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Finance committee reorganizes

Town administrator discusses 2 ½ override

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

HUBBARDSTON - The Finance Committee reorganized at their July 13 meeting.

Town Administrator Nate Boudreau presided over the meeting to accept nominations as chair. The committee voted Susan Rayne as chair. She then took over the meeting and sought nominations for vice-chair and

The committee elected Charles Reed, vice-chair and Susan Rayne, secretary. At present, there are only three members on the committee, Rayne, Reed and Amit Kaul.

Town Administrator report

Town Administrator Boudreau said he and the finance team are doing the budget closeouts for Fiscal Year 2024. He said he is also thinking about the

FY 25 budget. He said a Special Town Meeting would be held either in late September or early October. He said one of the articles would be to fund the additional Quabbin Regional School District assessment as voters at the Annual Town Meeting approved a lower amount than to Winchester, Shrewsbury,

requested by the school district. He said there possibly would

be other articles on the warrant and he hoped free cash would be certified for the STM.

Since the other four Quabbin District member towns approved the school budget, Hubbardston has to pay up. He said most likely it would be funded using free cash and money from the Stabilization Fund.

Proposition 2 ½ override

Town Administrator Boudreau said he was looking into a proposition 2 ½ override. He said in the past Hubbardston sought proposition 2 ½ overrides and they failed at ballot elec-

He said if there was a proposition 2 ½ override election, he would like to see the ballot be on a larger election rather than the annual town election where voter turnout was low.

The Town Administrator said communication to the voters about the override was important and he was working on a communication plan. He said he considered forming a study committee on an override. However, since it was difficult to fill positions on many town committees and board, he did not think it was the best solution.

He said he reached out

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iving on the edge

A red-tailed hawk landed on the side of the photographer's pool. She said it stared at her for about five minutes, which was plenty of time to take some photos.

ROBOTS BATTLE at Pathfinder's summer program



First place winners (from left) Ethan Bunnell and Caiden White show off the remains of their robots.



Finalists (from left) Noah Hansen and Louis Beauregard hold the robots they used in the finals.

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

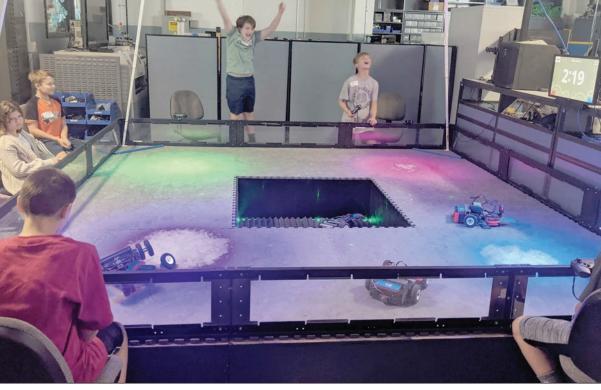
PALMER - Pathfinder's Summer Youth Enrichment Program held a tournament for its Robotics class last week, which saw students pit robots against each other in a brawl that served as a testament to a week of engineering practice.

"The Robotics Battleshop has been a successful and engaging program with the Summer Youth Enrichment Program for five years now," said Kyle Lussier. "It immerses students into a STEMbased environment of team-oriented competition, coupled with design, assembly, imagination, and strategy skills."

The class was split into two sides, the Blue Team and the Red Team, with two students from each team competing against each other for each elimination round. The final match came down to Ethan Bunnell and Caiden White on the Blue Team, against Louis Beauregard and Noah Hansen on the Red Team, with the Blue Team taking home the grand prize.

Lussier said that one good thing about the course is seeing the younger students learn from their older classmates, including students with engineering experience, often able to defeat them by the end of the week.

"Each student starts off with learning basic hands-on skills to assemble a modest, unadorned robot," Lussier said. "Once complete, they learn how to effectively drive their robot, along with learning driving strategies to improve success. As the week progresses, these students are encouraged to



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmao

Blue Team whooped and cheered as they defeated Red Team in the final battle.

make modifications to their design based on conclusions they have made from their peers' driving styles and self-perceived strategies. Nearing the end of the week, students are teamed up and pitted against other teams through random match alignment."

Liam Sasur, one of the students competing, shared how his design for a ramp on the front of the robot caught on with the other students.

"My brother suggested it," Sasur said, and demonstrated how the ramp would slip under oncoming robots to push them back.

The tournament was put on with the help of Rebecca Eckert and Cody Scrivener, who are seniors in Pathfinder's Electronics Technology program, as well as Ethan Griswold, a Pathfinder graduate who was called in after one student could not make the tour-

"He's off college, so he figured, 'What do I want to do on my day off? Come hang out here,'" laughed Lussier.

"[Eckert and Scrivener's] dedication, motivation, and drive are what help make this not only possible but exciting and engaging for all ages," Lussier said.

"It takes a lot to put on a really exciting show for the kids, but all these guys are outstanding," Lussier said. "I just love how I've had a lot of students from the past come back and say, 'hey, I've got nothing going on, can I just come here, hang around, and help out?' Like, absolutely, come on in. The more the merrier!"

Lussier himself provided commentary on matches, as well as musical accompaniment that included classics like Journey, with Europe's "Final Countdown" playing on a loop for the final match.

For more information about Pathfinder's Robotics and Engineering programs, visit their website at pathfindertech.org.

Food policy council drafts vision/mission statements

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

WARE - Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council continued discussion about the nutritional needs of the communities it serves.

At the July 19 meeting, members of the QVFPC talked about

how flooding from heavy rainfalls, as well a recent tornado in North Brookfield could affect crops; possibly limiting future access to fresh local produce.

Homelessness continues to be a concern, as well as the inability to both prepare and preserve food received from food pantries.

Members suggested having a soup kitchen, where people could receive a hot, nutritious meal without needing a kitchen or cooking utensils. Another suggestion was having a mobile food truck that they would like to achieve in a

could act as a soup kitchen to address homeless hunger and food

The QVFPC is also working to compile a list of food pantries across the region.

Vision and mission statements

The members also continued to develop the Council's vision and

mission statements. Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan explained that the Council's vision statement is what "perfect world," adding that it is usually very ambitious and broad.

Geaghan said the vision statement would be broad enough to include a diverse variety of local perspectives, be easy to communicate, and be understood and shared by members of the community. The vision statement would also be inspiring and uplifting to all involved in the Council's efforts.

The vision statement the Council discussed was: "Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council will make healthy local food easily accessible

for all community members."

Quabbin Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger said this vision encompasses many of the things members were talking about in a broad way.

Geaghan said the mission statement is the "why" the Council exists, and is more concise than the vision statement.

"They explain the fundamental outcomes your organization is trying to achieve. A good mission statement is not limiting in the strategies or sectors of the community

that may become involved in the project," she said.

The mission statement suggested to members was: "Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council's mission is to connect local resources, provide education surrounding food, promote local food availability, and improve the local food system for everyone."

Krieger and Project Coordinator for Community Health Emily Coderre suggested adding language

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News of the Towns



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Food Pantry to hold distributions

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday Aug. 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 9 and Aug. 17 will again be "drivethrough" 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.

Farmers Market

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

Painted rock caterpillar

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

Flea Market on Aug. 26

WEST BROOKFIELD - The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St., has been hosting their Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years.

This year the Flea Market on the Common will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



John H. Hansen, founding director of the Quabbin Community Band, leads the group in rehearsal during the summer of 1976 inside the former Barre Boys Club building in South Barre, The Quabbin Community Band Auxiliary Inc. purchased the building in 1975 hoping to turn it into a community music center.

Quabbin Community Band presents 'Homecoming on the Barre Bandstand'

BARRE - The Quabbin Community Band invites band alumni to come back and join the band for a concert next week to mark the 50th Anniversary of this wonderful community organization.

The history of a community band in the Barre area is a rich one, reaching back to the first band stand being erected in North Park in 1859. Many of us know that the Barre Wool Band eventually became important to the fabric of the community, and when the group dissolved, a small number of musicians continued as the Gilbertville

leadership of Severino "Skip" D'Annolfo of South Barre.

The group in Gilbertville struggled with membership and exposure until in 1971 when they played six concerts on the Barre Common, which were very well received. With the passing of D'Annolfo, the leadership of the band was offered to their new tuba player, John H. Hansen, recently named band director at the newly built Quabbin Regional Jr-Sr High

After the 1972 season, the group formally moved to Barre and Hansen changed the name Community Band under the to "The Quabbin Community

Band." The band will play several songs from the past including "Moon River," "Begin the Beguine," "Bugler's Holiday" and "First Suite in Eb for Military Band."

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

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Building and BOH change office hours

The Hubbardston Building and Board of Health Office updated their operational hours for August and September. During this period, the office will be open to serve residents as follows:

Mondays from 1-6 p.m., Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. every second and fourth Thursday and from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every first and third Thursday. Inspections will be done outside of these hours per inspector schedules

Residents can still take advantage of convenient digital solutions by visiting www.hubbardstonma.us, enhancing accessibility and transparency in our operations. The town website offers online permit applications, ensuring hassle-free processes for building permits, health-related approvals and other permits, accessible 24/7. Additionally, the new Laserfiche web portal provides cloud-based access to a wealth of historical department documents.

Open committees

The Select Board seeks individuals to fill positions on the Quabbin Regional School Committee, Monty Tech School Committee, and the newly created General Bylaw Review Committee. The Select Board will consider applications for these positions at their meeting on Monday, Aug. 7. To apply, people should fill out either the Appointment Request Webform or the hardcopy paper form and return it to the Office of the Select Board.

Concert

The next summer concert is Saturday, Aug. 5 from 5-8 p.m. at Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68. A final concert will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19. All concerts are held at Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68 from 5-8 p.m. Food will be available to purchase and there will be activities for the children.

Dinghy Dash

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

Senior center events

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

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. 7. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Teriyaki beef, steamed brown rice, broccoli, pineapple, fortune cookie, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY - Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, green beans, cookie, Italian

WEDNESDAY - Hot god, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh fruit, hot dog bun, mustard THURSDAY - Salisbury steak with gravy,

garlic mashed potatoes, Capri vegetables, brownie, diet = half piece, sandwich roll

FRIDAY -Potato crunch fish, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, apple crisp, applesauce, marble rve bread, tartar sauce

*Diabetic friendly dessert **Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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MA Legislature passes \$375 million transportation bill

BOSTON -The Massachusetts Legislature on includes \$375 million in bond which provides municipalities with a reliable funding source for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs.

"Ensuring that people in every region of Massachusetts have safe and dependable transportation options is fundamental to creating a com-

petitive and equitable commonwealth," said Senate Thursday passed a bill that President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "This funding authorizations for transpor- invests in our infrastructure including \$200 million for the where, allocating much-needstate's Chapter 90 program ed funds to local roads and bridges, regional transit, EV infrastructure, and parts of the MBTA. I want to thank Senator Crighton for making this a priority, my Senate colleagues for their support, and Speaker Mariano and the House for agreeing on these critical investments in our infrastructure."

This legislation also authorizes \$175 million in programs that will support various transportation-related projects. This includes \$25 million for each tation needs across the state, and transit systems every- of the following: the municipal small bridge program; the complete streets program: a bus transit infrastructure program; grants to increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations; grants for municipalities and regional transit authorities to purchase electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them; funding for pavement and surface improvements on

state and municipal roadways; and new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, which is particularly helpful for rural communities.

&Worcester District) was glad to see the new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, "Western Mass has considerably more rural communities than other areas of the state, so I'm glad to see the Legislature prioritize regional equity by tak-

ing more factors into account beyond just population and other socioeconomic factors. Addressing regional equity is about acknowledging and understanding that Western Senator Jake Oliveira Mass has different challeng-(Hampden Hampshire es than other parts of the state. I'm grateful to Senate President Spilka, Speaker Mariano, and my colleagues in the Legislature for considering that." said Oliveira.

The bill having passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives, it will now be sent to the Governor for her consideration.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

9/11 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 3

Select Board - Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. and Aug. 24 at

Conservation Committee – Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. 250th Anniversary Committee - Aug. 9 at 6:30

Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. Board of Health – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. Water Commission – Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. DPW Commission – Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Sewer Commission – Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. Cemetery Commission – Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee -Aug. 3 at 11 a.m.

Board of Health – Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Recycling Commission – Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Conservation Commission – Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. Council on Aging – Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Library Trustees – Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. Board of Health – Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Cultural Council - Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. Conservation – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – Sept. 6 and Sept. 21 at 6:30

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Parks and Recreation – Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. Downtown Development Committee - Aug. 7 and Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission – Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Friends of Town House – Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. Select Board - Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept 12 and Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board – Aug. 16 and Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.

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

PETERSHAM

Petersham School Committee – Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. Board of Health – Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. Cemetery Commission - Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. Select Board – Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Council on Aging - Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. Petersham Historic District – Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. Board of Assessors – Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. Planning Board – Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.

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Board of Health – Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. Ad Hoc By-law Committee – Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. Capital Improvement Planning Committee- Aug. 24 and Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.



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North Brookfield Savings Bank hosts Back to School drive

NORTH BROOKFIELD -North Brookfield Savings Bank is a strong supporter of the local school systems and students who attend them. They believe that every child, regardless of their financial circumstances, should have the opportunity to start the school year feeling confident, excited and ready to learn. That is why North Brookfield Savings Bank is kicking off the sixth year of their Back-to-School Supply Drive.

Throughout the entire month of August, North Brookfield Savings Bank will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations at all branch locations in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown and Three Rivers. All donations collected will be delivered to local public schools to be distributed to school children who may not have the needed supplies to start their year. To get things underway, the Bank kicked off the fundraiser by purchasing over \$500 in supplies. The branch employees, equipped with brightly patterned backpacks, lunchboxes, pencil cases, notebooks and various other fun supplies, are getting creative with their "Back-to-School" themed tables, in hopes it will encourage those visiting the branch to donate as well.

Some suggested school sup-



North Brookfield Savings Bank employee proudly displays some of the school supplies donated in 2022 by generous community members, customers and NBSB employees.

ply donation items that can be dropped at any North Brookfield Savings Bank branch location are: New Backpacks (unisex), Lunchboxes, Spiral Notebooks, Pocket Folders, 12" Standard Rulers, #2 Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Pencil Case, Colored Pencils, Washable Markers, Erasers, Glue Sticks, Scissors and Tissues.

"North Brookfield Savings Bank is incredibly proud to once again host the Back-to-School Supply Drive. We want all children to begin the school year with the essential supplies they need, in turn giving them the confidence and enthusiasm that allows them to continue to learn successfully," said Nicole Syriac, digital marketing strategist. "It was so amazing to witness the generosity displayed during our annual Back to School Supply Drive. Customers, community members and our employees were so giving and really showed how much they care for the children of our schools. We look forward to seeing that same generosity this year."

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's community giving efforts visit www. NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.

Food Pantry to hold distributions

BARRE - The next two Barre pantry currently operates, but ble way to get food to clients and Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday Aug. 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 9 or in the evening on Thursday, Aug. 17, whichever is more convenient for

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 spread of the COVID-19 sub variant 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 considered changing how the through" style is the safest possi-

decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 9 and Aug. 17 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then the larger community from the continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wavback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "driveto help keep everyone well.

While the pantry typically used to have an "all hands on deck" approach to welcoming volunteers, in August they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups.

Volunteers should not arrive on Aug. 9 and/or Aug. 17 without first calling Dave Petrovick at 978-852-1696 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463. Because conditions have been

changing rapidly, people should visit the Barre Food Pantry webhttp://www.barrefoodbank.

org/index.htm and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page:

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

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Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale

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

COA and church yard sale participants

The Oakham Council on Aging will be participating in the yard sale. People may bring donated items to the Senior Center, 2 Coldbrook Road, on Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. No furniture or large appliances will be accepted. People should price any items they donated. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to prepare for the yard sale and on the day of the yard sale beginning at 7:30 a.m. to assist with sales.

Members of the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will also participate in the yard sale with all items set up in Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, soda and water will be available for purchase.

Senior Center

On Friday, Aug. 18 at 12:30 p.m. Oakham seniors will eat lunch at Val's Restaurant, 75 Reservoir St., Route 31, Holden. Seniors may sign up at the Oakham Senior Center.

Special Town Election

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

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

Grange Fair program books available

WARE - The Ware Grange Fair program books are

Plan your exhibits by checking out the categories of exhibits in our program book. Books are available on the Grange website at waregrange.org.

To receive a book by mail, call 413-284-1135 or email waregrange@comcast.net. Exhibitors may enter in a variety of categories including vegetables, fruits, eggs, cut flowers, baked goods, fancywork, arts and crafts, and photography.

The Ware Grange Fair takes place in late August. Visit the website for schedule and details.

Sound bath and meditation program to be held Aug. 23

HARDWICK - The 4-5 p.m. This program has a Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville, will host a sound bath and meditation program with Brandy Lefsyk on Wednesday, Aug. 23 from

suggested \$5 donation.

Lefsyk is a mother of three, movement muse, Hometownyogi and owner of Home & Heart Studio in

Orange. She has been teaching yoga since 2004, is a Reiki master, licensed PTA with a background in exercise science and over 18 years teaching multiple fitness classes.

Sound baths are a meditative practice involving the use of resonant music. This creates an immersive sound that fills the room and the body, aiming to help people relax and let go

of stress, anxiety, or other worries and concerns. People report feeling deep-

ly relaxed after sound baths, which may have health bene-

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Opinion

Guest Column



The daylily, both friend and foe

have never been a daylily aficionado, but as of late, they are growing on me. Why I write is because on Cape Cod they are everywhere. The last few days I have seen them paired with shrubs, other perennials and even as a backdrop to carefully

Read on as I resurrect a column from the archives with new and updated factoids.

We've all seen the clumps of orange daylilies (Hemerocallis fulva) blooming along roadsides each summer. These remnants of long ago have oftentimes outlived the people who planted them and the farmhouse in which they were planted around.

Arriving from Asia in the late 1800s, the common daylily is now considered invasive because it crowds out native plants. While experts advise not planting daylilies that are known to run amok, there are many cultivars that rightly deserve a place in the landscape.

Two varieties of daylilies presently occupy space in my landscape, one that is a family heirloom, and another that was purchased on a whim.

The lemon lily (Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus) was a family heirloom, although I am not sure where it originated. I think it was my grand babci that first gave it to my mother back in the 1950s.

It has been almost entirely choked out of the banking of my childhood home by lily of the valley, but I am lucky enough to have saved a piece and it is thriving in my perennial garden. It is delicate as far as daylilies go, perfectly lemon yellow and subtly scented.

See GARDEN, page 5

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I am just a little disappointed with Missy this week.

I have not had any treats or buttered toast in the mornings. I guess the treatment is justified for my messing up her books last week, but I don't have to like it.

It was fun knocking the books off the shelves. She has finished her washing this morning and has left the cellar door open for me to go down and explore

while her clothes dry. I do thank her for doing this for me occasionally. It makes a change in my daily rou-Well, what do you know? Missy has been com-

plaining about the hose reel not working right and here it is down cellar. I guess Missy's son was repairing it last night when he was here.

O boy, I need to hone my burling skills again. It is always so much fun.

I jumped right up on the reel and started burling, but alas I fell off. So I jumped up again and thought I was doing great until I flew off the other other side.

I know my legs aren't as good as they used to be, but I also know I can do this with a little more practice. So here I go again.

Hooray, I am doing great. Whoops, this time when I fell I hit my nose on the side of the reel. I got up and shook my head a little and decided that perhaps I need to give up burling for today.

I'll try again tomorrow if the darn reel is still inside. Missy uses it to water her stone garden and two urns and will want it back outside.

Anyway, it is time to rest a little, so I'll check my birdies and see what they are up to. There is only one lone male turkey around.

Darn, but along the bar way, there is a small bunny rabbit eating clover to his or her heart's content. They are so cute and I love to watch them jump around places.

I'll try to be good the rest of today and hope for treats for tomorrow.

Love, Gertrude

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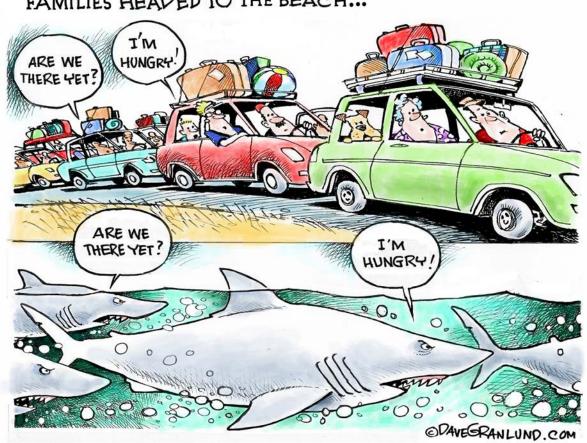
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FAMILIES HEADED TO THE BEACH ...



In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 9, 2018)

When John Sacco of Ware showed up to play his usual gig last Sunday night at the Ouabbin Community Band concert, never did he think he would be recognized for his service to military. However, both Sacco and North Brookfield resident, Kenneth Winters were not only honored for their service, both were also awarded a beautiful handmade quilt by the Stitches of Honor of Worcester, part of the larger Quilts of Valor Foundation, during intermission at the concert.

Barre Selectmen approved transfers to various accounts totaling about \$125,00 that wen over budget pending approval of the Finance Committee. Finance Committee member, Claire Adomaiits, told the board the Finance Committee was meeting Thursday. She said the committee only had four members and all of them must attend to have a quorum. The committee needed three new members to replace members that resigned.

Over two dozen parents supported keeping all New Braintree and Oakham elementary schools in one building at last Wednesday night meeting of the Quabbin Regional School District Committee. The QRSD Committee voted at its June meeting to send all New Braintree and Oakham elementary students to the Oakham Center School. The committee made the vote contingent on the response of a survey of parents from the two towns and decided to consult its legal counsel. The results of the parent survey was in favor of keeping all grades together. Teachers, staff and principal expressed the view K-6 configuration benefited students and teachers as well.

10 years (Aug. 8, 2013)

A free pool party sponsored by the Barre Youth Commission will be held at Coldbrook Campground, 864 Old Coldbrook Road, for Barre residents ages 8-17 on Tuesday, Aug. 13 from noon-4 p.m. The rain date is Tuesday, Aug. 13. Lunch is provided. Youths should bring a bathing suit, towel and sunscreen. Younger siblings are welcome. Parents must stay with children under age 8.

To all users of the Barre Water Department this is an important notice. The water department routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants to ensure the safety of the water supply. On Aug. 8, the department was notified a fecal indicator, E. coli bacteria was detected in one raw water sample collected on Aug. 6 form Well #1. Fecal indicators are used to detect ground water sources that may be susceptible to fecal contamination, which may contain harmful viruses or bacteria.

LOOK BACK Barre Players Theater



File photo

These children give Sue Fullam their undivided attention at Barre Players.

Since the age of 7, Dr. Allan Russell has been interested in dinosaurs. Unlike most children, who abandon the interest as they grown older, Dr. Russell's hobby became his career. Today, the bones of a teenaged dinosaur take up a rather large section of his living room, and other bones and fossils grace showcases in the museum in the family home on Mechanic Street. We have about a quarter million fossils in our collection," Russell said.

25 years (Aug. 6, 1998)

If the chicken barbecue and fireworks display held Saturday night in Barre are any indication, the celebration next year when Barre observes its 225th anniversary should be spectacular. Richard C. Stevens 225th anniversary committee chairman said 468 chicken barbecues were served and more than 1,000 attended the fireworks display -18 minutes of awesome lighting of the night sky. A DJ provided music for dancing while the crowd awaited the fireworks.

Oakham Selectmen appointed Leonard Hardy Jr. Veterans Agent for one year at the Monday, Aug. 10 meeting. The board met with Hardy to discuss updating the markers on the graves of veterans buried in town. Hardy said he is working on a list of veterans buried in all the town cemeteries. When he took over as Veterans Agent two years ago, he received no documentation or list of veterans buried in town.

The Barre Fire Department Association will bring the Roberts Bros. Circus to Felton Field on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. This year's 90-minute performance will include aerial acts performed high above the circus ring, horses, performing poodles, balancing acts, jugglers, clowns, acrobats, a performing elephant and comedy acts. Robert Bros. Family-owned and operated has been touring the United States since 1974.

38 years (Aug. 8, 1985)

Effective July 1, last month, the Wachusett Home Health Agency will be providing services to the town residents of Hubbardston as voted by the town board of health council. An accredited non-profit organization, the Wachusett Home Health Agency will provide extensive multi-disciplinary services for the town of Hubbardston. The agency is affiliated with both Holden Hospital and Worcester Hahnemann Hospital and provides home care services to residents of Worcester and North West Worcester County. Home care services will include skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social services and home health aides in accordance with a physician's plan of care.

The Barre Sportsman's Club has donated more than \$500 to the Barre Library Association in memory of Albert J. Regienus Jr. The money, which will be used to create the Albert J. Regienus ious Jr. Memorial Fund, was presented to Librarian James Sullivan by Sportsman's Club Treasurer, Joann White, who said the purpose of the gift was to mark the gratitude of club members for all Mr. Regienus had done for their organization. The money will be used to purchase appropriate library materials.

A stirring evening of Dixieland will close the series of band concerts on the Common, Barre. The final concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 under the baton of Beth Bryant. The evening will present a potpourri of Dixieland favorites. Arrangements by Warrington will include "Dixieland Jamborees," Dixieland Front and Center," Mr. Dixieland Fronts the Band" and "Tailgate Concerts."

Guest Column



When should my wife claim her benefits?

Dear Rusty:

My wife turns 65 in November of 2023. She was born on 11/21/1958. I am a year younger with an 8/1/1959 birthdate. I know my wife is not at full retirement age, but the difference in her Social Social payment is not much and collecting three years of the lower amount far exceeds her waiting until age 68. My question is: because half of my SS is more than her SS, if she retires this year, will she still get 50% of my SS when I retire?

Signed: Planning Our Future

Spouse benefits are one of Social Security's trickiest areas, so you're wise to get answers before either of you claim benefits. The short answer is, "No" - if your wife claims her own benefit this year, she will not get 50% of your benefit when you later claim. Here's how it works:

Born in November 1958, your wife's Full Retirement Age is 66 years plus 8 months, which she will attain in July 2025. Born in August 1959, your FRA is 66 years plus 10 months, which you will reach in June 2026.

Your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her personal SS benefit if her FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement but, if she claims before reaching her FRA, her monthly payment when you claim will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, taking her own benefit early affects her total payment amount as your spouse. If, instead, your wife waits until her own FRA to claim her SS retirement benefit, her payment when you later claim will be increased to equal 50% of your FRA entitlement.

I assume your reference to your wife "waiting until age 68" refers to her age when you claim at your FRA, but there is no reason for your wife to wait past her own FRA to claim benefits because her spousal benefit will not be more if she waits longer. So, the question is whether your wife should claim this year and get a reduced payment when you later claim or, instead, wait until her FRA to claim her own benefit and get her maximum benefit later. And that depends on 1) whether your wife is working, and 2) what her life expectancy is:

1. If your wife is working and claims early SS benefits, she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 she is over the limit. The earnings limit lasts until she reaches her full retirement age.

2. If your wife's life expectancy is long (average for a woman your wife's current age is about 87), then maximizing her monthly benefit by waiting until her FRA to claim is likely her smartest choice.

If your wife's FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, waiting until her FRA to claim will result in getting her full personal amount

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Opinion

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

glad July is over as we had such hot, humid and rainy weather.

I have started to put my fall decorations out in my house and my daughter said it was still summer, but I said I want it to end.

I went to the flea market and happened to see a large group of people around one booth so I went over to investigate. Every item on the three tables was one dollar. I filled two big totes with items and only spent \$13. I received some beautiful items.

One of my flea market friends came over and offered to bring my "goodies" to the car for me. I decided I had bought enough and came

Each time the handyman comes for a visit he does one of the chores I have on my project list. Sunday he pulled my refrigerator out and cleaned behind it on the sides and top and underneath it. That is a chore I was happy to get done.

He also picked some blueberries with the help of Ken.

For my birthday my daughter bought me a mosquito thing that is suppose to keep them away from a 15 foot area. I have been trying it out on the deck.

At the flea market, I bought nine frames that I can put my water color

Another month passes and I am pictures in. They cost one dollar

I have been working on several projects that will be put on a craft table for sale. One is a fall table runner with fall leaves on the border and a big pumpkin and stem of a sunflower in the center. I need to put the backing on and then it will be

Here is a recipe for homemade instant oatmeal

HOMEMADE INSTANT **OATMEAL**

1/2 cup quick cooking oats 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1 tablespoon packed brown sugar Pinch salt

1 tablespoon dried fruit, chopped nuts, chocolate chips, spices or other add-ons.

Combine all ingredients in a sandwich size bag or small jar. To cook, empty bag into a bowl and add 2/3 cup boiling water. Stir, cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 5 minutes. Uncover, stir again

and serve. Makes one serving. This will be a good recipe to safe for cold winter breakfasts.

This and That The gardens need weeding, but the mosquito population has been so bad. I finally was able to mow the front lawn fighting them all the time. Seems, they like this hot and humid weather better than I do.

The coneflowers and day lilies are gracing the gardens at this time. I had a white coneflower that I kept in a separate garden from the pinkish purple ones, but this year I notice that white one has turned pink also. Ken bought me two pots of white coneflowers which I will plant in a separate garden, for my birthday and see what happens next year.

We do not have a vegetable garden this year, but I did plant some carrots and beets in a planter box. which are coming up and I have six tomato plants in big pots that have green tomatoes on now.

Ken did get a nice red ripe tomato from Rich of Williamsville Road, which will be used for a nice tossed

I will take out the blueberry recipes to see what I will make with the blueberries. There are going to be a lot of cultivated ones once they get

My handyman bought me a lovely gift of six dinner plates with beautiful floral designs from the flea market. I need to find a place to hang them on a wall. They are too beautiful to eat from.

Have a good week and hopefully we will see some sun and low



assachusetts Audubon Society reported a blue grosbeak in Hadley.

The blue grosbeak is one of just a few birds with blue feathers. The male is dark blue with two reddish-brown wing bars. It has black feathers around the base of its large silvery bill.

The female is plain brown overall, with dark wings and tail. She has two buff brown wing bards and a large gray conical shaped bill. Immatures resemble the adult female. The young males in the spring of the next year start to show blue patches. Immature plumage is kept for one

Blue grosbeaks forage on the ground, hopping about in search of insects. They also glean foliage, eat spiders, seeds and wild

The female lays two to five pale blue eggs in a nest of rootlets, grasses, twigs, snakeskins, cotton and bark strips lined with grass. The nest is usually placed in a shrub, vine tangle or tree.

These grosbeaks often twitch and rapidly spread their tails when agitated. During migration, young osprey in the nest each



Blue Grosbeak

they can be found with buntings. Their song is a warbled phrase of musical notes and the call a loud "chink."

Poolside visitor

I received an email from a Wilbraham Hampden Times reader. She had a red-tailed hawk land on the side of her swimming pool in July. She said it stayed about five minutes and she was able to get some photos of the hawk.

Update on osprey nest and more I received an email about an osprey nest in Warren on South Street near a pond. He said the nest is visible from the road. There are also three great blue heron nests on the far shore of the pond, but they are not as notice-

He said on a recent visit, "The osprey chicks looked to be close to fledgling, their flight feathers looker fully formed and the two exercised its wings." He said there were still three great blue herons in two different nest.

He said a pond on New Reed Street near the osprey nest often has bald eagles show up and great egrets have been seen there in August.

Massachusetts **Audubon Society sightings**

In Berkshire County a shortbilled dowitcher was seen in Sheffield and single merlins in Pittsfield and Lenox. Franklin County had three sandhill cranes in Ashfield and five semipalmated plovers in Whately.

In addition to the blue grosbeak in Hadley Hampshire County had 18 greater yellowlegs and two sanderlings in the East Meadows in Northampton and three red crossbills at Quabbin Park in Belchertown.

Worcester County had a Bonaparte's gull and an acadian flycatcher at the Ouabbin Reservoir in New Salem, four sandhill cranes in Hardwick, two black vultures in Fitchburg, two cliff swallows in Ashburnham and a sora at Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area in Bolton.

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

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The lemon lily has a short bloom time, a week or less in early June, but it makes a perfect bed fellow to deep purple bearded iris.

Today, thousands of cultivars of daylilies are available, many of which bloom for longer periods of time than the old-fashioned types. They are offered in shades of all colors except blue and pure white.

Miniatures look great in rock gardens, while more beefy types work well to stabilize bankings. The majority blend nicely with annuals, perennials, and shrubbery, as mentioned.

Daylilies belong to the genus Hemerocallis- hemero being Greek for "beautiful," and callis Greek for "day." Individual flowers do open and perish in 24 hours or less.



Orange daylilies

and when one goes by another is waiting to take its place. A desirable variety will bloom for at least two weeks, or will repeat blooming later in the season.

When shopping for daylilies at Luckily though, there are usual- the nursery simply count the numly several flowers per scape (stem), ber of buds per scape of the pot-



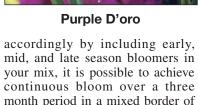
Lemon lily

ted plant. The number of buds (or the number of scars if blooming is nearly finished) coincides with the number of days that particular variety is expected to bloom.

Unfortunately, my lemon lily had a mere four.

If you choose carefully and plan

month period in a mixed border of daylilies.



Many people are opting to plant a single variety for a season's

worth of flowers. Different than varieties that rebloom, everbloomers offer a nonstop performance from the beginning of their bloom period until frost.

It is said that Dr. Darrel Apps, a geneticist and master breeder evaluated some 11,000 seedlings to end up with a mere few that flower continuously.

Breeding continues, so look for the newest introductions each year. My whim purchase from a few years back is a rebloomer called "Purple D'oro." I bought it because it was blooming in the nursery alongside Gayfeather, orange Helenium, and Purple Coneflower.

They are a power quartet in my summer border for sure, and the rebloom factor surely stretches out the show.

Locate daylilies where they will receive at least six hours of sun a day. Average soil, as long as it drains well, will grow strong plants.

Vigor determines whether clumps need to be separated and divided every few years, or if they can grow uninterrupted for many seasons. Division is best accomplished in early spring or immediately after bloom.

If you take the later approach, just be sure the plant has at least one month of growing time before frost hits. This way it will have an opportunity to root well, anchoring itself before winter freezing and thawing can heave it from the ground.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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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first and then later her maximum entitlement (including her spousal boost). If she claims now, her later payment (which includes her spousal boost) will be less than half of your FRA amount. If your wife's life expectancy is at least average, waiting until her FRA to claim will likely yield the highest cumulative lifetime benefits.

But if your wife isn't working full time, by claiming now (vs. at her FRA) she would get her

FINANCE,

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this for Monday, Aug. 7.

Arlington and Melrose, all towns

that passed successful overrides.

He would have a presentation on

He said he can present numbers

and facts regarding an override,

but he can't discuss why residents

reduced personal benefit for an Social Security Administration or extra two years. If you divide the amount your wife would collect over those two years by the difference between her current benefit amount and her maximum spousal amount (half of your FRA entitlement), you will see how long it would take for your wife to recover those two years of benefits. And if her life expectancy is less than that length of time, then claiming earlier is likely the right move.

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should vote for or against it. He

said a \$500,000 proposition 2 ½

override would cost the taxpayer

who owned a \$400,000 home about

\$324 more in real estate taxes per

year. A \$1 million override on the

same \$400,000 valued home would

End of year transfers

The Finance Committee

cost about \$647 more per year.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

approved several end of year trans-

fers to cover shortages. One trans-

fer covered a \$8,875 legal fee defi-

cit in the Select Board budget. He

said other money not spent in other

Select Board line items would

Another deficit was snow and

ice, an account which the state

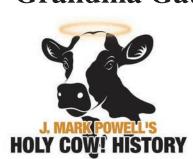
allows cities and towns to deficit

cover the amount of the deficit.

spend.

Guest Column

Grandma Gatewood's Excellent Adventure



A senior's walk into the record books

By J. Mark Powell jmarkpowell.com

"ve been getting into shape recently. But my progress pales **L**compared to what a remarkable senior did nearly 70 years ago.

Emma Gatewood's life was hard. Born in Ohio in 1887, she was one of 15 kids in a family that slept four to a bed.

Her father lost a leg in the Civil War and spent the rest of his life drinking and gambling. Though her formal education ended in the 8th grade, she kept learning by devouring encyclopedias, Greek classics, and books on woods and wildlife.

At age 19 Emma married a 27-year-old teacher and tobacco farmer named P.C. Gatewood. The honeymoon ended quickly, when Emma discovered she was expected to work in the fields alongside the men, plus cook, clean, and raise their 11 kids.

P.C. was mean. He killed a man in 1924 but avoided prison because the judge said his many children would go hungry with him behind

He beat Emma often, sometimes almost to the point of death. When he turned violent, she tried to run into the nearby woods. Safe in the security of her beloved trees and plants, she found peace and soli-

P.C. repeatedly threatened to send Emma to a mental institution to keep her from divorcing him.

In 1939, he had her jailed in the first step toward having her committed. Seeing Emma's cracked teeth and broken ribs, their town's mayor moved her into his home and helped her get a job.

She divorced P.C. the next year. A series of odd jobs saw her through the next decade until her children were all grown.

Then, as so often happens, fate unexpectedly called. For Emma, it came in the form of an old maga-

She happened upon a 1949 National Geographic issue featuring an article on the Appalachian

At that moment an incredible idea took root in her mind. She would become the first woman to walk the entire length of the trail, all 2,200 miles from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Maine's Mount Katahdin.

At age 66, no less.

The idea grew into an obsession. At a time when people nearing 70 were expected to relax in rocking chairs, Emma began preparing to attempt what no woman before had ever done.

Her legs were strong, she was in good health, so why not?

She began her journey at Mount Katahdin in July 1954 - and promptly met with one disaster after another. She broke her glasses, she got lost, then she ran out of food.

When rangers found her, they persuaded the hapless sexagenarian to go home.

But while Emma Gatewood may have failed, she didn't quit. She told no one about her setback and quietly prepared for a second attempt.

She learned from her initial mistakes and changed her strategy.

In 1955, she started two months earlier this time and began in Georgia. Again, it wasn't easy.

That 1949 article had made her

believe the route was a smooth trail. It wasn't, and her Keds tennis shoes were no match for the rugged mountain terrain. She expected to find shelters

along the way; there weren't any, forcing her to sleep in piles of But she stuck with it and kept walking. Newspapers picked up

her story as she went, and soon she acquired a nickname - Grandma Gatewood - along with celebrity status. She achieved her goal 146 days later when she reached Baxter Peak atop Mount Katahdin. She signed

Beautiful," and said to herself out loud, "I did it. I said I'd do it, and I've done it." Grandma Gatewood then appeared on the Today show, was a guest on a TV game show, and was even profiled in Sports Illustrated where she said, "This is no trail. It's a nightmare. For some fool reason,

they always lead you right up over

the register, sang "America the

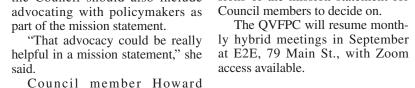
the biggest rock on top of the highest mountain they can find." And she didn't stop walking. She hiked the entire Appalachian Trail a second time two years later, walked all 2,000 miles of the Oregon Train in 1959, and at age 76 she did the Appalachian Trial yet again (though this time in sections), becoming the first person to walk it

She went right on hiking right up until her death in 1973 at 85.

three times.

What was the secret to her success? Grandma Gatewood refused to let anything - failure, adversity, or advanced age – stand in her way.

Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.



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about nutritious food. Krieger also suggested adding "promote" and "advocate" for local food availabil-

Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance said the Council should also include

Council member Howard Trietsch said the mission state-

ment should also focus on bringing

awareness to food and nutritional problems the Quaboag Valley faces.

"One of the first things your need to do about a problem, is make people aware of it, and define it," he said.

Coderre said herself and Geaghan will draft different versions of the mission statement for Council members to decide on. The QVFPC will resume month-

at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available. **About OVFPC**

The Quaboag Valley Food

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The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion. For more information, people

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Education



Program attendees gather around the helicopter to listen to a lecture by flight nurse, Stacy.



Youth attending the program answered questions about the fundamentals of wiring.



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Culinary students learn to make pasta from Pathfinder's **Nutrition Director Anthony Bishop.**

Youths find enrichment at Pathfinder's Summer Program

By Marcelo Gusmão Staff Writer mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER - This week, Pathfinder concludes its Summer Enrichment program, a three-week long program that offers five-day various vocational programs that Pathfinder has to offer.

The program invites kids entering fourth to eighth grade to sign up for individual weeks of Advanced Manufacturing, Art, Auto Body and Automotive

courses on fundamentals of the Technology, Biking, Baking and Junior Chef, Beauty School, Biking, Drama and Theatre. Electrical, First Responders, Fishing, Plumbing, Woodworking, and the Robotics Battleshop.

"What they do essentially is they spend all the morning up till

lunch in their technical area," said Principal Brenda Turner. "Then in the afternoon there are fun games and activities and crafts...all sorts of things."

Among these games are sports like kickball and obstacle courses.

"The National Guard's been coming every Wednesday with an inflatable obstacle course, so the kids are out on the front lawn doing that," Turner said.

"It's a little bit of a combination for the students, they're getting exposure to that technical area, trying their hand at some of the skills, using some of the tools and equipment," Turner said.

"It's nice, too, because they interact with each other," said Vocational Director Amy Skowyra. "We have a lot of repeat students who come back, so they make friends and they get to see each other and spend time together."

Zac Button, normally the History Teacher and Basketball Coach, has been involved with the Summer Youth Enrichment Program.

'It's been a great summer so far, the kids have been having an awesome time," Button said. "They've been making some really great products and things, they've had a lot of fun."

Button said that the first week of the program had 140 kids, and and then the last week had 115.

"I would like to think that this job is a bit more relaxed for them, a bit more light-hearted and fun," Button said. "We don't have a curriculum that we're trying to meet, we don't have testing that we're trying to focus on, so it's educational, yet recreational at the same time, which is great. It's more about not only just learning the basic skills in these areas, but also socializing.'

"I've seen kids meet people they've never met before and become fast friends, exchanging information, whether it's to play video games online together, or go to the beach with their families," Button said. "So, it's not just educational, but it's also really some great social networking that we see here. Watching young people meet like this and form friendships is fun to see.'

On Monday, July 24, the First Responders class was visited by a helicopter from UMass Memorial Medical Center.

'We have life flight, and we have the ambulance crew here, so we'll be talking to them about CPR, Heimlich, stuff they do on a regular basis," explained Officer Rick Wahlers, who Principal Turner described as "a staple" of the school and the program.

Wahlers described how Monday would focus on Emergency then 136 for the second week, Medical Services training, fol-

lowed by police canine training on Tuesday, fire safety training on Wednesday, and then police training for things like fingerprinting and patrol procedures on Thursday, followed by tours on Friday.

'We'll give them a tour of the police station, they can meet people that are in there, get to see the facility, how they work, check everything out there, and then we go to all the fire stations, see the firefighters at their stations, and how that stuff works," Wahlers

"We go to the ambulance garage, check that out, so they get a tour of everything," Wahlers said. "We'll include everybody, and then they can interact with the firefighters there and talk to them at their stations, and then we'll van them up, come back, and that's the week."

After landing their helicopter on the lawn in front of the school, the crew told the class about what they do, and what protocols they have to follow, such as the minimum number of staff required to tend to an emergency.

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program serves as a great sampling of the various vocational programs that Pathfinder has to offer, with in-depth courses that, at best, can put a child on the path to a career they'll be passionate about – and at worst, provide some fun activities to try out over the summer.



MWCC celebrates Leominster **Campus renovations**

LEOMINSTER – On Tuesday, April 4, Mount Wachusett Community College's Leominster campus welcomed legislators and community leaders to celebrate the completion of an extensive eightmonth renovation, which welcomed students and staff for the spring semester in February 2023.

Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll and Congressman Jim McGovern were among the attendees and shared their enthusiasm and support for MWCC and the work done to enhance the educational opportunities available to the North Central community. The event included a ribbon cutting and presentation of the MWCC Service Above Self award to Neddy Latimer.

"Our mission, and the forefront of our strategic plan, is to better serve our students of color. As you walk our halls today, tomorrow, and in the future, this campus will

ple who are trying to improve their lives, and that is our mission," stated MWCC President James Vander Hooven in his opening remarks."It is so fitting that we are honoring Neddy Latimer for her tireless dedication to marginalized and struggling members of our community with the Service Above Self award as part of this ceremony."

Neddy Latimer has led the Spanish American Center as its Executive Director since 1971 and is known throughout the North Central community for the warmth and compassion she gives to everyone she meets. The Service Above Self award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions within the 29 cities and towns that make up the MWCC service area.

"Mount Wachusett Community College has provided an affordable and accessible education to those living in North Central Massachusetts for decades," said

Congressman James P. McGovern. "I was thrilled to join their students, educators, and local leaders to celebrate the reopening of their Leominster campus and honor my good friend, Neddy Latimer, for her continued service as Executive Director of the Spanish American Center. She's a remarkable leader for our community and our Commonwealth. Through this new campus, MWCC will continue to pair their rigorous coursework with needed social supports, like their campus food pantry, which ensures no student will have to choose between the cost of groceries or school supplies. I'm inspired by their relentless dedication to setting students up for a lifetime of professional and personal success.'

"Our community colleges offer incredible opportunities for Massachusetts residents, particularly for those who all too often

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Quabbin's Anthony Quarterone employs an effective ball fake to get his opponent in the air on his way to the basket during his team's 41-27 win over Tahanto.

Cagers respond with pair of wins

heart-breaking losses last week, the Quabbin Cagers rebounded with two consecutive wins over West Boylston and Tahanto in Auburn Summer Basketball league play.

And rebounded they certainly did, as the E.P. Wine-sponsored team controlled the boards in both games allowing multiple transition baskets in each game for the locals to take advantage.

This has been a work in progress for coaches Tim Hay and Luke Brownell as they are finding ways to increase offensive production. And controlling the boards along with offensive transition opportunities are just two of the expectations.

The losses the previous week by one possession in each game was certainly disappointing to the team and coaches, however, they were not discouraged. Posting a solid 61-41 win over West Boylston saw three players in double digits with guard Chris Prunesti-Leveille leading the way with 21 points followed by combo guard Jacoby Dillon with 12 and power forward Kyle Clark with 10

Forward Nick Whitelaw contributed 6 points and Jaxon Warburton added 4 as well. Six cagers were in the scoring column as seventh grader Hayston Hay saw action and drained a three-pointer to continue the balanced scoring attack.

Rebounding was a key to the victory and Junior Kyle Clark powered down 10 caroms including six on the offensive boards where the 6'4 forward is beginning to exert himself.

Guards Ricky Janoure and Jaxon Warburton combined for seven loose ball recoveries as the Quabbinians totaled 18 for the

On defense, Whitelaw drew two charges and Warburton drew another. Whitelaw leads the team in drawn charges.

The Cagers then went on to

AUBURN – After two close down Tahanto by a score of 41-27 as Kyle Clark, having a break out summer season, paved the way with 16 points followed by Chris Prunesti-Leveille with 11 and Nick Whitelaw with 6 more. Clark has been working on his rebounding technique and post up play with Brownell and he led the team again in this department with 8 caroms. Jacoby Dilling, leading the team this summer season in loose ball recoveries, added seven more to his total while Chris Prunesti-Leveill had four of his own while Bryce Venne tracked

> With Brownell working diligently with the bigs this summer, Hay has been working hard with the guards and that effort was evident in this game as the team totaled eleven assists. In the West Boylston game, the team was moving the ball well with less dribbling and finding the open players and this produced a summer season high of fifteen assists.

> The Cagers managed to keep turnovers below the 15 mark committing only 12 give-aways. This has been another area that the summer coaches have repeatedly stressed to the team.

> The addition of forward Anthony Quarterone, the 6'3 freshman, has been a spark for the team off the bench and Quaterone can run the court and hit the boards. With Hayston Hay picking up minutes and adding to the deep perimeter shooting offense the rotation has been productive.

> Bryce Venne and Jacoby Dilling continue to see increased minutes and both have the quickness to play the best guards on the opponents team. Hay noted that each and every game Jaxon Warburton becomes more of a factor at both ends of the court and is now assuming the lead guard role. Hay has commented positively on the 5'11 junior's acumen and court sense.

As a result of the two victories,

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Locals participate in basketball clinic

Coach John Leonard hosted instruct on various skills another advanced skill development clinic at Quabbin on July 12. The event featured more than 30 local

Leonard brings a specific plan to skills clinic.

There is another clinic in the works as Leonard is planning on returning for a dedicated post play clinic as well as another advanced





Coach John Leonard demonstrates with Quabbin eighth grader Aiden Crane during his advanced skill development clinic recently held at the high school gym. Brady Patchen carefully listens to instructions from former Villanova and UMass coach John Leonard during the well-attended skills clinic.



Agawam's Cam Rivest delivers a pitch for DiFranco Realty.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Braeden Lamirande gets an out at first for DiFranco.



Joe Ferry, of Palmer, slides into third base safely.



Zach Handzel, of Palmer, pitches for Cam McDonald throws





Ryan Hemenway sizes up a pitch.



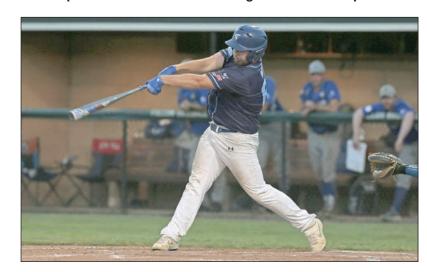
Dave Clark fields a grounder for PeoplesBank.

PeoplesBank. Bankers cash in for finals

WILBRAHAM – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball took down DiFranco in the opener of a best-of-three series 17-0 in five innings. The Bankers are the No. 1 seed in the Tri-County League playoffs.

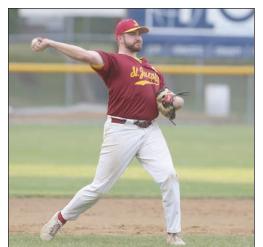
They would punch their ticket to the finals the following day when DiFranco forfeited the second game of the series, giving the Bankers the finals berth. The finals were scheduled to begin earlier this week.

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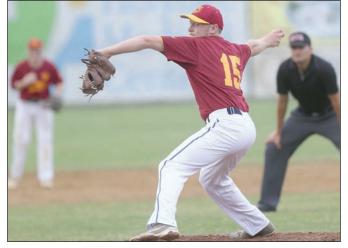


Nicholas Wilken, of Ludlow, swings and connects.

St. Joe's season ends in playoff loss against DiFranco



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's during the 2023 season.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

EAST LONGMEADOW Two days after losing to fifth-seeded DiFranco Reality at home in game one of the Tri-County League playoffs, fourth-seeded St. Joseph's made the trek to the East Longmeadow High School baseball field looking to even the best of three series.

Game two was a very close affair until the fifth inning.

With the score tied, 2-2, entering the bottom of the fifth inning, DiFranco Reality put together a rally. They wound up sweeping

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Teams clinch playoff spots as season nears close

WILBRAHAM - Sunday's action in the Valley Wheel Over-28 baseball league got a lot clearer as three teams cemented their spots in the playoffs while the fourth team will be determined by a matchup this week.

The Twins-Angels game held at Bruce Park in Suffield provided the stage for a preview to the playoffs.

The two teams have met in the last two playoff finals. It will not happen this year. Thanks to a complete game from Todd Bergstrom, as well as a two-run single in the ninth inning he also provided, the Twins prevailed over the Angels 6-4.

The game was close throughout, with the Angels and Twins trading leads a few times. Down 4-3 in the eighth, Trevor Portlock, of Wilbraham, drove home a run with a single to make the game 4-4. The Angels, unfortunately, could not bring home the go-head runs, which were at second and third with one out. Bergstrom was able to close the game in the ninth.

With the win, the Angels fell to 8-7 and their regular season is finished. The Twins are 8-6, and had a makeup game scheduled with the Tigers on Wednesday at Spec Pond

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Sports

Blue Sox win the West, playoffs begin

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue loaded, AJ Guerrero hit an RBI sin-Sox are the 2023 NECBL West Division Champions. In their final game of the regular season, the Blue Sox defeated the Keene Swamp Bats 8-7, to finish 23-18-2 on the season.

In a game that saw 23 hits and four different position players on the mound, the Blue Sox scored runs in four different innings.

Brendan Yagesh started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching two innings while allowing four runs with three strikeouts.

Keene got on the board first in the top of the second inning, following three RBI singles and a wild pitch to put the Swamp Bats up 4-0 early.

Valley rallied back to quickly take the lead back in the bottom of the second inning, batting around their entire lineup. Conor Kiely hit an RBI single to score EJ Kreutzmann in his first at-bat of the season. Zach Ketterman hit an RBI single to score Michael

Will Gale walked with the bases

gle, then EJ Kreutzmann was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, to allow the Blue Sox to take the

Kurt Thomas took over for Yagesh in the top of the third. pitching two innings while allowing one run.

Keene tied the game at five after Bryan Padillia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Valley took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth after Michael Zarrillo walked with the bases loaded to put the team ahead 6-5.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Thomas in the top of the fifth inning. The right-hander pitched two innings with three strikeouts, allowing one run.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at six following an RBI single in the top of the fifth, but Valley quickly took the lead back in the bottom of the inning after Guerrero hit an RBI groundout.

Center Fielder Will Gale also

made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Ketterman in the top of the seventh inning. The speedy outfielder pitched one inning, allowing one run and striking out one batter.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at seven in the top of the seventh inning after an RBI single.

CJ Willis, a position player who has made four different appearances on the mound this season, once again saw himself on the mound after relieving Gale in the top of the eighth inning. Willis pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself his second win of the season.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the bottom of the eighth after 2023 All-Star EJ Kreutzmann hit an RBI single to score Collier Cranford.

Willis pitched a clean ninth inning to secure the victory and division title for the Blue Sox.

With the NECBL Playoffs beginning Monday night, the Blue Sox remained at home to host their division rival Bristol Blues in the first game of a best-of-three-game

Belanger, Grenier get first career wins

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Joel Belanger and Carlos Grenier each scored his first career Monadnock Speedway victory Saturday at the historic high-banked oval.

Belanger won the nightcap 30-lapper in the NHSTRA Modifieds, while Nate Wenzel topped the first open-wheel go-round. Grenier earned his victory lap by holding Colton Martin at bay to win the 50-lap Pure Stock main event. In the NHSTRA Late Models, it was Hillary Renaud scoring her first win of the summer and, in so doing, becoming the fifth different LM victor this year.

Steve Miller Jr. won for the first time this year in the Six Shooters, and Adrian Smith continued to outrun everyone as he dominated en route to his third 2023 Young Guns victory

Wenzel's win in the first Modified feature came giftwrapped in the form of a Brian Chapin/Tyler Leary last-lap tangle that saw Wenzel avoid the mess immediately before him as he darted off to victory.

Chapin had taken control on lap three and was probably already making plans for where the night's trophy would later be displayed when he and Leary, up to second on lap 25, jingled in turn two as the checkers awaited them less than a lap away. Wenzel steered clear and blasted to his second win of the

In the nightcap, Belanger held off all challengers to wire the event for his first career victory on the high banks. Geoff Rollins got up for second on lap 15 but, on this night, was no match for the speedy Belanger. Rollins was the night's overall Modified winner, putting together a pair of deuce runs. Aaron Fellows and Scott Zilinski each had a third for their hard night's work.

A field of 21 potent chargers went to war in the night's Pure Stock 50-lapper. Carlos Grenier, starting up front, had seen victory slip away from him in his last outing on the high banks and wasn't about to let it happen again.

He led Dominick Stafford on laps one and two, with two-time winner Colton Martin then taking over on a restart and riding in Grenier's shadow the rest of the

While the lap-two jingle didn't affect the race's outcome, it strongly impacted the mid-season points chase. Multi-time track champ and points titan Chris Davis, along with Zach Phillips and Andrea St. Amour were the big victims in this one, with Davis' early demise dropping him to 20th on the night.

Grenier and Martin fought hard the rest of the way, with Zach Zilinski in close tow until 2022 Claremont champ Chris Chambers

claimed third on lap 42. Grenier, third his last time out, prevailed to take a happy victory lap.

Hillary Renaud used her Saturday victory in the NHSTRA Late Models to leapfrog two spots in the points parade into second. She led all the way, with Haydon Grenier – up to second on lap two - strong in his runner-up performance. Points leader and reigning track champ Tim Wenzel used a final-turn blast to snatch third from JD Stockwell.

Steve Miller Jr. took the lead from Jacob Scott on lap three of the Six Shooter feature and never looked back. Scott then had his hands full for much of the race holding off Miller's father, Steve Sr., for second, as Scott, Miller Sr., and Andrew Scott took the checkers nose-to-tail.

Adrian Smith took the lead from Madison Cousino on lap eight of the Young Guns feature and then blasted off to his third win of the summer. Cousino, impressive all night, held strong the rest of the way to earn her first career podium finish in second, while Markus O'Neil came home third.

After a week off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, August 5, when the high-banked speedplant will host another full night of oval track racing featuring 50 Lap Mini Stock Challenge.

Thunderbirds caravan event moved

Springfield Thunderbirds today announced that the first installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 12 due to potential inclement weather this weekend.

The T-Birds Community Caravan will still make a total of

SPRINGFIELD - The three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months: • Saturday, Aug.12 - Szot Park

(Chicopee), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. • Saturday, Aug. 19 - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the

T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament 11:50 a.m.

• Public skating from 10:50 to

• Saturday, Sept. 9 - Forest Park & Cyr Arena (Springfield), 1:00 to

Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin Taste Truck, street hockey activities, and various food options.



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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Jacoby Dilling SCHOOL: Ouabbin

Dilling joined with Quabbin's summer basketball team as a freshman, helping contribute to the team's success in the Auburn Summer League.

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

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under the lights. A win gets the Twins to 9-6 and the final playoff spot. But a loss would make the Twins 8-7 like the Angels, and put the Angels in the playoffs. The Angels hold a 2-1 advantage in their tiebreaker over the Twins this year, winning the first two matchups the teams

Elsewhere in the league, the Cubs cemented their playoff spot, winning their ninth game of the season with a 14-12 win over the Orioles. The Orioles would finish 1-14 and out of playoff contention.

The Cubs meet the Athletics on Thursday night with the top seeds on the line.

The Athletics defeated the Tigers on Sunday evening at Spec Pond 9-7. Both teams have already made the playoffs this year, but will look for momentum in their respective games later this week.

The two makeup games were necessitated from rainouts last Thursday night that wiped out all the action about two hours before the games were scheduled.

The playoffs are currently scheduled for this Sunday at Spec Pond with the 2 and 3 seeds playing at 2:30 p.m. and the 1 and 4 seeds playing at 6 p.m.

West showcased in volleyball

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a volleyball team. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 8 and 9:

The Central girls team opened up the Girls side of the showcase with strong play from Katy O'Connell (Northborough, Algonquin Reg. HS) and Lily Davidson (Rutland, Wachusett and rolled through Reg. HS), leading them to a 25-13 first game win. The second game saw more of the same, as the Nault twins Victoria, and Sabrina (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS) also helped power Central to a dominant game one performance, winning the second set 25-12.

Coastal 2, West 0

they held the lead numerous times thanks to Sasha Fyfe (Dalton, Waconah Reg. HS) and Gabrielle used great efforts from Chloe Adams (Greenfield, Frontier

sive start for the West squad, as

Reg. HS). Unfortunately, they were unable to hold the lead, as Coastal stormed back to grab a 25:16 win in the first set, the second game as well. Although closer in the end, the Coastal team found success thanks to consistent play from Haley Jenkins (Dartmouth, Dartmouth HS) and Hannah Storm (Swansea, Joseph Case HS).

West 2, Southeast 0

During this match. Southeast This match featured an impres- used a 6-point run, along with mul-

tiple diving plays to help propel them to a quick 25-15 first-game win. In the second game, West

> Schott (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) and Gabriella Manes (Feeding Hills, Agawam HS), however it wasn't enough as Zoe Smallman (Weston, Weston HS) and Caroline Gray (Whitman,

Whitman-Hanson Reg. HS) continued their good performances on the day, winning the second game 25-21.

The west would play in a challenge game on Sunday, July 9, but did not play in either of the medal

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the Cagers will move on to play Whitinsville-Christian in the first round of Auburn League summer playoffs.

Coach John Leonard hosted another advanced skill development clinic at Quabbin and over 30 players attended the two sessions offered. Leonard always brings a curriculum plan of strong fundamentals to each session from shooting technique to the passscreen offense. Those that attended were certainly drenched in perspiration but the skills received by repetition and the knowledge gained will serve them well against future competition. Leonard is planning on returning for a dedicated post play clinic as well as another advanced skills clinic. The clinics are extremely popular with the players and the former Villanova and UMass coach conducted two

age and skill appropriate clinics on the same day to better meet the needs of those players wanting to

Quabbin graduate Aiden Welch attended Leonard's clinic with the high schoolers. He is heading to **Quinsigamond Community College** to play college hoops. He never missed a clinic while at Quabbin. That dedication and discipline rewarded Welch with this year's selection as most valuable player and league all-star.

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the opening round series with a 5-2

victory, last Wednesday night. "Anytime that you're the higher

seeded team and you don't win a game in a playoff series, it's very unfortunate," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "We did have some good pitching in these two games, but we just didn't execute at the plate. We just left a lot of guys on base."

Marcinek shared the coaching duties with Jon Ferry. DiFranco Reality celebrated a

6-1 victory in game one. Game two was postponed for a day due to rain. St. Joe's, who finished the reg-

ular season with an 8-10 record, left a total of six runners on base in game two. Five of them were stranded in scoring position.

DiFranco, who went 6-12 during the regular season, took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's righthander Brandon Magni in the bottom of the first inning.

Centerfielder Cam Rivest, who's from Agawam, lined a leadoff single into leftfield. Rivest moved to third base following a perfect sacrifice bunt by first baseman Andrew Bunger.

After the next batter hit a ground ball back to Magni, an RBI single by designated hitter Carlos Pena gave the home team an early 1-0 lead.

St. Joe's did tie the score in their next at-bats.

With one-out in the top of the second inning, second baseman Jon Nickerson hit a flyball double to right field. Nickerson, who went 2-for-3 in game two, scored the tying run when left fielder Eric Corley (3-for-3) singled to center.

The duo of Nickerson and Corley combined for five of St. Joe's seven base hits in game two.

Nickerson, who also hit a bloop single to right field with one-out in the top of the fourth, scored the go-ahead run when catcher Adam Zebian hit a ground ball to the shortstop.

St. Joe's didn't keep the 2-1 lead for very long,

With one-out in the bottom of the fourth, DiFranco Realty second baseman Josh Wood, who walked, scored the tying run when right fielder Cade Raymond blasted a double down the right field line.

The home team retook the lead in the fifth inning.

Pena knocked home the first run of the frame with a double. Third baseman Nick Wilken followed with a single. After the next batter flied out, shortstop Ty Emet drew a walk which loaded the bases.

Wood drove home two more runs with another double giving DiFranco a 5-2 lead.

After DiFranco Realty righthander Nate Morse retired eight batters in a row, Corley hit a ground ball single into left field leading the top of the seventh inning. Shortstop Greg Vouros also singled with one-out. Morse retired the next two batters on a pop-up and a strikeout, as DiFranco Realty advanced into the semifinals.



Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, AUG. 3

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

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

CRAFTERNOON: SUN CATCHERS for ages six plus will be held at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre today at noon. All materials are provided and registration is required.

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

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

MONDAY, AUG. 7

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

GABB MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, returns after a three-year hiatus under a new name. The new name is in honor of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray, Bob Lajoie and Bob Tyck. The Florida style tournament will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. Cost is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, "goodie" bag and barbecue buffet. Deadline to register is Friday, July 28. There will be prizes for first through third teams, longest drive, last place, closest to pin an dhole in one in addition to raffles and silent auction. People may call Dawn Thistle at 508-882-3982, George Paradis at 508-882-3068 or Brian Laramee at 413-265-5289.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS will be held today, Aug. 14, Aug. 21 and Aug 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Plainfield Congregational Church, Plainfield. These free are concerts with donations gratefully accepted at the door or through their website. For program details, people may visit the Concerts at 7 website http://www.plainfieldconcertsat7.org/.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9 HAND DRUMMING CIRCLE SERIES with Tim

Where is 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, Aug. 7. The names of those that correctly quessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Roland Carver, Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was taken of on the bridge over the Ware River on the Hardwick side of the bridge at the Village of Old Furnace.

and Chris Kane will take place at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick on today from 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 6-7 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 6-7 p.m. No experience is necessary. Participants will discover differences in cultures and techniques on djembes and frame drums. Participants may bring personal percussion, but there will be drums provided for 20 participants. Each week a different cultural focus: Africa, Caribbean Islands, Brazil, Peru, Middle East and Native American rhythms. Research indicates that drumming induces deep relaxation, lowers blood pressure, and reduces stress. Participants should bring tall lawn chairs. Both of these programs are through grants from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

BARRE FOOD PANTRY Distribution will occur on today from 10-11 a.m. at the Barre Congregational church, 30 Park St., Barre and a second distribution will take place on Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients today and Aug. 17 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. 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.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading Program will take place at 7 p.m. at the Town House, 32 Common St., Hardwick when special prizes will be awarded and Julie Stepanek will show the fundamentals of playing the ukulele. No experience is necessary. Ukuleles will be provided. This is an all-ages ukulele program. Julie Stepanek is from Western Massachusetts and has been teaching and making music at libraries, schools, and senior centers for 15 years. There will be lots of fun, music and prizes for those who participated in the Find Your Voice Summer Reading Program.

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

AUDITIONS FOR 'ELF' will be held today at 5:30 p.m. for children and today and tomorrow for teens and adults. All auditions are by appointment only. People should either call 978-630-9388 or email to box-office@mwcc.mass.edu. Adults and teens should prepare a short vocal selection and should bring sheet music if the selection is not from the show. Children will be taught a song and short dance piece at the audition. Performance dates are Nov. 24, 25 and 26 and

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING/OAKHAM SUMMER READING GRAND FINALE for the TRIVIA sponsored by the Oakham Historical

Association will take place today at 6:30 p.m. at Agronomy Farm Vineyard, 338 Ware Corner Road, Oakham. Tickets are \$40 per person and there is a limit of 26 people. Tickets may be obtained by visiting Agronomy Farm Vineyard Facebook.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

UPPER WARE RIVER PADDLE will take place today with a 9 a.m. start at the Old Furnace Launch to Ware River Park, Gilbertville. It is a 4.5 mile, 1.5 hour scenic paddle and a smooth quick water run. People who will be participating should email Chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

FLEA MARKET sponsored by the First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the West Brookfield Common. Sellers of all kinds are welcome: flea folk, antique sellers, crafters, product vendors and those emptying out basements and attics. No food vendors, please. Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20' x 20' grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. Vendors may email Dee at fccofwbfleamarket@gmail.com for an application.

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

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY FAIR will be held today from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hope Lodge, Gardner.

This is free to the public. Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society is celebrating its 30th anniversary and is hosting a the genealogy and history fair to celebrate.

CHICKEN BARBECUE will be held today at 5:15 p.m. at St. John's Parish, 131 Blaine Avenue, East Brookfield. People may eat in the church hall or take out. Adult tickets are \$15 and children under 12 (smaller potion) are \$8. People should call the parish office at 508-867-6469 for tickets.

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT sponsored by the Friends of Wilbraham Senior will be held at Fern Valley Farms, 758 Main St., Wilbraham today with three elimination tournaments at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 per team and is payable at the event. Each winning team will walk away with a trophy, gift cards and bragging rights. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors programs and the new senior center Sign up for two person teams are going on now. People should email Kate at katebelsky13@gmail to register

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- 13. Cloths spread on a coffin 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus 19. It's good to take them 21. Noble-governed
- territory 23. Members of U.S. Navy 24. Card game
- resembling rummv 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people 27. Left 30. Woman's cloak

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- commanders 46. Ancient Greek 47. Makes unhappy 50. Discuss again 54. Medical instrument
- 55. Promote 56. A beloved carb 57. Tag the base runner to get him out
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MAIL YOUR LISTING INFORMATION TO:

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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, July 9

10:13 a.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to

12:03 p.m. Assault and Battery, Miles Road, Report Filed

12:46 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Officer Spoke to Party 4:37 p.m. Abdominal - Back Pain, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital 7:28 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Transported to Hospital

Monday, July 10

10:41 a.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls, Wachusett Street,

11:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle -Disabled, Main Street, No Action Required

12 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered

1:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Fernwood Drive, Area Patrolled

4:34 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Pommogussett Road, Information Given

8:48 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Bushy Lane, Report Filed

10:31 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Clealand Circle, No Action Required

Tuesday, July 11

9:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

12:49 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Bushy Lane, Officer Advised

2:01 p.m. Unwanted Party, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to

4:18 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party 4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Main Street, Report Filed

5:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Main Street, Information Taken 6:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued

6:43 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency

7 p.m. Identity Theft, Brintnal Drive, Report Filed

7:07 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Barre Plains Road, False/Accidental/ Defective Alarm

9:12 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Rufus Putnam Drive, Animal Returned

Wednesday, July 12 3:36 a.m. Diabetic, Peters Avenue,

Ambulance Signed Refusal 7:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

7:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 7:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road Citation Issued

7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive Written Warning

8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning 8:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Wachusett Street, Written Warning 8:46 a.m. Lookout (Home and Vehicle), Barre Paxton Road, Entry

8:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 8:59 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Intervale

Road. Services Rendered 9:24 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services

Rendered 9:52 a.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Old Turnpike Road,

Transported to Hospital 9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

10:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 10:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning 10:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning 12:47 p.m. Falls, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital

1:17 p.m. Returned Property, Finn Park Road, Services Rendered 2:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Glenwood Road, Negative

Contact

Road, Transported to Hospital 4:33 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Princeton, Services

2:49 p.m. Broken Arm, Adams

9:05 p.m. Abdominal - Back Pain, Autumn Wood Drive, Transported to

Thursday, July 13 1:08 a.m. Falls, Lewis Street,

Public Assist 7:24 a.m. Panic Attack, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to

9:12 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Message Delivered 12:24 p.m. Larceny, Main Street,

Officer Spoke to Party 2:45 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to

6:54 p.m. Animal - Found, Sassawanna Road, Animal Returned to Owner

8:14 p.m. Suspicious Person, Intervale Road, Report Filed

Friday, July 14

9:15 a.m. Threats, Jamie Ann Drive, Officer to Spoke to Party 11:28 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Partv

2:23 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Emerald Road, Services Rendered

8:07 p.m. Neurological/Head Injuries, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital

9:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle -Disabled, Fisherman's Road, Vehicle

Saturday, July 15

1:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

9:07 a.m. Animal - ACO Call. Pommogussett Road, Negative 9:17 a.m. Identity Theft, Jonathan

Circle, Officer Spoke to Party 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, Parmenter Road, Transported to Hospital

6 p.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, Rolling Ridge Road, Officer Spoke to

8:53 p.m. Fireworks, Juniper Lane, Peace Restored

Sunday, July 16

8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, Rutherford Road, Transported to Hospital

9:47 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Briarwood Road,

Referred to Other Agency 10:06 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Pommogussett Road,

Message Delivered 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Report

12:34 p.m. Property Damage,

Marjorie Lane, Report Filed 6:49 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Turkey Hill Road, Information Given

Monday, July 17

7:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

7:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

7:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Edson Avenue, Written Warning 7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 8:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 11:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning 11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Written Warning 12:07 p.m. Property Damage, Main

Street, Report Filed 12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

12:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning 12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

13:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Written Warning 1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 2:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 2:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

2:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 6:09 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre

Paxton Road, No Action Required 6:20 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, East County Road, Returned to Family/

11:14 p.m. Diabetic, Peters Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 18

3:08 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Main Street, Information Taken 4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle -Disabled, East County Road, Officer

Advised Wednesday, July 19

8:17 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Bigelow Road, Transported to Hospital 9:30 a.m. Court Duty, Main Street,

Services Rendered 9:58 a.m. Seizures, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

12:09 p.m. Brush and Wild land Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished

5:14 p.m. Lockout - Vehicle, Main Street. No Action Required 7:01 p.m. Disoriented Person,

Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, July 20 7:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning 7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

7:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning 7:56 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Wilson Way, Services

Rendered 8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

8:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning 9:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning 9:15 a.m. Property - Lost and Found, Julie Ann Circle, Information

9:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

10:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

11:15 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Ware Corner Road, Mutual Aid Transported 3:57 p.m. Seizures, Old Turnpike

Road, Transported to Hospital 7:07 p.m. Animal - Lost and/ Found, Glenwood Road, Animal

10:45 p.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, Pleasantdale Road, Animal Returned to Owner

Friday, July 21

12:26 p.m. Falls, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal

5:11 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Report Filed

7:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

9:27 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, North Brookfield, Area Search Negative

Saturday, July 22

7:53 a.m. Animal – Emergency Animal Call, East County Road, Services Rendered

11:39 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Oakley Drive, Officer Spoke to Party 12:39 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Bullard Road, Transported

to Hospital 4:37 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Miles Road,

Transported to Hospital 4:50 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Services

6:54 p.m. Animal - Lost, Charnock Circle, Returned to Owner

8:36 p.m. Power Outage, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, July 23

1:25 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Service

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 17-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 14 building/property checks, 47 directed/area patrols, four traffic controls, two radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one assist other agency, six safety hazards, two motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle investigation, two animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the

town of New Braintree. Tuesday, July 18

6:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued 11:18 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity,

4:10 p.m. Safety Hazard. Thompson Road, Officer Handled 4:15 p.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Officer Handled

Gilbertville Road, Negative Contact

4:25 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled 7:20 p.m. Safety Hazard, Oakham

Road, Officer Handled

Ravine Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, July 19 6:51 a.m. Safety Hazard, Ravine Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

7:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Officer

10:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

Sunday, July 16

Gardner Road, Area Search Negative

Brigham Street, Services Rendered

Monday, July 17

1:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Old Westminster Road,

8:53 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Main

10:23 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/

Parking Issues, Worcester Road,

Tuesday, July 18

Wires), Ed Clark Road, Information

Templeton Road, Information Taken

Road, Message Delivered

7:01 a.m. Tree Incidents (No

7:29 a.m. Erratic Operator, New

3:54 p.m. Safety Concern, Grimes

Wednesday, July 19

Unresponsive/Syncope, Brigham

Street, Transported to Hospital

7:35 a.m. Unconscious/

11:48 a.m. Assist Other Agency/

Negative Contact

Street, Report Filed

Services Rendered

Taken

8:41 a.m. Fire - Arcing Wires,

9:49 p.m. Lockout - Inside Home,

Utley Road, Transported to Hospital Gilbertville Road, Citation Issued

11:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Padre

Road, Spoken To

to Hospital

Road, Dispatch Handled 4:19 p.m. Safety Hazard,

During the week of July 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 22 building/property checks, 41 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, one radar assignment, one emergency 911 call, three citizen assists, four safety hazards, one motor vehicle investigation, one complaint, one fraud and four ani-

Monday, July 24

Hubbardston Police Log

Non-Police, Evergreen Road,

Turnpike, Referred to Other Agency

Rolingwoods Road, Animal Returned

Department, Rutland, Services

Thursday, July 20

Disabled, Old Princeton Road, Officer

Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Transported to Hospital

8:26 a.m. Motor_Vehicle -

10:38 a.m. ETOH Male, Gardner

4:44 p.m. Diabetic, Brigham Street,

8:39 p.m. Falls, Williamsville Cutoff

11:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision

Fire, Brigham Street, Criminal

Summons: Mulcahy, Michael R.

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle,

Registration Suspended, Operating

Road, False/Accidental/Defective

3:56 p.m. Fuel Spill, Old Boston

10:03 p.m. Animal - Found,

10:42 p..m. Assist Other Police

Negative Contact

Spoke to Party

Complaint

Jr., 39. Barre

Motor Vehicle With

Friday, July 21

4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

7:54 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle

7:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Ravine Road, Merge

Sunday, July 23 8:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre

Saturday, July 22

mal calls in the town of New Braintree. 8:26 a.m. Safety Hazard,

1:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Accident, Ravine Road, Transported

Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

West Brookfield Road, Transported to Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled 12:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Spoken To

> Drive, Taken/Referred to Other Agency Tuesday, July 25 12:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

1:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

Drive, Officer Handled 7:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Ravine Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, July 26

1:33 p.m. 911 Welfare Check. Gilbertville Road, Gone on Arrival Thursday, July 27 2:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle

4:21 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Officer Handled

Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer

Friday, July 28 1:29 p.m. Fraud, Credit Union

Springfield, Taken/Referred to Other

Saturday, July 29 12:18 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 6:54 p.m. Safety Hazard,

Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to

Gilbertville Road, Removed Hazard

7:35 p.m. Safety Hazard,

Friday, July 21 3:37 p.m. Power Outage, Main

5:27 p.m. Road Hazard, Gardner

5:37 p.m. Flooding, New

5:49 p.m. Road Condition

6:06 p.m. Road Hazard,

6:31 p.m. Road Condition

6:49 p.m. Road Condition

Templeton Road, Information Given

Notification, Thompson Road,

Williamsville Road, Information Given

Notification, Old Boston Turnpike,

Notification, Burnshirt Road, Officer

Saturday, July 22

Sunday, July 23

Vehicle, Mt. Jefferson Road, Negative

Department, Barre, Services

12:44 a.m. Suspicious Person/

1:34 a.m. Assist Other Police

7:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main

Street, Power Restored

Road, Information Given

Information Given

Information Given

Street, Officer Advised

Contact

Other Agency

on Ground), Crocker Nye Road, Referred to other Agency 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. Worcester Road, Citation Issued

7:25 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Spencer Road, Officer

Sunday, July 16

Collision - Fire, Rutherford Road,

Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Monday, July 17

Transported to Hospital

8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle

5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

7:11 p.m. Threats, North

Spoke to Party Tuesday, July 18

Delivered

12:02 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Adams Road, Message

9:25 p.m. Power Lines/Wire

Down, Old Turnpike Road, Services

Warning

Road, Investigated

Wednesday, July 19 10:18 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, North Brookfield Road,

Oakham Police Log

Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, July 20 6:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written 3:32 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not

> North Brookfield Road, Written Warning 7:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. North Brookfield Road, Written

6:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

11:15 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Ware Corner Road, Referred to Other Agency 3:57 p.m. Seizures, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital

5:56 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Hunt

Friday, July 21 4:40 p.m. Illegal Dumping, East

Hill East Road, Report Filed

9:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, North Brookfield Road, Area Search Negative

Saturday, July 22

12:39 p.m. Chest Pain/

Heart Problems, Bullard Road, Transported to Hospital 1:50 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Hunt Road, Mutual Aid

Transport

Information Given

4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle -Disabled, Adams Road, Public 4:52 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Crocker Nye Road, Information Given 7:07 p.m. Be On the Lookout Notification, North Brookfield Road,

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 60 building/property checks, 32 directed/ area patrols, six traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, three radar assignments, three citizen assists, one complaint, three assist other agencies, six safety hazards, one scam, one illegal dumping, two motor vehicle investigations, three motor vehicle accidents, five animal calls and 17 motor vehicle stops in

the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 24 8:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Greenwich Road,

Muddy Brook Road, Officer Handled 10:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Transferred Call to C7

9:17 a.m. Assist Other Agency,

10:24 a.m. Scam, Hardwick

10:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Voice Message Left 12:33 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled 4:22 p.m. Welfare Check, Main

Street, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Road, Report Taken

Road, Officer Handled Tuesday, July 25 6:07 a.m. Assist Citizen,

5:57 p.m. 911 Misdial, Ridge

7:48 a.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered

3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Services Rendered 4:55 p.m. Safety Hazard, Chagnon Road, Services Rendered

Investigation, Main Street, No Action Required 2:37 a.m. Complaint, Broad Street, Negative Contact

Wednesday, July 26

1:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle

2:01 p.m. Annoying Phone Calls,

3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued 4:10 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Main Street, Investigated 5:31 p.m. Parking Complaint, High Street, Services Rendered

Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital Thursday, July 27 5:56 a.m. 911 Utility Issues, Pine

8:13 p.m. 911 Medical

Street, Taken/Referred to Other 7:38 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Dispatch Handled 9:57 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main

Street, Services Rendered

1:17 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 4:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, No Action Required 6:49 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mellon Road Removed Hazard

7:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity,

Lower Road, Investigated

Friday, July 28 12:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sullivan Avenue, Transported to Hospital

10:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle

7:25 p.m. Fire Alarm, Old

Accident, Hardwick Road, Report Taken 2:24 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Removed Hazard

Saturday, July 29 11:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Old

Petersham Road, Investigated

Greenwich Plains Road, Officer 3:05 p.m. Missing Person, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital 11:54 a.m. Assist Citizen, Delargy Road, Spoken To 1:13 p.m. Carbon Monoxide

Sunday, July 30 10:40 a.m. 911 Medical

Alarm, Barre Road, Investigated 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued 4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made 7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation issued

Petersham Road, Written Warning

4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

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Sunday, July 16

9:59 a.m. Power Lines Down, Old Dana Road, Information Given 1:04 p.m. Trees in Wire (Not on Ground), Dana Road, Message Delivered

Monday, July 17

12:35 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Hubbardston Road,

Negative Contact 8:17 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered

11:43 a.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, Old Coldbrook Road, Information Given

4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued 7 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Summer Street, Information Taken

11:12 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, South Barre Road, No Police Service Necessary

Tuesday, July 18 9:40 a.m. Public Assist, South

Street, Information Taken 10:54 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Worcester Road, Mutual Aid

12:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party

1:44 p.m. Be On the Lookout, Whole Town, Officer Advised

4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued 4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Walnut Hill Road, Written Warning 5:12 p.m. Animal Bite, West Street, Information Taken

Wednesday, July 19 1:23 a.m. Falls, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital

8:48 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Washburn Road, Officer Spoke to

3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued 8:18 p.m. Extreme Pain, Wheelwright Road, Transported to

Hospital 9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Written Warning 9:53 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Old Dana Road, Officer Advised

Thursday, July 20 12:27 a.m. Bleeding, Dana

Road, Transported to Hospital 8:57 a.m. Choking, Peach Street, No Transport Required 9:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

West Street, Written Warning 10:45 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Services

11:34 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Springhill Road, Message Delivered 4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued 11:40 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Phillipston Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, July 21

4:30 a.m. Overdose/Poisoning, School Street South, Transported to

5:04 a.m. Fumes/Gas Leak, Summer Street, Investigated 7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued 9:34 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, James Street, Negative

Contact 12:06 p.m. HAZMAT Incidents, Devins, Services Rendered 2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle -Disabled, Summer Street, Officer

5:45 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Flaherty Road, Information Given

6:18 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Hancock Road Information Given

6:26 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Allen Hill Road,

Information Given 7:01 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Everett Road, Information Given

Saturday, July 22 9:25 a.m. Road Condition

Notification, School North Street, Message Delivered

10:46 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Main Street, Message Delivered

12:05 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issue, Moulton Street, Investigated 12:38 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Gilbert Road, Message 3:16 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Southampton, **Negative Contact** 6:24 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Pleasant Street,

Ambulance Signed Refusal 7:59 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Services Rendered

SOUTH BARRE Tuesday, July 18

10:48 a.m. Open Door/Window to Structure, Pine Tree Lane, Information Taken

4:43 p.m. Highway/Water / Sewer Calls, Quinn Road, Message Delivered

Friday, July 21

6:32 a.m. Road Condition/ Notification, Loring Road, Information Given

Saturday, July 22

10:51 a.m. Alarm - Trouble Signal, Oakham Road, Message Delivered

9 p.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Officer Advised

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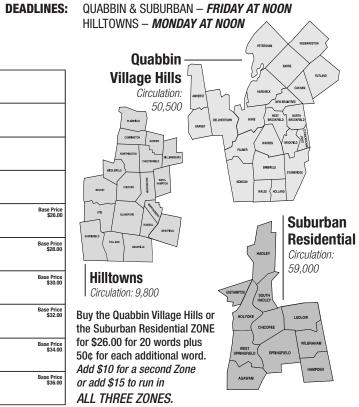
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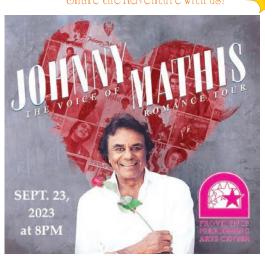
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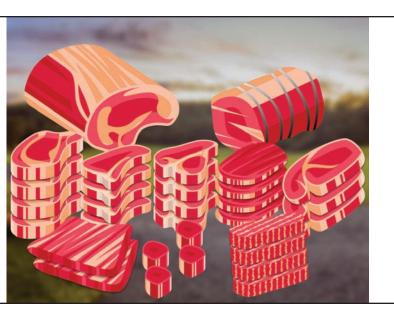
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