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## Select Board receive letter from Rhineland

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OAKHAM – The Select Board read a letter sent to Police Chief Frederick Gehring about trespassing and drone use on property on Coldbrook Road, a potential site for a Battery Energy Storage System.

Vice President Brian Binola Jr. of Rhineland, letter dated June 8, requested the Police Chief remind residents of the no trespassing signs on the property. The letter also stated the Conservation Commission made “false allegations” stating work was being done at the site, the former Amherst Oakham Auto Recycling.

Select Board Vice Chairman Michael Brunelle said Rhineland did not request the minutes of the meeting of Conservation Commission where the statement was made through official channels. He felt they obtained the information from a video of the meeting, a resident posted on Facebook. Brunelle also said he did not know if Rhineland had any control

of the site as no documentation of a lease had been presented. He was not sure if the property followed the guidelines for posting no trespassing signs including spacing, height, signing of said signage and posting of the entire perimeter.

Resident Barbara Pitucci requested the letter be read again, which she called a reasonable request.

Select Board Chairman Don Haapakoski read the letter again.

### Planning Board

Planning Board Chairman Phil Warbasse said the new owner of the property filed a special permit to auction insurance vehicles at the site of the former Amherst Oakham Recycling in 2022. The Planning Board revoked the permit in 2024 as the owner did not file the special permit with the Registry of Deeds, failed to renew the permit after two years and did not have any activity at the site during that time, all conditions of the special permit process.

Scott Corey, an abutter, said the previous owner crushed thousands of cars

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Photos by Bri Whitelaw

Mike Smith of Oakham and Shane Brynes of West Hartford, Connecticut run to the finish line of the 100 Mile Ruck March at Why Me & Sherry's House in Worcester.

## Ruck March benefits Why Me & Sherry's House

Rucking is a military term for walking long distances with a weighted backpack.

For many of those, who took part in the Why Me &

Sherry's House 100-Mile Challenge, it was deeply personal. The event supports Why Me & Sherry's House, a Worcester-based nonprofit that provides support to

families facing pediatric cancer. Every step of the 100-mile march is a tribute to the children and families, who endure unimaginable hardships with unbreakable

strength.

The 100-mile ruck is not just about miles, it's about meaning. Over four

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## Quabbin Community Band presents music and stories from Lucy Allen

BARRE – This week, Sunday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. the Quabbin Community Band will present a theme of, “Music from Around the World” in conjunction with the Barre Historical Society and local historian, Lucy Allen.

Musical selections will represent a wide range of countries and cultures including music of Ireland, Korea, Ukraine, Germany, Italy, Japan, Belgium and others. Sarah Seng, a surprise guest vocalist from Australia, will be featured in addition to Lucy Allen speaking about how different people from around the world ended up in Barre and made a difference here.

This past Sunday the weekly 50/50 drawing was more than one hundred dollars, so be sure to attend and always support the many wonderful local businesses supporting the QCB this season. All summer concerts begin at 6 p.m. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.



Submitted photo

The Quabbin Community Band rehearses on Monday evenings in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre.

## Hardwick Select Board hears from Ware officials about trust

By Paula Ouimette  
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HARDWICK – The Select Board heard from representatives from the town of Ware to discuss a letter that was sent by the board regarding decisions about the Lewis Gilbert Trust.

At the July 28 meeting, Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley and Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot acknowledged receipt of the letter and said there was no intention to leave Hardwick out of the discussion of the trust which is associated with the former Mary Lane Hospital.

The trust, which is currently overseen by Bank of America with Baystate Health as the beneficiary, was created by Lewis Gilbert to provide medical care for the residents of Ware and Gilbertville.

Beckley said the town's primary goal has been to reestablish healthcare after the closing of the hospital, to serve the residents of the

town and surrounding communities.

“It has always been the Selectboard's intent to work toward healthcare,” Beckley said. “We would love to cooperate [with Hardwick].”

Beckley said the Selectboard had only heard from the Friends of Mary Lane Hospital regarding Hardwick's desire to be involved with any decisions about the trust prior to receiving the board's letter.

Beckley invited the Select Board members to reach out to him with any questions that they have.

Cindy Allen Bourcier of the Friends of Mary Lane Hospital said her group has sent a letter to both Bank of America and to the Attorney General's office regarding a recent vote of support by the Ware Selectboard to keep Bank of America as the trustee with Baystate Health as beneficiary.

This vote came about after the town received a proposal from Baystate Health's President and CEO Peter Banko to open

a Convenient Care site in Ware, combining both primary care and urgent care. The Convenient Care would be located in an existing building, and not at the Mary Lane Hospital site.

“We feel it was a very biased opinion,” Bourcier said. “Baystate should have been including Hardwick.”

Resident Judy Kohn said she is happy to see the two towns willing to work together toward a common goal.

### Health Care Task Force update

Judi Korzec provided the Select Board with an update from the Health Care Task Force regarding its efforts to create a rural healthcare model and bring services to the town.

Korzec spoke against Ware Selectboard's support of Baystate Health remaining as the beneficiary of the Lewis Gilbert Trust, and said that a Convenient Care location in Ware will not benefit the residents of

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## Outer Cape maritime history presented at Sturbridge Senior Center

### John Small and the Highland Lighthouse

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent

STURBRIDGE – The recent addition to the Sturbridge Senior Center is a comfortable setting for a presentation about a building, or

series of buildings in another part of the Commonwealth that were of importance in the Maritime history of the state.

John Small is a resident of Brookfield, just to the north of Sturbridge. For many years, he and husband Paul Carr ran the wonderful regional magazine, The Sturbridge Times, that succumbed during covid, but his family story is intimately connected to far Cape Cod from just about the beginning.

The seashore that is the outer Cape fronts an ocean that often lashes it with storms that make its coast a

treacherous place for ships that sail off of. This would make it a place of opportunity for John's ancestors, many of them.

John spoke of the waters off the Cape that were referred to as “Dangerfield.” A fitting name for what happened there.

In 1794, a local cleric, Reverend James Freeman wrote that “There were more ships wrecked near the eastern shore of Truro than any other part of Cape Cod.” The reverend suggested the building of a lighthouse. In 1786 Congress appropriated \$8,000



Turley Photos by Richard Murphy

John Small presented a program about the history of the Highland Lighthouse at the Sturbridge Senior Center.

for the purpose.

Here is where the Small Family enters the picture. John's great-great-great grandfather,

Isaac Small (b. 1754), was a prosperous farmer with 55 acres, and would sell ten acres to the U.S. Government for \$100 and the right of way for \$10. You don't get bargains like that these days.

In 1796 the 45-foot octagonal wooden tower was built 500 feet from the bluff to shine 160 feet above the

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# News of the Towns



## ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer  
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### OES to hold chicken barbecue

Cradle Rock Chapter No. 123 Order of Eastern Star will be hold their annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 9 with drive through pickup serving at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$18 per person. Menu includes half a chicken, homemade Cole slaw, baked potato, cranberry sauce and bread. For tickets, people should call either Dolly at 508-826-7537 or Jane at 978-249-6072.

### No. 4 Schoolhouse program

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

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

### Quabbin National Night

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

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## Quabbin National Night Out takes place on Aug. 9

BARRE – Fourth Annual Quabbin National Night Out will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St. This event is sponsored by Q-DRUG and Quabbin Regional School District with support of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.

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## Food Pantry lists food distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, Aug. 13 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 13 or in the evening on Thursday, Aug. 21, whichever is more convenient for them. The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions.

The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors continues to operate as they have

since March 2020. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 13 and Aug. 21 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

On Tuesday night, August 12 at 5 p.m. the Barre Food

Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning. If proplr can help pitch in for an hour on Aug 12, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

People should not arrive to volunteer on Aug. 12, 13 or 21 with first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.



## OAKHAM

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### Town wide yard sale happens Aug. 23

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

### Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church will be participating in the town wide yard sale. People wishing to donate items may drop them off in the side hall of the church. The outside door is always open. Items include small appliances, dishes, housewares, tools, book, puzzles, children's toys and games. No clothes or electronics will be accepted.

August activities at senior center include Mondays, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18 Podiatry from 9a.m.-2.30 p.m reservations required, Thursday, Aug. 14 blood pressure 11:15 a.m.-noon; Thursday, Aug. 21 SHINE form 10 a.m.-1 p.m. reservations required and Tuesday, Aug. 26 blood pressure/glucose testing form 11 a.m.-noon and Tuesday, Aug. 26 SNAP benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. all ages welcome no age restrictions. Monday through Thursday there is puzzling from 9 a.m.-noon at the Senior Center.

Monday through Thursdayat 9 a.m. walking group meets at Senior Center and Tuesday through Thursday walking group meets at 11 a.m. at Senior Center. People that want to be added to the text message group may call the Senior Center at 508-4073 and leave their name and cell phone number.

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold is held in the Rutland Senior Center - \$3 donation per class

Thursdays at noon is weigh in at the Senior Center support weight loss group. Fridays at 10.30 a.m.: Functional Fitness meets at the New Braintree Town Hall; \$3 donation per class.

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

Friday August 8: COA meeting at 12 noon.

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

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

## Historical Society presents evening with Doug Waugh

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Historical Society presents an evening with Doug Waugh on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive.

Doug will give a historical overview and appreciation of his family farm, from its early beginnings in 1780, to the Waugh purchase in 1927 when his grandparents moved from Prescott, to the evolution from a dairy farm to “Kip’s Christmas Tree Farm” business. He will share his knowledge of the early tavern on the property, barn fires in 1852 and 1927, as well as anecdotes, as only Doug can tell them. from generations of the Waugh family in New Braintree. Refreshments will be served.

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Aug. 4. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Lasagna and meatballs, roasted broccoli, Rice Krispy Treat, Italian bread

TUESDAY – Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn, sour cream, pita bread, pineapple

WEDNESDAY – Beef with onions and

peppers, seasoned potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, vanilla mousse, sandwich roll

THURSDAY – Roast pork with gravy, herbed stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, apple crisp, diet = baked apples, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Ham salad, tomato and onion salad, pasta salad, fresh fruit, pita bread

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

## 78th Ware Grange Fair will be held Aug. 23

WARE – This year's Ware Grange Fair will take place on Saturday, Aug. 23.

In its 78th year, this community-focused event features exhibits, food, and fun family activities.

The Fun Dog Show, introduced last year, is a family-friendly event where any dog is welcome to enter. It is not a professional dog show. It's a fun event that gives members of the community the opportunity to show off their adorable dogs.

Dogs will be judged in categories such as Waggiest Tail, Best Trick and Best Dressed. Winning dogs will receive a ribbon and prize. To participate in the Fun Dog Show, bring your dog and a copy of their rabies vaccination certificate to the Grange and register them for the show beginning at 1:30 p.m. The show begins at 2:30 p.m.

Come and participate with your dog or just come to see all the cute dogs.

This year the popular Kids' Corner workshops will be part of the Fair, with the “Funtastic Fair Festival!” The festival

will be a fun time for kids to enjoy crafts, dancing, a parade and fair games such as a pie eating contest, hula hoop hop and water balloon toss.

Come have a fantastic time with Miss Jen starting at noon.

This year's fair will feature the return of last year's popular barbecue dinner menu, which includes pulled pork, chicken, brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert and drink for \$25.

The barbecue can be enjoyed outside under the tent, and take-out is also available. Reservations are required by calling 413-284-1135 or emailing waregrange164@gmail.com.

Many favorites are returning for this year's fair, including the bake sale, raffles, games, burgers and hot dogs available in the afternoon, and the auction. Live music will be performed by Brianna Lamb starting at 3:30 p.m. for attendees to enjoy during dinner.

All Massachusetts residents are welcome to enter exhibits and earn ribbons

and prizes in categories such as vegetables, flowers, arts and crafts, photography, and many more. Exhibits must be brought to the Ware Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road on Thursday, Aug. 21 between 5-7 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 22 between 9-11 a.m.

All entries must be in place by 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 22. Judging will take place Friday afternoon and the hall will re-open to the public on Friday evening at 5 p.m.

Most of the fun takes place on Saturday, Aug. 23 with the hall opening at 9 a.m. and most of the events occurring in the afternoon and concluding that evening with the auction at 6 p.m.

For the full event schedule and contest information for exhibitors, visit Ware Grange's website at [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org). Program books are being mailed to past exhibitors; if you're new to the fair and would like to request a copy of the book by mail, contact the Grange by calling 413-284-1135 or emailing [waregrange164@gmail.com](mailto:waregrange164@gmail.com).

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Election Day Aug. 5 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 5 and Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 6 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Aug. 11 at 5 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.  
 911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 28 at 11 a.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Health – July 31 and Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 5 at 6:45 p.m. and Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council On Aging – Aug. 6 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 11 at 3 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 13 at 3 p.m.  
 Master Planning Steering Committee – Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Community Outreach Meeting by Paper Crane and Lovewell – July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – July 31 at 6 p.m.  
 Sewer Commissioners – Aug. 4 at 3:30 p.m.  
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Aug. 18 at 11 a.m.-noon  
 Planning Board – Aug. 20 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

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

### PETERSHAM

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

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – July 31 at 6 p.m.  
 Events Committee – July 31 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Bylaw Committee – July 31 at 7 p.m.

## Vendors brave rain at Hardwick Farmers Market

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
 Correspondent

**HARDWICK** – This past Sunday amid a dreary day in Hardwick, the Farmers Market was still in session, and residents filed in and out for fresh produce, including greens, potatoes, berries, squash, and corn.

The market was not as bustling as it would be on a sunny day, as only two vendors attended, including Stillman's Farm and West Hardwick Blueberries, two local growers.

Stillman's Farm has been a staple of the farmer's market, sharing their produce with the community for the past 15 years, according to Reid, the vendor from Stillman's Farm. The building of Stillman's Farm can be found at 1205 Barre Road in New Braintree, conveniently located on Route 67.

The farm itself was started by Glenn, who is Reid's father, and has continuously served New Braintree, Hardwick, and the surrounding towns for over 30 years.

According to Reid, it is not only important as a family business, but also as a way to share their lifestyle, which he describes as "conscientious." The farm does not use any genetically modified organ-

isms in their growing. He said that this is to allow everybody to know what is in what they are eating.

When asked if everything that was on display was grown at the farm, Reid answered that virtually everything is local from the New Braintree location, except a few products which are supplemented from a partner farm in Hardwick, run by his brother. These include some specialty products including blackberries, gooseberries, and various varieties of blackberries, according to Reid.

The biggest sellers at the market are corn, tomatoes, and any kind of berry, according to Reid. When asked for any final comments, he stated that he encourages all of the community to be sustainable.

Also present at the Farmers Market was a small setup run by Liz Cyran, who calls her station "West Hardwick Blueberries." She is a more recent addition to the market, as she estimates that this year is her fifth year there.

At her stand, you can find freshly baked blueberry hand pies, fresh picked blueberries, blueberry jam, and peach jam. Cyran decided to start selling her blueberries at the market because she had an abundance of them at her house.

On her property lies a blueberry bush which Cyran said produces quite a handsome amount of blueberries a year. She decided to start packing them, making them into jam, baking them into pies, anything to get rid of them and share them with the public.

Her motto is "sun, water, and love." She does not use any chemicals, preservatives, or sprays on her blueberries, it is simply whatever comes off the bush is what she uses.

Cyran also is promoting a new recipe for her jams, which uses only 25% sugar, as a way to appeal to those who may need to cut back on it. She still has jams and spreads which use 50% sugar.

Cyran's products can also be found at the Hardwick Farmers Co-op, at 444 Lower Road in Gilbertville, off Route 32, as well as at the Petersham Farmer's Market.

Cyran also acknowledged that even on a rainy day such as last Saturday, there are still many regulars who show up, and she appreciates all those who purchase her blueberry products.

The Hardwick Farmers Market is held rain or shine, every Sunday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the common through Oct. 26.

## HUBBARDSTON

by Ellenor Downer  
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### Hike set for Aug. 6

A Hubbardston Hike with leaders Tim Hawley and Joelle Vautour will take place Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. Hawley is on the Hubbardston Open Space Committee and Joelle Vautour is a Department of Conservation and Recreation state lands management forester. Forests are important for an array of benefits. As public land, the one thousand two hundred acres of Hubbardston State Forest is especially important. New goals have been proposed for this forest by DCR and they will talk about some of these while walking. The hike is one mile of gentle terrain. Bug spray is recommended. People should meet at the trailhead near the junction of Cross Road and Mount Jefferson Road.

### 28th Hubbardston library 5K

The 28th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. sharp. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the Library, approaching \$90,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. The race will be held rain or shine. 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 Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall first place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes donated 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 email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2024 Race/Walk raised over \$4,000 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

### Dinghy Dash

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

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

### Rep. Berthiaume office hours

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

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

### Senior Center

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 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.

## Paige Memorial Library lists events

**HARDWICK** – Welcome to Awesome August at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Library patrons are still enjoying Summer Reading activities and preparing for the Hardwick Fair.

On Wednesdays, Story Hour begins at 10:30 a.m. for playing and visiting, then a story at 11 a.m. with an art activity.

On alternate weeks, members of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force read books on boundaries and consent, promoting safety and well-being and then do a craft. The Task Force and The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley donated the books and the materials used in the activities. Wednesdays are also Lego Building days. Lego enthusiast may enjoy the table purchased by the

Friends for the young Lego builders.

On Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 3 p.m. children may make puzzles from pictures they bring or create at the library.

Readers should bring in their last book list Aug. 5, 6 or 7. On Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., people may experience the ocean with the Mystic Aquarium "Touch Tank," the grand finale for the 2025 Summer Reading Program.

They should bring their Hardwick Fair literary submissions to the Paige Library or mail them to: Paige Memorial Library, P.O. Box 413, Hardwick, MA 01037.

People may sign up to create a Fairy House Tuesday, Aug. 12, and Wednesday, Aug. 13. They must know how many people are com-

ing to make sure they have enough supplies by calling 413-477-6704 or email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

The Paige Library needs volunteers to help prepare for the Hardwick Fair Book Sale and the Fairy Village. Volunteers should call 413-477-6704 or email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

The Hardwick Fair is Aug. 15 and Aug. 16. The Paige Memorial Library will hold their annual book sale on Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fairy Houses will be displayed in the Hardwick Fair-y Village, visit with a real live Flower Fairy and get a glitter tattoo.

The 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.

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# Opinion

## Guest Column

### Skulduggery in Oakham Part 1

By Lisa Killick

*Note: This column is in two parts. Part two will appear in the Aug. 7 edition.*

I have been a resident of Oakham for the past 34 years.

Recently I observed several disturbing incidents that occurred during official town proceedings. Not since the village of Coldbrook was taken from the town of Oakham by the state to create the watershed around the Quabbin Reservoir, providing clean water for millions of citizens in Massachusetts, has our town faced such a dire situation, one that could destroy the purity of that same water that our town sacrificed for. The issue of the battery park engaged most if not all of us in town. The things that I observed as a result over the past few months at official town proceedings have been appalling.

These incidents involved our elected officials engaging in actions that appear designed to stifle the voices of citizens and prevent the engagement of dedicated individuals in our town who seek to exercise their right to be involved and contribute to the town.

This seemingly calculated behavior on the part of town officials is not only profoundly undemocratic but fosters divisiveness when we should be strengthening ourselves through unity, and fosters a culture of intimidation that discourages participation and open communication in our beautiful little rural town. Who'd have thought this could happen here?

These incidents I speak of include, but are not limited to, a legitimate Article, Article 19, which was pre-

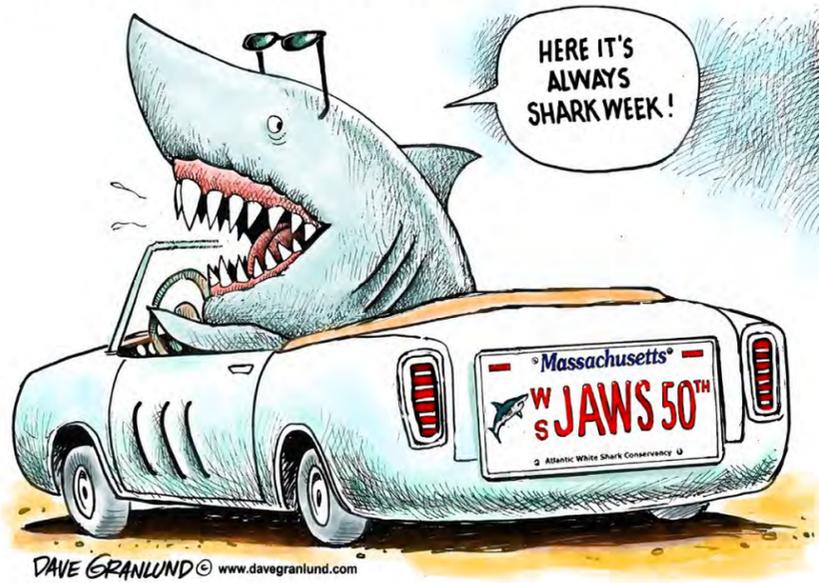
sented by a resident, who had obtained numerous signatures in support of it, being shut down by town officials at our annual town meeting. The article was not even allowed to be voted on. Think about that, no vote was allowed. Seems that there was some pretty strong sentiment against an Article that sought to make the proceedings in our town committee meetings more accessible to all citizens via recordings.

Why would there be such strong opposition to that, I wonder. This article, if passed, would have afforded total access to town committee meetings to all. Why would the town so passionately want to block that? What are they afraid of? Are they afraid of you being fully informed?

At a subsequent Board of Selectman meeting, in June 2025, a concerned citizen was disrespected and intimidated by a member of the Board for asking questions about the town's engagement in the battery park opposition. A basic question as to "What is happening because I haven't heard any updates?" was met with a hostile response and an attempt to abruptly adjourn the meeting to avoid the question. That seemed wrong to me.

More recently, a citizens' candidacy for an open seat on a town committee was shut down by the Board of Selectmen by the apparent failure to second the motion for appointment. The candidate had the unanimous support and recommendation of the committee he sought appointment to and was even praised in person at the Selectmen's meeting by a member of that committee right before they strategically shut the appointment down.

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## In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 6, 2020)

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir gave a presentation to the school committee regarding a draft plan for school reopening this fall. The superintendent must submit the draft plan to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by July 31 and the school committee must approve a plan approved by Aug 10. QRSD School Committee chair, "Lee" Wolanin said at last Thursday's Zoom meeting that "all of this is subject to change." Supt. Muir said she did not believe that pure remote learning was a substitute for in person learning. In the draft plan, all students pre-kindergarten to grade 5 will attend school in person five days per week. Desks will be placed to allow six foot distancing of students and accommodate about 12 students depending on the size of the room, which vary. Students in the same grade will occupy either adjacent classrooms or a nearby classroom.

Selectmen offered the permanent town administrator position to Jessica Sizer at their Monday meeting.

They will meet this Thursday to discuss a contract package with her. Selectman vice-chair Matthew Urban said the board should have administrative assistant, Sandy Hood, contact labor counsel to see if he or a representative from his office can attend the meeting. Prior to the unanimous vote for town administrator, each selectman ranked the three finalists. Chair Gregory O'Sullivan ranked from one to three: Jessica Sizer, Sean O'Brien

### Look Back Swimming Lessons at Coldbrook - 1996



File photo

Rachel Metterville gives instructor Lisa Valardi some flowers at swimming lessons at Coldbrook.

and Evan Kenney. He said he felt all three candidates would do a good job. O'Sullivan said the three questions, which he asked were designed to show knowledge of the day-to-day workings of the job. He felt Sizer had the best answers to those questions. Selectman Dylan Clark placed them Jessica Sizer, Evan Kenney and Sean O'Brien. Selectman vice chair Matthew Urban ranked Sean O'Brien first and Sizer and Kenney on the same tier. He said O'Brien had the financial background piece that he felt was important. Clark made the motion

to offer the town administrator position to Sizer and O'Sullivan seconded it.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced \$59 million in direct assistance grants to 392 fire departments nationwide through the agency's Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. Additional phases will soon be announced. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program recipients included Barre Fire Department Federal share

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## Guest Column

### A Drop in the bucket



Courtesy photo by Elaine McKay

The Sawyer Blueberry Farm stand is in Hubbardston.

By Elaine Daisy McKay

In my many visits to the Sawyer Blueberry Farm in Hubbardston, I didn't realize that a simple sound could stir by heart with such passion, as I began picking blueberries.

Blueberries are my favorite fruit and picking them is one of my favorite things to do. My first visit was a beautiful summer day and a perfect day for picking. There were many other folks picking at different locations throughout the large area filled with

multiple bushes of different varieties, ripening at different times. They had signs to tell us which ones were the ripest.

You can bring your own containers or they did supply cans for picking. I had worn a belt and attached the can so it would be easier to pick with two hands, as I was trained by my mom many years ago. Blueberry picking was not new to me. From the time I was six years old, I was always looking for wild

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### THE CANDLE

There's but a candle in the window,  
yet somehow plain to see.  
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cross the deepest of the sea.

Despite the man made thunder,  
you hear it plain and clear.  
Confirming that I'm waiting,  
erasing all the fear.

You've always been my soldier,  
what real men and woman do.  
There's but a candle in the window,  
always there for you.

Patricia Masten

## Summer questions for the Garden Lady

This question came when the Garden Lady was visiting the local library: "What is going on with my lilac?"

That was all she needed to say, and I knew: brown, crispy leaves, and dead stems. I answered this same question perhaps a year ago, and at that time it was the second year people had been seeing these symptoms on their beloved lilac bushes.

Well, here we are after another wet spring. Read on to hear my answer.

All you have to do is ride in the car and you will notice brown leaved lilac bushes or those that are nearly devoid of leaves altogether! My best guess is that Pseudocercospora leaf blight of lilac is the culprit.

Some lilacs even lost their leaves then sported flowers in October because the plant, after leaf loss, was tricked into thinking it was time to flower and grow new leaves. Because this new growth is very tender, you may notice tip dieback in spring on those



areas of new growth and/or flowering.

It simply didn't have enough time to harden off before winter. Lilacs are tough plants, though, so don't despair.

What can we do to help, you ask? First of all, clean up fallen leaves and debris so that it won't spread the inoculum. Second, water the bushes well and at the base if this fall is droughty.

In the spring, prune out any dead branches, disinfecting your tools in between cuts. You can also choose to prune the plant in such a way so that there is better airflow throughout.

That always helps to cut down on diseases. I'm not a chemical girl - I really try to enhance my cultural prac-

tices to strengthen the overall health of the plant. I am sure there are options out there for this particular malady should you wish to research it.

Melissa wants to know what my pick is for a long blooming perennial: "I love perennials, but I'm sick of plants that cost an arm and a leg then bloom for two weeks or less. Do you have a long flowering favorites that will give me my money's worth?"

Yes, indeed. Although I am a recent convert to the Coral Bell Admirer's Club, my membership is now a lifetime one.

You see, mom was giving away some of her plants last year. I more or less took them to make her happy, installing them in a part sun situation in my front yard.

Well folks, I cut some of the wispy stems, boasting sprays of small, coral colored flowers the first weekend in June for a floral arrangement

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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I celebrated my birthday with a meal at the Willams Restaurant in Gardner a gift of my helper.

My handyman stayed with Ken. When we got home the party began with a delicious blueberry lemon cake with cream cheese frosting made by another friend.

I had a very interesting visit from a neighbor. He delivered an envelope with money for me to buy stamps for Christmas cards. He mentioned that he faithfully reads this column and mentioned I had said I don't mail many cards for Christmas due to the high postage. He wanted me to mail all I wanted to with the money he gave me.

I don't get paid by The Barre Gazette for this column but I sure get a lot of comments and benefits. I received a very devoted penpal who writes me once a week, gave me knitted socks, recipes and other advice. Almost every time I go out in public someone mentions how they love this column. In fact the Town Moderator wrote me a wonderful letter to this effect.

Weather has been very changeable. On Saturday it was very pleasant with low humidity and no mosquitoes. Friday was another story. We had to run the air conditioner.

I worked on several sewing projects with some new fabrics I received. I made six placemats and six napkins. I finished two aprons and am working on a couple more.

Ken bought me a lovely bouquet of red, pink and white roses and a very nice card. I hope he meant all the words of the card.

My helper made me a scrapbook of photographs of my garden flowers and pictures of Ken picking blueberries. Another friend sent me a lovely soft blanket with hugs on it. My oldest daughter sent me a very pretty pocketbook she purchased at a craft fair.

Our handyman worked several jobs around the house and shaved his beard as a present to me. I had told him several times that I do not like facial hair on men or women. Ken used to like to get me mad by growing a mustache.

Here is a good recipe for the summer months and uses the eggs from Country Hen.

### ENGLISH QUICHE

- 1 ready made pie crust
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup of half and half
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- pinch of thyme

5 slices of chopped cooked bacon

4 brown and serve sausages cut in 1/4 inch slices

1 tomato sliced

2 tablespoons Panko

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bake the crust in oven for 20 minutes. Reduce the oven to 325 degrees. Put all other ingredients but tomatoes and panko in pie shell and bake 20 minutes. Place sliced tomatoes around the top of pie with some panko on them and bake another 10 to 15 minutes until center is set.

### This and That

I made another batch of half sour pickles. We are still waiting for the cultivated blueberries to ripen. Ken likes to walk out and check on them every other day.

We have picked four ripe tomatoes and some greens for a salad. The peppers have finally blossomed and the hummingbird bush is budding.

I had a call from a friend. She wanted to know if you had to deadhead the day lilies in order to get more next year. The answer was no. I just do it too make things look more tidy.

Have a good week. Summer is half over. Do you remember when they did not allow us to swim in August? Was that due to polio?

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blueberries to pick.

I headed out and down one of their well mowed paths between the bushes. As I stood marveling at the grape-like clusters of berries, another picker came near to where I was and apparently was just beginning to pick as well.

I heard their first berries drop into their tin can. My emotions lit up. It was a flash back in time. As my first berries fell into my can, there it was again. What a beautiful sound it was. Wow, the memories just flowed. For myself, a writer, it conveyed a story.

Yes, the sound brought me back to my childhood, in the small town of South Royalston when my life of picking blueberries began. My mom, three older siblings, and I, the youngest, frequently visited the blueberry fields. What tales they carry on my memory's wings. My days of picking were all wild berries, ground and bush. We each carried coffee cans with wire to loop over our belts. My brothers carried a larger pail for our collections.

We walked a mile up a hill and into the woods for our picking. Mom would pack lunch and we would spend a good part of the day there. When we were filled up, we would tromp back down the hill and stop at Mrs. Koski's house, who owned the land. We were paid 25 cents a quart. We purchased enough to take home for mom to make pies and muffins. Mom made three pies, one for each of my brothers and one for dad and us girls. My brothers could eat.

While walking along

Sawyer's neat paths, I reflected on my many adventures in the woods and tough terrains of blueberry picking throughout my life. After a wonderful hour or so of delightful picking, I headed back to the blueberry shed to weigh in and cash out. That's when I first met Christine, the owner of the farm with her dad. She remembered me from my business, Calico & Crème, a restaurant and ice cream shop right at our farm.

She expressed enthusiasm that was notable for someone of her age. During our conversation, we quickly recognized shared experiences regarding the management of a family business. Her farming, mine being restaurant and homemade ice cream, right on our farm. I quickly recognized in this young woman not only her excitement in working for her dad, but her knowledge, creativity, commitment, compassion and most of all her love and privilege of being a part of her family business. Being part of a family heritage passed on by her late grandfather, Tom Sawyer, was expressed as an

honor.

I shared with her, as our relationship grew through many visits, that I would like to write a story about her and the farm. She was excited and I began to hear more about the family heritage. I wanted to bring our stories with the title, already in my mind, "A Drop in the Bucket," together.

My lifelong love of blueberries and her and her dad's dream to create a blueberry farm on the family farm. I was beginning to grasp that they had created a blueberry picker's paradise. I asked Christine what she liked about the blueberry business. "It's the best," she responded. "To be outside, which I have always loved. I just love serving people. Seeing them making family memories just as I did as a kid, when we went picking as a family."

"A Drop in the Bucket" will continue next week as the author shares her lifelong adventures with blueberries and her delightful intergenerational relationship with Christine and how their lives have so beautifully become entwined.

## Ware Grange lists upcoming events

**WARE** – The next Kids' Corner at Ware Grange will be "Pets" and will take place on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

Kids' Corner workshops are led by local preschool teacher, Jen McNally, and feature songs, stories, crafts, and activities.

There are so many different pets to learn about. Each type of pet has different ways to care for them and different needs. Kids will explore the different types of pets and meet a few of them.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

### Gardening workshop

Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Gardening in Small Spaces," will be held on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. The presenter will be Chris Messier, a gardener with 60 years of experience, including expertise in seed saving and home-steading.

Grow bags and raised beds provide a way to have a garden when space is limited or if your soil is not good for growing flowers and vegetables. Participants will explore some of the possibilities for gardening in raised beds as well as using grow bags on patios, balconies and other small spaces.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

Tickets available for barbecue dinner

Ware Grange is holding a Barbecue Dinner at the Fair on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 4-5:30 p.m. The menu includes pulled pork, chicken, brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, drink, and dessert for \$25.

Eat outside under the tent and enjoy live music by Brianna Lamb during dinner. Take out is also available.

Reservations are required. Please call 413-284-1135 or email waregrange164@gmail.com to make your reservations for the barbecue.

## Summer Eats food program offered at Quabbin middle/high school

**BARRE** – This summer, all kids and teens get free meals at Quabbin Regional Middle High School through the Summer Eats program, no ID or registration required.

Summer Eats is open to

all kids 18 and under. Kids and teens must be present to receive a meal and are required to eat on-site.

The summer feeding program at the Middle High School will be offered July 8-Aug. 7. Hours of opera-

tion are Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

You can find additional Summer Eats sites near you using Project Bread's Summer Eats map at projectbread.org/summereats.

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### 10 years Aug. 6, 2015

Lydia E. Deneen, third year – spring semester at the College of the Holy Cross, has been named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. She is the daughter of Jocelyn and Stephen Deneen of Hubbardston. She double majors in economics/math.

Recently the Youth Summer String Ensemble performed a concert at the Bare Congregational Church. Ensemble members include Kayley Clark, instructor; Emma Langelier; Grace St. Louis; Harrison Lewis; Maxwell Lewis; Tyler Clark; Emma Salvatore; and Johanna DeVries, instructor.

Dick Fiske may be 90, but you would never know it. He moves quickly and he talks nonstop, and he runs a foundation that helps sick children and adults, Heart to Heart, runs his own lawn mowing business that has several

apartment houses among its customers and this weekend, he'll be overseeing a Fun Day on the North Brookfield Common. "This year is actually our 20th year of holding Fun Day on the Common," Fiske said, of the event that us full of live music and well, fun, including a chicken barbecue and other food as well as a 50/50 raffle. All the proceeds go to help sick children and their families. Among the performers will be Fiske, as part of the band the Korn Kobs, the "Otters," and Ware's own Charlie Lask, who impersonates Neil Diamond, and Donna Lee, who is known for her Patsy Cline and Fleetwood Mac tributes, as part of a wide range of music she performs. The planning of these shows began about twenty years ago after Fiske read a newspaper story about a young girl suffering from cancer and decided he needed to help out.

### 25 years (Aug. 3, 2000)

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### 38 years Aug. 6, 1987

To commemorate Oakham's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Oakham Post Office has arranged for a one day only special pictorial cancellation to be used during the town's Open House on Sunday, Aug. 8. The town of Oakham was incorporated on that date in 1762. A temporary Philatelic Station will be offering philatelic items for sale and will also cancel covers (envelopes) with fancy cancellation. In co-ordination, the town's

Anniversary Committee will be selling a cachet envelope for \$1 that will compliment the matching pictorial cancellation. The town emblem of an oak tree will be featured.

Station Road was the topic of conversation at the Barre Selectmen's meeting on Monday, Aug. 2. John and Agatha Binnowski and Mary Jane Sheerin appeared before the Selectmen to voice complaints about the state of Station Road as a result of the Route 67 construction project. According to residents, the road has been left raw after the construction crews came by, there has been no landscaping and a potential erosion problem exists. Sheerin stated that it is very difficult to turn off Station Road onto Route 67 as a result. Binowski note that the construction crew is still dumping debris in the area. "They have taken a bad situation and made it worse," said Sheerin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Fisher, former Barre residents, and residents of Portland, Maine, were recently honored at a reception in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Hostesses were Mrs. Doris Barnes of Laconia, New Hampshire and Mrs. Lionel Galipeau of Barre. Mrs. Fisher is the former Hazel Harmon, who taught for 11 years at the Barre Center School. Mr. Fisher graduated from Barre High School and was formally employed by the Charles G. Allen Company in Barre.

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Jay Sauvageau of East Brookfield is shown rucking toward an aid station before one of the Ultimate Finishers Ruck challenges.



Participants line up at the Start Line for the 100 mile ruck.

**RUCK from page 1**

days (July 17-July 20), participants walked 25 miles per day. One of those participants, Mike Smith of Oakham raised over \$11,000 and was one of the first to finish the 100 mile Ruck March. His motivation came from a place of perspective: "I have two healthy kids, and I can't imagine what these families go through. I'd go through all the pain of this ruck again if it means easing the pain for just one child and their family."

The Ultimate Finishers Ruck was only open to those who had completed the 100 mile ruck march in the previous five years. This elite group didn't know their exact route or mileage until

the morning. Their path was filled with unexpected turns and tough choices, symbolic of the daily uncertainty and challenges faced by families of children in treatment. Ruckers were given a card with a story of a child who was from a Why Me family. The Ultimate Finishers rucked 130 miles over the four days and camped at the same farms the 100 mile ruckers did.

"Rucking for Kailiah and her family turned out to be a gift. Pushing through each day and all the challenges that came with it, got us one step closer to finding out how Kailiah's story unfolded. It really was a moving experience. One I'll certainly never forget. Kailiah's cancer jour-

ney moved me to never take things granted," said Diana VanOudenhove of Oakham.

People travel from out of state to participate in this event, but many of the participants are from right here in this community.

Ultimate Challengers Ruck were Diana VanOudenhove and Holly Dube, both of Oakham; 100 Mile Ruck March, Steve Gatulsi and Mike Smith, both of Oakham; Michelle Kellicker and Mary Whitelaw, both of Barre; 100 Mile Ruck March, Jamie Hasenfus of West Brookfield; Ultimate Challengers Ruck Jay Sauvageau of East Brookfield and 100 Mile Ruck March, Michael Ethier of East Brookfield.

The Ruck March began at Why Me & Sherry's House in Worcester. Ruckers made their way:

Day 1: Worcester to Lilac Hedge Farm, where they camped overnight.

Day 2: A 6 a.m. cowbell wake-up signaled the next leg from Lilac Hedge to Stone Cow Brewery in Barre.

Day 3: From Stone Cow to Oakholm Brewery, where the miles began to take their toll.

Day 4: Ruckers made the final push back to Why Me & Sherry's House in Worcester, ending where they started, full circle in more ways than one.

Each night they were greeted by family and friends at parties that benefited Why Me & Sherry's House.

Whether you're a seasoned rucker, a first-time volunteer, a business owner, or someone simply looking to help, everyone support matters. Sponsor the event as a business or organization. Donate directly to Why Me & Sherry's House whyme.org. Volunteer for next year's event. Join the ruck and walk with purpose. Registration for next year's event is open, visit 100mileruckmarch.com.

Donations can be made to Diana's fundraising page [https://whyme.org/event\\_campaign/vanoudenhove-fin-ishers-challenge/?empty-cart=true](https://whyme.org/event_campaign/vanoudenhove-fin-ishers-challenge/?empty-cart=true).

Diana VanOudenhove of Oakham is shown rucking into Stone Cow in Barre.



**OAKHAM from page 1**

on the site and it should be a brownfield. Warbasse said the previous owner had an Environmental Site Assessment done in 2017 in an effort to sell the property. The ESA determined it a clean site. A second ESA was down when Zobel purchased the property. The previous owner, Gordon Palley, holds the mortgage.

The Planning Board Chairman said Rhineland did not own the property. He said the town needed to know if Rhineland had a lease or an agreement with

the owner contingent on the granting of a special permit for the BESS.

When Warbasse said the Planning Board visited the site and two Conservation Commission members attended, Lucy Tessnau said the Conservation Commission said they would not visit the site without getting permission first. She said the Commission composed a letter to Rhineland requesting permission to go on the site. She did not know if the letter had been sent.

After some discussion between the resident and

a Select Board member, Chairman Haapakoski said the Board was working with Town Counsel to stop this use and they must follow Town Counsel's instructions. Haapakoski said the Governor last November signed a new law that negated local authority. Battery storage is considered clean energy under these regulations. He concluded, "Trust me we are working on this."

**Annual appointments**  
The Select Board approved the one year appointment until June 30, 2026 of Eric A. Kinsherp,

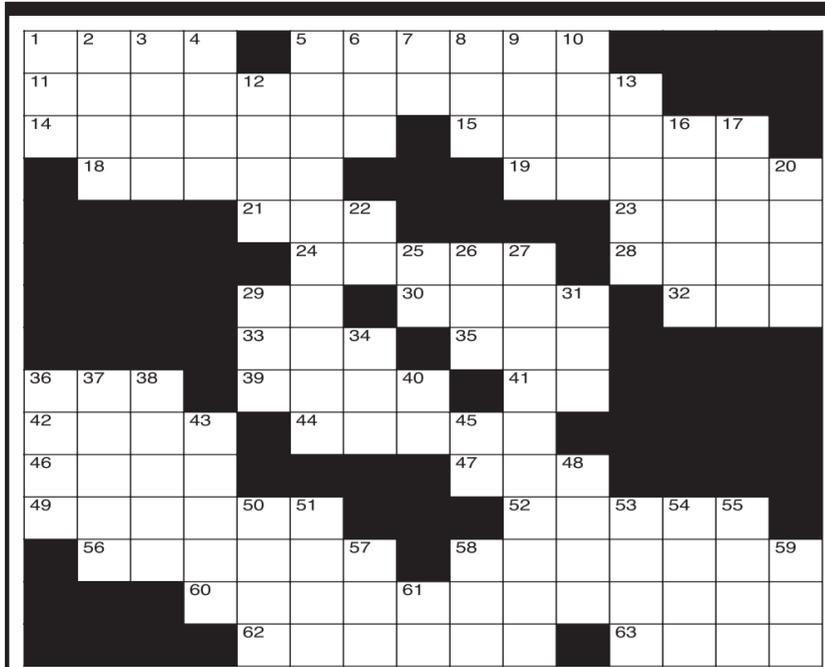
CPA as Town Accountant. They appointed Tammy Gehring, Karen Harper and Christine Mardirosian for one year terms to the Board of Registrars. Other appointments were: Historical Commission Lee Dugan, Ken Housman, William Mucha, Linda Saupe and Lucy Tessnau; Parks and Recreation Kristin Roden and Sean Rodin; Plumbing and Gas Inspector Michael Russ; Assist Plumbing and Gas Inspector Steve Gaspar; Wiring Inspector Dennis Bergin; Assistant Wiring Inspector Thomas McCaffrey; West Brick

Schoolhouse Committee Ward Holloway, Ken Housman, Linda Saupe and Tom Saupe and Town Counsel K P Law. All appointments are for one year and end June 30, 2026.

The Select Board also appointed Carl Lindley to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three years and Lucy Tessnau to the Conservation Commission for five years ending June 30, 2030.

**More appointments**  
They appointed Holly Kularski Veterans Agent; Harold Black equipment operator/mechanic; Michael Gringer truck driver/laborer;

Thomas Hughes Emergency Management Director; Kathleen Usher one year, Becky Austin one year, Cathy Kokorian two years, Sue Adamski three years and Priscilla McGlynn, three years; Linda Saupe two years and Curtis Beliner one year Cultural Council; Christine Mardirosian Town Clerk; Karen Harper Assistant Town Clerk; Lauren Constantine records officer; Tina Lindsay Animal Control Officer and Tracy Brierly Assistant ACO. The appointments were for one year unless stated otherwise.



**HARDWICK from page 1**

Hardwick.

Korzec said there has not been a good working relationship between the two towns, and that each town has very different needs.

"The Gilbert Trust is ours and we have been completely blocked from all of these discussions," she said. "This trust needs to support our community too. Mr. Gilbert left this to us and you...this trust is for both of us."

Korzec said the town will need seed money to start its rural healthcare model, which could include a small urgent care, a floating pharmacy, eye care, mammography and more. This seed money could come from the trust if a new trustee and beneficiary was chosen.

"We are a healthcare desert," Korzec said.

The rural healthcare model would provide "something unique, rural, different," she said.

Korzec requested that the Ware Selectboard include representatives from Hardwick on the board of the trust, and to be included in meetings with Baystate

Health. "So we're building a model that works for both of us," she said.

Muddy Brook/aquifer discussion

Rick Romano said the Board of Health is having three experts speak during an informational session at the board's meeting on Thursday, July 31 starting at 7:30 p.m. The speakers include a hydrologist, an epidemiologist and a public health expert.

Romano said the board received a letter from the Ware Board of Health and the Hardwick Pond Association regarding concerns about pollution to the aquifer in the Muddy Brook area.

"The feeling is the aquifer is vulnerable," he said.

The Muddy Brook aquifer provides drinking water to the town of Ware's Barnes Street well.

Romano said this is an informational session for the Board of Health's members, but the public is welcome to attend and learn about protecting the aquifer.

Police contract addendum  
The Select Board

approved an addendum to the Police Lieutenant contract. Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said there is money available to cover the salary increase for the remainder of fiscal year 2026, and for the length of the contract.

Caggiano said this increase will make Lieutenant Robert Toupin's salary more comparable to area salaries for the same position.

The Select Board approved the addendum.

**Barre EMS contract**

Caggiano said there was a delay in receiving the contract for ambulance services from the town of Barre due to staff changeover. She said this contract is \$5,000 less than last year's due to Barre covering fewer calls.

Caggiano said West Brookfield Rescue Squad and Barre both cover the whole town, and whichever one can respond first, does.

The Select Board approved the contract with Barre for \$35,000.

**Short Road property**

Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim said the Planning Board discovered a plot of land on Short Road that belongs to the town. Located off Fisk Road, this plot of land is approximately one acre and borders Quabbin Reservoir land.

**Pole hearing**

The Select Board approved the placement of a new utility pole on Mill Street to allow the power lines to cross the railroad tracks and supply power to the wastewater treatment plant.

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**LIGHTHOUSES**  
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ocean, and on Nov. 15, 1797 a man climbed to the top of the new tower and lit 15 spider lamps with whale oil fuel.

Thus, the beginning of the Highland Lighthouse.

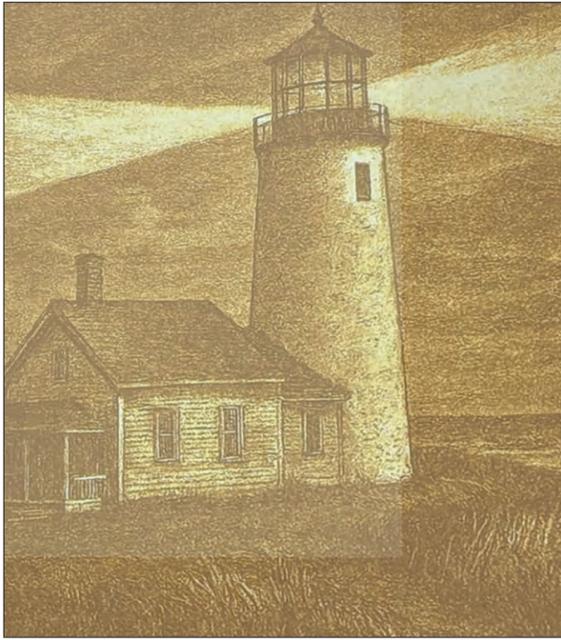
As one might suspect, there was a familial relationship between the presenter and that first light house keeper. It would be Isaac Small, and he would receive an annual salary of \$100.

Technological improvements were constant. In 1798 the first flashing light in the country was installed in a Lighthouse. The device was called an eclipser.

The Small family tenure ceased for a while in 1812, in time to miss the first lighthouse's demise due to storms.

In 1833, brick replaced the original wood structure of the Highland Light and in 1840 a new, more powerful lantern was installed.

1843 saw the return of the Small Family. Isaac's son, James, would be keeper, with a hiatus of a few years, until 1856. The renowned Henry



**In 1833, brick replaced the wood at the Highland Lighthouse and in 1840, a more powerful lantern was installed**

David Thoreau would travel to the Lighthouse, and spend time with the Smalls.

The Lighthouse would again have to be rebuilt, this

time in 1857, to 66-feet with a Fresnel lens, a technological advance.

There was no reason for John, in his presentation, to dwell on the excitement of the lighthouse keeper's life. For another relative opined in print that "The lives of the keepers are somewhat monotonous...the routine of their duties is regular and systematic."

Of course, many a life was preserved due to the intermittent emergencies the keepers were there for.

The Small Family would have one more member as keeper in 1873 as Thomas Kenney Small, grandson of



**The first lighthouse and its keeper.**

Turley Photos by Richard Murphy

the first man to serve, had a brief term. Thomas lived on a farm close to the light and remained involved.

There is only so much lighthouses can do. John noted the famous "Portland Gale" storm of 1898. The Portland was a ship that sunk in the storm after leaving Boston with nearly 200 passengers.

The lighthouse changed with the times. A naval radio station was set there in 1904. The Fresnel lens was electrified in 1932. The beacon was automated in 1986 and the Highland Light de-staffed.

One of the last keepers,

Patrick Punty thought he heard a ghostly voice in the lighthouse. Per Mr. Punty, "If I was going to be a ghost, I'd

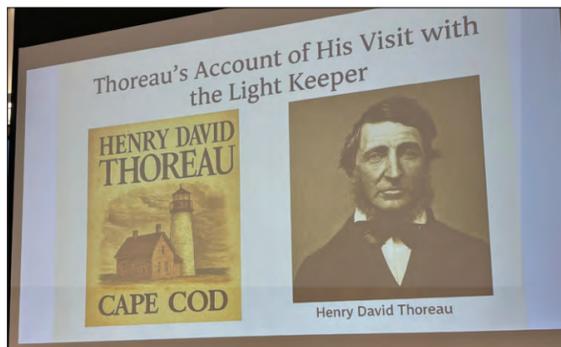
like to be in a lighthouse. I'd stay there the rest of my life." Some philosophical if not theological room for thought on what constitutes the life of a ghost.

In 1996, the light had to be moved, due to the receding edge of the shore, 450 feet inland so that it did not become a ghost.

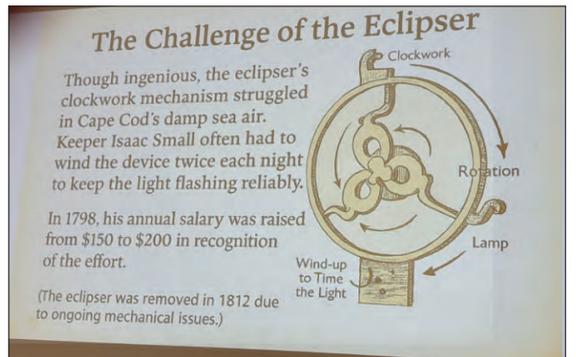
John presented so much more than is included here. He is an artist, and he featured drawings to illustrate all that he related.

There is even more in his book, "The Small Family Legacy: A Journey of Ingenuity Sea and Story". The book is also replete with his drawings, and is available on Amazon.

His next book will be "Thomas the Lighthouse Mouse", "a whimsical children's tale of friendship, bravery and light - set in and around the Highland Lighthouse, where little Thomas and his mouse fiends find adventure, meaning, and home." Surely, there will be no dearth of John's illustrations.



**A famous man visited the Highland Lighthouse.**



**The Eclipser-progress, but not perfection.**

**GARDEN** from page 5

and believe it or not, they are still blooming. On their way out, yes, but still showing color.

Heuchera is the Genus for a large number of Coral Bell cultivars and hybrids, many of which are grown more for their foliage than for their flowers. I'll probably never know what the name of my mom's plants

are; they are the standard green lobed leaves and aforementioned flowers on self supporting stems that top out around 28 inches tall.

Foliage can uniquely colored, though, and beautifully and intricately veined. You'll find it yellow-bronze, as seen with "Amber Waves" or the red-purple of "Chocolate Ruffles," and many in between. Some cultivars have a silver pattern to their foliage which is caused by

air bubbles that get trapped under the leaf surface.

The coloration isn't erratic, but uniquely defined because of the regular pattern of the leaf veins. Just beautiful. And just like the Hostas I mentioned a few weeks back, some gardeners appreciate the foliage so much of Coral Bells that they cut the flowers right off, especially on those varieties where they are more nondescript.

Besides the coral color, flowers can come in white, cream or even light green.

Plants are best in full sun to part shade in neutral to alkaline soil. They will rot in soil that is waterlogged. During the drought we've been experiencing I have noticed that they don't particularly enjoy super dry soil either, so they have gotten a drink now and then in between rain storms.

Removing spent flowers

may increase bloom time. Perhaps because of my early removal for that flower arrangement, I inadvertently extended the show. I'll plan to do that again next year now that I am a convert.

As an added bonus, flowers are attractive to bees, butterflies and occasionally hummingbirds.

Maybe I have convinced you to also give this unique and varied Genus a try in your garden.

*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.*

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**Does the 4% rule still make sense for your retirement?**

You may have heard of the "4% rule" when it comes to retirement. The idea is simple: After you retire, you withdraw 4% of your investment portfolio each year. In theory, this helps ensure your savings last for your lifetime. While this rule can be a helpful starting point, it's not a one-size-fits-all — and it's definitely not a substitute for a plan tailored to your specific needs, wants and wishes.

The truth is, how much to withdraw in retirement depends on factors like when you retire, if you'll work part time, how long you expect retirement to last, your lifestyle goals, inflation and whether you want to leave a financial legacy to heirs. So, the 4% rule should be viewed as more of a guide than a strict rule.

Let's start with age. The 4% rule is often based on someone retiring at 65 and expecting to live until about 92. But if you retire earlier, you may want your portfolio to stretch further. In that case, you might need to start with a lower withdrawal rate, maybe closer to 3%. And if you retire later, you might safely withdraw a little more — perhaps 4.5% to 5% — depending on your financial situation.

Your retirement lifestyle also plays a big role. Are you planning to travel the world or spend more time at home? If you expect higher spending in the early years of retirement, you may need to adjust your withdrawal rate or plan to reduce spending later to balance things out.

Your financial flexibility matters too. If you have less wiggle room with your expenses, rely heavily on your portfolio for income or want to preserve wealth for your heirs, a more conservative approach might be wise. In this conservative scenario, your portfolio withdrawals may be met from interest and dividends. Think of your withdrawal rate as existing on a spectrum from more conservative to less conservative, with your personal situation determining where you land.

Then there's inflation. A well-built strategy usually includes small annual increases in withdrawals to keep up with rising costs — about 2.75% per year. But you don't need to take a raise just because the calendar says so. If the markets have had a tough year or you don't need the extra income, it might be smart to skip an increase. Being flexible can improve the chances your money will last.

It's also important to understand what's known as your "portfolio reliance rate" — how much of your retirement income comes from your investments versus other sources like Social Security or pensions. The higher this percentage, the more conservative you may want to be with withdrawals.

And don't forget the IRS. If you're drawing from a traditional IRA or 401(k), you'll need to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) once you reach age 73. Your RMD for any year is the account balance as of the end of the prior calendar year divided by a life expectancy factor according to the IRS. These RMDs need to be accounted for in your strategy.

The bottom line? The 4% rule is a useful starting point, but it's just that — a starting point. A good financial advisor can help you build a strategy that reflects your age, your goals and your full financial picture. By revisiting your plan regularly and staying flexible, you'll give yourself the best shot at turning your savings into a secure, fulfilling retirement.



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# Calendar of Events

**THURSDAY, JULY 31**

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

**SATURDAY, AUG. 2**

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

**BLUES GUITARIST AND SINGER BARRETT ANDERSON** will perform at the 1794 Meetinghouse, 26 South Main St., New Salem, today at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 adults, \$10 13-17 and free 0-12. Anderson is a 25+ year veteran of the New England Blues scene and, in recent years, has become a fixture of the national and international Blues communities. The performance features Barrett Anderson, guitar and vocals, Paul Loranger, bass and vocals; Keith Hollis, organ and vocals and David Moore, drums and vocals.

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

**MONDAY, AUG. 4**

**QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS** are held every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Aug. 4, at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St., Barre. They have concerts on nine Sunday evenings starting on Sunday, June 15, and ending on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. with June concerts in South Barre at Normay Park and July concert in the center of Barre. Membership is free. It being a summer band, it is fine not to come to every rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a lifelong musician and music educator, is the conductor.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 5**

**FOURTH ANNUAL QUABBIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** will be held today from 5-7:30 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., Barre. This

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**This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, July 28. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week the canoe and fishing access to the Ware River in Hardwick by Route 32 in the Old Furnace section of Hardwick.**

event is sponsored by Q-DRUG and Quabbin Regional School District with the support of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.

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

**SATURDAY, AUG. 9**

**ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE** sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter No. 123 Order of Eastern Star will be held today with drive through pickup serving at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$18 per person. Menu includes half a chicken, homemade Cole slaw, baked potato, cranberry sauce and bread. For tickets, people should call either Dolly at 508-826-7537 or Jane at 978-249-6072.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 10**

**RECESS FOR ALL AGES** will take place today from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road, Barre. The event will be held in the picturesque

setting of the historic schoolyard. They can reconnect and reminisce or romp through the schoolyard, sit in the shade of a tree for casual conversation or join in a game of croquet, badminton, ladder golf, sack race, blowing bubbles, running the three-legged race, tossing a ball or taking part in other recess shenanigans. They should bring chairs/blankets, a picnic and a snack to share if they'd like. Lemonade ice cold water will be provided.

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

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

**FRIDAY, AUG. 15**

**GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP** meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester.

The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 23**

**OAKHAM TOWN WIDE YARD SALE** sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association will take place today. Registration fee is \$15. People may call Kathy at 508-882-3137 for details.

**EIGHTH ANNUAL DINGHY DASH** will take place today at 10 a.m. on Brigham Pond. This year there are three categories to choose from single occupant adult, single occupant youth and group vessel. People can find official entry forms and rules on the town website under special events. Deadline to enter is Monday, Aug. 18. Sponsors are Hubbardston Police Association, J.P. McCarthy & Sons and The Ruptured Duck.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 28**

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

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

### Calendar Policy

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

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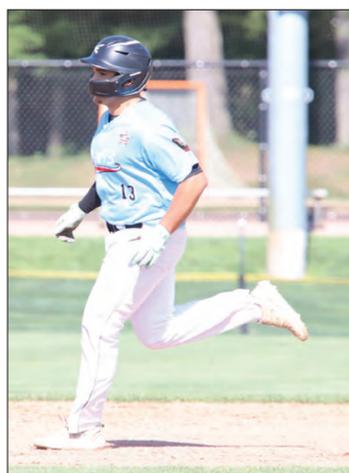
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## North County advances in Legion playoffs

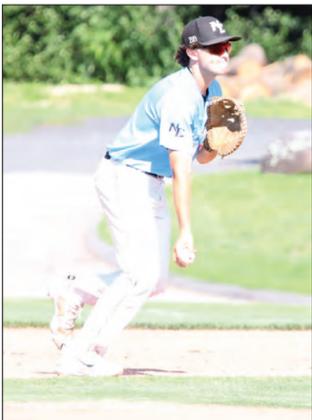


Logan Cormier sends a pitch home.

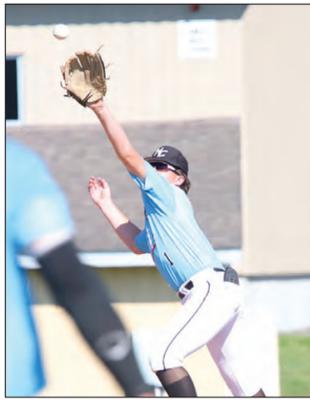
**WILBRAHAM** – The North County American Legion Baseball team defeated Belchertown for a second time in a double-elimination tournament last Monday. North County beat Post 239 10-5 after falling behind early in the game. With the win, North County, which includes players from Quabbin Regional High School, moved into another matchup with Leominster. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.



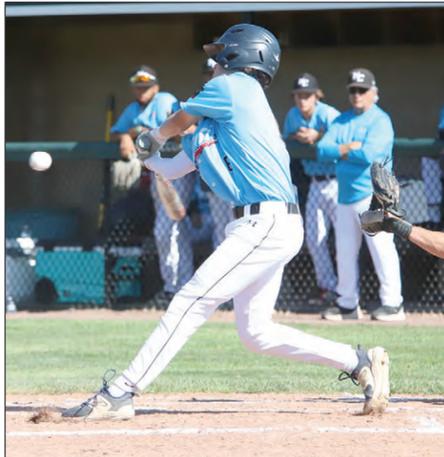
William Gage heads into second with a double.



Benjamin Forbes feeds the pitch after making a play.



Anthony Girgenti reaches high to catch a throw on a bunt play.



Aiden LaPointe swings and connects.

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Brady Patchen navigates through the defense looking for a basket.

## Panthers grab another win



**AUBURN** – Last Monday evening, Quabbin boys summer basketball scored a win over Shepherd Hill. Combined with a win last Wednesday night, the Panthers are an impressive 8-1 for the summer season in the Auburn High School Summer Basketball League. The Panthers have one final regular season game earlier this week before the playoffs begin.

Jacoby Dilling calls out a play.



Isaac Patchen crosses midcourt with the ball.



Aiden Crane goes for the layup.



Evan Sherbloom keeps the ball from going out of bounds.

## PeoplesBank advances to Tri-County finals

**HOLYOKE** – In a best-of-three games series, the PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball team swept Teddy Bear Pools in two games to advance to the league championship series. St. Joseph's won its series in three games, two games to one, to face PeoplesBank. That championship series was scheduled to begin earlier this week. PeoplesBank defeated Teddy Bear in both games by a final of 7-2.



Rey Rivera gets the out at first for PeoplesBank.



Dave Clark flips a throw to first.



Cam MacDonald sends the ball from third to first.

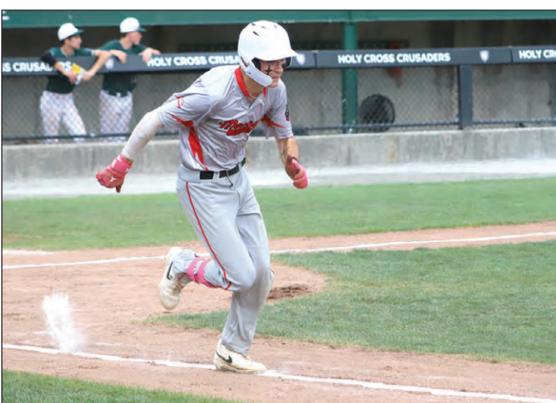


Seth Allen steals second base.



Alex Gochinski makes a throw to first for Teddy Bear Pools.

## Monson Post 241 beats Wilbraham to advance in tourney



Shane Szado hustles down the first base line.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**WORCESTER**—Nate Kaczuwka will be ineligible to play for the Monson Post 241 Legion baseball team in the summer of 2026.

Kaczuwka hurled a three-hitter as Monson stayed alive in the 2025 state playoffs with a 7-1 victory over the Wilbraham Falcons at Fitton Field located on the College of the Holy Cross campus, last Sunday.

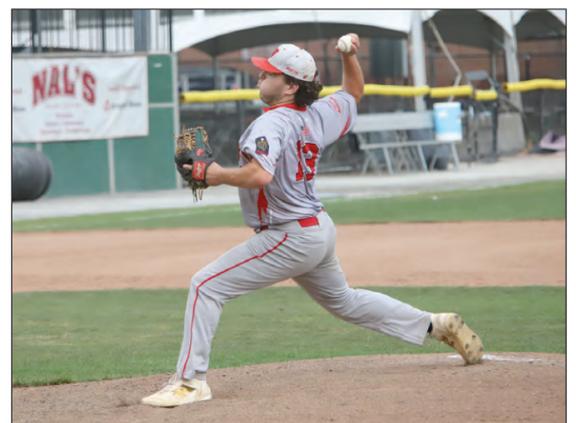
“Unless we can make a heck of a run in the state playoffs, this was the last

start of my legion career,” Kaczuwka said. “Being the winning pitcher in my final start is a great way to go out.”

Monson, who finished the regular season with a 7-6 record, began the playoffs with a 7-1 loss to Shrewsbury Post 297, who were the top-seeded and host team in the Region 3 pod.

The Wilbraham Falcons (7-6), who finished tied with Monson in the District 3 standings, lost 5-4 to Lowell Post 87 in the opening round game.

See **MONSON LEGION**, page 10



Nathan Kaczuwka throws a pitch home.

## Sports

### Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
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#### Summer Edition

**EAST BROOKFIELD** – It is week 12 as the Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes nears the end of the season.

With only two weeks left, Sophia's Raiders have a comfortable lead in first place with a record of 73-23. Kristen's Squad move into second place with a record of 54-42. The Gutter Dolls are in third place with a record of 53-43.

During week 12, Sophia's Raiders bowled against Team No Shows. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won against No Shows by a score of 454-425. Trevor Kenneson bowled a 112 in game one.

In game two, No Shows got the victory by a score of 472-442. Ryan Drago of No Shows bowled a 121 and Pete Swistak bowled a 104.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won the last game by a score of 426-401. Phil

Clough of Sophia's Raiders finished the match with a 107 and Swistak finished with a 106. The final score was 1322-1298 in favor of Sophia's Raiders.

Kristen's Squad bowled against Rolling Stones this past week. In game one, Kristen's Squad bowled well and won by a score of 483-419. Emily Black of Kristen's Squad bowled well over her average with a 107 and her teammate Bob Button bowled a 126.

In game two, Rolling Stones won by a score of 424-411. In game three, Kristen's Squad won by a score of 413-404. The final score was 1307-1247 in favor of Kristen's Squad, who are now in second place.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Gutter Dolls in week 12. In game one, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 444-422. In game two, Gutter Fingers won again by a score of 450-422. In game three, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 439-434 to sweep the Gutter Dolls. The final score was 1333-1278 in

favor of Gutter Fingers.

The Gutter Snipes bowled against their average in week 12 and won two points. Marc Vinciulla had a good game during game one with a 129. The Gutter Snipes are currently in eighth place with a record of 44-52.

Straight Shooters bowled against Clock Barn this past week. In game one, Clock Barn tied with Straight Shooters by a score of 452-452. In game two, Clock Barn won a close game by a score of 432-426.

In game three, Clock Barn won another close game by a score of 423-420. Clock Barn received seven points as they won total pinfall by a final score of 1307-1298. Clock Barn has a record of 28-68 after twelve weeks of bowling.

With a comfortable lead, it looks like Sophia's Raiders have clinched first place to win this year's summer league on Wednesday nights at Bogey Lanes. The league will end in a couple weeks followed by a banquet.

### Valley Blue Sox score win over Bristol

**HOLYOKE** – The Valley Blue Sox hosted the Bristol Blues in what was a phenomenal game. Bristol (25-17) scored two runs in the top of the second. Blues' Dean Oneill singled, which was then followed by a Thomas Ahlers single. The first baseman Trevor Hansen smacked a double into left to score Oneill and Ahlers. The Blues were in business up 2-0.

Valley (19-21) responded in the bottom of the fourth inning. Second baseman Sean Darnell singled into left for the Blue Sox's first hit of the night. An E4 by Bristol's Danny Infante allowed Michael Elko to advance to first. John LaFleur then came up to the plate. He doubled off the right field wall to score Darnell and advance Elko to third. Tim Ford hit a sac-fly to right, which scored Elko and advanced LaFleur

to third. Valley's Catcher, Hayden Perry singled, scoring LaFleur to give the Blue Sox the lead 3-2 after four innings.

The Blues found their offensive footing in the top of the fifth. Tyler Benick reached first on a walk. Blue Sox's Starting Pitcher Conor Wolf got replaced by Jake Andrews with one out in the inning. Andrews struck out the first batter he faced, that being Infante. Kristopher Giangreco walked to put another runner on base for Bristol. The three-hole hitter, Gianni Merlonghi, ripped a single into shallow right field, scoring Benick to tie the game at 3-3. Valley's relief pitcher Andrews, got out of the inning by striking out Oneill to limit the damage to one run.

In the bottom of the sixth the Blue Sox's First Baseman Elko blasted a

homer into right field as the crowd roared in cheers. Valley was now up 4-3 after the go ahead homer by Elko. Blue Sox Head Coach Endy Morales was hyped after the homer. "He's unbelievable. Off the field he's a high character guy and on the field he does all the little things right." Ford then lined a single in the gap into left but then got caught on a pickoff by Bristol's Pitcher Mason Glickman. The Blue Sox were not able to score more runs after the homer but reclaimed the lead to end the inning.

No more runs were scored and the game ended 4-3 in favor of Valley. Morales gave his thoughts on the game. "I thought we pitched really well. We got ahead of a bunch of hitters and that makes a big difference when you're getting ahead."

## In the Classroom

### WPI Class of 2026 students complete research projects

**WORCESTER** – A total 707 of undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute completed research-driven, professional-level projects that apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue.

Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP), this project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach

offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQPs at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

The following Class of 2026 students were part of a team that completed an intensive project: Frederick Smith of New Braintree, Massachusetts, majoring in civil engineering completed a project titled "Defining and Reporting HB&P's Casework Impacts" and Emmet Wright of Hardwick, majoring in mechanical engineering completed a project titled "Monteverde Institute: Growing a Farm to Table Lunch Program."

### Colleges and universities list graduates

**George Fox University  
Newberg, Oregon**  
Doctor of Ministry  
Natalie Karlson of North Brookfield

**American International College  
Springfield**  
Bachelor of Science in business administration  
Alexys Prouty of Gilbertville

**Clark University  
Worcester**  
**Bachelor of Arts**  
Marlyann S. Cabrera Resto of Hubbardston  
Kate B. Galvinhill of Rutland, cum laude  
Ryan M. Kerr of Rutland, cum laude  
Matt D. Wells of Rutland, cum laude  
Brock M. Milaszewski of Rutland

**Clarkson University  
Potsdam, New York**  
Bachelor of Science Degree with great distinction in mathematics, business minor honors program  
Camden Louella Dyer of Barre

**College of Charleston  
Charleston, South Carolina**  
Bachelor of Science Degree in finance and marketing  
Christopher Malley of Hardwick

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Worcester**  
Bachelor of Science/Master of Science Degrees  
Devin Kachadoorian of Rutland, mechanical engineering  
Hannah Peloquin of Rutland, biomedical engineering  
Sophia DiBara of Rutland, biology and biotechnology  
Bachelor of Science Degrees  
Aili Bray of Oakham, chemical engineering  
Ashley Hutchings of Rutland, chemical engineering  
Benjamin Hood of Hardwick, civil engineering  
Brendan May of Rutland, biomedical engineering  
Gavin Burkhardt of North Brookfield, biology and biotechnology and environmental and sustainability studies  
Holly Perry of Gilbertville, aerospace engineering  
Matthew Brown of Rutland, computer science  
Micaela Tourtellot of Oakham, electrical and computer engineering  
Ryan Dillon of Rutland, computer science and professional writing

**Stonehill College  
Easton**  
Bachelor Degree  
Margaret Burton of Rutland  
**College of Holy Cross  
Worcester**  
Bachelor of Arts Degree cum laude  
Mattison Albano of Oakham

**Mount Wachusett Community College**  
Gardner Associate Degree in Nursing  
Michael A. Douglas of Hubbardston  
Abigail Claire Gagne of Hubbardston  
Amber Marie Gomes of Hubbardston  
Coralina M. Ludden of Rutland

**Quinnipiac University  
Hamden, Connecticut**  
Bachelor of Science in civil engineering  
Kenneth Stolgitis of Hardwick  
Bachelor of Science in entrepreneurship and innovation  
Mikayla Walsh of Hubbardston  
**Salve Regina University  
Newport, Rhode Island**  
Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in music education  
Alexander Marcinkiewicz of Hubbardston

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#### MONSON LEAGION from page 9

At the start of the regular season, the Falcons squeaked out an 8-7 home win against Monson.

"We lost a close game to Wilbraham at the beginning of the season," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We had some timely hits, and we broke the game open after the rain delay in the sixth inning."

Monson held a slim 2-1 lead when it began raining with one-out in the sixth inning. The members of the grounds crew began rolling out the tarp in left field before the home plate umpire stopped the game.

When play resumed 30 minutes later, Wilbraham righty Anthony Ardolino, who played baseball at Pope Francis, recorded his seventh strikeout which was the second out of the frame.

Monson would send six more batters to the plate before the final out of the inning was made.

"We just stayed focused in the dugout during the rain delay," said Monson catcher Kyle Kaczuka. "We managed to pull away after that."

Monson third baseman Brayden Mega kept the inning alive with a line-drive single to right field. Then Dylan Holbrook, who had been a pinch hitter two innings earlier, was safe at first base following a throwing error by the third baseman.

Centerfielder Zack



**Miguel Velasquez makes a throw to first.**

Youngberg, who attends Worcester Academy, greeted relief pitcher Robert Bouchard by hitting a hard groundball single into left field scoring the first run of the inning. Two more runs crossed the plate when Kyle Kaczuka (3-for-4) blasted a triple that bounced off the center field fence.

"Kyle is our best hitter," Tripp said. "He was our starting catcher in today's game, but he can also play any infield position. He just loves playing baseball."

Second baseman Miguel Velasquez continued Monson's rally with an RBI single to right field, which gave Monson a 6-1 advantage.

Then Nate Kaczuka, who was the ninth batter of the inning, also hit a triple

down the rightfield line scoring another run.

The righthander then kept Wilbraham off the scoreboard during the final two innings finishing his complete game performance.

Monson took a 1-0 lead with no-outs in the top of the second inning.

Velasquez, who hit a lead-off single, scored the first run of the game when Nate Kaczuka doubled to left. It could've been a much bigger inning for Monson, as they left the bases loaded.

Wilbraham tied the score in the bottom half of the frame.

Bouchard, who began the game in centerfield, drew a walk before advancing to second base following a wild pitch. After the next batter flew out to right, leftfielder Ethan Steigmeyer drove home Bouchard with a single.

Wilbraham's other two base hits were by shortstop Luke Stejna and first baseman Liam Howe.

Monson quickly retook the lead in the next inning with an unearned run. Kyle Kaczuka knocked home the go-ahead run with a single to left.

Post 241 made another trip to Worcester less than twenty four hours later and played another elimination game.

"My older brother pitched a great game, and it feels great winning our first play-off game," Kyle Kaczuka said. "We just need to take it one day at a time."

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# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Boasting Part 1

Is it not amazing how much of what we speak is boastful in nature?

What are some things people tend to boast about? The list is long. Some are given to boasting of their financial status and income, while others boast of their possessions. Others might be given to celebrating their choice of career or academic pedigree.

We praise our own artistry, athleticism, beauty, power, prestige, social status and connections, etc. In my experience, people even boast about rather odd things, like how little they sleep i.e., as a sign of hard work or industry or how much they can consume in terms of food or drink.

Why do we do this? What drives our penchant for boastfulness? Might it be that we desire attention? After all, bragging is a way to shift the spotlight onto ourselves. Might it be that we desire personal elevation?

Bragging is one way to elevate ourselves above our peers. Might it be that we crave a sense of established identity, as personal praise is a way to affirm both who and what we are in this world? I posit that, ultimately, boastfulness is a manifestation of human pride and the assertion of self.

As theologian John Piper notes, "Boasting is the outward form of the inner condition of pride." I do agree.

Typically, Scripture provides a dim view on boasting, often prohibiting us from its exercise on a myriad of fronts. Consider:

#### 1) Self-Praise

The Bible roundly prohibits the practice of self-praise (i.e., praising oneself for a personal achievement or accomplishment).

#### Proverbs 27:2 (NIV)

2 Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.

Christians should do praiseworthy things and should do them openly, that others might see and praise our God in heaven. This was the clear teaching of Christ Himself in His famed Sermon on the Mount:

#### Matthew 5:14-16 14

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Yet we should not be the ones to commend ourselves for our praiseworthy deeds, for such arrests the attention of others from the Lord and onto ourselves. We are meant to reflect the light of the Lord; we are never its source. There are few things more harmful to a praise-

worthy, Christ-honoring deed than self-commendation.

Note the following excerpt in kind: "A man who praises himself is one who cannot feel happy until he hoists himself above others. That is certainly not a pretty sight. It is better that we be focused on getting our life and efforts to be praiseworthy before the Lord and His people, rather than praising ourselves. As it has been said, 'Self-praise is no commendation.' To be commended by others is certainly to one's credit and enhances one's reputation. But to engage in self-commendation will result in one's own hurt and disgrace! Hence, the apostle Paul also reminds us: 'For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth' (2 Cor. 10:18)."

As we close, allow me to note that self-praise is exhausting and an exercise in futility. Pastor Tim Keller articulates this well: "By comparing ourselves to other people and trying to make ourselves look better than others, we are boasting. Trying to recommend ourselves, trying to create a self-esteem resume because we are desperate to fill our sense of inadequacy and emptiness. The ego is busy. So busy all the time."

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. We will delve a bit deeper on this topic in the next publication! Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. I hope to see you soon.

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### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Let us Continue to Walk in the Fullness of Christ."*

Scripture Reading: Luke 11 v 1-13 and Colossians 2 v 6 – 10

#### I. Introduction

I enjoy walking, particularly power walking.

I prefer to walk on my own, as it allows me to set my own pace and maintain concentration. Some of you may enjoy walking as well, while others may love to run, play other sports where there is team involvement. Walking alone may occasionally feel solitary; therefore, it can be beneficial to observe the surroundings and acknowledge other individuals, such as fellow walkers or people working outside their homes.

The Gospel of Luke and Paul's letter to the

Colossians describe a way of life characterized by prayer and a sense of inner joy that is associated with following the teachings of Jesus Christ and walking with Him. Let's have a look.

II. Let us Continue to Walk in the Fullness of Christ

In the Gospel of Luke, the unknown disciple asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, similar to how John taught his disciples. After Jesus concluded His prayer, He clearly left a strong impression on the disciple, both at that moment and due to previous occasions when they had observed Him pray.

He would leave them and go on His own to pray for hours, which is what He needed, because He depended on God's help and guidance in what He was going to do next, whether it was to heal and perform miracles or discern who He would elect to be His disciples. They saw the Son of God filled with the power of God as He was performing all those miracles. They saw Him filled with love and compassion for humanity.

Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer, a brief yet meaningful prayer that recognizes God's holiness and asks for God's Kingdom to come to earth. The prayer differs slightly from the version found in Matthew but maintains a strong emphasis on the principles Christ intended for prayer, focusing on fundamental needs directed towards God Almighty. After the prayer, there is a parable describing a person who visits a friend at midnight to request three loaves of bread, explaining that another visitor has arrived and there is nothing available to offer them. Jesus presents a scenario in which the friend, already in bed with his family, expresses reluctance to open the door due to the lateness of the hour.

Jesus then alters the scenario, illustrating that the sleeping friend responds not solely because of their friendship, but due to the visitor's boldness and persistence in making a specific request at such a late hour, coupled with the expectation that assistance would be provided. Hospitality was a strict cultural requirement at the time. Refusing to offer hospitality was considered shameful. But what is important in this passage is the bold act and specific request to his friend that Jesus is emphasizing here. The friend responds to the request, out of the goodness of his heart, meeting the needs of the one who makes the request.

Jesus proceeds to make this point that when they ask, it will be given to them, seek, they will find, knock and the door will be opened for them. Good parents will not give the child

a snake when they ask for a fish, and so forth. Good parents care for their children, love them, hear and understand their needs, and provide for their needs. God, the Divine parent, is so much more than the earthly parent or the friend who helps us out. God is filled with perfect goodness and grace and hears the prayers of God's children.

But more, says Christ, when we pray, God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. David Garland and Clinton Arnold in the Commentary on Luke write, "The Holy Spirit is the gift in answer to prayer. The Holy Spirit 's power is what changes our lives.'" When we pray, the Holy Spirit works and answers and guides and leads us to places we could not imagine. The Holy Spirit leads us to pray for one another, and answers our collective prayers, because that is the promise given to us. The Holy Spirit is the key to this walk with Christ.

#### III. Conclusion

Walking with Christ, as the disciples did, is a wonderful thing. It is intimate, like walking with and talking to a friend. When we walk in the fullness of Christ, tells Paul the church in Colossae, we become even more rooted in the knowledge of His will and in spiritual wisdom and understanding, like a tree planted by streams of water. Christ gives us full access to Him, and we have full access to the Holy Spirit, to live in the special realm of God's light and love and generosity, even when we go through deep waters, because the Spirit of God is with us always.

The call this morning is to continue walking boldly in the fullness of Christ, so we will hear things and see things and experience life in a way no earthly power or authority can give us, because Christ is the Head over every authority and power in this world. He is a special gift to all of us, and we are called to live in the realm He lives in, the divine realm where prayer becomes a conversation and a blessing and brings us joy and fulfillment no human experience can give. In this divine realm we experience the depth and the width of God's goodness as we pray, ask, seek and knock boldly, because our Divine Parent knows exactly what we need, responding to all our needs through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for one another and work together to create a more peaceful world, following Christ's teachings and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May God help us to take this walk with Christ and stay with Him always.

Amen

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

# Obituaries

## Jessica Lee Scott

After an eight year battle with cancer, Jessica succumbed to the disease on July 24, 2025. She died peacefully at home in Gardner, Mass. surrounded by her family and friends. She left this life as she lived, with grace and dignity.

She is predeceased by her father, Lawrence F. Slavitsko; grandparents Joseph and Eileen Slavitsko and Robert Scott and Fay (Scott) Smith, all formerly of Barre; her mother-in-law, Martha Allen Simmerer of Hubbardston, her brother-in-law, Craig Simmerer of Gardner and several aunts and uncles.

Jessica is survived by her husband of ten years and dearest friend David A. Simmerer; mother and step-father, Irene and Dana Bergman of Stamford, Vermont; a sister, Kerry L. Davin of Cherry Valley, two brothers, Sean Davin of Worcester, and Daniel Bergman and wife Emily of Worcester. She also leaves her father-in-law, David W. Simmerer of Hubbardston and a sister and brother-in-law, Robin and Steven DeMasi of Gardner. In addition, she leaves her nieces, Ariana Davin of Jacksonville, Florida, Maria Bergman of Worcester, and nephew John Bergman of Worcester. Her cousin, Kelli Corbeil of Brattleboro, Vermont, other cousins and many, many friends.

Jessica was born in Barre and moved to Worcester as a teenager and attended Doherty High School. She was conferred an Associates degree in Early Childhood Education from Quinsigamond Community College and a Bachelor of Education degree from Worcester State University in Elementary Education and Natural Sciences. She received a Master's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Anna Maria College and taught in both public and private institutions for many years, most recently in Fitchburg, Mass. Upon her diagnosis she had to give up teaching and subsequently joined the Hanover Insurance Company as a Claims Representative where she remained until her death.

Jesse was a wonderful vivacious and beautiful woman and was much loved by her family and

### DEATH NOTICE

**Jessica Lee Scott**  
Died July 24, 2025  
Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., Gardner

friends. She moonlighted for many years in the restaurant business, most recently at Picasso in Barre, where she met David, who eventually became her husband, and many happy adventures ensued. She had a creative and adventurous spirit and enjoyed traveling far and wide, nature and hiking in the woods while foraging for mushrooms and blueberries in particular. In addition, she was a talented photographer and enjoyed artistic crafts. She was an avid gardener, possessed of a green thumb. Many benefited from the bounty from her gardens. She loved the alchemy of food preparation, baking and cooking. Desserts were a specialty.

She was very devoted to her family; she was a warrior to the very end and words cannot express how much she will be missed. The family would like to thank Brigham and Women's Hospital/ Dana Farber staff for the compassionate care she received over the years and in particular Dr. Jacob Laubach, her oncologist. We would also thank the hospice workers from CompassUSA for helping her and our family at this difficult time.

Following cremation, she will be buried at the convenience of her family. A celebration of her life will be arranged by the family to be announced at a future date.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Jimmy Fund at Dana Farber 10 Brookline Place West, 5th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445 ([danafarberjimmyfund.org](http://danafarberjimmyfund.org)), Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 7th Floor, Norwalk, CT, 06851, or a charity of your choice. Please reference in memory of Jessica Lee Scott.

Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols Street, PO Box 455, Gardner, MA 01440, has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.boucherfuneral.com](http://www.boucherfuneral.com).

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### BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

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

c.40A, 6.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing. The plan can be viewed at the Boards' Office, 3rd floor. Floyd Kelley, Chairman  
07/24, 07/31/2025

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of M.L.C. 225 Sec.39A the following vehicles will be sold on **August 16, 2025** at a sale to satisfy our garage lien thereon for towing & storage charges and expenses of sale and notice:  
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VIN: 1N4AL2EP4AC167027

2023 Yamaha R1  
VIN: JYARN665PA003233

2017 Chevrolet Trax  
VIN: KL7CJNSB9HB206131

2012 Honda Accord  
VIN: 1HGCP3F81CA015999

2011 Chevrolet Cruze  
VIN: 1G1PD5SH0B7305276

2017 Nissan Altima  
VIN: 1N4AL3AP6HC277468

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2008 Nissan Sentra  
VIN: 3NIAB61E98L708809

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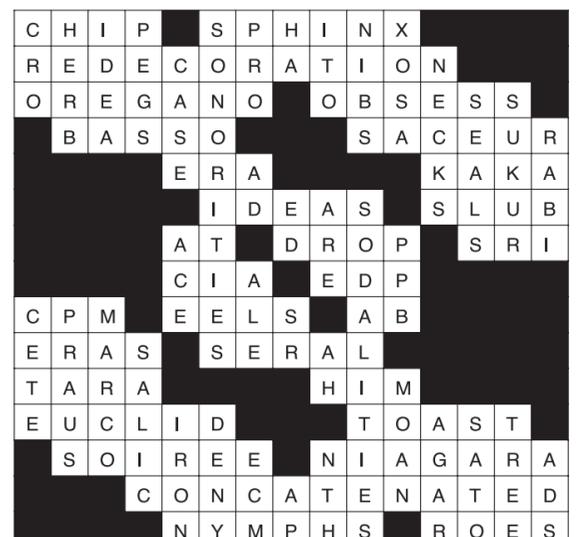
2018 Honda Accord

VIN: 1HGCV1F52JA253602

2012 Ford Fusion  
VIN: 3FAHP0JG8CR241275

2011 Volvo VNM  
VIN: 4V4MC9DG2BN296105

**The sale will be held at Early's on Park Avenue 536 Park Avenue Worcester, MA 01603 07/31, 08/07, 08/14/2025**



# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, July 6**  
 4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Criminal Complaint Summons Rego, Connor Jameison Gage, 23, Holden  
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 6:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed

**Monday, July 7**  
 10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 10:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 10:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Gauthier Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:25 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Removed Hazard  
 11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued  
 1:46 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Millers Beach, Removed Hazard  
 4:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact

**Tuesday, July 8**  
 12:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 7:38 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Station Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued  
 8:52 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 10:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 12:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
 5:23 p.m. Public Assist, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
 5:32 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Rockingstone Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 5:37 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Nourse Lane, Referred to Other Agency  
 8:44 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Washburn Road, Negative Contact  
 9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning

**Wednesday, July 9**  
 1:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Vehicle Towed  
 6:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
 12:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued  
 2:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Coldbrook Road, Message Delivered  
 2:38 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Dana Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 3:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Chapman Road, Transported to Hospital  
 3:26 p.m. Speak to the Chief/Officer, Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:44 p.m. Erratic Operator, Mechanic Street, Removed to Court  
 Arrest: Kirkland, James T. 55, Barre  
 Charges Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .18%, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container, Marked Lanes Violation  
 11:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Austin Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Thursday, July 10**  
 10:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital  
 8:28 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road Report Filed  
 9:30 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed

**Friday, July 11**  
 6:12 a.m. Safety Concern, Bentley Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 12:02 p.m. Fire – Vehicle Fire, Valley Road, Report Filed  
 12:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed  
 Summons Graves, Chad Eric, 37, Templeton  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection Sticker, No  
 2:14 p.m. Fire – Hazmat Incidents, Clem Court, Removed Hazard  
 5:38 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 5:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Dana Road, No Transport Required  
 7:26 p.m. Complaint, Winter Street, Area Search Negative  
 20:38 p.m. Burglary, Old Hardwick Road, Report Filed

**Saturday, July 12**  
 10:30 a.m. Vandalism, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:52 p.m. Gunshots, Wauwinet Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 5:03 p.m. Missing Person, Exchange Street, Located/Found

**Sunday, July 13**  
 12:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Oakham Road, Transported to Hospital  
 9:32 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Barre Common, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:45 p.m. Unwanted Party, Phillipston Road, Report Filed  
 4:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Headache, West Street, Transported to Hospital  
 5:41 p.m. Serve Warrant, Main Street, No Action Required  
 Arrest Clarke, Anthony Joseph, 42, South Barre  
 Charges Warrant  
 11:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Marsh Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, July 6**  
 9:18 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Spencer Road, Information Given  
 6:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed

**Monday, July 7**  
 12:49 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
 7:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, North Brookfield, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, July 8**  
 11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning  
 1:09 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Turnpike Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 5:22 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Bullard Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 6:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 7:42 p.m. Complaint, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

8:57 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, July 9**  
 11:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Hapgood Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:53 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Area Search Negative

**Thursday, July 10**  
 9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 6:55 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Information Taken

**Friday, July 11**  
 1:05 p.m. Complaint, Adams Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:08 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Hunt Road, Officer Took Call

**Saturday, July 12**  
 11:28 a.m. Emergency

Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital  
 2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning  
 2:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
 3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning  
 3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning  
 4:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Area Search Negative  
 4:55 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, July 13**  
 9:07 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield, Vehicle Towed  
 11:11 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Coldbrook Springs Rail Trail, Referred to Other Agency

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 21-28, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 75 building/property checks, 39 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, two traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, two assist other agencies, three complaints, one motor vehicle investigation, one safety hazard, one scam, one trespass, five animal calls and 18 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, July 21**  
 1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 6:35 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Services Rendered  
 9:06 p.m. Trespass, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, July 22**  
 11:11 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
 12:29 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Gaudet Road, Spoken To

5:49 p.m. Scam, Muddy Brook Road, Report Taken

**Wednesday, July 23**  
 11:10 a.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Voice Message Left  
 1:34 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

**Thursday, July 24**  
 10:23 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Hardwick Pond Road, Negative Contact  
 1:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To

Friday, July 25  
 5:08 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed  
 11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 2:42 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Prospect Street, Negative Contact

**Saturday, July 26**  
 1:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 9:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 1:34 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
 1:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main

Street, Spoken To  
 2:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 3:25 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
 3:30 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital  
 4:16 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
 11:20 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, July 27**  
 11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 12:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
 2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridge Street, Citation Issued  
 2:14 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled  
 3:43 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

**Monday, July 28**  
 1:57 a.m. Medical Emergency, Moran Road, Transported to Hospital

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, July 6**  
 1:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Lindsay Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 1:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Irish Lane, Mutual Aid Transport  
 2:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sycamore Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 3:06 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 5:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Prescott Street, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, July 7**  
 10:02 a.m. Illegal Dumping, East County Road, Area Patrolled  
 4:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pleasantdale Road, transported to Hospital  
 5:13 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
 Summons Doty, Julie A., 45, Rutland  
 Charges Credit Card Fraud Under \$1,200 c266 §37B(f)  
 7:37 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Campbell Street, Information Taken  
 7:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:52 p.m. Complaint, Hope Way, Negative Contact  
 8:18 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Stevens Way, Investigated  
 11:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Carlsons Way, Negative Contact

**Tuesday, July 8**  
 12:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
 12:32 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Central Tree Road, Message Delivered  
 1:54 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Main Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 4:24 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Miles Road, Transported to Hospital  
 5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
 11:36 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, July 9**  
 12:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crestview Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 8 a.m. Keep the Peace, Maple Avenue, Public Assist  
 9:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest Robinson, Steven Michael Jr., 37, Grafton  
 Charges License Suspended for Operating Under Influence, Operating Motor Vehicle with Summons Paradis, Damien James, 27, Southbridge  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting Registry Motor Vehicle  
 11:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Hapgood Road, transported to Hospital  
 12:26 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Report Filed  
 3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Franca, Lucinei Fernando, 42, Marlborough  
 Charges Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
 4:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:41 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Locke Road, Call Transferred

**Thursday, July 10**  
 5:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, No Transport Required  
 6:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Blueberry Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 11:31 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact  
 1:19 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Jamie Ann Drive, Rescued  
 2:59 p.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 4:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:44 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
 8:12 p.m. Complaint, Paddock Road, Officer/Chief Advised

**Friday, July 11**  
 5:35 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained  
 7:47 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Glenwood Road, Area Search Negative

9:17 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Woodside Avenue, Report Filed  
 9:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Philips Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 11:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 11:43 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:59 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Report Filed  
 12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 12:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning  
 12:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
 1:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Information Given  
 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 1:43 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest Slack, Richard Alan Jr., 33, Rutland  
 Charges Trespass  
 3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 5:27 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Welch Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:28 p.m. Safety Concern, Irish Lane, Officer Took Call  
 7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

**Saturday, July 12**  
 2:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 9:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital  
 3:39 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Lantern Lane, Investigated  
 8:20 p.m. Unwanted Party, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival

**Sunday, July 13**  
 12:58 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Anthony Drive,  
 2:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Public Assist  
 9:07 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed  
 1:34 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, River Road, Officer Spoke to Party

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, July 6**  
 6:17 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, No Fire Service Necessary  
 12:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Old Princeton Cutoff, Mutual Aid Transported  
 3:39 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Bemis Road, Report Filed  
 9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

**Monday, July 7**  
 8:09 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Peace Restored  
 8:13 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, New Westminster Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 9:40 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Westminster Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, July 8**  
 6:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 8:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Mayo Road, Transported to Hospital  
 8:52 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:31 a.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Report Filed  
 7:31 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Gardner Road, No Action Required

**Wednesday, July 9**  
 8:08 a.m. Animal – ACO Call,

Rietta Ranch, Located/Found  
 10:30 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Princeton Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 11:11 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Morgan Road, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, July 10**  
 3:56 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 8:26 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:43 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Princeton Road, Area Search Negative  
 9:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 12:40 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Natty Pond Drive, Area Patrolled  
 12:59 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Gardner Road, Information Given  
 2:16 p.m. Complaint, Mt. Jefferson Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning  
 6:07 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed

**Friday, July 11**  
 12:18 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Pitcherville Road, Information Taken  
 2:24 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Ragged Hill Road, Secured  
 5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed  
 8:33 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed  
 10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Alfaqih, Jalal A., 20, Brooklyn, New York  
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted limit

**Saturday, July 12**  
 8:05 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Moosehorn Hill Circle, Information Given  
 6:08 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency

**Sunday, July 13**  
 2:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Public Assistance  
 4:32 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, DCR, No Action Required  
 11:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, High Bridge Road, Report Filed

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 21-28, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, 12 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, two traffic controls, one emergency 911 call, two citizen assists, one safety hazard and 30 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, July 21**  
 12:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
 1:18 p.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

9:16 p.m. Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

**Friday, July 25**  
 12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning  
 1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
 1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
 1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning  
 3:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

**Saturday, July 26**  
 10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written

Warning  
 10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
 11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
 12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

**Sunday, July 27**  
 2:57 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

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Email resume to: [townadmin@townofperu-ma.com](mailto:townadmin@townofperu-ma.com) or mail to **Town of Peru, Board of Selectmen, 3 East Main Rd. Suite 107, Peru MA 01235.** For additional information contact the Highway Superintendent at (413) 655-8224. *(The Town of Peru is an equal opportunity employer.)*

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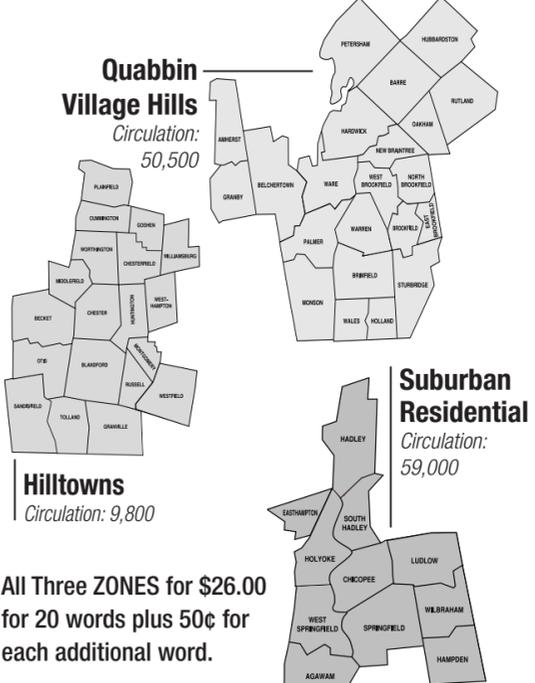
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# MassDOT Aeronautics holds successful drone medical delivery tests

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The tests were designed to explore and assess the future use of drones, Uncrewed Aircraft Systems, for small

package delivery, especially for home-based healthcare and emergency medical response in the future.

The Medical Delivery Demonstrations occurred between August and October of 2024. Participant's drones carried simulated payloads for at least one mile, one way, demonstrating the future potential to transport small packages. "This medical delivery demonstration under-

scores the value of drones for many operational needs," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "Drones have already proven useful in operations, including MBTA track corridor inspections, MassDOT Highway bridge inspections, overhead project evaluations, and other needs. We continue to assess the use of drones for other purposes in the future."

"This demonstration proj-

ect reflects our commitment to exploring the use of drones to meet critical needs, such as the timely, cost-effective delivery of supplies and devices for health care and emergency management, across the Commonwealth," said MassDOT Aeronautics Acting Administrator Denise Garcia.

MassDOT Aeronautics already uses drones to improve transportation safety including for infrastruc-

ture inspection and incident response, supporting MassDOT, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

MassDOT Aeronautics is dedicated to making air transportation safer, cleaner, more efficient and more economically advantageous for the people, communities and businesses of Massachusetts.

MassDOT Aeronautics employs the highest standards in safety, engineering and financial management to regulate and promote air transportation in the Commonwealth.

The Agency's Drone Operations Program aims to facilitate the adoption and use of Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UA/drones) in the Commonwealth in a manner that is safe, efficient and cost effective.

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