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Select Board approve host agreements

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BARRE – The Select Board approved host agreements for High Hawk LLC and Caregiver Patient Connection LLC for another four years.

The new agreements are effective July 18, 2024 through June 30, 2028 and meet the new state statutes regarding marijuana establishments. The new regulations require the town to itemize all impact costs they bill to them such as legal fees directly related to the licensing, etc.

High Hawk LLC owner Chris Higgins attended the meeting and approved the host agreement template presented by the board. The board had Caregiver Patient Connection LLC owner, Dean Iandoli, on a phone call and he approved the language as well. The signed forms by both the two Select Board members present, Chair Maureen Marshall and member Mark Regienus, and the owners, will be effective immediately and will be sent to the state.

Election warrants

The two Select Board members signed an election warrant for the Tuesday, Sept. 3 State Primary. They also approved in person early voting for the state primary. The early voting will be held in the first floor lobby of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St. on Saturday, Aug. 24; Tuesday, Aug. 27; Wednesday, Aug. 28; Thursday, Aug. 29 and Friday, Aug. 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Select Board also approved a list of election workers.

They approved in person early voting for the Presidential Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5 as well as in person early voting for that election. The in person voting will be held in the first floor lobby of the Henry Woods Building and on Saturday, Oct. 19; Tuesday, Oct. 22; Wednesday, Oct. 23; Thursday, Oct. 24; Saturday, Oct. 26; Tuesday, Oct. 29; Wednesday,

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Oakham Concert features Wylie and the Boogiememen



Photos by Elizabeth Laramee

The Otters performed Thursday, July 11 at the gazebo on the Oakham Common. This Thursday July 25 Wylie and the Boogiememen will perform from 6:30-8 p.m. All are welcome to this free concert.



Liz Sansoucy makes popcorn for every concert. Attendees may purchase popcorn and cold drinks



Bill Mucha hands out the cold drinks that concert attendees purchase.

Interim library appointments approved

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Elizabeth “Brooke” Canada read a letter from the Hoston Library Board of Trustees recommending the appointment of Youth Services Librarian Brianna Lamb to the position of interim Library Director following the resignation of Amy Vessella.

The Trustees also recommended appointing Assistant Librarian Gabrielle Holmes to the position of interim Youth Services Librarian. Both Lamb and Holmes will assume their interim positions on Aug. 14 and return to their regular positions when a new Library Director has been hired.

Board members approved these recommendations at their July 16 meeting.

Spending requests

The Fire Department requested approval to spend \$1,540 for mandated air pack flow test, \$1,250 for mandated air compressor annual service, \$1,000 for mandated hydrotesting of storage tanks, \$5,000 for mandated hose testing and \$192 for three replacement panels for turnout gear.

The department also requested approval to spend \$171 each for two water extinguishers for Engine 1 and Tower 1.

“These are required to be on the trucks as part of their Class A pumper status,” Canada said.

The board approved the requests.

Special town meeting

The board approved the warrant for a special town meeting which will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at 6 p.m. at the North Brookfield Police Department Training Room.

There are two articles on the warrant related to the Sewer Department, with article 1 asking

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Select Board approves code of conduct policy for visitors

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – The Select Board signed and approved a visitor code of conduct policy, as well as a personnel action form drafted by Town Administrator Justine Caggiano.

At the July 22 meeting, Caggiano said she reviewed the Massachusetts Municipal Association’s code of conduct policy, which is geared more toward how boards and committees interact with each other. The policy she drafted includes interactions with the public as well.

“The purpose of the one I had brought forward to the board, was encompassing people in the audience, people that come to use our services,” she said.

Select Board Clerk William Tinker requested to remove the word “offensive” from the draft policy and replace it with “creates an intimidating or hostile work environment.” Both Chair Kelly Kemp and Vice-Chair Eric Vollheim agreed with the change, and all voted in favor of accepting the policy.

Caggiano also presented a draft personnel action form to the board.

This form is used to document changes to an employee’s salary, status, etc.

“It’s just a way to document when we make changes, so there’s a paper trail,” she said.

Caggiano said the employee would receive a copy of the form and it also goes in their personnel file. The board moved to approve the form.

Appointments

The Select Board appointed and signed contracts for Building Commissioner Paul Stringham and Fire Chief Joshua Pease.

Other appointments included School Committee, Kristyl Kelly; Capital Planning Committee, Eric Vollheim – two-year term, Mark Korzec – three-year term, Erik Fleming – three-year term, Lucinda Childs – two-year term and Jenna Garvey – one-year term; Board of Registrars, Marguerite Crevier, Republican, three-year term to 2027; Election Officers, Warden – Joyce Power, Clerk – Marilyn Shorrock, Deputy Clerk – Gail Ashes, Inspector – Wendy Bolognesi, Inspector – Karen Gerulaitis, Inspector – Matthew St. Germain, Inspector – Frank Hanson, Teller – Nancy Lemoine and Teller – Joanne O’Connell.

Board members also voted to include a two-year, unexpired School Committee seat on the annual town election ballot for next

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Take a peek in the telescope – but don’t try this at home

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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BARRE – Brendan Cole from the Ecotarium came to the visited the Town Hall last week to give kids an opportunity to learn about Earth and space...and even get the opportunity to look at some sunspots.

Sponsored by the Woods Memorial Library for its Summer Reading Program, Cole set up many different experiments for kids to take part in, as well as a telescope with a special screen over the lens in order to look at the Sun to see sunspots.

Some experiments included using a flashlight against mirrors and water to illustrate how light can be bent and moved, and even reach farther distances, like in space.

He shared detailed photos of deep space taken with a telescope of planets and a beautiful cosmic web, where stars are born.

“I really enjoy talking about things that interest me,” Cole said. He has been working with the Ecotarium since June of 2022, running programs about space and working in the Planetarium.

“I like getting the wild-sounding questions- like ‘what planet is Shrek from?’” Cole said. “I think



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Kids getting ready to look inside the telescope and look at the Sun with a special shield and some eclipse glasses. See more photos on page 7.

these questions, while meant to be silly, are really interesting to think about. A very fun question means a very fun answer.”

Cole spent time over college

leading a few small science teaching lessons and did some demonstrations at elementary schools.

“The parts of it I liked most were thinking of ways to explain

things,” Cole said.

The day ended with the chance for the participants to look through the telescope at the sun and see the little sunspots from outside.



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News of the Towns



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Quabbin Community Band presents 'Broadway Favorites'



This was the director's view on the bandstand last week at the "Bandstand Favorites" concert presented by the Quabbin Community Band.

BARRE – Broadway Favorites is up next on the Harding Allen bandstand on the beautiful Barre Common this coming Sunday July 28 at 6 p.m.

The band will present music from the shows, "Godspell," "Ragtime," "Les Miserables" and more. Featured guest vocalist Mary Catherine Salo will be returning to the bandstand this summer to sing

highlights from the Broadway musical, "Chicago" as well as bringing back last summer's popular medley, "Highlights from South Pacific." People will also hear, "Best Broadway Marches" a collection that will keep their toe tapping for the rest of the week.

The band would like to thank the Ware Community Band for the loan of several charts from their library

this summer, along with the musicians, who have traveled north on Route 32 to play with the QCB several times.

There is a beautiful shaded area for lawn chairs and blankets in front of the bandstand on the Barre Common, so be sure to reach out to friends to meet on Sunday at what continues to be a wonderful local tradition, Quabbin Community Band concerts on the common.

Nornay Park holds concerts
Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre holds Saturday night concerts. The next concerts are David Keith and the Coalition on Saturday, Aug. 3, Say Uncle on Saturday, Aug. 17 and the Otters on Saturday, Aug. 31. All concerts are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand during the concerts.

National Night Out
The Third Annual Quabbin National Night Out will take place Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 5-7 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle School, 800 South St. Many organizations will have booths or tables set up. All are welcome to this event.

Military vehicle show
This will be the second annual military vehicle show sponsored by the Massachusetts Military Vehicle Collection Club and held at American Legion Post #4, 450 South Barre Road on Saturday, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. They will have military vehicles from past and present to view. People will be able to talk to the owners to learn more about them. They will also have a bounce house, painting Meg Young, hamburgers and hotdogs for a donation fee and live band, Wildcat O'Halloran. The bar will also be open, cash only, so people can purchase a cold beverage while they eat and listen to the band. People are urged to come and support their local veterans for this fundraiser. Anyone wishing to bring a military vehicle is welcome to do so.

Barre Historical Society
The Barre Historical Society, Common Street, will be selling popcorn \$2 and lemonade \$1 during the Sunday evening Quabbin Community Band concerts on the Harding Allen Bandstand, located on Barre Common. In addition to selling popcorn and lemonade, the Barre Historical Society will have 250th Barre Anniversary metal ornaments for \$20 each and navy blue long sleeved 250th anniversary T-shirts for \$35. They also will have photo albums of past events for people to peruse. Memberships are accepted year round. Costs are for individuals \$20, family \$30, corporate \$100 and life memberships \$200.

Bike Rodeo
On Saturday, Aug. 10 from 1-3 p.m. there will be Bike Rodeo at the Barre Police Station, 655 South St. The Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee and Barre Police Department will host this fun and educational afternoon at the Bike Rodeo. This event is perfect for children of all ages and skill levels. They should bring their bike to enjoy a variety of activities designed to promote safe and enjoyable cycling. Activities include: bike registration (ensure your bike is registered for safety and security); riding course (test your skills on our challenging and fun riding course) and ride through RADAR (experience the thrill of riding through a RADAR setup). There will be bike giveaways (stand a chance to win a new bike), free helmets provided generously by Fidelity Bank and Rodman for Kids; meet with Officers (get to know your local officers and learn about bike safety) and UMass Safety Quest Bus (explore the UMass Safety Quest Bus and learn about various safety measures). This event received generous donations from Fidelity Bank, Rodman for Kids, John and Cathy Chase – Realtors and Barre Health Center.

Summerfest
Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee will hold a day of family fun at Summerfest on Saturday, July 27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Felton Field, Old Coldbrook Road. Entry is free. Events include: axe throwing, food trucks, beer and wine, bounce houses, hay obstacle course and permanent jewelry. Activities also include: frog jumping at 11 a.m., adult pie eating at 11:30 a.m., children's pie eating at 11:45 a.m., live music from noon-2 p.m. live music with the Big Random Band and a sack race at 1:30 p.m.

Sponsors are The Salvadore Family of Dealerships. Donations from Wellwood Farms, Table Talk Pies, and All Set Party Rents.

Barre Farmer Market
The Barre Farmers Market is held on the Common every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There will be produce in season, plants, dairy products, crafts and more.



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Library host Dungeons and Dragons adventure
Dungeons and Dragons Teen Adventurers will be held Friday, July 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., Hubbardston. Middle school to high school players will embark on adventures with characters straight out of their imagination battling monsters, quizzing wandering traders and making unlikely friendships along the way. If you are interested, please fill out the form <https://forms.gle/LsS24pP13kmbVw8F7> and more information to come.

5K Fundraiser
The 27th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7. This event marks more than a quarter century of community support for the Library, approaching \$85,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Friday, Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, Race Director at (978) 928-5120 or MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2023 Race/Walk raised over \$3500 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

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

Climate Forum set for Oct. 4

BARRE – Barre will host a Climate Forum at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, on Friday, Oct. 4 for the East Quabbin Region.

Keynote speakers will be Massachusetts Climate Chief, Melissa Hoffer; Deputy Director of MIT Center for Global Change, Adam Schlosser, and Research Director and Senior Ecologist at Harvard Forest, Jonathan Thompson.

The purpose of the forum is to learn how climate change will impact the central Massachusetts area and to answer questions and concerns. The hope is that people will be inspired to learn more individually or in groups about how to mitigate the effects of climate change and ways they may need to adapt to future climate conditions.

Registration/sponsorship open for golf tournament

OAKHAM – Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield/Warren Massachusetts, is having its 7th Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, on Sunday, Aug. 25.

Registration begins at 7:15 am, with a Shotgun Start at 8 a.m.

As many of you are aware, Alex was an integral part of the West Brookfield community for many years. In memory of his outstanding service to his community, his parish, and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit the Youth Activities Fund to sup-

port the youth in the local community, a cause that was very important to Alex.

The Knights were able to award two \$1,000 scholarships this past year from the proceeds of this event to two local high school seniors, as well as fund many other youth activities.

They ask that you please consider supporting this event by sponsoring or participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome. Tournament Raffle Items and General Donations to this event are always welcomed and appreciated!

Registration and sponsorships are now available for this tournament. To register, and for more information, please call 413-813-8100 or email wallyconnor122@gmail.com.

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Haston library announces temporary summer hours

NORTH BROOKFIELD – From July 22 through Aug. 13, the Haston Free Public Library will temporarily adjust its operating hours to reflect its reduced staff so please mark your calendars. The library will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m.

The Trustees look forward to adding more operating hours in mid-August. Check the library's website, Facebook page, and signage outside the building for up-to-date information.

Ware High School CLASS

50th REUNION

When: Saturday, November 16, 2024 5PM
Where: Teresa's, Ware
Cost: \$35 per person
Please RSVP (Yes or No) by September 1 to:
74warehsreunion@gmail.com
More information to come.
You can also see us on Facebook:
WHS Class of '74

Part Time Library Assistant Position

Tuesdays 2pm-6pm & Fridays 4pm-7pm.
Also some fill in hours when needed.
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Position begins Sept. 10, 2024.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Select Board – Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 7 at 12:30 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Water Commission – Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Aug. 19 at 5 p.m.
 Election Day – Sept 13 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Election Day – Nov. 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – July 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 7 at 9 a.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Aug. 8, Aug. 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Aug. 8 at 6:45 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 14 at 4 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 19 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – July 25 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Board of Selectmen – July 30, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – July 31 at 6 p.m.
 Sen. Durant and Rep. Donald Berthiaume office hour – Aug. 12 at 9 a.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Council on Aging – Aug 9 at noon
 Planning Board – Aug. 20 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22, Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham School Committee – July 25 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Aug. 1 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 13 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board – July 25 at 6 p.m.

Paige Memorial Library displays Fair-y houses at Hardwick Fair

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Fair will be held on Friday, Aug. 16 and Saturday, Aug. 17. The Hardwick Fair-y Village house-building sessions will be on Tuesday July 30 at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. The houses will be on display on Saturday, Aug. 17. People can also create a Fairy house at home and bring it to the Hardwick Fair-y Village on Saturday, Aug. 17. The Village is known to attract Ambrosia, a live Flower Fairy. All are invited to join the fun at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road. For more information or to register, they may call 413-477-6704 or email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com. The Paige Memorial Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cultural Council seeks input from residents

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Cultural Council is looking for input from residents. If you are a resident, please fill out our survey on the North Brookfield Cultural Council Facebook page by Aug.15. Are you are interested in the arts, humanities and sciences? The cultural council is also looking for new members. If you'd like to join the Council, email nbculturalcouncil@gmail.com.

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free. Please contact Pat James 413-726-8661.



Submitted photo
Members of the Ploof, Bremner, Drew-Piscatello, Tandy, Guertin, Riendeau-Hamel, Robinson -Tandy, and Parker Families gathered during intermission at a recent Orange Community Band concert. The band will perform Friday evenings, July 26, Aug. 2, and Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.on the Bandstand in Butterfield Park.

Orange Community Band performs 'Heroes and Villains'

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band will be performing “Heroes and Villains” on the bandstand in Butterfield Park Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m., as part of the townwide “Return to Hogwarts” celebration. Steph Parker will conduct the band. This is her 21st season on the podium. The concert is free and open to the public, and as usual, there will be special treats for the youngsters. The program will include the National Anthem, sung by Audrey Elwood; several marches, including “Semper Fi,” “Magnificent 7” and “Captain America” and themes from action movies including “Lion King,” “Wicked,” “Gee Officer Krupke,” “Crimebusters,” “Indiana Jones” and “Star Wars: Force.” Other selections range from Looney Tunes to Soul Bossa Nova and House of Horrors. “Heroes and Villains” on July 26 is sponsored by Witty’s Funeral Home, including music for the Town-wide “Return to Hogwarts.” And “Featuring...” on Aug. 2, throwing the spotlight on various section of the band. The band is supported by donation by sponsors, friends and patrons of its spring Pops Concert and by the generosity of the Orange Lions Club to provide insurance, and New Salem Academy Trustees to provide funds for music. The Orange Community Band traces its roots back to the 1850’s, when a “Town band” performed in Orange. The same core group of musicians was involved as the Mechanics Band, the New Home Band, and then the Minute Tapioca Band. Since 1976 the group has been known as the Orange Community Band. They have all performed free family style concerts in Butterfield Park. The purpose remains the same: to provide musical entertainment for the families of Orange and the surrounding area. Corporate support ended when the Tapioca Company moved out, the band has been sponsored, first by the town, and now by the generosity of businesses and individuals throughout the community. The Band will also perform a “Back to School” Concert on Aug. 30. Programs are always subject to change, and partially weather dependent.

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Post 2 to hold military vehicle show

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Friend of Ware Town Hall plan workshop fundraiser

WARE – Friends of Ware Town Hall plan another of their “famous Sunday afternoon fundraising workshops at Bemis Farms Nursery, 29 North Brookfield Road, Spencer.” Pat Skutnik, President of the nonprofit group said. “These events are so much fun, everyone attending our previous workshops showed an interest in another one” she said. The project for this workshop on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 1

p.m. will be a beautiful four foot long straw broom decorated with colorful dried flowers. The broom is suitable for hanging on a protected front door or a wall or door inside the home. The finished product is really lovely and everyone will love it. This will be the perfect opportunity to get together with a group and create your own beautiful autumn themed decoration. The fee is \$35 per person, payable in advance with

all supplies and hands on instruction provided by Bemis Nursery. People should send their check with registration information to Friends of Ware Town, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082. They should include a phone number where they can be reached and the names of any others who will be attending with them. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Oakham

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GABB golf tournament set for Aug. 5
 The 27th annual GABB golf tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, will take place Monday, Aug. 5 at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, Old Turnpike Road. Registration is \$100 per person or \$360 per foursome if paid by Friday, July 26. Previously named the Bob Tyck Memorial Golf Tournament, it is now the GABB Tournament in honor of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray and Bob Lajoie, in addition to Bob Tyck. During the past 26 tournaments, thousands of dollars benefitted charities from area towns as part of the church’s community outreach and support. Proceeds from last year’s golf tournament were \$5,000 Bob Tyck Memorial Fund, \$1,000 Oakham Opportunity Fund, \$1,500 Camp Putnam, \$1,500 OCC Church Outreach Program, \$2,000 Barre/Rutland/Oakham Food Banks, \$1,500 Quabbin Pro Musica and \$1,000 Oakham Fire Department Association. Donations are welcome. People or businesses may sponsor a hole with platinum \$500, gold \$350, silver \$200 or bronze \$100 and cart sponsor \$50. Gift certificates and merchandise for prizes are welcome. People may call 508-882-3982 to arrange pick up of items.

OHA family picnic
 A free family picnic will be held during the open house at the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 1-4 p.m. The date was incorrectly listed in last week’s column. There will be a meat platter, salads, iced tea, lemonade and desserts. There also will be children’s games, face painting, fish pond, three-legged race and corn hole.

Wine tasting
 The third annual Oakham Historical Association wine tasting will be held Thursday, Sept. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Agronomy Vineyard, Ware Corner Road. Cost is \$40 per person. There are limited tickets so people should sign up early by calling Agronomy Vineyard at 508-212-9889.

Summer concerts
 Wylie and the Boogiemens will perform on Thursday, July 25 at the gazebo on Oakham Common, corner of Maple Street and Coldbrook Road. On Thursday, Aug. 8 Say Uncle will entertain and on Thursday, Aug.22 Quintessential Brass. All concerts are held on the Oakham Common from 6:30-8 p.m. People may purchase popcorn, cold drinks and water at the concerts. People may bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

Annual Town Wide Yard Sale
 The Oakham Historical Association’s Annual Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, Aug 24 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The fee to have an address put on the map is \$15. People may call Kathy Young 508-882-3137 or mail to: OHA, P.O.Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068.

Ongoing Senior Center activities
 Zumba Gold meets Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the North Brookfield Congregational Church, North Brookfield; Wii Bowling and Corn hole is held Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.;yoga Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays “Walk Aways from 11 a.m.-noon; coffee with friends Wednesday from 9 a.m. to lunch; Socializing Thursday Afternoons from 1-3 p.m.; Functional Fitness Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall and Quiet Time rides with music, Wii bowling, quiet contemplation or casual conversation 10 a.m.-noon.

Church news
 The Oakham Congregational Church will be participating in the Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug. 24 arm 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate items for the church yard sale may drop them off at the side door of the church. The outside door is always open. The church will also sell sandwiches, chips, bottled water and sodas.

Correction

The date for the Oakham Historical Association family picnic is Sunday, Aug. 25, not Aug. 26 as listed in last week’s paper.

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Should I retire at 65 or 67? And what about earnings and taxes?

Dear Rusty:
I'm just trying to figure out how to determine whether to retire at 65 or 67 and, if I retire, approximately how much could I make outside of my Social Security without being overly taxed. Signed: Thinking About Retiring

Dear Thinking:
Deciding when to retire is serious business, because it affects your future and what your retirement income will be going forward. Thus, it's good you are taking the time to fully understand your options and we're happy to assist you with that. Here are some things which should help you decide whether to retire at 65 or 67.

Social Security benefits are subject to income tax by the IRS if your combined income from all sources, which includes your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, plus half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year, exceeds certain thresholds for your income tax filing status. If you file your income tax as "married/jointly" and your combined income from all sources is more than \$32,000, then 50% of your received SS benefits are subject to income tax at your normal IRS tax rate. But if your combined income as a married couple is more than \$44,000, then 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. FYI, the taxation thresholds are lower for those, who file taxes as an individual, \$25,000 and \$34,000 respectively.

Born in 1960 or later, your Full Retirement Age for Social Security's purposes is 67. If you claim SS benefits before your FRA, not only will your monthly amount be permanently reduced, but you'll also be subject to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The earnings limit changes annually, but for 2024 it is \$22,320, future year's limits will be a bit higher each year.

If your work earnings exceed the annual limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They take away by withholding future benefits for as many months as necessary for them to recover what you owe for exceeding the annual limit. FYI, the limit goes up during the year you attain FRA, and the earnings test no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

If you claim SS before your FRA, your monthly amount will be permanently reduced. If you claim at age 65, you will get about 87% of the amount you would get by waiting until age 67 to claim. If you claim at age 66, your monthly amount would be about 93% of your FRA entitlement and, by claiming at 67 you'll get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working.

The reductions for early claiming are permanent reductions except for the Annual Cost of Living Adjustments. Note that you can also delay longer than your FRA to get an even larger benefit amount; you can delay up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. Just remember, the earnings test, as described above, will apply if you claim SS before your FRA and you are still working.

If your plan is to continue to work full time, be aware that if you claim early SS and significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits. If your work income is high enough that the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit is more than SS can recover through withheld benefits in one year, they will tell you that you're unable to collect benefits at this time, until you either earn less or reach your FRA. So, deciding whether to claim Social Security at 65 or 67 is your personal choice and, hopefully, the above provides the information you need to make an informed decision.

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When Kids move out to attend college... When Kids move back in after graduation...



Guest Column



July questions for the Garden Lady

Michelle, who is enjoying the gardens in her new home in Worthington, sent the Garden Lady a picture of a spiky leaved plant that produces strong stems of creamy-white bell shaped flowers.

She asked for the plant to be identified and also wanted some tips on caring for the unidentified species.

The plant that Michelle discovered growing in her new landscape is Yucca (Yucca filamentosa), also known by the common names Adam's Needle or Ghost Lily. The plant produces basal foliage that is stiff, long and sharp to the touch due to needle-like tips.

Arising from the center of the plant are stems that carry the flowers. They can range up to eight feet tall.

It's my theory that the tall flower-covered stems must give it a ghostly appearance by the light of the moon, hence where it gets its other common name. Thread-like filaments line the leaves, giving it the species name "filamentosa."

These threads provide added interest in the landscape.

As long as it isn't planted in dense shade or moist soil, the Yucca can grow in just about any difficult spot that you can imagine. Animals won't touch it. Salt spray won't affect it.

Your soil, as long as it's of neutral pH can even be of poor quality. Your choice spot can also be droughty and hot.

It requires very little in the maintenance department other than cutting away brown leaves and flower stalks that have gone by. More severe pruning is only needed if the plant is growing out of bounds.

Sometimes Yuccas produce a branch – this can be pruned away so that the basal foliage remains the center of attention.

It was interesting to learn that the Yucca moth pollinates the plant at night. I read that they have a relationship whereby the moths only let an appropriate number of seeds become viable.

Nature is so amazing, isn't it? Fruits that form are toxic to cats, dogs and horses but apparently not to humans, although don't take my word for it!

Enjoy your Yucca plant and all of the discoveries a new landscape affords.

Here is another question for the Garden Lady – this time involving the strawberry. Melissa is curious why the leaves of her strawberries plants have red blotches on them and if it is something she needs to worry about.

She noted that she just installed new plants in an area where old strawberry plants were recently removed.

This problem is a common one, especially with the weather we've been experiencing. I tackled it once before and the advice still holds true! Read on.

In Past Pages

5 years ago (Aug. 1, 2019)

The tumultuous relationship between gypsy moths and different tree species in Massachusetts is well-documented. The creatures were accidentally introduced to the region by a French entomologist in 1869 and quickly became notorious for defoliating tree life. Gypsy moths continue to impact the landscape 150 years later. Professor Joseph Elkinton of the UMass Department of Environmental Conservation shed light on their mercurial reign. "In 1989, an amazing thing happened in that a fungal pathogen from gypsy moths in Japan became established on its own. It swept through the populations of gypsy moths and reduced them to a very low density," said Elkinton. The pathogen travels by water, terminating gypsy moths during their larval stage. An inadequate amount of spring rainfall can lead to problems. This leads to major outbreaks. This is what happened in 2017.

The Quabbin Community Band celebrates music of theater and stage as they present "Give My Regard to Broadway" Sunday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Nornay Bandstand on South Barre Common. The program will feature music from "Into the Woods," "West Side Story," "South Pacific," "Lion King" and much more. Rain location is the Barre Town Hall, located at 2 Exchange Street in the center of Barre. It is supported in part by grants from the Local Cultural Councils – Barre, Oakham, Hubbardston and Hardwick/New Braintree, local agencies, who are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

About 50 years ago, Gail Osborne attended an auction in the Amherst area when her husband was a graduate student at UMass. The auctioneer had dolls from an estate collection on the block. Osborne said it was an extensive collection and many sold in the hundreds of dollars. After most of the collection sold, Osborne bought a doll head for \$15 and a replacement body for \$10. Thus her collection began. Through the years, she learned to restring a doll, fix yees when they fall out of the socket, clean them and do many other doll related repairs.

10 years (July 31, 2014)

Barre Selectmen posted the Basic Life Support coordinators position in house and interviewed four applicants at their meeting last Wednesday, Members of the Board took turns asking the same questions to each position. Charles Fullam, EMS Director, was the first candidate the board interviewed. He served as captain three times and currently holds the position of EMS director, a position he would keep, if selected.

The Petersham selectmen met with Animal Control Officer Tina Lindsey regarding the

LOOK BACK Barre Fair - 1986



File photo

A picture-perfect landing was made by one of the skydivers to the delight of the onlookers.

25 years (July 29, 1999)

Assistant Animal Control appointment. Lindsey explained that people get into animal control by being an assistant under a certified ACO. The town already budgeted the money for the position and having someone from town would be in the residents best interest. The assistant would be working under her supervision and would probably pursue certification. The selectmen asked Lindsey to prepare a job description for the assistant and submit it to the Administrative Coordinator, Steven Boudreau.

Rope courses suspended 30 feet up in the air, Trust Falling into the arms of teammates and driving a speeding cruiser through an obstacle course were just a few of the many exciting experiences the Student Troopers at the Massachusetts State Police Academy had the opportunity to participate in. Sponsored by the American Legion, the Student Program allows teenagers, who are interested in law enforcement to see for themselves what it takes to succeed as a police officer. The Student Trooper Programs consists of approximately 100 students, who are completely immersed in police culture and training for a week.

Flowers and fanciful foods that tasted as good as they looked, delightful music and stirring conversations about health and well-being made the informal dinner at Barre's new Integrated Health Clinic last Friday an enjoyable event. Listening: The Barre Integrated Health Clinic located on South Street next to St. Joseph's Church will officially open in October, but about 100 guests were invited to an informal celebration to tour the historic house and hear about plans for the center. Founders Dedie King, Bruce Lockhart and Elizabeth Coe are excited about developing the center and hope people in Barre and surrounding towns will share their enthusiasm. The idea of the center was planted several years ago and just recently everything seemed to fall into place with the purchase of Suzanne Fullam's home.

Nicole Borelli, daughter of Nick and Judy Borelli of Barre, was crowned Miss Jr, Teen America on July 6 in Louisville, Kentucky. She competed with young women

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Barre Gazette welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the Barre Gazette care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to edowner@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in the Barre Gazette.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Today, I am a year older and time sure flies faster now that I am a senior.

It seems like I just wrote last week's column. We have had some fairly cooler weather this week with low humidity so I was able to get some things done outside. Each day I inspect the flower gardens and have a lot of day lilies to deadhead. They are very prolific this year.

The hydrangea's are all in bloom for the first time this year also. I want to pick some for drying, but they are not quite ready. They need to feel like paper.

Our handyman has been supplying us with blueberries so I made a blueberry pie, which he helped us eat. Also, I made a batch of the famous Jordan Marsh blueberry muffins. They are too delicious.

I have a helper who comes two days a week for three hours and she gave me this recipe, which is a favorite of hers and I plan to make it today as I finally got all the ingredients needed. She stays with Ken when I get groceries.

DORITO CASSEROLE

- 1 pound hamburger
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 10 oz. jar of salsa, I got the mild kind
- 1 can of evaporated milk
- 12 ounces of cheddar cheese, shredded
- large bag of Doritos
- 1 medium onion

Fry Hamburg with onion. Add soups, evaporated milk and salsa to the hamburger. In a 9 x 12 inch casserole pan put a little of the soup mixture in the pan, a layer of Doritos. Repeat and put the shredded cheese on the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes and enjoy.

This and That

It is blueberry season and I took out my blueberry recipe folder and plan to make some of my favorite

recipes. Blueberries can be canned or frozen with no loss of flavor. There are two methods of freezing blueberries, syrup pack and unsweetened pack. Depending how you want to use the berries is how you freeze them. If you wash them place them on a cookie sheet to dry before freezing. If making jam, you can freeze them without the drying process.

I want to make a quick blueberry nog. Blend in a blender one egg, 3/4 cup milk, 1/4 cup blueberries and one tablespoon of honey or corn syrup. Yummy.

I Had four responses for the name of the red berry I was trying to identify. It is called Winter Berry and is used in Christmas decorations and window boxes and the birds love to eat them.

Also, I have tried our readers way of cooking corn on the cob wrapped in wax paper and microwaved for two minutes per ear. Some leave the shucks and silk on, but I removed them. If you leave the shucks on you do not have to use wax paper. I also tried it with parchment paper. Corn season is so short that we have enjoyed corn at least twice a week. I wish we still had our vegetable garden as groceries are so high now.

I went grocery shopping at Walmart on Friday and all their annuals and perennial plants were on sale for one dollar. They were getting rid of everything in the plant department and the customers were going wild. Their carriages were full of plants.

One lady in front of me in line at the cashier said she was not a gardener and did not know what she was buying, but planned to have her husband plant them anyway. I tried to help her identify what she bought and where to put them. For instance the hostas like shade.

Everyone likes a bargain and in today's world we need one. Have a good week and I hope you all find some good bargains. Having a good day is a great bargain. My handyman is a bargain.

Inaugural 'Hardwick Rocks' music festival comes to winery

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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HARDWICK – Get ready to rock, shop and explore during the inaugural Hardwick Rocks Music Festival to be held at Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road, on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Hardwick Winery proprietor John Samek is excited to host this festival and said it's going to be "the biggest event" the winery has hosted.

"We can't live without the music," Samek said.

Samek and Hardwick Winery's manager Kaitlin Young are expecting a turnout of nearly 1,000 people to experience the first music festival.

The idea for the festival came from Amanda Meli of Meli Entertainment. Meli approached Samek and Young about hosting a fun community festival that is all about connection and bonding.

Meli said the entertainment at the festival is represented by all local bands, artists and songwriters. There will be a mix of tribute bands and covers being played, but many of the performers will be showcasing original songs.

Meli has performed at Hardwick Winery in the past and has always considered it a fun and safe space for artists to feel valued while performing. When Meli pitched the idea, both Samek and Young liked it right away.

The idea came to Meli's mind after observing numerous open mics, singer-songwriter contests and live music events. Meli feels every musician can get something positive out of performing and their passion should be highlighted.

The music festival is predominantly rock n roll, but there are numerous versions of rock that go beyond the traditional themes. Meli wants all versions of rock to be highlighted at the Hardwick Rocks Music Festival.

"Rock is not just angry, violent and destructive," Meli said. "It's also passionate and we want

to highlight their passion."

The festival is not just all about music as numerous activities will fill the grounds of the winery. Meli talked about the History Walk that will highlight local history and rock history. Historical displays and signs will be posted.

There will also be history on the 1795 federal style Giles E. Warner Mansion.

Samek mentioned the historical significance of the land of Hardwick Winery and how there were orchestras playing on the second floor ballroom for over 200 years. Hardwick Winery will be hosting house tours during the Hardwick Rocks Music Festival and will be highlighting this amazing local history throughout the day.

Guests will get to check out and support local poetry by experiencing a poetry walkthrough display throughout the day.

For the younger set, there will be a Kids Korner complete with games, activities, music, crafts, and snacks. Vendors include Cupcakes & Confections by Jana and Tony's Happy Valley Pizza. There will also be local charities involved at Kids Korner, including Clowning for Kidz. Face painting, balloon animals, yoga, Jonas the Magician, hay rides and much more.

For kids and adults there will be an air guitar contest free to sign up at centralmarockfestinfo@gmail.com. Put "Air Guitar" in the subject line.

For vendors, there will be a vendor village with over 40 local vendors showcasing their unique products and talents. There will be something for everyone as guests will stroll through the vendor village. There will be a diverse range of artisan crafts, food and drinks, fashion and many more.

There will be two stages propped up for the music acts. Josh Enemy will be providing the stage, lighting and sound for one stage. Franco O'Malley will be operating a stage as well. A song from each performer at Hardwick Rocks Music Festival will be added to a Spotify music playlist.

The headlining band at the festival will be Aerosmith tribute band, Draw the Line. There will be a total of 18 musical acts, including a performance by Meli.

Activities will include lawn games for kids and adults. A mobile axe throwing cage will be provided by Into the Grain Axe Throwing. There will also be a mechanical bull, drawings and door prizes and an art wall to explore. Proceeds from the raffles will be supporting the Clowning for Kidz Foundation.

The festival will also be the host of a morning Car Show from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bruce Marshall will be the host of the car show.

There will be plenty of parking available at Hardwick Winery and guests should bring their own chairs as they enjoy the festivities of the inaugural Hardwick Rocks Music Festival.

Meli said there will be a nice gathering after the festival at Bellies Barnyard in Ware. Guests will be able to enjoy a nice meal after a day full of festivities.

Meli said this idea was made possible thanks to a committee effort. Not only her collaboration with Hardwick Winery, but also thanks to local businesses. Meli would like to shout out to Cupcakes & Confections by Jana, Mystic Grove Goods, Wickedly Wild Gourmet Sauces, and Cassie Peyman of Wicked Northern Candles.

Tickets for the Hardwick Rocks Music Festival are available on Eventbrite. For more information and questions, email hardwickrocks@gmail.com or visit the Hardwick Rocks Facebook page.

Hardwick Winery is open seven days a week and offers live music year-round. According to Meli and the Winery, music is very valued at Hardwick Winery and Hardwick Rocks Music Festival will be the show that brings everything local together.

"The music brings it all together," Samek said.

The rain date for the event is Aug. 11.

Summer savings extended at Old Sturbridge Village

STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village is reminding visitors that only a few days remain to take advantage of the "Friends and Family Discount," offering 20% off standard full-price daytime admission for groups of six or more.

This limited-time promotion, available on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from now until Aug. 2, has just been extended to include Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28 to incorporate the popular Music and Art Weekend.

Visitors to Old Sturbridge Village can explore the extensive historical exhibits that bring early 19th-century New England to life. The museum features over 40 historic buildings, including the mill neighborhood, blooming gardens and heritage-breed animals.

Visitors can experience interactive demonstrations of traditional crafts and trades and engage with costumed historians who offer in-depth insights into the past.

"Summer is the perfect time to

take your group for a visit to Old Sturbridge Village," said Christine Tieri, Chief Advancement Officer at Old Sturbridge Village in a press release. "With engaging, hands-on activities for all ages, history is as fun as it is educational. Create great summer memories while saving money with this special promotion!"

To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit <https://www.osv.org/event/friends-and-family-summer-discount-days/>.

ing for the Transfer Station driveway. The low bid was \$8,400. They requested use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the cost. Select Board Chair Marshall asked member Regienus to look at the driveway and the matter would be discussed at the Board's next meeting Aug. 5. Marshall asked what the bag funds were used for as several residents asked her. Those funds go for the cost of trash removal.

Chair Marshall also said she would talk to the Department of Public Works Superintendent to see if they could do any of the work. The Town Administrator was out sick so the Board did not know how much ARPA Funds were still available. She encouraged the Board of Health to increase their budget for next year

to cover maintenance costs at the Transfer Station.

Other business

The Select Board approved the MOU for Sandra Hood, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator. They also approved parade agreements for the 250th anniversary parade on Sept. 21 with Melha Shriners and Great American Marching Band. Total cost is \$5,000 for the Shriners and \$2,250 for the marching band. Both organizations received deposits.

The Board granted one day liquor licenses for Saturday, July 27 Summerfest at Felton Field from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for Hardwick Vineyard and Winery LLC and Agronomy Farm Vineyard. The 250th Anniversary Committee sponsored the event.

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Oct. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m.-noon. They also voted to authorize the Police Chief to assign police details for the Sept. 3 and Nov. 5 elections.

Ambulance service MOU

At the request of Select Board member Regienus the Memorandum of Understanding for ambulance service with the town of Hardwick for \$40,000 was passed over and will be discussed at the Monday, Aug. 5 meeting when Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon will be present.

Transfer Station

The Board of Health said they obtained two quotes for filling of potholes and crack sell-

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38 years (July 31, 1986)

between the ages of 13 and 15 from all over United States and Puerto Rico and was the youngest in her age division and the youngest delegate ever to hold the national crown. The pageant featured ten different areas of mandatory competition: application, essay, volunteer community service, interview, speech, talent, evening wear, photogenic and aerobic wear.

Chinese words are being practiced by children around the Quabbin Regional School District this year. A woman named Li Xiumei, pronounced Lee kow-May, came from China this past autumn as an exchange teacher, to teach in regional elementary schools and at Quabbin Regional High School by the American Council of Learned Scholars, headquartered in New York City. As the year rolled along, the local children began cheerfully saying Chinese phrases and singing Chinese songs.

The Barre Selectmen met in an executive session at their Monday meeting, July 28 with George McDonald, Highway Superintendent and Susan Landry, Town Counsel. At the conclusion of the session, Selectman Earl Sample announced that McDonald will retire from his position as of Aug. 8. He added McDonald will use vacation, personal and sick time prior to that date. Sample asked Town Counsel to look into the personnel policy for town employees regarding McDonald's request to use accrued sick time. McDonald is retiring due to health problems.

A petition for a dimensional variance by St. Joseph's Catholic Church on South Street was heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals last Thursday evening at the Library Building. The church presented plans to construct an addition to serve as parish hall. Their proposal would extend the church

at an angle to reach James Street and virtually double the size of the edifice. Approval by the ZBA is required in as much as the planned addition violates the set-back requirements of the Barre Zoning By-laws. The hearing lasted over an hour. No decision was reached by the Board at this hearing.

Phyllis Robinson came down the stairs, her cocker spaniel, Perky, jumping along in front of her every inch of the way. Upstairs Bill was on the telephone. He was making plans for a day of ocean fishing. "It will be so good to be out with the 'old gang' and not have to think about hurrying back home," he said. The Robinsons have sold Synder and Britton Funeral Home, the property and business, to Robert Pillsbury of North Brookfield. "In the trend of the times," Bill said, "Bob Pillsbury intends to build an efficient, funeral home at another location in town." "This," he said, "is one of the last self-contained funeral homes where the family lives in the same building."

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What you describe sounds like leaf spot fungus to me. All of the recent rain apparently awakened some spores from your previous strawberry growing experiences, and the awful humidity set it on its course.

I assessed my own patch and sure enough I too am afflicted! Had I put more thought into my garden I would have ordered resistant varieties, but alas, I was more concerned with size, flavor and freezing ability when I made

my selection – it sounds like you were too!

Rest assured that most of the experts usually consider this a cosmetic problem.

To try and get the upper hand on leaf spot, remove affected leaves and put them in the trash. Provide plenty of air flow by thinning away extra runners as recommended and avoid overhead watering.

Not that we can help what Mother Nature dishes out, since it has been coming from "on high" by the bucket of late!

Next year after harvest, reno-

vate your strawberry patch with the lawn mower on an elevated setting. Rake up and get rid of the chopped leaves, thin out the patch and watch as it grows back happy and healthy.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Vendors needed for Flea Market on the Common

WEST BROOKFIELD –The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. has been hosting its Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years and this year it will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sellers of all kinds are welcome - flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics. No food vendors, please.

Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20 by 20 grassy spot. Vendors

must bring their own tables and tents.

The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. Email to fccofwbfleamarket@gmail.com for an application.

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Sportsmen's club awards essay contest winners



J Haesche of the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club presented fifth grader Zoe Hebert with her first place prize for her entry in the club's 15th Annual Fifth Grade Essay Contest.



Evelyn Potvin earned second place in the club's Fifth Grade Essay Contest.



Giovanni Lindsay won a prize for submitting the best drawing.

By Paula Ouimette
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WEST BROOKFIELD – For the 15th year, the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club held its annual Fifth Grade Essay Contest at West Brookfield Elementary School.

On June 13, club members visited the school and announced the winners of the contest, while also recognizing the participation of all of the students.

"You've all worked hard on your essays," club member MJ Haesche said.

Haesche was joined by club members Denise Martinelli and Paul Lapenas, as well as her two prized hunting dogs, Roly a 13-year-old American Brittany and 7-year-old Okefenokee or "Okee," a French Brittany (Epagneul Breton).

Haesche explained the process of selecting the winning essays to the students, and how each submission gets read multiple times by different people.

In this year's contest the class was instructed to demonstrate the basics of expository writing using

the Wood Duck as the subject.

The contest began in January, with a presentation by Edward J. Snyder, a well-known, western Massachusetts artist and wildlife enthusiast who has been instrumental in rebuilding Wood Duck habitat and the resurgence of their numbers throughout the northeast.

After the topic had been enthusiastically introduced, the class began their personal research and drafts to achieve their final results. In addition to being read and ranked by volunteers of the Sportsmen's Club, the essays become a graded part of the students' portfolios that is part of their academic record.

Grand prize of a week at Camp Marshall in Spencer was presented to Zoe Hebert. Second through fifth places in order of their ranking were: Evelyn Potvin, RJ Gough, Christian Tetrault, and Colton Allen. Giovanni Lindsay was recognized for creating the best drawing.

Hebert read her essay, sharing an impressive amount of knowledge of the Wood Duck, which

is sometimes referred to as a "swamp duck" because of its habitat.

The male Wood Duck has red eyes and is known for its brilliant plumage.

"It's one of the most colorful birds in all of Massachusetts," she said.

Wood Ducks typically nest in trees above water and most travel south for the winter. Some Wood Ducks overwinter in the commonwealth.

Hebert said the Wood Duck almost went extinct in the 1900s due to loss of habitat, over-hunting and pesticide use. In 1918 the Migratory Bird Treaty was passed, and conservation efforts were taken to protect the Wood Duck.

Hebert said nest boxes continue to be built to provide a safe place for females to hatch their eggs; safe from predators.

Now, the Wood Duck is no longer facing extinction, Hebert said.

Fifth grade teacher Nicole Jones said all of the students



Fifth Grade Essay Contest winners stand with teacher Nicole Jones (from left) and Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club members Denise Martinelli, Paul Lapenas and MJ Haesche.

wrote amazing essays.

"I'm proud of each and every one of your efforts," Jones said.

Haesche said the club members have invested over \$10,000 in awards and prizes in support of the essay contest. The fundraisers include "open to the public"

chicken barbeques, and spring and winter fishing derbies.

"It's a really great group of people who really want to support getting kids outdoors," she said.

Martinelli recalled making plaster casts of animal tracks with her children when they were

young and exploring nature. She encouraged the students to ask their parents to take them outside and enjoy the space around them.

"Take a look around you this summer," she said. "Look at the wildlife. You'd be surprised what's out there."



RJ Gough earned third place in the Fifth Grade Essay Contest.



Christian Tetrault earned fourth place in the essay contest.



Fifth place went to Colton Allen.

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voters to establish a Sewer Stabilization account and article 2 asking voters to transfer money from Sewer Retained Earnings to the Sewer Stabilization account.

Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre said the town is required to retain \$50,000 in order to meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture grant.

Cider Mill bridge

The board approved the Chapter 90 reimbursement for the Cider Mill bridge project in the amount of \$33,193.

Town Administrator Michael Szlosek said this amount paid for engineering services through Fuss & O'Neill. He said the firm has since been replaced by the BSC Group.

"This \$33,000 will pay off Fuss & O'Neill and we're being reimbursed for it," he said.

Public comment

Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Brandon Avery requested that people respect town property, saying there have been complaints of teenagers hanging off of and bending the new basketball hoops on the town common, and throwing logs in the Town Forest Park pond and boards into the stream that feeds the pond.

"I just ask people to try to respect town property and keep it nice," he said. "If we have to go back and repair things, we're just taking steps back."

New business

The board agreed to hold off on making annual appointments for the town's boards and committees, and just appoint the town officials.

Canada said there are a lot of vacancies on the boards and committees, and she encouraged people to reach out to the Town Clerk or the board to express interest in a position.

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Take a peek in the telescope



Brendan Cole from the Ecotarium presented a program about Earth and space as part of the Summer Reading Program at Woods Memorial Library.



The Earth and Moon travel back and forth between the Sun, and the "stars" way off in the distance.



Brendan Cole shows a picture taken with a telescope, a galaxy where stars are made.



Brendan Cole told everyone how the telescope he brought will allow them to safely look at the Sun.



Illustrating how planets are made of gasses, the kids use a blow-dryer to try to blow some Styrofoam balls into a vile.



Two kids getting ready to illustrate with some balls how planets pass each other in front of the sun.

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year.

One-day liquor license

Caggiano said a one-day liquor license for the Hardwick Rocks event at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery on Saturday, Aug. 10 was originally approved on June 10, for approximately 100 people. She said after talking with public safety personnel and owners of the winery, it was determined that over 1,000 people are expected to attend.

Caggiano said the liquor license needs to reflect this new number, and include a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 11 as well. The board approved the license with the amendments.

Patrill Hollow Road resident Randall Noble shared concerns about traffic safety in the area with the large volume of people attending the event. He said his road is in poor condition due to repeated washouts.

Noble said there is also a tree that is close to the roadway.

Town Administrator's report

Caggiano said she is getting quotes to re-key the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Office Building. She said they will be able to keep a log to track who is issued keys.

She said the town was awarded a cybersecurity grant in the amount of \$17,000. She credited Police Lieutenant Kevin Landine with applying for the grant. "He did a great job," she said.

Caggiano said the grant will allow the town to switch from a small business account to a municipality account. The municipal account will also include the town's Microsoft software through CMGeeks.

"This pays for the transition over to that," she said.

Caggiano is also working on a Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association Risk Management Grant with the Highway and Fire departments and the MIA Public Safety Wellness Grant with the Police Department. She said the grants are expected to be awarded early next year.

Caggiano said they have received four applications for the Highway Department. She said they reached out to one application, but have not heard back.

She said a Sewer Department applicant took a job elsewhere and declined the job offer from the town. That position will now be readvertised.

Caggiano said she also met with the town's new MIA representative.

Caggiano said she is also working with various departments to improve communication between departments and address permitting discrepancies.

"So all the departments are on the same page," she said.

Caggiano said she and Kemp met with the Barre Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen chair. She said the towns share a lot of services, including the Senior Center and emergency services.

Upcoming events

Caggiano reminded residents that tax bills are due on Aug. 1.

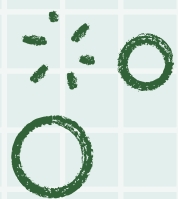
National Night Out will be held at Quabbin Regional Middle High School in Barre from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and state Sen. Peter Duran will hold office hours on Monday, Aug. 12 from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

The Hardwick Community Fair will be held on Friday, Aug. 16 and Saturday, Aug. 17.

Town alert app

Caggiano said the town has decided to use the app, My Town Alert, to provide notifications to smart phones. The town will continue to use Code Red to provide notifications to landline phones.



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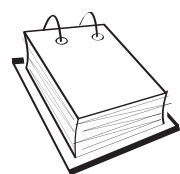


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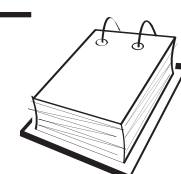
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THURSDAY, JULY 25

OAKHAM SUMMER CONCERT SERIES begins today from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gazebo, located on the Oakham Common. The concert today will feature Wylie and the Boogiemens Other concerts are Say Uncle on Thursday, Aug. 8 and Quintessential Brass on Thursday, Aug. 22. All concerts are 6:30-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

PETERSHAM FRIDAY MARKET is held every Friday from 3-6 p.m., once again bringing local food, handmade crafts and live music to the town common. People are invited to come enjoy the day with the vendors and live music. The common provides limited seating or people can bring their own. It is also wheelchair accessible. Fern and Rita is scheduled to provide the first live performance of the 20-week music series. The Petersham Friday Market runs from May 24 – Oct. 4. The live music series is offered thanks to support from the Wild Geese Foundation, Petersham Town Meeting voters, the Petersham Cultural Council, Petersham Grange No. 95, Harvard Forest and other local donors. Vendors of produce and other edibles can email petershamfridaymarket@gmail.com for more information about joining the market. The Friday Market charges no vendor fees.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS TEEN ADVENTURERS will be held today from 6-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., Hubbardston. Middle school to high school players will embark on adventures with characters straight out of their imagination battling monsters, quizzing wandering traders and making unlikely friendships along the way. If you are interested, please fill out the form <https://forms.gle/Ls24pP13kmbVw8F7> and more information to come.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

BARRE FARMER'S MARKET will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. There be many local vendors selling cards, honey, jams, jellies, crafts, plants, flowers, vegetables and fruits in season, eggs, dairy, ice cream and more. The event is held rain or shine now through October.

SUMMERFEST sponsored by Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee will be held at Felton Field, Old Coldbrook Road, Barre today from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. This event is a revival of the Barre Fairs that began in the 1800s at the same location. There will be live music, food trucks, beer and wine vendors, axe throwing for adults and children, old fashioned fair games such as frog jumping and sack races. A pie eating contest will be sponsored by Table Talk Pies. There will be bouncy houses, reptile show and more. People may visit their Facebook page or at www.barre250.com for more information.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS is tonight at 6 p.m. at the Harding Allen Bandstand, on the Common, Barre. The remaining Sunday concerts July 28 and Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. will be in the Harding Allen Bandstand on Barre Common. The Sunday, Aug. 4 concert will celebrate Barre's 250th anniversary including alumni band members. The Quabbin Community Band will also play during the Barre 250th parade on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. For more information, people may email Julie at julie@mhof.net or call or text 978-257-1192.

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Common Street, Barre will be selling popcorn \$2 and lemonade \$1 during the Sunday evening Quabbin Community Band concerts on the Harding Allen Bandstand, locat-

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. 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 29. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Elizabeth Laramée, James Laramée, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was a view of Doane Pond, which is part of the North Brookfield water supply system located on Oakham Road, Route 148, in North Brookfield.

ed on Barre Common. In addition to selling popcorn and lemonade, the Barre Historical Society will have 250th Barre Anniversary metal ornaments for \$20 each and navy blue long sleeved 250th anniversary T-shirts for \$35. They also will have photo albums of past events for people to peruse. Memberships are accepted year round. Costs are for individuals \$20, family \$30, corporate \$100 and life memberships \$200.

MONDAY, JULY 29

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, corner of Mechanic and Exchange Streets and continue through Monday, Aug. 6. Musicians should bring a stand and bring their friends and family members, who play instruments. This is Margaret Reidy's third year as conductor. All musicians are encouraged to be part of this community group of folks from their early teens to those in their 70s.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the Sons of the American Legion, Post 244, West Brookfield MA is today. The 19th Annual "Scholarship Scramble" Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, for 18 holes with an 8 a.m. Shotgun start at Quail Hollow Country Club, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. Chicken dinner will follow at the Legion Post in West Brookfield.

Cost is \$120 per person and must be received by SATURDAY, Aug 3. People may call Kevin at 774-230-3262.

SATURDAY CONCERTS are held at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre from 5:30-7 p.m. Tonights concert is David Keith and the Coalition. Other concerts are Say Uncle on Saturday, Aug. 17 and the

Otters on Saturday, Aug. 31. All concerts are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand during the concerts.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

THIRD ANNUAL QUABBIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT takes place from 5-7 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St. Barre.

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 22

NATURAL HEALING ARTS SEMINAR focusing on Reiki and Tibetan Rites will be held today from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Rutland Council on Aging, 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. This free seminar offers optimal wellness and encompasses many dimensions. Eric Goodhart, the presenter of this program, learned over 25 years ago that the best way to balance the seven Chakras (energy centers) is by doing the Tibetan Rites every morning. The 20 minute exercise helps build a solid foundation on which optimal health can be achieved. The Chakras are intellectual, physical, social, financial, spiritual, environmental and emotional.

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

FREE FAMILY PICNIC will be held today from

1-4 p.m. during the open house at the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. There will be a meat platter, salads, iced tea, lemonade and desserts. There also will be children's games, face painting, fish pond, three-legged race and corn hole.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW sponsored by the Massachusetts Military Vehicle Collection Club will be held today at 11 a.m. held at American Legion Post #4, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. They will have military vehicles from past and present to view. People will be able to talk to the owners to learn more about them. They will also have a bounce house, painting Meg Young, hamburgers and hotdogs for a donation fee and live band, Wildcat O'Halloran. The bar will also be open, cash only, so people can purchase a cold beverage while they eat and listen to the band. People are urged to come and support their local veterans for this fundraiser. Anyone wishing to bring a military vehicle is welcome to do so.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

HUBBARDSTON LIBRARY 5K RUN/WALK will take place today, time to be announced, starting and ending at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street, Hubbardston. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Friday, Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2023 Race/Walk raised over \$3,500 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

YOUTH SHOOT AND BARBECUE will be held today from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Barre's Sportsmen's Club, 221 Springhill Road, Barre for ages 10 to 18. No experience is necessary. All guns and ammunition will be provided. Participants should not bring their own gun. A required safety briefing for all shooters and guardians will be held at 8 a.m. Guardians must remain for the duration of the event. All shooters will be accompanied by a police officer. Safety gear, eyes and ears, will be provided. Rain date is Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. This is hosted by the Barre Sportsmen's Club, Barre Police Department, Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee and Down Range Sports. People may visit www.barre250.com or email 250thanniversary@townofbarre.com for more details.

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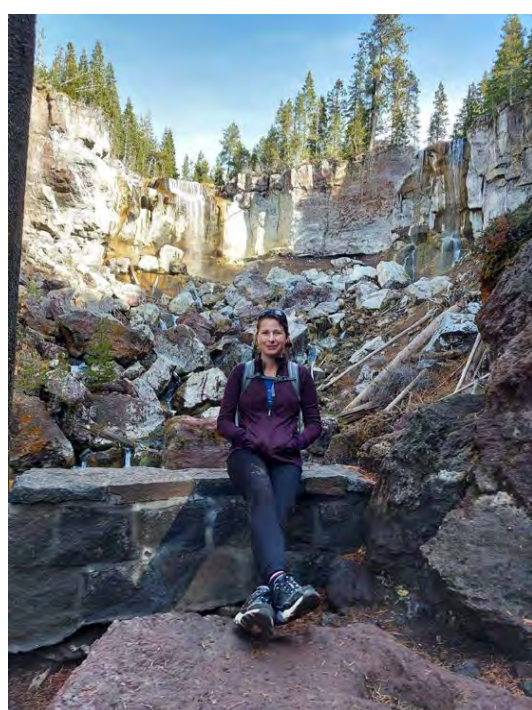
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Quabbin boys improve to 3-3

AUBURN – The Quabbin boys basketball team has evened their record in the Auburn Summer League at 3-3 with dominant wins over Nipmuc and Main South.

After downing Leicester in the opening game the team, sponsored by E.P. Wine Propane, the Quabbinians had to endure two consecutive losses to Northbridge and Monty Tech.

However, the offense began to develop and the man defense has become more consistent behind the tutorage of summer coaches Tim Hay, Steve Carrington and Luke Brownell.

Emphasizing the passing motion offense and the layers of the read and react several players have matured into scoring threats.

A close win over Nipmuc by a score of 55-47 had the cagers leading the entire game by double digits before Nipmuc went on a run in the final minutes. But the Quabbinians held on in their first time and score situation this summer season.

Kyle Clark led the scoring with 17 points and 7 rebounds. He was followed by Jacoby Dilling with 11 points and 6 assists. Quinn Geary also added 11 points in the win.

A convincing win over Main South by a score of 79-39 had Senior Captain Kyle Clark lead the way with a double-double. Clark scored 20 points and coralled 16 rebounds. Jacoby Dilling followed with an impressive performance as well with adding 13 points and a personal best 9 assists. Teammate Brady Patchen had a breakout scoring game with 18 points on a variety of offensive shots while Zeke Santoro posted 12 points many in the low post.

Leading the team overall in scoring is senior power forward Kyle Clark. The 'Big Dawg' has been working diligently on his post skills and perimeter offense as well.

Clark has been training with former UMass standout Chris Kirkland on his inside post up skills, rebounding and footwork. The 6'5 senior emerged in the winter season as a true power forward and has attended numerous clinics and personal training sessions to springboard his game into a new level of performance.



Quabbin's Brady Patchen receives post entry instruction as teammates Teodoro Lopez, Collin Leclare, Zeke Santoro and Kyle Clark await their turn in the low post.

'Preparation Leads to Separation' in the competitive world and Clark knows that the extra work is elevating his skills and helping his team.

With combo guard and forward Quinn Geary adding a slashing skill set to the basket this season the overall offense has picked up. Geary, a 6'2 senior is also an outside shooting threat and enjoys the transition game which is improving.

The fast break transition offense has been emphasized by both coaches Hay and Harrington and the results are beginning to become obvious with scoring averages going up.

The transition game has been sparked by sophomore point guard Jacoby Dilling as he leads



Quabbin players Kyle Clark and Zeke Santoro have been training with former UMass standout Chris Kirkland.

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Post 241 finishes up regular season

PALMER – Last week, Monson American Legion baseball completed its regular season with a few games last week. One game resulted in a forfeit while Monson played and lost last Thursday against Northampton 11-0. Post 241 would finish the regular season with a 6-10 record. They finished 10th overall in the Senior Legion standings and were scheduled to take on East Springfield in the preliminary round of the zone playoffs. Results and highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.



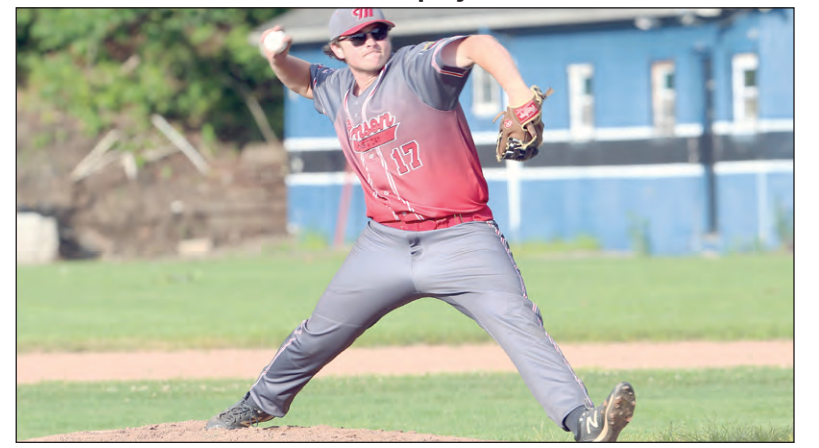
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Brendan Hess slings a throw to first.



Kyle Kaczuwka fields the slow roller.



Niko Matthieu backhands a play



Jesse Cygan, of Ware, fires to the plate.

Mutiny wins in double OT to capture conference title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The New England Mutiny lost a heartbreaker to the Lancaster Inferno FC, 2-1, in the 2019 United Women's Soccer East Conference championship match. The 2019 season was also the Mutiny's first year playing home matches at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Five years later, the top-seeded Mutiny faced second-seeded Sporting CT in the East Conference finals at Lusitano July 14.

It took 120 minutes to get the job done, but the Mutiny players celebrated a 1-0 overtime victory on a very hot afternoon, last



The New England Mutiny has won its conference championship.

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Madalyn Theriault, of Palmer, looks to shoot.



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, takes a shot on goal.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Alec Hughes takes a shot on goal.



Scott Testori looks to make a pass.

Pioneers start championship hunt with win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Joao Bernardo has been the public address announcer at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow for many years.

Bernardo made his usual announcements during last Tuesday night's USL-League 2 qualifying playoff match between FC Motown STA and the Western Mass. Pioneers. He didn't make his famous goal call for the home squad until the 83rd minute.

The Pioneers tied the score at 1-1 with a penalty kick goal before taking the lead for the first time in the 104th minute. They also added an empty net goal in

the final seconds of extra time giving them a 3-1 victory.

"We had a lot of opportunities during the first half, but we just couldn't score a goal," said West Mass Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We were able to score three goals in the second half, which was nice to see."

The Pioneers, who finished the regular season in second place in the Northeast Division with an 11-2-1 record, faced FC Motown for the first time. It was also the Pioneers first playoff victory since they defeated Manhattan SC in the 2022 quarterfinals at Lusitano Stadium.

FC Motown, who are from Morristown, New Jersey, also finished in second place in the Metropolitan Division with an

8-1-3 mark. They joined USL-League 2 in 2021 and qualified for the playoffs for the first time.

The Pioneers had three corner kicks during the first ten minutes of the opening half.

Two of them were headers by Kerman Sukia, who's a member of the Bryant University men's soccer team. Both of Sukia's headers sailed high over the crossbar.

FC Motown took a 1-0 lead during the 12th minute following an unassisted goal by Jason Bourey.

The Pioneers had five more corner kicks during the first 45 minutes of the contest, but the visitors from New Jersey held a 1-0

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Athlete of the Week



NAME: Jacoby Dilling
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Dilling has been putting a lot of hard work in for Quabbin's summer boys basketball team.

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.

T-Birds announce staff member promotions

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds announced multiple promotions and hires in the team's hockey operations department.

First, the club has announced that Steve Passineau, formerly the Thunderbirds Head Equipment Manager, has accepted a promotion to join the St. Louis Blues as an Assistant Equipment Manager.

In addition, Abe Edson, formerly the Thunderbirds' Strength and Conditioning Coach, will join the NHL's Minnesota Wild as an Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Casey Barile has been promoted to Head Equipment Manager with the Thunderbirds after serving as an assistant for the last three seasons. A graduate of Kent State University and a native of St. Louis, MO, Barile previously has experience in the ECHL with the Orlando Solar Bears as an Assistant Equipment Manager during the 2020-21 season.

The Thunderbirds will also welcome two new members to the hockey operations staff for the 2024-25 season. Phil Currier will join the organization as a Strength and

Conditioning Coach. A Haverhill, N.H. native, Currier most recently served as the Director of Hockey Performance at the University of Vermont last season. His prior experience also includes stints at the University of Maine and his alma mater, Plymouth State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sport Physiology and a Master's degree in Applied Exercise Physiology and Human Performance.

Lastly, Steven Smith will join the Thunderbirds as Assistant Equipment Manager. The McAllen, Texas native most recently served as the Head Equipment Manager for the United States Hockey League's Youngstown Phantoms from 2022-24, where he was a member of Youngstown's Clark Cup championship in 2023. He has served in the same capacity for six organizations, including the ECHL's Wichita Thunder and the North American Hockey League's Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees, Amarillo Bulls, Jamestown Rebels, and New Jersey Titans.

Quabbin League seeking to start fall league

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to start an eight-game fall program for the over-28 population. The league, which plays a spring/summer regular season with six teams for 15 games followed by playoffs, is hoping to continue the fun into the fall with a short eight-game schedule for interested players.

Preliminary details are still being worked on, but the league is looking to have four teams with six "regular season" games followed by a semifinal in the seventh week, and a final/consolation game in the eighth week.

The league will be a bit more informal than the regular spring/summer league with the goal being for players to have fun playing more baseball, work on field and batting skills through more innings in the field and extra at-bats, or potentially working on or trying out pitching.

As has been traditional in other fall leagues, the Quabbin League will likely be wood-bat only for the fall.

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org.

The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

The league will look to keep the cost very low for the league with preliminary indications having the league in the \$40-50 range to play eight games.

Games will likely be held in the West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick area and are likely to be held on Sunday mornings, though a few games may be held at alternate times. Games are scheduled to begin in September after Labor Day.



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Registration open for Owl tournament

WESTFIELD – Registration is now open for the 18th annual Owl Club Golf Tournament, which will be played on Monday, Aug. 5 at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Mass.

Tournament includes 18 holes with cart in a scramble format, a cookout style lunch before the round, and a buffet dinner following. Raffles, on course contests, and a player's oasis on the course helps to ensure an enjoyable round for golfers of all levels. For more information on the tournament, CLICK HERE.

The tournament is a primary fundraising event to support Owls athletics.

Registration is open at www.westfieldalumni.org/OwlGolf

New Owls' head football coach Lou Conte, Jr. will be the guest of honor for the tournament. Meet coach Conte and learn about his plans for the future of the Owls program, while enjoying a great day of golf.

"It's a great chance for us to introduce Lou to some of our most loyal alumni, and the folks that support Westfield State athletics," said Westfield State director of athletics Richard Lenfest, Jr. "It's great that Lou has ties here in the local area, and I think that everyone will look forward to hearing his approach to Westfield State football."

Conte joins the Owls after a year as head coach at American International College in Springfield, and a seven-year stint as an assistant and offensive coordinator at The Citadel, a NCAA Division I program in the Southern Conference.

The Owl Club Golf

The event has been popular with alumni, parents, friends and fans, and has sold out for the last 15 events. Westfield Bank will serve as the lead sponsor for the event.

Register early to ensure your team's participation. Foursomes are preferred, but we will pair individuals or smaller groups.

"It's always a great day to see a lot of old friends and classmates, and some of the sponsors that really help to support the accomplishments of our talented student-athletes," added Lenfest. "The golf is fun, but the proceeds help to put our Smith Cup-winning programs in position to be as competitive as possible on the field and in the classroom."

Westfield Bank serves as the title sponsor of the event. Additional sponsor packages are still available; contact Associate Athletic Director Dave Caspole at 413-572-5433 or dcaspole@westfield.ma.edu.

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Turley Publications sports department has recently joined Instagram. You can find our account by searching "turleysports." We will regularly feature samples of photos that you will see in our publications on a weekly basis. Please follow and share with your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

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the team in assists. He can create shots for his mates but also has demonstrated a propensity to score in variety of offensive ways. He is a threat to see the open driving lanes and score at the basket while developing a solid perimeter scoring game as well.

Jaxon Warburton has improved his ball handling and passing. The 6'0 senior guard has now acquired strong defensive skills and this has the eyes of the coaching staff to now award him the honor of becoming the shut-down lock up defender assigned to the best player on the other team. Warburton seems the relish the role and the program certainly needs a player of that stature. Opponents fear such a player and this can impact any game.

Excelling in the transition game and feeding off the assists of Dilling and Warburton has been the athletic guard Bryce Venne. The speedy senior can get out of the blocks quickly and does most of his scoring by slashing to the iron with economy dribbling. Nobody seems to do it better than the 6'0 speedster.

Maintaining a growing presence on the hardwood has been senior power forward Zeke Santoro. The 6'3 has also been training hard and seems to never miss a clinic opportunity to add to his skill set.

With Santoro and Clark learning the tandem opportunities that are available given their size in the paint they can be a demonstrative scoring threat in the nail-flank and in the rebounding game as well.

Freshmen Brady Patchen has taken on more minutes and his skills on the defensive side of the ball are improving as the hoopsters do execute a lot of switching on defense. The 6'0 combo guard can handle the ball and his strength in getting to the rack has been trouble for opponents to neu-

tralize. Add classmate Aiden Crane as a perimeter scoring threat and the duo has worked well together.

Crane trains hard and regularly with Coach Chris Kirkland and the skills that he has been adding have certainly elevated his game at both ends of the court.

He has been contributing to the offense especially in the GameOn League as has Patchen in Fitchburg.

Joining the two frosh on maple wood has been fellow incoming classmate Collin Laclare. The 6'2 forward has been scoring in double figures and learning the post game from Kirkland too. Also a regular at every training session that comes available his basketball acumen has been on the rise.

Earning more time on the court has been Evan Sherblom. The 6'1 sophomore can run the transition game and has been a spark defensively.

Clinician Bob Catalini has worked with a number of Quabbinians on shooting and post play.

Coach John Leonard will be returning later this summer for a number of high intensity workouts in areas the hoopsters need.

And Roots Basketball, led by coaches Geoff Billingham and Tim Sheridan are anxious to begin their training regimen with the cagers as well.

The Quabbin players have two highly competitive northeast tournaments coming up fast.

The end of July will have Mass Premier Courts hosting the Wally Seaver Tournament and the beginning of August will feature the Assumption University Shootout.

Coaches Steve Carrington and Tim Hay are excited to be sending a team to both.

Athol Savings Bank has sponsored the Seaver Tournament while Friends of Quabbin basketball have sponsored the team entering the Assumption Shootout.

Blue Sox pull off big win over Bristol

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox walked into Saturday night's game on a two game losing streak, 3.5 games behind the Bristol Blues for the division lead, and fell out of the playoff picture. It was a must-win situation against the division leader themselves, the Bristol Blues, in a possible season-changing win. Win and hope to make the playoffs increases monumentally, lose and the chances plummet.

Before the game even began, the weather decided to make its own imprint on today's game. A late storm before gametime pushed the first pitch back in a 30-minute delay. Regardless, it was just a prelude for the storm that was about to take place on the field.

Tonight's game was a thriller, plain and simple. From the opening pitch, to the final strike, it was eye-gluing baseball and a battle of both pitching and hitting. Both teams went out the depth of their bullpen to the test, with the Blue Sox using four pitchers, and the Blues seven.

From the opening pitch however, it was clear tonight's game would not be a pitcher's paradise. Off an early Jay Bant single in the bottom of the first inning, the Blue Sox brought Logan Hugo home early to take a 1-0 lead. Minutes later, in the top of the second, the Blues tied it up thanks to a Thomas Rollaver RBI single.

In the bottom of the third and fourth inning, the Blue Sox began growing their lead, scoring six unanswered runs of their own to take their

lead to 7-2 going into the fifth. Ethan Lyke started on the mound for the Blue Sox, pitching four innings total while giving up two earned runs off five hits, tacking-in two strikeouts of his own.

Moving to the sixth inning, the Blues closed the distance, scoring two runs in the top of the inning to cut the lead to three. However, Jonathan Hogart and Derek Williams had other plans. In a two punch combo, Hogart hit a double first to bring Logan Hugo home first. Minutes after, on a 0-1 count with two outs and

Hogart now stranded at third base, Williams hit a massive shot deep out of the park to center field to give the Blue Sox a 10-4 advantage. Williams now leads the Blue Sox with the most home-runs hit so far this year with four.

The Blues ended up making things interesting by cutting the lead to 10-8, but the pitching of Chris Torres over the last two innings sealed the door for a comeback.

This Blue Sox win now puts them just 2.5 games behind the Blues for the division lead with two meetings to go, both split at Muzzy and Mackenzie fields. This game also puts the Blue Sox back in the playoff picture as they hold the series lead tiebreaker over the Upper Valley Nighthawks, with no meetings left between the two. With eight games to go on the season, the Blue Sox are once again in full control of their destiny, and their eyes on the Blue's division lead.



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Sunday. "We went undefeated during the regular season, and it just feels awesome to finally win a championship title," said Agawam's Hope Santaniello, who's the only remaining Mutiny player from the 2019 squad. This has been our number one goal since the start of the regular season."

In the second game of the 2024 regular season, the Mutiny (10-0-0) defeated Sporting CT, 4-1, at Lusitano Stadium. Cat Barry, who only played in a couple of matches for the Mutiny, recorded a hat-trick.

It wound up being the only regular loss for Sporting CT (8-2-0), who captured the East Conference championship trophy a year ago.

The Mutiny will be playing in the National Semifinals for the first time since joining the U.W.S. in 2016.

"It's a very nice feeling winning a championship game, especially since this is my first season coaching a women's soccer team," said first-year Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "We now have one more weekend to go. I'm very happy for these players."

The U.W.S. National semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at All-High Stadium in Buffalo, New York on Friday and Saturday night.

The other three teams who'll be trying to take home the National championship trophy, which is very similar to the Stanley Cup, are the Michigan Jaguars, the Santa Clarita Blue Heat, and FC Buffalo, who earned an automatic bid to the championship weekend because they're the host team.

The Jaguars are the U.W.S. defending National champions.

Another local player listed on the Mutiny roster is Avery

Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School. She was one of the starters in the final home match of the season.

"This is the farthest we've gone in the three years that I've been a member of this soccer team," said Klingensmith, who's also a member of the women's soccer team at American University. "Winning a championship with this team is very special. We have a couple of local players on this year's team, along with several other players who live a little bit farther away. It's really cool that we can all come together and win a championship."

The other local Mutiny players who were starters in the East Conference finals are Maddy Theriault (Palmer) and Alex Legowski (South Hadley).

Several of the Mutiny players are current or former players members of the UConn women's soccer team.

Two of the current UConn play-

ers are Chioma Okafor and Maddie Fried, who played a key role in last Sunday's match

The contest was scoreless until the duo hooked up five minutes into the second 15-minute overtime session.

Okafor, who's a first-year player for the Mutiny, sent a crossing pass from the left side of the penalty box to the far post where Fried put a shot into the back of the net past Sporting CT goalie Abby McCarthy.

"It just feels amazing to score what turned out to be the game winning goal," said Fried, who transferred to UConn from Villanova. "Chioma sent me an incredible pass and I just didn't want to miss that shot. We really wanted to win today's game."

Fried, who has scored three goals this season, has been playing for the Mutiny for the past four seasons. She's from Monroe Connecticut and was an All-American high school

soccer player at St. Joseph High School, in Trumbull, Conn.

The other UConn players listed on the Mutiny roster are Anna Carson, Laci Lewis, Jess Mazo, Abbey Jones, and Rachel Marchini, who's the Mutiny captain.

Joe Ferrera, who's the Mutiny's owner and general manager, has built a very good relationship with UConn women's soccer coach Margaret Rodriguez.

"We wanted to win this championship title for Joe, and I hope he's happy," Fried said. "He's like a dad to us. He treats us like his own kids."

Okafor would like to see a few more UConn soccer players play for the Mutiny during the next couple of years.

"It's very special having some of my UConn teammates on the field with me. We know each other very well," Okafor said. "I hope more UConn players come play for this team in the future. It's a great

atmosphere here."

When Okafor was a freshman at UConn, the Huskies lost to St. John's in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament. She really didn't want to see the East Conference championship game end in another shootout.

"I was really hoping that we could score an overtime goal because any team could win the penalty shootout regardless of who the better team is. I don't like that aspect of soccer," Okafor added. "When I passed the ball to Maddie, I knew that she was going to put the ball into the back of the net."

Mutiny goalie Natalie Mutschler made a couple saves during the next ten minutes before the celebration began.

The Mutiny players are looking forward to making a six hour bus ride to Buffalo this weekend.

Win or lose, the 2024 season has been a memorable one for them.

Education

Monty Tech partnered with Lions Club for blood drive

The Petersham Lions Club partnered with Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School on Saturday, May 4 and sponsored the Massachusetts General Hospital Bloodmobile at the school.

In response to a nationwide shortage and a constant need for blood, pre-registered generous donors arrived to donate blood. Fifty-two adult and teen donors became lifesavers from their donations. There were 16 teen donors.

The drive also accommodated a number of unscheduled donors as well. The Honor Society used this event as their senior class project. Donations began at 8:30 a.m. and the last donors started at 2 p.m. A staff member took a tiny sample of each donor's blood to check their iron level, so everyone is encouraged to eat iron rich foods for a few days ahead of time and stay well hydrated when they consider donating.

The Monty Tech Bulldog mascot was present to welcome folks as well. This is the third co-sponsored blood drive that the Petersham Lions has coordinated in 2024. The other two being with the Grafton Lions Club and the Harvard Lions Club. This was a wonderful collaboration of several Lions Clubs working for a common cause. There was a free raffle for all donors, who registered

and arrived to donate. The 3 drives collected a total of 132 units of life saving blood from Lions and Lion's Club supporters.

MGH's bloodmobile is a self-contained bus that has four recliners for those donating and wonderful friendly and highly experienced staff of registered nurses and phlebotomists. Drinks and snacks were offered afterward. The entire process took 30-40 minutes including completing paperwork, a prescreening by a Bloodmobile staff member and the actual donation which itself takes only 7-10 minutes.

The process is very efficient and MGH's efficiency kept donors on track within a few minutes of their sign-up time. Donors are able to book appointments on line through the MGH Bloodmobile website by visiting <https://blooddonor.mass-general.org/donor/schedules/geo> and each time slot has between two and four donation openings. The exclusion criteria are also listed on the website and with the advancements in blood testing, processing and medical care, there are very few exceptions.

Blood cannot be manufactured or created. Only a person can donate blood.

One pint can serve up to three adults and even more children and babies. Blood is needed for those

with medical conditions needing regular transfusions, surgery patients and trauma victims. It could go to a newborn fighting leukemia, someone in a car accident, a young woman with anemia, a middle-aged person with a bleeding ulcer, or an elderly woman having a heart operation.

According to facts from the MGH Blood Center, about a pint of blood is taken and adults have between 9 and 12 pints. The body will replace the blood within 24 hours. People need only wait eight weeks between donations, so they can give often, up to six times a year. Less than 3% of the population donates, yet 80% will need a transfusion of one or more units in their lifetime. In less than an hour a donor can save up to three lives.

Students from Monty Tech, who volunteered throughout the day were: Jillian St. Jean and, Arian Forte who coordinated the event with Lynne Shaw from the Petersham Lions, as well as Charisma Harjumaki, Quinn Dunbar, Jacob Khedekar, Isabella Williams, Makayla Amoako, Grace Williams and Sophia Guilmette.

Monty Tech and the Petersham Lions Club plan to make this an annual event and they encourage people to donate at an MGH Blood Drive.

Monty Tech Nites CTI Program holds graduation



Submitted photo

The Career Technical Initiative program graduated 53 adult students on Wednesday, June 12.

FITCHBURG – On Wednesday, June 12, the Career Technical Initiative program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated 53 adult students who completed 200 hours of training in the Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC and Carpentry trades.

Funded by the Commonwealth Corporation in partnership with the MassHire North Central Career Center, CTI provides job seekers with short-term training in high-demand fields to combat the skills gap created when seasoned workers in the trades retire at a higher rate than younger workers enter the field. Ranging in age from their late teens to their 50s, this class included entry-level workers trying to enter the trades and older workers seeking career change.

Training included specific trade skills, job readiness skills, resume, and cover letter writing, as well as first aid, CPR, OSHA, and other industry credentials required for each field. Among the 200 guests in attendance were key staff from the MassHire North Central Career Center, the Honorable Sam Squalia Mayor of Fitchburg, members of the Monty Tech School Committee and family and friends of the graduates.

Faculty member Emily Turner delivered the commencement address, acknowledging the graduates' hard work, perseverance and commitment to their training. Graduates were presented Certificates of Completion by Trish Woodliff, Monty Tech Nites Director, Autumn Kelly, CTI Program Manager, and their instructors: Shane Brogan (Carpentry), Benjamin

Suppa (Electrical), Rob Keyes and Bill Kemp (Plumbing) and Jerry McKee and Ethan Looman (HVAC).

In addition, graduates Logan Kirwan (Carpentry), Ryley Saisa (Plumbing), Daniel Lynch (HVAC) and Alyssa Washburn (Electrical) were presented with the Dillon Deshaies Memorial Award for their passion for their trades, positivity, encouragement of their fellow students. Electrical Student Assistant, Cameron Saladini received a special scholarship award to support his participation in the Monty Tech Nites Journeyman's Electrical program in the fall.

People may visit <https://www.montytechnites.com/nocosttraining> or call the Monty Tech Nites office at 978-345-9200, extension 5220 to learn more.

Colleges and universities announce President's and Dean's lists

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Vermont State University
Randolph Center, Vermont
Ward Holloway of Barre

DEAN'S LIST

Fairfield University
Fairfield, Connecticut
Lillian M. Riley of Hubbardston

University of Tampa
Tampa, Florida
Declan Cady of Rutland, a sophomore majoring in cybersecurity and Maila Halvorsen of Rutland, a junior majoring in nursing

Seton Hall University
South Orange, New Jersey
Skyler Rudinski of New Braintree

Tufts University
Medford
Emma Varteresian of Hubbardston, Class of 2024

College of Holy Cross
Worcester
Mattison Albano of Oakham, Class of 2025; Jenna Dupell of North Brookfield, Class of 2026; Jorji LaViolette of Barre Class of 2026; Anthony Magnani of Rutland, Class of 2026 and Samantha Shea of Rutland Class of 2027

St. Aloysius Catholic School lists honor roll

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville listed students named to the honor roll.

High Honors
Jason Aller and Hannah LaRoche.

Honors
Alex Velez, Dianne Aller, Jackson Boudreau, Olivia Mosso, Sophia Adams, Aria Carfagna, Rose Theriault and Christopher Rice.

QCC receives parenting students grant

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College secured a \$30,000 grant from New America to expand its support of parenting students.

QCC was one of five community colleges chosen from across the United States to be part of New America's Child Care for Student Parents at Community College Cohort. "New America said they selected QCC because we've accomplished a lot in a short period of time and they want to learn from us. This is a real testament to the college that we not only recognize the needs of our student population, but also find ways to address these needs so they can be successful in their academic journey," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

QCC has over 1,400 students who have been identified as parents and Parenting Student Navigator Michelle Brennan estimates that there are even more. "Parenting students are some of the busiest students. They are juggling school, children, work and home. They're also some of the most driven students because not only are they trying to change their life, but also the lives of their children," said Brennan. "Research has shown that when parenting students are given targeted support, they will graduate faster and with a

higher GPA." QCC has a long-standing history of offering resources to students with children; however, in recent years recognized the need for a more dedicated resource. In 2023, the college opened a Parenting Student Support Services office, which connects these students with services such as counseling, QCC's Homeplate Food Pantry and Resource Center and scholarship opportunities. Brennan has also developed a cohort of parenting students who support each other as they navigate higher education.

QCC will use the New America funding to expand its existing

services. The college is currently developing a free drop-in childcare service for children of QCC students. Brennan explained that this service is in response to the fact that many parenting students are left without childcare when K-12 activities, such as vacation and teachers' professional development days, don't line up with the higher education schedules.

New America will conduct a site visit over the summer to learn more about QCC's parenting student services, the Children's Lab School and how the college collects data.

Local WPI students complete intensive research projects

WORCESTER – At Worcester Polytechnic Institute, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. All seniors complete thesis work that is required of all graduating students as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience. The Major Qualifying Project is usually team-based and often focuses on very specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the student's work.

Local Class of 2024 stu-

dents, who completed an MQP, are: Holly Perry of Gilbertville, an aerospace engineering major, completed a project titled Design and Testing of a Tethered Underwater Wing; Morgan Whitney of Barre, a biochemistry major, completed a project titled Observing the Role of ZIP12 in Zinc Uptake in Neuronal Cells; Noah Herzig of Hubbardston, a mechanical engineering major, completed a project titled The Knuckleball Effect: Understanding Ball Characteristics and Connor Dowgielewicz of New Braintree, a mechanical engineering major, completed a project titled FSAE

Electric Racecar – 2023-24.

Prior to their MQP, students complete an Interactive Qualifying Project, usually in their junior year, with a team of other students across disciplines; the projects may or may not relate to the students' fields of study and are sponsored by organizations across the globe to give students real-world experience addressing problems that lie at the intersection of science and society. Approximately 85% of WPI students complete a project at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

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halftime advantage. The Pioneers also outshot FC Motown, 12-4, during the first half. In the 61st minute, Laurie Goddard, who'll be a member of the Hofstra men's soccer team in the fall, fired a low shot from the top of the box, but FC Motown goalie Ryan Friedberg made a diving save keeping the score at 1-0 for a little while longer.

Friedberg made another save on a shot attempt by Jared Smith in the 75th minute.

The Pioneers were given a penalty kick seven minutes later by referee Dan Aloï following a foul in the box. Alec Hughes, who's the USL-2 Golden Boot winner with 16 regular season goals, fired a low shot into the left corner of the net tying the score at 1-1.

"We had a lot of chances to score the entire game," said Hughes, who'll be playing one more season of college soccer at UMass Amherst. "Before I took the PK, I tried not to think about it very much. I was relieved when I

saw the ball go into the net. I knew we would be able to take control of the game after that."

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, FC Motown's Bryce LeBel received his second yellow card resulting in a red card.

The Pioneers held a man advantage until the 101st minute of extra time when Aidan Kelly received a straight red from the referee.

The home team took the lead for the first time on a goal from Ali Taleb three minutes later.

Goddard was credited with the assist on the go-ahead goal.

"Laurie made an amazing pass to me, and I just finished off the play with a goal," said Taleb, who's a first-year Pioneers player. "It just felt amazing, especially doing it in a home playoff match. This place has a lot of history."

Taleb, who's from Glastonbury, Connecticut, entered the match for the first time during the 93rd minute. Taleb and Hughes attended the same high school, but they weren't teammates on the same soccer team.

"Alec is from my hometown,

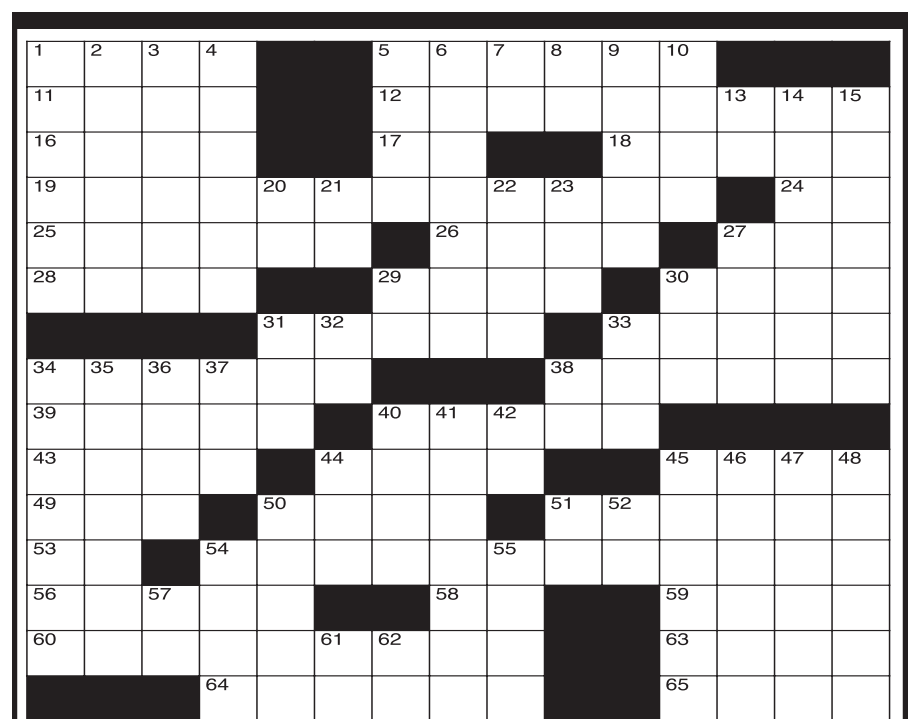
and I grew up watching him play soccer," said Taleb, who scored four goals for the Pioneers this summer. "He broke a lot of records for the high school soccer team, but I played for the Oakwood Soccer Club. It's nice to finally be teammates with him."

Taleb began his collegiate soccer career at AIC before transferring to Northern Kentucky University.

The head coach of the NKU men's soccer team is Tom Poitras, who was previously the head coach of the men's soccer team at the University of Hartford.

The Pioneers sealed the home playoff victory with an empty net goal by Mamadi Jiana in the final seconds of extra time. Jiana, who played high school soccer at Chicopee High School, scored another goal in last Friday night's round of 32 contest against Lionsbridge FC giving the Pioneers a 1-0 halftime lead. Lionsbridge FC, who hosted the round of 32 playoffs, netted a pair of second half goals which ended the Pioneers outstanding season.

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- Hammer is one
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- Not moving
- Women's service organization (abbr.)
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- Quantitative fact
- A person's head
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- Too much noise
- Agree to a demand
- One a line at right angles to a ship's

length

- Employees
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- Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
- District in Peru
- One died leaving a will
- Morning
- The world of the dead
- Widen
- Drink containing medicine
- Celebrating
- Secret encounters
- A type of tag
- Halfback
- Modern tech
- Monetary unit
- Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
- Execute or perform
- "The Golden State" (abbr.)
- "The Beehive State" (abbr.)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 13

Paul Scully to retire end of July as Country Bank CEO

On July 1, CEO Paul Scully announced his retirement after a distinguished career of 28 years at Country Bank and 48 years in the financial services industry.

His retirement will be effective on July 31. Scully, who started his banking career as a part-time teller while attending Bentley University, previously served as Senior Vice President of Country Bank and was appointed President in 2004 and later assumed position of Chief Executive Officer in 2005.

"Throughout my career, I've been guided by the belief that success is not just about growth in numbers but about the positive impact we make in the lives of our team members, customers and communities. It's been an incredible journey and I'm immensely proud of what we've achieved together. As I retire, I leave with a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Country Bank's CEO for the past twenty years and with the utmost respect of my successor, Mary McGovern and the entire Country Bank team to continue the Bank's legacy of excellence," said Scully.

Mary McGovern, appointed President by the Bank's Board of Trustees on April 1, will assume CEO, effective Aug. 1. McGovern, who has been with the Bank since 2011, previously served as EVP and CFO before assuming the role of COO in 2023. With her extensive experience in the financial services industry spanning over three decades, McGovern brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her new position.

"I am honored to have worked alongside Paul for the past thirteen years," said McGovern. "As I assume the organization's leader-



Submitted photo

Shown are Country Bank's new CEO Mary McGovern and retiring CEO Paul Scully.

ship, I am dedicated to the Bank's continued growth and supporting our customers, community, and team members. The Bank is committed to providing best-in-class customer service, the latest banking services, safety and security, and ensuring Country Bank remains a trusted financial institution in our communities."

Country Bank's Board of Trustees and its team members are deeply grateful to Scully for his exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication throughout his tenure. His visionary guidance

has positioned the bank for continued success and growth. As the bank embarks on this new chapter, it looks forward to the leadership of Mary McGovern, who will undoubtedly build upon Scully's legacy and drive Country Bank to new heights.

Country Bank is a full-service \$1.8 billion mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester.

Red Cross seeks blood donations

MEDFORD, – The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood or platelets now to reinforce the blood supply as much as possible before the summer winds down.

Type O blood donors and those giving platelets are especially needed to help keep hospital shelves stocked through August.

Donors remain critically needed to support the Red Cross delivery of vital blood products, which are in demand around-the-clock as hospitals work to save lives this summer. When fewer people answer the call to donate, the blood supply can quickly shrink. Help safeguard necessary care for patients and book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

In thanks, those who come to give Aug. 1-31, 2024, will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities at the Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St., Worcester include: Thursday, Aug. 1 from 11:30

a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 2, Saturday, Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 5, Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 8 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 9, Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 12, Tuesday, Aug. 13 and Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 12:15-7:15 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 15 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible

to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Names of God Part 6

Scripture employs an array of names for God that speak to His nature and work.

Last week we began to examine the primary name for God in the Old Testament: YHWH. This title, commonly pronounced Yahweh and recorded as LORD in modern English translations (all capitalized letters), appears some 6,800 times! Yet what does this name mean? What is the significance of this designation?

Before we fully contend with these questions and more, I recommend you take the time to read Exodus 3-4. Though the name YHWH appears quite early in the biblical record (cf. Gen. 2:4), it is in the days of Moses that this title takes on particular import. Now that you have taken time to review said chapters, let us touch upon the meaning of this holy name.

1) A Declaration of Self-Existence

The name YHWH comes from the Hebrew word for "I am" or "being." It could be rendered as "I am who I am" or "I will be what I will be" or even "I am the One who is." When God met Moses at the burning bush and called him to lead the Hebrew people out of bondage in Egypt, Moses asked who he should say had sent him. Let us briefly note this scriptural exchange:

Exodus 3:14-15 (NIV)

13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'"

This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

Regardless of the specific translation, the name speaks to the self-existence and self-sufficiency of the Lord. Ultimately, all things are dependent upon Him for life, breath and existence.

He is dependent upon no one. This reality would have great import for Moses in the context of the Exodus. Though he was commissioned to challenge the authority of Pharaoh, the most powerful figure who presided over the most powerful of empires, Pharaoh was but a creature utterly reliant upon His Maker. This reality should also have impact on us, compelling us to a place of humility, faithfulness and worship!

2) A Declaration of Faithfulness

It is also worth noting that YHWH, as a verb, is active versus passive in nature. This indicates "being or existence in action." That is, God does not simply exist—He actively exists and is actively connected with and committed to those who are His. The following excerpt expounds upon this precept:

"The name YHWH, related to the verb 'to be or exist,' speaks of God's self-existent nature. However, it means more than that. As YHWH, He is ever present with His people. God was present with the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), with the Israelites in bondage, with Moses and more. He is the God who is in covenant with His people, hears their cries, redeems them, delivers them, sustains them, and leads them into the fullness of His promise. YHWH reveals God as the 'One Who is Faithfully Present' with His people and active on their behalf."

Thus, this term conveys a sense of proximity to and connection with His own. This aspect of His nature and work is quite evident from the call of Moses. Review Exodus 3-4 and you will see One who was aware of the affliction of

His people—affliction which necessitated divine response. This reality must have impacted Moses. Moses was sent to challenge the authority of a man worshipped as a god among men.

Yet Moses would not go alone. He would be accompanied and backed by the One who forever exists and is forever with His people! To what degree do you know and revel in this reality?

We will continue our study of the names of God next week, offering deeper insight into the most holy name of God: YHWH. Until then, thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, 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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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2 v 11- 22

I. Introduction

In many homes there are feelings and experiences of peace and joy. This is how it is meant to be. Home should be the place of safety, love, acceptance and where we work through our differences, to find mutual understanding and common ground. This should be the case with neighbors, communities, organizations, churches and within our nation and among nations.

To be understood and loved gives us the feeling of peace within, and when we make others feel loved and understood, they feel at peace as well. It is wonderful to see the love and peace and joy between and among people around us. The opposite is true frequently, though. When we do not see eye to eye, and we find ourselves in an argument, just one argument with another, the feeling of peace within gets disturbed, and other feelings arise, such as anxiety, defensiveness, anger, resentment, and more.

The more disagreements we have, the more we find ourselves in situations of conflict, which become very difficult to resolve. These disagreements and conflicts tend to escalate and the feelings of peace within can disappear and leave us empty, lonely, depressed, and unfulfilled.

These situations of conflict can lead to fear of the other, and deep divisions among us, our churches, organizations, homes, communities within the nation and among nations. These divisions become strong walls we cannot climb, and vulnerable bridges we cannot cross to reach one another.

Does this sound familiar to you? Have you experienced some of this in your life? Let's then see whether there is any hope for us in this letter of Paul to the former Gentiles in the church in Ephesus.

II. In Christ we are all reconciled with one another

Paul is addressing the Gentiles, a group of people who were historically excluded from the Israelites, the people of God. They are now a new group of believers in Christ, and need his encouragement, and reminder that the life they lived before has now past and have been made new in Christ.

Their history of being excluded from the people of Israel meant that they did not have a life with the living God. Theirs was a life of worshipping other

gods, which became part of who they were. In contrast we find the people of Israel being acknowledged by God as God's people. In practice that meant that walls were put up to keep the Gentiles apart from the people of Israel.

For example, they were kept apart at the Temple of Jerusalem by high and strong pillars, so each would have their own courts. The Jews were circumcised, and the Gentiles were uncircumcised. The Torah, with its moral and ceremonial laws became the center of knowledge about God for the Israelites, but not so for the Gentiles.

Paul himself became circumcised and acknowledged the practice as part of Jewish life. In this letter Paul is trying to highlight the moral aspect of the Torah to remind the Gentile believers of the love of God and how they and all who follow the Torah should love God and each another.

In reaching out to the Gentiles, and bringing the message of Christ to them, bringing them closer to God, meant that they felt less estranged from the inner circle of those who knew God. As new believers in Christ, they needed to know that there was nothing, no wall, especially in Paul's description, the Torah and all the laws and regulations, that could keep them away from the love of God.

Christ died for them and all of humanity, and in and through His death, He reconciled humanity with God and with each other. In Paul's theology, there is no more wall between Jews and Gentiles; they are all one, through the life and death of Christ. Christ broke down the walls of hostility and estrangement and made them all one in Christ before God. No more fear of the other, no more divisions, but one humanity of love, acceptance, and peace. This, Paul says was the intention of the salvation in Christ. Christ reconciled them all with God and each other.

III. Conclusion

This message of Paul to the Gentile believers is so relevant for us all today. The peace and joy we experience as outlined earlier tends to be quite fragile. The divisions which we create among ourselves, and others tend to hang around and can lead to so many bad feelings.

These feelings do not get better unless we acknowledge the destructive power of conflicts, divisions, anger and hate, and take the courageous act of reaching out, and forgive one another and make right which is not right. The message that Christ broke down all walls, all barriers, must be taken seriously by the followers of Christ, the church of Christ, because we are the church, in Christ, and Christ's message is a message of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation.

This is a call to us as the church, as families and loved ones, to our schools, our sports organizations and more. This is a call to every person, and every leader in our community, nation and the nations to not allow our beliefs, our convictions and our self-interests to become ingredients to the creation of walls that divide us. Too many people get hurt in the process, and too unnecessary situations of pain and brokenness prevail, which prevent peace and reconciliation to have a chance.

Since we are already reconciled with one another through Christ, may God help us to start over, anew, make changes and make peace, and live in peace with one another, with all our differences. Christ is indeed our hope and through the Spirit of Christ we have received the inner strength to live a life of peace and reconciliation. Blessings everyone.

Amen

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 7
11:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, July 8
12:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stabbing/Gunshot Victim, Muschopauge Road, Transported to Hospital
Summons: Cruz Ocampo, Marco Antonio, 34, Rutland
Charges: Assault to Murder, Assault and Batter with Dangerous Weapon
Summons: Cruz Ocampo, Aymer Rubisel, 28, Rutland
Charges: Accessory Before the Face, Conspiracy
1:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call Ruggles Lane, Information Taken
5:27 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, West Street, Referred to Other Agency
6:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital
12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
1:25 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Summer Street, Investigate
Summons: Cassono, Katherine Lynn, 37, Hubbardston
Charges: Shoplifting by Asportation
1:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
3:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Walnut Hill Road, Citation Issued
5:25 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fire, Hubbardston Road, Fire Extinguished
6:30 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Grove South Street, Transported to Hospital
6:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unattended Death, Old Dana Road, Report Filed
10:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Church Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Tuesday, July 9
4:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service, Valley Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, July 10
5:08 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital
11:41 a.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
7:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital
7:29 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Woods Road, Information Taken

Thursday, July 11
12:27 p.m. Fire – Power Lined Down/Arcing, Cedar Street, Referred to Other Agency
2:15 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, West Street, Officer Advised
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Barber, Mandi Beth, 48, South Barre
Charges: Warrant

7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Citation Issued
Summons: Rodriguez, Fraimy, 21, Worcester
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Stop/Yield, Fail To

Friday, July 12
12:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Smith, Colby Julian, 23, Worcester
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
5:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Britton Road West, Transported to Hospital
11:42 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact
2:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Negative Contact
6:32 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Moulton Street, Officer Took Call
8:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital
8:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Heat (Cold) Environmental, Worcester Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Saturday, July 13
8:41 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Old Stage Road, Referred to Other Agency
3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Citation Issued
4 p.m. Animal Lost and/or Found, South Street, Returned to Family
5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, July 7
5:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
7:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Sassawanna Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
10:29 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ware Road, Animal Returned to Owner
11:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire/Emergency Medical Service Response, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
2:21 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Advised
3:11 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Phillips Road, Investigated
6:39 p.m. Serve Warrant, Gardner Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Fontaine, Crindia Mary, 49, Hubbardston
Charges: Warrants
8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
10:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:54 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed

Monday, July 8
12:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stabbing/Gunshot Victim, Muschopauge, Transported to Hospital
Summons: Cruz Ocampo, Marco Antonio, 34, Rutland
Charges: Assault to Murder, Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon
Summons: Cruz Ocampo, Aymer Rubisel, 28, Rutland
Charges: Accessory Before the Fact, Conspiracy
2:56 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Lake Avenue Worcester, Investigated
7:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
8:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
8:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
10:34 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Clealand Circle, Information Given
10:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Pinheiro, Ester, 24, Worcester
Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
11:06 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, UMass, Investigation (On-Going)
2:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Negative Contact
2:25 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Muschopauge Road, Investigation (On-Going)
3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
4:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
4:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Verbal Warning
5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:24 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
5:39 p.m. Identity Theft, Ridge Road, Report Filed
6:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Soucy Drive, Transported to Hospital
6:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
10:22 p.m. Trespasser/Prowler, Nancy Drive, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Lavallee, Derick J., 29, Worcester
Charges: Trespass

Tuesday, July 9
7:55 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, UMass, Investigated
10:59 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Mark Circle, Gone on Arrival
12:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Schoolhouse Road, Transported to Hospital
1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
2:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic) Carbons Way, Transported to Hospital
3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
4:07 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, town of Sutton, Investigated
4:45 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Edith Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
7:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Soucy Drive, Transported to Hospital
8:33 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Maple Avenue, Peace Restored

Wednesday, July 10
12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
7:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:45 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival
9:26 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Anthony Drive, Report Filed
9:34 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Phillips Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:31 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
2:24 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact
4:18 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
5:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Farm Pond Road, Transported to Hospital
5:15 p.m. Harassment, Phillips Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, July 11
1:16 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Prison Camp Road, Investigation On-Going
7:11 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
7:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
8:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
8:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
8:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, July 12
12:06 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Prison Camp Road, Area Patrolled
8:50 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Beechwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:59 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Barnicle, Christopher T., 53, Barre
Charges: Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate
7:36 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:40 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed without Incident

Saturday, July 13
9:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
9:50 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Spring Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
11:11 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
5:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
6:51 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed
10:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Morris Lane, Officer Took Call
10:48 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Ware Road, Information Taken

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 35 directed/area patrols, one radar assignment, three traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one complaint, two safety hazards, one investigation, one motor vehicle accident and one animal call in the town of New Braintree.

Sunday, July 14
2:35 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, West Road, Transported to Hospital
4:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Services Rendered
8:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled

Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
6:09 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Removed Hazard
9:23 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Thompson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
10 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, July 18
9:16 a.m. Vandalism, Barre Road, Report Taken
8:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Friday, July 19
7:57 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Checked/Secured
8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Spoken To

Saturday, July 20
5:47 p.m. Officer Initiated, Memorial Drive, Report Taken

Monday, July 15
7:03 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

During the week of July 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 11 building/property checks, 29 directed/area patrols, one radar assignment, six traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one complaint, five safety hazards, one motor vehicle investigation, one property damage, one vandalism and one animal call in the town of New Braintree.

Friday, July 19
7:57 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Checked/Secured
8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Spoken To

Saturday, July 20
5:47 p.m. Officer Initiated, Memorial Drive, Report Taken

Wednesday, July 10
12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
7:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:45 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival
9:26 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Anthony Drive, Report Filed
9:34 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Phillips Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:31 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
2:24 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact
4:18 p.m. Emergency Medical

Friday, July 12
12:06 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Prison Camp Road, Area Patrolled
8:50 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Beechwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:59 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Barnicle, Christopher T., 53, Barre
Charges: Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate
7:36 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:40 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed without Incident

Wednesday, July 10
1:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, July 15
11:46 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barr Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
1:16 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, West Road, Dispatch Handled

Sunday, July 14
2:35 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, West Road, Transported to Hospital
4:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Services Rendered
8:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled

Thursday, July 18
9:16 a.m. Vandalism, Barre Road, Report Taken
8:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Friday, July 19
7:57 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Checked/Secured
8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Spoken To

Saturday, July 20
5:47 p.m. Officer Initiated, Memorial Drive, Report Taken

Thursday, July 11
6:12 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Gilbertville Road, Citation Issued
10:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Road, Removed Hazard
11:09 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Memorial Drive, No Action Required

Tuesday, July 16
2:57 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, July 22
7:04 a.m. Property Damage, Hardwick Road, Investigated

Monday, July 8
12:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stabbing/Gunshot Victim, Muschopauge Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, July 10
12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
7:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:45 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival
9:26 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Anthony Drive, Report Filed
9:34 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Phillips Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:31 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
2:24 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact
4:18 p.m. Emergency Medical

Saturday, July 13
9:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
9:50 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Spring Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
11:11 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
5:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
6:51 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed
10:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Morris Lane, Officer Took Call
10:48 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Ware Road, Information Taken

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Sunday, July 7
7:53 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ware Corner Road, Negative Contact
7:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Schoolhouse Road, Transported to Hospital

2:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Oak Drive, Transported to Hospital
5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Citation Issued
Summons: Rodriguez, Fraimy, 21, Worcester
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Stop/Yield, Fail to

Monday, July 8
8:45 a.m. Gunshots, West Brookfield Road, Transferred Call to C3

Friday, July 12
12:06 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Prison Camp Road, Area Patrolled
8:50 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Beechwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:59 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Barnicle, Christopher T., 53, Barre
Charges: Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate
7:36 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:40 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed without Incident

Saturday, July 13
9:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
9:50 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Spring Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
11:11 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
5:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
6:51 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed
10:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Morris Lane, Officer Took Call
10:48 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Ware Road, Information Taken

Monday, July 8
8:45 a.m. Harassment, North Brookfield Road, Officer Took Call
10:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
11:01 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Lincoln Road, Information Given

Wednesday, July 10
1:31 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:57 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Barre Road, Investigated
5:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Farm Pond Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, July 12
12:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Smith, Colby Julian, 23, Worcester
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
5:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Britton Road West, Transported to Hospital
11:42 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact
2:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Negative Contact
6:32 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Moulton Street, Officer Took Call
8:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital
8:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Heat (Cold) Environmental, Worcester Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Saturday, July 13
8:41 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Old Stage Road, Referred to Other Agency
3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Citation Issued
4 p.m. Animal Lost and/or Found, South Street, Returned to Family
5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, July 9
5:03 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
8:52 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Gardener Road, Public Assist

Friday, July 12
12:06 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Prison Camp Road, Area Patrolled
8:50 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Beechwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:59 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Barnicle, Christopher T., 53, Barre
Charges: Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate
7:36 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:40 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed without Incident

Tuesday, July 9
12:21 p.m. Emergency Medical

Thursday, July 11
12:30 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Coldbrook Road, Entry Gained

Monday, July 8
12:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stabbing/Gunshot Victim, Muschopauge Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, July 10
12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
7:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:45 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival
9:26 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Anthony Drive, Report Filed
9:34 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Phillips Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:31 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
2:24 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact
4:18 p.m. Emergency Medical

Friday, July 12
12:06 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Prison Camp Road, Area Patrolled
8:50 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Beechwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:59 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Barnicle, Christopher T., 53, Barre
Charges: Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate
7:36 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:40 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed without Incident

Saturday, July 13
9:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
9:50 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Spring Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
11:11 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
5:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
6:51 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed
10:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Morris Lane, Officer Took Call
10:48 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Ware Road, Information Taken

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Monday, July 15
9:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Collins Road, Vehicle Towed
7:04 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
11:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled

Tuesday, July 16
3:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Officer Handled
6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Unknown, Investigated
7:02 p.m. 911 Fire Alarm, Bridge Street, Investigated
8:58 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, July 17
6:06 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
10:04 a.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Spoken To
11:56 a.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Spoken To

5:51 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Merge
5:52 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Merge
5:57 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled
6:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled
6:12 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, North Road, Removed Hazard
6:19 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Removed Hazard
6:36 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
6:38 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled
7:13 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Removed Hazard
8:46 p.m. Complaint, North Road, Officer Handled

10:17 p.m. 911 Fire Alarm, North Street, False Alarm
10:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, July 18
5:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Greenwich Road, Citation Issued
6:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
7:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
7:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
7:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prouty Road, Investigated
8:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prouty Road, Investigated

Friday, July 19
2:07 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
10:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
9:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
11:05 p.m. Gunshots, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Negative Contact
11:48 p.m. Medical Alarm, Duhamel Court, Services Rendered

Saturday, July 20
10:31 a.m. Assist Citizen, Patril

Hollow Road, Services Rendered
11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
4:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Parker Court, Transported to Hospital
6:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, High Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, July 21
7:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
9:04 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
12:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
1:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Off Prospect Street, Officer Handled

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