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Locals complete 100 Mile Ruck

Annual event
benefits
Why Me
& Sherry's
House

WORCESTER – Area residents recently completed the annual 100 Mile Ruck March to benefit Why Me & Sherry's House in Worcester.

Over the course of four days, 50 athletes rucked 25 miles each day to reach 100 miles.

This event has raised over \$1 million over the past six years to benefit local families facing childhood cancer. To donate, visit https://whyme.org/campaign_event/ruck-march-2026/.

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Becki Hamel of Barre finished day one of the 100 Mile Ruck March for Why Me & Sherry's House at Lilac Hedge Farm in Rutland.

Turley Photo by Mary Whitelaw

RMV offers training for older drivers

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BARRE – The Barre Senior Center hosted Michele Ellicks, who is the community outreach coordinator at the Registry of Motor Vehicles to give training for older drivers.

The training focused on health issues that can affect older drivers, how to combat those issues and how to apply for disability placards.

Ellicks started the program by highlighting that drivers between ages 55-74 actually have the lowest rate of collisions, as they often impose limits on themselves like not driving in bad weather or at night, or scheduling appointments during times of day where there is less traffic.

Ellicks said this statistic is

supported by a two decades study from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Ellicks said newer technologies like safer seatbelts and airbags along with lane departure warning and adaptive cruise control are factors in less collisions. She said at one time, seatbelts only covered the lap of the driver, but they now go over the shoulder.

She said drivers should not put the seatbelt under their arm or behind them.

"Number one, always wear your seatbelt," she said.

Ellicks said adaptive cruise control is able to detect cars in front of the driver, and keep a safe distance from it, but said cruise control is only to be used in perfect conditions, not

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Municipal Complex Committee sends questions to architect

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HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Municipal Complex Building Committee met last Tuesday to discuss what progress has been made on schematic designs for the building project at 48 Gardner Road, which is set to include town

offices, and a police and fire station.

The committee has been working with Derek Rubinoff out of West Roxbury for schematic designs and cost estimates as of the July 28 meeting.

Committee chair Kari Sacramone started the meeting looking for a motion to pay \$2,000 for schematic work. They had already paid

\$2,000 at a previous meeting. Sacramone said as of July 28, \$41,000 has been paid to Rubinoff. She said there is still about \$200,000 left in the budget that could go to Rubinoff for additional work.

The committee also reviewed cost estimates for the project, and members

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Teddy Bear Picnic

Annual event
celebrates
25th year

BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library hosted the 25th annual Teddy Bear Picnic this past Saturday, with a Teddy Bear Hospital staffed by EMTs and paramedics.

Members of the Fire and Police departments were on hand to give tours of their vehicles and demonstrate their equipment and gear.

Activities were offered by Making Opportunity Count CFCE & ParentChild+ and students from Next Step Studio of the Performing Arts gave a dance performance. The library also set up giant lawn games for families to enjoy. This annual event gives children and families the opportunity to meet public safety personnel in a non-emergency setting, and connect with community organizations.



Barre Police Officer Mark Sawyer showed Eleanor Pike some of his safety equipment at the 25th annual Teddy Bear Picnic hosted by the Woods Memorial Library. More photos on page 7.

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Submitted Photo

Dennis Letendre capped off the pavilion with the ridge cap using the heavy duty ladder from the old fire truck.

New Braintree pavilion project completed

A community
achievement

By Joe Salvatore
Guest Contributor

NEW BRAINTREE – The COVID-19 pandemic in 2019 put a halt to community gatherings and events that provided activities for the people and helped build a sense of community.

When it was finally deemed safe to return to school and resume public gatherings, the typical town events and gatherings seemed to have fallen to the wayside and proved difficult to restart. That's why some community leaders in the town of New Braintree decided to create a

Revitalization Committee to restart some of these community events to get people together once again.

The group consisted of Dennis Letendre, Joe Salvatore, Mike McQueston, Joe Chenevert, Andrea Letendre, Ryan Thompson, Jessica Monahan, Rory Fitzgerald, Jennifer Pollard and Debra Morrison. The group met monthly for two years and reestablished town events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Trunk or Treat, The Easter Egg Hunt, and Paint Night.

The group also installed trees around the common and fixed and repaired park benches.

In planning these events it became clear that the town lacked an outdoor shelter

that could be used for concerts and gatherings. The idea of the pavilion took shape and the group created a sketch of a 20 foot by 40 foot pavilion in the style of an open red barn to fit with the farming character of the town.

The plan was sent out to an architect and blue prints were created and all necessary permission and permits were obtained to start the project.

Coming up with an idea and then actually making it become a reality are two different things. With no money to buy building supplies or to hire a builder, the pavilion project could have just been wishful thinking.

The community was very

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Interdepartmental communication meeting held by Select Board and COA

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RUTLAND – The Select Board met Monday where they held a scheduled interdepartmental communication meeting with the Council on

Aging, where the council updated the board on activities they have been working on, and communicated their needs for future success.

Members of the COA present at the Aug. 3 meeting included Senior Center Director Nancy Nichols, and COA members Michael Dvareckas, Karen Juliano and Jessica Flaherty.

The council gave an update on an Americans with

Disabilities Act compliant bathroom at the community center, which is still in progress, but should be finished soon.

There was also an update on room two of the building, which was damaged by an ice dam. Council members said at one point, a former building inspector stopped the project, but demolition is now complete.

The roof is set to be

repaired before the inside of the room.

According to the report in the meeting packet, there are concerns about it getting done, since it is utilized for activities including a November craft fair. One member of the COA asked if there could be a better protocol for when there is damage, such as streamlining whose job it is to make a claim with the insurance company.

Another update from the COA is that they received a service incentives grant of \$20,000, which is helping with the loss of an outreach coordinator. There is a plan to include a self resource center in the community center building with a computer and phone for residents to use.

The COA also received an earmark from state Sen. Peter Durant's office for renovations and updates to the center.

Members of the COA noted that there is more than just social activities at the senior center, as some people come in because they have no food to eat, no heat in the winter, no electricity or are having trouble securing a health plan.

Members said the elder-

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Purple Heart Day

A Purple Heart Day Ceremony takes place Friday, Aug. 7 at 9 a.m. at Barre Plains Prisoner of War Corners, Barre. Purple Heart Day is observed on Aug. 7 each year and is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Purple Heart Day is also known as National Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Recognition Day and Purple Heart Appreciation Day. Purple Heart Towns across Massachusetts typically hold official ceremonies and flag-raising on or around Aug. 7 to recognize the date in 1782 when General George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit. Barre is officially designated as a Purple Heart Town, a title recognizing local combat-wounded veterans and honoring their sacrifices.

Quabbin Community Band

Sunday, Aug. 9 the Quabbin Community Band concert begins at 5 p.m. on the lawn of the Barre Historical Society Heritage Center featuring small ensembles. The full band will present “Barre on Parade” at 6 p.m. on Barre Common. Following the regular concert the new Quabbin Community Band Jazz Band will provide an encore under the lights of the Harding Allen Bandstand on Barre Common. The Barre Historical Society will sell popcorn and lemonade. In case of rain, concerts move to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

Nornay Park concerts

Nornay Park, Main Street in South Barre hosts The Other Guys on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The final concert is Saturday, Aug. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with Alive’n Kickin.’ The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand at these concerts. The concerts are supported in part by the Barre Cultural Council and the Barre Recreation Committee.

Ware River Bridge Hike

Ware River Bridge Hike sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation takes place on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Barre Falls Dam, Barre. Participants should park at Barre Falls Overlook parking lot. This easy 2 mile hike starts at an open meadow then follows the Ware River on the North side of Barre Falls Dam along a forested riverside path to a scenic bridge and back. People should wear appropriate footwear, bring water and have tick and insect protection.To register, they should visit https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f95134113755aa55a6f1caf4a3225.

Fr H. Edward Chalmers

Father H. Edward Chalmers on Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. will offer a reflection on the history of the Franciscans in Medjugorje at St. Francis of Assisi Parish St. Joseph’s Church, 29 South St., Barre. The program is in the church hall and people should use the side door.

Town Clerk lists early voting dates for State Primary

HARDWICK – Hardwick voters wishing to vote early, in-person for the Sept. 1, 2026 State Primary may do so at the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Office Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville on the following dates and times: Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. which is also the last day to register to vote for the State Primary; Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 25 and 26 from 3-7 p.m. Those wishing to vote by mail must have their application, or intention filed with the Town Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25.



Craig Wojick served in the U.S. Navy. His family stands beside him as he “wears” his Quilt of Valor.

Veterans receive Quilts of Valor

BARRE – Ten veterans received Quilts of Valor at a ceremony held in the Senior Center on Saturday, July 11. The senior center quilting group made all the quilts. Members of the Barre Senior Center quilting group included Eileen Bohigian, Linda Eastwood, Pam Hinckley, Cathy Miknaitis, Ann Mitus, Carole Stanley and Judy Wypych. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting healing Quilts of Valor. Quilts of Valor Massachusetts State Coordinator, Theresa Pereault officiated at the ceremony. An article appeared in the July 23 edition showing four of the veterans awarded Quilts of Valor. Three more veterans photos



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Scott Lagrant served two decades in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force. His wife helped wrap him in his Quilt of Valor.

appeared in the July 30 edition. The final three appear in this week’s edition. Veterans awarded quilts were: W. Robert Bentley, Chuck Carmelo Coppolino, Dennis G. Fleming, Pamela J. Gonsalves, David R. Hardaker, Scott Lagrant, Ralph Morrison, Anthony P. Musnicki. Betty-Jo O’Brien and Craig Wojcik.



Ralph Morrison served from 1955-1958 in the U.S. Army. His wife helped wrap him in his Quilt of Valor.

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. 10. 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 – American chop suey, broccoli and carrots, corn, dinner roll, Lorna Doone Cookies, salad (congregate only) TUESDAY – Burger with onion and peppers, pasta salad, sweet potato fries, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

WEDNESDAY – Chicken picatta, lemon seasoned rice, jardiniere blend vegetables, fruited ambrosia, pumpernickel bread THURSDAY – Baked potato with chili and cheese, sour cream, broccoli, chocolate mousse, whole wheat bread FRIDAY – Burgundy pork, garlic mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, peaches, Italian Vienna bread *Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each week-day. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.



OAKHAM
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Church to participate in town yard sale

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will participate in the Annual Oakham Town Wide Yard sale on Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. They will also sell hotdogs, sandwiches, chips, soda and bottled water. People wishing to donate items to the yard sale may drop them off in the side hallway, marked yard sale. The outside door is always open. Household items, small appliances, books, puzzles, children’s toys are welcome. No electronics or clothes will be accepted.

Town wide yard sale

The town wide yard sale sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association will be held Saturday, Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.. To be on the map, people should send \$15 to Oakham Historical Association. P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 00168. Checks must be received by Monday, Aug. 17 to be placed on the map. People may call Kathy Young at 508–882–3137 with any questions.

29th Annual GABB Memorial Golf Tournament

The 29th Annual GABB Memorial Golf Tournament takes place Monday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. Registration is \$100 per person or \$400 for a team of four and includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and Italian buffet. Registration and putting contest is 7:30-9 a.m. A Florida style shotgun start is at 9 a.m. An Italian buffet, silent auction, raffle prizes and awards are at 2 p.m. Checks should be made out to the Oakham Congregational Church and mailed to Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Unit 12, Oakham, MA 01068. For more information, people may call either Dawn Thistle at 774-479-6697 or George Paradis at 508-882-3068. This family-oriented tournament has raised thousands of dollars for local charities (2025: over \$14,000) in memory of four beloved community members: Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray, Bob Tyck and Bob Lajoie. Tournament play is followed by a delicious banquet and lots of raffles and prizes.

Senior Center news

Blood pressure clinic will be held Thursday, Aug. 13 at 11:15 a.m. in the Senior Center, located in the lower level of Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road. The monthly Council on Aging meeting takes place on Friday, Aug. 14 at noon in the voting room of Town Hall. Podiatry clinic meets Monday, Aug. 17, and Monday Aug. 25, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. by appointment only. People should call 508-882-4073 to schedule an appointment. Lunch Bunch is meeting at The Flight Deck at Southbridge Airport on Friday, Aug. 21 at 12:30 p.m. People should call 508-882-4073 to sign up and make reservations. Blood pressure/glucose screening clinic takes place Tuesday Aug. 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. no appointment is required. The COA will be hosting a Labor Day cookout Friday, Sept. 4 at 12:30 p.m. People should call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 call to sign up for an accurate head count. Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Editorial deadline reminder

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Quabbin Regional School Committee Collective Subcommittee – Aug. 11 at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.
Conservation Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.
Barre Common Oversight Committee – Aug. 12 at 5 p.m.
Library Trustees — Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 13 at 1 p.m.
Select Board – Aug. 17 at 5 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Aug. 27 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 12 at 3 p.m.
Town Meeting – Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m..
Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 31 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Conservation Commission – Aug. 7 at 7 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees – Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.
Cultural Council – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Aug. 17 at 5 p.m.
Select Board. – Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 19 at 4 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Special Town Meeting – Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 19 all day
State Primary last day to register to vote and early voting – Aug. 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
State Primary early voting – Aug. 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
State Primary early voting – Aug. 25 fro 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
State Primary early voting – Aug. 26 form 9 a.m.-noon
State Primary early voting – Aug. 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health – Aug. 6 and Aug. 13 at 6 p.m.
Finance Committee – Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – Aug. 13 at 10 a.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Aug. 6 at 5 p.m., Aug. 11 at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 18 at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 27 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – Aug. 11 at 11 a.m.
Board of Health – Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – Aug. 13 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Aug. 14 at 9 a.m.

RUTLAND

Rutland Community Electricity Public Info Meeting – Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m.

Barre Food Pantry holds distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, Aug. 12from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Aug. 20 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 12 or in the evening on Thursday, Aug. 20, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses.

Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors has considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but has decided that the most responsible

path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 12 and Aug. 20 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., 30 Park St.

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

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

On Tuesday night,

August 11at 5 p.m. the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning.

If people can help pitch in for an hour on Tuesday, Aug. 11, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

Volunteers should not arrive to volunteer on Aug. 11, 12 or 20 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at (978)-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should continue to visit the Barre Food Pantry website <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/> for updates.



Submitted photo

The Quabbin Community Band presents a special concert on Sunday, Aug. 9. It begins at the Barre Historical Society Heritage Center lawn at 5 p.m., moves to the Common for the regular 6 p.m. concert and ends with the newly formed QCB Jazz Band as an encore under the lights.

Quabbin Community Band presents ‘Barre on Parade

BARRE – The Barre Historical Society Heritage Center will be the first Quabbin Community Band performance site this coming Sunday, Aug. 9 at 5 p.m.

This first performance features small ensembles made up of members of the Quabbin Community Band. Featured will be flute, saxophone, French horn and clarinet quartets along with an eight-member trumpet ensemble.

Groups will play from the Heritage Center lawn

as well as from the balcony overlooking the common. At 6 p.m. the full Quabbin Community Band will perform on the lawn of the main Common welcoming alumni from previous years to join them.

Their program will include “A Copland Portrait,” “Symphonic Gershwin,” “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and many others. As a finale, the newly formed QCB Jazz Band will play an encore of four tunes from the Harding Allen

Bandstand under the lights. In addition to “Bye Bye Blackbird” and “Take the A Train,” “Mack the Knife” will be performed by local vocalist Sarah Seng.

“Barre on Parade” is an event along the lines of Tanglewood on Parade in Lenox, encouraging families and friends to bring their picnic blankets and food to the common early on Sunday to enjoy a special event featuring varied and entertaining music.

Special Town Meeting to be held on Aug. 12

HARDWICK – There will be a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Myron E. Richardson

Municipal Office Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville.

The warrant for the meeting may be found at www.hardwick-ma.gov, at

the Municipal Building, and at the Gilbertville, Wheelwright and Hardwick post offices.

HUBBARDSTON

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Game night set for Aug. 28

First Meeting House, 2 Main St., holds a game night fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 28 from 5-8 p.m. Suggested donation \$20 a family, \$5 a single person. People can unplug, reconnect with board games and card games. This is family fun and a chance to meet fellow towns people. play an old favorite or learn a new game. This is a great way to finish the summer before school starts Light refreshments are available.

Voter inactivation

One thousand two hundred twenty eight voters were inactivated because their household did not respond to the 2026 municipal census. At the beginning of each calendar year, the census is sent to each household, and if not responded to by June 1, each voter is changed from active to inactive. Once a voter is inactive for four years, he cycle of a General/Presidential election, they are deleted due to inactivity. The Town Clerk’s office is in the process of mailing out a second census to each of the non-responsive households. They need to respond in order to be reactivated before the State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 1. If a resident comes to vote on Election Day Tuesday, Sept. 1 and are still inactive, they will be required to show identification and proof that they still reside in Town (either by their license, or mail, with their name and Hubbardston address on it. People will also be required to fill out an Affidavit of continuous residence, a one-page document, which is an inconvenience to at the polls.

People may find more information on inactive voters by visiting www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/inactive-voters.htm. To check current voter status, people may visit: www.sec.state.ma.us/voter-registrationsearch/. To avoid inactivation in future years, kindly respond to the municipal census when it is mailed to each household at the beginning of each calendar year.

Dinghy Dash

The ninth annual Dinghy Dash takes place on Saturday, Aug. 22 on Brigham Pond at 10 a.m. This year, there are three categories to choose from: single occupant adult, single occupant youth and group vessel. People may visit the town website at www.hubbardston-ma.gov for official entry forms and rules. The entry deadline is Monday, Aug.17.

Library 5K run/walk

The 29th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K run/walk takes place Saturday Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the library, approaching \$95,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$30. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as medals/prizes to age group winners will be provided. Prizes are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors may call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2025 Race/Walk raised over \$4,100 for support of the library’s activities and Scholarship Fund.

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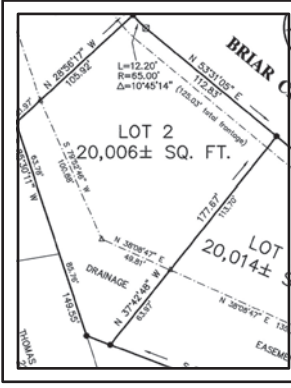


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Opinion

By Ellenor Downer



Juvenile brown headed cowbird

My daughter, Paula Ouimette, took this photo of a juvenile brown headed cowbird watching her run laps with her dog, Jo Jo.

The young cowbird perched on a fence near the driveway of the elementary school in Hardwick.

My daughter used the Seek app by iNaturalist to get the identification. It stayed there for about 20 minutes before flying off.

She said there were no other cowbirds around, but cowbirds lay their eggs in nests of birds smaller than then in hopes they will raise their young.

Obviously, this young cowbird looks well feed. I wonder what bird raised it, often at the expense of their own offspring.

Warblers and vireos are the most common cowbird hosts. Their nestlings weight less than half as much as the cowbird nestling.

Some species will either push the cowbird egg out of their nest or leave that nest and start another nest.

The brown-headed cowbird is a stocky blackbird. The females do not build a nest and instead produce up to three dozen eggs per summer.

They lay the eggs in the nests of other bird species and let them raise their young, know as brood parasitism.

Brown-headed cowbirds are native to North America, but many people consider them a nuisance bird because of their parenting style.

Cowbirds destroy the eggs and young of smaller songbirds and have been implicated in the decline of several endangered species, including Kirtland’s warbler and black-capped vireo.

Adult male cowbirds have glossy black bodies and brown heads, hence their name. In poor lighting, the male’s head looks brown.

The female is brown with the head lighter brown

than the body. She has fine streaking on the belly/ Both sexes have thick, conical bills and black eyes.

They are 7.5 to 8.7 inches long. They feed on the ground and can be seen walking behind livestock to eat what their hooves stir up.

They are found in open habitats such as fields, pastures, meadows, forest edges and lawns. They also perch on a prominent branch high in a tree.

They are primarily seed-eaters and insectivores, adapting their diet based on availability and season, often gleaned from the ground or by following grazing animals. They will come to feeders as well and prefer sunflower seeds and millet.

Other Hardwick birds

My daughter, Paula, saw lots of bluebirds, swallows, robins and one hen turkey with a poult. She said there were probably more underneath the hen turkey, but only one was brave enough to come out.

Red tail hawks

I have several red tail hawks in Barre, New Braintree and Oakham. Recently, one flew off and the sunshine showed off the hawks red tail. They are often seen by freshly mowed fields in hopes of featching some rodents, who stand out on a newly cut field.

Great blue heron

Long Pond in Rutland is a popular spot to find a great blue heron “fishing” in the shallows along Route 122.

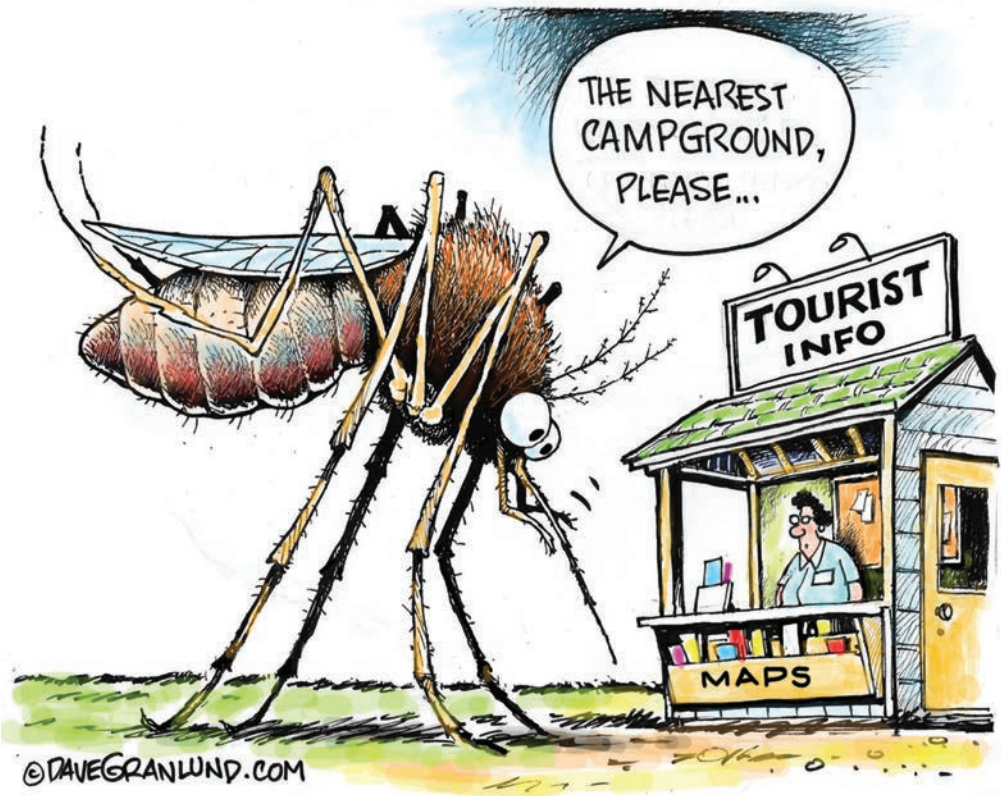
Meal worms

I continue to have catbirds come for the mealworms I leave them on the picnic table. The other day I heard a catbird make its meowing call. Males use the call to establish territory and females for communication and alarm purposes.

Raven

Recently, the common raven flew overhead making its gurgling croak. I could hear it, but I was unable to see it with all the trees.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.



In Past Pages

Look Back – Barre Health Center – 1984



Much progress can be seen on the construction of the Barre Health Center, Worcester Road, Barre on Feb. 29, 1984.

5 years (Aug. 12, 2021)

Hardwick Selectman Vice-Chairman Julie Quink opened the public hearing for Lost Towns Brewing’s request for alter of premises. Owner Pamela J. Spurrell said during the pandemic, they were required to offer outdoor seating and the only space they had available was their parking lot. She said they knew they wanted to create a permanent space away from their parking lot and have been working with the building inspector. Spurrell said safety has been a big concern with utilizing their parking lot for seating. They have excavated a space behind their building for outdoor seating and are installing a 13-foot retaining wall. Spurrell said the outdoor space will only be accessible through the building or a secure entry point at the sidewalk. Erik Fleming, member of the Planning Board, asked Spurrell to check with his board to alter or amend any special permit they may have. He said he did not think it would be an issue, but it would be good

to check. Spurrell said there were no special permits granted to them, but they would be in contact with the Planning Board. Parker said they may need a minor amendment to their site plan with the addition of permanent outdoor seating.

The town of Rutland kicked off their 300th Anniversary celebration last Friday, Aug. 6 with a community concert on the Common. This was the first public event since the Covid-19 pandemic and the large turnout signaled the community was more than ready to emerge from the outbreak’s shadows. The festival included food trucks, raffles and beer tent. Jake McKelvie and the Countertops, who label themselves as an electric folk style band, overwhelmed the hundreds of families, who filled the town’s 300-year-old Common. Jeff Stillings from the Rutland Tricentennial Committee opened the ceremony with a tribute to the boys and girls of Rutland’s Little League, many of whom clinched their age group’s District Championship in

2021 and 2020. The town especially recognized the 9 to 11 year old age group, who made it to the State Championship this year.

The Gilbertville Stone Church, which is listed as the Gilbertville Trinitarian Congregational Church in the State Register of Historic Places, has received a \$50,000 matching grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Francis Galvin, chairman. Friends of the Stone Church, Inc., the community organization founded in 2015 to restore the endangered 1874 Gilbertville landmark, plans to begin its third phase of steeple stabilization soon.

10 years (Aug. 11, 2016)

The longstanding tradition of the Hardwick Community Fair continues with its 254th year Aug. 19 and 20. It is the oldest fair in the United States. The fair

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Look for me – won’t you,
I won’t be hard to find,
I’ll be wearing Love’s Sunshie,
It’s like no other kind.

It’s a smile that’s quick to surface,
A blush upon my cheek,
Should my back be turned to you,
You’ll hear it when I speak.

It’s a straightness of my shoulders,
A sureness in my step,
I’m the one with all the promise
Of a secret that’s been kept.

So, look for me – won’t you,
It won’t be hard to tell
I’ll be wearing Love’s Sunshine
I wear you oh so well.

Patricia Masten

When should my wife file for spouse benefits?

My wife is 66 (born February 1960) and started taking Social Security retirement benefits just over one year ago at age 65.

She was a stay-at-home Mom for most of her adult life. I turned 62 this past March and received my first SS payment recently for a May 2026 start. We are scheduled to meet with SSA in late July to initiate spousal benefits because my wife’s current benefits are less than 50% of mine.

We also have an adult disabled son, who receives Supplemental Security Income and Social Security benefits (this split in benefit sources happened after my wife filed - that whole process was confusing and we don’t understand it).

My question relates to

spousal benefits (I was a career finance person but don’t completely understand these rules). We were going

(although you claimed at 62, her benefit as your spouse will still be based on your FRA entitlement).

Because she claimed her SS retirement at 65, your wife will not get 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather she will get her own reduced SS retirement benefit (which was reduced by about 13% from her FRA entitlement) plus a “spousal boost.” The amount of that “boost” will be the difference between her own FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, but that boost amount will also be reduced because she will be claiming in July before her FRA.

Signed: Confused Finance Guy

Dear Confused:

First, be aware that your wife’s spousal benefit will be based on her age when she claims it, and half of your Full Retirement Age,

will get her own reduced SS retirement benefit (which was reduced by about 13% from her FRA entitlement) plus a “spousal boost.” The amount of that “boost” will be the difference between her own FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, but that boost amount will also be reduced because she will be claiming in July before her FRA.

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We had some very heavy rains, which we needed.

The gardens are growing well and luckily we live on a hill so there was no flooding.

My handyman picked me two batches of wild blueberries so I made two blueberry pies and a batch of blueberry muffins. They were so good.

On Sunday my two daughters arranged a 90th birthday party for me and surprised me with lots of presents, flowers and a meal of fried clams.

They set up a long table on the deck and had it buffet style and then brought in their plates full and ate in the dining room. Luckily the weather was good and there were few mosquitoes.

I also received many cards of good wishes from my many friends and made me feel very special. It has been a hard year for me taking care of Ken so I really appreciated this party.

Here is a recipe that I plan to make again this week when I get all the ingredients.

SANDY'S CHICKEN DISH

4 lbs. chicken breasts, boneless and skinless
1/4 lb. sliced ham
1/4 lb. sliced Swiss cheese
1 cup sour cream

1 can cream of chicken soup

Directions;

Place one slice of ham and a slice of cheese on one pounded chicken breast; roll and place in sprayed baking pan. Do the rest of the chicken the same way. Combine the soup, sour cream and remaining cheese. Pour over the chicken. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Sauce is nice over vegetables. Makes 4 servings. Note: Recipe can be halved for a couple.

FOUR INGREDIENT MACAROONS

1 bag of shredded sweetened coconut

1 14 oz.can of sweetened condensed milk

2 cups of chocolate chips

1/4 cups of chopped almonds

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Take a piece of parchment paper and line a cookie sheet. Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl and spoon out a tablespoon on the sheet and press down to make a patty. Bake at 325 degrees for about 14 to 17 minutes or until the edges get brown. Cool before taking off the cookie sheet.

This and That

I's still working on sort-

ing things from the garage. One notebook was the life of Ethan Allen Greenwood and I went onto the internet and found a lot more on the portrait painter and business man from Hubbardston. A lovely portrait of William Bennett that was donated by the Clark family was done by him in the Public Library. The same picture of him appears in the History of Hubbardston by Stowe of 1881.

I did find a nice portrait of him that he did of himself at an early time of his life. I also found a listing of all the paintings he did over the years. I made a copy of his biography and that photo for the Historical Society to have in their collection.

I was interested to read that he had a step daughter, who lived in Barre. He also taught in a number of area towns. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery off New Westminster Road.

It is amazing what you can find when you search the Internet. There are a lot of his portraits for sale on the Internet also.

Have a good week and enjoy the rest of the summer. It is better to give than to receive, but I enjoy both.

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opens at 7 p.m. at the flagpole on the Common Friday. The fair supper is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per person. This year's fair is dedicated to Mickey DiMartino, a long time fair committee member and Hardwick resident that passed away Oct. 9, 2015. Exhibit halls will be open 7-10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

Dick Fiske, founder of the Heart to Foundation Inc. recently gave the Shotsberger family a \$500 check to help them while their 1-year-old son is undergoing medical procedures.

Baby Jimmy, as he is referred to by his family, was a 26-week premature child, who was born without vocal chords and has chronic Lyme disease. On July 26, he underwent surgery for one of his vocal chords. He turned 1-year-old on June 25. Baby Jimmy had a hernia operated on, a heart murmur fixed and has been hospitalized five times. "Even a little cold will send him downhill," said his mother, Shannon Shotsberger. Shotsberger had to quit her job in order to take care of her son, who requires 24-hour monitoring because he is on oxygen and needs to be fed every few hours. Jimmy has to be fed through a stomach tube, but despite all his medical issues he's a happy soul. "He never cries, he's never sad, he doesn't fuss," Shotsberger said.

Petersham Select Board members, Henry Woolsey and Rick Marsh, rescheduled the third public information meeting on the Nichewaug Inn and Academy with the town's planning consultant, Ted Carman from Concord Square Planning and Development to Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

The Sept. 7 meeting will be held in the lower level of the Petersham Town Hall. Topics to be presented include: an assessment of the water and septic issues of the site, the results of the market study recently conducted for one and two bedroom residential units based on four nearby towns and a financial analysis (costs, housing prices, tax revenues) of the pos-

sible benefit for the town and the feasibility for a potential developer to undertake each of four residential scenarios that were identified earlier in the planning process. Select Board chair, Nancy Allen, recused herself as she does with all matters concerning the town owned Nichewaug property. Vice-chair Woolsey said that Eagle Hill School in Hardwick, Insight Meditation in Barre and Quabbin Retreat in Petersham were approached to see if they had any interest in residential housing for staff and/or parents at the site.

25 years (Aug. 9, 2001)

It was a hot summer afternoon for an open house to honor Eugene "Gene" Kennedy, but it not keep people from the community away. Gene sat on the porch and greeted the many well-wishers, who came to honor the long time photographer, who covered events in Barre and the Barre area for 36 years. State Sen. Stephen Brewer presented Gene with a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate. Brewer read the citation so all present could appreciate Gene's many accomplishments.

The two members of the Barre Board of Selectmen, Dan Trifio and Charlie Chase, discussed a letter from Harold Nichols, Inspector of Building/Zoning Officer. In the letter, Nichols said he met with Mr Albert about the use of town property to park a trailer. The town property is the old E.P. Wine site on Station Road. According to Albert, the trailer unit is owned by Jimmy O'Dwell. The board agreed the site is not intended as a parking lot and added the town spent a lot of money clearing up the site.

Several area churches held Vacation Bible Schools last week and the Ti-Parish Community Church and St. Aloysius Catholic Church Bible School began yesterday and runs through Friday. The theme is "Way to Go, Good Neighbor Tours." The children learn about being a good neighbor. St. Thomas-a-Becket in South Barre held a three day Bible Camp entitled "A passport to the Holy Land." The them at

the Oakham Congregational Church and West Brookfield Congregational Church was "Polar expedition where kids discover Jesus' love is really cool." The them at the Pilgrim Baptist Vacation Bible School was "Celebrate Life."

38 years (Aug. 13, 1988)

When you age your desire is to be interesting, you have to be interested is something, according to Lorraine Wickman of Gardner. That's one of the reasons she developed the Lifelong Learning Institute for Enrichment program being offered this fall at Mount Wachusett Community College's Division of Continuing Education - "to enhance and promote healthy active minds in senior citizens." According to the pamphlet that outlines the 31 courses being offered, the goal is to motivate seniors citizens to explore educational opportunities by enrolling in the courses.

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. On the circus midway prior to show time will be pony and elephant rides, exhibits, an inflatable Moon Walk, a speed ball toss, souvenirs and other traditional circus treats.

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. Selectmen suggested he use the list compiled as a community service project by two students and a list the Oakham Historical Association has as a base for his list. He will also check the town clerk's records

Privet pruning leads to instruction

Every year when we head off to the Cape, the "yard" talk becomes privets, and bunnies, but that is a whole other column.

When we visited in June, the privets where we stay had been cut way back in an effort to reduce height and width. This trip, I noticed those cuts had grown back nicely, achieving the desired results.

Read on while we revisit a column from the archives on pruning hedges.

A living hedge offers multi-seasonal interest. A number of shrubs suited for hedges flower or have appealing fall leaf color.

Others are evergreen and fulfill the "need for green" even in the offseason.

Some make great homes for wildlife, and others are the perfect backdrop for our holiday decorations.

Whatever the case, a hedge doesn't have to be old and overgrown to require your attention. Perhaps it is a little misshapen, or too tall and gangly. Maybe it has lots of dead wood.

Anyway, there is no time like the present to get out the loppers and hand clippers and do some pruning.

Old and overgrown

Hedges that fall into this category should be rejuvenated over the course of three years. The general rule of thumb is to remove no more than one-third of a shrub's mass at one time.

Working from the interior of each plant, cut out the oldest stems first to ground level. Fresh new growth will fill in the gaps.

Repeat in years two and three, until all the old wood

has been pruned away. If you prune more drastically than recommended, there will be less leaf power for photosynthesis, and vigor may be reduced; curb your impatience and stick to the three year rule.



Misshapen

Hedges can sometimes be disproportionate and appear top or bottom-heavy. Proper pruning can alleviate this problems.

Before horticulture college, it never occurred to me that I could determine the direction in which my shrub will grow based on the pruning cuts I make. I used to think I was merely shortening stems!

Grab a branch and examine the buds closely. Some point inward while others point out. Voilà!

For a top-heavy shrub make cuts at inward facing buds on the upper section-this will curb outward facing growth. On the lower portion make your cuts at buds facing out to encourage outer branching.

Best cuts are made on a 45 degree angle just after the bud of choice. Try this pruning method on privet.

Too tall and gangly

Hedges that are tall and thin need more than just "a little off the top." Here you will employ pruning strategies that you've already learned.

Cut deep into the plant to

bring down its height, then prune the sides of the shrub to outward facing buds to encourage a wider hedge.

This technique works especially well with hedges comprised of Rose of Sharon.

Lots of dead wood

The quickest way to prune a hedge has always been to employ shears or electric trimmers and simply remove new growth each season. Unfortunately this method makes for lots of green leaves at the plant's tips but for very little on the interior of the shrub.

If you should decide you want to reduce the overall size of the hedge you will be in for trouble - all that will be visible is dead wood. Start making "windows" now by cutting out large stems back to main branches.

Light will penetrate inside the plant spawning lots of fresh green growth. Eventually you will be able to cut the hedge back to that point. The three year, one-third rule that I spoke of earlier should apply here as well.

Boxwood and yews benefit from this type of rejuvenation.

Kudos to the privet pruner; you did well!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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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Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are

invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second

and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.



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Amanda Tombor of Gilbertville finished day two at Stone Cow in Barre with the traditional “kiss the cow.”



Amanda Tombor of Gilbertville and David Pottle of Webster are showing crossing the water.



Sam Dube of Oakham presented Kyle Allen of Winchendon with his finisher's medal.



Greg Guertin of North Brookfield is shown crossing water during the ruck march.

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in rain, snow or ice. Ellicks also noted that highway infrastructure has gotten safer, with more lights and larger fonts on signs.

Ellicks continued, saying that once drivers hit age 75 or older, collisions and fatalities start to rise, for both the driver and other occupants of the vehicle, with the highest fatality rate coming from drivers over age 80. She said part of the reason older drivers die more in a crash is their bodies cannot handle the impact as well. She said the crashes per mile driven also increases with age.

Ellicks said some of the problems older drivers can face are functional impairments, like loss of eyesight. She said as people age, they can lose their light and depth perception along with their peripheral vision.

Ellicks said if a driver starts to notice that, they need to self-report it on their renewal application, because if the state does not see an ailment on the application, they will issue a license for five years. She said if a person gets in a crash because of a known issue, the liability is still on the individual, not the state.

Ellicks noted that not all impairments are permanent, and not only for older people, giving the example of cataracts, which can be treated, or broken bones reducing the strength in legs, which can also be treated.

“Our mobility can change in an instant,” Ellicks said. She said it is important to have a second plan, like a

MART bus or an elder bus, and there are staff available to train new users.

Another impairment Ellicks talked about was medication side effects, such as dizziness, nausea, drowsiness, lack of concentration and agitation, which can all affect one’s driving. She noted that the operating under the influence law in Massachusetts covers all medications, including prescription and over the counter medications that are causing an impairment.

Finally, Ellicks talked about disability placards, which must be applied for at the RMV. She said there are multiple options like disability placards to hang from the rear view mirror, disability plates, disabled veterans plates and disabled motorcycle plates.

She said they all offer the same benefits, but a driver cannot have both a plate and a placard, and they are only issued to disabled people.

She said in some cases, it is more beneficial to have the placard because it can be hung in any car the disabled person is driving in, and the placard can only be used if the disabled person is exiting the vehicle.

According to Ellicks, 10% of disability placard applications result in license loss, but all drivers have the right to a hearing. She also said a healthcare provider has to fill out a portion of the application, and check off whether the person is fit to drive. Ellicks said even if a person cannot drive, they can still get a placard.

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fortunate to have an anonymous donor come forward to fund the building supplies and Pathfinder Vocational agreed to use students in the carpentry program to build the pavilion. In 2024 Pathfinder students came out and started to dig the foundation holes for the pavilion, which would be located on the old basketball court in the center of town overlooking the softball field.

The footprint was marked out and several holes were partially dug before the Pathfinder crew ran into issues with travel, timing, and supervision of the students. Pathfinder had to abandon the project.

The committee now had money for supplies but hiring a professional building crew would be too expensive so the pavilion project seemed to be stuck again. The group looked among themselves and realized that many of them were handy with the hammer.

Although it would take a



Ethan Salvadore, Dennis Letendre and John Head nailed boards together to create the beam to span the front opening of the pavilion.

while, they decided to build the pavilion purely with volunteer labor.

It was a 90 degree day on July 31, 2024 when the initial group of volunteers started to dig the 11 four foot deep holes needed for the concrete foundation footings.

Poor weather seemed to be the constant every time there was planned pavilion work. The group endured hot days, rainy days, and many finger-numbing cold days

throughout the two years that it took to complete the pavilion.

The main group of volunteers that were there from start to finish and every work day were Dennis Letendre, John Head, and Joe Salvadore. However, just like in the old story of “Stone Soup,” as the poles went up and the structure started to take shape more people came out to offer help and volunteer.



Matt Koziol attached the blocking brackets between the beams.

Matt Koziol, aka Farmer Matt, was very helpful in the early stages of construction providing both building knowledge and tools. Doug Waugh and Erik Lefevre were helpful in providing expertise on how to cut the rafters.

Construction and progress was slow at first and it was sometimes difficult to get a work crew together due to work and family schedules.

Thinking about how nice

it would be to have the finished pavilion available for the events planned for the 275th Anniversary in 2026, the group put out a call out for more volunteers to speed things up. Rick Forshay joined the work crew and brought with him years of carpentry and construction experience along with many helpful tools to give the pavilion work crew a push to the finish line.

Forshay also brought a cheerful attitude, funny quips

and a sense of humor, which helped the work crew morale on those cold days in March.

Other volunteers who stepped forward to help to get the job done include Dick Reavey, Jason Ayer, Brian Boucher, Maddie Gaumond, Rory Fitzgerald, Weston and Liam Letendre.

Doug Morrison painted the pavilion in classic barn red with white trim. The colors and location of the pavilion ties in nicely with the other town buildings and character of the town.

On some of the last big work weekends, Jessica Bennett and Dody Ayer cooked lunch for the crew and set up a whole buffet in the town hall that created the feel of an Amish barn raising event.

The last piece of the pavilion construction was the installation of the metal roof. Walking out on the slippery metal roof to fasten down the panels was not safe so Dennis Letendre brought in the old fire truck ladder to walk up and had the job of capping off the pavilion project.

With a few more trim pieces and the completion of electric work, the pavilion was finally done on June 29, just in time for its inaugural event, the Air Force Heritage Band of America Concert on July 5.

The group still plans to add some finishing touches to the inside of the pavilion but all are relieved it’s done and all are proud of this community achievement.

The pavilion was built, “like a tank,” and in the end the volunteers built it better than anyone else could have, and were certainly cheaper.

Not only does the pavilion look amazing and I enjoy seeing it every time I drive by it, I met and got to know the volunteers that came out to help. The building has enormous potential for hosting all sorts of town events from movie nights, outdoor concerts, crafters, watching softball games, exercise groups, story hours and more. The New Braintree Pavilion stands as a testament to what a town can accomplish with people who want to make a difference and care about their community.

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Teddy Bear Picnic



Finnegan Salamack and Aiden Salamack played at the sensory table.



Adalyan Rogowski and Rowan Rogowski attended the Teddy Bear Picnic held this past Saturday.



A child brought their stuffed bunny to the Teddy Bear Picnic.



Dancers performed from the Next Step Studio of the Performing Arts.



Rhianna Burke, Luveena Flagg and Sam Breault represented Making Opportunity Count CFCE & ParentChild+.

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Your wife will reach her FRA in February 2027, so by claiming her spousal boost in July her boost amount will be reduced by about 5% and the “boost” will be added to her already reduced SS retirement about. The result will be your wife’s benefit as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. And, FYI, your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit, she will not be able to defer claiming it.

As your son is now collecting SS benefits based on your wife’s personal SS record, you should ask Social Security to switch him over to payments based on your record because you have the higher SS benefit.

FYI, because your son is now receiving Supplemental Security Income, the SS disability benefit he receives will offset by his SSI benefit, and the payment amount will consist of two sources - SSI and SSDI. Nevertheless, he cannot get more than 50% of your SS retirement amount and will likely be affected by

the Family Maximum, which may further reduce his SSDI entitlement.

Your wife’s benefit as your spouse will also be affected by the “Family Maximum,” which limits how much can be paid on any one person’s SS record (on your SS record).

That also means that your wife will not get a full 50% of your FRA entitlement; rather she will get less because the family maximum limits how much all your dependents can receive to somewhere between 50% and 88% of your FRA bene-

fit amount (after subtracting your own SS entitlement).

That also means that your son’s SS payment, as well as your wife’s SS payment as your spouse, will be reduced to less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. SSA will be able to guide you through the Family Maximum calculations for both your son and your wife when you meet.

To recap all of this: a) your wife will be automatically deemed to be filing for her spousal benefit; she cannot delay until her FRA. b) her amount as your spouse will be less than 50% of your

SS FRA entitlement. And c) both your wife’s and your son’s SS benefit will likely be also affected by the Family Maximum and, thus, be less than half of your FRA entitlement.

Nevertheless, it was likely the right decision to claim as you have, considering that your son and wife have been receiving SS benefits for some time now, and both will continue to receive more as your dependents.

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ly population and their needs are both rising, and the boards of the town need to work as a team. One suggestion for the future was more intergenerational events and working with the youth more often.

Awards

Members of the Rutland Fire Department including Lt. Michael Gleason, Jason Labelle, Patrick Sullivan, Patrick Coffey, Jacqueline Becker and Mike Donnelly received awards. One of the awards was for successful deliveries of babies, for Gleason and Labelle.

The other award received was for life-saving awards, for the remaining members including Gleason. The awards were presented by Deputy Chief Ryan Quinn.

Foundation formula

The board discussed sending a letter to Gov. Maura Healey petitioning a seat from central Massachusetts on the foundation formula review committee, with possible members being staff from the Wachusett Regional School District, someone on the WRSD school committee, or a member of a central Massachusetts select board. Resident Lindsay Maus said there are few seats left on the board.

PILOT program

The board voted to sign and send a letter to state legislators and organizations including the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Massachusetts Municipal Association, Sen. Durant and state Rep. Kimberly

Ferguson regarding the payment in lieu of taxes program for state owned land in Rutland.

Select Board Chair Sheila Dibb said some of the parcels are listed at zero valuation. She said the town is also looking to find historical payments from the state to the town.

According to Dibb, 35% of the land in Rutland is state owned, and the amount per acre received varies widely by location. Dibb said the town has been penalized for their growth and use of water, but cannot access the water in the Quabbin Reservoir, even though they are a Quabbin Watershed host community.

Town Administrator Heather Butler said the math for the amount given per acre is not being followed by towns, and places in the Berkshires are being underfunded even more than Rutland. She said the changes may have more impacts on western and eastern Massachusetts, but said there is a possibility the funds plateau in central Massachusetts.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Anita Carlson is set to depart the town later this year, and the town has to post a job description. The position is now appointed, not elected.

Some of the minimum qualifications on the draft description include high school education and three years of management, with an associate’s or bachelor’s degree preferred.

Carlson said a town clerk can only get certified after serving for three years.

The board also voted to implement a search commit-

tee to review applications and recommend top applicants to the select board for an interview. The committee will consist of five people, including Butler and one member of the Select Board.

Primary warrant

The board signed the Sept. 1 State Primary warrant. Early voting will be held in the Rutland Free Public Library on Aug. 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Aug. 24 and 25 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Polls will be open on Sept.1 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Naquag Elementary School for precincts one and three, and the library for precinct two.

FY 28 budget

The board discussed the possibility of a survey being sent out regarding the fiscal year 2028 budget in the fall.

Appointment

The board appointed Mark Moio as constable.

Public comment

One resident spoke during public comment requesting an apology from board member Harry Sechman for comparing the Independence Day celebrations to an earthquake and 9/11. The resident said she was “appalled” by the comments, and she did not want to be included in that opinion as a towns person.

She said called the comments an insulting comparison.

Resident Louis Corracchioli offered to paint the light post bases at Glenwood Elementary School as they are rusting. He also said three of the five flag poles now have solar lights, and donated three

more to the town for the other two, and said the third one can be a backup or used Glenwood.

Maus spoke during public comment saying residents of Brintrial Drive are concerned about the traffic coming through the street and its safety, saying the town is losing the beauty of the

road and other scenic roads in town, and was looking for an answer as to who will be responsible for protecting them.

Town Administrator’s update

Butler said there will be a public meeting on a community energy program on

Aug. 19 in the Blair room of the library or remote, and the town received a \$200,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation unpaved roads grants, to buy a used grader.

The board will meet next on Aug. 17.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

ON LINE PAMPERED CHEF PARTY sponsored by the Petersham Lions Club takes place now through Monday, Aug. 31. Based on product sales, 20 to 30% will be donated to the Petersham Lions Club. People may visit <https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/3486703kyv>. If anyone signs up and hosts a party with Stephanie Leblanc, the Pampered Chef consultant, during this event, double donation dollars will apply. People may email lynneshaw@gmail.com with non Pampered Chef questions and email sleblanc_pc@hotmail.com for Pampered Chef questions and/or to book a party.

VENDORS WANTED for a Flea Market on the West Brookfield Common hosted by the First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield, UCC on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The church hosted their Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years. Vendor check-in is 6:30-8:30 a.m. Sellers of all kinds are welcome flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out their basements and attics. There will be no food vendors. 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. People interested in renting a space should email to fcfcofwbflea-market@gmail.com for an application or call Karen at 508-801-7692.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT takes place at the Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., Petersham. Photographer Guy Biechele of Athol will display the gallery with his recent photographs now through Sunday, Sept. 6. Regular Art Center hours are Thursday through Sunday noon-to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition and the art center, people may call 978-724-3415.

SPILLWAY LOOP TRAIL hike takes place today from 10-11:30 a.m. Participants should meet at the Quabbin Park middle entrance, off Route 9 in Ware. This easy loop starts at the magnificent spillway bridge and restoration area and follows the spillway channel to the Y-pool before turning to pass a surprisingly important habitat site. The trail is partially wooded but sun protection is recommended, as is tick protection. People may visit <https://maps.app.goo.gl/rv4tzdEPpr0b1jV9> to register.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

PURPLE HEART DAY CEREMONY takes place today at 9 a.m. at Barre Plains Prisoner of War Corners, Barre. Purple Heart Day is observed on Aug. 7 each year and is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Purple Heart Day is also known as National Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Recognition Day

Where is this?



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Rutland If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, Aug. 10. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Doreen Elliot, Jame Laramée and Bethany Stefano correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Petersham Memorial Library, on the Common, in Petersham.

and Purple Heart Appreciation Day. Purple Heart Towns across Massachusetts typically hold official ceremonies and flag-raising on or around Aug. 7 to recognize the date in 1782 when General George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit. Barre is officially designated as a Purple Heart Town, a title recognizing local combat-wounded veterans and honoring their sacrifices.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

NORNAY PARK SUMMER CONCERT features theThe Other Guys from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. The final concert is Saturday, Aug. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club will run a concession stand for all Saturday concerts. The concerts are supported in part by the Barre Cultural Council and the Barre Recreation Committee.

SUMMER PORCH JAM AND PICNIC will take place today from noon-2 p.m. at Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., Barre. This is free and open to all. People may pack a lunch (no alcohol), bring a blanket and make some music Join us for an acoustical jam on our porch and lawns. Bring your own Some chairs are available. People may bring sheet music if they have it (three copies possible and their instrument – guitar, bass, ukulele, harmonica, voice, accordion, box drum, clarinet, etc. This is free and open to all. There's plenty of parking in their connected lot at 28 James St.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

BARRE ON PARADE is a special performance today starting at 5 p.m. at the Barre Historical Society Heritage Center, Common Street. This first performance features small ensembles made up of members of the Quabbin Community Band. Featured will be flute, saxophone, French horn and clarinet quartets along with an eight-member trumpet ensemble. Groups will play from the Heritage Center lawn as well as from the balcony overlooking the common. At 6 p.m. the full Quabbin Community Band will perform on the lawn of the main Common welcoming alumni from previous years to join them.

Their program will include “A Copland Portrait,”“Symphonic Gershwin,” “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and many others. As a finale, the newly formed QCB Jazz Band will play an encore of four tunes from the Harding Allen Bandstand under the lights. In addition to “Bye Bye Blackbird” and “Take the A Train,” “Mack the Knife” will be performed by local vocalist Sarah Seng. The Barre Historical Society sells popcorn and lemonade at the concert. The final Quabbin Community Concert for 2026 series is Sunday, Aug. 16. There will be free popcorn on Aug. 16.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

NORTH SIDE OF QUABBIN WATERSHED HIKE takes place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. It starts at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 29 in New Salem. This is a 2.4 mile moderate hike. The group will be walking through the forest on a dirt road and ending at

the shoreline of the reservoir. Walking to the water, the hike covers 1.2-miles and relatively little change in elevation. They will then backtrack and head out the way they came in. People should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed.

DANCE WITH MUSIC BY DAN MACKOWIAK today at 7 p.m. at the Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja, Finn Park Road, Rutland. Cost is \$8 per person.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

UNIVERSITY OF WILD offers a range of programs starting today with the Earth Writers Retreat where local authors and readers come to share their work. On the weekend of Aug. 21 through Aug. 23 there be an Earthlands/ University of the Wild Reunion focused on stories of former participants, followed by the annual Earth Alive Retreat where a range of populations come together to share stories, learn new skills of living with the land, and offering activism for the well-being of the Earth and all life. On Saturday, Sept. 19, there will be a co-sponsored program with the Petersham Historical Society for a day at Walden Pond and the Fruitlands Community as part of the initiative to learn more of the Transcendental Movement, which has a foundation of living lightly on the Earth.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

WARE RIVER BRIDGE HIKE sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation takes place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Barre Falls Dam. Barre. Participants should park at Barre Falls Overlook parking lot. This easy 2 mile hike starts at an open meadow then follows the Ware River on the North side of Barre Falls Dam along a forested riverside path to a scenic bridge and back. People should wear appropriate footwear, bring water and have tick and insect protection.To register, they should visit <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f95134113755aa55a6f1caf4a3225>.

Calendar Policy

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

Michael Pillsbury celebrates 35 years as funeral director

Michael Pillsbury, Director, of Pillsbury Funeral Homes in North Brookfield, Brookfield, Barre and Spencer, celebrates 35 years as a licensed Massachusetts Funeral Director.

Together with his wife Michelle, Michael owns and operates the four family-run funeral homes, continuing a proud tradition of service that began over 60 years ago.

The Pillsbury’s have

dedicated their lives to providing compassionate, professional care to families throughout Central Massachusetts, upholding the values of dignity, respect and community that define the Pillsbury name.

Michael and Michelle are the proud parents of five



Michael Pillsbury

children: Kory, Katelyn, Michael Jr., Colin and Connor, and are deeply grateful to the many families, who have placed their trust in Pillsbury Funeral Homes over the years, as well as to their devoted staff for their continued commitment and care.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX from page 1

agreed they seemed low. Sacramone said a lot of pricing was outsourced, but she was sent a list of people Rubinoff often works with, so assumes it was one of them.

She said they were asked to cut apart the costs for the separate parts of the complex.

There were some parts of the cost estimates that members of the committee had questions on, such as whether the needs assessments were detailed enough, furnishings and owner provided items.

Committee member Mike Stoll brought up a \$260,000 cost for telecommunications, and suggested asking how they came up with that number.

Committee member Katie Young also brought up whether owner-provided items are built into the budget for the town to use, or if

there is another system.

Stoll also wanted to clarify whether there were contingencies built into the budget, for potential adaptive change orders, saying a 10% contingency would not be unusual for a project like this. He also questioned why there was a cost of \$40,000 for miscellaneous concrete when the on site concrete cost is \$108,000.

Committee member Ryan Couture noted there was a subtotal with and without furnishings, the difference being about \$100,000. Member Robert Hayes said the \$144,000 cost for a sprinkler system seemed low.

Sacramone listed off items that wouldn’t be covered in the cost, including some septic related items, wells, emergency generators, discharges and air studies, security systems and lighting. However, lighting is listed as one of the allowances. The list of items that would be covered include plumbing, heating, HVAC work, fire alarms,

sprinkler systems, outlets and electrical service.

There was also a discussion among committee members as to whether they should continue working with Rubinoff or move to a new contractor, citing difficulties in getting information, along with difficulties getting in contact with them.

Committee members said many of the questions they brought up at the meeting should have been answered prior.

Couture said the town already has a conceptual design a new designer could look at, and confirm or deny the viability of it.

“\$40,000 wasn’t thrown out the window,” he said.

The committee members said they would give Rubinoff a chance to answer these questions before making a decision. They also did not make a formal decision as to whether they would bring this item to a town meeting vote in the fall.

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CLUES ACROSS

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- Snakelike fish
- Database management system
- Social evolution
- anthropologist Service
- American rocker Grohl
- Greek personification of compassion
- Negatives
- Rescued
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Assigns tasks
- Popular type of cigar
- Discounts
- The whole quantity
- New York Giants legend
- Indicates before
- Lentils
- Extremely angry
- Body part
- “North Star State”
- David __, US playwright

CLUES DOWN

- Lower and raise one’s head
- Private rendezvous
- In a way, improved
- A place to play
- Astronomical period of 18 years
- Automobile
- Something you can take
- A radio band
- Jaws of a voracious animal
- Short-billed rails
- Chinese province
- Shameless
- Horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
- Indian respectful titles
- Fail to entertain
- Dried-up
- Central Utah city
- Southern U.S.
- German river
- Necessary for breathing
- Put into play

CLUES DOWN

- Curved segment
- Wings
- Yellowish volatile liquid
- Makes less severe
- Debit note
- Overhang
- The nights before
- Type of light
- Lacking enthusiasm
- Tattle
- Some is “heavy”
- One who is canonized
- Indicates date and place of writing
- “Peace” in Arabic
- “Olaf” actor Josh
- Fragmented rock
- They __
- Advanced degree
- Backside
- Influential architect and design couple
- An act of undue intimacy

CLUES DOWN

- Words from which later words are derived
- 10 meters
- Neither
- Fungal sacs
- The law of God revealed to Moses
- A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- A promise
- Challenges
- British Air Aces
- Large bank
- Served as an omen
- Cavalry sword
- Vaccine developer
- Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules
- Italian Seaport
- Hip joint
- __ Clapton, musician
- Insect repellent
- Constrictor snake
- “The First State” (abbr.)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

SPORTS



Matt Wade looks to feed teammates Brady Patchen in the post and a cutting Jacoby Dilling on his way to the basket. Wade found Dilling for an easy score.



Junior guard Aiden Crane strips the ball away from a Fitchburg player during summer league play. The Quabbinians are in first place with a 5-0 record.

Quabbin boys basketball takes summer action to Fitchburg



FITCHBURG – With the Auburn Summer Basketball League shut down for this year, Quabbin has been participating in a summer league held at GameOn in Fitchburg. Quabbin is currently 5-0 heading into the playoffs.

Quabbin center Matt Wade delivers the opening tap to his teammate in an opening win over Old Colony of Rochester during summer tournament action.

Coach Alan Crane gathers his team for a time out during a summer league win over Nashoba securing his Quabbin Cagers first place finish.



Valley Wheel regular season concludes

WILBRAHAM – The regular season has concluded for the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, one of several adult baseball leagues that plays in the region. This year, with play concluding this past Sunday, the Angels were able to finish the regular season with the top record, going 11-4. The Angels matched the Twins with the same record, but won two out of three head-to-head for the tiebreaker advantage in the playoffs. The Orioles finished third and the Cubs overcame the A's by tiebreaker for the final of four playoff spots. The semifinals for the league are set for this Sunday at Spec Pond in Wilbraham. In the first matchup, the No. 2 Twins host the No. 3 Orioles at 2:30 p.m. Then, the top-seeded Angels face No. 4 Cubs at 6 p.m. The championship game will be held on Sunday, Aug. 16 at Spec Pond at 3 p.m.



Adam Strain fields a grounder.



Pitcher Mike Bielen fires to the plate.



Mike Burgos pitches in a game for the Orioles on July 26.



Nate Woodland makes a catch for the A's during regular season action in the Valley Wheel league.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Owen Dieterle heads up the field.



Ryan Sunshine socks a free kick away.

CF Arbor reaches semifinals

SOUTH HADLEY – In last week's PVSSL summer playoffs, the CF Arbor Men's soccer team, which was the No. 4 seed in the playoffs, was able to advance into the semifinals and took on Mt. Carmel, which defeated CF by a score a 2-0, ending CF Arbor's chances of reaching the championship game this year. Mt. Carmel would capture this year's men's championship.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Tyler Lewis advances up the field.



In the Classroom

WPI students complete MQP

WORCESTER – Local students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute students completed a capstone thesis called the Major Qualifying Project, a research-driven, professional-level project that challenges students to solve the kinds of problems they would typically encounter in their professional discipline.

This project is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university’s distinctive project-based educational experience.

The following students completed their MQP.

Frederick Smith of New Braintree, class of 2026, majoring in civil engineering, completed a project titled “Seismic Design of Cross-Laminated Timber.”

Giampaolo Maneri of Barre, class of 2026, majoring in computer science, completed a project titled “GoatHub: Connecting Students to WPI Clubs with Personalized.”

Jordan Gaspar of Oakham, class of 2026, majoring in mechanical engineering, completed a project titled “Interfacial Fracture Characterization of Ceramic Coatings.”

Thomas Reardon of Rutland, class of 2026, majoring in robotics engineering, completed a project titled “Integration of Eye Tracking into Sports

Helmets.”

Emmet Wright of Hardwick, class of 2026, majoring in mechanical engineering, completed a project titled “High-Speed Actuation for HydroFlex Internal Polishing System.”

Vanessa Peloquin of Rutland, class of 2027, majoring in electrical and computer engineering, completed the project titled “Advancing Ownership of Puerto Rico’s Rescued Schools.”

Rutland, Massachusetts resident Taylor Meier of Rutland, class of 2027, majoring in data science, completed the project titled “Creating a Digital Sandbox For Artists.”

Emerson Allyn of Rutland, class of 2027, majoring in biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering, completed the project titled “Assessing Visitor Experience at Our Wondrous Planet.”

Camren McCormick of Ware, class of 2027, majoring in mechanical engineering, completed the project titled “Community Activism Through Sustainable Water Access.”

John Auchter of Ware, class of 2027, majoring in management engineering, completed the project titled “CETAV: Defining Future Programs.”

Yasmin Issa of Rutland, class of 2027, majoring in

biology and biotechnology, completed the project titled “Developing Laboratory Sustainability Guidelines for AML.”

Alexandar Whiteman of Rutland, class of 2027, majoring in mechanical engineering, completed the project titled “Enhancing Conservation Efforts in Social Media Despite Cute>”

WPI’s innovative undergraduate education is centered around project-based learning, a hands-on approach that offers students opportunities to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to real-world, open-ended problems. These projects produce tangible results that affect the quality of people’s lives, an experience that changes both the student and their world.

MQPs are usually team-based and often focus on specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the students’ work. In addition to providing practical work experience that proves valuable to future employers, MQPs often lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at regional and national conferences, patents, and entrepreneurial ventures. Others become useful innovations and products for their corporate sponsors.

Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
“Jesus’ Care and Compassion.”

Scripture Readings:
Matthew 14 v 13 -21
I. Introduction

Each month, it is wonderful to hear the Missions Committee report on how many people our Community Suppers program has served.

Together with the Food Pantry, this program is a special expression of compassion, reflecting the heart of Christ, who responded to people’s needs throughout His ministry –healing the sick and feeding the hungry.

II. Jesus’ Care and Compassion

In this passage, Jesus is weighed down by the recent events at the banquet of Herod Antipas, who had imprisoned John the Baptist and then ordered his death.

Antipas was clearly interested to also get rid of this man, Jesus, who was a threat to his authority. Jesus decided to withdraw from the area in Capernaum, where He was and to cross the Jordan into the Northeast of Galilee in Bethsaida, where it was mostly uninhabited.

Concerned for His own safety and that of His disciples, Jesus withdrew from the threat of death, knowing His ministry was not yet complete. In that remote place, He could pray, seek God’s will and comfort and remain

near His disciples, who had faithfully followed Him and were likely concerned for Him.

This retreat was not what He expected it to be, because word got out that He was in the area and the crowds from the surrounding villages found their way to where He was, many of them with their own needs.

The moment Jesus saw them, He felt compassion in His heart and He healed the sick they brought with them. He spent time touching their wounds, listening to their ailments and we know that part of His healing practice was to forgive their sins. Healing them required deep personal care and took much from Him.

Then, when it got late and the disciples alerted Him that they didn’t have enough food for the crowd, and He should send them home. He said with compassion, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

Jesus surely knew the disciples had too little food for such a crowd, yet as they took stock of what they had, He reassured them that it would be enough. Jesus took what they had, gave thanks to God, broke the loaves, and fed the entire crowd of 5,000 men, along with women and children, with twelve baskets of leftovers gathered afterward.

He placed His trust in

God, the provider and giver of all good things. This was a powerful lesson for the disciples: although they knew Jesus could do anything, they needed to witness once more His authority to work miracles through a heart full of compassion.

III. Conclusion

As the Body of Christ, we can be assured this morning that the Son of God is with us, sees our needs and reaches out with compassion, inviting us to trust that God’s goodness will appear as we place our faith in Him.

Our compassionate God does not need our help, other than to have faith as we pray, because the heart of God is all about care and compassion for us as humanity.

May this message and action of Christ be of reassurance to us that God Who cares for the birds and the whole of nature, is with us, sees and hears us, and all we need to do is to surrender everything into God’s hands and see how God works mysteriously and miraculously.

May God give us such faith and surrender, so that we, like the disciples, may experience a God who draws near with care and compassion.

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

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Fr. H. Edward Chalmers to speak Aug. 31

BARRE – Fr. Ed Chalmers will speak on Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Parish St. Joseph’s hall, 29 South St.

People should enter via the side door. This program on a reflection on the history of the Franciscans in Medjugorje is part of the jubilee year celebrating the Franciscans.

Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, where visionaries say the Blessed Mother has been appearing since 1981, is “a very holy place” and going there is “an opportunity to experience the love of God.”

Those are among thoughts Father H. Edward Chalmers, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish, recently shared with The Catholic Free Press.

Franciscans have served in the region since the



Fr. H. Edward Chalmers

Turkish occupation (1463-1878) and some were martyred by communists in 1945. Father Chalmers will guide us through their history in Medjugorje, to the current day.

He will tell us about Franciscan Father Jozo Zovko, who was stationed at St. James Parish in 1981 when the visionaries first reported apparitions. Also how Franciscan Father Slavko Barbaric, inspired him to write reflections about messages of the Blessed Mother that the visionaries reported.

“It’s so mysterious and so spiritual.” “It’s hard to explain. I tell people, ‘Go there and experience it.’” That’s what he’s preparing to

do for the 43rd time this coming October. He will share with us some of his knowledge, stories, and information about his trips to Medjugorje.

“The best thing about Medjugorje is conversions that happen to people.” “It made a big difference in my life, my priesthood. I have much more appreciation for the Holy Spirit. ... The Holy Spirit’s always with Our Lady. That’s very prominent there.”

Father Chalmers has returned to Medjugorje as a pilgrim, but more often as a pilgrimage spiritual director. “Every time I went back, I had a spiritual renewal,” “The presence of the Trinity and Our Lady is so prevalent.”

Concerts on the Common continue Sundays

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with North Brookfield Cultural Council, will be hosting Concerts on the Common this summer season.

A Mass Cultural Council grant is making these concerts possible for all residents to enjoy.

Dates and bands include Aug. 15 from 6-8 p.m. – Stan Matthews, country music with some exceptional Johnny Cash tunes; and Aug. 29 from 3-5 p.m. – the Superchargers, a fun rock and roll band.

All concerts are free. Food will be available for purchase but folks are welcome to bring their own.

Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, bug spray and sunscreen – whatever makes you comfortable.

The playground is right on the common, located on Grove Street in town. There will also be games for families to enjoy and some surprise craft tables during some concerts.

GAAMHA Inc. of Petersham receives grant

BOSTON – The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced \$1 million in grants to four organizations through the Executive Office of Economic Development’s Social Enterprise Capital Grant Program, which funds nonprofits focused on hiring and assisting people who face barriers to employment.

GAAMHA Inc. of Petersham received \$400,000. This grant will support GAAMHA’s acquisition of property at 211 North Main St. in Petersham, creating a permanent home for social enterprise and recovery-supportive employment activities.

GAAMHA’s site will connect participants to paid work, skill development and supportive services through their culinary social enterprise, Forward Fare. There, adults in recovery from

addiction and/or navigating mental health challenges can learn job skills while preparing and packaging meals for sale.

“The Social Enterprise Capital Grant Program helps organizations expand their facilities so they can create more opportunities for people facing barriers to employment,” said Economic Development Secretary Eric Paley. “These investments support nonprofits that combine paid employment with hands-on training and wrap-around services, helping more Massachusetts residents access long-term economic opportunity.”

Social Enterprise Capital Grants support the purchase, repair, renovation, and improvement of the facilities of nonprofit businesses that both sell goods or services and provide paid employ-

ment and supportive services to individuals facing significant barriers to employment.

To be considered, workforce development needs to be a key aspect to both the organizations mission and programming. Eligible organizations must offer paid work opportunities to low-income individuals, with priority given to socially and economically disadvantaged populations requiring intensive support.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration continue to grow this program having awarded, in total, more than \$8 million in grants to communities across the state of Massachusetts.

Earlier this month, Governor Healey signed into law the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, which offers an additional \$1 million of support to social enterprises.

Public Notices



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND ADJUDICATORY HEARING



Moraga Storage, LLC - Request for a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest - EFSB 26-01

Notice is hereby given that Moraga Storage, LLC (“Moraga” or the “Company”) has filed with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board” or “EFSB”), pursuant to St. 2024, c. 239, § 118, an Initial Petition and an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest (“Certificate”). The Company seeks a Certificate with nine state and local permits to allow the construction and operation of a 180-megawatt /720-megawatt-hour battery energy storage system (“BESS”) project at 358 Coldbrook Road, Oakham Massachusetts (“Project”). The Siting Board granted individual and a comprehensive zoning exemptions for the Project subject to conditions by final decision on June 26, 2026, in EFSB 25-07. The Siting Board’s website has a project-specific webpage for this proceeding and will update it during the proceeding: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/certificate-for-oakham-bess>.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, September 8, 2026:

- (1) An individual or organization seeking to participate in the proceeding as an intervenor or limited participant must file a petition with the EFSB by September 8, 2026, (see instructions below);
- (2) Any person may submit written comments to the EFSB by September 8, 2026, (instructions below). Your written comments help inform the Siting Board about public concerns regarding the Certificate request and important issues for review in the proceeding.

Intervenor or limited participants in EFSB 25-07 are automatically granted the same status in this proceeding (EFSB 26-01) without need of filing a new petition.

A petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Petitions to intervene or participate must satisfy the requirements of 980 CMR 1.05, the Siting Board’s procedural rules, which are on the Siting Board’s website at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

Both petitions to intervene or participate on a limited basis and written comments must be filed with: (1) the Siting Board in electronic format, by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; (2) the presiding officer at Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov; and (3) Moraga’s counsel at akaplan@pierceatwood.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 26-01); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Thursday, October 22, 2026:

The Siting Board will conduct an initial remote evidentiary hearing to collect evidence related to Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application, beginning on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Details on viewing or participating in that hearing will be posted on the EFSB’s information webpage and provided to the service list before the hearing.

PERMITS REQUESTED BY MORAGA

Pursuant to St. 2024, c. 239, § 118, the Company seeks a Certificate that would include the following nine approvals and permits required for the Project:

1. An approval that is the equivalent of an Order of Conditions for the Project issued by the Oakham Conservation Commission pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00).
2. An approval that is the equivalent of a Determination of Applicability issued by the Department of Conservation and Recreation pursuant to the Massachusetts Watershed Protection Act (Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1992, M.G.L. c. 92A1/2) and its implementing regulations (313 CMR 11.00).
3. An approval that is the equivalent of a Building Permit issued by the Oakham Building Commissioner pursuant to 780 CMR.
4. An approval that is the equivalent of an Electrical Permit issued by the Oakham Wiring Inspector pursuant to 527 CMR 12.00.
5. An approval that is the equivalent of a Road Opening/Trench Permit(s) in the Town of Oakham, pursuant to G.L. c. 82A and 520 CMR 14.00 ordinarily issued by the Oakham Highway Department.
6. An approval that is the equivalent of a Driveway Permit in the Town of Oakham, pursuant to Chapter XVI of the Oakham General Bylaws, ordinarily issued by the Oakham Highway Department.
7. An approval that is the equivalent of a Demolition Permit issued by the Oakham Building Commissioner.
8. An approval that is the equivalent of a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Oakham Building Commissioner pursuant to 780 CMR.
9. An approval that is the equivalent of a Fire Permit issued by the Oakham Fire Department pursuant to the Massachusetts Fire Code, 527 CMR 1.00 et seq.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Moraga proposes to install 184 lithium-ion batteries, a substation, and other equipment to allow for the transmission of electricity between the batteries and an adjacent and already established transmission line. The Project would be constructed on an approximately 42.9-acre parcel of land (“Project Site”) in the Town of Oakham. The Project construction envelope (encompassing all the work for the Project, including the storage of materials) would consist of approximately 18 acres, and the Project itself, once completed, would have a footprint of about 10.8 acres. A portion of the proposed Project Site was formerly an auto salvage and recycling facility.

The Company proposes to connect the batteries to an adjacent existing overhead 115-kV transmission line (Line A127-4) owned by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid via an air-insulated substation, an on-site overhead 115 kV line tap that extends about 250 feet, and a 3-breaker ring bus.

OVERVIEW OF THE SITING BOARD’S REVIEW PROCESS

In this adjudication, the Siting Board will review Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application, which were filed together on June 30, 2026. On July 24, 2026, the Chair of the Siting Board issued a Determination Letter providing that the Siting Board would: (1) accept Moraga’s Initial Petition for a Certificate; (2) consolidate Moraga’s Initial Petition with its Application; (3) defer a decision on the merits of the Initial Petition; and (4) adjudicate Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application concurrently.

Moraga’s Initial Petition and Application

Moraga asserts that the exercise of the Siting Board’s Certificate authority is needed to construct and operate the Project as approved by the Siting Board. In its Certificate Initial Petition, Moraga alleges that the Town’s Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Health, Oakham Inspectional Services Department (Wire and Building), and Fire Chief have all publicly opposed the Project. Moraga alleges further that it cannot commence construction of the Project because the Conservation Commission or the Board of Health are likely to delay or deny Project permits and approvals. The Company asserts that, without a Certificate from the EFSB, the Project cannot proceed. In this proceeding, the Siting Board will determine whether Moraga has demonstrated at least one of the grounds for a Certificate in St. 2024, c. 239, § 118. See also G.L. c. 164, § 69K1/2.

In this proceeding, the Siting Board will consider whether Moraga’s Application demonstrates that the issues raised by state agencies or local governments have been addressed in a comprehensive manner, and make findings regarding (i) the compatibility of the BESS with considerations of environmental protection, public health, and public safety; (ii) the extent to which construction and operation of the BESS will fail to conform with existing state and local laws, ordinances, bylaws, rules, and regulations and reasonableness of exemption thereunder, if any, consistent with the implementation of the energy policies contained in G.L. c. 164; and (iii) the public interest or convenience requiring construction and operation of the BESS. See G.L. c. 164, 69 O 1/2.

Access to Moraga’s Petition and Application for a Certificate

The documents for this proceeding may be accessed for public inspection in electronic format at the following locations:

- The Siting Board’s website at: <https://eeasonline.eea.state.ma.us/dpu/fileroom/#/dockets/docket/13025> (filings under “Document Type: Initial Filing”).
 - Moraga’s website at: Moraga Energy Storage
- Physical copies of the Initial Petition and Application may also be inspected at the following locations:
- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA, 02110
 - Town Clerk, Town of Oakham, 2 Coldbrook Rd., Unit 1, Oakham, MA 01068
 - Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St, Oakham, MA 01068

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Human Resources, 9th Floor
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114 eeadiversity@mass.gov
617-626-1282

Language interpretation services are also available upon request to Yonathan Mengesha at (617) 305-3544 or Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov. Include in your request the language required and your contact information. To assist us in accommodating your request, please submit it as soon as possible.

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Contact

Any person desiring additional information regarding the Notice, including information regarding intervention or participation in the proceeding, should contact the Siting Board through the Presiding Officer at the following email address:

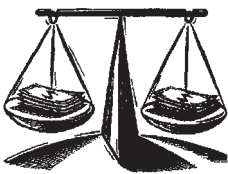
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08/06/2026

Worcester Road, Assessor’s Map H Lot 219. The Board meets in the Board of Selectmen’s Room first floor of the Henry Woods Building located at 40 West Street in Barre.
08/06, 08/13/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL TIMBER OPERATORS

The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, is offering for sale standing timber and cordwood located on the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs and Ware River Watershed. For details, contact the Water Supply Protection Division Office on or before August 17, 2026, at 857-274-7090.
8/06/2026



Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on an **Abbreviated Notice of Intent** to confirm wetland resource area boundaries located within portions of three parcels along South Barre Road. H-135B, H-135C and H-471 requested by Peter Trifilo, Central Plains Associates, Inc.
From:
Peter Trifilo Central Plains Associates, Inc.
850 South Barre Road
P.O. Box 1
So. Barre, MA 01074
To be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
08/06/2026

Sale of Motor Vehicle under MGL Ch 255 Sec 39A

Notice is hereby given by: **Dave’s Tow & Transport, Inc** pursuant to the provisions of MGL C.255 sec 39a, that on 8/7/26 at 843 Worcester Rd., Barre, MA the following motor vehicle will be sold by private sale to satisfy the garage keeper’s lien thereon for storage, towing charges and other expenses incurred, including sales costs.
2014 Subaru Forester
VIN: JF2SJAHC0EH424475
John Francis Tambeau
48B Mechanic St, PO Box 364
Barre, MA 01005
07/23, 07/30, 08/06/2026

TOWN OF BARRE BOARD OF HEALTH

In accordance with town by-law Chapter 305 Siting of Commercial Operations, the Board of Health will hear a request for a Site Assignment on **September 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm** for applicant Pine Hill Leasing, LLC. The request is for the operation of a Gas Station, Convenience Store and Car Wash located at 141

Police Logs

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 52 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, 12 radar assignments, four traffic controls, 14 emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, four assist other agencies, one motor vehicle investigation, four investigations, one safety hazard, three complaints, one burglary, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 20

10:41 a.m. Welfare Check, High Street, Report Taken
11:54 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
2:29 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Officer Handled
4:22 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
6:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled
9:54 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 21

1:19 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
8:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
9:11 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Voice Message Left
9:28 a.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Officer Handled
10:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
2:14 p.m. Welfare Check, Main Street, Spoken To
2:45 p.m. Investigation, High Street, Officer Handled
3:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Merge
6:51 p.m. 911 Misdial, Barre Road, Spoken To
8:48 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), High Street, Spoken To

Wednesday, July 22

4:54 a.m. 911 Hang-up/ Abandoned, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled
8:56 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:54 a.m. 911 Lockout, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
4:41 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Services Rendered

6:50 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Summit Road, Spoken To
9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated

Thursday, July 23

6:39 a.m. 911 Fire/Alarm, Jackson Road, Services Rendered
11:53 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Citation Issued
2:48 p.m. Welfare Check, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
4:56 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
10:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Merge

Friday, July 24

5:39 a.m. Medical Alarm, Prospect Street, Patient Refusal
12:17 p.m. Medical Emergency, Fiske Road, Officer Handled
11:50 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Cleveland Road, Vehicle Towed

Saturday, July 25

7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
8:28 a.m. Investigation, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
9:37 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Services Rendered
10:31 a.m. Parking Complaint, Barre Road, Officer Handled
2:14 p.m. Medical Alarm, Bridge Street, Negative Contact
2:53 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Officer Handled
3:34 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Ridge Road, Officer Handled
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:34 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Grove Street, Officer Handled
4:38 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Grove Street, Merge
4:48 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
7:05 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Glastonbury, Connecticut, Spoken To
9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, July 26

4:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
6:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Jackson Road, Officer Handled

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Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.

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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, June 28		
1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Vehicle Towed	11:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Criminal Complaint	Charges Warrant
4:45 p.m. Complaint, Arline Drive, Unfounded	Summons Quinones-Lopez, Suhaity E., 31, Princeton	5:11 p.m. Recovered/ Confiscated Property, Rutland Public Safety Lobby, Returned
9:44 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Brooke Haven Drive, Checked/Secured	Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With	6:03 p.m. Complaint, Airline Drive, Gone on Arrival
Monday, June 29		
10:35 a.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Rutland Public Safety Lobby, Officer/Chief Advised	Tuesday, June 30	6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:04 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Breezy Lane, Returned	12:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital	6:48 p.m. Escort/Transport, Worcester House of Corrections, Removed to Court/Lockup
11:49 a.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party	7:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Removed to Court/ Lockup	Arrest Mangs, Jonathan, 44, Rutland
12:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Irish Lane, Officer/Chief Advised	Arrest Cobb, James Daniel, 28, Rutland	Charges
1:07 p.m. Harassment, Wilson Way, Officer/Chief Advised	Charges Inspection/Sticker, No, License Suspended for Driving Under Influence, Operating Motor Vehicle With Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of	Warrant
1:24 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital	7:47 a.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Rutland Police Department, Recovered	6:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
1:27 p.m Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party	10:11 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact	7:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party	11:49 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle, Central Tree Road, Entry Gained	7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:11 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Officer/ Chief Advised	12:05 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Call Transferred	7:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:02 p.m. Complaint, Wilson Way, Officer/Chief Advised	12:57 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland Police Department, Officer/Chief Advised	7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
10:37 p.m. Gunshots, Spencer Road, No Action Required	2:02 p.m. Serve Warrant, Wilson Way, Removed to Court/ Lockup	8:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
	Arrest Mangs, Jonathan, 44, Rutland	10:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Miles Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party	Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Main Street, Transported to Hospital	Warning
9:02 a.m. Fire – Alarm Activation, Main Street, Investigated	8:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Vehicle Towed	5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
11:33 a.m. Property/Lost/ Found/Surrender, Campbell Court, Officer/Chief Advised	11:54 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party	6:41 pm. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
2:54 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal		8:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Autumn Wood Drive, Transported to Hospital
3:51 p.m Animal – ACO Call, Kenwood Drive, Officer/Chief Advised	Friday, July 3	9:13 p.m. Noise Complaint, Maple Avenue, Unfounded
8:11 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Maple Avenue, Investigated	9:11 a.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Rutland Public Safety Lobby, Officer Spoke to Party	11:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transport
8:28 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised	9:19 a.m. Illegal Dumping, River Road, Information Taken	
	10:58 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, East County Road, Negative Contact	Saturday, July 4
	12:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Birchwood Road, No Transport Required	7:16 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, Barre Paxton Road, No Action Acquired
Thursday, July 2	1:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Miles Road, Transported to Hospital	9:07 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
1:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Crestview Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal	1:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, West Brookfield, Officer Spoke to Party	11 a.m. Threats, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
8:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Main Street, Transported to Hospital	2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning	6:03 p.m. Noise Complaint, Juniper, Area Patrolled
8:50 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, River Road, Removed from Road	3:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Philips Avenue, Transported to Hospital	8:27 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Whitehall Road, Information Given
12:43 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, River Road, Officer Spoke to Party	3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued	9:10 p.m. Noise Complaint, Charnock Hill Road, Officer/Chief Advised
12:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Campbell Street, Officer/Chief Advised	4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued	9:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Kyle Hunter Circle, Ambulance Signed Refusal
2:34 p.m. Be On The Lock Out Notification, Main Street, Negative Contact	4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written	10:35 p.m. Assault and Battery, Victoria Avenue, Negative Contact
5:32 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hillside Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal		11:29 p.m. Shooting or Stabbing, Nicholas Way, Unfounded
7:19 p.m. Emergency		

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, June 28		
1:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA). Lombard Road, Mutual Aid Transport	11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning	
5 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Worcester Road, Removed from Scene	1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer/Chief Advised	
Monday, July 29		
12:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Weakness and Dehydration, Malone Road, Transported to Hospital	1:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, South Street, Mutual Aid Transported	
3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning	3:46 p.m. Fires – Power Lines/Wires, Healdville Road, Referred to Other Agency	
3:17 p.m. Assault and Battery, Gardner Road, Report Filed	7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party	
8:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital	8:11 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Maple Avenue, Investigated	
9:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westminster, Officer Spoke to Party	Thursday, July 2	
	2:56 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Burnshirt Road, Removed from Scene	
Tuesday, June 30	9:30 a.m. Fire – Public Service Call, Old Boston Turnpike, Investigated	
2:59 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Healdville Road, Returned	12:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital	
7:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problems, Hale Road, Mutual Aid Transport	12:46 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Highbridge Road, Investigated	
	1:36 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Officer/Chief Advised	
Wednesday, July 1	2:26 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact	
8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint	2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ EMS Response, Thompson Road, Report Filed	
Summons Merrill, Kayan Viola-Patriica, 29, Gardner	5:16 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency	
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Inspection/Sticker, NO	7:49 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Environmental Police, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact	
9:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Street, Written Warning		
10:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning		
11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning		

Sunday, June 28		
9:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Stage Road, Transported to Hospital	Found/Surrender, Pleasant Street, Call Transferred	10:07 a.m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
11:04 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Springfield, Negative Contact	6:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Circle Road, Transported to Hospital	10:33 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Oak Street, Referred to Other Agency
11:32 a.m. Safety Concern, Sunrise Avenue, Investigated	7:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ EMS Response, Summer Street, Call Transferred	11:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,, South Street, Citation Issued
11:58 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Investigated	11:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Oakham Road, Officer Spoke to Party	11:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Criminal Complaint
2:49 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Exchange Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal	Wednesday, July 1	Summons Warren, Alexander Stark, 40, Sterling
6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party	12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Nichols Road, Transported to Hospital	Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
	2:10 a.m. Property Damage, School North Street, Negative Contact	4:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
	7:13 a.m. Property Damage, Broad Street, Investigated (On Going)	5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
	9:54 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party	6:32 p.m. Property Damage, Old Coldbrook Road, Report Filed
	1:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Services, South Street, Mutual Aid Transport	9:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Nelson Way, Transported to Hospital
	2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued	
	4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued	Friday, July 3
	6:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wauwinet Road, Citation Issued	9:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
	8:11 p.m. Fire – Structures Fires, Maple Avenue, Investigated	9:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
	8:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, School North Street, Citation Issued	3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
	8:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party	10:54 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Wauwinet Road, Removed from Scene
	9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Officer/ Chief Advised	
	Thursday, July 2	Saturday, July 4
	8:44 a.m. Harassment, Lane Road, Officer Spoke to Party	10:20 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, West Street, Unfounded
	9:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued	10:01 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, School South Street, Peace Restored
		11:29 p.m. Shooting or Stabbing, Nichols Way, Unfounded

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, June 28		
11:25 a.m. Harassment, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed	Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint	7:45 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, North Brookfield Road, No Action Required
1:55 p.m. Erratic Operator – Bike, Spencer Road, Negative Contact	Summons Coe Passamani, Stephanie Christina, 36, Spencer	9:09 p.m. Noise Complaint, Scott Road, Unfounded
7:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed	Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Unregistered Motor Vehicle * C90 S9	9:37 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Bullard Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Monday, June 29		Friday, July 3
8 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact	8:11 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Maple Avenue, Investigated	5:44 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, Spencer Road, Referred to Other Agency
9:55 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party	Thursday, July 2	10:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:37 p.m. Gunshots, Spencer Road, No Action Required	11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning	
	1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning	Saturday, July 4
	6:58 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Spencer, Officer Spoke to Party	11:29 p.m. Shooting or Stabbing, Nichols Way, Unfounded
Wednesday, July 1		
2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle		

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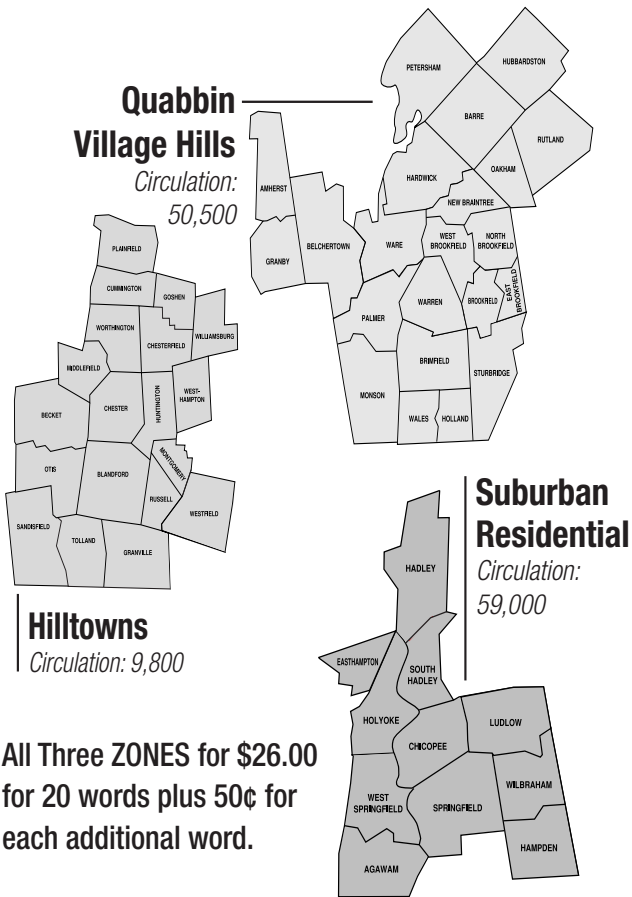
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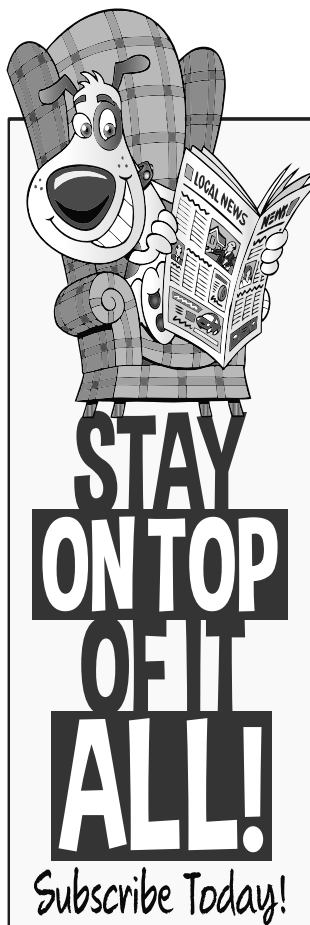


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