver-bordered fritillary. Participants should bring water and snacks. People should use natural insect repellents only. People must pre-register by emailing warrivernatureclub@yahoo.com. Butterfly watchers may choose to arrive later than 9:30 a.m. and should let that be known when registering.

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Senior Center

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

Finn Park to hold dance and barbecue

RUTLAND – A Scandinavian dance will be held on Saturday July 19 from 7-10 p.m. at Sovittaja Hall, Finn Park, located off Pleasantdale Road.

Admission is \$8 and refreshments will be served. On Sunday, July 27 the 54th annual chicken barbecue will be held 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Finn Park, road off Pleasantdale Road. Tickets are \$18 and must be secured in advance by calling 508-365-3062. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – Summer Reading, Level Up at Your Library, offering special programs and activities, prizes and lots of good books to borrow, is on now through Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Participants should have their readingLog checked each week to receive a ticket for prizes

LEGO building takes place on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. Participants may build a Lego

creation for display in the library with a picture on Facebook

Story Time takes place Wednesdays at 11 a.m. There will be stories, crafts, science and games.

On Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m., Laura Dusha Nelson will talk about "The Journey Before Us."

They will talk about their future, learn what "living fully" can mean for people and their family as an aging adult including health, wellness and navigating

their options for end-of-life preparedness.

On Saturday, July 19 at 1 p.m. Hardwick Haymakers will hold a wiffle ball game at Goddard Field next to the Paige Library. People can cheer on the Hardwick Haymakers, Hardwick's vintage baseball team, as they prepare to play the Westfield Wheelmen. Rain date is Sunday, July 20.

Other activities include: Thursday, July 22 ukulele workshop from 6-7:30 p.m. with

David Maloof at the Town House; Thursday, July 24 at 3 p.m. make a Tic-Tac-Toe game to take home and Tuesday, July 29 from 3-5 p.m. Bingo with prizes

For more information and to sign up to register for library programs, people may email

Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704. Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Opinion

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

In the eye (or nose) of the beholder

So many things in life are a matter of preference, and there is no exception when it comes to likes and dislikes in the garden.

Take, for example, the hydrangea in my front yard that is truly a kaleidoscope of blues, purples and magenta. My husband prefers all blue hydrangea flowers, and would love if I would give the bush a watering of "Miracid" so that it will conform more to his liking.

But alas, I tend to enjoy the circusy feel, and will probably continue to let it do its thing without any help from me. Likewise, if you prefer the pink shades instead, you can use lime to make the soil more alkaline.

Do you ever wonder how this process works? It's a matter of making aluminum ions more readily available or not, and that process is pH dependent.

Another area where he and I tend to disagree is whether or not Bugbane, *Actaea* (formerly *Cimifuga*) *racemosa*, deserves a place in our perennial border. The plant is really unique, in that it sends up loads of four-five foot tall white flower spikes, even in the shade.

It's a beefy plant once full grown. I consider it a "specimen" like the Peony or Baptisia, where one will do the trick.

The flowers are blooming now and will continue to put on a show for a good few weeks.

So, you ask, what is the problem? Simply put, it's the smell. The plant reeks. It's all for good, though, since the acrid smell lures flies to pollinate it!

My husband loathes the smell and has given it the not so nice nickname of "stinky flesh plant." I am not sure how he came up with that, but each year he is always pretty vocal about the stench when it is in bloom.

As a sidebar, the flies are doing their job, in turn making viable seeds. I know this for certain, since a few of them have sprouted over the years. Welcome volunteers, at least as far as I am concerned!

What is the consensus on Hosta flowers? Should they stay or go? I used to be of the "go" camp until earlier this morning, in fact,

when I saw a hummingbird frequenting the blossoms! That changed my mind in a hurry.

While it's true that Hostas are better known for their foliage which is often beautifully variegated, the light lilac flowers are pretty in their own right. A handful of pendulous bells hang from the tips of the stems that seem to float above the foliage.

Hostas are not very demanding and are best known for their use in a shady border. Most will burn if planted in the sun, although golden leaved varieties seem to fair better in sunnier locales. In general, most varieties look great paired with Astilbe and Ferns.

I've mentioned the "take it or leave it" attitude in prior columns towards the smell of Marigolds. I am definitely a "take it" girl on this one. In fact, the fragrance, in and of itself, transports me back to the Grange Hall of my youth and their annual summer fair where I would, and still do enter the flowers in the "Cut Flower" category.



Both the larger doubled petal African and the smaller French types are represented. Besides looking good in the vase, Marigolds are said to repel aphids and other insects from neighboring plants, and supposedly even able to keep underground nematodes at bay.

Maybe they are worth the odor. Or maybe the fragrance? You be the judge.

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In Past Pages

Note: I received an email identifying two of the people in the pie eating contest photo, which ran July 10 in the Look Back. The first girl is Suzanne Goodwin Harty and the girl next to her is Sherry Stevens McDonald.

5 years (July 23, 2020)

In early June a group of local auto enthusiasts approached the Barre Lions Club to see if the club would be interested in sponsoring a Vintage Car event. What they had in mind was an organized ride around Barre and portions of central Massachusetts. Discussion led to possibly doing something either before or after the Fourth of July. The Barre Lions Club met on June 17 and discussed the possibilities. There was much discussion, but the overall feeling was that it would take too much time, effort, running around and seeking permission from towns, police departments and local agencies. The final decision was to go ahead with an "informal ride," led by private citizens on Saturday, July 11.

Selectmen held interviews for five candidates for the position of long-term Town Administrator last Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16. Wednesday they interviewed Evan Kenney and Jessica Sizer. Thursday they interviewed Jordan Remy, Adam Menard and Sean O'Brien. The board interviewed both Kenney and Sizer for the Interim Town Administrator and selected Sizer for that position. Selectmen asked each candidate eight questions during a 30 minute time slot.

The Department of Education required all school districts to prepare a feasibility study for school opening this fall. At last Thursday night Quabbin Regional School District Committee meeting, Superintendent Dr.

Look Back Golden Ages – 1983



Barre Golden Ages and Grange held an event on Oct. 14, 1983.

Sheila Muir gave a presentation on the three scenarios for school that must be submitted to the Department of Education: in person instruction, totally remote learning and a hybrid model of the first two options. Supt. Muir said her presentation was not to be adopted by the school committee, but a plan required by state and filed by all school districts.

10 years (July 23, 2015)

The sun shined brightly on the unveiling of two scenic byway kiosks last Thursday. The kiosks along Route 122, one located in the Coldbrook Springs Village in Oakham and the other in White Valley, Barre, displayed a map and photos. Two years ago, in 2005, Governor Mitt Romney signed into law legislation naming Route 233 a scenic byway. The byway includes a 40 mile section of Route 122 from Paxton, Rutland, Oakham, Barre, Petersham, New Salem to Orange. The "Lost Villages" section of Route 122 got its name from the many settled areas that were "lost" mainly as a

result of the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir and its aqueduct system. Besides the four towns of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott, today mostly under the waters of the Quabbin Reservoir, villages included Mill Village, West Rutland, Coldbrook Springs, White Valley and Nichewaug.

The Oakham Youth Fair will celebrate its 52nd anniversary on Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Wright Memorial Field, Ware Corner Road, Oakham. Co-founders, Eva Grimes and Doris Warner, started the fair up so Oakham youths would have a place to show their cattle, sheep, rabbits, fruits, vegetables and flowers. Doris Warner and her family remained active in the fair until her death in the early 1980s. Eva Grimes along with her nieces and nephews continue to "run" this fair. When the tow women started the fair, the town had active 4-H Clubs and many of the youths came from a farm background.

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Why can't I get my Social Security payment plus my Railroad Pension from my ex-spouse?

Dear Rusty:

I have a question. I now get a Railroad Pension from my ex-husband. I did not know it was from the Social Security Administration. I want to collect my SS benefits and my Railroad pension. Can I do that? I do not understand why I cannot collect both. Please advise.

Thank you. Signed: Railroad Ex-spouse

Dear Railroad Ex-spouse:

Railroad pension benefits and Social Security benefits are fully coordinated – that is, your Railroad pension payment from your ex-spouse already includes your earned Social Security retirement benefit. That's because the two government agencies, Railroad Retirement Board and Social

Security Administration work together and pay your benefits in one single payment, usually managed by the RRB if some of your benefit includes a railroad pension component. The RRB and SSA are two separate government agencies, but they fully coordinate benefits for beneficiaries.

This is exactly the same as if you were collecting regular SS ex-spouse benefits instead of RR benefits from your ex-husband; your personal SS retirement benefit is always paid first, and you receive an additional amount (a spousal boost) from your ex-husband. In your case,



your "spousal boost" is the difference between your personally earned SS retirement benefit at your Full Retirement Age and half of your ex-husband's Tier I Railroad retirement benefit amount at his full retirement age. A railroad pension usually consists of two pieces – a Tier I benefit and a Tier II benefit, with Tier I benefits being the equivalent of the pensioner's Social Security.

Your ex-spouse benefits under the RRB are handled the same way. The two

agencies fully coordinate with each other, evaluate your SS entitlement, and then reduce the amount of your RRB Tier

I ex-spouse benefit by your SS retirement amount and pay both amounts together. In this way, you only get one payment, consisting of both your earned SSA component and the RRB component. And whenever there is a railroad component, the RRB is usually responsible for making pension payments.

You may find the information at this RRB website helpful: https://rrb.gov/RRB-9/Social_Security_Benefits and you can also contact your local RRB field office by

accessing this link: <https://www.rrb.gov/Field-Office-Locator>.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is another hot and humid week.

We did get a couple of rainy nights so I did not have to water the potted plants. Day lilies are very nice this year and it seems a new variety comes out each day. I have to dead-head them though and that is a daily chore. That is why they call them daylilies.

I noticed on my weekly drive to get groceries in Gardner that the old fashioned orange day lilies are everywhere. They are colorful. I used to have one of those bright yellow ones, but I do not see it in bloom anywhere. I do have a lot of hybrids. They love the sun and it is hard to find at Serenity Hill.

I took my folder of blueberry recipes and two books I have on blueberry recipes out to see what I plan to make now that blueberry season is here. My handyman picked me enough wild berries to make a blueberry cake and will serve it with lemon sauce. Ken always mentions that his mother used to sere the lemon sauce so I had to look up a recipe for it.

In my folder I noticed I had made a list of so many things you can make with blueberries. This is what I had on my list: cupcakes, cakes, muffins, pies, scones, pancakes, waffles,

jam, jelly, salads, breads, ice cream, crisps, grouts, shortcakes, sauces, squares, rolls, tortes, gingercake and cheesecake to name a few.

I was reading one of the blueberry recipe books and it said to never freeze blueberries with sugar as it toughens them. They recommend you place the berries on a cookie sheet and freeze them and then put them in freezer containers. I do prefer the wild berries for the pies but sometimes we just have the cultivated ones.

Here is a recipe for blueberry refrigerator jam

BLUEBERRY REFRIGERATOR JAM

1 pound blueberries
3/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoon lemon juice
Simmer for 8 to 12 and cool and refrigerate. Makes 2 cups.

This and That

Next week I will be celebrating my 89th birthday. Not sure if I should call it celebrating or surviving. Each year it gets a little harder to do the many things I enjoy, but I keep on plugging.

This week my handyman gave me a gift and I made him a gift of it. I won't tell you what as he reads this column and I have not given it to him yet.

Some of the projects I sewed this week include a wallhanging of a patridge

in a pear tree, pumpkins and crows, snowmen and stars. I also used some fabric that my youngest daughter gave me to make sleeves to hold my picture frames in that I store. I like to change my pictures for seasons so I have a lot of pictures stored under the bed in totes and in closets. I try to keep them by seasons. I especially like to make fall items.

I am especially proud of my only granddaughter, who just got elected to Time Magazines of 100 Contendores. She was awarded it at a ceremony recently. I watch her on Ipad daily. She loves to give fashion shows of her outfits also.

I picked some greens from my planters on the deck, but there are no blossoms on the pepper plants yet. The plants are growing daily.

Another mystery is no buds on the butterfly bush either. Maybe it is too early. The hydrangea's are making a very nice show in all colors. I did pick some to put in a vase. It was recommended in Yankee Magazine to cut them on an angle, put the stems in boiling water and then in cold water and they are doing well. In the fall, I will pick some to dry.

Have a good week, enjoy the summer days and keep smiling.

Quabbin Middle School lists honor roll

Sixth grade high honors

Sixth grade students making high honors are: Julianna Bienvenu, Ava Blancato, Vincent Broten, Jaysen Cassano, Cameron Charpentier, Charley Chauvin, Ayla Clark, John Cook, Anna Coomey, Ella Critelli, Joey DeMalia, Matthew Flamand, Andrew Fuller, Asher Griffith, Madilyn Houle, Silas Howe, Ryan LaRange, Maishao Lee, Brady Malin, Adalyn McHugh, Kayla McHugh, Sawyer Minton, Theodore Minton, Annaleigh Moncoeur, Nolan O'Connor, Ximena Palomera Espinoza, Liam Shaw, Weston Stukus Barrieau, Brayden Surprenant, Hana Mae Tousignant and Joseph Youngstrom.

Sixth grade honors

Sixth grade students making honors are: Nevaeh Andrews, Prince Asare, Aubrianna Babineau, Asher Baker, Zachary Barre, Jacob Blanchard, Talasyn Boissoneau, Alistair Bombfield, Caleb Caban, Josie Castell, Olivia Coates, Ryan Colgate, Hannah Cutler, Ethan Donaldson, Hannah Dube, Maximus German, Jude Gomes, Brynny Gould, Lincoln Graves, Joseph Haley, Colby Hill, James Jackson, Nathan Kearchner, Levi Kniskern, Allison Kolenda, Kaydence Landry, Walker Larson, Ilyanna Lynch, Carter Majoy, Logan Mellor, Lucy Merrill, Adalia Miller, Havenanna Morley, Avriendha O'Neill, Evelyn Palladino, Bryce Pariseau, Bentley Parker, Logan Peters, Oliver Poulin, Lillian Roohan, Cooper Sampson, Emily Schur, Ava Sherblom,

Sophia Small, Andie St. Clair, Landon Swindlehurst, Amelia Theriault, Kenzie Thorpe, Regan Toohill, Emma Veinotte, Anthony Wade, Everett Weisman, Brady White and Brady Williams.

Seventh grade high honors

Students making high honors are Saylor Bissonnette, Julia Blanchard, Winter Boyea, Eliza Brown, Joyce Brown, Emily DeMalia, Brody Despres, Maria Hamm, Nolan Herrick, Aimee Ickler, Evelyn Johnson, Pele Johnson, Caiden Lance, Ava Maxim, Cameron McDonald, Madeline Omasta, Sebastian Palomera-Espinoza, Owen Pears, Evelyn Priestly, Madeleine Proulx, Autumn Rector, Lily Ryan, Avery Sequin, Emma Stauder, Fiona Stevens, Katy Twarog and Elizabeth Welch.

Seventh grade honors

Students making seventh grade honors are Albert Afonso, Brady Aiesi, Addyson Barringer, Caleb Brouillet, Jack Castell, Brayden Clark, Henry Corbett, Preston D'Amato, Sophia Dittami, Lane Fagnoli, Benjamin Fisher, Gabriel Fleury, Addison Ford, Eden Fortier, Lucas Gaspar, Meaghan Glidden, Emily Johnson, Brynn Kelly, Noah Kelter, Amy Landrin, Theodore Langer, Grace Lantagne, Maggie Leander, Mathieu LeBlanc, Jack Leclair, Alessandrea Lewis, Bree May, Valerie Metterville, Brayden Nadeau, Jonathan Nunes, Isabella Pena, Thomas Schoonmaker, Andrew Scott, Hannah Shotwell, Madalyn Simons, Daisy Stevens, Rowan Valley, Maggie Ward, Charlie White, Lila Wilson, Skylar Wisniewski, Raegyn

Wnek and Lola Zantouliadis.

Eighth grade high honors

Students making eighth grade high honor are Alison Baptiste, Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Fiona Derr, Brynn Dunphy, Maya Faucher, Xavier Fjeld, Silas Flint, Nathan Gingras, Oliva Gregory, Hayston Hay, Madisyn Hill, Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Sage McQueston, Lunabelle Moore, Gemma Mullins, Greyson Mullins, Olivia O'Connor, Whitney Reeves, Chloe Richardson, Sophia Rogers, Ava Rogowski, Madisyn Shotwell, Annabelle Silver, Adele Strickland, Addison Surprenant, Michael Tabares, Robert Tobin, John Tyler, Robyn Waltz and Jack Wynne.

Eighth grade honors

Students making eighth grade honors are: Olivia Abbas-Peck, Emma Ackert, Adeelya Andrade, Caleb Conway-Dias, Joseph Cook, Alexandra Cullen, Gabriel DelGiudice, Jeremy DeMoranville, Landon Devine, Cecelia DiMartino, Ariyana Donofrio, Tyler Ellis, Lindsay Fors, Juliana Guilderson, Madison Haley, Kiara Hanny-Rivera, Sawyer Harmon, Eli Hunter, Avery Hyland, Aubrey Lawson, Weston Letendre, Allie Lipiec, Aixamary Maldonado, Sarah Neal, William O'Neill, Quinn Ouimette, Kimberly Riendeau, Jacob Rosario, Amelia Ruis, Zoey Salvador, Alexis Savary, Deven Skinner, Brianna Souza, Rosalie Stark, Launa Tran, Maxwell Wade and Gareth White.

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August hours are Monday, Aug. 11 from 9-9:45 a.m. at Ware Town Hall; Hardwick

Town Hall from 10-11 a.m.; West Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and Brookfield Town Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 13 office hours are: Leicester Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m. Howe Village in Spencer from 10-11 a.m. with Tammy Ruda from Rep Marsi's office and Wednesday, Aug. 13 East Brookfield Senior Center

from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

On Monday, Aug. 18 office hours are: Oakham Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m.; New Braintree Town Hall from 10-10:45 a.m. and North Brookfield Town Hall from 11 a.m.-noon.

On Tuesday, Aug. 19 office hours are: Barre Senior Center from 9:30-10:15 a.m. and Hubbardston Senior Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Society opened the Brewer archive this spring. Housed in a newly built room of the coach house and Allen Gallery, it recreated his Senate office on Beacon Hill. The desk, furniture, photos, numerous newspaper clippings, awards, wall quilt, replica of the "Toy Town (Winchendon) wooden rocking horse and a portrait of Sen. Stephen M. Brewer of Barre painted by Robert Harris filled the room. The life sized portrait of Brewer had to the senator's lets a bust of President Abraham Lincoln dressed like a Roman Senator. Lincoln and President John F. Kennedy were political leaders that Brewer in his long career emulated and often quoted.

25 years (July 20, 2000)

The Barre Board of Selectmen, members of the Planning Board and Town Counsel James Baird went into executive session to discuss litigation. The town is facing a challenge from a cellular communications company, which was denied permits to construct two towers in town. Before going into executive session, Selectmen appointed Bernie Jwaszewski as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectmen met with the Planning Board and voted Leonard Murphy a member of the Planning Board until the next town election.

Stetson School continued to grow. The newest building to join the sea of yellow on South Street was officially opened on Wednesday,

June 28. Three hundred invited guests attended the dedication of Palson Lodge, Stetson's second new residence in as many years. A chicken barbecue was prepared and served on the main lawn. Afterward guests gathered at the entrance to Palson Lodge, located at the northeast corner of campus, directly behind Connington Lodge.

Marine Corps Pfc. Jesse Gadarowski, son of Stacia Williams of Barre, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parrish Island, South Carolina and promoted to his current rank. Gadarowski successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Gadarowski and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Gadarowski spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand to hand combat and assorted weapons training.

38 years (July 23, 1987)

A Resource Recovery Facility may be in the works for Barre according to Michael Huppert, chairman of the Barre Board of Health. Town officials discussed that possibility and several related issues at the Barre Selectmen's meeting last Monday, July 20. Huppert announced that the Barre BOH "anticipates that

Resource Control Inc and Vicon Recovery Systems, Inc. will submit an application for a new site assignment sit in the near future." The facility would be similar to a plant currently operating in Pittsfield as well as a plant near completion in Rutland, Vermont, according to an information packet distributed by the BOH. "The Resource Recovery Facility will take in a combination of household, commercial and industrial wastes. Besides burning these types of waste, the Recovery Facility will generate steam, which in turn will be used to produce electricity."

The North Brookfield 175th Anniversary Celebration begins Friday, July 24 at 6 p.. with the opening of a Country Store at the Senior Citizens Center and the 7 p.m. opening of the Historical Museum in the Haston Public Library and ends on Sunday with a Festival Parade at 12:30 p.m. and a large Fireman's Muster following. There will be more than 3,000 persons participating in the parade itself, 23 bands from all over New England with one from Canada, the Shriners marching group, numerous floats and much, much more.

The Barre Community Fair will be held on Sunday, July 28 at Felton Field and promises to be full of excitement and fun for all ages. The following is a list of times for scheduled events: 9 a.m. the fair starts with the open horse show and flea market and 10 a.m. the cattle, sheep and rabbit shows begin.

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SIRENS & SIZZLE
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Sizzle, the West Brookfield Rescue Squad is looking to raise money to purchase new life-saving equipment to better serve the communities they support. Several squad members, including Boudreau, were giving tours of the new station that was once an auto maintenance garage.

The Squad has seen an increase in staff and equipment, and a new space was needed. The new station off Ware Street has more bays for the Squad's ambulances as well as a lounge space for the staff. The plan is to soon install a kitchen in the lounge area and include a stove and a sink.

There is a new training room at the new West Brookfield Rescue Squad station, and the Events Committee is planning to use the space to provide more activities for the community.

There will be training and classes for CPR and first aid. These classes are for local businesses and for anyone who wants to learn.



Shown from left to right, Erica, Kylee, Ware Firefighter Matt and retired firefighter Dolan enjoying a nice BBQ meal at the Sirens & Sizzle open house.

The new station also has bunk rooms for the staff who work around the clock, or 24-hour shifts. One of the garage bays for the ambulance also includes inventory of supplies the Squad needs for their emergency services.

As of 2025, the West Brookfield Rescue Squad has two active ambulances

with EMTs and paramedics. Having a gathering event such as the Sirens & Sizzle lets people know that the Squad is dedicated to the communities they serve.

"Show the community we want to be involved with them," Boudreau said.

Boudreau is from Hardwick and says she loves working at the West

Brookfield Rescue Squad and loves the community.

Helping with the parking for the event is Rescue Squad Captain Ryan Bateman. The Captain has been involved in EMS for 15 years and was appointed to Captain earlier this year.

Bateman said the Squad was in need of a new space

as they grew out of the previous one.

The Sirens & Sizzle also had a booth featuring West Brookfield Rescue Squad subscriptions for guests to learn about their services and possibly sign up. Members of the Squad were available to take any questions guests had.

The West Brookfield

Rescue Squad hosts and participates in multiple local events and fundraisers each year. Proceeds from these events such as Sirens & Sizzle help the Squad purchase and maintain equipment to provide the best care and services in the communities they support.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Yard games and BBQ meals were enjoyed at the West Brookfield Rescue Squad's Sirens & Sizzle event.

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Interim Town Administrator Balukonis said he received an open meeting complaint last week. The allegation contained ten different open meeting law violations. As a companion to this, he said his office received a public records request asking to provide a lot of insurance coverage information the town has specifically regarding liability to civil rights claims.

He said these requests take significant time on his part, town counsel and other town officials. He said the number of public

records requests and open meeting law complaints were "far greater than my experience in my 42 years." He said it required a lot of work for the Administrative Assistant Sandy Hood and himself and said it was "a great interruption to the administration of the town and hoped going forward it could be resolved."

Vice Chairman Regienus said all the request should be put on the Board's meeting agenda so residents know what these requests are costing the town. The same individuals are making the requests and the request have cost the town \$2,400 in Town Counsel

expenses. He said in his opinion it "undermines the daily operation of the town."

Fire contract

Select Board Member Richard Stevens, who was involved in the negotiation process, said the Fire Department union approved the contract. The Board voted to approve their contract with the Fire Department union. Chairman Marshall thanked him for his work and his expertise.

Grant writer position

Vice Chairman Regienus said the town would benefit from having a part-time grant writer. He said some

of the grants over administration fees as well. He proposed advertising for a part-time grant writer for the town. The Board approved his motion and asked the Interim Town Administrator to advertise the position.

Legal costs

Select Board member Stevens said both before and after the Annual Town Meeting there were many comments on Facebook about how much Town Counsel's investigation against Board member Mark Regienus cost. He said it was \$134,176. Chairman Marshall said the town used American

Rescue Plan Act funds to cover the cost. She said Town Counsel should have the report available to the public by August and it would be available to the public on the town website (<https://www.townofbarre.com>). She said the report may have redactions.

Other business

The Select Board approved a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment for all town employees not covered either through union contracts or individual contracts. Town Clerk Ellen Glidden made a correction in the hourly rate of Wendy Grysowka from \$18.97 to \$19.82 per hour.

The corrected amount for this employee in the Town Clerk's office was included in the motion.

The Department of Public Works, Fire and Police Departments all have union contracts. The Department of Public Works Superintendent, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Town Administrator all have individual contracts.

The Board also approved new hourly rates for three Fire Department employees. Ray Balser from \$26.78 to \$38.24 per hour, Christian Gustafson from \$24.04 to \$26.78 per hour and Jonathan Hanson from \$32.19 to \$33.76.

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Ryan Gentile was appointed to Sergeant. These suggestions were moved to a vote and were approved by both New Braintree and Hardwick Select Boards.

The Executive Secretary to the New Braintree Select Board, Rebecca

Acerra, shared with the boards that residents have expressed overwhelming support of these new appointments. Hardwick Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said Hardwick residents have also expressed support of these new appointments.

Moving forward as

the Chief of Police, Landine is focused on continuing the policing in both Hardwick and New Braintree and being involved in the communities. Landine also wants to get additional training opportunities for the department.

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same everything."

Hubert said the Great American Muscle Car Show was the second time he's entered the Trans Am in a show, and he said the car was invaluable to him.

"To me, it's priceless," he said. "I couldn't replace this car."

Many of the cars at the track last weekend also had ties to their owner's childhood memories, and this includes Palmer resident Ed Jodoin's 1932 Ford So-Cal Highboy, which he's had for six years.

Jodoin said he has wanted this type of car since he was a child after watching a Disney cartoon which featured a little coupe.

"Ever since then, I always wanted one," Jodoin said.

Jodoin frequently takes the Highboy to shows around the area, including the Moose Lodge in Chicopee and the Elks Lodge in Ludlow.

Jodoin said while he loves the Highboy, it's time for him to sell it to make room for something new in his collection.

"There's not many like this," he said of the car. "It's just as clean underneath as it is on top."

Although Ware resident John Collins didn't bring an American-made car to the show, he did bring his 2012 Porsche 911 Carrera GTS, which has a 997.2 body style.

Along with his 911, Collins brought an oil painting he did of the car, which won "Best in Show" at an art show held during a Porsche event in the Poconos. This was the first ever art show Collins entered, and the judge who awarded him the top honors was Grant Larson, the Porsche designer who created the very model of car that Collins' owns.

Collins, who retired from his career in architecture, said he began painting and sculpting about three years ago, learning from many masters in these mediums including one of Ware's most notable



Bob Desroches of Spencer is shown with his 1949 Chevy vintage gasser racecar.

artists, Roc Goudreau. Collins has since gone on to creating one-of-a-kind portraits of cars by commission.

"The very first portrait I did was of my car," Collins said.

The photograph Collins used to create this portrait was taken on turn 14 of the Whiskey Hill track, where he is a club member.

Collins' artwork can be viewed online at collinsartstudios.com or at West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery in West Brookfield, where he is a gallery artist.

Upcoming events

Palmer Motorsports Park, located at 58 West Ware Road, has a full lineup of events for the 2025 track season.

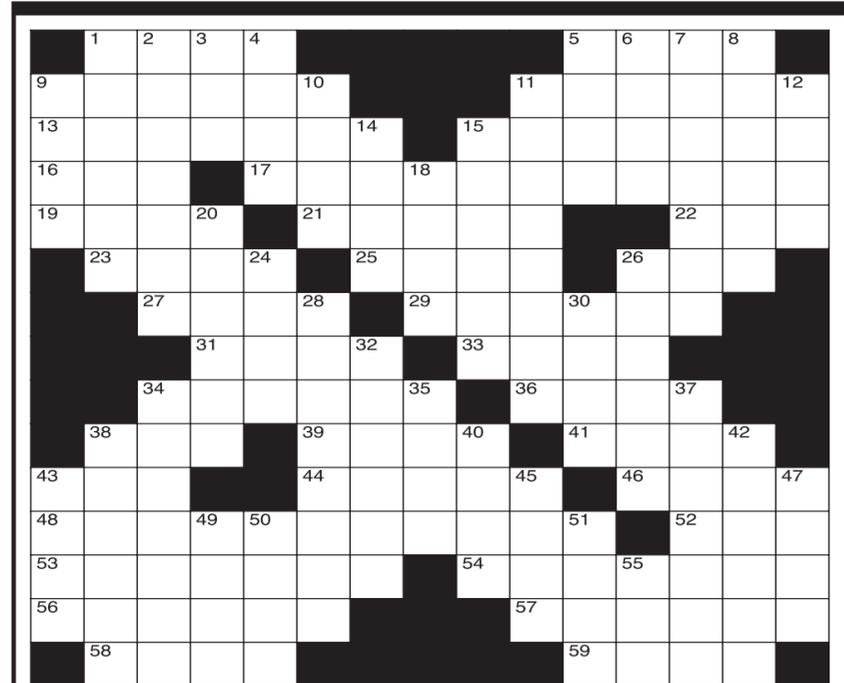
Cars & Coffee events are scheduled on select Sundays from 9 a.m.-noon. To register for these events, visit palmermsp.com/carsandcoffee.

Porsche on the Mountain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and features everything Porsche from show cars to track cars, to race cars and project cars. Show car entry is \$35 (pre-registration required) and \$10 general admission.

Proceeds from this event benefit Homes For Our Troops. For more information and to register, visit www.porscheonthemountain.com.

The annual Trunk or Treat Car Show to benefit food pantries in Palmer and Ware will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26 and the popular Mustangs on the Mountain event is also set to take place in October to benefit the Central New England Equine Rescue.

For more information about Palmer Motorsports Park, visit palmermsp.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Resorts
- 5. One point south of southwest
- 9. Musical performances
- 11. Matched
- 13. Four-footed animal part
- 15. Express severe disapproval of
- 16. Type of leaf
- 17. Preparatory
- 19. Walk heavily
- 21. Succulent plants
- 22. Rectangle of grass
- 23. Lump in yarn
- 25. Too
- 26. Foot (Latin)
- 27. Afflicts
- 29. Smoothed
- 31. Mind (Greek)

- 33. Tampa ballclub
- 34. Semitic language
- 36. Sheltered sides
- 38. Ocean
- 39. Electronic point of sale
- 41. Thrust a knife into
- 43. 12th month (abbr.)
- 44. Ringworm
- 46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
- 48. Fighting back
- 52. Cease to exist
- 53. Insects in adult stage
- 54. Freestanding sculpture
- 56. Caps
- 57. Repents
- 58. Brown and Wallace are two
- 59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Goes bad
- 2. Yard structure
- 3. They ___
- 4. Marine invertebrate
- 5. European river
- 6. Office supplies firm
- 7. Physically abused
- 8. Service stations in Australia
- 9. Kills
- 10. Liquid body substances
- 11. Particular to a given individual
- 12. Brave or noble act
- 14. Sicilian city
- 15. Conqueror
- 18. Elected officials
- 20. Type of «pig»
- 24. Drop of viscous substance
- 26. Monetary unit of Spain
- 28. Guarantees
- 30. Coloring materials
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. Square measure
- 35. Will not
- 37. Canned fish
- 38. Appeared
- 40. Six (Spanish)
- 42. Took off
- 43. Negligible amount
- 45. Posts in a Greek temple
- 47. Witnesses
- 49. Phil ___, former CIA
- 50. Places to park
- 51. Guns
- 55. Dance to pop music

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Ed Caplette of Hampden is shown with his 1968 Jeepster Commando half-cab pickup.

JARS Café & Bakery celebrates first year in business

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – July 15 represented an important milestone for JARS Café & Bakery as it celebrated one year since it opened its doors at its 23 Summer St. location.

Nestled just off the bustling downtown, JARS Café & Bakery is a labor of love for owner Sujoy Spencer, and also an homage to her family's deep roots in this town.

JARS Café & Bakery came about following the passing of Spencer's mother at 100 years old. Spencer decided to invest her portion of the inheritance into opening her own café in her ancestral home town, as well as donating to her beloved church, First Congregational Church of N. Brookfield.

On Feb. 29, 2024, Spencer secured the Summer Street location, which is on the same road ("School St. - Summer St."), and halfway between where both of her grandmothers grew up. She said her maternal grandmother lived on Summer Street and her paternal grandmother lived on School Street.

"My dad was born in his grandparents' home on School Street," Spencer said. "The house is still there."

Spencer said her grandmothers were close friends



Jessica, Sujoy and Pam are shown working behind the counter at JARS Café & Bakery. The business just celebrated its one year anniversary on July 15.

growing up in North Brookfield. One grandmother attended college and shared her notes and text books with the other who was not able to afford to go to college. They educated each other.

Her family's acts of service and love for each other has always inspired Spencer and is now helping to grow the team of staff at her business to become more than just that.

"It's a family," Spencer said, adding that she wants to bring out the best in all of her employees and relies on their strengths and talents to teach each other including herself.

Paige, the assistant manager and baker at JARS Café

& Bakery, graduated from Johnson & Wales University in culinary arts and creates a delicious assortment of cookies, scones, muffins, croissants, cupcakes and much more, including gluten-free and sugar-free items. She frequently takes special orders for her creations, as well as for weddings, special events and birthdays.

The gluten-free and sugar-free items are not at a higher price at JARS Café & Bakery. Spencer feels that dietary special needs should not be more expensive.

Pam, her cook, is retired after 30 years working in the food industry including years with a gourmet macaroni and

cheese company, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the kitchen.

Jessica, also a professional for 20 some years in the food industry, does a little bit of everything, assist in training employees, phenomenal barista and server. She keeps busy crafting the refreshing beverages that rival any top coffee shop, with espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, teas and even the delectable and decadent affogato.

April serves as JARS Café & Bakery's accountant.

Chloe, Geneva and Amanda round out the staff roster and make sure that every customer feels at home. Coincidentally, Chloe even



JARS Café & Bakery offered a 15% discount to customers on its one year anniversary.

lives in the same house that

Spencer's father was born in. Before she decided to open JARS Café & Bakery, Spencer worked as a teacher and school administrator until retirement. She is also known professionally in the music world for her skill on the violin and viola; she is "vi-lin-gual" and recently returned from performing in Columbia.

Spencer comes from a long line of musicians. Her father was a cellist. Her mother was a violinist. Both paternal grandparents were musicians, and her maternal grandmother became the church organist at NBCC at just 12 years old.

Spencer also self-publishes music lesson assignment books as well as "Colors of Music" educational coloring books, and is an active

Rotarian.

Since it opened last summer, JARS Café & Bakery has been a gathering place for people of all ages, offering them not only a home-cooked meal using locally sourced ingredients, but also a place to enjoy each other's company and connect with each other. Whenever possible, ingredients are purchased locally from professional farmers.

Each inside table has a variety of games available to pass the time, and JARS Café & Bakery also hosts Mahjong on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. Musical instruments are hung on the wall next to a sign that encourages patrons to share a tune.

On the first Sunday of

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FRIDAY, JULY 18

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

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

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

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE will take place today from 7-10 p.m. in Sovittaja Hall Finn Park Road, Rutland. Admission is \$8 and refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

DRAGONS AND DAMSELS TALK by naturalist Sheila Carroll will take place today at 3 p.m. at the East Quabbin Land Trust office, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. A walk at a local preserve will follow the talk. The Ware River Watershed in Central Massachusetts has a rich diversity of water habitats, so it's not surprising to find more



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This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, July 21. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Marianne Meyer, Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was a view of Long Pond taken from Fisherman's Way in Rutland. Paul Carlson's name was omitted last week from those who identified the Where is this photo.

than 95 different species of dragonflies and damselflies in this area. A potluck meal will follow the program for those that wish to bring a dish to share.

SUMMER CONCERTS take place on the Ware Green in front of the Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum, 295 Belchertown Road, Route 9, Ware today and

July 27 at 6 p.m. People should bring a lawn chair. Today Dixieland Stomp will perform and July 27 is with Lori Brooks.

MONDAY, JULY 21

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Aug. 4, at the

Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St., Barre. They have concerts on nine Sunday evenings starting on Sunday, June 15, and ending on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. with June concerts in South Barre at Nornay Park and July concert in the center of Barre. Membership is free. It being a summer band, it is fine not to come to every rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a lifelong musician and music educator, is the conductor.

BARRE'S BEST BITES hosted by the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center will take place today from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. Local restaurants and food businesses will showcase nutritious, delicious offerings tailored for the aging adult community. Participants include Cafe on the Common, Country Gourmet, Hardwick Crossing, Hartman's Herb Farm, Mimi's Coffeehouse, Red Tomato Pizzeria and Wholesome Farmer's Market. Attendees may sample hors d'oeuvres, main entrees, desserts and beverages, each offered in tasting portions. People may sign up at the Senior Center front desk or by calling 978-355-5004.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

54TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE will take place today from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Finn Park, off Pleasantdale Road, Rutland. Tickets are \$18 and must be secured in advance by calling 508-365-3062. No tickets will be sold at door.

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

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every month, Tea for Two is held with seatings at noon and 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required by stopping by or calling ahead 508-637-1577 and spots are filling up fast for August and September.

JARS Café & Bakery has added outdoor seating, with colorful umbrellas at each table to provide relief from the summer sun.

"I want it to grow more," Spencer said of the business.

Her ideas include adding after school homework help by inviting adults and especially grandparents to stop by and help the town's youth after school.

Spencer said she wants JARS Café & Bakery to be a CONDUIT in the community,

and that opening the business wasn't about making money for her. Spencer said she cannot make it all happen by herself, however, "together, we CONDUIT."

"I'm not here to pay my electric bills, I'm here to provide a service to the town."

She said the name of the business not only represents the canning jars she uses but also reflects the Biblical reference to "jars of clay." Clay jars were used in the past to store precious, valuable and most cherished possessions for safekeeping.

"You put things in a jar that were valuable," she said. Spencer says that she is putting her inheritance into JARS Café & Bakery and hopes that it grows and spreads a community feel in North

Brookfield.

For Spencer and the rest of the staff at JARS Café & Bakery, the most valuable things are their customers and their community. They feel joy each time they serve their next customer.

About JARS Café & Bakery
JARS Cafe & Bakery, 23 Summer St., is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The restaurant offers coffee, tea, baked goods and both breakfast and lunch menus. Gluten-free and sugar-free options are available at no extra cost.

JARS Café & Bakery customers will also receive a punch card, that once filled, will earn them a free beverage. Customers can also bring



JARS Café & Bakery makes and sells many types of mixes all sold in glass canning jars: chai, cappuccino, coffee mocha, soups, brownies, cookies, spices and more. These jars are available for purchase both daily at its location and every other Wednesday at the West Brookfield Farmers Market from 3-6 p.m.

in the coupon found weekly on the back page of this newspaper to earn a free beverage with the purchase of a baked good Tuesday through Thursday between the hours of 8-10 a.m.

The staff of JARS Café & Bakery can also be found at the West Brookfield Farmers Market on the common every other Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. where they sell their popular baked

goods and glass canning jar mixes.

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Quabbin All-Stars play in district playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Every baseball player dreams about playing in the Little League World Series, which is held in Williamsport, Pa., each August.

Just like during the previous two years, the Quabbin Area Little League All-Star team's journey in the District 3 tournament came to an end following a loss in the championship game.

Quabbin lost, 5-1, at Leominster in this year's District 3 finals on July 11.

Because there are only three District 3 teams, Quabbin won a coin toss and received a first round bye.

Leominster defeated Athol-Orange Chuck Stone, 10-0, in the first round on July 7. They then made the trip to Barre the next night.

Quabbin also didn't have very much success against Leominster, who posted a 10-0 victory at Felton Field. It was Quabbin's final home game of the season.

"We have five twelve year olds, who played in their final baseball game on this field tonight," said Quabbin manager Jason Poulin. "They've played a lot of games on this field during the past four years. All of them are outstanding kids and I'm very proud of them."

Those five players are Deegan Pope, Colin Kania, Chase O'Connor, Nolan O'Connor, and Oliver Poulin.

Quabbin's only base hit was a hard shot off the short-stop with one-out in the fifth inning.

"The Leominster pitcher was phenomenal," manager



Chase O'Connor fouls off a pitch.



Colin Kania hustles down the line

Poulin said. "He threw hard, and he threw strikes."

The other members of this year's Quabbin Little League baseball team are Dylan Mace, Murphy LaPointe, Archer Leslie, Hunter Mitus,



Deegan Pope sends a throw to first.

Cooper Sampson, and Deklan Sampson.

Jason Poulin, who's also the President of the Quabbin

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Nolan O'Connor catches a foul pop-up.



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Devin Slattery, of Ware, makes the stop.

Saints keep first place in Tri-County

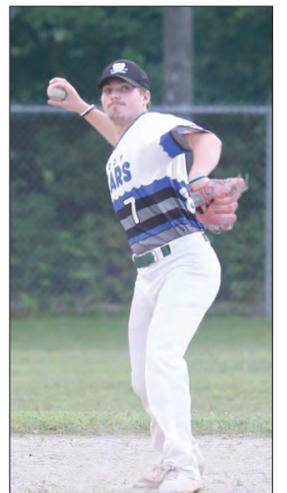
PALMER – Following the Fourth of July, Tri-County Baseball League action resumed with a full week of action. Teddy Bear Pools and St. Joseph's were among the several games that took place. Both teams had a few games during the week. With a couple of weeks remaining in the season, St. Joseph's holds first place with 20 points and a 10-6 record. PeoplesBank is second with 16 points and an 8-2 record and several games to make up. BankESB is third with 11 points, and Teddy Bear Pools holds fourth with nine points and a 4-7-1 record.



Colby Harrington delivers a pitch for St. Joe's.



Breddan Fournier cuts across the diamond and gets the out.



Mason Barcomb slings a throw to first.



Brandon Magni fields a grounder to third.



Jake Delaney picks the ball out of the dirt.

Blue Sox suffer loss to Ocean State

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were the away team for the first game in the doubleheader at Mackenzie Stadium against the Ocean State Waves last Friday. Valley's third baseman Wyatt Hunt had himself an incredible day at the plate. Hunt went four for four with three singles, a double, two runs scored and one RBI. Blue Sox's Bryan Matuschat relief pitcher led the team in strikeouts with three in two innings pitched.

This game did not disappoint as scoring started early on for the Waves (14-15) in the top of the second. Waves' Gavin Greger hit a single and stole second. Coen Niclai's single advanced Greger to third. Niclai seized his opportunity and stole second base quickly. Kayle Pisano ripped a sac-fly to center field, scoring Greger and advancing Niclai to third. Ocean State's second baseman, Jack LaRose knocked a single to score Niclai to make it 2-0 after two innings.

Valley found their footing in the top of the third. Hunt doubled into left field off of the diving catch attempt by left fielder Kolton Reynolds.

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Extra time goals hurt Pioneers in draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The task wasn't a very difficult one for the Western Mass. Pioneers entering the regular season finale against rival Vermont Green FC.

The Pioneers needed a victory to clinch the top spot in the USL League Two Northeast Division table for the first time since 2021.

The home team held a 2-0 lead in the 90th minute before referee Stephanie MacFarland decided to add 10 minutes of stoppage time. That's when everything fell apart for the Pioneers like a house of cards.

The Green managed to score two goals during extra time and last Friday night's match, which was played in front of the largest crowd of the regular season at historic Lusitano Stadium, ended in a 2-2 draw.

"I've never been involved in a soccer game before where the referee added ten minutes of stoppage time," said Pioneers captain Aidan Kelly. "We just crumpled under the pressure, but it's something that we're going to learn from. It's very disappointing, but we're looking forward to the playoffs now."

Longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari



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Juan Hermoso chases after a loose ball.

was upset with how the home match ended.

"I have no words to describe tonight's game," Molinari said. "We played very well until extra time. There isn't anything we can do about it now."

The scoreboard clock was stopped when the match reached the 90th minute. MacFarland kept the rest of the time. Soccer is the only sport that uses a clock where the players and fans have no idea when the match is going to end.

While it was a heart-breaking way to end the regular season, the Pioneers (10-1-3), who lost, 2-0, to the Green on June 17, were scheduled to host the Long Island Rough Riders in an

Eastern Conference play-in match on Tuesday night.

"We've qualified for the playoffs again," Molinari said. "We just have to prepare for Tuesday's playoff match now."

The Pioneers qualified for the playoffs for the sixth time since 2019. They've also finished in second place in the Northeast Conference standings in each of the past four seasons.

Vermont (12-0-2) captured the League title for the first time since joining USL League Two in 2022.

When the Green made their annual visit to Lusitano Stadium a year ago, they were the only team to score a goal in the match. See PIONEERS, page 10

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Sports

Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League has reached week 10 at Bogey Lanes.

After 10 weeks of bowling, Sophia's Raiders remain in first place with a record of 62-18. Gutter Dolls are in second place with a record of 50-30. The No Shows moved up to third place with a record of 44-36. Close behind is Kristen's Squad in fourth place at 43-37.

During week 10, the Gutter Dolls bowled against Clock Barn. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Clock Barn by a score of 458-426. Pat Bacon of Gutter Dolls bowled well by scoring 106. Bacon's current league average is 88.

In game two, Clock Barn won by a score of 455-438. In game three, Clock Barn won the last game by a score of 431-417. Despite losing the last two games, Gutter Dolls won total pinfall by one point, 1313-1312. Each team won four points as Gutter Dolls remain in second place.

Straight Shooters bowled against Gutter Snipes in

week 10. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 441-404. In game two, Gutter Snipes won again by a score of 444-428. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes broke the century mark with a 104.

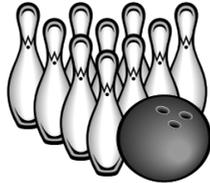
In game three, Straight Shooters won the last game by a score of 446-436. Craig Dube of Straight Shooters finished strong with a 106. Vinciulla put up a better score of 107. Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1321-1278.

The Rolling Stones bowled against Gutter Fingers in week 10. In game one, Rolling Stones won by a score of 437-433.

In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 452-441. In game three, Rolling Stones won the last game to sweep Gutter Fingers by a score of 444-422. The final score was 1333-1296 in favor of Rolling Stones.

Sophia's Raiders bowled against Kristen's Squad. In game one, Kristen's Squad won by a score of 438-417. In game two, Kristen's Squad won again by a score of 464-448. Meaghan Button of Kristen's Squad bowled a 116 and Sophia Hearnlaye of Sophia's Raiders bowled a 114.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 458-454. Hearnlaye fol-



lowed up with a 110 and a series of 320. Bob Button finished strong with a 118. The final score was 1356-1323 in favor of Kristen's Squad, who are in fourth place with a record of 43-37.

Team No Shows bowled against the Vacant team and won all three games and total pinfall. The team put up a final score of 1446 and some of their players bowled well over their average. Kathy Swistak had two games well over her league average of 84, by scoring 102 in game two and 109 to end the match.

Steve Swistak began the match with a 107 and matched Kathy Swistak in the last game with a 109 of his own. Filling in for one team member was Ryan Drago, who had scores of 141, 121, and 126 for a series of 388.

By winning eight points, No Shows move to third place with a record of 44-36. The Wednesday Mixed Summer League have four weeks left of the season.

T-Birds reveal schedule for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud American Hockey League affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, released their full schedule for their 2025-26 regular season on Thursday in conjunction with the AHL. The T-Birds will be celebrating their 10th year as an AHL member club during the upcoming campaign, as well as their fifth playing season in affiliation with the Blues. Springfield has qualified for the Calder Cup Playoffs in three of its past four seasons.

The Thunderbirds will begin their regular season on home ice for a sixth consecutive season when they play host to the defending Eastern Conference champion Charlotte Checkers on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 6:05 p.m. inside the MassMutual Center for Opening Night.

Fans are advised that all Saturday games at the MassMutual Center will now start one hour earlier at 6:05 p.m. for the 2025-26 season.

The Thunderbirds will face every Eastern Conference team at least twice during

the 2025-26 regular season, except for the Cleveland Monsters. Once again, the AHL season will consist of all 32 clubs playing 72 games (36 home, 36 away).

Springfield will play 54 games against Atlantic Division opponents, including 27 at the MassMutual Center. Their most frequent opponents are the Providence Bruins, who will visit the Thunderdome six times, including 6:05 p.m. puck drops on Saturday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 27, Saturday, Feb. 21, and Wednesday, March 11. The two teams will also square off on New Year's Eve for a 3:05 p.m. matinee on Wednesday, December 31, as well as a 7:05 p.m. puck drop on Wednesday, March 25.

The home-ice portion of the I-91 rivalry series against the Hartford Wolf Pack begins on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:05 p.m., and the two foes will square off five times in each building during the 2025-26 season. Other I-91 game dates include Friday, Jan. 9 (7:05 p.m.) and 6:05 p.m.

puck drops on Saturday, Jan. 31, Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, April 18.

The Bridgeport Islanders will also make five appearances in Springfield against the T-Birds, starting with a 7:05 p.m. contest on Friday, Nov. 7, followed by meetings on Saturday, Nov. 29 (6:05 p.m.), Sunday, Dec. 28 (3:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 2 (7:05 p.m.), and Friday, Feb. 20 (7:05 p.m.).

The most frequent visitor from Pennsylvania is the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, who visit the Thunderdome on Saturday, Jan. 10 (6:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 30 (7:05 p.m.), and Wednesday, April 15 (7:05 p.m.). Springfield will also host two games each against the Hershey Bears and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

The Thunderbirds will also play 18 games (9 home, 9 away) against North and Central Division opponents. The Iowa Wild are the lone Western Conference team on the T-Birds' schedule, visiting Springfield on Friday, March 6 (7:05 p.m.) and Saturday, March 7 (6:05 p.m.).

BLUE SOX from page 9

Hunt stole third on a wild pickoff attempt by Ocean State starting pitcher Rhys Bowie. Nicholas Spaventa cracked a single right up the middle, scoring Hunt to cut the lead to one.

The Blue Sox found more momentum in top of the fifth thanks to Hunt's single and steal that was followed up by Michael Elko's line drive ball to left field that scored the speedster Hunt to tie the game at two apiece before the inning ended.

The Waves punched back in the bottom of the inning. With two outs and no runners on base, Brandon DeGoti demolished a triple into right field to put a runner into scoring position. Ryan Gerety then doubled off the right field wall and scored DeGoti to make it 3-2. Reynolds followed suit with a single into

the outfield to score Gerety to extend the lead even further. Greger doubled into right field, advancing Reynolds to third. Niclai singled to score Reynolds but Gerety got out at home due to an incredible throw by right fielder Rees Kozar for out No.3. The score was now 5-2.

Valley's Mike Lucarelli walked to start the top of the sixth. Lucarelli stole second, third and home on a wild throw by Waves' catcher Brandyn Durand. Andrew Loikits singled into left field. Sean Darnell crushed the ball deep into left for a double to advance Loikits to third. Gavin Schrader came into the game to pinch hit for Hayden Perry. He hit a sacfly to center field, scoring Loikits to make it 5-4. Hunt came back up to the plate and hit a clutch single to score Darnell. The game was now tied 5-5.

In doubleheaders in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, games are only seven innings with the exception of two extra innings. No runs were scored until the bottom of the ninth inning. Ocean State and Valley were on the cusp of having the first tie in the NECBL this season.

Justin Hackett started as the ghost runner for the Waves. LaRose hit a sacbunt to advance Hackett to third. Ocean State was 90 feet away from scoring the game winning run. Greg Pettay has been out since June 26 due to a knee injury and ripped a game winning single to score Hackett to walk it off in style against the Blue Sox.

Game two of the doubleheader got canceled due to rain against the Ocean State Waves, but the Blue Sox were up 2-0 before it got canceled.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Oliver Poulin delivers a pitch home.

ALL-STARS from page 9

Leominster. Area Little League, won't be returning as the All-Star manager next year.

"I'm still going to be the league President next year, but I'm looking forward to just watching the games," Poulin said. "Hopefully, we can get more kids playing baseball."

The Quabbin Area Little League is made up of the same towns that attend Quabbin Regional.

Oliver Poulin, a righty, was Quabbin's starting pitcher in the home loss against

Leominster.

A year ago, Poulin and his teammates overcame an early 2-0 deficit to defeat Leominster, 3-2, in the opening round game at Felton Field.

Poulin was the starting pitcher in that game. He allowed two runs on seven hits and recorded 11 strikeouts. Three days later, Leominster posted a 12-3 home win in the District finals.

Quabbin kept their dreams alive with 14-4 win against Athol-Orange Chuck Stone at Muzzy Field on July 10.



Murphy LaPointe fires a throw back to the infield.

Chase and Nolan O'Connor each had three hits for the Quabbin All-Stars in that game.

Mitus contributed with three RBIs.

Quabbin broke the game wide open against Athol-Orange by scoring eight runs in the fourth inning.

PIONEERS from page 9

ago, they clinched a playoff berth with a 3-1 victory over the Pioneers. The first meeting of the 2024 regular season ended in a scoreless draw.

The overall series record between the two squads is now tied 3-3-2.

The Pioneers posted a pair of 1-0 victories against Vermont during the 2023 regular season.

Since suffering the shutout loss at Vermont back in June, the Pioneers had gone 5-0-0 and outscored their opponents, 18-1 during that span.

The start of last Friday's contest was delayed about 30 minutes due to a thunderstorm.

The Pioneers starting goalie was Trey Sheppard, who started a home match for the first time this season.

"We decided to go with him (Sheppard) tonight," Molinari said. "He's been training with us the whole season and he deserved a chance to play."

Sheppard, who'll be a sophomore on the Amherst College men's soccer team in the fall, started his first match of the season for the Pioneers on the road against New England FC, which was a 3-1 victory on July 7.

During the third minute, Sheppard made an outstanding save on a shot taken by Arnaud Tattevin resulting in a corner kick.

The Western Mass. squad took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the 41st minute.

Gustavo Barbosa booting the ball into the box with his left foot from the right sideline near the Pioneers bench. Juan Hermoso, who's a defender, headed the ball into the right corner of the net past Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg. It was Hermoso's third goal of the season.

"It was very important for us to score the first goal of the match," Hermoso said. "I saw the ball heading towards me, and I was able to head it into the net. It was a great feeling."

A year ago, Hermoso was a senior on the University of Charleston men's soccer team, which lost to Lynn University, 3-2, in the NCAA Division 2 finals.

It was the first time that Vermont, who only needed a tie to finish in first place, had trailed in a match this season.

The Pioneers had a couple of other scoring chances early in the second half before Israel Neto blasted a shot into the back of the net in the 64th minute. Barbosa was credited with his second assist.

Twenty minutes later, Neto had another shot on goal, but Herceg was able to make the save.

The visitors cut the deficit in half following a goal from Zach Zengue.

A couple of minutes later,



Robert Lyons eyes an opponent up the field.

Owen O'Malley, who had entered the match in the 69th minute, lined a shot from the top of the box over Sheppard that landed in the right corner tying the match.

Then the Vermont players raced across the field and celebrated with their many supporters, who made the three hour trek to Ludlow from Burlington.

It wasn't the way the Pioneers players wanted the regular season to finish, but they had a clean slate entering Tuesday's home playoff match.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

An Ancient Voice Part 4

In recent days we have noted an ancient text called the Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus.

This letter is one of the earliest examples of Christian apologetics, dated to as early as AD 130, in which an unnamed author-self labeled as a “mathetes” or “student” of the apostles-tries to explain and defend the faith to a figure named Diognetus.

We noted this selection in particular, which addresses the nature of Christianity and the distinctiveness of those who practiced the faith long ago:

“The distinction between Christians and other men does not lie in country or language or customs. They follow local customs in clothing, food, and in the rest of life, and yet they exhibit the wonderfully paradoxical nature of their own citizenship. They live in their own countries, but as if they were resident aliens. They share all things as citizens and yet endure all things as if they were an underclass. Every foreign country is their homeland and every homeland a foreign country. They marry like everyone else and have children, but they do not abort their young. They keep a common table, but not a common bed. They live in the world, but not in a worldly way. They enjoy a full life on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven. They obey the appointed laws, but they surpass the laws in their own lifestyle. They love everyone and are universally derided. They are unknown and roundly criticized. They are put to death and gain life. They are poor, but make many rich. They lack all things and yet have all things in abundance. They are dishonored and are glorified in their dishonor. They are abused and they call down blessings in return. When they are beaten up they rejoice as men who are given a new life. In short, what the soul is in the body, that the Christians are in the world. The soul lives in the body, but is not confined by the body, and the Christians live in the world but are not confined by the world. God has appointed them to this great calling, and it would be wrong for them to decline it.”

How does this ancient voice characterize those who followed Christ? Of import for this edition, the author notes that Christians

evidenced a fervent love. In what way(s)? Firstly, he notes that they “kept a common table.” Thus, these were a people characterized by sincere, ongoing fellowship one with another, in the breaking of bread and the sharing of meals. Secondly, he notes that they “marry like everyone else and have children, but they do not abort their young.” In an era in which the casting aside of undesired or deformed children was common, believers cared for the least among them. Thirdly, he posits that believers “love everyone” despite being universally reviled (i.e., even calling down blessing upon enemies)!

O that these were the hallmarks of our century: that the Church of Jesus Christ of 2025 would be so characterized by love! In a time when selfishness and self-absorption reign supreme, perhaps we can all rediscover the wonder of Christ-like love. A love that manifests in care for one’s peers, in something as simple as enjoying a common meal upon a common table, forsaking the common bed of our time.

A love that manifests in care for the least among us, for every society has what I call throwaway classes of people. A love that manifests in care for enemies, even to the calling down of favor versus curse. Such love turned the ancient Greco-Roman world upside-down in a short order! I wonder what such love could do today. Let’s close with this summary of the lifestyle and power of the early Church. It syncs beautifully with what has been noted:

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)
 42 They [Christians] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your conve-

nience using the information below. Moreover, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“May God help us to bear the Fruit of the Spirit.”

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1 v 1-14

I. Introduction
 Living a life of peace, love and kindness is not so easy when we interact with others all the time.

We do well, and then we fail, but we know as the church of Christ, we can make right with God and with others when we fail. We have the forgiveness of sin, and the healing and reconciliation with God through Christ. And then we have the opportunity to forgive and receive forgiveness from others. What can we learn from this very simple letter by Paul and Timothy to the Colossians?

II. The prayer and thanksgiving for the Colossians

In this letter to the Colossians, Paul and his co-worker, Timothy thank the congregation for their life and faith in Christ. They are amazed and grateful for the power of the Gospel among the believers, and they referred to them as holy and faithful, recognizing their place in Christ’s Kingdom and their dedication to the Gospel. They discuss the powerful influence of the Gospel during their era, but also its role in shaping the members of this congregation and their community.

The congregation heard and understood the gospel not just in their minds but as David Pao says in the Zondervan commentary of Colossians, they appropriated the Gospel in their personal life and community. The Gospel changed their lives... they have become different people, transformed by knowing the word of God and through the indwelling of the Spirit of God.

Paul and Timothy reassure them of their ongoing prayers, expressing their hope that the Gospel will continue to flourish within and among them, and that

they will demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit through every good work they undertake. Although this passage does not provide a detailed explanation of the fruit of the Spirit, Paul offers a concise summary in Galatians 5:22–23, identifying them as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

These qualities, he says, are in contrast with sinful human nature, which include things like hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, factions, dissensions, envy, sexual immorality, idolatry, drunkenness and the like. Those who live like this, he says, will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Either they bear the fruit of the Spirit or they live according to their sinful nature.

Here in Colossians, he and Timothy seem to be pleased with this congregation and encourage them to continue to bear the fruit of the Spirit. They pray for them so they will be strengthened in their life in Christ, and that they will grow in endurance and patience.

III. Conclusion

The fruits of the Spirit are simple spiritual qualities requiring little explanation. To be loving and kind, at peace with oneself and others, filled with joy and goodness and self-control, faithfulness and gentleness are the qualities of the child of God who had been saved by the blood of Christ and transformed from within.

While we are not perfect in nature, we are all called to strive to live according to these qualities daily. We are all called by Paul to examine ourselves about how we live this life in Christ, and we are encouraged to lay down our sinful nature every day and clothe ourselves with the fruits of the Spirit.

We also have the Spirit of God within to help us, guide us, and “nudge” us to let go of things that are in contrast with the fruits of the Spirit. May God help us to live and grow together in peace and love and harmony here at our church as we work together, and in our homes, communities and beyond. May the fruit of the Spirit spread through us into our world, so we all will live in peace together.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
 Barre Congregational Church
 30 Park St., Barre

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Richards, Ernest F.
 Died June 25, 2025
 Graveside Service
 Friday, July 11 at 2 p.m.
 Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery,
 Winchendon
 Mack Family Funeral Home, Orange

Public Safety

Hubbardston Police Log

Monday, June 23
 6:37 a.m. Emergency Medical System – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Healdville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:43 a.m. Safety Concern, Elm Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:45 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:24 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 1:47 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, June 24
 11:12 a.m. Property Damage, New Westminster Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, June 25
 7:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Westminster, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Hale Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 11:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Vehicle Towed

Thursday, June 26
 1:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Hale Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Friday, June 27
 2:32 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, New Westminster Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 6:41 p.m. Safety Concern, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Adams Road, Report Filed

Saturday, June 28
 11:06 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 12:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:31 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Ragged Hill Road, Investigated

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 48 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, two traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, eight citizen assists, one assist other agency, two complaints, three investigations, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle investigation, one illegal dumping, one threat, two motor vehicle accidents, 10 animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 7
 10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 3:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Served in Hand
 4:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, July 8
 3:13 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Brook Road, Services Rendered
 6:06 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Brook Road, Officer Handled
 8:19 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Thayer Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, July 9
 12:06 p.m. Serve Warrant, Bridge Street, Arrest Made
 1:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patril Hollow Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:07 p.m. Disturbance, Bridge Court, Peace Restored

Thursday, July 10
 6:08 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 10:08 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 11:08 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:01 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Negative Contact
 2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Mill Road, Services Rendered
 2:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled
 6:32 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Ruggles Hill Road, Removed Hazard

Friday, July 11
 11:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Upper Church Street, Dispatch Handled
 1:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department, Spoken To
 3:05 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prouty Road, Negative Contact
 4 p.m. Complaint, Ridge Road, Spoken To

Saturday, July 12
 10:49 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 11:21 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered
 4:37 p.m. Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
 5:21 p.m. Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled
 9:17 p.m. Medical Alarm, Delargy Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, July 13
 5:34 a.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 8:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, High Street, Report Taken
 10:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Officer Handled
 11:42 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Greenwich Road, Spoken To
 2:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Hill Road, Report Taken
 7:22 p.m. 911 Threat, Prospect Street, Services Rendered
 7:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

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Public Notices

TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL, Chapter 87, Section 3, a public hearing will be held at 8:00am on Monday, July 28, 2025, in the Select Board’s meeting room at the Town Hall on 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree to consid-

er the removal of trees on Igoe Road. The trees to be removed have been clearly marked. Reason for removal; dead, diseased and/or will hinder road construction. All interested parties are invited to attend.

This meeting is open to the public.
 07/17, 07/24/2025

North Brookfield woman named ‘Commonwealth Heroine’

BOSTON – The North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative, led by North Brookfield resident Karen Farrington, was honored at the State House on June 26 as one of the 125 women recognized for contributions to their communities.

Each year the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Karen was nominated by state Rep. Donald Berthiaume.

“Karen started a food security collaborative that has grown into helping 170 families in our small rural district. She is a behind-the-scenes person, who works diligently to help others and has incorporated the schools and the senior citizens. She has stressed that she is part of a team that works tirelessly and without all of them, this endeavor would not exist. While providing food security, the team is

also providing residents that are in need of community, personal compassion, and a sense of belonging. With Karen’s direction, this program has evolved into an amazing resource and total community project. Karen has put the small town of North Brookfield on the map.”

The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don’t make the news but make a difference. Karen, her daughter Audra, Connect Restaurant, North Brookfield Pizza Palace, and an incredible team of North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative volunteers, offer an invaluable community service each week by providing meals to families and senior citizens who are experiencing food insecurity.

Commonwealth Heroines use their time, talent, spirit, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make our homes, neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live. To learn more about the Massachusetts

Commission on the Status of Women, visit <https://masscswo.org/>

The North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative relies solely on donations (financial, foodstuff, and volunteerism) from businesses, individuals and grants.

If you would like to support the NBCFC, please contact: nbfoodcollaborative@gmail.com. Checks can be made out to the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield, P.O. Box 92, North Brookfield, MA 01535.

100% of the donations will be used to purchase food that will be distributed by the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, June 22
 10:48 a.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:42 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Stetson Road, Report Filed
 6:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Farrington Road, Public Assist
 7:20 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Gilbert Road, Investigated
 10:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Wauwinet Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Monday, June 23
 8:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 10:29 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Edward Lane, Transported to Hospital
 1:35 p.m. Property Damage, Summer Street, Investigation (On-Going)
 Summons Flannery, David John, 35, Princeton
 Charges Leave Scene of Property Damage
 2:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transport
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
Tuesday, June 24
 6:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Expense – Sick/Unknown, Varney Lane, Mutual Aid Transport
 11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Chapman Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Ward, Andrew, 25, South Barre
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting RMV, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
 7:23 p.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised
Wednesday, June 25
 7:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 8:03 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 8:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:50 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued
 10:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Farrington Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 11:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning
Thursday, June 26
 5:43 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Brookfield, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:26 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Dana Road, Investigated
 8:26 a.m. Court Duty, East

Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 10:24 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
 11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued
 12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 2:47 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Trafalgar Square, Investigated
 10:14 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Summer Street, Information Given
Friday, June 27
 9:22 a.m. Bring On the Look Out Notification, Whole Town, Information Given
 11:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, No Transport Required
 2:36 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Information Taken
 6:46 p.m. Erratic Operator, Fir Street, Gone on Arrival
 8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Laraia, Nicholas M., 33, South Barre
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
Saturday, June 28
 11:14 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, South Barre Road, Peace Restored
 12:51 p.m. Assist Other Police, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist
 6:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Town Farm Road, Transported to Hospital
Sunday, June 29
 9:18 p.m. Missing Person, Bechan Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
Friday, June 27
 10:19 Complaint, Forest Hill Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Plains Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Schoolhouse Road, Written Warning
 3:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Street, Investigated
 4:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Environmental Police Officer, Dispatch handled
 10:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Road, Area Search Negative
Saturday, June 28
 10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Citation Issued
 10:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning
 11:14 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, South Barre Road, Peace Restored
 11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

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Sunday, June 22
 10:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 12:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 1:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 2:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
Monday, June 23
 2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Old Turnpike Road, Report Filed
 2:55 p.m. Complaint, Bullard Road, Negative Contact
Tuesday, June 24
 7:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 7:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 7:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Toum, Kan B., 57, Lowell
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 9:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 9:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road,

Written Warning
 10:32 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Transported to Hospital
 10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
Wednesday, June 25
 7:43 a.m. Court Duty, Worcester District Court, Court Duty
 3:57 p.m. Power Lines Down/Arcing, Barre Road, Removed Hazard
 5:59 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Turnpike Road, Unfounded
Thursday, June 26
 11:08 a.m. Complaint, Forest Hill Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:21 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning
 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Spencer Road, Written

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, June 22
 7:58 a.m. Property Damage, Jackson Avenue, Report Filed
 9:05 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:22 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Jamie Ann Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 10:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 11:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 3:23 p.m. Gunshots, Prospect Street, Area Patrolled
 4:04 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:36 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Information Given
 5:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Miles Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:30 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Finn Park Road, Removed Hazard
 8:49 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:06 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Shrewsbury Police Department, Officer Took Call
 9:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:36 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
Monday, June 23
 7:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Miles Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 9:40 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Arline Drive, Transported to Hospital
 2:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Investigated
 5:20 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed
 6:09 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 6:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Village Way, Transported to Hospital
 9:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Joanna Drive, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, June 24
 7:25 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Negative Contact
 10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brunelle Drive, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Colon, Denise G., 28, Rutland
 Charges Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper c90 §17, Marked Lanes Violation
 10:32 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:50 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed
 12:49 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Chelsea Police Department, Negative Contact
Wednesday, June 25
 5:58 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street,

Referred to Other Agency
 10:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Swartz Road, Written Warning
 11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:12 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Naquag Street, Report Filed
 12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Miles Road, Citation Issued
 3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 3:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Overlook Road, Written Warning
 4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Campbell Street, Written Warning
 5:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
Thursday, June 26
 4:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:13 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Wilson Way, No Transport Required
 9:17 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Verbal Warning
 10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:02 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact
 9:41 p.m. Complaint, Hope Way, Officer/Chief Advised
Friday, June 27
 5:56 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished
 7:47 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls,

Thurston Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:04 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Stevens Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Plains Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Adams, Tyler A., 29, Lunenburg
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 12:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street., Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:08 p.m. Harassment, Wilson Way, Officer Took Call
 2:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Joanna Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:35 p.m. Motor Registration – OLN – Vin Check, Highland Park Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Slack, Richard Alan Jr., 33, Rutland
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Inspection/Sticker, NO * C90 S20, Lights Violation, MV * C90 S7, Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Mental Health
 3:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 3:57 p.m. Harassment, Laurelwood Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Slack, Richard Alan Jr., 33, Rutland
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Inspection/Sticker, NO * C90 S20, Lights Violation, MV * C90 S7, Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Mental Health
 4:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Edith Lane, Transported to Hospital
 7:40 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Simon Davis Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Fitchburg, Report Filed
 10:20 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Area Search Negative
Saturday, June 28
 12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Muschopauge Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:06 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Birchwood Road, Fire Extinguished

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Weekly Events

Every Wednesday
 \$5⁹⁹ Burgers at 4PM
 & Musical Bingo at 6:30

Every Thursday
 \$6 Pizza at 4PM &
 Opinionation at 6:30

Every Friday
 Live Entertainment,
 Weekly Specials &
 Fried Seafood Favorites

OPEN FOR LUNCH
 Wed - Fri at 11:00AM

Dinner served
Saturday from 11am - 10pm
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Function Room Available!
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Prime Rib Dinner

Served Every Saturday 4pm - Close

Includes a generous portion of our slow roasted prime rib served with a baked potato and a seasonal vegetable. While Supplies Last!