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Select Board to interview four TA candidates

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BARRE – Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis presented the Select Board with four Town Administrator candidates at their July 21 meeting: John Bianke, Melanie Jackson, Heather Munroe and Stacy Stout.

He said 32 candidates applied and in his opin-

ion the “pool of candidates were deeper than in the fall of 2023.” He said most were from Massachusetts and only two were from out of state. Many have Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees, several have Masters of Public Administration or Masters of Business Administration degree and even a Juris Doctor.

Barre Police Chief James Sabourin and Quabbin Regional School District

Superintendent Colleen Mucha assisted him in reviewing the applicants. On Wednesday, July 16 and Thursday, July 17 he privately interviewed seven candidates; another candidate declined. He asked them questions about Barre, budget and finance, crisis management, conflict resolution, technology, human resources and labor relations.

Interim Town Administrator Balukonis

said all were informed they would need to complete a public interview with the Select Board and were interested. He said all were from Massachusetts and three lived within a short commute. One of the candidates would not be available for an interview until Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said she preferred to hold the interviews on the same day rather

than two days. She also said they should begin the interviews before 5 p.m. The Select Board voted to hold the public interviews on Wednesday, Aug. 6 starting at 2 p.m. The interviews would last about an hour each with some time between each interview.

The Select Board will check references of the candidates before the interviews. Chairman Marshall said the Board may be able to make a

decision that night. She said “time was of the essence” and some of the candidates may have accepted another job by then.

Interim Town Administrator

The current Interim Town Administrator will be leaving the end of July. Select Board Vice Chairman Mark Regienus said the position should be advertised in house

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Band Together for Mental Health

5th annual fundraising event held at Hardwick Winery

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HARDWICK – Tyler’s Heart held its fifth annual Band Together for Mental Health fundraiser this past weekend at Hardwick Winery.

Over the years the event has grown, and Tyler’s Heart has been raising more money year after year. Tyler’s Heart lives up to its mission by bringing awareness to mental health and encourage acts of kindness by bringing education and resources to schools and communities.

Alysia Kubert of Tyler’s Heart said the organization has grown in population every year and this year’s



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Members of the nonprofit organization, Tyler’s Heart, attended the 5th annual Band Together for Mental Health event held at Hardwick Winery this past Saturday.

Band Together for Mental Health had an amazing turnout.

“It was our biggest year yet,” Kubert said.

Donations and sponsor-

ship have grown, and this year’s event featured five bands performing, a car show, Kid’s Corner, over 50 vendors, food and beverage vendors, raffles and

merchandise.

Members of Tyler’s Heart are always working

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Barre to hold Special Election on Aug. 5

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BARRE – The town of Barre will hold a Special Town Election on Tuesday, Aug. 5. The polls will be open from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Town Clerk Ellen Glidden announces the last day and time to register to vote for the town of Barre’s, Aug. 5 Special Proposition 2 ½ Override Election is Friday, July 25 by 5p.m.

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

Sample ballot, warrant

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

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

The Special Election Ballot contains only one question. It reads, “Shall the town of Barre be allowed to assess an additional \$543,623 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of defraying Municipal Department charges and

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Town approved for inaugural Mass Save municipal program

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman announced that the town had been approved for the Mass Save Municipal Energy Manager Grant funding in its inaugural year, along with three other towns in the commonwealth.

This grant is being offered by Eversource and National Grid and it is open to communities served by either or both sponsors.

The sponsors of Mass Save funding will hire an Energy Manager to lead efforts to reduce municipal energy use and carbon emissions in municipal buildings. The Energy Manager will help Athol, Berlin, North Brookfield and Royalston to utilize Mass Save programs and incentives for energy efficiency and building decarbonization projects in municipal buildings.

At the July 15 meeting, Gilman said the focus of the program will be on K-12 school buildings. He said he believes that residents will be able to take part in this program as well.

A press release about the Mass Save Energy Manager Grant will be posted on the town’s website, northbrook-

field.net.

Trunk or Treat planning Parks & Recreation Committee Vice-Chair Nancy Waldron said planning is underway for the annual Trunk or Treat that is held on the common on Halloween from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event is held rain or shine.

Waldron said the event is sponsored by the committee and the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency and they are looking for volunteers to help with the event.

“The more people we have, the better it’s going to be,” she said.

Waldron said they are hoping to add a costume parade this year, that will go through the housing development at 271 North Main St. She said they also plan to have hot dogs available for Trunk or Treaters on the common.

She said community organizations are encouraged to set up tables during the event. She asked interested volunteers and organizations to reach out to the Parks & Recreation Committee or NBEMA.

“Things are better in towns and communities when people work together,” Waldron said. “So, we’d really love to see some folks out there making new friends and making new memories for their families.”

Trash dumping/vandalism concerns

Gilman said he came across a couple of black bags

full of used diapers on the rail trail, and an empty box of diapers at the crossing of Elm Street.

Waldron reminded residents to clean up after their dogs, especially on the common. She said this is a regular issue, particularly in the area of the soccer field.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said there are fines for leaving dog waste on public property.

He said the town’s volunteers have put in a lot of work to keep the common enjoyable for all. He said a shade canopy that was recently added over the sandbox, has since been vandalized and ripped.

“There are fines involved in destruction of property,” he said.

Petraitis said the board received photos of children seen playing on top of the canopy, which he warned against due to the danger of injury. He said if the children are identified, the parents could be held responsible for any damage to the canopy caused by this misuse.

“Don’t let your kids climb on the canopy...have some respect for where we live, have some respect for the people who do the work for you,” he said.

Board and committee vacancies

Petraitis read the list of vacancies for the town’s

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Submitted photo

Band members socialize at intermission at a recent concert in Butterfield Park

Orange Community Band goes ‘Down Memory Lane

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band completes its summer concert season with the sixth Friday evening concert, on the Bandstand in Butterfield Park, Orange this Friday, July 25 at 7 p.m.

Steph Parker will take the audience “Down Memory Lane.” Music under consideration for Memory Lane includes: “Battle Hymn of the Republic;” “Old Timers Waltz;” “Parachute Jump” in memory of Mal Hall; “Wagner; March and Procession of Bacchus” in memory of Tony Bosco; “Trumpeter’s Lullaby” in memory of John Tandy; “Count Your Blessings” in memory of Herb Maynard; “Valdrez,” because we always play a Norwegian

march for Nursie’s concert; “Fiddler on the Roof;” “Hamilton” as new music; Andrew Lloyd Webber in memory of Bob Ellison; “Teddy Bears Picnic” as a classic children’s piece; “Amparito Roca” is a classic band piece; “Fly Me to the Moon” is a bucket list item; “A Christmas Festival” is in everyone’s favorites list and “In a Persian Market” is a band favorite for most of those with 40 or more years with the band, remembering the Minute Tapioca Band.

The Salvation Army food truck will provide refreshments with proceeds going to youth programs for youth in the community, including music lessons.

The final concert on Friday, Aug. 29 will kick

off Labor Day Weekend and celebrate Back to School.

Summer season sponsors for the Orange Community Band include Witty’s Funeral Home, Orange American Legion Post 172, Nursie Perkins Family, Lyman Family In memory of Gordon and Madena Kihart, Dean’s Beans, Dotty V and Miffy S “Forebears and Traditions,” Susannah Whipps, John M Howe Family, Orange Lions Club, Trustees of New Salem Academy, Venture Community Services, Edward Jones Financial Services and Honest Weight Brewery.

An additional concert, “Back to School” will be performed on the bandstand Friday, August 29.



News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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No. 4 Schoolhouse holds program

Recess for All Ages will take place on Sunday Aug. 10 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road. The event will be held in the picturesque setting of the historic schoolyard. They can reconnect and reminisce or romp through the schoolyard, sit in the shade of a tree for casual conversation or join in a game of croquet, badminton, ladder golf, sack race, blowing bubbles, running the three-legged race, tossing a ball or taking part in other recess shenanigans. They should bring chairs/blankets, a picnic and a snack to share if they'd like. Lemonade ice cold water will be provided.

This is a drop-in event people can come and go at any time between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a rain-or-shine program as they will have indoor recess if the weather doesn't cooperate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no cost to participate in this event. Donations are welcomed and encouraged as No. 4 Schoolhouse, Inc. is currently raising funds for needed upkeep. An R.S.V.P. is not necessary but is helpful for planning and supplies by emailing No4Schoolhouse@gmail.com or calling or texting Allison at 508-523-5858.

Quabbin National Night

Quabbin National Night Out will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St.. The event is sponsored by Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group and Quabbin Regional School District. This free event is for all ages. Any organizations or businesses in the region that would like to participate should call 978-434-2001 and where to obtain a registration form.

Emily Aubuchont running to benefit NEADS

Emily Aubuchont of Oakham is running the Falmouth Road Race and raising money for NEADS World Class Service Dogs, a nonprofit based in Princeton.

NEADS offers an array of Service Dog programs and provides Service Dogs for Veterans with disabilities or PTSD, people with hearing loss, children and adults with a physical disability, and more.

"If you've never heard of NEADS - they are a local non-profit located in Princeton that breeds, raises, trains and places Service Dogs to those in need. Last year, I was able

to visit the NEADS campus and witness first-hand what an amazing organization and operation they run. We were able to meet one of the service dogs who serves a woman with MS and witness what a difference this dog makes in her everyday life that wouldn't be possible without NEADS. Every dollar counts for NEADS to be able to continue to help and provide support to those in need. Please considering donating to my page here to support the ongoing work NEADS provides to the community," said Emily Aubuchont.

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center lists upcoming events

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, located at 557 South Barre Road, announces the sixth "theme" of the 2025 year-long Stronger Together Initiative for the month of August-Self Improvement.

There are some exciting opportunities happening this August centered around the theme of self-improvement. Whether people are looking to learn a new skill, enhance their current hobbies or focus on aspects like saving money, eating healthier or self-care, there will be a variety of presentations, activities and workshops available. These sessions promise to provide valuable insights and practical tips that can be beneficial for anyone looking to better themselves.

The "kick-off" introductory workshops for the month of August will take place on Thursday, July 31 at 12:30 p.m. (this is a revised date from the originally posted date) with Sweet Sensation Culinary Confections and Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. They are excited to invite people to their upcoming opening presentations on self-improvement.

In these sessions, participants will explore various aspects including physical, emotional and mental growth. These are fantastic opportunities to gain insights, share experiences and embrace the journey towards becoming best selves.

Reminding everyone again, one of the overarching messages every day at the Senior Center is "Join Us, and As Always, Bring a Friend." The center invites the "aging population, those 60 and over" from the towns and villages of Barre and Hardwick to come by the Senior Center and say hello. They may stop by for a morning cup of coffee or come for lunch, pick up a Silver Spirit newsletter and a calendar of events.

Calendar Events for August and the Silver Spirit Newsletter: (These are in addition to the regularly scheduled very full calendar of activities) can be found at www.townofbarre.com/coa or <https://mycommunityonline.com/organization/barre-hardwick-senior-center-coa>.

New date: Thursday, July 31 at 12:30 p.m. is the Kick-Off Presentation for August at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center with Sweet Sensation Culinary Confections.

Monday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. "Let's Talk with Fred Hamel" The History of World War I. People may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk. Tuesday, Aug. 5 The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center is closed for town voting.

Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 11:45 a.m. seniors are invited for "The Heat is On" chili with the Barre Fire Department.

Thursday, Aug. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Beverly Duda, local yoga teacher and master gardener talks about the

benefits of gardening physically, mentally and emotionally, as well as, the various herbs they can easily include in their yard or home for fresh recipes.

Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. Miles Funeral Home presents an information session, round table discussion, to discover how advance planning can be one of the most meaningful gifts people can give their family. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 9 a.m. Allison O'Hare from Mass Audubon Society will present information on birds native to Massachusetts, how to identify them feeding, and other wildlife information.

People may sign up for all these programs at the front desk at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 4 p.m. come for free Bingo.

Stay tuned for September's theme relationships and, don't forget Wednesday, Sept. 3 is the last "Wednesday Night Hang-Out" for this year.

Relationship Kick-Off Presentations are on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

If people know someone who has knowledge and skills that they could bring to a presentation or program, the Barre Senior Center would love to hear about it. They may call Betty-Jo O'Brien, COA/Senior Center Director at 978-355-5004 or email coa@townofbarre.com.

People may call the



OAKHAM

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Town wide yard sale happens Aug. 23

The annual town wide yard sale, sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association will take place on Saturday, Aug 23 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. To have their yard sale put on the map, people should send check for \$15 made out to Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham MA 01068. The maps will be available at the town hall the morning of the Saturday, Aug 23. For questions, people may call K. Young at 508-882-3137.

Office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. On Monday, Aug. 18 office hours is at Oakham Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m.

August activities at senior center

Here are August activities at the Senior Center located in lower level of Town Hall. Monday, Aug. 11 and 18 Podiatry from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m. reservations rare required

Thursday, Aug. 14 blood pressure from 11:15 a.m.-noon and Tuesday, Aug. 26 blood pressure/glucose testing from 11 a.m.-noon.

Thursday Aug. 21: SHINE from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. reservations are required.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: SNAP benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; no age restrictions.

Ongoing activities include Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-noon puzzling, Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. walking group – meet at Senior Center and Tuesday through Thursday at 11 a.m. walking group – meet at Senior Center.

People may call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and ask to be added to the text MSG group and leaving their name and cell phone number.

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center; \$3 donation per class.

Thursdays at noon weigh in at the Senior Center - support weight loss group.

Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness is held at the New Braintree Town Hall; \$3 donation per class.

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

Friday, Aug. 8 the Council on Aging meets at noon.

Lunch Brunch meets the third Friday, Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the 308 Lakeside, 308 East Main St, East Brookfield. There is a sign up sheet in the Senior Center Main Room.

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

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of July 28. 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 – Honey mustard pork, herbed potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, Jello, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Beef chili, brown rice, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, pumpkin-

el bread

WEDNESDAY – Garlic brown sugar chicken, lemon seasoned potatoes, green beans, fruited ambrosia, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Zit with meat sauce, Roman blend vegetables, baked apples, Italian bread

FRIDAY – Not available

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Select Board – Aug. 4 at 5 p.m.
Election Day – Aug. 5 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board – Aug. 5 and Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 6 at 12:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Aug. 11 at 5 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.
911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.

HARDWICK

Finance Committee – July 24 at 6 p.m.
Board of Health – July 24, July 31 and Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – July 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Agricultural Fund Trustees – July 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Aug. 5 at 6:45 p.m.
Council On Aging – Aug. 6 at 12:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Aug. 7 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 12 at 3 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 18 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – July 24 at 7 p.m.
Community Outreach Meeting by Paper Crane and Lovewell – July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Fire Highway Building Committee – July 24 at 4 p.m.
Sewer Commissioners – Aug. 4 at 3:30 p.m.
Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Aug. 18 at 11 a.m.-noon
Planning Board – Aug. 20 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – Aug. 4 and Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – July 31, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – July 31 at 6 p.m.
Bylaw Committee – July 31 at 7 p.m.

Quabbin Community Band features Broadway hits

BARRE – This coming Sunday marks the seventh concert in the summer series presented by The Quabbin Community Band, and will feature many favorites from the Broadway stage. “Phantom of the Opera”, “Les Miserables”, “Fiddler on The Roof”, and “My Fair Lady” will be featured along with guest vocalist Mary Catherine Salo who will be back with the band for her third summer to sing, “Highlights from South Pacific”, and “Selections from Chicago.”

The band will also be performing, “Symphonic Gershwin” as well as “Godspell Medley” and several more!

Membership in the band is at an all time high following COVID, and so are the crowds in attendance! Be sure to participate in the weekly 50/50 drawing when you come out to enjoy great home town music on the Barre Common, and look through the concert booklet



Mary Catherine Salo returns as guest vocalist with the Quabbin Community Band on Sunday, July 27.

to support the many wonderful local businesses who have come out to support the QCB this season.

All summer concerts

begin at 6 pm. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall.

Concert benefits Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust

BARRE – After completing a massive conservation project in Barre last year, one that has permanently protected over 800 acres of fields, forests and farmland, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust and Stone Cow Brewery are teaming up to once again host their third annual Fields and Forests Forever Music Fest to celebrate local conservation on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 5:30-9 p.m.

The outdoor concert take place at Stone Cow Brewery, West Street. Proceeds from ticket and merchandise sales will benefit Mount Grace, helping to support and expand the nonprofit’s conservation efforts across the North Quabbin region.

The evening promises live music, local food trucks, and a wide selection of Stone Cow Brewery beverages. This year’s lineup includes performances by The Whiskey Treaty Roadshow, a high-energy Americana band made up of Massachusetts songwriters, and the beloved Petersham Jams House Band.

“There is no better place for Mount Grace to showcase the importance of landscape-scale conservation

than on a property that we’ve helped protect,” said Emma G. Ellsworth, Executive Director at Mount Grace. Much of the local food and beer that gets sold at Stone Cow Brewery comes directly from the Carter-Stevens Farm – a farm whose vegetable fields can be seen from the festival venue. “Lively celebrations like this one deepen our community’s connection to the land. From enjoying locally grown food to creating unforgettable memories, conservation connects us to the working and natural landscapes that define our region.”

“Five generations of family have lived and worked on this land,” says Phil Stevens, owner of the 1,000-acre Carter and Stevens Farm. “This concert is a celebration of our community’s shared connection to the land and all that it provides.”

Mount Grace hosted the first Fields & Forests Forever Music Fest in 2023, drawing more than 1,000 concertgoers. The festival has since become a summer staple, and organizers hope for a similarly strong turnout this year for another evening of music under the mid-summer sky.

Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust (Mount Grace) is a non-profit, regional land trust that conserves and cares for our forests, farms, and waterways to promote healthy communities in climate-resilient, biodiverse landscapes. They serve 23 towns in central and western Massachusetts and are Land Trust Alliance certified. To find out more about Mount Grace, visit mountgrace.org.

Stone Cow Brewery is a farm brewery and restaurant located on the 1,000-acre Carter-Stevens Farm in Barre, Massachusetts. Operating out of a historic 1820s post & beam barn since 2016, Stone Cow Brewery has grown to become the centerpiece of the Carter-Stevens family’s working dairy farm. They’re built on a deep belief that sharing farm-to-table food and drink with others is not only a sacred act but also serves the heart of any good community. They pride themselves on being a destination brewery for all and hope you and your family will experience, explore, and love the best that our farm has to offer. People may visit StoneCOWbrewery.com to learn more.

HUBBARDSTON

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Dinghy Dash set for Aug. 23

The Eighth Annual Dingy Dash will take place on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. on Brigham Pond. This year there are three categories to choose from single occupant adult, single occupant youth and group vessel. People can find official entry forms and rules on the town website under special events.

Deadline to enter is Monday, Aug. 18. Sponsors are Hubbardston Police Association, J.P. McCarthy & Sons and The Ruptured Duck.

Nature hike

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

Rep. Berthiaume office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with.

They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. Office hours are Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the Hubbardston Senior Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Senior Center

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

Finn Park to hold dance and barbecue July 19

RUTLAND – A Scandinavian dance will be held on Saturday July 19 from 7-10 p.m. at Sovittaja Hall, Finn Park, located off Pleasantdale Road. Admission is \$8 and refreshments will be served.

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

Corrections policy

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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader opposes override

For the fourth year, I've served on the Town of Barre's Finance Committee. And for the fourth year, I've watched the same pattern unfold: overspending, missed deadlines, unfilled paperwork and then a plea for more money.

Now we're being told that we need a Proposition 2½ override to maintain basic services. But as of today, no one in town government has told us exactly what will be cut if the override fails. I've asked at Finance Committee meetings and received nothing but vague talking points about "potential impacts."

Meanwhile, anyone who watched this year's Town Meeting saw Barre's police chief – out of uniform but visibly armed – "warn that without the override, they might not be able to respond to a serious incident at the school including mental health crises or sexual assaults." That's not budgeting that's fear-mongering.

At the same time, town officials at 40 West Street are quick to blame past employees for the town's financial issues, yet refuse to acknowledge their own ongoing mismanagement. Over the past few years, Barre has lost more than \$250,000 in grants because required paperwork was

never filed. Just this year, another \$38,000 was missed due to similar negligence – this time related to the fire truck we all voted to debt exclude.

I used to support the meals tax when it was proposed at Town Meeting. But after speaking with a successful local business owner whose family has been in Barre for generations, I've changed my mind. He told me: "We don't have a funding issue we have an overspending problem. If you give them more money, they'll just have more money to mismanage."

And he's right. Our bloated budget simply isn't sustainable for a small town with limited revenue sources. Until Barre reins in spending and holds itself accountable, no new tax including the override will solve the real problem.

Our roads are crumbling. Our infrastructure is failing. And the root cause isn't low taxes it's a government that keeps making costly mistakes and expects taxpayers to clean them up.

Barre deserves better. On Aug. 5, vote no on the override. Let's stop rewarding dysfunction and start demanding accountability.

Sincerely,
Cory Bombredi
Barre

Transparency shouldn't be feared

I appreciate Rick Hendra's recent letter spotlighting how Article 19, my citizen-petitioned transparency by-law, was shut down at Oakham's Annual Town Meeting.

Make no mistake: the show was well choreographed. Moments after the article was read aloud, one Select Board member moved to "pass over" it, while the other, who also serves as Town Moderator, called the question. A conveniently timed shout from the back sealed it, cutting off all discussion. Just like that, a clear message was sent: don't question the status quo.

Equally concerning, though not surprising, was that no printed copies of the article were available that night despite this being standard practice. An accidental oversight? Or another way to keep voters in the dark?

Unlike the town budget, which was finalized just weeks before and mailed the day before the meeting, this by-law was submitted over a month in advance and posted online for public comment. Yet only one of those proposals was given space, support and silence-free passage.

Now we hear, from the Planning Board chair: "Why should 17 people get to put something on the Town Meeting agenda?" The better question is: why shouldn't they? That's civic participation. That's holding government accountable, not handing all power to a select few.

No one objected when a \$5 million budget crafted by three Select Board members was mailed out just one day before the meeting and passed without a single question. No concerns then about timing or process. Funny how the rules shift when the subject is transparency.

They say everyone is welcome to participate—until you try. Then you're labeled disruptive. Accused of division. But what's truly divisive is shutting down debate and deciding behind closed doors what the public is allowed to hear.

Rick's letter reminds us that many in Oakham want better—not just faster meetings, but stronger democracy. Whether or not you supported Article 19, voters deserved the chance to hear and discuss it. Avoiding that conversation isn't leadership—it's fear of accountability. We have a lot of wetlands in Oakham and a lot of swamp too, apparently.

I hope others continue to advocate for timely agendas, posted minutes, and accessible meetings. Because sunlight doesn't vanish just because someone draws the blinds.

Thank you, Rick, for helping ensure this didn't go unnoticed. And to those quietly paying attention—your voice matters. Your participation isn't just welcome – it's essential.

Respectfully,
Aaron Langlois
Oakham

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5 years (July 30, 2020)

Aaron Langlois, Oakham public health nurse, said there were two new cases of COVID-19 in town last week. This brings the total positive cases to nine with seven recovered and two active. He also said the state put into place a new travel requirement effective Aug. 1. People traveling south of New England must fill out a form available online upon return to Massachusetts. Failure to file the form would result in a \$500 per day fine. They must quarantine for 14 days or get tested for COVID-19 and have a negative result.

The town of North Brookfield will hold a Special Town Meeting Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School. Voters will act on a six article warrant. The first article asks voters to fund a little over \$13 million, 13,100,000 for state mandated upgrades required to the wastewater treatment plant located on East Brookfield Road. The vote shall contingent on passage of a proposition 2 ½, so called debt exclusion. Approval of a debt exclusion 2 ½ override requires tow parts, passage at town meeting and then a majority yes vote at a ballot election.

The board of selectmen issued a parking ban for both sides of Brooks Pond Road for the length of the road in North Brookfield at its July 21 meeting. Following the selectmen's vote to ban parking on both sides of Brooks Pond Road, the audience clapped. Selectman chair Dale Kiley said he drove by Brooks Pond last Sunday and took a video that showed cars parked on both sides of the road, open car doors and children running down the road. He sent it to Police Chief Smith. Several residents attended the meeting and said the congestion on the road was dangerous. Another resident said she took a walk along the road and noticed a lot of nip bottles and beer cans. The town posted no parking signs, but people have taken down the no parking signs and littering signs as well. Residents said congestion and littering has been a problem for many years and not just this summer because of COVID-19.

10 years (July 30, 2015)

Last Saturday marked the 52nd year of the Oakham Youth Fair at Wright Memorial Field, Ware Corner Road. Once again the shone on this small local fair, one of the first of the fair season that runs from summer into fall. Tina Bemis of Bemis Farms Nursery donated her time as flower and vegetable judge.

For residents that are not currently a registered voter in the town of Hubbardston, the

In Past Pages

Look Back Quabbin Regional High School – 2004



Senior Class President Andrea Rochette and Vice President Daniel Riggs led their classmates onto Alumni Field for the graduation ceremony in June 2004.

last day and time to register to be eligible to vote in the Aug. 10 Hubbardston Special Town Meeting is Friday, July 31 at 8 p.m. Forms may be completed in person at the town clerk's office or are available at the Hubbardston Post Office.

Tuesday was a perfect day to hold a groundbreaking ceremony that officially marked the beginning of the Barre Common Improvement project. This project was 60 years in the making. MassDOT state in its press release announcing the groundbreaking, "The Barre Common Improvements Project will improve traffic flow, safety and pedestrian access on the roadways that frame the Common. The \$3.2 million project will redesign the five intersections where town roads meet Route 122, 32 and the piece of Route 62 that leads to the common."

25 years (July 27, 2000)

Hubbardston Highway Chief Lyn Gauthier spoke to Selectmen about some of his concerns at the joint brainstorming session held on July 17. A problem exists with the clay pit on Route 68 below town owned by the Kataisto brothers, Gauthier told Selectmen. He said he had sent a letter to the Kataistos and had also talked with some at the pit regarding the issue of clay being pulled onto Route 68 by the tires of the trucks. The yellow lines in the road are blurred by the clay and the entrance are starting to fill up silt.

In an effort to learn just what the various boards and committees saw as their missions and goals for the future, Hubbardston Selectmen met with heads of departments for a brainstorming session on July 17. Selectman Chairman Dottie Athens prefaced her remarks by saying, "We are embarking on a partnering process." Other town have found this process very helpful. She suggested formulating plans and ideas for the next fiscal year and asked each board and

committee to give a synopsis of its plans.

Politics is the art of compromise and hopefully a compromise means each side gets something although not everything. That might be the best way to describe the new state budget plan, awaiting a return of roughly \$150 million to \$200 million in vetoes by Governor A. Paul Cellucci. For state Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) and state Rep. David Tuttle (R-Barre), there were good things and bad within the thousands of line items but overall, it is a good fiscal plan for the state.

38 years (July 30, 1987)

The biggest day in Oakham's 225th birthday anniversary celebration will Sunday, Aug. 9 with many events taking place during the day, according to Maude Stone, chairman of the committee in charge and Marcia Casault, secretary. This will be Open House Day sponsored by the committee. From 1-5 p.m. the Town Hall, Fobes Memorial Library, the Center School, the Fire Station and the Oakham Congregational Church will be open to the public. The day will begin with dedication of the Veterans Memorials in Memorial Hall of the Town Hall at 11:30 a.m. Howard Dean is chairman of the War Memorial Committee, which has been making the arrangements. War Memorial plaques for World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era will be dedicated.

The Barre Area Citizens Alliance is requesting a meeting with Metropolitan District Commissioner William Geary and Attorney General James Shannon to sue their state offices to stop construction of Ground Wave Emergency Network Tower at Barre Falls. The alliance is circulating petitions throughout the area requesting action by these officials. Area citizens have opposed the GWEN Tower for

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Thank you readers for all the nice birthday and anniversary cards I received.

Friends are so precious when you especially get up in age. The weather has been hot and humid with a couple of days that were pleasant. I did get groceries one day and worked out in the flower beds another day.

Each day I do deadhead the day lilies. I have been wondering if I need to cut back the stems once all the buds have bloomed? I will have to ask the Gardener Lady. Some of the clumps need to be divided and I will attempt to do that this fall.

The butterfly bush has finally started to bud and the pepper plants also. My helper picked her first red tomatoes off the two plants she has on our deck.

I made blueberry pie and Jordan Marsh blueberry muffins with the wild blueberries the handyman picked us in his secret place. Our cultivated blueberries are not ripe, but Ken keeps checking them.

The handyman has an interesting way of picking over the blueberries. He puts a white dish towel on the counter above a drawer of the cabinet and rolls the blueberries on the towel and takes out any stems or leaves he finds. He actually is a clean picker though.

I went and got my license renewed; my oldest daughter brought me. My son-in-law took care of Ken and my other son-in-law cleaned our car. I was given a huge laundry basket of all kinds of goodies for my birthday. I also received a gift card to buy myself something personal.

I worked on making some wine gift bags with some fabric I bought that was on sale. The surprise I made my handyman was a barbecue apron with fabric he gave me. It had designs of elk, deer and other animals on it. He even wore it to a meeting.

I plan to make this recipe this week. When I buy hamburger I usually divide the package. I used one half of it to make the stuffed peppers and will use the other half for this recipe. You do

not have to use everything in the recipe as there are some things I never use.

Mexicali Casserole

one lb. of lean hamburger
1/2 cup of each of the following onions chopped, green and red peppers

1 can tomato soup
1/2 cup corn
3 ounces cream cheese
2 cups shredded cheese, divided

1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

The recipe called for a half bag of hash brown potatoes, but I do not use them.

Turn oven to 350 degrees. Brown hamburger and onions and peppers in a fry pan. Grease a baking dish. Add tomato soup, cream cheese and corn to hamburger. Stir until cream cheese is melted and then add one cup of cheese. Put into baking dish and bake for 30 to 35 minutes.

This and That

What do most people put in stuffed peppers? I usually make a meat loaf mixture and then top it with tomato sauce and cheese. Some people like to use rice. I am not a fond user of rice for some reason. Guess I don't know how to cook it properly.

I took out my folder on blueberry recipes and also took out my pottery dishes with blueberries on them for display. I also have some artificial blueberries that I put into a wooden box on the kitchen window sill. I enjoy changing things around.

I worked in the garage and found some interesting old scrapbooks I had made. I spent part of one morning reading the articles from 1955 to 1970. I reread the tornado we had in Hubbardston. I also found a scrapbook of coats of arms, which I read with interest. At one time one of the local newspapers used to put a coat of arms in each week of some family and they were cut out and saved in a scrapbook. I will give this to the Historical Society Museum. Do you know your coat of arms?

May you enjoy the rest of summer and hopefully the humidity will be less.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prince River, A cold water fishery in name only

The Prince River at Barre isn't recovering; it's unraveling.

Those tiny trout fry you see darting in shallow puddles each July. Right now, as I write. They're past the alevin stage, swim-up fry, about 1.5 inches long. They've absorbed their yolk sac and are searching for food. But they won't make it.

Each year, nearly all of them die before reaching the parr stage. The water's too warm. The flow too weak. Oxygen too low. Their struggle is silent and invisible, but real. Witnessing it is heart-breaking for me. Well-funded campaigns claim dam removal will restore habitat. But the old, breached dam and a beaver-built flow at the 1987 breach site are the only sources of life-supporting water, a trickle left. Remove them and these fry, our last flicker of coldwater life, will be gone.

The real problem isn't the dam. It is groundwater overdraw, permitted by

MassDEP and the lack of ecological accountability from MassWildlife. Some local officials now echo removal plans without biological training, using their positions to advance agenda-driven "restoration" that ignores the truth. I've seen the fry. I've seen their panic in the shallows. I've seen the beavers do more for fish than most agencies combined.

And I've seen campaigns built on outdated science and polished signage, not ecological reality. The Prince River's cold water designation is now a legal fiction. If we keep pretending it's a thriving system, we'll lose even its memory.

Want real restoration? Start with protecting water flow—not removing the last trickle. Go look and while you're at it go look at supposedly restored Galloway Brook at Cook's Canyon, it is even worse.

Robert Kane
Barre



Revisit wildflower gardening

After driving by an exquisite wildflower border, I was prompted to revisit and update a column I wrote some years back on the topic of wildflowers.

If you wish to give the natural look a go, preparation is the key. Read on for more useful advice.

Wildflower or meadow gardens can be beautiful, even breathtaking, if properly cared for. Besides being pretty, they are low maintenance and environmentally friendly, and they often attract butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

Our goal at the time of sowing is a grass-free, weed-free seed bed. Since wildflower seed is sown in winter or early spring, we have lots of time to achieve that goal.

At summer's end rototill the spot intended for your wildflowers. If the grass is especially thick you may need to go over it several times. Allow what is left of the grass to decompose.

Pull any weeds that sprout, or lightly cultivate the soil — don't go too deep or you'll expose more weed seeds to the light! You can also skip the tiller, and eradicate the grass by use of black plastic or a tarp—of course you'll have to look at it for several weeks!

If that's okay, then start now by mowing the grass as close as possible. Lay the black plastic or tarp on top and secure it in place with bricks or rocks. The heat, coupled with the absence of light will kill the grass underneath.

By early fall you will be able to rake away any debris that remains. Plan to sow your seeds in early spring.

There are many wildflower mixes to choose from. I'd recommend selecting one that is suited to the northeast.

A mix that contains both annual and perennial flowers is a good option — the annuals providing you with color the first year while the perennials are establishing themselves.

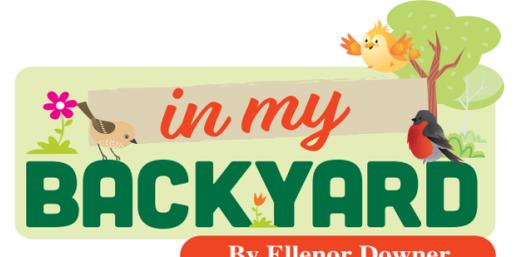
Don't skimp on the seed. In fact, use up to three times more than the packet says you need to ensure you'll end up with lots of blooms. To avoid bare spots, divide your seed in half and sow the entire area with the first half, then go to the second.

Don't cover the seed at all, just firm it into the soil. A lawn roller works great!



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Male common yellowthroat



A Brimfield resident reported a common yellowthroat in his yard.

The common yellowthroat as its name implies has a yellow throat. It also has a long tail and round belly. The males have a black mask with a whitish line above, olive upper parts, yellow throat and yellow under its tail. Females are brownish olive above with a yellow throat and breast. They lack the distinct, black mask of the male.

Yellowthroats are small songbirds about 4 to 5 inches long. The males sing a "wichety-wichety-wichety" song. Both sexes give a full sounding "chuck" note. During migration, the yellowthroat is the most common warbler found in fields and along their edges.

These warblers live in open areas with thick, low vegetation ranging from marsh to grassland to pine forests. The females select a nest location, near or on the ground supported by sedge, reeds, cattails, briars and other low plants. Nests in marshy areas are usually higher off the ground where they are safer from flooding. Sometimes the nest has a roof like the ovenbird nests. They are one of the species that cowbirds lay their eggs in their nests.

People may designate an area of dense or tangled low-growing grasses and other vegetation to attract common yellowthroats to their yards. Yellowthroats prefer larger yards of at

least half an acre or more.

Photo of a phoebe nest

I received an email containing a photo of an Eastern phoebe nest filled with phoebe nestlings. Eastern phoebes nest near humans often selecting a spot over a door or in a shed.

Wild turkeys

My grandson and I had to stop and wait for several hen turkeys with their poults to move them along a backroad in Barre. The largest hen led the way, walking down the middle of the road. Three other hens took up the rear with the poults walking all over the place. Some even stopped to explore the edge of the road, but then ran to catch up. Finally, they headed into the grass and woods on the edge of the road.

More Brimfield birds

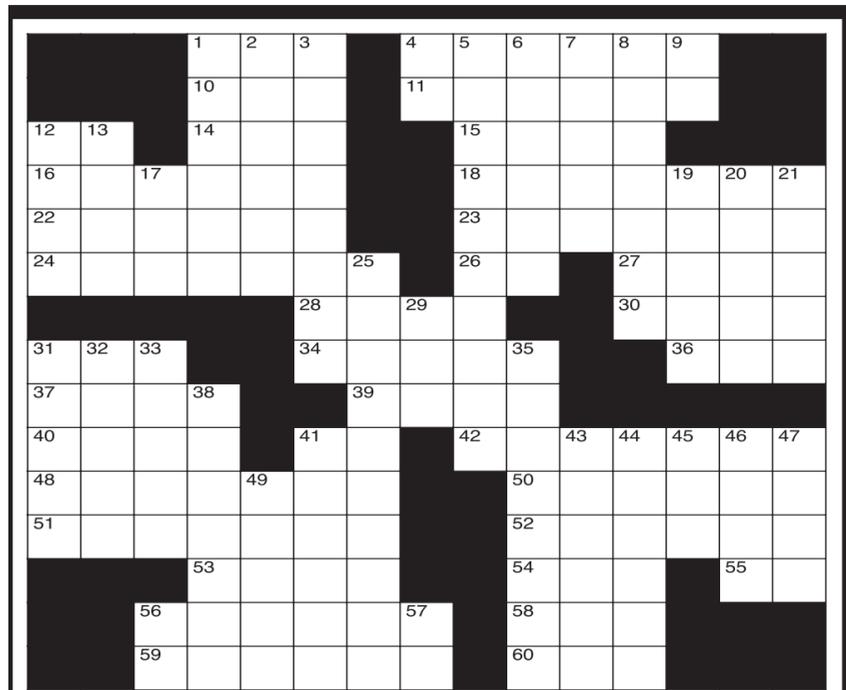
The Brimfield resident said he has seen more birds in his yard since his last email. "Baltimore orioles

have been seen more often at the birdbath, probably because of the warm weather we have been having." On a recent day he had a robin, three orioles, cardinals, a titmouse, a chipping sparrow, blue jays, catbirds and a common yellowthroat all stopped by the birdbath and a black and white warbler was seen in the yard.

He said he took down the bird feeders because of bears. "We had a bear make a daytime visit. It was not seen, but we discovered that it had cleaned out the feeding station. All the black oil sunflower seed, two suet cakes, a "log" of compressed seeds and fruit and suet pellets were all gone. Fortunately the bear didn't damage anything or steal any of the feeders which they often do."

His wife checks a town Facebook page and has seen many reports of bears in town and many of them are in the daytime so he figures

prefer larger yards of at
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CLUES ACROSS

- Pacific Standard Time
- Express delight
- More curvy
- Expression of uncertainty
- Indicates before
- Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- Southwestern CA city
- Unified
- Less attractive
- Base of jellies
- Large and noisy party
- He was traded for Luka
- Wolverine genus
- "Happy Days"
- actress Moran
- Root of taro plant
- Student environmental group (abbr.)
- Silk garments
- Unique power
- Ray Liotta cop film
- Leak slowly through
- Notion
- Atomic #55
- Fixed in one place
- About heat
- Type of baseball pitch
- Seedless raisin
- Large wading birds
- Similar
- Time zone
- Atomic #34
- Program
- Old world, new

CLUES DOWN

- Plain-woven fabric
- Classed
- Suppositions
- Midway between south and west
- Tropical American trees
- Leveled
- Published false statement
- Adolescent
- Junior's father
- Aurochs
- Not low
- Boxing's GOAT
- Short musical composition
- Small immature herrings
- Eavesdropper
- Parcels of land
- Anger
- Irritations
- Hindu holy man
- Wicker basket for fish
- Natural object
- Transporting in a vehicle
- A dog is one
- Smaller portion
- Sew
- Belonging to a thing
- Horsley and Greenwood are two
- Scottish language
- Producer
- Exclamation of surprise
- Russian river

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to see if anyone was interested. The position would be for about four weeks. The Board voted to post the Interim Town Administrator position in house.

Facebook post

Select Board member Richard Stevens said there recently were some disparaging posts on the town's Facebook page about the Department of Public Works Superintendent. The "unfortunate situation" was a response to a post made by someone posing as the DPW Superintendent. Stevens said the DPW Superintendent does not even have a Facebook page. He talked

to the administrators of the town's Facebook page. One administrator apologized and promised to be more diligent in the future.

Wage compensation

The Select Board, acting as Personnel Board, must approve the stipend compensation approved at the Annual Town Meeting to compensate to Shannon O'Connor, DPW administrative assistant, for the extra time she worked during the period the town had no Superintendent. The stipend for a total of \$5,000 was voted by the Sewer Commission and Water Commission to take \$2,500 each from their enterprise

funds.

Select Board Vice Chairman Mark Regienus said although the Sewer and Water Commission approved the DPW Commission did not formerly vote on the matter as required. Select Board Chairman Marshall said she would contact DPW Commission Chairman John Chase to schedule a meeting to vote on the matter. The Board would then act on the matter in their capacity as Personnel Board so Treasurer Jack Voelker could issue O'Connor a check.

Meeting time change

Select Board Vice Chairman Regienus proposed changing the Select

Board meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. He said with the current time, workers have to hang around until the meeting. They then work after the meeting. The Board approved the time change to 5 p.m. going forward.

Citizen comment

During public comment, Mike Perkins said the town needed to have a more diverse planting of trees. He said the ash trees were going due to the ash borer and Norway maples were difficult to maintain and not a native species. He suggested the forming of a committee on trees.

Select Board Chairman Marshall said the Town

Commons Committee needed some members and the committee has a shade tree fund. She said for the Select Board to form a tree committee, the item would need to be put on the agenda for them to legally act on the matter. The Select Board's office needed to be notified the Wednesday before at the latest to be put on agendas for their Monday meetings.

Update on legal costs

Select Board member Richard Stevens gave an update on the cost of legal fees and other expenses for the investigation on Select Board member Mark Regienus. He gave a number at the Annual Town

Meeting, but since then the town received more bills. The total cost was \$171,016 and change. The investigation is completed and Town Counsel is currently redacting the document for public view. It should be available mid-August and will be posted on the town website.

Other business

The Select Board made some of their annual appointments. They included Elizabeth Martin to the Cultural Council, Elizabeth Martin to the Cemetery Commission, Ellen Glidden to the Insurance Advisory Committee and Timothy Batchelor to Tree Warden.

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hard to support individuals and families in their community.

There are nine members of Tyler's Heart who are working hard to continue to support the mission of Tyler's Heart. The current members are Paul Haynes, Elissa Boos, Jim Boos, Alysia Kubert, Jamie Dodge, Michelle Petratis, Jessica Huertas, Jennifer Spangenberg, and Rob Kubert.

Proceeds go to providing big life journals to schools, memorial gifts, peer to peer support and Tyler's Heart awards a \$2,000 scholarship every year. The recipient of this year's scholarship was Nadia Rondeau, a graduate of David Prouty High School.

In the past, Tyler's Heart has hosted other fundraising events, but the Band Together for Mental Health



Headsmack was one of five bands who performed at the Band Together for Mental Health event.

is their biggest annual fundraiser. Tyler's Heart has hosted a cornhole tournament, comedy for crash event. The car show at the Hardwick Winery was a new addition to the Band Together for Mental Health event.

The five bands performing were Ashley Hensel & Ben Eramo, Crossing Kelley, Secret Sage, Headsmack, and Lori Brooks. All the bands performed outside under one of the pavilions at Hardwick Winery.

Tyler's Heart hosted this event in previous years at the former Common Ground Ciderworks in North Brookfield. This year Kubert said the organization is looking to expand in other areas to host events including the Band Together for Mental Health.

"Spread our mission," Kubert said. "Spread across the communities and looking to expand in other areas, trying to spread our message."

There were over 50 vendors in attendance at this year's Band Together for Mental Health. Vendors offered multiple goods such as jewelry, clothing, baked goods, candles, plants, soap, handcrafted items such as quilts and much more to shop for.

There was a kid's corner providing all sorts of



Merchandise such as T-shirts were available at the Tyler's Heart booth. Their mission is to bring awareness to mental health and encourage acts of kindness.

fun activities. Kids got to enjoy face painting, tie dye, sand art, rock painting, giant Jenga, bracelet making, photo props, and a lot more. Later in the day, people got to meet Gilbert the Pig and his piggy friends at the Hardwick Winery.

Tyler's Heart had a booth with raffles with multiple prizes to win and merchandise to continue to spread awareness of their cause in memory of Tyler and his sister Grace. There were prize baskets, sports memorabilia, tickets, band T-shirts, and Tyler's Heart swag.

Kubert describes Band Together for Mental Health as a very family-friendly event that is also about spreading kindness. For memories, there was a photo booth with a Tyler's Heart backdrop and a Frankenstein statue in

front. Dozens of guests got to do a photo shoot with Frankenstein.

Throughout the day, a lot of people showed up during Band Together for Mental Health and Tyler's Heart more than doubled their funds from last year.

"We are extremely grateful for the overwhelming support," Kubert said.

For more information, visit tylerheart.org to learn more about this nonprofit organization who helps bring awareness to mental health and continuing acts of kindness.

There is a sharing wellness library placed in the center of North Brookfield. Self help books for all different ages are available in the sharing wellness library. Tyler's Heart and its team hope to expand this more in the future.



Raffle prizes were up for grabs at the Tyler's Heart booth.

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expenses so as to supplement the Fiscal Year 2026 Omnibus budget, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025?" Voters mark either yes or no to the question.

A Proposition 2 1/2 override is a two part process. A vote

must be approved by a simple majority at a town meeting to approve a proposition 2 1/2 override contingent on a ballot election. Voters approved the town meeting article at the Thursday, July 26 Annual Town Meeting.

The ballot election part takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 5. For the override to happen,

voters must approve the ballot question by a simple majority.

Precinct 1 is at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road and precinct 2 is at American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road. The Senior Center will be closed to activities for seniors and meals the day of the election Aug. 5.

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various reasons. Many say the tower threatens the ecology in the environmentally sensitive Barre Falls Dam area, spoils a scenic recreational and hunting area and promotes the idea that nuclear wars can be controlled and won.

The Barre High School Class of 1952 held a 35th reunion on Saturday, July

18 at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. The 5 p.m. cocktail hour held on the lawn patio behind the inn was followed by a 6 p.m. dinner. There were 19 members of the graduating class, one former classmate and two teachers, as well as wives and husbands present. A "Who Was Who" contest was held with prizes for everyone and those with the best memories get-

ting to choose from the table first. The top prize was won by Howard Bechan, who had 26 out of 40. Classmates came from near and far including Margaret (Sawtell) Farwell from Egham Surrey, U.K.; Lendon Dawson from Reno, Nevada; Kenneth Izzi from Evanston, Illinois and Margery (Swan) Dolan from Bradenton, Florida, a former classmate.

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ured it was time to take the feeders down. He still throws a seed mix around in several places like he always has and only put handfuls of black oil and whole peanuts in a small try hanging from a Shepard's crook.

He said, "I've started to see young of the year around the yard. Several days ago two juveniles were following an adult male red-bellied woodpecker around, two juvenile Baltimore orioles were seen at the bird bath and I also saw a juvenile chipping sparrow take a bath."

Bobolinks

He said, "A few years back I took part in a citizen

science project monitoring bobolinks at Moore State Park in Paxton. Because the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation has failed to maintain two large fields at the park for the benefit of grassland species the bobolink population at the park has declined. Milkweed, multi flora rose, bindweed, crown vetch and other non-grass type vegetation is slowing invading the once grass fields. The first year I monitored the park there were 149 bobolinks seen in the largest field in August but unfortunately the numbers declined every subsequent year."

Osprey

This Brimfield resident visits a pond in Warren often to check on an osprey nest. He said, "The osprey nest in Warren may have only produced one young this year. The nest has gotten bigger over the years so I hoping that there are more young in the nest that have been unseen because the nest is deeper now."

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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It's summer and BBQ+Beer+Band returns to Farmer Matt's

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – As usual, weather can be interesting in New England, and as beautiful as our countryside can be, luck is a necessary component.

A torrential downpour happened two evenings before a scheduled event, and fingers were crossed as we watched the sky for any portents. The day arrived and the weather settled, and a pleasant breeze wafted across the venue when we drove up the road to New Braintree.

It was late afternoon, July 17 and time for the event known as BBQ+Beer+Band at the farm of the man known as Farmer Matt.

Farmer Matt is Matt Koziol, and he raises purebred Angus cattle on his own 214 acres and more than 400 leased.

The scheduled start was 4:30 p.m., and as no one was taking attendance, folks were moseying up the hill even before the set time. The musicians were tuning up and so it was to the back of the barn, where Lost Towns Brewing was set up, and where we were greeted by the team of Alex and Erin.

We ordered the West Coast style IPA, *Nelson's Swift Ryde* which is our go to, but Lost Towns had some interesting brews that we had never heard of before such as a White Stout. Stout is a beverage most associated with an island nation on the other side of the Atlantic. It is brownish, almost black color and has a rich taste.

White stout is a golden colored beer, using oats for a



Jillian, Gina, Kiaya, Sam, Alissa, Katelyn were ready to serve guests at Farmer Matt's BBQ+Beer+Band event

"creamy mouth feel." Cocoa nibs are added as is some coffee. A bit of a departure.

Lost Towns is going on the road. The brewery plans a dinner-concert series on three Wednesdays this summer. The series will take place at Laurel Ridge Bed and Breakfast.

Laurel Ridge is located off Southbridge Road on a secluded 60-acre setting in Warren. The words, one of a kind, truly apply here. The 4,500 square foot building was hand constructed by the members of the family, with much of the lumber from trees on the property.

If you've been around awhile, you remember the tornado that ripped through the area in 2011. Well, some of the trees uprooted then, are part of the house. Talk about recycling.

The band was now in tune and playing. The quartet performing are known as *Woodshed*. The style is designated as country/folk, but it was not without some

bluesy notes.



The Angus) enjoy the lush green grass.

bluesy notes.

The two instrumentalists and vocalists to the front were A.J. Kiernan and Jason Wood. Behind them were Karen Gallant providing harmony and the beat with an instrument known as a Cajon and Mike St. Germain was on stand-up bass.

The audience definitely found the band a pleasure to listen to, and others will too, as they are booked to gigs through the summer. In September they will go into a studio in Springfield to record an album of five songs over five days.

As the day got later, more



Turley Photos by Richard Murphy

Woodshed was in the groove at the BBQ+Beer+Band event at Farmer Matt's.

and more folks arrived to enjoy the band, the food, or each other's company. Some enjoyed walking around the farm which is a pleasure in itself.

Down at the other end several Angus cows had found a lush spot and were calmly grazing. Walking back from there, the sun was slowly declining making for a pleasant contrast over the large field.

The food squad was kept busy taking orders and preparing meals. The process started with Katelyn writing up, and the kitchen team preparing the meal and when done, it was delivered to the patron. The system itself was beyond the understanding of your correspondent, as the diners gave their phone

numbers, and that had something to do with the order.

No matter, it was all efficient.

Matt was everywhere. At one point, he and another fellow were seen moving a picnic table so that some guests could make use of it. In doing so, two kids were sitting on it as it was being carried.

What Matt won't do for his guests!

The band continued to play, the weather was idyllic and the evening continued pleasantly.

The evening would come to an end, but summer is not over and Aug. 21 will see the return of BBQ+Beer+Band with the band *North Country Strangers* headlining.

In the Classroom

MWCC graduates early college programs students

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

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

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

Graduates from Gateway

will continue their educational journey at a variety of institutions, including Worcester State, Salem State, Dean College, Emmanuel College, Fitchburg State, UMass Boston, trade schools and MWCC. Several students will also be joining the military or entering the workforce.

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

Fitchburg State, Westfield State, Merrimack College, and many more.

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

The Gateway to College Class of 2025 members who earned their diploma are: Parker Donald Bolden of Hubbardston, Sarah Leeanne Bunton of Hubbardston, Katelyn Charland of Hubbardston, Olivia Rachel Gallant of Barre and Frederick Everett Jenoure IV of New Braintree.

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

The Pathways Early

College Class of 2025 member, who earned their diploma and associate degree, is

Kiley Mary Marie Kulesza of Rutland, a Pathways Early College Class of 2025 member earned her diploma and Associate Degree.

Pathway graduate Alyssa

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

In addition to the Gateway to College and Pathways Early College Experience graduates, homeschool graduate Julien Nordstrom-Learnard of Hubbardston

was presented with a diploma during the ceremony.

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

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boards and committees. He encouraged any residents to visit the Town Offices and fill out a volunteer form to express their interest.

These vacancies include the following appointed positions: Town Administrator; Animal Control Officer; Fence Viewer (two seats); Assistant Fire Chief; Harbormaster; Town Hall Agent; Capital Improvement Planning Committee (four seats); Council on Aging (two alternate seats); Insurance Advisory Committee; Local Public Access Committee; Parks & Recreation Committee (two seats); Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate); and Assistant Sewer Superintendent.

Transfer requests

The board approved the transfer of \$28.43 from the Board of Selectmen Town

Counsel Purchase of Services to the Board of Selectmen Town Offices Expense account. This amount was to cover a negative balance for the gas bill for fiscal year 2025.

The board also approved the transfer of \$2.18 from Town Counsel Purchase of Services to Streetlighting due to a higher than normal electric bill.

Spending requests

The Board of Selectmen approved a spending request in the amount of \$2,075.77 from the Highway Department to cover the cost of repairs to the catch basin truck.

Laser light show funding

Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Brandon Avery said there isn't any funding available to have a laser light show this year. He said the committee will "look into some other alternatives at this time."

Resignation

The board received a resignation letter from Tara Hayes from her various positions on town boards and committees. These positions are Parks & Recreation Committee, Council on Aging, Zoning Board of Appeals and Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

Hayes said she will prioritize her health, her family, and her role as Town Clerk. She stated in her letter that she hopes residents will step up to take on any of these board and committee positions.

Appointments

The board appointed Suzanne Phipps as a full-time member of the Council on Aging. The board also appointed Mike Kularski as an alternate member of the Finance Committee and Heather Croteau as a member of the Cultural Council.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JULY 24

20TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT hosted by Sons of the American Legion, Post 244, West Brookfield will take place Saturday, Aug. 9 with a shotgun start at Quail Hollow Country Club, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. Registration deadline and payment is Saturday, Aug. 2. There will be 18 holes of golf. A chicken dinner, raffles and prizes will follow at the Legion Post 244 in West Brookfield. Cost is \$120 per person. People may call Kevin at 774-230-3262 or Gary at 508-450-8643 about registration and for more information.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

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

ADDITIONAL REIKI SESSION at the Westminster Senior Center will be available on the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be five sessions available. To reserve a time, in person, people call the Senior Center at 978-874-7402 weekdays before 4 p.m. or call Eric Goodhart after hours at 978-496-4762 (cell). People may visit <https://www.reiki.org/resources-downloads/reiki-stories> and browse the testimonials to learn more about the benefits of a Reiki session, either one-on-one or distant healing Reiki

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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

SUNDAY, JULY 27

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

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



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer
This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, July 28. Bill Bowles and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of a monument on Barre Plains Common.

and tea leaf patterns and pottery for bed and bath.

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

PIONEER VALLEY BRASS QUINTET will perform a free public concert of traditional and modern music especially arranged for brass quintet at Swift River Valley Historical Society on Elm Street in New Salem today at 2 p.m. The program is sponsored by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana as the 815th in a series of memorial concerts to further the memory of the Parish, which was forced to leave North Dana for the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir 90 years ago. This program coincides with the anniversary of the birthday of Harriet Clary who lived for many years in the Whitaker-Clary House, which is part of the Museum today. Birthday cake will be served after the Brass performance.

MONDAY, JULY 28

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Aug. 4, at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St., Barre. They have concerts on nine Sunday evenings

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

FIELDS AND FORESTS FOREVER MUSIC FESTIVAL to benefit Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust will take place today from 5:30-9 p.m. at Stone Cow Brewery, West Street, Barre. This third annual event features live Americana music from The Whiskey Treaty Roadshow and the Petersham Jams House Band, local food trucks, Stone Cow beer and beautiful views of the conserved land that surrounds the venue. Proceeds will benefit Mount Grace and support our ongoing work protecting landscapes across the North Quabbin region.

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

FOURTH ANNUAL QUABBIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT will be held today from 5-7:30 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., Barre. This event is sponsored by Q-DRUG and Quabbin Regional School District.

QUABBIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT will

be held today from 5-7:30 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle/High School, 800 South St., Barre. This fun, free event is the highlight of the summer. Q-DRUG and the Quabbin Regional School District sponsor the event. People, who lead an organization or business in the region and want to participate in meeting families in the area, should complete a shore registration form. They may email quabbin.drug@gmail.com for more information.

SUNDAY, AUG. 10

RECESS FOR ALL AGES will take place today from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road, Barre. The event will be held in the picturesque setting of the historic schoolyard. They can reconnect and reminisce or romp through the schoolyard, sit in the shade of a tree for casual conversation or join in a game of croquet, badminton, ladder golf, sack race, blowing bubbles, running the three-legged race, tossing a ball or taking part in other recess shenanigans. They should bring chairs/blankets, a picnic and a snack to share if they'd like. Lemonade ice cold water will be provided.

This is a drop-in event people can come and go at any time between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a rain-or-shine program as they will have indoor recess if the weather doesn't cooperate. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

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

Calendar Policy

POLICY: Our calendar section is intended to promote "free" events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public to enter are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation and contact information.

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SPORTS

North County defeats B-Town in Legion playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN— Following a loss at Northbridge Post 343 on June 28, the North County Post 129 Legion baseball team had a 2-7-1 record. The Post 129 squad closed out the regular season by winning seven of their final ten games and qualified for the state playoffs.

While North County just squeaked into the playoffs as the sixth-place finisher in District 4, Belchertown was the best baseball team in District 3 throughout the regular season.

The two Legion baseball teams faced each other in the opening round



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Adam Adams receives a throw to third.

of the state playoffs at the Belchertown High School baseball field last Saturday afternoon. North County scored three unearned runs in the first inning and posted a 3-0 shutout victory over the top-seeded team in the



Anthony Girgenti slings a throw to first.

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Adam Adams, who attends Quabbin Regional High School, tries to make a play at second.

Western Mass. softball captures gold

DEVENS – Earlier this month, the entrant from Western Massachusetts captured the gold in this year’s Bay State Summer Games for softball.

The tournament began this year with West team actually suffering a loss 3-0 in the opener playing in the Willard Field Complex in Devens. The tournament started on July 8 with two games. Following an opening loss, the West bounced back with a 4-3 win over the Northeast team.

Action continued on Wednesday July 9 as the

West scored two wins in the game. They defeated Metro 2-1 and then trounced on the Central Mass. team 10-2 to earn a spot in the gold medal game, which took place on Thursday, July 10. The West found itself in a rematch with Coastal and this time prevailed in a slugfest, winning 11-7.

Among the players on this year’s team from Western Mass., Chelsea Hull of Monson High School, Agawam’s Alexina Lentas, and Holyoke’s Mia Bauer were on the team.

Strong finish to regular season for Post 241

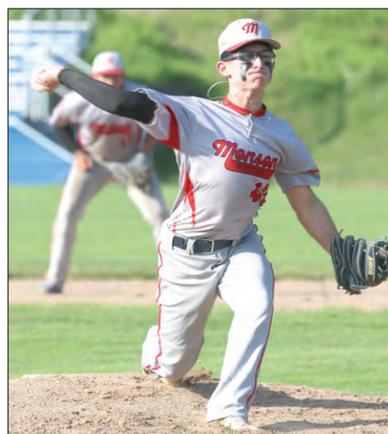
PALMER – Last week, Monson American Legion Post 241 baseball scored a 5-1 win over West Springfield in its final home game of the regular season. Post 241 fell 7-3 against Pittsfield in its regular season finale, but Monson put together four wins in its final five games to make the Legion tournament. Monson would play three games in the tournament. Coverage from those games will be in the next two editions.



Miguel Velazquez gets the tag out at second.



Hunter Griswold sends a fire to first.



Brayden Mega fires a pitch home.



Shane Szado fields a grounder to first.



Grayson Griswold fields a grounder.

Catalano scores win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, New Hampshire – For Tommy Catalano, watching his brother Trevor earn his first NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victory at Monadnock Speedway last year was emotional for several reasons.

Trevor’s triumph came in only his eighth NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour appearance. Entering Saturday’s Duel at the Dog 200 at Monadnock Speedway, Tommy had 96 career starts on his resume, none of which had resulted in a win despite several close calls.

Years of patience and hard work brought a second Catalano to Monadnock’s Victory Lane in thrilling fashion.

Tommy was tasked with fending off Patrick Emerling during an overtime restart while on older tires. Emerling briefly took the lead from Tommy, but a nudge to Emerling’s back bumper knocked him out of the groove just enough for Tommy to earn an emotional breakthrough victory by the slimmest of margins – .007 seconds.

“I didn’t really want to get [Emerling] like that into [turn three],” Tommy said. “I was hoping to kind of move him up the hill a little bit. Everyone was kind of tight right there. Justin [Bonsignore] was right on my bumper. It’s unbelievable. “Hopefully this isn’t the last one.”

After starting 12th, Tommy cycled to the second position after electing to stay on track during a caution with 42 laps remaining that, ironically, involved his brother Trevor.

Tommy lined up second behind Luke Baldwin for the

ensuing restart, with Tyler Rypkema providing the two a buffer between Emerling, who led the remaining lead lap cars off pit road. Knowing he needed to move quickly, Tommy dove underneath Baldwin in Turn 1 to take the lead, which also pinned Emerling on the top line.

By the time Emerling worked his way back to second behind Tommy, another caution would trigger an overtime restart. The fastest car at Monadnock all evening would now be lined up to Tommy’s outside for the final two-lap sprint, but even with the odds against him, the seasoned veteran was not ready to surrender the win just yet.

Emerling led at the white flag. Through determination and sheer will, Tommy led at the checkered flag, albeit just barely.

The scene in Victory Lane was nearly identical to last year’s Duel at the Dog 250, with the only difference being the role reversal of the brothers.

As the Catalanos celebrated, Emerling felt a mix of frustration and disappointment with his second-place effort. He was critical of the maneuver Tommy pulled on him to take the victory but does not plan to linger on Saturday’s defeat for long.

“We had the best car today,” Emerling said. “We led basically the whole race and the whole team executed really good. We were doing exactly what we had to do and had the race won in the last corner but got smashed out of the way. That’s not the type of racing that I do, but I guess that’s how it goes.”

If Emerling had edged

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Pioneers grab win in playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Four days after giving up a pair of stoppage time goals and having to settle for a tie against rival Vermont Green FC in the regular season finale, the Western Mass. Pioneers hosted the Long Island Rough Riders in a USL League Two play-in match.

Once again, the Pioneers held a two-goal advantage late in the second half, but this time there wouldn’t be any miracle comeback by the opposing team. The Pioneers advanced into the Eastern Conference quarterfinals with a 2-0 shutout victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium, last Tuesday night.

“We’re very happy with this result, especially after what happened on Friday night,” said longtime Western Mass. Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “It was in the back of my mind during tonight’s game. You just hope it doesn’t happen again.”

The Pioneers, who finished the regular season with



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Gustavo Barbosa gets a leg on the ball.

a 10-1-3 record, played their last home game of the season.

Pioneers’ goalie Trey Sheppard, who made his first home start of the season against Vermont, was feeling much better after posting his first shutout against the Rough Riders.

“I didn’t sleep very well the other night, but I received a lot of support from my teammates,” said Sheppard, who’s from Columbus, Ohio. “I just forgot about the past and focused on tonight’s game.

I’m really looking forward to playing for this team again next year.”

Sheppard is also one of the goalies listed on the Amherst College men’s soccer roster. The Mammoths are the defending NCAA Division 3 National Champions.

Sheppard, who’s going to be a sophomore in the fall, missed most of the Pioneers regular season because the Amherst men’s soccer team made a trip to Europe where

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Israel Neto makes a quick pass during recent action.



Juan Hermoso heads up the field but eyes an open teammate.

Sports

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Athlete of the Month



NAME: Adam Adams
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Adams is one of three Quabbin baseball members to participate with a North County Legion team that made the playoffs this summer.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

Quabbin Valley set to host second over-28 fall league

Following up on the resounding success of its inaugural campaign, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 adult baseball league will hold its second Fall League this September and October.

Seeking to create a similar competition environment to its spring/summer league, Quabbin Valley, with contributions from the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, created a four-team fall league last year featuring the Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals, and Twins.

Those same four teams are set to return and each team tends to have openings on them. Additionally, the

league is open to welcoming more teams in to the league if it finds enough interest.

While the fall league schedule is still under construction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall baseball. There could be some Saturday games added to the schedule depending on the completion of the spring/summer season as well as to makeup rainouts, potentially. Games are nine-innings long and there is a small playoff and championship held at the end of the season. Last year's fall season was eight games and that is the goal for this year. Free and low-cost fields

are used as well as just one umpire in an effort to keep the costs lower for players. The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game schedule. Players from outside the Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well.

An interest/registration form, will be forthcoming soon, but until then, to express interest in the league, you can email the coordinators of the league at either GScibelli22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com.

Scheduled and team placement for unaffiliated players will be finalized in mid-to-late August. Please join in the fun this fall.

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Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League have three weeks left of candlepin bowling in the summer.

After 11 weeks of league, Sophia's Raiders remain in first place with a record of 67-21. Gutter Dolls are in a distant second place with a record of 53-35. Kristen's Squad are in third place with a record of 48-40 and Straight Shooters are in fourth place with a record of 46-42.

In week 11, the Rolling Stones bowled against the Gutter Snipes. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 425-418. In game two, Rolling Stones won by a score of 428-411. In game three, Rolling Stones won the last game by a score of 433-430.

Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes finished the match with a 107. The final score

was 1279-1266 in favor of the Rolling Stones.

The second place team, Gutter Dolls, bowled against Sophia's Raiders. In game one, Gutter Dolls got a big win over Sophia's Raiders, 432-425.

In game two, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 425-410. In game three, Sophia's Raiders and Gutter Dolls tied the last game at a score of 424. Sophia Hearnlaye ended the match with a high game of 109.

The final score was 1274-1266 in favor of Sophia's Raiders. Gutter Dolls received three points and Sophia's Raiders won five.

Clock Barn bowled against Kristen's Squad in week 11. The match began with a tie in game one with both teams scoring 424. In game two, Clock Barn won by a score of 429-424. In game three, Kristen's Squad won the last game by a score of 438-428.

The final score was 1286-1281 in favor of Kristen's Squad.

The No Shows bowled against the Straight Shooters

in week 11. In game one, Straight Shooters won by a score of 442-407. Alan Nason of Straight Shooters bowled a 102.

In game two, Straight Shooters won again by a score of 449-447. Pete Swistak of No Shows bowled a 105 in a losing effort.

In game three, Straight Shooters won for a three-game sweep over No Shows, 485-425. Sue Rose of Straight Shooters bowled well with a 106 in game three. Nason finished strong with a 108 during the team's victory.

Straight Shooters defeated No Shows with a final score of 1376-1279. Straight Shooters move to fourth place with a record of 46-42.

Gutter Fingers won two out of three games and six points bowling against their average. The team scores consisted of 438, 444, and 434. Jean Pouliot was over average (87) every game by scoring 99, 90 and 90.

Sophia's Raiders have three weeks left to defend their #1 seed position.

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Tommy at the line, he would have snapped a streak of different winners to open 2025, having previously won at New Smyrna Speedway. Austin Beers' victory at Lancaster Motorplex last weekend tied the record for seven different winners in seven events that was set in 1999.

Instead, Tommy's valiant effort during the final laps set a new NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour record; eight winners in the first eight

aces.

Building up Catalano Motorsports has been a prolonged, methodical effort not only by Tommy, but his mother Amy, his father Dave, his brothers and every member of his team. That elusive first victory finally arrived on Saturday, a day Tommy wasn't sure would ever materialize.

"It's just nuts," Tommy said. "You see all the people that have won so far this year and if you said any of them were going to win their second race [this year],

that wouldn't have surprised me at all. To come here and do what we did is phenomenal.

"You start getting down thinking it's not meant to be, but you keep plugging away and keep at it."

Kyle Bonsignore finished third in his 100th NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour start, followed by his cousin Justin Bonsignore and Beers. The rest of the top 10 included Rypkema, Baldwin, Stephen Kopcik, Craig Lutz and Anthony Nocella.

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Region 1 pod.

"We started playing very well as a team during the second half of the regular season," said North County righthander Levi Hessel, who was the winning pitcher in the opening round game. "I had a 3-0 lead to protect before I walked out to the mound for the first time in the bottom of the first inning."

Hessel was a member of the Oakmont Regional varsity baseball team, which won back-to-back Division 3 state titles in 2023-24. He'll be playing baseball at Wheaton College next year.

The righthander only allowed four base hits in 5 2/3 innings in his start against Belchertown.

North County, which plays its home games at the Winchendon School, has a total of seven Oakmont players listed on their roster. They also have three players from Quabbin Regional in Barre.

They are Alijah Flint, Adam Adams, and Aiden Lapointe, who pinch hit in the seventh inning.

The Legion playoff format was changed this year. The first round of the Legion double elimination playoffs were held at seven different sites throughout the state. Each of the pods had four teams.

The Senior Division Championship Tournament is scheduled to take place at Adams Field, Quincy, Massachusetts starting on July 26.

North County (9-10-1) was one of the three Legion teams who defeated the top-seeded team in the opening round.

"We managed to score three runs in the first inning before they shut us down over the final six," said North County head coach Gregg Picucci. "We played well defensively, and our two pitchers pitched very well. We just need to perform a little bit better offensively."



Rocky Lora makes a play.

The only team from District 4 who beat Belchertown (12-2) during the regular season was Northampton Post 28 on June 13.

"We don't enjoy losing, but it's part of baseball," said Belchertown head coach Todd McDonald. "We just made a couple of costly mistakes in the first inning of today's game. Their starting pitcher also pitched well. He just kept throwing strikes."

North County, who was the visiting team, began the top of the first inning with a leadoff walk by centerfielder Johnny Losordo. After the next batter hit a pop-up caught by Belchertown shortstop Ian McDonald, Losordo stole second base. Then Hessel hit a flyball that was misplayed by the right fielder, which turned out to be a key play in the inning. Following another pop-up caught by second baseman Jake Waller, North County scored their first run when leftfielder Ben Forbes hit a line-drive single to left.

Two more runs crossed the plate following another single into left field by third baseman Steven Escano.

Hessel set down the side in order in the home half of the first inning before Belchertown put together a rally in the bottom of the second.

Catcher Jacob Smith (2-for-3) began things with an infield hit to third before advancing to second base on a throwing error. DH Chace Earle also had an infield hit before a walk to first baseman Thatcher Rudnik loaded the bases. Hessel then proceeded to strike out the next threat batters ending the threat.

Hessel finished his outstanding performance with a total of nine strikeouts.

Belchertown had three more base runners in the following frame, but once again failed to score.

After allowing three unearned runs in the first inning, Belchertown righthander Alex West retired eight consecutive batters before giving up another single to Escano with one out in the fourth.

At that point, West was relieved by Earle, who loaded the bases with two outs in the inning.

Belchertown center fielder Spencer Waite made an outstanding diving catch on a line drive hit by Losordo which ended the fourth inning.

The home team loaded the bases again with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Forbes, who replaced Hessel on the mound during that inning, got out of that jam without allowing any runs following a strikeout.

Earle, who's a righty, retired the final eight batters that he faced. McDonald set down the only batter that he faced in the top of the seventh on a flyball to center.

Forbes, who plays baseball at Fitchburg State University, also retired the three batters that he faced in the seventh inning, which sealed the upset victory for North County.

Belchertown kept their season alive with a 5-0 win against Northampton on Sunday morning.

North County suffered an 11-3 loss to Leominster Post 151 in a winner's bracket game.

PIONEERS from page 9

they played several matches.

"It was definitely a very cool experience," he said. "We played a few games over there, but I'm very glad they gave me an opportunity to play here."

Sheppard certainly enjoyed having a solid defense in front of him led by Pioneers captain Aidan Kelly, who's a member of the UMass-Amherst men's soccer team.

"Aidan is a great defender," Sheppard said. "He makes all of the plays."

The other three Pioneers starting defenders in the home finale were Jaiden Willems, Juan Hermoso, and Gustavo Barosa.

Willems suffered an inju-

ry in the middle of the first half against Long Island (9-3-1). He was replaced by Jared Smith.

"I thought Jared was the man of the match," Sheppard added. "We have a very good defense."

The play-in match was scoreless until the 26th minute of the opening half.

That's when Mamadi Jiana, who graduated from Chicopee High School, received a pass from Israel Neto before blasting a shot into the net.

"I felt very good after scoring what turned out to be the game winning goal in front of the hometown crowd," said Jiana, who mostly likely played his final match wearing a Pioneers jersey at Lusitano Stadium. "It's

always very special whenever we're playing at home."

A couple of minutes later, Neto fired a shot from the top of the box, but Long Island goalie Ethan Wood

managed to knock the ball over the crossbar resulting in a corner kick.

The Pioneers held a 1-0 halftime advantage.

In the middle of the second half, Neto chipped a pass from the right side of the box to a wide Santiago Blasco Gomez, who put the ball into the net giving the Pioneers a 2-0 advantage.

Unlike what happened in the regular season finale, Sheppard and the defense didn't allow the Rough Riders to make a late comeback.



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Church News

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An Ancient Voice Part 5

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

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

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

How does this ancient voice characterize those who followed Christ? Of import for this edition, the author notes that Christians willingly embraced persecution for their faith. Take particular note of the following excerpt: “They love everyone and are universally derided. They are unknown and roundly criticized. They are put to death and gain life.” Moreover, “They are dishonored and are glorified in their dishonor. They are abused and they call down blessings in return. When they are beaten up they rejoice as men who are given a new life.”

It would seem that Christians in antiquity heeded Christ’s words:

John 15:18-20a (NIV)

18 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ [cf. John 13:16] If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.”

John 16:33

33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the

world.”

It has never been popular to be a devout follower of Christ. His message of repentance for the forgiveness of sin has always been an offense to a great many who are perishing and such will respond with persecution in kind. Of course, we may not be fed to lions any time soon, but those who profess faith in Jesus are sure to encounter rejection, resentment, mockery, belittlement and more by family, friends and members of the local community. May we handle it as well as our forebears! May we handle it in a manner worthy of Christ! I close with this selection from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. It is apropos:

Matthew 5:10-11

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

“Choose the Better Part, Jesus says.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 10 v 38 – 42

I. Introduction

One thing I have noticed about our church is our love for hospitality.

Considerable effort is involved in preparing the food and drinks for diners, as well as in arranging the tables, and the level of creativity demonstrated is remarkable. I have had the privilege of visiting several of you in your homes and I greatly appreciate the hospitality that has been extended to me.

To invite people over for lunch or dinner does involve quite a bit of preparation. There is significant cleaning taking place at our house before guests arrive, and my husband, who typically cooks, is responsible for grocery shopping and preparing the food. By the end of the visit, we are both so tired. Does this sound familiar to you? Jesus emphasized hospitality as a key value for His disciples. Let’s examine what He is teaching us on this topic.

II. Choose the Better Part, Jesus says.

Jesus instructed His disciples that upon entering someone’s home, they should extend a greeting of peace, remain there, and accept the hospitality provided to them. On another occasion He encouraged them to invite the poor and the hungry to join them at their tables. Jesus Himself shared meals with His disciples as a way of fostering and building relationships.

Jesus enjoyed the friendships with those whom He met on the way. He especially had a close relationship with Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus. He would visit them, rest and enjoy

their hospitality. We find Him at Martha and Mary’s house in Bethany, where Martha prepares for their important guest, who is both their friend and Lord.

Martha is busy and the text describes how she was fretting and fussing, because, according to her, Mary was “just sitting” there listening to Jesus upon His arrival. She appeared somewhat frustrated, possibly due to fatigue and her desire for everything to proceed smoothly. Her reaction to her sister sitting and not participating is understandable given the circumstances. At this point, she did not speak directly to her sister, but instead brought her concern to Jesus, requesting that He address Mary’s absence from helping in the kitchen. Jesus’ reply to Martha is unexpected; He advises her regarding her concerns and preoccupations with many matters, emphasizing that Mary’s decision to sit and listen to His teachings is preferable, as it represents a lasting choice that cannot be taken from her.

While He must have appreciated the hospitality offered Him, He thought it was the right thing to do to help Martha understand what the priority was in that moment. He was not engaged in casual conversation, but provided her sister with substantive spiritual instruction. Since she was attentively listening, he aimed to give her the necessary attention and adequately address any questions she might have had. But more, because Martha was so busy with the preparations, she was distracted by it and missed out on the important message He was conveying to Mary. He did not judge Martha but made her aware of what she was missing.

III. Conclusion

We all know how important it is to listen to someone when they are speaking. If we do not focus and listen, we will miss what they have to say, how they say it, and what their intent is. When we are distracted by other things, we will miss most of what the speaker is saying and for future purposes will misunderstand the person, and what their intentions are in our lives. In this situation, both individuals had a notable guest in their home, Jesus Christ.

They both could have taken the opportunity to sit and listen to Him and potentially participated in preparing food while continuing the conversation. Jesus’ teachings were important, and weren’t meant to just listen to and absorb, but to act upon and carry it forth to others, to love and care, to be there for the poor and suffering and more. Mary, therefore, says Jesus, made the better choice and it could not be taken away from her. She would serve as a messenger, communicating the core of His message to others.

Let the example of Martha and Mary’s hospitality guide us as we gather, reminding us to focus on meaningful connection rather than becoming overly preoccupied with the details of our preparations. Let us also take the opportunity to share and listen to one another’s personal spiritual experiences, reflecting on the various ways in which Christ may be present in our lives, how we have responded to these inspirations and the positive impact our actions may have had on others. May our gatherings be a blessing for ourselves and each other. Amen.

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Public Safety

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of June 30-July 14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 27 building/property checks, 44 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, four traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, five complaints, one trespass, two property damages, one illegal dumping, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle investigation, 10 animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, June 30

9:12 a.m. Complaint, Ware Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, July 1

5:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
7:46 a.m. Complaint, West Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
2:24 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, July 2

10:53 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Negative Contact
11:39 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Services Rendered
7:34 p.m. Trespass, Pierce Road, Spoken To

Thursday, July 3

9:09 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
1:32 p.m. Property Damage, Hilton Drive, Spoken To

Friday, July 4

10:01 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, July 6

1:08 p.m. 911 Complaint, Barr

Road, Officer Handled
6:47 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
7:33 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled
7:54 p.m. Property Damage, Ware Road, Officer Handled
9:11 p.m. Complaint, Cemetery Road, Negative Contact

Monday, July 7

3:58 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Removed Hazard

Tuesday, July 8

4:33 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Thompson Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, July 9

11:53 a.m. Disturbance, Padre Road, Transferred Call to C3
12:51 p.m. Disturbance, Padre Road, Transferred Call to C3

1:54 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
2:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Oakham Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, July 10

8:06 a.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Services Rendered
9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Ravine Road, Services Rendered
4:31 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Friday, July 11

3:04 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

Saturday, July 12

9:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

During the week of July 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 12 building/property checks, 11 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, one traffic control, one emergency 911 call, two citizen assists, two complaints, one vandalism, one property damage, two safety hazards, one animal call and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, July 14

8:34 a.m. 911 Misdial, Mass Central Rail Trail, No Action Required

6:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, July 16

12:43 p.m. Property Damage, Ravine Road, Report Taken

Thursday, July 17

2:03 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barr Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
4:35 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, July 19

12:22 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

5:14 p.m. Vandalism, Ravine Road, Investigated

7:05 p.m. Complaint, Wine Road, Spoken To

Sunday, July 20

12:02 p.m. Complaint, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, June 29

11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

11:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

1:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

6:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, No Action Required

7:42 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Main Street, Investigated

Monday, June 30

11:43 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

2:23 p.m. Harassment, Old Turnpike Road, Call Transferred
2:17 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Woods Road, Call Transferred

Wednesday, July 1

10:16 a.m. Property Damage, Gaffney Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, July 2

10:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
6:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple

Avenue, Transported to Hospital
9:57 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital

10:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Kenwood Drive, Mutual Aid Transport

Friday, July 3

7:17 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party

12:13 p.m. Complaint, East Hill Road, Negative Contact
6:16 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, East Hill Road, Negative Contact

6:59 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Turnpike Road, Returned to Family/Guardian

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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, June 29
 12:05 p.m. Property Damage, Birchwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:09 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Whitehall Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:55 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Vista Circle, Investigated
 4:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed
 6:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, No Action Required
 6:48 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ten Rod Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:42 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Main Street, Investigated
 9:36 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Report Filed

Monday, June 30
 7:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Birchwood Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Patterson, Cole Michael, 21, Princeton
 Charges Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID C90 S23, Number Plate, Take C266 S139
 7:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 9:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 10:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:30 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Inwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:47 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Bond Street, Negative Contact
 5:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:15 p.m. Complaint, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:32 p.m. Safety Concern, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, July 1
 5:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:50 a.m. Vandalism, Prison Camp Road, Report Filed
 9:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Laurelwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:56 a.m. Road Traffic Hazard, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Written Warning
 11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Citation Issued
 3:57 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Finn Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:44 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 9:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/

Unresponsive/Syncope, Emerald Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, July 2
 12:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:02 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, East County Road, Investigated
 6:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Prescott Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Charnock Hill Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Latour, Scott Louis, 64, Paxton
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 8:07 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Message Delivered
 8:45 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 8:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 10:13 a.m. Safety Concern, Watson Lane, Negative Contact
 8:03 p.m. Safety Concerns, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Briarwood Road, Area Search Negative
 10:16 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Maple Avenue, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest Matavo, Punaloa, 47, Rutland
 Charges Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate, Threat to Commit Crime, Assault and Battery on Police Officer, Resist Arrest

Thursday, July 3
 10:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:09 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Report Filed
 1:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Fittante, Christopher A., 41, Asburnham
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 2 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Tivnan, Erin S., 24, Barre
 Charges Library Materials, Fail Return
 2:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Inwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Blueberry Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:07 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 6:50 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Memorial Drive, Party Departed without Incident
 7:59 p.m. Fire – Fire Investigation, Main Street, Fire Extinguished
 9:43 p.m. Missing Person, Main Street, Returned to Family/Guardian
 9:57 p.m. Fire – Motor

Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Kenwood Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:55 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Information Taken

Friday, July 4
 2:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:28 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Area Search Negative
 8:24 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:54 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ten Rod Road, Information Given
 11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 12:13 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Maple Avenue, Removed Hazard
 12:42 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Highland Park Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:50 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Information Taken
 2:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:46 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Lizzy Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Dervishi, Askend, 29, Worcester
 Charges Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 4:01 pm. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Information Taken
 5:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:29 p.m. Noise Complaint, East County Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, July 5
 8:31 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:01 a.m. Complaint, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:10 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Laurelwood Road, Message Delivered
 2:23 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Information Given
 3:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Cheryl Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Edson Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 3:24 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Central Tree Road, Investigated
 3:29 p.m. Fire – Agricultural Burn, Wheeler Road, Investigated
 3:53 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Winnifreds Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:32 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Peters Avenue, Returned to Family/Guardian
 9:36 p.m. Noise Complaint, Peters Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Barre Police Log

Sunday, June 29
 4:55 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Broad Street, Investigated
 6:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:17 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Plymouth, Returned to Family or Guardian

Monday, June 30
 8:42 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 10:56 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Wauwinet Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 11:32 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, South Street, Call Transferred
 12:23 p.m. Identity Theft, Oakham Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 1:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kendall Street, Citation Issued
 1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 2:29 p.m. Larceny or Theft, West Street, Officer Took Call
 8:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Valley Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 1
 10:31 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasant Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Oak Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Janke, Gary, 51, Spencer
 Charges Warrant
 3:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – South Street, Report Filed

Wednesday, July 2
 2:29 a.m. Emergency – Abdominal/Back Pain, James Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 10:59 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wauwinet Road, Negative eContact
 11:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 11:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, July 3
 5:14 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Walnut Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 9:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 5:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Peach Street, Negative Contact

10:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Chamberlain Hill Road, Negative Contact

Friday, July 4
 8:46 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Nelson Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
 11:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Stop – Abdominal/Back Pain, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transport
 11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 9:32 p.m. Noise Complaint, West Street, Officer /Chief Advised

Saturday, July 5
 12:20 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Area Search Negative
 3:09 a.m. Fire – Hazmat Incidents, North Andover, Mutual Aid Assistant
 10:09 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Vernon Avenue, Report Filed
 10:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Oakham Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:40 p.m. Noise Complaint, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 39 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, 13 emergency 911 calls, nine citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one complaint, one investigation, three safety hazards, one scam, one threat, one trespass, one motor vehicle fire, three motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 14
 10:49 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
 11:45 a.m. Safety Hazard, Delargy Road, Services Rendered
 11:50 a.m. Scam, Main Street, Spoken To
 11:51 a.m. Safety Hazard, Delargy Road, Mere
 5:21 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, July 15
 9:33 a.m. Assist Citizen, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Spoken To
 11 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Prospect Street, Officer Handled
 12:53 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Lower Road,

Transported to Hospital
 1 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, North Street, Officer Handled
 4:18 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 6:34 p.m. Investigation, Prospect Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, July 16
 3:04 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
 12:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Birch Street, Call Canceled
 1 p.m. Threat, Prospect Street, Officer Handled
 2:58 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:28 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, No Action Required
 5:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Jackson Road, Officer Handled
 10:51 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, July 17
 7:27 a.m. Welfare Check, High Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:33 a.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 4:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Spoken To
 5:43 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Parker Court, Services

Rendered
 9:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Report Taken

Friday, July 18
 4:03 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Main Street, Services Rendered
 4:09 p.m. 911 Fire/Auto, North Road, Extinguished
 5:50 p.m. 911 Trespass, North Street, Investigated
 10:11 p.m. 911 Disturbance, West Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, July 19
 2:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 5:08 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 7:15 p.m. Complaint, Sullivan Avenue, Officer Handled

Sunday, July 20
 10:02 a.m. Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
 2:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Investigated
 6:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Officer Handled
 10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Criminal Complaint

Monday, July 21
 12:02 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, North Street, Officer Handled

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, June 29
 7:41 a.m. Identity Theft, Williamsville Road, Information Taken

Monday, June 30
 10:47 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Call Transferred
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, July 1
 11:56 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Simond Hill Road, Referred to Other agency
 3:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:44 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Gardner Road, Report Filed

8:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Shawnee Way, Report Filed

Wednesday, July 2
 2:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Transported
 8:13 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Ragged Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:48 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:49 a.m. Vandalism, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 7:37 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 9:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike,

Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, July 3
 12:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 4:06 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Flagg Road, Negative Contact
 5:14 p.m. Complaint, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 6:32 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, July 4
 3:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Hale road, Mutual Aid Assist
 7:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 9:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 12:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Burnshirt Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 6:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pitcherville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, July 5
 3:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pitcherville Road., Officer Spoke to Party
 4:18 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, George Howard Road, Party Departed Without Incidents
 11:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff, Public Assist

Public Notices

TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL, Chapter 87, Section 3, a public hearing will be held at 8:00am on Monday, July 28, 2025, in the Select Board's meeting room at the Town Hall on 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree to consider the removal of trees on Igoe Road. The trees to be removed

have been clearly marked. Reason for removal; dead, diseased and/or will hinder road construction. All interested parties are invited to attend.

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

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tues-

day, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, Barre, MA requested Rotokawa Estates, LLC for Preliminary Subdivision Plan approval relative to property located on the Southerly side of Wauwinet Road, Parcels D-71 and E-59 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 45829, Page 319. The purpose of such filing is to freeze the zoning currently in effect in accordance with MGL c.40A, 6.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing. The plan can be viewed at the Boards' Office, 3rd floor.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
 07/24, 07/31/2025



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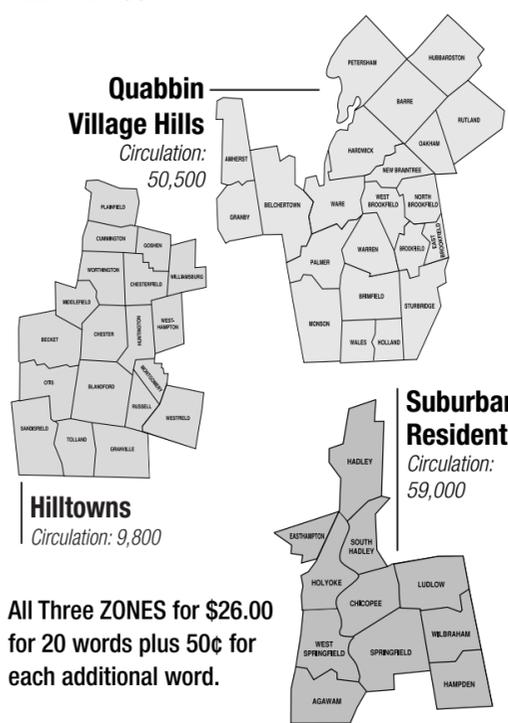
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Echocardiograms, often referred to as cardiac ultrasounds or "echos," allow veterinarians to assess the structure and function of a pet's heart. This information is essential for evaluating the

cause and severity of heart murmurs, detecting congenital defect and monitoring heart disease progression.

"At Second Chance, our goal is to keep pets healthy and with the families who love them," said Sheryl Blancato, Second Chance CEO and founder. "With echocardiograms now available, we're proud to offer pets

access to additional cardiac care they may have never received otherwise."

Echocardiograms at Second Chance are performed by one of the organization's veterinarians, who has received specialized training in cardiac ultrasound. The echocardiogram study is then submitted for a board-certified cardiologist to review. These

appointments must be scheduled in advance and the pet must be an active patient at Second Chance with a recommendation for the procedure.

As a nonprofit veterinary provider, Second Chance offers affordable care to everyone and those that qualify can receive additional subsidies to ensure access to care for all. Making advanced

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