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## Experts discuss aquifer

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HARDWICK – The Board of Health hosted a panel of experts at a recent meeting to discuss the Muddy Brook aquifer, Hardwick Pond and surrounding watershed area.

This informational meeting was held after the board received letters from both the Ware Board of Health and the Hardwick Pond Preservation Association about the importance of protecting the aquifer, which provides drinking water to the town of Ware's well on Barnes Street.

"I think it was a well written letter and pretty clear what our goal is," Board of Health Clerk Richard Romano said. "It's a vital resource; it's a vulnerable resource."

### Watershed and aquifer

The first expert to speak at the July 31 meeting was Scott Horsley, a hydrologist with over 30 years of experience in his field. He is also the founder of Horsley Witten Group Inc. which was established in 1988.

Horsley has served as an adjunct professor at Harvard University and Tufts University. He has also been an expert witness in both state and federal courts.

Horsley explained the various terms associated with hydrology, such as "watershed," "aquifer," "wellhead protection area," "recharge"

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## Library hosts 24th Annual Teddy BEAR picnic

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BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library hosted the 24th Annual Teddy BEAR Picnic this past Saturday for a day a fun.

Guests could bring a lunch, blanket, and their teddy bears for a fun visit to the library and meet members of their community. There was a teddy bear hospital available for any pretend "boo-boos" on site.

Picnic attendees could also enjoy lawn games provided by the library as well as the vehicles used by the Barre Police and Barre Fire Department.

Library Director Joe Hood said this annual event is a great way for kids to meet emergency personnel in a non-emergency situation. There was a fire truck, ambulance and a police cruiser for kids to check out and meet their community heroes.

This event started with the firefighters and EMTs coming up with the idea of the B.E.A.R.S. (Barre Emergency and Rescue Squad) and forming an event that was soon brought to the library. The idea was started by Colleen Guertin.

"This is a great way to showcase these services," said Assistant Youth Services Librarian Kate Murray.

Barre Firefighter and EMT, Christina Gustafson was hanging out by the fire truck and talking about the



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Rhianna Burke from Making Opportunity Count CFCE is shown alongside her teddy bear.

responsibilities of being a firefighter. The vehicles were parked inside the Woods Memorial Library parking lot.

Gustafson has been with the Barre Fire Department for over 10 years and runs the SAFE program. Many kids got to explore the fire truck and learn about the

tools and equipment firefighters use at work. Some kids got to sit in the driver's seat of the fire truck and pretended to drive it.

There was even a fun challenge kids got to participate in, where they see how fast they can quickly put on the firefighter gear. Kids also got to take home

free firefighter helmets the firefighter was giving out.

Parked across the firetruck is the ambulance, where kids lined up to bring their teddy bear patients in for a checkup. There was a busy line outside the backdoor of the

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## Voters fail to pass override

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BARRE – The second part of the process to successfully pass a 2 ½ override failed to get a majority yes vote at the Special Town Election held Tuesday, Aug. 5.

According to the unofficial results from Town Clerk Ellen Glidden, only 154 voters said yes with an overwhelming 798 no votes. In precinct 1, 79 voted yes and in precinct 275 voted in the affirmative for the \$543,263 amount. In precinct 1, 427 said no and in precinct 2, 371 voted in the negative.

Voter turnout was 21.98% with 950 of the town's 4,322 register voters. By precinct, voter numbers are 2,136 precinct 1 and 2,186 precinct 2. A total of 504 voters went to the polls in precinct 1 and 446 in precinct 2.

At the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday, June 24 voters approved the budget override of \$543,263 contingent on the passing of the 2 ½ override in the August Special Election. Voters at that meeting approved an omnibus budget for Fiscal Year 2026 that did not include the \$543,263 override amount and was a balanced budget.

Corey Bombredi made an amendment to the balanced budget without the override. His amendment would transfer \$7,212 from the senior center director salary line item to the treasurer/assistant treasurer department line item. Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said the

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## Inspector General finds lack of control over DPW payroll

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BARRE – The Select Board, Department of Public Works and Interim Town Administrator received via email a seven page letter from Jeffrey S. Shapiro, Inspector General.

The letter stated his findings in an investigation of a complaint received by his office in November 2023. The complaint concerned timekeeping practices within the town of Barre's Department of Public Works. The letter said, "The OIG's ensuing investigation confirmed that Jason Pimental, the town's former DPW superintendent, worked hundreds of hours for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority during periods that he was scheduled to work for the town, without taking corresponding leave time."

It said, "Furthermore, the OIG found that neither the town nor the town's DPW

Commission maintained adequate records of the former DPW administrative assistant's out-of-office work hours. The OIG's investigation also established that the town's DPW Commission failed to adequately supervise (DPW Superintendent) Pimental and the DPW's former administrative assistant."

### Findings

Shapiro listed four findings.

**Finding 1:** Jason Pimental worked for the DFS and MWRA while simultaneously working for the town. Between Dec. 28, 2020 and March 21, 2024, he worked approximately 85 shifts for DFS totaling approximately 885 hours, on days he was scheduled to work his regular 10-hour shift for the town. Pimental did not take corresponding leave time from the town and "As a result the town paid Pimental approximately \$33,000 on days he was working for DFS. Pimental told OIG investigators that he took compensatory (comp) time on days he worked for DFS; however, the town does not have any policies regarding comp time and Pimental never formally recorded this purported comp time with the town."

OIG also found that

between July 8, 2024 and Sept. 29, 2024, Pimental worked full-time for the MWRA, many days for 10 hours or more. While Pimental took leave time from the town on some of the days he worked at the MWRA, it is unclear from the town's records when he took that time. The letter said, "Moreover, Pimental did not take any leave from the town for the period from Sept. 16, 2024, through Sept. 29, 2024, despite working at least eight hours each day for MWRA. Pimental claimed he attended various after-hour meetings and conducted work on the weekends, but the town does not have any records substantiating those claims. Nor does the town have a written policy permitting those practices."

**Finding 2:** Neither the town nor the DPW Commission maintained adequate records of the former DPW administrative assistant's out-of-office work hours. The letter said, "The OIG found that neither the town nor the DPW Commission maintained adequate records of the former DPW administrative assistant's out-of-office work hours. On approximately

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The booth of Angela's Illustration that features stickers, cards and prints of her work.

## Makers Market returns to Rutland

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RUTLAND – The Rutland Events Committee brought back the Maker's Market this past weekend off Main Street.

The Rutland Events Committee is a group of volunteers appointed by the Town's Select Board for the purpose of planning and organizing concerts and new events that bring the community together. It was time

to call back all the makers for another monthly maker's market on the Town Commons.

Maker's Market takes place the first Saturday of each month featuring creativity, community and local charm. More than a dozen local vendors set up their booths every month to provide a collection of homemade goods, arts, crafts, and specialty items. The Maker's Market was a lot in the month of July, and it was time to return for the

first Saturday in August.

The market was held on the Lower Common in front of the library. Over a dozen vendors turned out for the month of August for some Saturday morning shopping.

Ciara Johnson of Rutland is the owner and creator of Crochet by Ciara. Ciara participated in her first market last month during the Maker's Market and provided crochets of handmade plushies and various crafts.

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# News of the Towns



**ROUND TOWN**  
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## Lions Club hosts Poker Run and Family Fun Day Aug. 16

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Lions are sponsoring a Family Fun Day along with a Poker Motorcycle Ride in conjunction with the Red Knights Motorcycle Club on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Antique cars and vintage automobiles are also welcome to join in and pay the registration fee, which includes lunch for the driver. They are asking drivers for \$25 for the ride with donations accepted for passengers and non-riding attendees.

The proceeds of the day will go towards purchasing “turn out” gear for the firefighters. This is the gear that firefighters wear to respond and train in. It is their safety net. A set of gear consists of a coat, pants, boots, helmet and gloves and costs approximately \$5,400. This is not shared gear. Each firefighter must have gear that is sized to fit them for maximum protection.

All small towns struggle with the cost of trying to maintain the safety of their first responders so community outreach and involvement is one way the Petersham Lions Club can help.

Riders and vehicle operators will assemble on the Town Common at 9 a.m. for registration and then they are off on a determined self guided route through north central Massachusetts towns and into New Hampshire. Along the way they will pick up a playing card and the rider/

driver that returns with the best poker hand is the winner. In addition, the Chuck Wagon will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers with chips and dessert.

While the riders and drivers are out on the scenic route, there will be plenty of activities for families and especially the children. Some of the activities include a bounce house, badminton, penny search, Fire Department house, Fire Department information table, large connect four game, flying disc throwing and more.

They will have the State Forestry Service in attendance with their vehicles as well. To round out the day, there will be a bake sale and a raffle. The Lions Club has two large raffle prizes of four Worcester Red Sox tickets and a \$200 gift certificate to Higgins Motorsports. There are a number of other raffle prizes as well.

The Lions Club is thankful to Lions Club members, who have donated items and prizes, Higgins Motorsports, Witty’s Funeral Home, Worcester Red Sox, UTZ potato chips, Brookside Equipment, Market Basket, BJs, Price Chopper, Hardwick Farm Co-op, Table Talk Pies, Curious Cravings Bakery, and the non-profits of The Asher House and Fluffy Feather Farm.

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**OAKHAM**  
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### Lunch Brunch meets Aug. 15

Lunch Brunch meets the third Friday, Aug. 15. They will dine at the 308 Lakeside, 308 East Main St, East Brookfield at 12:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet at the Senior Center main room. If seniors can’t get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

### Town wide yard

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

### Church news

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

### Senior Center

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

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

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold is held in the Rutland Senior Center - \$3 donation per class. Thursdays at noon is weigh in at the Senior Center support weight loss group. Fridays at 10.30 a.m.: Functional Fitness meets at the New Braintree Town Hall; \$3 donation per class.

Hot Lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072. Friday August 8: COA meeting at 12 noon.

## Food Pantry lists food distributions

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

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

The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors continues to operate as they have since March 2020. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 13 and Aug. 21 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue

up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

On Tuesday night, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning. If proplr can help pitch in for an hour on Aug 12, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

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

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

**OES to hold chicken barbecue**  
Cradle Rock Chapter No. 123 Order of Eastern Star will be hold their annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 9 with drive through pickup serving at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$18 per person. Menu includes half a chicken, homemade Cole slaw, baked potato, cranberry sauce and bread. For tickets, people should call either Dolly at 508-826-7537 or Jane at 978-413-0775. The phone number for Jane was listed incorrectly in last week’s column

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

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

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## 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. 11. 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 – Beef stew, rice, corn niblets, Mandarin oranges, Italian bread

TUESDAY – Buttermilk chicken, cranberry stuffing, roasted California vegetables, peaches, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY – Baked potato with

chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Fish with crumb topping, rice pilaf, Tuscany blend vegetables, fruited ambrosia, whole wheat bread, tartar sauce

FRIDAY – Shepherd’s pie, carrots, peas, butterscotch pudding, diet = sugar free tapioca pudding, Italian bread

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

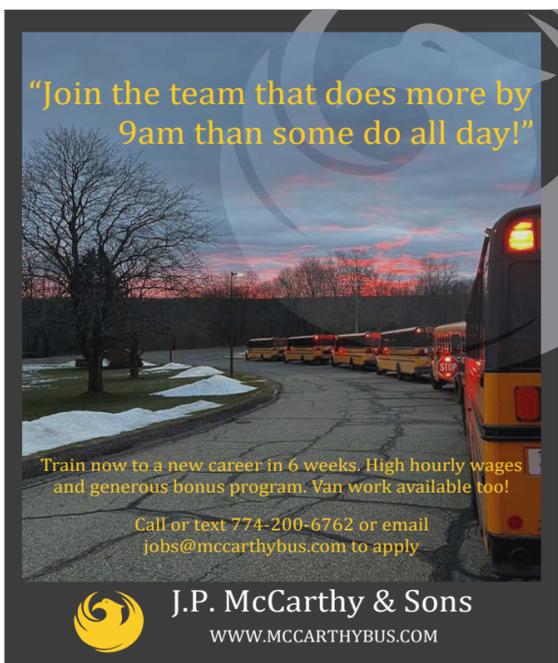
## Quabbin Community Band closes season with ‘Dixieland Night’

BARRE – Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. marks the ninth and final concert this summer presented by the Quabbin Community Band.

As has been tradition for many summers gone by, this final concert on the Barre Common is known as, “Dixieland Night.” Every single selection comes from the Dixieland tradition and features small combos of musicians playing solo parts in front of the larger concert band. There will be so many favorites for the crowd including: “Original Dixieland Concerto,” “Hey Mr. Banjo,” “Dixieland Encore,” “Bill Bailey,” “When the Saints Go Marching In,” “Canal Street Strut,” “Dixieland Jamboree” and many more.

As the QCB season comes to a close the

band would like to specifically thank their new librarian, Sarah Cox, who did an outstanding job with all of our folders this summer. Thanks also to Toni Brown and family for their handling of the equipment trailer and many thanks to Anne Gobi, Sue Musnicki and Dee Houle for making the weekly 50/50 raffle such a success. The band thanks the community for a wonderful 52nd season and looks forward to playing again next summer starting on Father’s Day. Concerts begin at 6 p.m. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, which has plenty of cushioned seating, air conditioning and two handicap accessible bathrooms.



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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Board of Health – Aug. 11 at 5 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – 12 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.  
 911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 18 at 5 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 28 at 11 a.m.

### HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – Aug. 07 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 11 at 3 p.m.  
 Parks and Recreation Committee – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 13 at 3 p.m.  
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Library Trustees – Aug. 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 20 at 4 p.m.  
 Cultural Council – Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Aug. 18 at 11 a.m.-noon  
 Planning Board – Aug. 20 and Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Board of Assessors – Aug. 12 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 5 at 9 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Library Board of Trustees – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board ByLaw Subcommittee – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board Public Hearing – Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

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## HUBBARDSTON

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### Library 5K set for Sept. 6

The 28th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. sharp. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the Library, approaching \$90,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. The race will be held rain or shine. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall first place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, race director at 978-928-5120 or email [MTWigler@gmail.com](mailto:MTWigler@gmail.com). The 2024 Race/Walk raised over \$4,000 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

### Dinghy Dash

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

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

### Rep. Berthiaume office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna, invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. Office hours are Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the Hubbardston Senior Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### Senior Center

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

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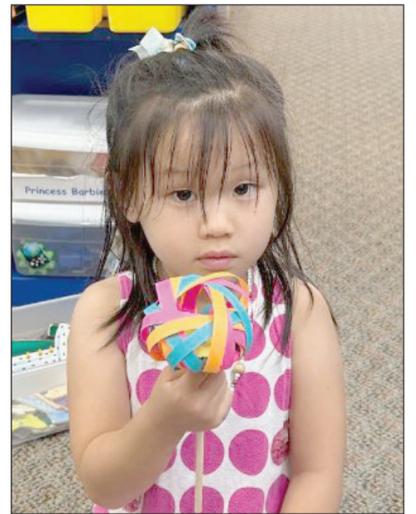
er in community and humanitarian service, the motto of the Lions is "We Serve." Local Lions Club programs include but are not limited to: sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, environmental issues, peace initiatives and international relations

People are also welcoming to bring any used prescription or regular reading and sunglasses to put in the eye glasses box for recycling to those in need. They will have information about the Petersham Lions Club and Lions International and people can speak with members of the Lions Club and the Fire Department. They may email Petersham Lions Poker Ride Fundraiser Event Coordinator Lynn Scott at [Lynnascott2@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnascott2@gmail.com) for more information.

Members are looking to meet with new and familiar people at this family event. Petersham Lions is a group of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
**Jubilee, age 6, tested out a catapult made from popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and a spoon.**



**Shiloh, age 4, held a kinetic orb that was made during Engineering Thursdays at the New Braintree Public Library.**

## Library hosts Engineering Thursdays in the summer

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NEW BRAINTREE – Throughout the summer, the New Braintree Public Library, has hosted fun activities as part of their summer reading program including Engineering Thursdays.

This drop-in event is available for guests who arrive during library hours. If they couldn't stay, guests could bring the supplies home to build later.

Throughout July, the library has done many cool engineering projects. Kids got to make rackets to play balloon tennis. After building, kids went out to the library lawn to play balloon tennis.

Another Engineering Thursday had kids making their own kinetic orbs. Jubilee and Shiloh got to make their own kinetic orbs and learned about what kinetic means. The kids also learned about what a sphere is, which is a shape that is formed when rotat-

ing the kinetic orb.

According to their mother, Chris, Jubilee and Shiloh love going to the library for arts, crafts and for books.

"They can spend hours here," Chris said.

The kids also got to make their own lava lamps and catapults. The catapults are made out of popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and a spoon serving as the catapult that will launch either cotton balls, beads or buttons.

Mary Lefevre is a coordinator at the library and was testing the activities this past Thursday by building a catapult of her own. There were cotton balls, beads and buttons flying in the library.

The New Braintree Public Library, also known as the L. H. Pollard Memorial Library, is located at 45 Memorial Drive. The next engineering Thursday is on Aug. 7, and the kids will get to work on making kinetic sand.

The library will be hosting a Bingo for Books and Ice Cream Social on Monday, Aug. 11 at 4 p.m.

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# Opinion

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### Why hasn't my Social Security benefit changed because I am still working?

Dear Rusty:

I am currently receiving Social Security benefits while continuing to work full time.

There are no restrictions on my wage earnings because I waited until full retirement age before beginning benefits. However, I was also told that my benefit amount would be reviewed each year if my current earnings were higher than past earnings.

That held true for the first two years, but has yet to be adjusted for 2025. I thought it might be because of HR 82, which does not impact me directly, but I think it may be the reason my payment has not yet been changed. Has enough time passed so I should contact SSA now to see if this is the case?

when calculating your benefit amount.

Your earnings for each year in your lifetime up to age 60 were adjusted for inflation when you originally claimed SS and your recent earnings would need to be higher than the inflation-adjusted amounts used by SS when you claimed. They use the 35 highest earnings years adjusted for inflation over your lifetime to calculate your benefit and inflation has a substantial effect. For example, \$50,000 earned in 1990 would require over \$100,000 in earnings today to cause an increase in your benefit. Thus, you cannot go by the actual dollars you earned in earlier years, because SS uses inflated amounts to calculate your benefit.

In any case, if you believe that the Social Security Administration neglected reviewing your earnings from last year or in any year since you claimed, you can make an appointment to review that with them by calling 1-800-772-1213. SSA typically does such appointments over the phone, so you likely won't need to make a personal visit to your local SSA office to investigate this.

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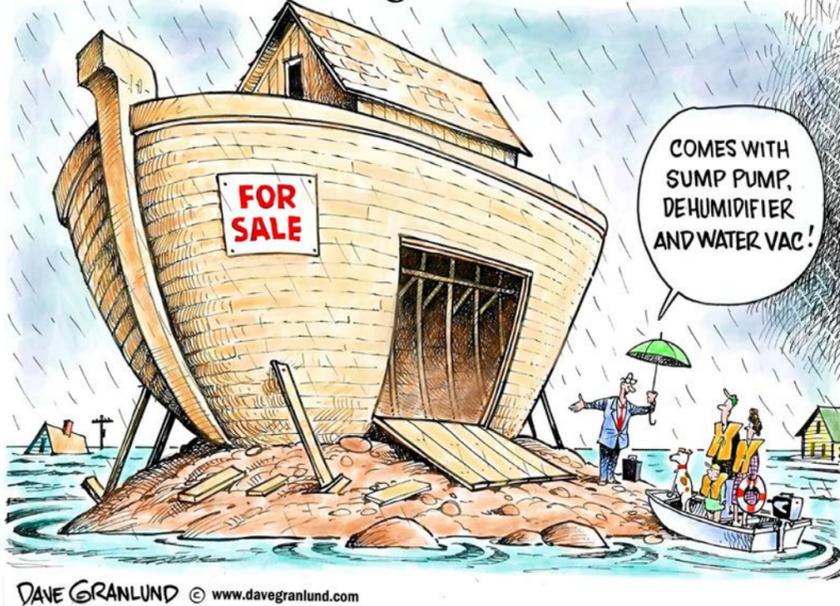
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Dear Waiting:

If you are already collecting benefits, Social Security reviews your earnings each year to see if your more recent earnings are high enough to warrant an increase in your monthly benefit. They do this automatically, after they get your most recent earnings data from the IRS and they typically do that review by the end of the third quarter of each year. If a higher benefit is indicated, they will increase your monthly amount and pay you retroactively to the beginning of the year for any difference in your benefit.

SSA has, indeed, been vigorously working on changes resulting from HR82 (the Social Security Fairness Act), which may have affected the timeliness of their review of your recent earnings. However, I suspect that is not why your SS benefit has not yet changed. More likely, it has to do with the fact that your past earnings have been adjusted for inflation, which is a normal part of Social Security's process

### Alternative to buying flood insurance...



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## In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 13, 2020)

The Quabbin Regional School District Committee approved Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir's request to revise the 2020-2021 school calendar.

She said the start date would be Tuesday, Sept. 8 to allow ten days of training for teachers and staff. Early release days would be changed to Mondays from Wednesdays. There would be no school Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24 the week of Thanksgiving. This change allowed custodial staff to do deep cleanings of the schools, as they don't work the Thanksgiving holiday break.

Full professional development days would be held Nov. 3, March 22 and June 1. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) mandates the professional days. Two schools in the district, Hardwick and Hubbardston, hold elections in their schools. Not having students in the buildings Nov. 3, Election Day, would prevent more people in the building than usual.

The Barre selectmen reviewed the applicants for the treasurer/collector position at their last Thursday night meeting. Although the meeting was Zoom format, it was the first one held in the selectmen's meeting room at the Henry Woods Building in months. Selectmen Gregory O'Sullivan and Matthew Urban were in the Woods building and selectman Dylan Clark participated from home. The public could participate via Zoom. Selectmen will hold interviews for treasurer/collector Thursday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. After discussing the candidates, they selected Paul Redmond, Ruben Urquidi Jr.,

### Look Back



File photo

The Barre Business Association sponsored a bonfire in South Barre to celebrate the July 4th holiday. The flames shot high and attracted many spectators.

Alexander Haggerty and Lisa Gibbons. The town of Barre presently hired a temporary treasurer/collector through an agency, Strategic Municipal Solutions agency until selectmen hire a replacement for Sharon Ashleigh, who left the end of July for another position.

The Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre, offers an online summer reading program this year. Patrons can register at [barrelibrary.beanstack.org](http://barrelibrary.beanstack.org) for themselves and everyone in their family. All ages are welcome. Participants can track their reading and complete challenges to earn tickets toward the end-of-summer raffle prizes. Children and teens will also receive prize bags that can be picked up at the library. Please see the library's Facebook page or website ([barrelibrary.org](http://barrelibrary.org)) for more information, as well as to learn about upcoming events and programs.

10 years (Aug. 13, 2015)

This year's Vacation Bible School theme at the Oakham Congregational Church is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." About 30 children ranging in age from preschool to elementary school age are attending VBS this week. Adults and teen helpers bring that number to well over 40. Every day children meet a different animal, hear a Bible story, do crafts, learn songs, play games and enjoy a theme related snack.

Two hundred seventeen Hubbardston voters came out on a summer's evening to act on a three article Special Town Meeting. All the articles passed at the Monday meeting. After Selectmen received a petition article requesting that residents get a second chance to vote on a proposed new senior center by itself, they called a Special Town

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## Midsummer maintenance will keep annuals going strong in your garden

The half dead pot of petunias on the rental house's steps got me thinking about the perfect column for this time of year! After all, we invest hard earned money in annual flowers and plants, and we expect that they will provide us with color through the first frost. What steps can we take now to ensure that they will?

Read on for some useful advice, straight from the archives.

### Remove spent flowers

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will pro-



duce seed; seed that will grow future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease, and it will begin to decline. By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower!

When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best throughout the growing season.

### Shear them back to encourage new growth

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips.

These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks. Give them a good haircut.

Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they won't look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

### Feed your plants

Annuals that are well fer-

tilized at planting time likely look a bit pale by now. If foliage is off-color and flower production is nil, pull back the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in a little bit. You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks.

If going natural is your cup of tea, make some! Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

### Water, water, water

Be careful not to let your plants dry out. When you need to water the garden,

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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We had such changeable weather this week.

I had to have the A/C on two days and then wore a sweat shirt on two days. I had a bad fall at midnight Sunday morning in my bedroom so I have been having cold packs and heating pads. I fell on my rump and it is not easy to get up as the muscles are hurting. I don't believe I broke any bones but ouch.

My dear penpal sent me this recipe she said her family has enjoyed for years. A friend picked a cup of our cultivated blueberries so I will make this as soon as I get some eggs.

### BLUEBERRY TEA BREAD

2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 tablespoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups blueberries  
1 teaspoon grated orange peel  
2 eggs  
1 cup milk  
3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Combine flour, sugar baking powder and salt. Stir in blueberries and orange peel. In another bowl beat eggs, add milk and oil and stir that mix into dry ingredients. Pour into a greased 9 by 5 by 3 inch pan. Bake one hour or until a toothpick comes out clean. Serve with cream

cheese if desired. Makes one loaf and enjoy.

### This and That

My handyman gave me a large can of pumpkin pie so I made two pumpkin pies and with the leftover I put it in a loaf pan and baked it with the pies. I could of made three pies. I used the loaf pan mixture as a pudding and put whipped cream on all three.

Another trick I have been doing is to slice up pickling cucumbers into the leftover juice of pickles and it makes more pickles. In one recipe book I was reading they sliced onions very thin and did the same thing and used them on hotdogs or hamburgers.

I spent the week making various placemats, napkins, aprons and stove mitts. The gardens are doing well but some animal attacked the tomato plants in the pots but I uprighted them and they will be okay. I had BLT's with one of the tomatoes that ripened.

I planted some potato spuds in a planter on the deck and they are now six inches high. I wonder how many potatoes I will get.

I talked to a neighbor about the low flying planes we have been seeing in town and he said they were investigating sand pits due to crumbling house foundation I forget to pick some blueberries.

## Guest Column

### A Drop in the Bucket: Chapter two

By Elaine Daisy McKay

*Parts of this story has been taken from the writings of Elaine Daisy McKay, "Gramma & Her God"*

Christine shared her heritage that went back to 1975 when her now deceased grandfather purchased 100 acres and 30 cows and became a dairy farmer. In 1978 he sold the cows and went farming fruits, vegetables and later to hay and wood. Today, 2025 there are over eleven thousand blueberry bushes on nine acres of their land, which was just a dream in 2012. Christine's mom and dad and herself, do all the planting, mulching, pruning and continue to maintain the fields for delightful picking.

Christine always loved the farm, loved to be outside and follow her Gramps and dad around. She spent a great deal of time with her Gramps, as she called him, moving into the old farmhouse and caring for him personally, in the later five years of his life.

"Gramps" taught me so much about life. He gave me character, wit, and taught me about farming. Telling me always to be prepared; not to get discouraged because Mother Nature was the boss. Farming is 24/7/365. "We're here rain, snow, sunshine, heat, sleet etc. Family first. To listen to your intuition.

People will remember how you made them feel Words are powerful."

Though she is not living in the old farmhouse now, her life goal is to be able to restore it and live there once again.

Christine went on to say, "My parents also taught me perseverance, to work hard, to rise to challenges, despite obstacles; GRIT- to dig deep and remain focused on my goals. To try to do things right the first time and to sacrifice. Get an education, work 40+hours a week plus your farming. They also taught me maintenance, make no summer plans, trips, and to be present during the growing season. No cutting corners.

The Sawyer's will probably never realize, with their sacrifices through the years, the lives of so many that they have blessed, by creating such a beautiful place on their farmland. Especially for those who have a heritage of their own, like me, of their own love of blueberry picking days. Stirring memories, of perhaps long ago, with a drop in their bucket, of those special times with their families.

Yes, my heritage goes way back. I can almost hear my brother's voice hollering, "come over here, the picking is great." You see my brothers were our scouts for where to pick and were responsi-

ble for establishing a central location for our large pails and water. We girls summarized they never seem to pick much, but knowing their eating habits, they were "canning" a good amount.

Not actually a fond memory, but one that makes me giggle today, is my experience with a red ant hill. I had settled on an old log by myself, enjoying a sandwich and some water. I don't think I finished my sandwich before I realized red ants had covered my pant legs and I could feel them on my back. The sandwich flew, the water spilled, and this six-year-old girl wanted her mama. Everyone came to see what the "ruckus" was. Mom had to strip off all my clothes. They were biting. I was not a happy blueberry picker and embarrassed to tears. Everyone helped me with getting all the ants off my clothes and me. We all agreed we had learned to watch, look and respect wildlife.

The years went by, and my brothers were off to the Marines and my sister got married, so it was mom and me that would trek that hill and enjoy a day, with all its adventures, in the berry fields of my youth. When I got married, it was mom, me and my in-laws who would search out new locations for our pickings. My children were raised on cheerios and blueberries.



Courtesy photo by Elaine McKay  
**A branch of a blueberry bush with both ripe and ripening berries.**

When we bought the farm in Hubbardston, we found a place right up the hill from us. We would have so much fun and many laughs. Years went on, my Mom passed, and my mother-in-law came to live with us after Pa died. She could no longer go picking. My friends in New Hampshire had a blueberry patch so we went to visit. He had a golf cart and was able to give Mom a ride right up to the bushes. She was just delighted. "Never thought I would get to pick again", she said, as tears rolled down her cheeks.

Writing about these precious memories has always been the desire of my heart. God has given me just that and the ability to do it. They are my stories but to God's Glory.

## Guest Column

### Skullduggery in Oakham, Part 2

*Note: This is the second part of a two part column and represents the opinions of the author. Part one appeared in the July 31 issue.*

By Lisa Killick

There are many vacant seats on the various town boards and committees in Oakham.

This surely could be due to a number of factors. The hostility of town officials should not, however, be one of those factors. Given the above referenced issues, is it any wonder that so few people want to subject themselves to involvement in our town government?

Transparency is viewed as evil and new candidates for offices are shut out. Do you need to be a vetted member of the insiders clique of Oakham to be afforded a right to involvement and information? It makes me wonder, "Do the people of Oakham have the opportunity to observe and therefore understand what is going on in town? How would they feel about it if they did? Would they think it was fair? If not, would they seek to pay more

attention and become more involved?

Is that what town officials are really concerned about preventing? "When your elected officials are objecting to transparency, red flags should be raised. Shutting down voting on articles meant to increase voter awareness of town proceedings, blocking citizens who are seen as outsiders from serving on Boards and Committees and creating a hostile environment for citizens when they do attend meetings is not the appropriate way to conduct town politics within a democratic republic." Is this what the citizens of Oakham want? Is this who we are?

Oakham needs leadership not pettiness. Leadership devoid of clandestine behavior likely motivated by a fear of losing the control currently held by a small circle of people. I believe the secrecy, disrespect, hostility and abuse of power needs to stop. Citizens should not be blocked from serving the town for no reason other than to maintain the status quo. Citizens should not be subject to derision

when they attempt to participate in meetings in town. Citizens should not be denied the opportunity to vote or to witness what is happening in our town committee meetings. I wonder who would disagree with these points? These things are happening; I have borne witness.

Furthermore, it is of utmost concern that this is all happening at a time like this, when Oakham is literally fighting for its life against a toxic battery park slated to be built in our wetlands! Oakham needs all voices to be heard, all citizens to be involved. Oakham needs leadership that unifies people and thereby strengthens us. Oakham does not need leaders who lack the maturity and insight to work together with others for the benefit of the town.

My objective in writing this is to urge the citizens of Oakham to pay more attention to what is going on in your town. This is your town and despite how you may have been made to feel, you have rights: A right to be heard and respected by your elected officials.

We are taxpayers, our voices matter. Our tax dollars fund the town and back the decisions made by the very people who are shutting us out. I urge you to vote, attend meetings or watch recorded meetings when available. See for yourself what is going on and decide. Board of Selectman meetings are recorded and posted on the town website 7-10 days after the meeting. And yes, the old ones are still there. Let's not allow ourselves to be disregarded.

Now is not the time for apathy. The message being delivered by our town government seems to be: "Don't ask questions. We are handling things. We won't let you get involved if you're not a part of our clique. Just trust us."

When this message is challenged it is met with abuses of power. All of our lives are very busy and stressful. It is easy to become complacent. In whatever way possible, stand up for your rights and make your voices heard. Enough of the bullying and nonsense. An informed public can make their own decisions.



By Ellenor Downer

My daughter, Paula and family enjoy watching a large flock of cedar waxwings by the bridge near Hardwick Pizza in Gilbertville. They also watch "tons" of bats leave the chimney of the old senior center each night at dusk. Some nights there must be about 50 of them. They fly out and then make big circles around the building while screeching. They do a great



Cedar waxwing

job of controlling the mosquito population.

The cedar waxwing is one of the few North American birds that specialize in eating fruit.

It can survive on fruit alone for several months. It is a silky smooth songbird with a black mask, tan head and breast, yellow belly and grayish brown under parts. The tail has a yellow band at the tip and some wing feathers have waxy red tips, hence the name waxwing.

Adults perch on high, exposed perches where they are easily seen and heard. They also have a prominent crest. During courtship males and females pass a small fruit or other item back and forth. The cedar waxwing is medium sized and sleek. Their crest often lies flat and droops over the back of the head. Waxwings are social birds and often seen in flocks

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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM *Food Trucks:* Big T's, Trolley Dogs, Say Cheese
- 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM *Beer Garden:* Lost Towns Brewing
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
- 6:00 PM Opening Ceremonies & Fair Dedication { FLAG POLE }
- 6:15 PM Lumberjack Contest
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Exhibit Halls Open
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Blacksmithing & Pottery Demonstrations
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Timber Framing
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Exhibit
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }

For a complete list of events, exhibits, rules and instructions, visit [hardwickfair.com](http://hardwickfair.com).

Please remember, NO DOGS are permitted at the Fair unless they are a service animal. Owners must provide appropriate tags or certification reflecting that registration and vaccines are current.

Parking: Parking is available at the Eagle Hill School, 242 Old Petersham Road. Free shuttle service will be available to and from the Fair on Friday and Saturday at frequent intervals. Handicapped parking will be available at the Universalist Church and adjacent to the Police Command Center at the corner of Barre Road and Rte. 32A.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Mountain Bike Ride/Race
- 9:00 AM Running of the Road Race
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Exhibit Halls Open
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM 4-H Livestock Exhibit
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Book Sale & Hardwick Fair-y Villages { PAIGE LIBRARY }
- 9:00 – 2:30 PM Hardwick Treasures Rock Painting
- 9:30 AM Cattle Judging
- 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Blacksmithing Demo
- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Hay Rides { MAINE-LY DRAFTS }
- 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM Timber Framing & Pottery Demonstrations
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM *Food Trucks:* Big T's, Trolley Dogs, Say Cheese, Grub Guru
- 10:45 AM Stone Cutting
- 11:00 AM Dance Demo { GET UP AND DANCE }
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
- 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM *Beer Garden:* Lost Towns Brewing
- 12:00 PM Children's Parade
- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }
- 12:30 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Parade
- 1:00 PM Central Mass Rabbit Breeders Display & Demo
- 1:00 PM Frog Jumping Contest { NO TOADS }
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
- 1:30 PM Horseshoe Contest
- 2:00 PM Children's Games
- 3:30 PM Auction of Exhibits
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Hardwick Farmers Guild Buger Bash
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }



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**PAST from page 4**

Meeting. At the Annual Town Meeting in June, a single article included both the senior center and a public safety facility for tow separate buildings on the same lot located on Route 68. It failed to pass. All petition articles with the required number of certified signatures must be included on a town meeting warrant.

If people are not currently a registered voters in the town of Hubbardston, the last day and time to register to vote in the Special Town Election is Saturday, Aug. 29 at 8 p.m. Election Day is Wednesday, Sept. 9 with polling hours from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Hubbardston Center School. There is parking behind the gym and behind the Hubbardston Senior Center near the voting entrance or use the municipal lot next to the library, not the main school parking lot.

**25 years (Aug. 10, 2000)**

At the July 31 Hubbardston Selectmen meeting, they noted they had received a letter from owners of the Katasisto clay pit on Route 68 regarding the longstanding problems there. The engineers addressed all of the issues concerning the town engineer Bruce Saluk and are planning to schedule regular meetings and inspections. One of the solutions posed in the letter regarding the problem of clay being deposited on Route 68 was for those at the pit to rent a sweeper to remove it on a regular basis.

The horse population in Barre will be a lot safer thanks

to the efforts of 17 year old equestrian enthusiast Kelly McDonald. She is putting together a computerized and hard copy registry of all the horses in town and their owners as well as a plotted map where each resides. These documents will then be given to the Chief of Police and Fire Department Chief for emergency purposes. McDonald said she hopes her projects will help police locate the owner in the event a horse wanders from home. The project is part of McDonald's attempt to receive the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Barre Board of Selectmen rescheduled the dog hearing on Monday, Aug. 21. Mr. and Mrs. Nugent requested the dog hearing and were present at the meeting. However, neither the assistant dog officer nor the owners of the dogs, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harnois attended. Calls were made to the assistant dog officer and Mrs. Harnois and both were notified of the Aug. 21 date. Mr. and Mrs. Nugent said they moved to Barre about two years ago. Their neighbor's dogs have been an ongoing problem. The Harnois dogs are outside and bark continuously. The barking is very loud and the Nugents said that they are forced to keep their windows closed and do not use their deck because the dogs bark at them.

**38 years (Aug. 13, 1987)**

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals, in a seven page decision rendered last week, decided that Thomas H. Pettee of Pleasant Street has been

in violation of the zoning by laws by illegally maintaining a "junk yard" on his property. The board, in culminating a lengthy investigation and after conducting public hearings in June and July, unanimously voted to order Pettee to remove the machinery, engines and debris stored outside on his property withing 60 days or be fined. The board also revoked three building permits that had been granted him.

The sewer street crew, part of the Sewage Treatment Project, is working this week to bury effluent pipes from Town Farm Road toward South Barre. They will then move to Old Furnace Road and work from the "Singing Bridge" to Barre Plains Center. A notice to property owners concerning house service notifications will be distributed to each home before the crew begins work on that particular street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pettee (Susan Anderson) proudly announce the arrival of a daughter. Elyse Lauren was born on June 6, 1987 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester and she weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mr. Ermol Anderson of Meriden, Connecticut and her maternal great-grandmother was the late Mrs. Helen Anderson, who passed away on July 31, 1987. Paternal grandmother, Mrs. Clara Pettee, lives in Barre and her paternal grandfather was the late Herbert Pettee of Barre. Elyse Lauren has a 10 year old sister, Adele Irene McKeon and a 2 1/2 year old brother, Benjamin Thomas Pettee.

**BOH held hearing on grease trap**

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Correspondent

**HARDWICK** – The Board of Health held a meeting and public hearing last Thursday regarding grease trap regulations.

These regulations can be found on the Board of Health's website ([www.hardwick-ma.gov](http://www.hardwick-ma.gov)) and includes rules on the installation, maintenance, and inspection of grease traps in food service establishments.

The Board of Health regulations define a grease trap as a device designed to separate

and trap grease – fatty matter obtained from animal or vegetable sources – from other wastewater discharged by the establishment, from devices such as sinks, floor drains, and dishwashers. Grease traps are a necessity, as they prevent sewer blockages, as well as stop grease from infiltrating into the sewer system.

These regulations are put in place not only to protect the water, but also benefit the business's infrastructure, as well as protect the environment as a whole.

Some of the provisions as written by the Board of

Health include that an internal or external grease trap must be installed at any food establishment, under the discretion of the Board of Health. The capacity of grease traps are to be set at 1,000 gallons, or 100% of the daily water usage from the establishment, whichever is greater.

All grease traps must be maintained at the expense of the establishment, and the town of Hardwick is not responsible for the financial burden.

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year round. They sit in fruiting trees swallowing berries whole or pluck them I mid-air with a brief fluttering hover. They also course over water for insects, "flying like slightly, clumsy swallows."

It takes the female about five to six days to build a nest. They occasionally take nesting materials from other birds nests.

**Helping birds**

A reader from South Hadley suggested I include a section about ways to help birds. She even provided several tips for future columns. In hot weather and during dry periods, it is important for birds to have a clean, cool source of water. Even something as simple as putting out a bird bath and water dishes

and keeping the water clean and cool during the summer heat will help birds.

Many people don't realize that birds get dehydrated and the bird baths help them keep cool but equally important, maintain the health of their feathers. A bird bath doesn't have to be fancy, even an old ceramic serving dish would work as long as the water isn't too deep. One reader, who sends emails quite frequently has a more elaborate system with a dripping water.

**South Hadley birds**

A South Hadley resident emailed she hears an owl in her neighborhood, but has never seen it. She reported seeing red tailed hawks and turkey vultures. When she sees road kill, she moves it to a safe spot away from traffic so that vultures don't

get hit by cars.

**Great blue heron at MacDonalds**

Saturday night my daughter, Paula, took the girls to the McDonald's in Ware just as it was getting dark. A great blue heron flew into the parking lot from the river across the street and tried to unsuccessfully land on top of a lamp post. When it couldn't, it flew just a few feet over their heads into the swamp in the back of the parking lot.

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

**AQUIFER from page 1**

and "zones 1, 2 and 3."

He said watersheds are the areas surrounding a body of water that drain precipitation into streams and rivers. The Muddy Brook area contains a lot of "gaining streams," those which continue to flow even without rainfall due to the discharge of groundwater.

The Muddy Brook aquifer is what's known as a buried river valley with fractured bedrock and glacial till. He said it is a high-yield aquifer.

"This is a pretty unique resource," he said.

Watersheds can cross town and state lines. He used a map to show how the aquifer flows from Hardwick to Ware.

"Watersheds really don't obey any political and municipal boundaries," Horsley said.

Horsley said the watershed is extremely important when it comes to protecting the aquifer, and that managing the land usage around it is key to safeguarding.

Horsley said the Department of Environmental

Protection empowers local boards of health with the regulation and protection of drinking water. The DEP also has a model of controls which offer a management program that the Board of Health can consider.

"It's a public health issue," he said of the protection of drinking water.

**Drinking water and public health**

Dr. Philip Landrigan, a medical doctor who graduated from Harvard University and worked as an epidemiologist and pediatrician, spoke about the impact pollution has on drinking water and public health.

Since 2018, Landrigan has been teaching at Boston College, and he was joined by one of his students, Ella Whitney.

"It's so important to protect the water we drink," he said.

Water, he said, is "the single-most abundant compound in our bodies." While essential to life, water can also be a source of disease when it is contaminated.

Landrigan gave the history of water-borne disease, including the 1800s cholera epidemic that wiped out nearly 5% of the population, or about 400,000 people.

"That's the kinds of power that water-borne infections can have," he said.

Now, people have to worry about toxic chemicals making it into their drinking water, which can cause disease, disability and death.

"Young children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable," he said. "A small child will take in more contaminants."

Landrigan said older chemicals that can contaminate water include lead, and the newer chemicals include pesticides, herbicides, nitrogen and PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances).

"PFAS have numerous adverse health effects," Landrigan said. "It became critically important to keep chemicals out of drinking water...and to protect both surface water and groundwater. Surface chemicals can eventually reach groundwater so it's important to respect

the protected zones."

Landrigan said if groundwater becomes contaminated by chemicals, it will have a negative impact that will last generations.

"Once groundwater gets contaminated...the contamination is going to last for decades," he said.

Landrigan also noted that clean drinking water means lower healthcare costs, as the rate of disease is reduced and people are generally healthier.

**Board of Health role**

Michael Hugo, Director of Strategies and Government Relations for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards began his career in vaccine litigation. He served 15 years on the Board of Health in Framingham.

He was also involved in Woburn's 1980s toxic groundwater case, the first ever that was litigated. This landmark case went on to become both a book and movie, "A Civil Action".

In 2019, Hugo embarked on his career in public health. Hugo explained that the

power of the board of health in the commonwealth comes directly from state legislature, and it is the only state that allows for boards to have full autonomy. There are 351 boards of health in Massachusetts, one for every town and city.

By comparison, the state of California only has eight boards of health.

"It's really one of a kind," Hugo said.

Hugo said that the superior court and appeals court have never overruled a board of health ruling in Massachusetts.

He offered his guidance to the Board of Health in protecting the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed.

"You have a water source that needs to be protected," he said.

Hugo suggested the Board of Health hold information sessions to educate the public about the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed, and get feedback about any proposed regulations.

"The more public input you get the more public buy-in you get," he said. "You

want people to understand what the Board of Health is doing."

**Comments from Board and public**

Physicians Advisory Panel member Neil Halin said it is important for the board to be proactive in taking steps to protect the Muddy Brook area. Romano agreed that it is a "tremendous" resource for both Hardwick and Ware.

Romano said he wants to involve other boards and committees in this process, including the Conservation Commission, Select Board and Planning Board.

Ware's Town Manager Stuart Beckley suggested the two towns form an aquifer committee to continue discussion about its protection.

Resident Judy Kohn said it would be good for the Board of Health to take samplings of water from private wells as well as soil testing to have a baseline for contamination in the area around Hardwick Pond.

"We don't know the magnitude of the problem already," she said.



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# Calendar of Events

## SATURDAY, AUG. 9

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

**ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE** sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter No. 123 Order of Eastern Star will be held today with drive through pickup serving at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$18 per person. Menu includes half a chicken, homemade Cole slaw, baked potato, cranberry sauce and bread. For tickets, people should call either Dolly at 508-826-7537 or Jane at 978-413-0775.

A **DANCE** will be held today from 7-10 p.m. at the Finn Park, Pleasantdale Road, Rutland. Admission is \$8.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 10

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

**FREE MIDDAY CONCERTS** showcasing the historic Worcester Hook organ in Great Hall at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester, will take place today and Wednesday, Aug. 20 with each concert beginning at noon. Today, in partnership with the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, series artistic director and Mechanics Hall principal organist Peter Krasinski presents a program highlighting a range of talented local artists. On Aug. 20 Holy Cross organ scholar Gavin Klein is a rising star named to Diapason magazine's 20 Under 30 Class of 2025. His recent performances have taken him to celebrated organs



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**This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Aug. 4. Bill Bowles correctly identified the photo. The photo last week take of Brigham Pond from Brigham Street in Hubbardston.**

in Germany, Austria and Argentina. This performance marks Klein's second appearance at Mechanics Hall. All concerts are approximately one hour in length. Admission is free and open to the public. Guests are welcome to bring their lunch or enjoy light refreshments available at concessions.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 15

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

**BEAL'S POETRY CONTEST SUBMISSION DEADLINE** is today. The Beals Memorial Library in Winchendon seeks entries into the sixth annual Beals Prize for Poetry. Ten finalists will be chosen by the judges to read their work at the awards presentation on Thursday, Sept. 25. Prize money of \$250, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded to the top three competition finalists. Entrants may submit only one, original and unpublished poem. Contestants must live in Massachusetts or in one of these New Hampshire towns: Keene, Swanzey, Richmond, Fitzwilliam, Troy, Marlborough, Dublin, Peterborough, Jaffrey, Rindge, New Ipswich, Greenville and Sharon. Submissions must be emailed to: bealspoetryprize@gmail.com (Word docs

preferred). Competition finalists will be notified on or before Friday, Sept. 12. All entries will be judged blindly. Previous Beals Prize first place winners are not eligible to participate and submitters should be at least 18 years of age.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 16

**CHICKEN BARBECUE** sponsored by the Ware Republican Town Committee will take place today from noon-4 p.m. at the Hardwick Rod & Gun Club, 59 Thresher Road, Hardwick to support State Senator Peter Durant. The highlight of the day will be the firing of the cannons. Tickets are \$25 each.

Please contact Gerry Fountain at 413-427-2192 or gfountainjr2@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 17

**PADDLE ON THE SWIFT RIVER** is sponsored by Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council. Participants should meet today at 8:30 a.m. at Coldspring Boat Launch in Belchertown. They should bring their own boat and life jacket. People may call Jim at 413-386-3623 or email jemerson9479@yahoo.com for more information.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 23

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

**PAXTON AREA SENIOR BUS TRIP** on Wednesday, Sept. 17 will go to Jonathans's in Ogunquit, Maine for lunch, Seashore Trolley Museum and in town trolley tour of Kennebunkport including Presidents George H. W. Bush's summer home on Walker's Point, Saint Anthony's Franciscan Monastery, sandy beaches, spouting rock and blowing cave. Reservations and payment are due by today. There will be a light amount of walking on this trip. The trip leaves Paxton at 8:30 a.m. and should arrive back in Paxton between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$157 per person. For information and reservations, call Deb Grensavitch at 508.754.6366 or email her at grensavitchd@aol.com. Please make per person \$157 payment out to Paxton FOCOA and mail it along with choice of entree(s), to Deb Grensavitch, 88 Laurel ST, Paxton, MA 01612-1234. Payment is due Wednesday, Aug. 27 and is non-refundable unless ticket(s) can be re-sold. Meal choices include chicken piccata, lemon baked scrod or roast pork loin.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 28

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

## Calendar Policy

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

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## Panthers earn first round bye

AUBURN – With a victory last Monday evening, July 28, Quabbin’s entry in the Auburn Summer High School Basketball League went an impressive 9-1 and earned the top seed in

the playoffs. The playoffs began last Wednesday, with Quabbin and Quaboag earning first round byes with their top records. They would start their playoffs earlier this week.



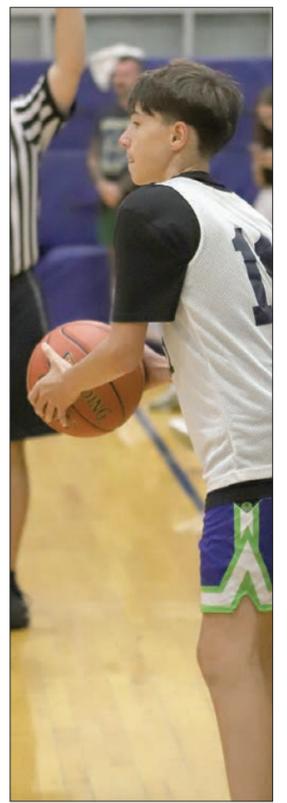
Jacoboy Dilling looks for an open lane.



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Brady Patchen hustles down the court on offense.



Collin LeClair passes on the run.



Evan Sherbloom looks to make the inbound pass.

## Central takes silver, West bronze in field hockey games

FITCHBURG – Utilizing the turf fields at Game On Sports Complex, the Bay State Games for field hockey were held, featuring teams from Western and Central Massachusetts, both of which have had great success in the sport in past Bay State Games competitions. The games, which were held

the weekend of July 11 to 13, started off with a strong 3-0 victory from Central over the Metro/Northeast team.

Western Mass. got into the action right after, taking on a Central team that has just played a few hours earlier. But Central was equal to the task and scored a 4-2

win over West.

West then had its second game of the day, facing off with the Coastal team, and rebounding with a 4-3 win.

On Saturday, July 12, West fell for a second time 4-1 against the Southeast team while Central also suffered a loss, falling 5-2 against Southeast.

Both teams would rebound with wins later in the day. Central beat Coastal 5-3 while West shut out Metro/Northeast with a 4-0 decision. That put the West team in the bronze medal game on Sunday, July 13.

West would defeat Coastal in a rematch of their second game of the tournament, winning 3-2. Central made the gold medal game, but suffered a 2-0 shutout against the Southeast team.

This year, representing Central Mass. in the games were Quabbin High School’s Makenzie Casey and Tantasqua’s Sophia Bochichio.

Tantasqua’s Dessa Demears played for the Western Mass. team, while Anna Taylor and Kendall Placzek represented Minnechaug Regional. Agawam High School placed four players on the team. Alyssa DaSilva, Finnola Mahoney, Olivia Govoni, and Lily Charest represented the Brownies.

## North County Legion’s season ends against Leominster

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM – The North County Post 129 Legion baseball team advanced into the 2024 Zone 4 championship series after defeating Leominster Post 151 in the semifinals.

The best of three semi-final series was tied at

1-1 before North County outslugged Leominster, 18-3, in the deciding game at McLaughlin Park in Leominster.

North County then lost to Hudson Post 100 in the finals.

The format for the Legion playoffs was changed prior to the start of this season.

The Zone 4 playoffs were

eliminated and only the top six teams in the standings qualified for the state playoffs.

North County finished the 2025 regular season in sixth place in Zone 4 with a 9-10-1 record.

Leominster, which finished in third place, won both games that they played against North County during

the regular season.

North County and Leominster began the state playoffs in the Region 1 pod, which was hosted by Belchertown, who finished first in Zone 3. Northampton Post 28, which finished fourth in Zone 3, also competed in the Region 1 pod.

North County began the double elimination

state playoffs by posting a 3-0 shutout win against Belchertown at Belchertown High School on July 19.

The following morning, North County faced Leominster in a winner’s bracket game at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

Leominster, who defeat-

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## Rivalry renewed as PeoplesBank takes title over St. Joe’s

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – The Tri-County Baseball League will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2029.

PeoplesBank, who has been the best team in the league during the past thirty years, swept St. Joseph’s in this year’s best of three championship series.

“Feels great to win another championship. It’s our goal every summer,” said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. “We just enjoy playing baseball with each other. Our chemistry is a key to our success. I can’t thank the players enough.”

Ferry, who started both games against St. Joe’s in left field, was aided by assistant coach Rey Rivera, who had three base hits and an RBI in game two.

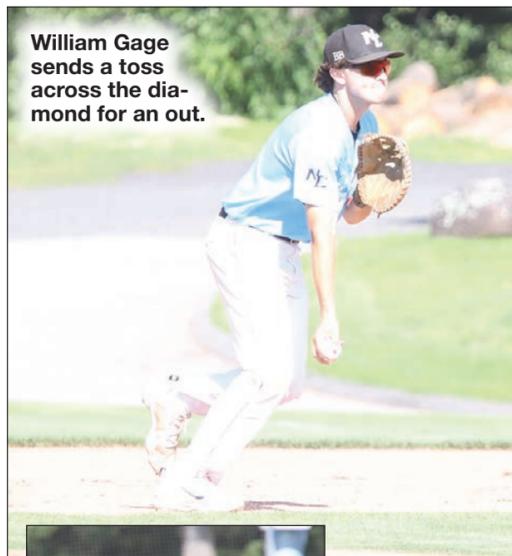
PeoplesBank has captured the championship title in each of the past twelve seasons and a total of twenty times since 1995.

PeoplesBank and St. Joseph’s both finished the 2025 regular season with ten victories.

“Our season was a success and great bonds were created,” said St. Joe’s player/manager Brian Hayes. “We had a team composed of mostly college players this year.”

PeoplesBank, who was the top-seeded team, advanced into the finals after sweeping fourth-seeded Teddy Bear

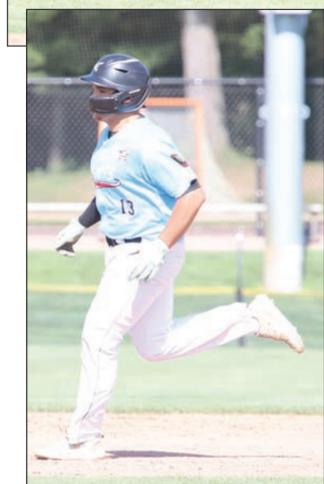
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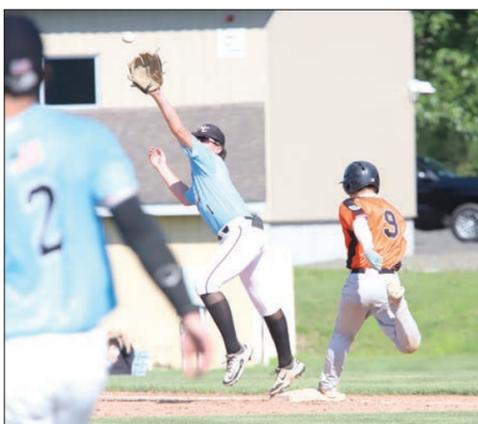
William Gage sends a toss across the diamond for an out.



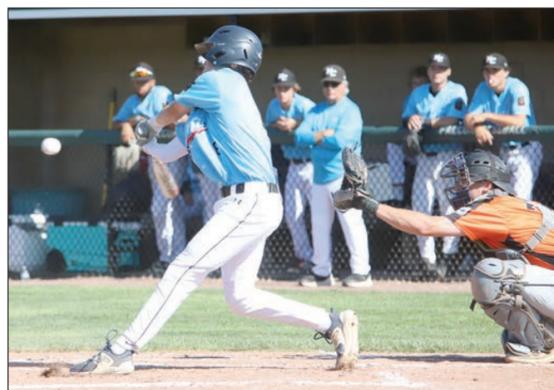
Aiden LaPointe sends a throw to first.



Logan Cormier fields a bunt down the third base line.



Anthony Girgenti catches the low-throw to second for a force out.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Jake O'Day comes up the ball on a base hit to left.

# Candlepin League News

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## Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes has crowned a champion for the summer of 2025. Although the league has

one week left, Sophia's Raiders clinched first place the previous week and has a record of 76-28 after 13 weeks. Kristen's Squad are in second place with a record of 58-46. Close behind in third place is Gutter Dolls with a record of 57-47.

During week 13, Clock Barn bowled against the Gutter Fingers. In game one, Gutter Fingers won a close

game by a score of 427-425. In game two, Gutter Fingers won again by a score of 442-416. In game three, Clock Barn won by a score of 410-407.

The final score was 1276-1251 in favor of Gutter Fingers, who have a record of 51-53 after 13 weeks. Clock Barn is in ninth place with a record of 30-74.

Gutter Snipes bowled against No Shows during

week 13. In game one, No Shows defeated Gutter Snipes by a score of 449-443. Pete Swistak of No Shows began the match with a 112. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes began the match with a 109.

In game two, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 466-444. Swistak bowled well with a 111 and Vinciulla did better in game two with a 125.

In game three, Gutter Snipes won the last game by a score of 440-435. Vinciulla bowled a 116 for a series of 350. Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1349-1328. The Gutter Snipes have a record of 50-54 and No Shows are 48-56.

Kristen's Squad bowled against Gutter Dolls in week 13. In game one, Kristen's Squad defeated Gutter Dolls

by a score of 422-410. Bob Button of Kristen's Squad began the match with a 105.

In game two, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 426-403. In game three, Kristen's Squad won the last game by a score of 449-439. Button ended the match with a 124 and a series of 322. The Gutter Dolls won total pinfall by one point, 1275-1274.

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Pools & Spas in the semifinals.

Second-seeded St. Joseph's needed three games

to eliminate third-seeded bankESB in the semifinal round.

The Bankers scored seven runs on seven base hits in the bottom of the first inning

enroute to a 10-0 victory in game one of the championship series last Monday night. The contest ended after 4 1/2 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

It was also PeoplesBank last game of the season at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

"We just love playing games on this field," said

Ferry following game one. "We played very well in tonight's, but as Kobe Bryant, who was my favorite athlete growing up once said, 'the jobs not finished'."

PeoplesBank finished the job twenty four hours later with a 10-7 win in an old fashion slugfest at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike.

The winning pitcher in game one was lefthander James Flahive, who's sidearm. He allowed only two base hits and issued two walks in his final start of the 2025 campaign.

"Jimmy has been the best pitcher in the league during the past four or five years," Ferry said. "I don't ever recall him losing a game since he put on a Peoplesbank jersey."

St. Joe's shortstop Devin Slattery, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School, drew a walk with one-out in the top of the first inning. After the next batter flied out to right, Slattery was thrown out trying to steal second base by catcher Pete Hogan.

Centerfielder Seth Allen hit a ground ball up the middle into centerfield for a single leading off the bottom of the first inning against St. Joe's righthander Jack Feltovic.

Then Hogan walked before second baseman Dave Clark launched a 3-run homer that landed beneath the giant scoreboard in left field.

Following back-to-back singles by first baseman Kyle Platner and right fielder Cam Rivest, DH Johnny Gegetskas delivered an RBI single to left giving the home team a 4-0 advantage.

Another run crossed the plate following a sacrifice fly to left by shortstop Sam Allen.

After catching the ball, St. Joe's left fielder Jacob Petrin threw the ball to third baseman Brandon Magni, who tagged out the runner who was trying to advance to third base on the play.

Shortstop Seth Allen, who's Sam's twin brother,

capped off the opening frame by hitting a two run double off the left field fence.

"We kept passing the bat and put a lot of pressure on them in the first inning," Ferry said. "We had some hard hits and a couple of walks in that inning. We also batted around in the first inning of last year's finals. I capped the inning off with a bases loaded triple in that game."

St. Joe's DH Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk leading off the second inning, but he was thrown out trying to steal by Hogan.

PeoplesBank scored three more runs in the third inning.

Clark, who was hit-by-a-pitch in the second inning, knocked home the first run of the frame with a double to left. Platner followed with a two-run double to right.

Trailing, 10-0, St. Joe's began the fourth inning with a line-drive single by Petrin, who was thrown out trying to steal second base. Slattery also singled, but the next batter grounded into a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

St. Joe's standard two runs on base in the top of the fifth, as PeoplesBank took a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Bankers jumped out a 7-0 lead in game two before St. Joe's battled with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Center fielder Aaron Little knocked home two runs with a double and right fielder Colby Harrington contributed with an RBI single. The other two runs crossed the plate following errors.

The Bankers, who were led offensively by third baseman Cam MacDonald with two hits and two RBIs,

responded with three runs in the sixth inning giving the visitors a 10-5 advantage.

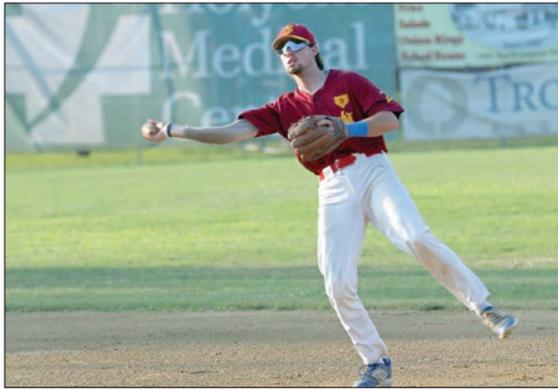
St. Joe's scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Danny Gaines was the winning pitcher in game two, which capped off another memorable season for PeoplesBank.



Dave Clark gets the out at second.

Turley photos by David Henry



Nate Carrill makes an off-balance play.



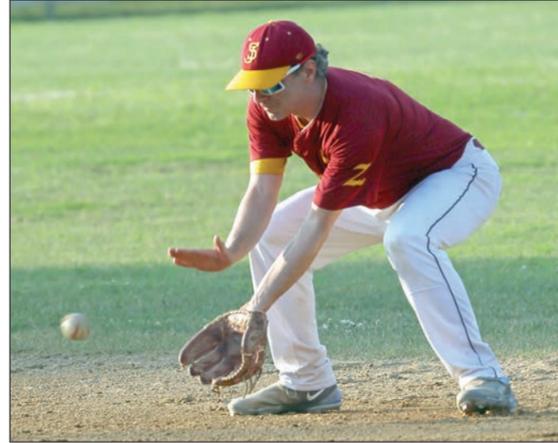
Sam Allen swings for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive delivers a pitch home.



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.



Greg Vouros fields a grounder to second.

## LEGION from page 9

ed Northampton in their first playoff game, won that contest by the final score of 11-3.

North County then faced Belchertown for the second time in an elimination game at Spec Pond on July 22. The Post 129 squad broke open a close game by scoring four runs in the sixth inning leading to a 10-5 victory.

It set up another meeting with Leominster.

North County, who was the visiting team, trailed, 2-1, entering the bottom of the second inning before Leominster exploded for seven runs with the help of

five walks and two base hits.

Post 151 added two more runs and clinched a berth in the Senior Division state championship series, which is being held in Quincy this week, with an 11-1 victory. The game came to an end with no outs in the bottom of the fifth inning due to the ten-run mercy rule.

"We were able to beat Leominster several times last year, but they're a very good baseball team this year," said North County head coach Gregg Picucci. "Because they're right down the street from us, we know players and coaching staff very well. We have a lot of respect for

Leominster. I wish them all the best in the state finals next week."

Three of the North County Legion players attend Quabbin Regional in Barre.

Aiden Lapointe, who's a first year member of the North County Legion baseball team, started at shortstop in the second game against Belchertown. He singled in the seventh inning and scored a run.

"I've really enjoyed being a member of this baseball team," said Lapointe, who's also a member of the Quabbin varsity baseball team. "It has also been a lot of fun having two of my high

school teammates on the legion team."

Those two players are Adam Adams, who's a pitcher, and Alijah Flint, who's a catcher. They were also first year members of the Legion team.

"I'm hoping that a few more players from Quabbin will play for this team next year," Lapointe added. "I really enjoy playing with the other kids on this baseball team."

Seven of the players listed on the North County roster also played baseball at Oakmont Regional, which has been very successful during the past few years.

The other players listed on the Legion roster are from Athol, Leominster, and Fitchburg.

Lapointe's father, Matthew, was one of the assistant coaches for the North County Legion team.

"My father has been my baseball coach my whole life," said Lapointe, who's a raising senior. "I've really enjoyed playing for Coach Picucci this year. He has really helped me a lot."

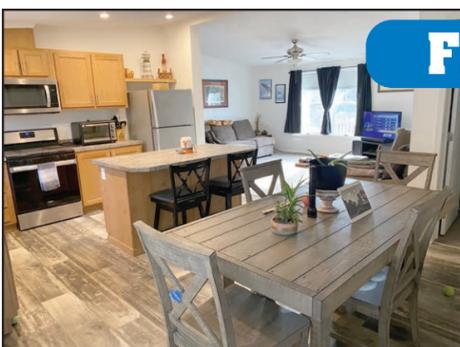
Adams will also be a senior in the fall, while Flint is entering his junior year.

All three of the players from Quabbin Regional are eligible to play for the

Legion team again next summer. They're hoping to make another trip to the state playoffs.

"We entered the state playoffs as the sixth seed and we managed to win two games," Picucci said. "We made it to the final game of the series. We had a great season."

Picucci, who's currently an assistant varsity baseball coach at Oakmont, was also a head coach at several high schools in Northern Worcester County for 28 years. He was inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2010.



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# Education

## Lucian Pierre graduates

MOUNT HERMON – Lucian Pierre of Petersham was among 192 students from 24 states and 25 nations, who graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon on May 25.

Northfield Mount Hermon is a coeducational boarding and day school for students in grades 9-12 and a post-graduate year. NMH enrolls 630 students from across the U.S. and around the world.

## Islam receives degree

ATLANTA, GA – Zishan Islam of Rutland has earned a Master of Science in computer science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Islam was among 6,660 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 268th Commencement exercises May 1 – 3, 2025 at Bobby Dodd Stadium (Master's).

# Colleges, universities announce acknowledgements

### PRESIDENT'S LIST

#### Fitchburg State University *Fitchburg*

Luke Perron of Hubbardston  
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Nia R. Manderson-Matheson of Petersham  
Ronan J. Johnson of Rutland  
Taylor E. Senecal of Rutland  
Charles K. Stevenson of Rutland

#### Nichols Colleges *Dudley*

Riley Bassett of Gilbertville  
Alyssa Senecal of Rutland

### PROVOST'S LIST

#### Hofstra University *Hempstead, New York*

Jenna Oberg of North Brookfield, exercise physiology major

### DEAN'S LIST

#### Amherst College *Amherst*

Brianna Caponigro of Barre  
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Andrew Twarog of Hubbardston  
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Laney Harrold of Hubbardston

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Zoey L. Lenahan of South Barre, second honors.  
Marlyann S. Cabrera Resto of Hubbardston, second honors.  
Ryan M. Kerr of Rutland, second honors.  
Brock M. Milaszewski of Rutland, second honors.

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Olivia Ward of Hardwick

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Marc D. St. Germain of Hardwick  
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Anya Kelley of Rutland

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Emily Marrone of Hardwick

### University of Bridgeport *Bridgeport, Connecticut*

Casey Dmochowski of Rutland

### University of Maryland *Aderlphi, Maryland*

Jesse Daniel of Hubbardston

### University of New England *Biddeford and Portland, Maine*

Michelle Tremblay of Barre  
Kaitlyn Mitchell of Rutland

### University of Tampa *Tampa, Florida*

Declan Cady of Rutland Cady, majoring in cybersecurity  
Maila Halvorsen of Rutland, majoring in nursing



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Stuffed animals comfortably hung out during the 24th Annual Teddy BEAR picnic at the Woods Memorial Library.



Dancers from Next Step Studio of the Performing Arts shared a dance performance and stories.



Marc was in the driver's seat of the firetruck.



Firefighter/EMT Christina Gustafson of the Barre Fire Department spent the day showing children the department's firetruck.



Kids explored the Barre Firetruck Engine 4.



Barre Police Officer Mark Sawyer is shown alongside the police cruiser parked in front of the library.



Lawn games were enjoyed by the kids who went to the picnic with their teddy bears.

### BEAR from page 1

ambulance as kids patiently waited with their stuffed animals.

The kids also got to explore the ambulance and see what equipment is used by EMTs. Behind the firetruck is a police cruiser from the Barre Police Department. Officer Mark Sawyer was at the Teddy

Bear picnic and showed guests the outside and inside of the cruiser. Officer Sawyer was happy to meet members of the community during this event.

"This is a good community event," Sawyer said.

Over by the library entrance were the dancers of Next Step Studio of the Performing Arts. The Next Step Dancers provid-

ed a dance performance and were sharing story books with some of the kids. The books were dance related and were called "Tap! Tap! Tap! Dance! Dance! Dance!" by Hervé Tullet. This is an interactive book that celebrates color and movement and gets kids to dance during every page.

The Next Step Dancers also shared the story,

"Bunheads" by Misty Copeland, a book about a young ballerina who discovers her love for dancing.

There were informational booths during the Teddy Bear Picnic. There was Rutland Regional Dispatch sharing information with the public. Next to them was Making Opportunity Count (M.O.C.) with CFCE staff Rhianna Burke and her

trusted teddy bear. Making Opportunity Count empowers families to achieve economic security by eliminating barriers and creating opportunities.

All MOC CFCE programs are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. This organization provides free playgroups, story walks and family events. Visit

www.mocinc.org for more information.

The annual Teddy Bear Picnic happens every year at the Woods Memorial Library on the first Saturday in August, rain or shine. Be sure to bring your teddy bears for the occasion. Visit the Woods Memorial Library at 19 Pleasant St. to learn about any upcoming activities.

## Paige Memorial Library announces new events

HARDWICK – Friends of Mary Lane Hospital will be hosted by the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. for an update and discussion.

Topics are: the Lewis Gilbert 1919 will, the 2016 merger and transfer of ownership, the proposal supporting the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, the current status of the Lewis Gilbert Trust Fund, the Baystate audit on how endowment funds have been used, the current condition of the Mary Lane site, what rights the Hardwick and Ware residents have as third party beneficiaries, and actions being taken by the Friends of MLH.

Mystic Aquarium is coming to Hardwick on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with the Mystic Aquarium “Touch Tank,” the grand finale for the Paige Memorial Library’s 2025 Summer Reading Program. There will be live invertebrates such as lobsters, horseshoe crabs and shellfish.

People may bring their Hardwick Fair literary

submissions to the Paige Library or mail them to: Paige Memorial Library, P.O. Box 413, Hardwick, MA 01037.

People may sign up to create a fairy house on Tuesday, Aug. 12 and Wednesday, Aug. 13. People must register by stopping in at the library, calling 413-477-6704 or email director.paigeli@paigememoriallibrary@gmail.com.

The library staff needs to know how many people are coming to make sure they have enough supplies.

The Paige Library needs volunteers to help prepare for the Hardwick fair book sale and the Hardwick Fair-y Village. The Hardwick Fair is Aug. 15 and Aug. 16. The Paige Memorial Library will hold the annual book sale on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for the annual book sale, to display a fairy house in the Hardwick Fair-y village, visit with a real live flower fairy and get a glitter tattoo.

The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Adorable rabbit plushies created by Ciara Johnson of Crochet by Ciara.



Jewelry and decorative bowls to help Emily Ryan donate copies of her books to libraries, school and organizations that support those with OCD.



Illustration prints created by Angela Germain of Angela's Illustration.



Custom Pet Portraits were at the Maker's Market for the month of August.

### BOH from page 7

The establishment must inspect the traps for safety and functionality at least monthly, and any records must be held in a secure location for inspection by the Board of Health, or any other health inspector. Any records of cleaning and pumping must also be forwarded to the board within seven days of pumping.

Failure of a business to comply with these provisions can lead to the revoking of food service permits, or fines of up to 50 dollars per day of violation, 10 days after notice by the Board.

The public hearing on these regulations brought about no public comment. Health Agent Matt Fortier said one complaint was brought to his attention by the wastewater superintendent of Hardwick, stating that the fine of \$50 per day of violation was too lenient.

A discussion amongst the board claimed that fines are a way to not punish the establishment financially, but rather to gain compliance, as well as the fact that these fines can be revisited and waived at the discretion of the board.

Board member John Mott motioned to maintain the fine level at \$50 a day, which passed.

A motion to end the hearing was then passed as well, and the board planned to sign these regulations at their next

meeting on Sept. 11. These regulations will then be effective 18 months from that date.

### Secondhand smoke regulations

The board revisited regulations on secondhand smoke which were discussed at the last meeting. The board prohibited smoking in bars, as well as prohibited self service machines which sell tobacco.

At Thursday's meeting, the board agreed to continue funding tobacco control and regulations, as well as set a timetable for assigning a Massachusetts Health Officers Association member to the town of Hardwick.

### Updating of fee schedule

The board passed a motion to update their fee schedule of various permits, including campground, pool, and food permits. A campground fee will be \$150. The schedule will be effective Sept. 1.

### Republic Services

The board is considering not renewing the contract with Republic Services to the town of Hardwick, as a result of poor service and community complaints. Mott mentioned that the town is accumulating trash as a result of their lack of service.

A motion to send a letter to Republic Services notifying them of the town's desire to suspend their contract passed.



Emily's Gold Award Project is started by Emily Ryan, who wrote the book "Beneath the Surface."

### MAKERS from page 1

"I'll crochet anything," Johnson said.

Though she will crochet anything, Johnson said rabbits are her favorite plushies to crochet. There were plenty of cute bunnies available at Crochet by Ciara's booth. For more about Crochet by Ciara, contact her at ciara-johnson2000@gmail.com.

Another crochet artist attended the Maker's Market, and it was Denise LaRoche of Hand Made Fun. LaRoche is based out of Holden, Massachusetts and has been crocheting for over 30 years. She first learned how to crochet when she was seven and now participates in vendor events.

LaRoche learned early on while creating Hand Made Fun that there is a lot of work to put together a crafting business and attending markets and craft fairs are part of it. In addition to crochet items, Hand Made Fun also has dreamcatchers available as well as themed crochet hats. LaRoche said she recently sold a crochet Pokémon character.

Her mother helps with making crafts including the designs of the dreamcatchers. Hand Made Fun can be followed on Facebook and Instagram, so shoppers can find out what event they'll be at next. Call Hand Made Fun at 978-493-7369 or email handmadefuncrochet@gmail.com.

Another crafter was

Emily's Gold Award Project. There was jewelry and hand-crafted bowls, but there was also an opportunity to meet to Emily Ryan, who is an Ambassador Girl Scout. Her gold award project is a fictional book to help spread awareness about OCD.

The crafts at her table will help Ryan donate copies of her book, "Beneath the Surface", to libraries, schools and organizations that work with people with OCD.

There was an illustrator during this month's Maker's Market. Angela Germain of Angela's Illustration is based out of Worcester and has been involved with art for 20 years. After years of art classes, Germain was ready to share her work with the

world. "I felt like I could express myself through art," Germain said explaining her reasons behind pursuing a career in illustrations.

Angela's Illustration had stickers, post cards, greeting cards, and prints for sale and all these featured her own art and illustrations. Germain remembers the first time she got her work published. She was still in college and had artwork of hers featured in Worcester Magazine. For more information about Angela's Illustration, visit angelasillustration.com or call 508-331-7540.

More about the Maker's Market in Rutland can be found at this link: www.rutlandma.gov/833/2025-Makers-Markets.



Crochet hats made by Hand Made Fun.

### DPW from page 1

50 occasions between Dec. 28, 2021, and Feb. 28, 2024, the administrative assistant "punched out" before the end of her regularly scheduled workday and then altered her timecard by writing in 8 hours. The administrative assistant told OIG investigators that the hours added represented the hours that she worked outside of the office. However, neither the town nor the DPW Commission maintained any records documenting the work she completed while out of the office, thereby making it nearly impossible for investigators to determine whether the administrative assistant worked those hours."

Finding 3: The DPW Commission failed to adequately supervise Pimental and the former DPW administrative assistant. "The OIG's investigation revealed that the DPW Commission, comprised of members of subsidiary boards and commissions, is not capable of adequately supervising

a town department with as many responsibilities as the DPW. This conclusion is evidenced by witness interviews and the conduct of DPW Commission members during DPW Commission meetings," the letter said.

The letter also said, "Furthermore, DPW commissioners who spoke to the OIG were not aware that Pimental was working for MWRA until that fact was publicly announced during the Aug. 12, 2024 DPW Commission meeting. At that meeting, the DPW Commission vice chair announced that Pimental was working a second full-time job at MWRA.11 The vice chair made a motion to place Pimental on paid administrative leave and schedule a disciplinary hearing, but no one seconded his motion. Rather, members of the DPW Commission chastised the vice chair for raising the issue."

Finding 4: The DPW Commission presents a structural problem that impedes the town's effective gover-

nance of DPW employees. "As authorized by Chapter 56, the DPW Commission is an independent entity that lacks appropriate oversight. Its governance structure impedes the town's ability to enforce its own policies and to ensure that DPW employees do not violate the Commonwealth's conflict of interest or ethics laws. The inability of the Select Board or the town administrator to require the DPW Commission to follow town wide oversight policies (such as those for timekeeping and payroll) does not by default relieve the DPW Commission of implementing policies to mitigate and control risks and to ensure that it follows Massachusetts laws and regulations," the letter said.

### Recommendations within 30 days

The Inspector General made the following recommendations to be implemented within 30 days.

Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the

DPW Commission, recognizing that town time reporting policies apply to employees of the DPW Commission. The DPW Commission should review and approve DPW employees' timecards consistent with town policies.

Ensure that all DPW employees' timecards accurately reflect their start and end times. Ensure that leave time is properly documented.

Formalize a policy regarding out-of-office working hours, including a requirement that all town employees, including DPW employees, document tasks completed during out-of-office working hours.

Enact written policies regarding positions that have 24/7 responsibilities, including provisions related to expected work hours, documenting schedules and approving schedule changes.

Discontinue the use of comp time until the town enacts policies concerning its approval, use and tracking as other time balances are tracked.

Implement controls so

that the town does not process for payment any time that is not properly recorded and approved by a supervisor with knowledge of its accuracy.

Adopt a town policy that forbids town employees from supervising and approving the work time of family members.

Ensure that the DPW and its employees comply with all town policies and procedures enacted by the Select Board and town administrator.

Require all town employees, including DPW employees and commissioners, to disclose all outside employment and activity to the town. Review outside employment and activities to ensure that they do not conflict with the employee's duties or state ethics laws.

Ensure that all town employees, including DPW employees and commissioners, take annual ethics training and comply with state ethics laws.

If the Memorandum of Understanding under

Recommendation cannot be finalized within 30 days, the DPW Commission must, within 60 days, promulgate its own written procedures concerning employee time reporting, approval, and leave time, consistent with town policies and subject to outside audit by the OIG.

The final recommendation is to enact a change in the structure of the town's DPW. Consider proposing legislation that would eliminate the DPW Commission and place the DPW and the DPW superintendent under the authority of the Select Board or Town Administrator.

The letter concluded, "As DPW superintendent, Pimental had a duty to the town. He violated that duty by working multiple jobs while serving in this role. The DPW Commission, as a steward of public funds, has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure adequate oversight of the DPW, its operations, and its employees. The DPW Commission failed to carry out that mission."

# Public Notices

## PUBLIC AUCTION

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

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  - 2018 Honda Accord VIN: 1HGCV1F52JA253602
  - 2012 Ford Fusion VIN: 3FAHP0JG8CR241275
  - 2011 Volvo VNM VIN: 4V4MC9DG2BN296105
- The sale will be held at **Early's on Park Avenue 536 Park Avenue Worcester, MA 01603** 07/31, 08/07, 08/14/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO21P0011PM Estate of: Alan R. Kossack CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Anita Palmaccio of Lancaster, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, first account, second account, third account, fourth account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/02/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 30, 2025  
**Stephanie K. Fattman** Register of Probate 08/07/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO25P2063EA Estate of: Sylvia B. Lemerise Date of Death: March 29, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Donna M Farmer of Spencer, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Donna M Farmer of Spencer, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being adminis-

tered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 08/07/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO25P2479EA Estate of: Robert Cleon Nims Date of Death: 05/14/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Adrienne Althea Nims of Oceanside, CA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Adrienne Althea Nims of Oceanside, CA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/26/2025.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 01, 2025  
**Stephanie K. Fattman,** Register of Probate 08/07/2025

**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 18, 2025, at 857-274-7090. 08/07/2025

## VOTERS from page 1

\$7,212 for the treasurer/assistant treasurer department was included in the Article 9 budget, which was contingent on

the passing of a Proposition 2 ½ override. Bombredi said the treasurer/assistant treasurer was an important department and should be funded in the first motion on the omni-

bus budget, which was a balanced budget, staying within the guidelines of Proposition 2 ½ cap. Voters approved the amendment by Bombredi at the Annual Town Meeting.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 25-93 July 31, 2025

Petition of the Town of Hubbardston for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On July 9, 2025, the Town of Hubbardston ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 25-93.

The Town has retained MassPowerChoice, LLC to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83682423184> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at **(301) 715-8592** (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 836 8242 3184**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, to [annemarie.belle@mass.gov](mailto:annemarie.belle@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [annemarie.belle@mass.gov](mailto:annemarie.belle@mass.gov). In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, Paul W. Gromer, Esq., at [pgromer@gromerllc.com](mailto:pgromer@gromerllc.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-93); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/File-room/dockets/bynumber> (enter "25-93"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [eadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:eadiversity@mass.gov).

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Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Paul W. Gromer, Esq., at [pgromer@gromerllc.com](mailto:pgromer@gromerllc.com). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Annemarie Belle, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [annemarie.belle@mass.gov](mailto:annemarie.belle@mass.gov).

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## NEWS from page 10

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# Public Safety

## Rutland Police Log

### Monday, July 14

12:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
 1:47 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed  
 8:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 8:36 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
 11:19 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Peace Restored  
 1:45 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Edson Avenue, Referred to Other Agency  
 2:07 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ware Road, Negative Contact  
 3:50 p.m. Safety Concern, Whitehall Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:35 p.m. Threats, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:12 p.m. Identity Threat, Cedar Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:27 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Highland Park Road, Call Transferred  
 9:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed

### Tuesday, July 15

12:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Brown, Anthony Lamont, 54, Gardner  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 1:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled – Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:43 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Intervale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 10:48 a.m. Safety Concern, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact  
 11:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Report Filed  
 11:58 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Information Taken  
 12:18 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Ridge Road, Message Delivered  
 12:23 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Call Transferred  
 12:58 p.m. Threats, Watson Lane, Message Delivered  
 2:09 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Highland Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist  
 5:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:03 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Edson Avenue, Returned to Family  
 10:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

### Wednesday, July 16

12:18 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Kenwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 5:54 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained  
 8:29 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Arline Drive, Officer/Chief Advised  
 2:06 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Locke Road, Information Given  
 3:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Clealand Circle, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:59 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Locke Road, Message Delivered  
 4:56 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Glenwood Road, Investigated  
 8:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Wachusett Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 11:24 p.m. Noise Complaint, Victoria Avenue, Prisoner Bailed  
 Arrest Hayward, Tyler James, 20, Jefferson  
 Charges Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Non Criminal Possession of less than 2 oz Marijuana  
**Thursday, July 17**  
 9:17 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:11 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Miles Road, Information Given  
 10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

10:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 12:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, maple Avenue, transported to Hospital  
 1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 2:44 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pommogussett Road, Negative Contact  
 3:38 p.m. Safety Concern, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:52 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Report Filed  
 Arrest Rybicki, Stanley David, 71, Rutland  
 Charges Robbery, Armed, Firearm Without FID Card, possess  
 8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
**Friday, July 18**  
 5:23 a.m. Dislocated Finger, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

7:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 8:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons Oliver, Matthias Galen, 32, Gilbertville  
 Charges Inspection/Sticker No C90 S20, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S10  
 8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 8:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Rutland Heights Way, Citation Issued  
 9:13 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 9:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 9:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 11:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 11:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 12:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 1:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued

1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
 2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 3:17 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Glenwood Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued  
 7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued  
 11:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Clealand Circle, Transported to Hospital  
**Saturday, July 19**  
 10:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Tanglewood Circle, Transported to Hospital  
 11:21 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Shrewsbury, Negative Contact  
 12:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Lantern Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 2:08 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Peace Restored  
 4:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Village Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed  
 Summons Wood, Crystal Lynn, 35, Fitchburg  
 Charges Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J  
 7:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

## Hardwick Police Log

*During the week of July 28-Aug. 4, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 61 building/property checks, 42 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, six traffic controls, 12 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, two assist other agencies, three complaints, two investigations, one motor vehicle investigation, one safety hazard, three animal calls and 19 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.*

### Monday, July 28

2:36 p.m. Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Report Taken  
 3:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 3:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Mechanic Street, Officer Handled  
 7:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sessions Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:24 p.m. Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Dispatch Handled  
 9:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity, High Road, Investigated  
 11:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity, High Road, Officer Handled

### Tuesday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
 9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 9:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
 10:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 12:07 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled  
 7:03 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered  
 11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

### Wednesday, July 30

10:20 a.m. Disturbance, Prospect Street, Spoken To  
 11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
 1:52 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital  
 3:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, No Action Required  
 8:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity, School Street, Services Rendered  
 10:19 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

### Thursday, July 31

7:52 a.m. Complaint, Prospect Street, Spoken To  
 9:24 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Convent Street, Negative Contact  
 10:04 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, Services Rendered  
 11:41 a.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Railroad Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 10:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, Aug. 1

7:29 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Highland Terrace, Officer Handled  
 1:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital

### Saturday, Aug. 2

3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Criminal Complaint  
 3:52 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Delargy Road, Negative Contact  
 9:15 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Services Rendered  
 10:02 p.m. Gunshots, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Negative Contact  
 10:52 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

### Sunday, Aug. 3

5:36 a.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
 9:01 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Spoken To  
 4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated  
 5:31 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
 5:37 p.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Services Rendered

## New Braintree Police Log

*During the week of July 28-Aug. 4, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to nine building/property checks, 15 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, one traffic control, three emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, four citizen assists, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one motor vehicle investigation, one threat, two complaints, four safety hazards, one animal call and three motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.*

### Monday, July 28

9:23 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

### Tuesday, July 29

5:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Tucker Road, Voice Message Left

6:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered

### Wednesday, July 30

7:30 p.m. Threat, Utley Road, Officer Handled

### Thursday, July 31

6:31 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled  
 6:50 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact  
 9:23 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

### Friday, Aug. 1

1:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

### Saturday, Aug. 2

10:06 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Spoken To  
 12:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Dispatch Handled  
 2:21 p.m. Noise Complaint, Unitas Road, Officer Handled  
 7:12 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Wine Road, Report Taken  
 7:27 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 8:12 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Oakham Road, Officer Handled  
 9:24 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

## Oakham Police Log

**Monday, July 14**  
 4:35 p.m. Threats, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:27 p.m. Assault and Battery, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

### Tuesday, July 15

11:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Report Filed  
 4:17 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist

### Wednesday, July 16

1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Robinson Road, Citation Issued  
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Spencer Road, Written Warning  
 4:56 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Glenwood Road, Investigated

5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning  
 7:34 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:58 p.m. Public Assist, Crocker Nye Road, Officer/Chief Advised

### Thursday, July 17

9:55 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Crocker Nye Road, Report Filed  
 10:37 a.m. Court Duty, Court, Public Assist  
 11:03 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Rutland Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 1:44 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Adams Road, Officer Took Call  
 8:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Spencer Road, No Action Required  
 9:32 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Spencer Road, Negative Contact

### Friday, July 18

5:20 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Robinson Road, Officer Took Ca  
 9:23 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Bechan Road, Officer/Chief Advised

### Saturday, July 19

9:46 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Farm Pond Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 10:04 a.m. Safety Concern, Worcester Road, Gone on Arrival  
 7:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 10:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

## Barre Police Log

### Monday, July 14

12:26 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact  
 9:58 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, South Street, Message Delivered  
 10:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Worcester Road, Canceled  
 11:20 a.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Negative Contact  
 4:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Coldbrook Road, Report Filed  
 4:35 p.m. Threats, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

### Tuesday, July 15

8:49 a.m. Notification, Station Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 Summons Delude, Andrew J., 36, South Barre  
 Charges Motor Vehicle, Larceny of  
 11:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Report Filed  
 12:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 1:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, Negative Contact  
 2:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Investigated  
 6:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, School South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 9 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Common Street, Officer Spoke to Party

### Wednesday, July 16

12:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 12 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Station Road, Officer Took Call  
 1:28 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Valley Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Depot Road, Negative Contact  
 4:56 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Glenwood Road, Investigated  
 7:56 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Wauwinet Road, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 10:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Austin Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 11:28 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Cedar Street, Officer Spoke to Party

### Thursday, July 17

7:23 a.m. Burglary, Main Street, Report Filed  
 8:38 a.m. Public Assist, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:37 a.m. Vandalism, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued  
 12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road,, Citation Issued  
 4:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Gone on Arrival  
 6:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 10:23 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), South Street, Area Search Negative

### Friday, July 18

1:05 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Auburn, Dispatch Handled  
 8:40 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Hubbardston Road, Information Given  
 12:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Chicopee, Information Given  
 10:13 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hadley, Officer/Chief Advised

### Saturday, July 19

5:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back, Church Lane, Mutual Aid Transported  
 12:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, South Barre Road, Negative Contact  
 12:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, West Street, Transported to Hospital  
 1:30 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Church Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 3:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, South Street, Information Given  
 4:16 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Wauwinet Road, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 8:16 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Oak Street, Report Filed  
 9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 10:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non Police, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Tuesday, July 15**  
 4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
 9:45 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Report Filed

### Wednesday, July 16

7:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Flag Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Brigham Street, Transported to Hospital  
 12:05 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Information Given  
 1:20 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:56 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Glenwood Road, Investigated

### Thursday, July 17

1:34 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Williamsville Road, Investigation (On-Going)  
 2:50 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Lombard Road, Call Transferred  
 3:45 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Chicopee Drive, Call Transferred  
 3:59 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Chicopee Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:57 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Report Filed  
 7:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Old Princeton Road, Transported to Hospital  
 9:49 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Twin Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 9:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, July 18

11:46 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Elm Street, Information Taken  
 8:23 p.m. Larceny or Theft, South Cove Road, Call Transferred

### Saturday, July 19

9:23 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Underwood Road, Negative Contact  
 9:25 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact  
 12:21 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Information Taken  
 1:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Dispatch Handled  
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Flagg Road, Officer/Chief Advised

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