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## Select Board reorganizes Jeff William elected chair

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board once again elected Jeff Williams chair at their Monday, July 17 meeting.

Town Administrator Nate Boudreau took over the meeting to accept nominations for chair. Jeff Williams was the only nominee and he was elected unanimously. Williams then took over the meeting for the nomination and election of vice chair and clerk as part of the reorganization of the board following the town election.

The board nominated and reelected Katie Young vice chair and Heather Munroe, clerk. The same board configuration as last year.

### Consent agenda

On the recommendation of the Town Administrator, the Select Board voted to remove the item for appointment of Robert McDonnell to the Quabbin Regional School District Committee. The appoint would be until the next town election in June 2024. The Town Administrator said McDonnell did not run for the school committee position in last month's election. He said this was an important position and he would like to see if other applicants applied for the appointment.

### Appointments

The board appointed Douglas Cormier to the Economic Development Committee, John Nason to the Council on Aging and Mandi Donaldson to Parks and Recreation Commission.

They also appointed Leroy Hawkins to Traffic Control Officer and Wendy Leblanc to Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant.

### Resignations

The board accepted the resig-

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## Community Day highlighted State Police's specialty units



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

### K-9 Knox demonstrates how to apprehend a suspect.

NEW BRAintree – The State Police Academy hosted what is hoped to become an annual event last Wednesday, with the first ever Community Day.

On July 12, people had the opportunity to get an up close and personal look at the State Police's specialty units and the equipment they use, as well as meet with various Troopers as well as recruits attending the Academy.

Farmer Matt along with the Academy's commissary, Eurest, provided free food to the hundreds of people who attended Community Day.

The Mounted Unit was there with horses, as well as the K-9 unit with a variety of dogs to demonstrate their skills.

Remy, an almost 7-year-old black Labrador Retriever, is an accelerant detecting K-9 with the Fire and Explosive Investigation Unit, assigned to the State Fire Marshal, along with her handler,



Mitchell Avellino, age 2 of Leicester, checks out "Roscoe" the State Police Bomb Squad's robotic dog.

Trooper Dan Riopel.

Riopel said Remy has a high work drive, and is food driven.

Remy has been in training since she was eight weeks old, raised by an inmate through the "Puppies Behind Bars" program.

She attended about six or seven fire scenes last month, searching for the use of an accelerant, which is about average, Riopel said. He added that the pair travels all around the country as Remy is a federal K-9.



Family and friends of State Police troopers enjoyed lunch in the shade.

Remy is one of 10 accelerant-detecting K-9s in the state. "She's a regular dog at home," Riopel said.

K-9 Scout was also raised through the "Puppies Behind Bars" program and is trained in

explosives detection, assigned to the Bomb Squad.

Scout, a yellow Labrador Retriever celebrated his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in December and lives with

See COMMUNITY DAY, page 5

## Select Board discusses roadside eatery, new fire truck and more

By Eric Troy  
Correspondent

NEW BRAintree – At last week's Select Board meeting, residents, citizens, business owners, and town officials gathered to discuss a BBQ eatery on Barre Road, cost concerns of a new fire truck, the transition of information technology service providers and more.

A roadside BBQ eatery has recently started serving customers on Barre Road (Route 67). A letter of complaint was filed by a resident regarding potential parking issues and the business's signage.

Select Board members commented that there seemed to be plenty of parking near the facility. The business has appropriate certifications for serving food and has received temporary operating approval through the town.

Additional permits and permission are being pursued by the business owners, including approval from the Zoning Board. While additional permits for the business are being sought, the roadside BBQ eatery has been permitted to continue operating.

If approved by the Zoning Board, and properly permitted, the BBQ business will continue to serve customers.

### Fire Department report

The Fire Department responded to four calls between June 26

and July 10. These responses were for a water leak at the New Braintree Grade School, a couch being burned in the front yard of a residence, downed wires and a fuel leak.

Discussion about securing a new fire truck for the town continued. New Braintree Fire Chief and Selectman Dennis Letendre Jr. commented on the continued increase of fire truck costs, saying that prices have risen by \$66,000 and are likely to continue climbing. He mentioned that many new fire trucks will be transitioning their drivetrain from a former Cummins motor to a new iteration whose primary difference is in emission control.

The current cost of a new fire truck is \$789,000 and this price will be held through August. A vote will take place on July 24 at the next Select Board Meeting regarding the purchase of the new fire truck.

### IT provider

The Select Board opted to transition from its current IT company to another provider, seeking to secure more responsive IT assistance. Numerous individuals present at the Select Board meeting commented on the lack of communication from the current IT company.

Oakham's CM Geeks was select-

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## Quabbin relay team ranks 15th at Nike Outdoor Nationals

By Paula Ouimette  
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BARRE – Although student-athletes from Quabbin Regional High School have qualified for nationals six times, Jaxon Warburton, Seth Twarog, Bryce Venne and Will Hood hold the honor of being the first ever track relay team to qualify from the school.

Earlier this spring, the relay team qualified to compete at the Nike Outdoor Nationals held on Hayward Field at the University of Oregon in June, with a time four seconds faster than the 3:36 needed to qualify.

"The boys ran a 3:32.0 in the 4x400 at the state relays back in April," Coach Matt Castriotta said. "They finished second that day and crushed the school record by more than two seconds."

Castriotta has been coaching outdoor track for 20 years, and is joined by Coach Matt Twarog to head the Quabbin program.

The Quabbin Track Club was able to raise over \$5,000 through donations to a GoFundMe page, in order to spend four days on the west coast, representing the rural regional school amidst a field of larger, more competitive schools.

For recent Quabbin graduate Hood, this event marked a bittersweet end to his high school



Submitted Photo

The members of the Quabbin Track Club's 4x400 relay team are shown at the Nike Outdoor Nationals held at the University of Oregon in June. They are from left, Jaxon Warburton, Seth Twarog, Bryce Venne and Will Hood.

athletic career.

Hood, who also played baseball for the high school, said he's been pretty successful on the outdoor track team. He started in seventh grade, only missing his freshman year when sports ceased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Until this track season, I hadn't lost a track meet," he said.

Sidelined with a hip flexor injury, Hood had to skip All-States, and was unable to train for nationals. He even had a physical therapist come to his house before flying to Oregon, just to make sure he was still able to safely compete.

"It was good to know that it would hurt, but I could do it,"

See TRACK TEAM, page 8

## Oakham Special Town Election set for Sept. 14

OAKHAM – The Oakham Town Clerk announces a Special Town Election on Thursday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Oakham Voting Room, Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road.

There will be two things on this ballot, a vote for Board of Selectmen member to fill a vacancy and a Yes/No vote for a debt exclusion on a new fire truck for the town.

Due to a member of the Board of Selectmen resigning, the town of Oakham will be holding a STE on Thursday Sept. 14 to fill this seat. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Town Clerk until Monday, July 24. Nomination papers need to be turned in by Friday Aug. 4. The last day to withdraw nomination papers is Monday Aug. 14.

Last day to register to vote for the Special Town Election is Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in the Oakham Town Hall.



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# News of the Towns

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## Quabbin National Night Out returns

Quabbin National Night will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 5-8 p.m. outside the Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., Barre. Wednesday, Aug. 2 will be the rain date. Anyone in participating in this free fun family event should visit QDrug.org for more information.

### Painted rock caterpillar

The painted rock caterpillar family project for all ages takes place now through Tuesday, Aug. 1. People should find a rock in their yard about the size of their open hand and paint it with acrylic paints, permanent markers or house paint. They should write their name on the bottom of the rock and may pick it up at the August party, date to be announced. They should find the location of the Rock Caterpillar with these clues: You can hear music playing here on some weekends. It is in the South, not the North. There are railroad tracks nearby. It is a beautiful place. Once they find the location, they should put their painted rock next in line at the caterpillar end. They may look at the rocks, but please do not touch them. For more information, people may email Karen Dulude at photokld17@gmail.com.

### Barre Food Pantry

The Barre Food Pantry distributions will take place on Thursday, July 20 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients July 12 and July 20 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or way-back of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

### Barre Farmers Market

The Barre Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. Fruits and vegetables in season, maple syrup, dairy products, plants, crafts and a lot more will be available for purchase.

## Quabbin Community Band presents 'Scenes From the Movies'

BARRE – This Sunday, July 23 at 6 p.m., the Quabbin Community Band will be featuring band arrangements highlighting themes from famous movies on the Harding Allen Bandstand, on the Common.

Thanks to donations from supporters, the band invested in a few temporary arrangements: "Selections from 'UP,'" "Captain Marvel Main Theme" and "The Mandalorian." We'll also perform favorites such as, "Back To The Future," "John Williams In Concert" and "Jurassic World."

In recognition of the bands' 50th anniversary they're bringing back, "Great Themes from Great Italian Movies" in a nod to one of the most notable "paisanos" (fellow Italian-American) to play in the band over the past 50 years, trombonist Frank "Mimo" Valente.

Frank lived to be 99 years old, passing peacefully in June of 2016. Frank was one of the "old timers," who played in the Gilbertville Band before it became the Quabbin Community Band and for many years led his own big



Submitted photo  
**Frank "Mimo" Valente is shown during rehearsal with the Quabbin Community Band, circa 1976.**

band swing group.

During the 1970s Mimo connected with many of the then high school students, who became the next regulars in his jazz band, which QCB director John Hansen insisted on featuring as part of the Quabbin Community Band Summer Concert Series, giving them their own concert on the Bandstand at the end of the summer.

This popular "jazz night" eventually became the current season-ending favorite, "Dixieland Night." Frank taught his son, Gary to play the trombone, putting Quabbin Regional "on the map" in the high school band world when Gary was the first student from Quabbin ever accepted into the McDonald's All-American Band. Martha Campbell from Hardwick, also a member of QCB, was selected the following year on piccolo.

The Quabbin Community Band hopes to see lots of people on The Common this weekend for "Scenes From the Movies." People should bring a lawn chair or blanket. The show starts at 6 p.m.

Margaret Reidy is the current musical director of QCB who encourages musicians of all ages to join the band each Monday night through Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall for weekly practice. Be sure to follow us on Facebook @ Quabbin Community Band. In the case of inclement weather, concerts will move to the Barre Town Hall.

## Hubbardston

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## Ag. Commission to hold summer potluck

The Hubbardston Agricultural Commission invites all commercial and hobby farmers/gardeners and their significant others to a summer potluck on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 4 p.m. at Plainview Farm, Route 68. Keith and Debbie Tetreault will host the potluck meal. Those with last names that start with A to H should bring an appetizer and those with last names I to R should bring a salad or main dish. Those with last names beginning with S to Z should bring a dessert. People should RSVP to Keith or Debbie by calling 774-258-1194 or emailing ketetreault@charter.net by Thursday, Aug. 3.

### Dinghy Dash

The annual Dinghy Dash at Brigham Pond will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. Applications are now being accepted. There are three categories: single youth, single adult and group two to four. Thursday, Aug. 21 is the deadline to enter. All boats must be constructed of cardboard and duct tape only.

### Summer concerts

The next summer concert is tentatively set for Saturday July 22 with a rain date of Sunday, July 23. Other concert dates include Saturdays, Aug. 5 and Aug. 19. All concerts are held at Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68 from 5-8 p.m. Food will be available to purchase and there will be activities for the children.

### Senior center events

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

## Orange Community Band holds fifth concert July 21

ORANGE – The Orange Community will hold the fifth of its six summer series concerts on the Bandstand in Butterfield Park Friday, July 21, at 7 pm.

The Dance Studio will sponsor the concert, conducted by Stephanie Parker in her 19th season as conductor.

The program will begin with the National Anthem, followed by one of several marches the band will perform. Other selections may include "American Folk Rhapsody" by Claire Grundman; "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin; "Overture," a novelty piece arranged by Douglas Wagner; "Edelweiss" by Richard Rodgers; Tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein; Bruno Mars on Tour, arranged by Pat

Roszell; "International Bridge" by Samuel Ward; "Hairspray" by Marc Sherman; "Lichtensteiner Polka" by Kotscher; "Christmas in July" arranged by Walter Gladwin and one of the newest pieces recently purchased through a grant from Trustees of New Salem Academy, "I Dreamed a Dream" from Les Miserables.

The Orange Community Band traces its roots back to the 1850s, when a "Town band" performed in Orange. The same core group of musicians became involved as the Mechanics Band, the New Home Band and then the Minute Tapioca Band.

Since 1976, the group has been known as the Orange Community Band. They have all performed free

family style concerts in Butterfield Park. The purpose remains the same: to provide musical entertainment for the families of Orange and the surrounding area.

Corporate support ended when the Tapioca Company moved out, the band has been sponsored, first by the town until the passage of Proposition 2 1/ and now by the generosity of businesses and individuals throughout the community.

Band members range in age from middle school to nonagenarians, and come from all over the region. New members are always welcome, and several younger members have just joined this season.

This concert season is sponsored by Orange American Legion post

172, The Lyman Family, Witty's Funeral Home, The Dance Studio, The John Marsh Howe Family, The Perkins Family, Orange Lions Club and New Salem Academy Trustees.

The Salvation Army hosts the Concession Stand at the Park, and proceeds are used to send area children to summer camp. Last week's proceeds were sent to Vermont to aid areas which had been damaged by the recent flooding.

Next week will be the final concert of the summer season and the band will join the "Return to Hogwarts" celebration by performing several new Harry Potter themes.

A back-to-school concert will be held Friday, Sept 1 as part of the local school's event.

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## 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 24. 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 – Burger with chili and cheese, sweet potato fries, strawberries, sandwich roll  
TUESDAY – Salmon with primavera sauce, lemon seasoned potatoes, green beans, fruited ambrosia, diet = Mandarin oranges  
WEDNESDAY – Roast pork with gravy, cornbread stuffing, country blend vegetables, baked apples, marble rye bread  
THURSDAY – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, birthday cake, diet = half piece, hot dog roll  
FRIDAY – American chop suey, green beans, carrots, pudding and diet pudding, French bread  
\*Diabetic friendly dessert \*\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

### Editorial deadline reminder

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

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Zoning Board of Appeals – July 20 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – July 25 at 7 p.m.  
 9/11 Memorial Development Committee – July 26 at 5 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – July 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – July 27 at 11 a.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – July 27 and Aug. 10 at 3 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 1 and Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 2 at 1 p.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.  
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Wheelwright Water District – July 24 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board – July 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – July 27 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – Aug. 3 at 7 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library, – Aug. 9 at 4 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 21 at 3 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Select Board Retreat Goals and Objectives – July 20 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board – July 27, Aug. 2 and Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.  
 Cultural Council – Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

### NEW BRAINTREE

Special Town Election – July 24 from noon-8 p.m.  
 Select Board – July 24 at 7 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Department of Public Utilities – July 20 at 2 p.m.  
 Parks and Recreation – July 20 at 6 p.m.  
 ARPS Committee – July 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Town Administrator Search Committee – July 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 1, Aug. 15 and Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.  
 Downtown Development Committee – Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 16 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – July 25 and Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15 at 5 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – July 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – July 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Select Board – July 27 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – July 27 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 1 at 6 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 8 at 10 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 18 at 9 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – July 20 at 6:15 p.m.  
 Earthworks Board – July 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board and Ad Hoc By Law Committee Joint meeting – July 28 and July 31 at 6 p.m.  
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

## Stone Church celebrates National Teddy Bear Day

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
 Staff Writer

**HARDWICK** – The Stone Church Cultural Center in Gilbertville hosted a Teddy Bear Picnic this past Monday, offering children something unique to enjoy on a rainy day.

The event was hosted by Quabbin Valley Healthcare and included several fun crafts, snacks, and activities for the children to celebrate National Teddy Bear Day.

There were watercolor activities, bear mask making with glitter glue, and a “first aid” station for Teddy bears that are old with wear and tear from love and snuggles.

The first aid station also featured Terry Ouellette and Marilyn Fisher who sewed red velvet hearts onto new bears

children got to adopt. The adoptions even came with certificates and a place to put a name.

Several children enjoyed the event, and Riley Donahue adopted a bear for her and her brother. The sibling pair Elliott and Sophie Anderson enjoyed painting and getting velvet hearts sewn on their new bears - their parents brought their childhood Teddy bears for the picnic as well.

There was a snack sandwich to make Teddy bear sandwiches with bread, butter, cinnamon sugar, and chocolate chips. There was a bear cookie cutter to shape them into little bears as well.

Sibling trio Sadie, Piper and Rockland Harrington enjoyed the bears and toy picnic table and tea sets.

A book was read about the Teddy Bear March, and then the



Riley Donahue is shown with her two Teddy bears and the Teddy bear she adopted for her brother.

children got the opportunity to perform the Teddy Bear March with their own bears.

It ended with a “picnic” lunch of Lunchables, Teddy Grahams, and gummy bears with a juice box.

The event was put together by volunteers and members of the Friends of the Stone Church including Cheryl Wolfe, Kathy McCrohon, Judy Kohn, and Judy Knight.

McCrohon hosts annual “fun days” for children at the Stone Church, and there will be another event coming in the fall.

The Teddy Bear Picnic was a great success, and the volunteers are looking forward to hosting it again next year.



Kathy McCrohon leads children and their Teddy bears in a movement song.

## Casella proposes reopening and expanding landfill

By Paula Ouimette  
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**HARDWICK** – Brian Oliver, vice-president of Casella, one of the largest landfill operators in the northeast, presented a project proposal to the Select Board to reopen and expand the old landfill on Patrill Hollow Road.

Oliver was joined by Tracy Markham, Casella’s environmental compliance officer Tuesday night, to present what he said was an “exciting” project to not only reopen the town’s landfill, but expand it by 38 acres onto adjacent David G. Roach & Sons gravel pit.

Oliver said Casella has been in existence for almost 50 years with a proven record of environmental sustainability. Casella had previously proposed reopening the landfill years ago, Oliver said, but this project would be significantly smaller, totaling 48 acres. Of that, 10 acres overlay the old landfill.

Reopening and expanding the landfill could provide the town and the state some “much needed disposal capacity,” he said.

Oliver said the proposed landfill would accept 350,000 tons of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition waste a year. David G. Roach & Sons will be involved with the landfill operations.

Landfill hours would be Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 7-11:30 a.m. The landfill will bring in approximately 50 trucks a day, and travel routes will avoid the center of town.

Casella would also look into converting landfill gas into renewable energy.

Oliver said Casella would enter into a Host Community Agreement with the town, which includes a host fee payment of \$6 per ton, or approximately \$2.1 million a year. “We would have to have an HCA for the life of the landfill,” Oliver said, which is about 13 years.

Casella also expects to pay the town an additional \$500,000 annually in leachate delivery payments for use of the Gilbertville Wastewater Treatment Plant.

“We would anticipate negotiating a leachate agreement with

the town, to take landfill leachate to the Gilbertville Wastewater Treatment Plant,” he said.

Oliver said Casella will develop odor and nuisance control plans in coordination with the town, and help pay the cost of maintaining an independent landfill monitor and engineering consultant at the site to be retained and managed by the Board of Health and Select Board.

Oliver said a public forum will be held at a future date to allow for feedback from residents.

The estimated timeline for the proposed project begins with a town meeting this fall, followed by permitting from November 2023-2026, and construction from November 2026-September 2027 before being operational in January 2028.

In order for the project to move forward, voters would need to decide on the relocation and termination of Patrill Hollow Road; a bylaw amendment to increase the maximum allowable structure height; rezoning of the landfill property; and a zoning amendment to permit the landfill in the industrial district.

## Paige Memorial Library lists events

**HARDWICK** – Darlene Dobisch, an international opera soprano, born and raised right here in Wheelwright will share her love of music and teaching she developed in Germany using stories, songs and instruments

On Tuesday July 25 at 2:30 p.m. for older children and on Wednesday July 26 at 11 a.m. for younger children, she will be at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road. Darlene Ann Dobisch studied voice at Clark University and the University of Michigan with Phyllis Curtin, Martha Sheil and Maria Ferrante, moved to Europe and received an Artist’s Diploma with honors at the Luebeck Conservatory with Judith Beckmann and James Wagner. Other fundamental musical impulses have come from Martin Katz, Ulf Bästlein, Charles Spencer, Shirley Verrett and Seiji Ozawa. She won the Robert P. Manero Music Prize and received numerous scholarships to foster her career.

People may enjoy flower arranging with Sherry Johnson on Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town House, 32 Common Street. Registration is required for this program sponsored and supported by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library.

This class may lead to a Hardwick Fair winning floral entry. People should bring \$5 to defray costs for the lesson, Oasis and flowers. Participants should also bring floral/gardening shears/clippers, a low vessel in which to arrange flowers.

Low vessels People may visit the Paige Memorial Library in person, call 413-477-6704 or email director. paigelibrary@gmail for more information and to register.

### Have Something to Share?

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## Oakham

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## Special Town Election set for Sept. 14

The Oakham Town Clerk announces a Special Town Election on Thursday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Oakham Voting Room, Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road. There will be two things on this ballot, a vote for Board of Selectmen member to fill a vacancy and a Yes/No vote for a debt exclusion on a new fire truck for the town.

Due to a member of the Board of Selectmen resigning, the town of Oakham will be holding a STE on Thursday Sept. 14 to fill this seat. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Town Clerk until Monday, July 24. Nomination papers need to be turned in by Friday Aug. 4. The last day to withdraw nomination papers is Monday Aug. 14. Last day to register to vote for the Special Town Election is Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. in the Oakham Town Hall.

### Wine, cheese tasting

On Thursday, Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. the Oakham Historical Association will sponsor a wine and cheese tasting/Oakham Trivia night at Agronomy Farm Vineyard, 338 Ware Corner Road, Oakham. Tickets are \$40 per person and there is a limit of 26 people. Tickets may be obtained by visiting Agronomy Farm Vineyard Facebook.

### Town wide yard sale

The annual Oakham town wide yard sale will be Saturday, Aug.26 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. People wishing to be placed on the map should send a \$15 check to Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham MA 01068 by Tuesday, Aug. 18. Maps may be picked up at the town hall the morning of the sale. For more information, people may call Kathy Young at 508-882-3137.

### Reenactors

On Sunday July 30 from 1-4 p.m. the reenactors from the 16th Queen’s Light Dragoons will be at the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road. This will be a presentation from the British perspective. There will be a presentation by Carl and Cynthia Kersting including musket demonstrations and tours of the museum and annex. Refreshments will be available.

### Church golf tournament

The Bob Tyck Golf Tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, returns after a three-year hiatus under a new name, GABB Memorial Golf Tournament, in honor of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray, Bob Lajoie and Bob Tyck. The Florida style tournament will be held Monday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, Old Turnpike Road. Cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, “goodie” bag and barbecue buffet. Friday, July 28 is the last day of the early bird cost of \$360 instead of \$400 for a foursome. There will be prizes for first through third teams, longest drive, last place, closest to pin an dhole in one in addition to raffles and silent auction.

People may call Dawn Thistle at 508-882-3982, George Paradis at 508-882-3068 or Brian Laramee at 413-265-5289.

### Church news

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

## Barre Post 2 to hold meat raffle

A Meat Raffle sponsored by Barre Post 2 American Legion will be held Saturday, July 22 from 3-6 p.m. at post headquarter 450 South Barre Road, Barre with five tables of meat.

Tickets are seven for \$5 and 15 for \$10. Meat supplied by Arnold’s Meats. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

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# Opinion

## Column

### The Community College option

By Eric Goodhart

This is the first of six articles that address the characteristics of the community colleges in western Massachusetts.



Photo by Eric Goodhart

#### Greenfield Community College

With the annual cost of private and state colleges costing in 2023 up to \$85,000 and \$39,000 respectively, families are looking at ways to save money. Community Colleges are challenged to meet the need of those students, who are looking at the CC option.

Some do it better than others. The question is, which CC is better equipped to support and prepare a teenager through two years and matriculate with the transferable credits to qualify as a junior at a four-year institution, private or public?

Many people think of a community college as the next step in post high school education either to lead to training in a vocation requiring an Associate of Arts degree, a certification for a job or matriculation to a four-year state or private college. That, in fact, has been the case for thousands of Massachusetts students since 1960. That was the year Berkshire Community College was opened. It was the very first CC in the Commonwealth.

One does not have to look far to find data ranking four-year colleges in the US. In fact, the pioneer of such research was the US News & World Report in 1983. That turned into being a huge money maker for the publisher. So much so, that many other magazines got into the ranking business. But because Community Colleges are largely drawing students from drivable distances there has been no such ranking for CCs.

This article and those that follow do not attempt to rank the colleges in the manner of the above mentioned. The focus is on identifying the academic strengths of each college, particularly the particular departments for which they are well known. I look at the percentage of students that matriculate in two years to four-year colleges, public and private. From Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner to the Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield. Both do very good jobs in the areas I highlight below.

I counsel a number of students around the country. The rising cost of four-year private and public colleges in California has risen so high that what was once an "open-door" policy for high school graduates into a CC is no longer guaranteed for any program at most of the CCs in that state. The cost of even living in California has made CCs the most economical option for many. Nothing to be embarrassed about. Providing the even lower cost of a CC becomes a good return on investment.

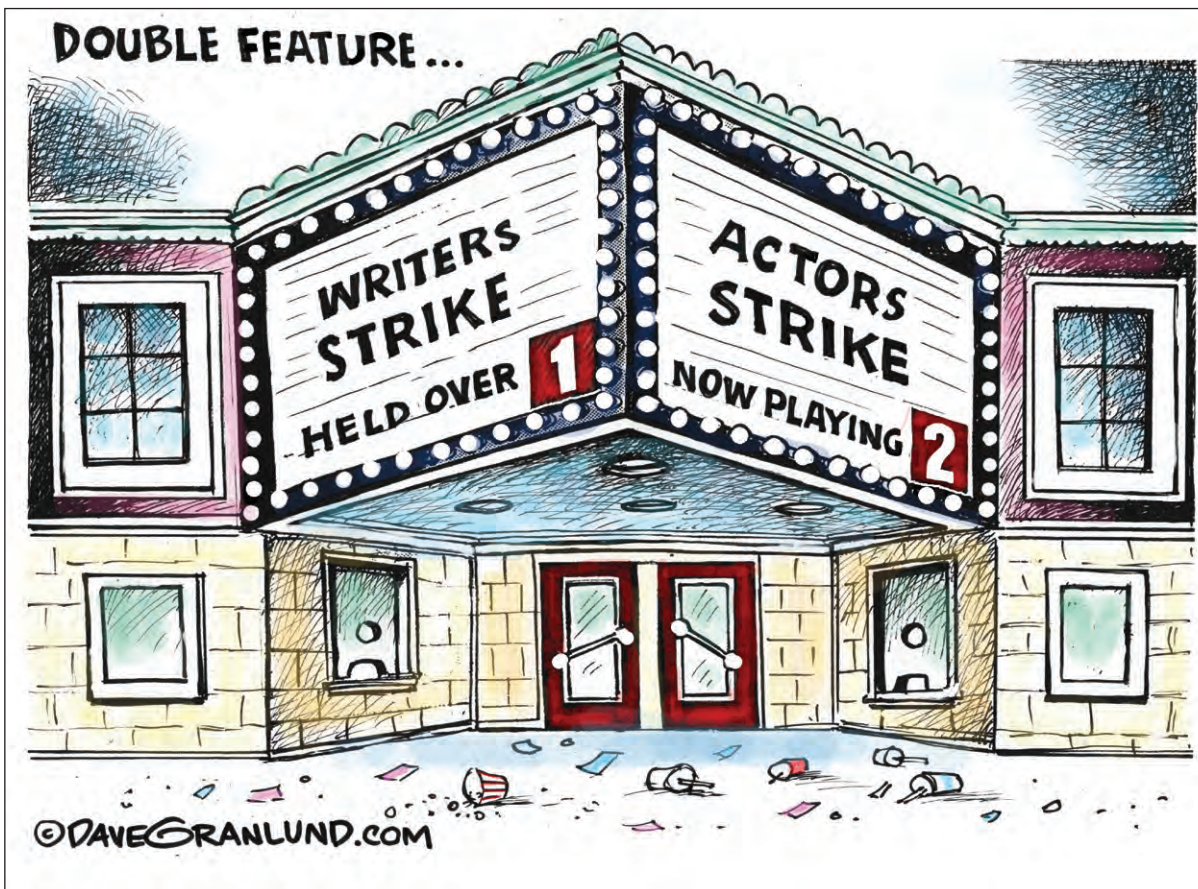
Commonwealth CCs have not closed their doors except for students looking at training and certification in various health care fields such as nursing. That is the case at Mount Wachusett Community College and Greenfield Community College. That does not mean, however, a student with aspirations to become a nurse cannot start at a CC. A good CC advisor, like the two CCs mentioned above, should be able to design a course plan for that student to earn admittance to the over enrolled more academic selective programs providing he or she has a strong academic outcome in the core courses.

Some areas a student and parents should research before enrolling are these. Request a meeting with a counselor, who has at least four years' experience as an academic and career advisor at that college or elsewhere. Most CCs have less than 30% of full-time students enrolled. How long does it take to earn an AA or certificate in a particular vocational program? What are the transfer steps at the CC to make sure the courses taken are transferable?

If those basic steps are not satisfactory, check out another CC even if it means renting an apartment in that community. CCs should be able to suggest suitable, safe housing. Living away from home while enrolled at a CC will help the student and parents see how ready he or she is to take on the responsibility to do the academic work in class; wash their clothes in a timely manner and even take on a part time job.

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## Guest Column

### Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Hi Folks,

I have been a very good cat this week and as a result I have been having my buttered toast bits every morning.

After roaming around and cleaning my paws, I decided to have an early morning nap. I had hardly closed my eyes when Missy yelled at me, "Gertrude, come quickly to see your birdies."



I jumped up and ran to the couch to look out. Wow, there were three mother turkeys and about 16 half grown little ones. One of the mothers stood watch while the others ate Missy's seeds by the feeder.

What a sight, it was worth being awakened from my nap. I didn't know quite how to thank Missy for calling me, but I decided to get my purr polished up with a few "me me me's" so I could purr loudly tonight as we watch television.

I think she will like that. Too bad, I can't tell right now how much I appreciate her waking me up to see the turkeys. Her cat language is still rusty.

I decided to check out the front closet as there was a new item there, a paper bag full of something. I pawed it over and things rolled out on the floor.

I don't know what they are or what Missy plans to do with them, so I'll just leave them there. Anyway, Missy has just gone up into the attic and the door is just enough ajar for me to open it. Hooray, up I go.

Boy, there is a lot of new stuff here and I can jump upon those big plastic containers.

Hey, I am King of the Hill today. Missy has just spied me and told me to go back downstairs. Darn, I thought I would have more good fun.

Perhaps another day I can sneak up again. I better do as she asked or my treats will disappear tomorrow morning.

Have a good day folks.

Love,  
 Gertrude

## In Past Pages

### 5 years (July 19, 2018)

The Barre Players Youth Theater did it again; they put on an audience pleasing production this past weekend. The final number by the company said it all, "We Did It." Children and youths from Barre, Hubbardston, Oakham, North Brookfield and Wheelwright rehearsed for the past three months, three nights a week to make this past week's production of "Musical The Bard Is Back," a musical comedy by Stephen Murray with a bit of Shakespeare as well, a success. Cast members includes several groups of siblings and consisted of several home schooled family members.

As part of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the Oakham Historical Museum hosts a World War I exhibit. The exhibit, set up by Edith Mathis, includes displays of war mementos from the museum's collection and enlarged copies of a servicemen's letters written to family and friends in Oakham. Soldiers letters were William Bechan, Lawrence Earle Lawless, Clarence Willis, Irving Fleming, Arthur Sargent and Fran Stone. A photo of the American Cemetery in France on display marks the burial location of Lawrence Earle Lawless. He died in World War I on Oct. 14, 1918, less than a month before the armistice on Nov. 11, 1918.

Once again, many residents came to the select board to hear town counsel's response to the select board regrid the Request For Proposal for Nichewaug property. Select Board members Henry Woosley and Fredrick Marsh decided at the boards' July 10 meeting to contact town counsel, David Doneski of KP Law, regarding the responsiveness to the only RFP received by the June 28 deadline from Petersham Community Cooperative Project Working Group. Select Board chair Nancy Allen reclude herself from any discussion or decision on the town owned Nichewaug property as she is an abutter. Attorney Doneski determined the town was not required to reject the proposal. He state the RFT included a redevelopment plan and transfer of sale of property. Severs residents felt the groups RFG did not meet the criteria since it failed dot laws a purchase price, a complete budget and funding source information.

### 10 years (July 25, 2013)

The Petersham Lions are already looking toward 2014 as the club begins its Community Calendar sale promotion. This will be the 24th year the Petersham Lions will be knocking on the doors of the residents and friends of Petersham offering this service to their neighbors. The calendar runs from January through December 2014 and is a wonderful way to keep track of family's special days; important birthdays, anniversaries or other occasions.

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Maureen Marshall explained to the school committee that because of a shift in minimum local contributions the assessments are "totally different"

### LOOK BACK Barre Fair - 1992



Jill Barnes of Barre is shown on Apple Jack, her entry in the horse show at the Barre Fair.

than at annual town meetings. The towns of Barre, Hardwick and New Braintree had increases in minimum local contribution, but Oakham and Hubbardston figures decreased. She stated the minimum local contribution was not in the part of the budget being reconsidered for an override of the governor's veto.

Dennis Fleming of Barre began three years ago to honor fellow veterans whom where wounded in service of their country and received the Purple Heart. State Sen. Stephen Brewer and state Representative Anne Gobi co-sponsored this Senate Bill S-1724, an act to name the Wheelwright Bridge the "Purple Heart Bridge." Governor Patrick signed the bill into law.

### 25 years (July 23, 1998)

Girl Scouts from Troop 102 returned from Mexico recently rich with silver souvenirs, bartering skills and new friends. They are also rich with the knowledge that "people are nice wherever you go" and "language barriers can be removed with a smile. Eight Girl Scouts and three adult chaperones spent eight days at Our Cabana in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

The Planning Board voted unanimously at its meeting Tuesday night to grant the Harding Allen Estate the special permit it needs to construct a 2,390 square foot pavilion designed to reduce noise generated by outdoor events. The permit's approval marked the latest failure in abutter, William Regienus, to prevent the business from holding large functions. He and his lawyer, Wayne LeBlanc, are planning an appeal of an earlier Worcester Housing Court decision that upheld the zoning variance granted to the inn owners, James Fairbanks and

Alain Beret.

On Saturday, Aug. 1 Barre are residents are invited to a chicken barbecue and fireworks display at Coldbrook Country Club to benefit Barre's 225th anniversary celebration in July of 1999. Although fireworks are an ancient Chinese invention, the company, Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics of Jaffrey, New Hampshire uses modern technology to create magic in the night sky.

### 38 years (July 25, 1985)

By a 2 to 1 margin, Barre voters took one giant step closer to building a municipal wastewater treatment facility for their town. Over 1,251 voters turned out a the polls on Monday, which represented 54% of the registered voters in town. According to Alice Orzulak., town clerk, shew was pleased with the turnout, but said, "I feel it could have been larger with such an important issues as this. Precinct 1 had 782 ballots cast out of a possible 1,504. The results of the vote showed 572 voters in favor of Proposition 2 1/2 override with 210 against. Precinct 2 had 469 out of a possible 787 registered votes at the polls. Two hundred eighty eight were in favor and 180 against. The total vote in town was 860 yes and 390 votes no.

Richard J. Goguen of Ashburnham has been appointed as postmaster at the Hubbardston Post office, following the retirement of Evelyn Shepherd. Goguen began duties July 2 and will be officially sworn in soon to that office. He began working for the postal service in 1979 as summer help in Fitchburg, but before the summer was through, he received

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It was another week of rain and humidity. I guess we are lucky that we are not having the troubles Vermont is having.

I couldn't go to the flea market for three weeks in a row. I really miss that weekly event even though I don't find much I need.

I spent Sunday going through some of my historical information as I was looking for a special subject. I came across an article about Mrs. F.T. Cunningham donating 25 shade trees to Hubbardston in 1902 and another 133 trees in 1903 and 22 in 1904. The tree warden planted another 10 trees in 1905 and another five in 1908. I wonder how many of those trees were taken down in the Main Street construction recently.

In 1973 voters approved \$300 to purchase trees. In April of 1972 the Conservation Committee planted 24 shade trees along Main Street. I believe most of them are still there as they were planted far enough in from the road. They are always very pretty in the spring along Main Street.

Speaking of trees the town voted the Scenic Road Act on May 14, 1979. All roads, which do not directly lead to abutting towns are included. There are 24 roads on that list.

If anyone wants to take a shade tree down on those roads they must hold a hearing. That has not always been done.

Here is a recipe that should be in season due to the blueberries being ripe now.

## BLUEBERRY CREAM CHEESE MUFFINS

- 1 cups flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 ounces cream cheese cubed
- 2 teaspoon lemon juice

- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 cup blueberries

Prepare muffin tins for 12 muffins. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Put flour, sugar baking powder, baking soda and salt in a mixing bowl.

Stir well. Set aside. Put cream cheese, lemon juice, and vanilla in food processor, process until smooth. Add eggs and process 15 seconds. With machine running pour hot melted butter through food chute. Process 10 seconds.

Add milk and process five seconds. Add dry ingredients mix with four to five pulses. Add blueberries and mix with spatula.

Fill each muffin tin 3/4 full. Bake 30 minutes. Cool 15 minutes.

## This and That

Day lilies are coming out each day. First the orange ones came out and now each day a new hybrid is coming out. I have been taking pictures of them as they come out.

A reader called me to ask if she has to take the spent blossom off of the day lilies. I told her she did not have to, but the gardens look better if you do. Unfortunately the day lilies, only last a day, but there are usually a lot of buds.

I noticed that my Clivia has a blossom on the house plant on the deck. It will be very beautiful when it is fully out. The German cactus should be blooming soon also, but I do have to cut off the new growth to make it blossom.

I hope the sun comes out. I did take a few pictures on Saturday when the sun was out. The Anna Belle Hydrangea is especially beautiful this year.

Have a good week and enjoy the rest of summer.

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nations of Jasmine Barry as DPW Administrative Assistant, Bonnie Cunningham from the Council on Aging and Donna Lafayette from Montachusett Regional Technical School Committee.

### Update on Town Center project

Select Board Chair Williams said the Town Center project was 18% complete, on schedule and under budget. The target date for completion is July 2024. A ground breaking ceremony was held earlier in the week on Monday, July 17 at Curtis Recreation Field. The project has been eight years in the making and during that time the town had six Town Administrators.

### Relocation of Assessor's office

The Town Administrator said the Assessor's office moved to the same location as the Town Clerk's office in the basement of the Hubbardston Library. He thanked Town Clerk Candace Livingston for her help in the relocation. He said he was not sure how the former Assessor's office in the Slade Building would be utilized.

### Regional Dispatch Tower

The Town Administrator reported the dispatch tower was almost complete. The final step would be the placing of a bowl on Rutland's tower so it can receive the signals from the new Hubbardston tower. Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center was waiting for funding to cover the cost of hiring a climber to put the signal device in place at a cost of \$3,000

per hour.

### Other projects

Replacing the Department of Public Works roof would begin in two weeks. The five Select Board members looked over the plans for a patio off the Hubbardston Senior Center. Work would be starting this fall. American Rescue Plan Act funds, state funds and donations will be funding the project. The patio would provide a handicap exit from the senior center located in the Slade Building.

### Other business

The Board voted to create a General Bylaw Review Committee of five members. Per the town charter, the Town Clerk would be one of the five members. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact the Town Administrator's office.

## COMMUNITY DAY, continued from page 1

Trooper John Ragosa and his other dogs.

While Scout is skilled in his ability to detect explosives, he's also a hide and seek pro, as demonstrated at Community Day, when he quickly hid behind Ragosa when the Trooper covered his eyes.

Other K-9s can be trained to detect cadavers, find lost people or

apprehend suspects.

K-9 Knox has received over 580 hours of training and originates from the Czech Republic, while K-9 Barry has received close to 1,000 hours and comes from Holland.

Central and western Europe are the breeding grounds of the some of the top U.S. K-9 breeds, including the Belgian Malinois; a breed that trails closely behind the German Shepherd in K-9 use.

Trooper Nick D'Angelo said for K-9s like Barry and Knox, all of their "fun" is had on the job, and their home life is very calm, maybe even boring at times.

Community Day also offered people the chance to meet with their local law enforcement, as well as first responders, including the Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department, Hardwick Fire Department and West Brookfield Rescue Squad.

to place screens to filter debris out of water taken in by drainage systems.

Significant rainfall has caused the ground to be saturated, limiting its ability to absorb water and increasing runoff from fields and roadways.

With the town's water systems having nearly reached capacity, the Highway Department noted a need for assistance from the Fire Department to clear culverts of debris.

### Flagpole lighting

A new flagpole has been erected on the Town Common. The American Flag flies high, but, for proper reverence and etiquette, nearby lighting equipment needs to be improved.

Components are already in place to properly illuminate the flag at night, but it needs troubleshooting and repair to be fully operational. Select Board members discussed the need for proper lighting at the site and plan to have the lighting system repaired.

### Flags/signs on town property

The Select Board discussed the creation and adoption of a town policy preventing the placement of flags and other signage on town property.

The Select Board encouraged the free expression of individuals and advertising efforts of local businesses on private property but commented that town property isn't the appropriate place to do so.



Juvenile red-tailed hawk



Several people spotted a juvenile red-tailed hawk by Coldbrook Road in Oakham last week.

People, who saw the bird, hoped its parents were near by and take care of it. That did not happen.

When no parent appeared by the next day, the bird was brought to a wildlife rehabilitator.

The red-tailed hawk is the most commonly seen hawk in this area. It is about 19 inches long. It gets its name from its reddish upper tail. It also has a white chest with a belly band and markings on the chest. Plumage varies considerably. The immature has a finely, banded gray-brown tail and keeps this plumage for one year.

The female lays one to five bluish white eggs with dark marks in a platform of sticks lined with bark and greens in a tree. The nest can be 15 to 120 feet high.

They often are seen perched in a tree by a field. They make a slurred scream like "tseeaarr" often directed at an intruder. Fledglings and adults also

make a "klooeek" sound. During courtship or territorial encounters, they make a piercing "chwirk."

### Bird talk

On July 7, I spoke about birds at the Oakham Senior Center. Ava, age 7, won the door prize of a "Squirrel Slammer" feeder. She came to the event with her great-aunt, who also took the photo of the young red-tailed hawk in this column. She related the story of its rescue since it appeared to be abandoned.

One Oakham woman attending the talk said a robin nested near the house. She and her husband could watch it from their home. One day, they saw the mother shove all her babies out of the nest.

### Wild turkeys

Recently, I saw a turkey dust bathing along the side of the road. An Oakham resident had one doing the same thing in her yard. At first, she was concerned it was injured, but it did get up and leave.

Several people reported wild turkeys in their yard with youngsters. I saw one group on someone lawn recently. The poultts looked adorable.

### Loons

Most loon pairs hatch their young the first two weeks of July. Both Wachusett Reservoir and Quabbin Reservoir have nesting loons. Floating nests not only provide suitable nesting sites, but they also rise and fall with the water level. This is especially important this year with all the heavy rain in preventing flooding of the nests.

### Massachusetts Audubon Society sighting

In Berkshire County, sightings reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a northern goshawk and two hooded warblers in Great Barrington and a single hooded warbler at the Hopkins Memorial Forest in Williamstown. Other sightings were a least bittern at Richmond Marsh and merlins in Pittsfield and Lenox.

In Worcester County, sightings included a Brewster's warbler in Harvard, two black vultures soaring near the Hardwick Winery and five evening grosbeaks.

It is good to hear there are evening grosbeak sightings as many of the people at the bird talk at the Oakham Senior Center said they had not seen evening grosbeaks in some time.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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a career appointment and began work as a clerk in Harvard. In October of 1980 he transferred to Gardner as a carrier. For the past year, he has been worked full time at the window in the Gardner Post Office.

Last week's election in Barre, which overrode Proposition 2 1/2 to fund a wastewater treatment facility heartened the clean water advocates in the Ware River Valley of the Chicopee River Basin. Gilbertville clean water advocates reminded concerned people to note there is still a hard road ahead, with estimates it will take Barre three to four years for the construction if a wastewater system.

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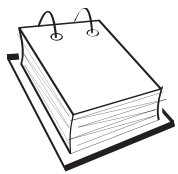
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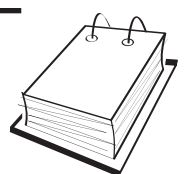
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### THURSDAY, JULY 20

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

PAINTED ROCK CATERPILLAR FAMILY PROJECT for all ages takes place now through Tuesday, Aug. 1. People should find a rock in their yard about the size of their open hand and paint it with acrylic paints, permanent markers or house paint. They should write their name on the bottom of the rock and may pick it up at the August party, date to be announced. They should find the location of the Rock Caterpillar with these clues: You can hear music playing here on some weekends. It is in the South, not the North. There are railroad tracks nearby. It is a beautiful place. Once they find the location, they should put their painted rock next in line at the caterpillar end. They may look at the rocks, but please do not touch them. For more information, people may email Karen Dulude at [photokld17@gmail.com](mailto:photokld17@gmail.com).

PROGRAM ON PLANE CRASH OF 1973 will take place today at 7 p.m. at the Gardner Museum, 28 Pearl St., Gardner with a reception at 6:30 p.m. Winchendon-born U.S. Army Veteran and author Paul

D. Houle will give a presentation about the worst plane crash in New England history at Boston's Logan International Airport.

SHOW AND TELL FOR GROWNUPS for ages 18 plus will be held today at 6 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre. Adults can tell the story of a family heirloom, unique collection, original artwork or any cherished belongings.

### FRIDAY, JULY 21

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

SUPPORT GROUP for grandparent raising grandchildren will be held today from 9:30-11 a.m. at Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday of every month. People should call 508-796-1411 or email [yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg](mailto:yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg) to register or for more information.

### SATURDAY, JULY 22

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

AMAZING MAGICAL POTTER'S WHEEL for all ages will be held today at 3 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre with master potter Richard Hamelin. Participants can make a pinch pot to take home.

MEAT RAFFLE sponsored by Barre Post 2 American Legion will be held today from 3-6 p.m. at post headquarter 450 South Barre Road, Barre with five tables of meat. Tickets are seven for \$5 and 15 for \$10. Meat supplied by Arnold's Meats. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

COOKING WITH CSA SHARE WORKSHOP will take place today from 10 a.m.-noon at Many Hands Sustainability Center, 411 Sheldon Road, Barre. Claire Caldwell and Julie Rawson, farmers at Many Hands Organic Farm will take the share from July 17 and make a lunch for all participants to eat. The workshop is limited to 12 participants and price is \$25 to \$75. People should visit <https://mhof.net/> to register.

EXPLORING THE ROAD TO DANA COMMON will take place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with a 3.6 mile moderate hike. The old foundations, stone walls, and shade trees of Dana Common will transport participants to the past as they explore Quabbin's unique history. This hike will introduce you to some of the notable residents of Dana as you discover what life was like in the Swift River Valley over a hundred years ago. Photos and letters illustrating Quabbin's past will bring Dana to life before their eyes. They should meet at Gate 40 on Route 32A in Petersham. People should bring water and a snack and dress appropriately for the weather. All ages are welcome. To register for this program, people may visit <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?page=1>.

PIONEER VALLEY BRASS will perform a free public concert of traditional and modern music arranged for brass today at 2 p.m. in the Swift River Valley Historical Society in New Salem, dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth (Zib) Peirce, who recently passed away at the age of 99. This concert coincides with the anniversary of the birthday of Harriet Clary, who lived in the Whitaker/Clary house, which is part of the museum today. As usual cake will be served after the performance. This program is sponsored by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana as the 802nd service to provide a memorial for the North Dana Parish.

### SUNDAY, JULY 23

PETERSHAM BRASS BAND CONCERT will be held today at 7 p.m. on the Petersham Common, Main Street, Petersham. The band is under the direction of Stuart Britton. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Petersham Town Hall. Other concert dates are Sundays, July 30 and Sept. 3.

### MONDAY, JULY 24

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

BIG RANDOM BAND CONCERT has been rescheduled today at 6 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. The Barre Lions Club will be running a concession stand.

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

REENACTORS FROM 16TH QUEEN'S LOGT DRAGOONS will be held today from 1-4 p.m. at the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. This will be a presentation from the British perspective. There will be a presentation by Carl and Cynthia Kersting including musket demonstrations and tours of the museum and annex. Refreshments will be available

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# SPORTS

## Balanced scoring emerging for Quabbin despite loss

AUBURN – Balanced scoring is beginning to emerge for the young cagers from Quabbin and coaches Tim Hay and Luke Brownell continue to emphasize and teach an effective passing offense.

Despite two recent losses in the Auburn Summer League, the E.P. Wine sponsored team had as many

as six scorers in each game. The effort to share the basketball and find the open player seems to be a lesson that the young cagers are responding to and, more importantly, making a commitment to apply each game.

A close loss to Grafton by a score of 32-24 in a highly contested defensive game by both teams

saw power forward Kyle Clark led the team with eight points and eight rebounds. Brownell has been working with the junior on establishing himself in the low and mid-post area and this is where Clark seems to be most effective and sometimes dominant.

The coaches have been working with lone senior Nick Whitelaw as well towards creating a twin tower high-low post forward tandem on offense. Both Whitelaw and Clark have shown the ability to create offense around the high-low post area and their size and acumen will certainly expand their roles on the team.

With the addition of Zeke Santoro, a junior forward, and Anthony Quarterone, a 6'3 sophomore to the summer team the Quabbinians are deep in the power forward position and looking to take advantage.

Chris Prunesti-Leveille matched Kyle Clark in scoring eight points including two treys. Jaxon Warburton, adding an advanced skill set each time he takes the court, led the team with five loose ball recoveries.

Warburton has taken advantage of the starting position in the lead guard spot to facilitate the passing game and has shown a propensity to get to the basket more and more in his development.

Team captain Nick Whitelaw is working with a young group but the hard-working senior never misses a clinic and has provided good instruction and confidence to the younger forward players in Quarterone and Santoro. Though the team endured two losses with Grafton and David Prouty by a score of 63-44, both were good efforts

In the second loss to David Prouty, Chris Prunesti-Leveille led



Guard Jaxon Warburton explodes to the basket after receiving a high ball screen from teammate Nick Whitelaw in Auburn League action.

Submitted photos

the team with 18 points followed by Kyle Clark with 11 points. Ricky Janoure, Jaxon Warburton and Nick Whitelaw each added 4 points apiece.

While the offense seems to be more balanced and developing a more lethal passing attack it is the defense that needs to be more consistent. The amount of ball-bys leading to direct scoring opportunities, usually an uncontested lay-up by the opposition, remains an area that needs improvement. Defensive fundamentals are needed and the fact that the team allowed 15 opportunities which

translated to 30 unanswered points is a focus of the summer coaching staff.

Coach Tim Hay has been working with guards Bryce Venne, Ricky Janoure, Jaxon Warburton and Jacoby Dilling on defensive strategy and tactics.

The sub-varsity players, coached by Dawn Sulmasy and sponsored by Ground Up Landscaping have held their own in a varsity dominated league in Fitchburg. Despite losses to varsity teams from Fitchburg High

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## Bankers in great shape heading for playoffs

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE— PeoplesBank has been one of the best baseball teams in the Tri-County League during the past few decades.

PeoplesBank has won the last nine TCL championship titles and a total of 18 since 1995. They entered the final week of the 2023 regular season with a 15-1 record.

"We were the second seed in last year's playoffs, which I believe was only the second time that we weren't the top seeded team during the past nine years," said Joe Ferry, who has been the PeoplesBank player/ manager since 2019. "We finished the regular season with the same record as Easthampton Savings Bank, but they won the tie-breaker against us."

PeoplesBank wound up defeating Easthampton Savings Bank in last year's finals.

Because Easthampton Savings Bank is no longer a member of the TCL, the Chicopee Falls Tigers will probably be PeoplesBank biggest challenge in this year's playoffs.

"We're looking forward to playing any team in the playoffs," Ferry said. "All of the teams are gunning for us. We do have a big target on our backs, but we know how to deal with the pressure."

St. Joe's celebrated a 3-1 home win over PeoplesBank on June 6.

"We haven't lost a game since St. Joe's beat us in the second game

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Junior guard Bryce Venne slashes past his defender for a strong layup and resulting foul.

## Mutiny makes playoffs following tie with Rush

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The New England Mutiny managed to qualify for the United Women's Soccer (UWS) playoffs for the second consecutive year.

The Mutiny officially clinched a berth in this year's East Conference playoffs following a 2-2 draw against the Connecticut Rush at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on July 8.

However, it wasn't the result that the Mutiny players or coaches were really looking for in the regular season home finale.

"You don't always get the result that you're looking for in the game of soccer," said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. "We tried a slightly different formation with the personal that we had for tonight's match."

First-year Mutiny head coach Mauricio 'Toto' Coimbra was unavailable for comment following the home match.

The Mutiny, who finished the regular season with a 4-2-2 overall record, entered the playoffs as the sixth seed. They were scheduled to make to Lancaster for a quarterfinal match on Wednesday July 12.

"We come into every season expecting to make the playoffs. That's our number one goal," said Meghan Cunningham, who has been playing for the Mutiny for more than ten years. "It's disappointing that we're not a higher seed this year."

The conference semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at a site to be announced this weekend.

Following a 3-0 road win against the Scorpions SC on



Hope Santaniello maneuvers through the middle of the field.

June 12, the Mutiny had a 3-0-1 record.

Their leading goal scorer at that point of the regular season was Catherine Berry, who headed back to University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season.

Had Berry been able to play in every regular season match, the Mutiny, who posted a 1-2-1 mark during the second half of the regular season, would've probably been hosting a playoff match for the second consecutive year.

A year ago, the Mutiny lost to FC Buffalo, 2-1, in the East Conference semifinals at

Lusitano Stadium.

"Having to play a mid-week playoff game on the road is always a very difficult thing to do," Cunningham said. "Hopefully, we can get a good group of players for our playoff game. It has been a lot of fun being a member of this soccer team and I'm hoping to come back again next year."

The start of last Saturday's match was delayed for an hour due to lightning.

Once the weather did clear up, the Mutiny took a 1-0 lead during the second minute of the opening half.



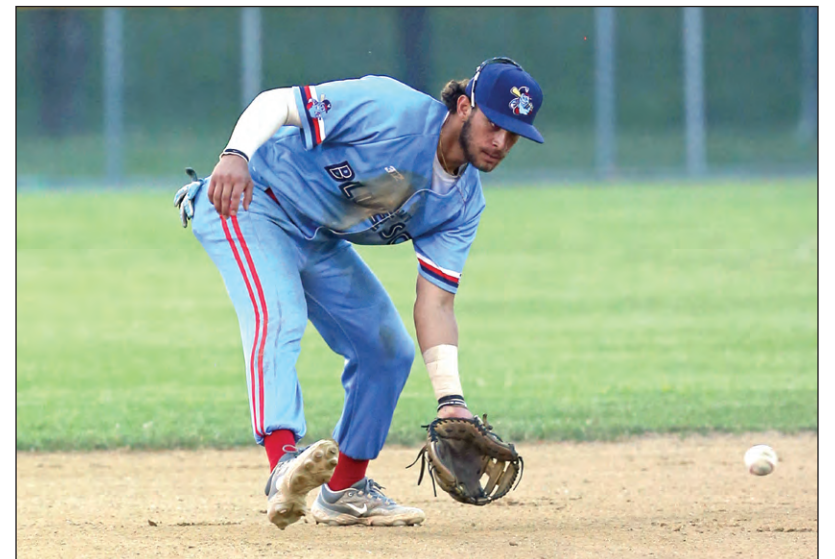
Meghan Cunningham looks to make a decision with the ball.

Jenna Kalwa, who's the head coach of the University of Saint Joseph women's soccer team, began the scoring play by sending a pass to Catherine Bean in the middle of the box. Bean finished off the play by blasting a shot into the upper left corner past Rush goalie Alessandra Augur.

Bean, who's from Westfield, will be a junior on the Bryant University women's soccer team in the fall.

She gave the Mutiny a 2-0 advantage by converting a

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Matthew Garcia fields a grounder.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

## Blue Sox doubled up by Westerners

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners by a score of 10-5 last Saturday. The team fell to 16-15-1 on the season.

Sean Scanlon started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching five shutout innings with four strikeouts.

Valley led the game for the first five innings. Eliot Dix lead-off the game with a solo home run, followed by an RBI ground-out by Efrain Correa Jr. in the top of the second. Michael Zarrillo added a solo home run in the top of the sixth inning to make it 3-0. Zarrillo batted 2-for-3 on the night with a walk.

The trouble began in the bot-



Jeff Pierantoni winds up for a long throw.

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# Sports

## Bonsignore wins photo finish at New Hampshire



Submitted photo

Justin Bonsignore was a winner at New Hampshire Motor Speedway last weekend.

LOUDON, N.H. – Justin Bonsignore scored his second win of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Saturday evening at New Hampshire Motor Speedway – and did it in a photo finish coming to the line. The driver of the No. 51 for Ken Massa Motorsports machine was out front when rain hit the track with just under 35 laps to go and the field pulled down pit road.

It looked as though it might be over – but the rain stopped – NASCAR and track officials dried the track – and the Mohegan Sun 100 went back under the green flag. Bonsignore pitted during the caution and had to restart outside the top-10. He charged through the field and was in position to race for the lead in the final few laps in the Phoenix Communications ride.

Bonsignore passed Doug Coby to take the lead when the field crossed at the white flag. Off turn two on the final lap, Coby went to the outside of Bonsignore for the lead with Ron Silk looking three-wide to the bottom. Bonsignore led through the middle of

turn three before Coby crossed to the bottom and got inside coming off turn four to the finish line.

Bonsignore and Coby drag-raced to the line and made a little bit of contact, with Bonsignore coming out on top by a small margin. It was the 37th career win for the Holtsville, New York, native and his second points-paying win at New Hampshire.

“It was just crazy,” Bonsignore said. “The way we were able to drag-race back to the line and beat Doug, it was amazing. This is our Super Bowl, our Daytona 500. There’s nothing like racing a Modified here. I’m glad we got the race back going and the fans stuck it out. Coby, Silk and I have a good rivalry but there’s a ton of respect involved. I knew where I wanted to be on the last lap.”

Bonsignore will be back on the track at Claremont Motorsports Park for the next NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event on Saturday, July 29. For more information on the three-time series champion, visit JustinBonsignore.com.

# Education

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Isabella Howard makes William & Mary Dean's List

WILLIAMSBURG, VA – Isabella Howard from Oakham was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary College for the spring 2023 semester.

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

### Teah Arum makes UConn Dean's List

STORRS, CT – The University of Connecticut announces the spring Dean's List. Teah Arum of Rutland made the Dean's List.

### Connor Foreman makes Dean's Honor List

TROY, NY – Connor Foreman of Oakham, who is studying materials engineering, has made the Dean's Honor List for the spring 2023 semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Rensselaer's Dean's Honor List is compiled at the end of each semester to recognize undergraduate students who have completed 12 or more credit hours with a 3.5 grade point average or better for that term.

### Emily Marrone named to Siena College Dean's List

LOUDONVILLE, NY – Emily Marrone of Hardwick has been named to the Siena College Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

### Anna Maria College announces Dean's List

PAXTON – Anna Maria College announces the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester.

Local students making the Dean's List are: Alisha Ditaranto of Hubbardston, Brodin Coughlin of North Brookfield, Trista Daley of New Braintree, Ioannis Christodoulou of Rutland and Natalie Bogard of Rutland.

Anna Maria College awards Dean's List recognition to students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate day program in good standing who have attained in the previous semester a GPA of 3.5 with no grade lower than “B” for a minimum of four courses.

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Hood said.

Hood also qualified individually for the 400 meters at nationals, but opted out of competing in order to give his all to the relay team.

Hood is getting ready to attend UMass Amherst this fall and is already talking with the coach there about continuing his track career through college.

Twarog has been a member of the outdoor track team since seventh grade, only missing a year due to the pandemic. Now a senior, Twarog said he and his teammates all started the sport to help stay in shape for the other sports they play.

“As we got better at track, it's become more of an actual main sport rather than just a way to stay fit,” he said.

Both Venne and Warburton will be juniors this school year, having started outdoor track when they were in the eighth grade.

Warburton said it was exciting to play under the lights at nationals, as their team didn't compete until 9 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, which would be midnight back home.

“Each event takes a long time,” Warburton said.

Despite the time difference, the rest of the outdoor track team, as well as family and friends, watched the streaming of the competition and cheered the four student-athletes on from afar.

Warburton said this was his first time running in a closed stadium, but aside from that, the competition wasn't really that different.

“I had a lot more nerves walking onto the track,” Twarog said.

Venne said the most profound moment of competing at nationals was walking into the stadium.

“It was next level...everybody was screaming,” he said.

The Quabbin Track Club finished 15 out of 21.



Student-athletes Jaxon Warburton, Seth Twarog, Bryce Venne and Will Hood look out over the track at the University of Oregon, where they competed against schools from across the U.S.

While in Oregon, the Club was able to visit some iconic locations featured in the 1985 film “The Goonies”, including the beach where One-Eyed Willy's ship was last seen sailing off into the mist; and even the Fratelli's getaway car.

There was one stark difference being on the west coast versus the east coast, Venne said.

“There was no Dunkins,” he said.

Even with schools from all over the country competing, members of the Quabbin Track Club agreed that track is the friendliest of sports, and that competition is really driven by yourself.

“It definitely builds your discipline for self-improvement,” Warburton said.

It's also the perfect sport to keep you in shape for a number of other sports, Hood said, and you can develop your strength and skill at your own pace.

“Anybody can do it,” he said.

The student-athletes are spending their summer working on their conditioning and preparing for the next outdoor track season. They are all working toward reaching their personal goals.

Twarog said he is hoping to beat the 400 meter record, while Venne said he wants to break the school record for 400 meter hurdles. Venne said he was two seconds from beating it last season, even after falling.

Warburton said he wants to qualify for nationals individually in javelin.

In fact, all three hope to qualify individually. Competing at the Nike Outdoor Nationals earned the Club members plenty of Nike products, including red windbreakers with their names on them, spikes and more; but it also gave them memories to last a lifetime.



The relay team took home a baton, which they signed and will bring to Quabbin Regional High School to be displayed in the trophy case.

“It's more about the experience,” Venne said.

A recording of the competition is available at [nikeoutdoor-nationals.runnerspace.com](http://nikeoutdoor-nationals.runnerspace.com).



Members of the Quabbin Track Club display their bibs.

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School and Gardner the team is gaining valuable experience and playing time.

Coach Sulmasy's team was edged by Gardner 44-39 in a highly competitive and excit-

ing game. Zack Alves, Anthony Quarterone, Matt Wade and Jacoby Venne stood out with strong efforts and performances. Anthony Quarterone is playing in both varsity leagues and the sophomore, with his now increasing scoring and rebounding, is taking advan-

tage of the opportunity.

Quarterone has also been an emerging team leader with the younger team in Fitchburg which has been noticed and appreciated by the summer coaching staff and, more importantly, his teammates.

Coach John Leonard will

be back again conducting his advanced skills development clinic on Thursday, July 27 at the Quabbin High School gym. Participation is very limited as instruction is very personalized so any player interested should sign up with a summer coaching staff member.

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# Church News

## Local pastors offers sermons

### Liberty Part 5

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

Yet what types of freedom does He bring? From what prisons does He yet deliver? In this edition, let us consider that Christ frees us from the bondage of shame.

Many wallow in a spirit of shame, suffering from a chronic condition of guilt and self-condemnation. Such live crushed beneath the weight of disgrace, humiliation and embarrassment, believing themselves to be irredeemable and beyond the grace of God. To such a one, I would share this selection from the Gospel of John:

**John 8:2-11 (NIV)**

2 At dawn he [Jesus] appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. 3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery.

They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" 6 They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

What do we see in this account from the life and ministry of Christ?

Firstly, we see that it was not the desire of the Lord to shame this woman for her sin. In fact, it was His desire to liberate her from the penalty and power of sin, along with the shame that it brings. Could this be reflective of His heart today, for someone like you and me in our worst moments?

Let us always remember (John 3:16-17): "16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." As one writer adds: "The only one qualified to throw a stone didn't."

Secondly, we see that we should resist our human urge to

judge one another. By the time the Lord was done addressing those who wished this woman dead for her crimes, they were made to feel the weight of their own.

Since everyone was exposed as broken and in need of divine mercy, they could no longer judge her without judging themselves (cf. Rom. 2:1). Thus, those who wish to point a finger at others must realize that three fingers are always pointed back upon themselves. Ultimately, it is not our job to judge one another, but to warn one another of coming judgment and the means of escape!

Thirdly, we see that past and present failings are not necessarily predictive of future realities. It would have been easy for this woman to assume that her sinful inclinations would remain unchanged in perpetuity. After all, once a failure, always a failure (so why try to be any better at all).

However, the moment Jesus told her to "go" and "leave her life of sin" (v. 11b), He revealed that His grace does not just provide for pardon, but enablement for a new way of living in Him! This sentiment was also put forth by the apostle Paul to his protégé, Titus:

**Titus 2:11-14**

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Therefore, our lives do not have to be characterized by sinful, fleshly acts, but can abound in the virtues of the Lord through His liberating power.

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

Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) for more information.

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### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday

"Come to Me, and I will give you rest"

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com)

#### Scripture Reading: Matthew 11 v 16-19 & 25-30

##### 1. Introduction

Many of us take some time off during the summer to get away and to get some rest from a busy year.

Others may prefer another season to do so. We all need that time out, to rest and relax, either at home or away.

To do this means being away from the busyness and stress which our work and home life can bring upon us. It also means having the opportunity to enjoy other parts of life, having fun, and feeling restored, and then to get back to the normal routine of life.

Rest can mean different things for different people...getting more sleep, giving the body time to really recover from being tired. It can also mean doing relaxing activities that feel restful, or finishing up some projects one is passionate about, and giving one that sense of peace and fulfillment when it is done. Rest from it all is what we sometimes need.

2. Come to Me, and I will give you rest

In our passage Jesus is extending to everyone who feels weary and burdened to come to Him and He will give them rest. He could see people's tiredness, their illnesses, and poverty and how they were trying to deal with their situations.

He was also aware of the pressures put on them to uphold the laws and regulations by the Scribes and Pharisees. These laws did not support people in their daily lives, but instead were punitive and created fear in people.

Then there were those who did not appreciate what He was teaching, as we read in verse 25, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children." He wants them to know that He is the One who will give them rest.

Jesus compares the burdens of the crowd with the yokes animals were tied to, to pull a plow or some other heavy equipment. While these yokes served a good purpose, they carried a load that was heavy, and when the work was done, says R.T. France, it brought great relief to the ones who carried the load.

The yoke the crowd was carrying was imposed on them, and He therefore calls upon them to recognize that. He offers them a different kind of yoke, which is He Himself, the Messiah, who is a different kind of leader than the ones who oppress them. He is gentle... and humble. If they turn their hearts to Him, He will give them rest from all their troubles and burdens. His yoke is easy and light, and if they learn from Him, and the message He brought them, and live accordingly, their lives will be transformed, and they will have peace of mind.

##### 3. Conclusion

Christ always extends

Himself to us. His life on earth was a clear indication that He understood the context of His time, the issues, the people, the leaders, and the ones who suffered. He healed the sick because they needed help. He helped the beggars on the street. He opened Himself up to those who were outcasts in the society of His day. He understood what and who caused the pain and suffering, and He came to stand right in front of the perpetrators. His whole person was a challenge to those who oppressed others. For that He Himself suffered and died.

Today we all have our own burdens. We too carry a yoke that makes life hard sometimes. We sometimes are weary from our worries, and even the get-away, which is a good thing to do, and helps us feel restored, cannot fully give us peace of mind.

There are things in our personal lives which make us feel helpless, and angry and sad perhaps. We are also confronted with forces in our work, and societal, economic, and political issues that affect us all. We know that decisions need to be made for the betterment of the lives of all people, but we often do not see that.

We see leaders with their self-interest, and even we as a people do not always agree on issues, and that creates divisions in our society. One thing that I believe we can learn from Jesus Christ, our Savior, is to let go of what we are used to, the things we believe in that do not always bring us together as a family, community, or the nation.

Once we let go of our own self-interest, we may be able to see what the other sees and believes. Maybe then we can move away from the disagreements and things that cause divisiveness and see our common humanity.

Maybe then we can talk and make the burdens lighter for everyone involved. And maybe then we will together see the pain around us, hear the cries from the poor and outcast. The more and more we do that, we will be sitting in the presence of Christ, because we will see Christ in the ones who are weary and burdened.

We will hear Him call us to a place of rest, and in His presence, we will find peace together because He is peace, and love and kindness and gentleness. He provides for us. He heals our bodies, and our minds and our souls. He forgives us. He is the Son of God, and God is complete love and peace and full of compassion.

May God help us all reflect on this message and help us to hear Christ's voice as He calls us to come to Him so that He can give us rest.

Amen.

#### Pastor Margaret Keyser

Barre Congregational Church  
30 Park St., Barre

# Obituaries

## Rebecca J. (Ryder) Pacheco, 80

BARRE – Rebecca J. (Ryder) Pacheco, 80, of Barre, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Lanessa extended care.

Rebecca was born in Holden, the daughter of the late John T and Betty (Lang) Ryder and has been a long time resident of Barre.

She leaves her husband of 57 years, Urban K Pacheco; their two daughters, Kimberly and her husband Mark Doyle of Barre and Kelly and her husband Kenneth Martineau of Raymond New Hampshire; a son, Michael Pacheco of Lowell; her daughter, Leslie Mendez of New York; 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her sister, Judith Gallivan; brother, John M Ryder and son,



Christopher T Pacheco.

Rebecca was cafeteria manager of Ruggles Lane School for 20 years until she retired. She enjoyed knitting, camping and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to attend the memorial service for Rebecca on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 11 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral

Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. Burial will follow in St. Josephs Cemetery in Barre.

### DEATH NOTICE

**Pacheco (Ryder), Rebecca J.**  
Died July 11, 2023  
Services July 21, 2023

## Flower arranging with Sherry Johnson is July 27

HARDWICK – Enjoy flower arranging with Sherry Johnson on Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. at the Town House, 32 Common St.

Registration is required for this program sponsored and supported by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library. This class may lead to your Hardwick Community Fair's winning floral entry. The cost is \$5 to defray costs for

the lesson, Oasis, and flowers. Bring floral/gardening shears/clippers, a low vessel in which to arrange flowers (low vessels can be borrowed that night if you do not have one), and flowers from your garden, if you wish.

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## Country Bank announces Stonier graduate

Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to congratulate one of its Difference Makers, Dianna Lussier, Vice President of Risk, on her recent graduation from the American Bankers Association, Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

The ABA Stonier Graduate School of Banking continues to lead the way as the industry's preeminent graduate banking program. Professional development is important now more than ever, and Stonier delivers the highest standard of executive education through its highly regarded program. Graduates receive both a Stonier Diploma and a Wharton Leadership Certificate.

"During the past three years, I gained valuable insights into leadership, innovation, ethics, business strategy, and change management. I've learned new perspectives and skillsets and built meaningful connections with leaders in the banking industry across the country. I know these connections will be a great resource for me throughout my career. Thank you to Country Bank for providing me with this opportunity to advance my lead-

ership and other developmental skills that will make a difference in my career, for my team, and the Bank," said Dianna.

"We couldn't be prouder of Dianna for her dedication to the completion of the American Bankers Association Stonier School of Banking. She has worked hard over the course of this three-year program designed to enhance her leadership skills as a banker, a risk professional and a thought leader for the Bank. Dianna has always been enthusiastic about the learning opportunities offered by the Bank through her career at Country Bank and we are appreciative of her continued commitment to excellence," said Miriam Siegel, FSVP, Chief Culture & Development Officer.

Country Bank is one of the most highly capitalized mutual savings banks in the Commonwealth offering full-service consumer and commercial banking services. Country Bank serves Central and Western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, Springfield and Worcester.

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tom of the sixth inning, when the Blue Sox gave up seven runs off of back-to-back-to-back home runs followed by a fielding error and a sacrifice fly to allow the Westerners to take the lead 7-3.

AJ Guerrero hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh to cut the Danbury lead to three runs. The left fielder went 3-for-5 on the night.

Danbury added three more runs off in the bottom of the seventh following a two run home run and an RBI double, allowing the Westerners to increase their lead 10-4.

Valley would take one more run back following a solo home run from CJ Willis, making the final score 10-5.



Jonathan Bautista pitches for the Blue Sox.

### TRI-COUNTY, continued from page 7

of the season," Ferry said. "We won the next three games against them by the final scores of 14-1, 14-0, and 14-4."

The only other PeoplesBank managers during the past 30 years have been Jim Long, who passed away on July 12, 2017, and Fred Perry.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Jim Long," Ferry said. "He meant a lot to this baseball team and we're trying

our best to carry on the winning tradition here. We just want to have fun and win another championship title."

Most of the PeoplesBank players have been playing together for many years.

"We do have a very good team chemistry," Ferry added. "We also have a lot of other guys who can fill in. We're always looking to add new players every year."

PeoplesBank will enter this year's TCL playoffs as the top seed. They clinched first place following a 10-0 home victo-

ry against 413 ATC on July 11. Jimmy Flahive hurled a sixth inning no-hitter in that contest.

The other members of the PeoplesBank pitching staff are Johnny Gegetsks, Matt Gardner, Zach Handzal, and Danny Gaines, who's from Holyoke.

"We do have a solid pitching staff," Ferry said. "We play a couple of games each week and the starting pitchers know which day they're going to pitch."

Ferry was the j.v. baseball coach at Palmer High School when Handzal was a member of

the team.

"I just love playing on the same baseball team with Zach. He's a bulldog on the mound," Ferry said. "He always gives 110% effort in every game."

Several other players listed on the PeoplesBank roster are Dave Clark, Pete Hogan, Kyle Platner, Seth Allen, Sam Allen, Rey Rivera, and Aiden Consedine.

The Tri-County League playoffs are scheduled to begin on July 24. Each of the playoff series will be a best of three series.

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rebound goal during the 23rd minute.

The Mutiny other local players, who saw action in the regular season finale, were Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Brooke Samborski (Chicopee), and Alexis Legowski (South Hadley). Julia Robak (Chicopee) was the back-up goalkeeper.

The Rush (1-6-1) cut the deficit in half a couple of minutes later following Ellery

Winkler's first goal of the contest.

A little more than five minutes into the second half, the Mutiny had another scoring chance on a header in the box by Rachel Marchini following a corner kick, but it just sailed wide.

The Mutiny managed to hold onto the one goal lead until the 74th minute when Winkler fired a low shot into the right corner of the net past Kopac tying the score at 2-2.

Marchini missed another header and the Mutiny had to settle for the draw.



Laura Gauvin gets past an opponent.

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, July 2**  
11:54 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Valley Road, Referred to Other Agency  
2:10 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Summer Street, No Fire Service Necessary  
3:57 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, July 3**  
9:08 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Gauthier Road, Message Delivered  
10:09 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Gauthier Road, Message Delivered  
3:08 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Summer Street, Officer Advised  
3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued  
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Marquis, Thomas, 35, Worcester  
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit  
5:27 p.m. Fumes/Gas Leak, Town Farm Road, Investigated  
9:20 p.m. Complaint, Gilbert Road, Negative Contact  
9:28 p.m. Complaint, Fir Street, Negative Contact  
10:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Old Coach Road, Information Given

**Tuesday, July 4**  
11:36 a.m. Falls, Pleasant Street, Mutual Aid Transported  
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
5:50 p.m. Gunshots, Varney Lane, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:02 p.m. Noise Violation – Fireworks, Marsh Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:20 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Clem Court, Unfounded

**Monday, July 5**  
12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Written Warning  
2:59 p.m. Welfare Check, Britton Road, Transported to Hospital  
3:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Valley Road, No Action

Required  
3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning  
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning  
3:55 p.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Negative Contact  
4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning  
4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road Road, Written Warning  
5:19 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency  
8:18 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Valley Road, Officer Advised  
9:33 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Kendall Street, Information Taken

**Thursday, July 6**  
3:34 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:19 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Coldbrook Road, Animal Brought to Tufts  
3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
3:55 p.m. Be On the Lookout Notification, Town, Officer Advised  
3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued  
8:48 p.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Negative Contact  
8:48 p.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Negative Contact

**Friday, July 7**  
7:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
7:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
8:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning  
10:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
10:43 a.m. CPR Adult > 8 years, Dana Road, Transported to Hospital  
11:11 a.m. Public Assist, Exchange Street, No Action Required  
11:45 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Coldbrook Road, Negative Contact  
6:38 p.m. Seizures, Peach Street,

Transported to Hospital  
7:01 p.m. Disturbance, Old Coldbrook Road, Peace Restored  
7:29 p.m. Sick/Dizzy, Lockwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:22 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, School South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, July 8**  
12:20 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
5:45 a.m. Abdominal-Back Pain, Sibley Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning  
11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issues  
5:33 p.m. Disoriented, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital  
6:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
6:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Casey, Kenneth, 63, Worcester  
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

**Sunday, July 9**  
6:21 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal

### SOUTH BARRE

**Monday, July 3**  
6:58 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Main Street, Investigated  
11:20 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Fir Street, Officer Advised

**Tuesday, July 4**  
8:56 p.m. Falls, Wheelwright Road, Mutual Aid Transported

**Thursday, July 6**  
12:35 a.m. Officer Wanted, Cedar Street, Information Given

**Saturday, July 8**  
1:42 p.m. Road Hazard, Jewett Road, Message Delivered  
2:23 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, South Street, Officer Advised

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, July 2**  
2:13 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Crawford Road, Public Assist  
2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Services Rendered  
2:53 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Pommogussett Road, Referred to Other Agency  
6:51 p.m. Falls, Clearview Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:37 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, July 3**  
10:29 a.m. Animal – Bite, Bushy Lane, Information Given  
11:20 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Brook Haven Drive, Information Given  
11:31 a.m. Complaint, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact  
11:45 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Intervale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
12:03 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Meadowbrook Circle, Report Filed  
12:38 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
1:42 p.m. Falls, Sunnyside Avenue, Services Rendered  
5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
5:52 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
7:05 p.m. Prowler/Trespasser, Pommogussett Road, Area Search Negative  
9:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Hit and Run, Maple Avenue, Area Search Negative  
9:35 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Charnock Hill Road, Animal Returned  
9:49 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Kenwood Drive, Negative Contact  
9:49 p.m. Property – Found, Memorial Drive, Information Taken

**Tuesday, July 4**  
7:58 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Sycamore Drive, Information Taken  
8:32 a.m. Road Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Services Rendered  
4:41 p.m. Lost and Found, Town Wide, Information Taken  
6:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed  
7:16 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Wildbrook Drive, Officer Advised  
8:27 p.m. Dizzy and Nauseous, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:12 p.m. Noise Violation, Fireworks, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:14 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Sassawanna Road, Negative Contact

**Wednesday, July 5**  
9:48 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered  
11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
2:53 p.m. Chocking, Maple Avenue, No Fire Service Necessary  
3:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Prospect Street, Report Filed  
5:54 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), River Road, Referred to Other Agency  
9:11 p.m. Animal Wildlife, East County Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Thursday, July 6**  
1:15 a.m. Allergic Reaction, Main Street, No Fire Service Necessary  
9:09 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Bushy Lane, Transported to Hospital  
10:02 a.m. Trauma, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
1:09 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Maple Avenue, Information Given  
3 p.m. Unattended Death, Finn Park Road, Report Filed  
6:09 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, John Robert Drive, Animal Returned to Owner  
10:17 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Kenwood Drive, Removed Hazard

**Friday, July 7**  
10:12 a.m. Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Bonilla Pena, Luis Fernando, 26, Worcester  
Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle/Criminal  
7:37 p.m. CPR Adult > 8 years, Wachusett Street, No Transport Required

**Saturday, July 8**  
1:57 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered  
6:46 p.m. Seizures, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, July 9**  
12:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Gould, Jonathan Robert, 37, Worcester  
Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, July 2**  
11:45 a.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact  
2:13 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Crawford Road, Public Assist  
6:20 p.m. Vandalism, Crocker Nye Road, Officer Took Call  
8:37 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, July 3**  
5:18 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hunt Road, Referred to Other Agency  
10:22 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Ware Corners Road, Information Given

**Tuesday, July 4**  
1:40 p.m. Road Hazard, Scott Road, Information Taken  
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

**Thursday, July 6**  
9:13 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered  
3:35 p.m. Be On the Lookout Notification, Town, Negative Contact  
8:52 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Barre Road, Entry Gained  
10:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Vehicle Towed

**Friday, July 7**  
11:34 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Robinson Road, Entry Gained  
12:42 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact  
1:25 p.m. Be On the Lookout Notification North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact  
5:39 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, July 8**  
10:49 a.m. Identity Theft, Hunt Road, Information Taken  
9:11 p.m. Transport, Worcester Road, Services Rendered  
9:14 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Skyline Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, July 2**  
10:21 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital  
3:09 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Halfrey Road, Information Given  
4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
7:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Party Departed Without Incidents

**Monday, July 3**  
7:32 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Mayo Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:07 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Laurel Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:42 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Gardner Road, Entry Gained  
4:48 p.m. Stroke (CVA), Geordie Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
5:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, New Westminster Road, Negative Contact  
6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Report Filed  
Summons: Ringuette, Derek Rudolph, 40, Baldwinville  
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

6:14 p.m. Erratic Operator, Burnshirt Road, Area Patrolled  
7:12 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Boston Turnpike, Removed Hazard  
7:15 p.m. Equipment Trouble/Failure, Main Street, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, July 4**  
12:27 a.m. Fire – Electrical Emergency, Brigham Street, Investigated  
10:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed  
11:11 p.m. Equipment Trouble/Failure, Elm Street, Message Delivered

**Wednesday, July 5**  
11:03 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:14 p.m. Falls, New Westminster Road, Public Assist

**Thursday, July 6**  
2:45 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital  
12 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Report Filed  
5:47 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, July 7**  
12:02 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered  
6:15 a.m. Falls, Ragged Hill Road, Public Assist  
4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed  
5:47 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:11 p.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Geordie Lane, False/Accidental/Defective Alarm  
11:45 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Laurel Street, Mutual Aid Transported

**Saturday, July 8**  
2:10 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered  
5:37 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:59 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:35 a.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Report Filed  
3:48 p.m. Serve Paperwork, Gardner Road, Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Cataldo, James G., 64, Gardner  
Charges: Warrant

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 19 building/property checks, 30 directed/area patrols, six traffic control, eight radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, one assist other agency, one complaint, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident, one motor vehicle investigation, one animal call and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, July 10**  
9:42 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Spoken To  
11:47 a.m. Safety Hazard, Webb Road, Removed Hazard

**Tuesday, July 11**  
10:06 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Ravine Road, Negative Contact

**Wednesday, July 12**  
12:51 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Unitas Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:25 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

**Friday, July 14**  
10:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

**Saturday, July 15**  
11:24 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Davis Road, Officer Handled

2:27 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled  
5:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Negative Contact  
6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

**Sunday, July 16**  
8:14 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
11:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
1:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Road, Removed Hazard  
2:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled

## Second Chance launches Pilot Program for Domestic Violence survivors and their pets

EAST BROOKFIELD- Second Chance Animal Services, a leading animal welfare organization, is proud to announce the launch of Project Keep Me, a groundbreaking pilot program aimed at addressing the critical need for companion pet shelter resources for survivors of domestic violence. This program will provide temporary housing for the beloved pets of domestic violence survivors, enabling pet owners to seek safe housing arrangements while ensuring the well-being of their animal companions. The unfortunate reality in our area is that emergency housing resources for survivors of domestic

violence often cannot accommodate their companion animal. As a result, many victims find themselves trapped in dangerous living situations, afraid to leave their pets behind. Recognizing this pressing issue, Second Chance has developed Project Keep Me as a compassionate solution to help break this cycle of fear and abuse. Second Chance's Project Keep Me will offer temporary boarding and care, lasting up to 90 days, for pets whose owners are seeking support from domestic violence assistance programs. Upon successful transition to safe, permanent housing, survivors will be reunited with their pets. The pres-

ence of a beloved animal companion has been proven to enhance healing and recovery for individuals who have experienced trauma. Sheryl Blancato, Second Chance CEO and founder, notes that the program has some limitations. "We can't take in aggressive animals, and we have limited space at this time, but we are committed to helping as many as we can. We have already assisted several pet owners, but we are seeking additional funding so we can help more as the need arises." Second Chance Animal Services invites the community, businesses, and philanthropic partners to support Project Keep Me

through donations. "Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the lives of domestic violence survivors and their pets, providing hope and safety when it is needed most." For more information about Project Keep Me and how you can help, please visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org/project-keep-me](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/project-keep-me). If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or abuse, there is help. Call SafeLink, a 24/7 Crisis Hotline at (877) 785-2020, (877) 521-2601 (TTY) or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 24/7 Crisis Hotline: (800) 799-7233.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE, continued from page 7

In a prior column I spoke about why college is so expensive. Besides starting a dollar cost average saving plan for college when the student is still in the womb, dual enrollment can be a very good option. It will get the student out of the high school where in too many cases, the expectations and grade inflation have not truly prepared many high school graduates for college level work. I once interviewed a Yale professor who told me candidly that in the last 15 years, he could not understand how some of his students were admitted. They could not put a cogent paragraph together in class.

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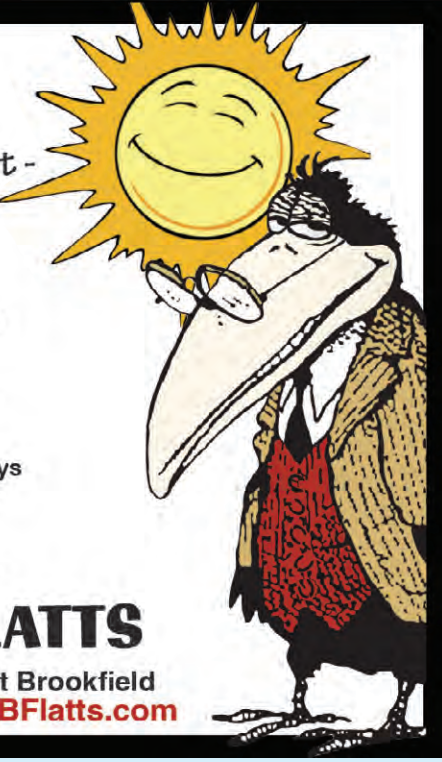
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