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Selectmen hear water department survey results

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Water Superintendent Jamie Flamand updated the Board of Selectmen about the recent sanitary survey conducted of the town's Water Department.

At the board's July 30 meeting, Flamand said the sanitary survey is completed by the Department of Environmental Protection every three years. The plant and Water Department properties are inspected, and a list of deficiencies and/or violations are reported.

"We take corrective measures," Flamand said, once the DEP notifies the department of its findings.

Flamand said this year the department received a violation due to two chemical pumps running for three minutes after the plant shutdowns. He said this is a programming issue, and there is already money set aside to make the adjustment.

Flamand said the department also received three deficiencies, which includes needing to record the average of all pH measurements collected during the day on monthly reporting forms. He said he is drafting a letter to the DEP to get clarification about the other two deficiencies.

None of the DEP's findings pose any risk to the health of water users, Flamand said.

Highway fuel

Town Administrator Michael Szlosek looked at alternatives to the diesel fuel bid the town received. He said there weren't many options on the state bid list.

"There's not as many outlets as there used to be," he said.

Szlosek said the town of Hardwick recently selected a bid from RJ McDonald for diesel fuel at a reasonable fixed price.

He said RJ McDonald agreed to honor the same price for North Brookfield. The fixed price offered through RJ McDonald is \$3.19 per gallon.

Szlosek said the bid from RJ McDonald did not include gasoline, but the Highway Department primarily uses diesel fuel. He said the town could get a different supplier for gasoline, or follow the same procedure as the Police Department at the local station.

The board voted to procure a contract from RJ McDonald and discuss it at the next meeting.

Cable contract

Szlosek said the town does not have a current cable contract, with the last one expiring in May 2021. He has tried contacting Charter's contract specialist, but has not received a response.

"We really should have a cable contract in place," Szlosek said.

In his research, Szlosek said that Charter does not offer discounts to senior citizens. He said there is not a lot of room for negotiating, aside from the franchise fee and some aspects of the service.

Streetlights

Vice-Chair Elizabeth "Brooke" Canada said Pillsbury Funeral Home does not want to pay for the costs to operate the streetlights on poles 10 and 11. She said they want to continue paying for the streetlight on pole 12, which provides lighting for the business.

Canada said she and her husband would be willing to pay for the streetlight on pole 10, which is in front of her house.

The board approved turning off the streetlight on pole 11, and allowing Pillsbury Funeral Home to continue paying for pole 12 while the Canadas will assume payment for pole 10.

American flags

Canada suggested removing the American flags during the summer and early fall to protect them from the elements and weather. Right now, the flags remain in place from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.

Canada proposed placing the American flags throughout downtown one to two weeks before Memorial Day, and taking them down one to two weeks after Independence Day, then placing them back up one to two weeks before Veterans Day, and down one to two weeks after Veterans Day.

The board members approved the flag schedule. Canada will look into the cost of purchasing different flags that could withstand the elements better. She said the town could also look into placing tribute banners for veterans in the downtown area.

Pole hearing

A pole hearing was held to install a pole on Ayers Street. The utility customer wants to extend the existing secondary pole in order to relocate overhead service to underground.

The board approved the petition.

Police policies

The board approved the new Police Department policies forwarded to them by Chief Mark Smith. The policies address use of force, vehicle pursuits, responding to persons affected by mental health issues or in crisis and domestic violence.

Senior center project

Chair Jason Petraitis said the Building Inspector has completed the inspection of the new Senior Center roof, as well as the roofing manufacturer. The board approved the project completion.

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Author provides presentation on

UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS

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BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library welcomed author and television star Ronny LeBlanc to speak on unusual sightings.

The program took place at the Town Hall in front of the main stage as LeBlanc was greeted by several guests who sparked an interest in his presentation about connections between Bigfoot, UFOs and orange orbs.

LeBlanc is the author of two books, "Monsterland: Encounters with UFOs, Bigfoot and Orange Orbs" and the follow up book, "Monsterland: Shamans, Sasquatch, Synchronicity and High Strangeness". LeBlanc had copies available for guests after his presentation.

LeBlanc starred in the television series "Expedition Bigfoot" during seasons 1-4 where he got to explore with other researchers and specialists, and journey into the unforgiving Oregon wilderness in search of Bigfoot. The fifth season of Expedition Bigfoot will be premiering soon this month on the Travel Channel and Discovery Plus.

LeBlanc has also been featured on "Conjuring Kesh", "In the Search of Monsters" and one of the video experts featured on "Paranormal Caught on Camera" analyzing videos of ghosts, the paranormal, UFOs, Bigfoot, cryptid creatures and strange supernatural anomalies.

Growing up in Leominster, LeBlanc learned of a section of the city near his childhood home that was called "Monsterland." He didn't know why it got its name, but after a chilling experience riding his bike in the wilderness, LeBlanc would soon start a journey of studying the unknown.

LeBlanc encouraged his audience to "keep an open mind and



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Ronny LeBlanc provided a presentation of unusual sightings including Bigfoot and UFOs. Many were in Massachusetts. LeBlanc is an author and once a member of the television series "Expedition Bigfoot".



see what's going on" when it came to stories of people having experiences of encountering an unidentified creature or something unnatural.

LeBlanc describes it as having the suspension of disbelief.

In one of his stories early in his presentation LeBlanc talked about an incident that occurred during a bike ride at the age of 11. During that wilderness ride, LeBlanc felt he was being watched and heard loud stomping sounds in the woods. Though he didn't witness the physical presence of a Bigfoot creature, LeBlanc would still pedal fast back home.

Years later, LeBlanc went to visit a bookstore in New York City and would try to find books about Bigfoot to extend his research. In 2010, there large footprints found at Leominster State Forest. The prints were 10.5 inches long, five inches wide.

There are other Massachusetts creatures that have come up throughout history that LeBlanc talked about. One of them is the

Gloucester Sea Serpent, a legendary creature reportedly seen around and off the coast of Gloucester and Cape Ann area, and also the Dover Demon, a creature that was reportedly sighted back in the 1970s in the town of Dover.

There has also been a Wendigo sighting in Massachusetts. A mythological creature or evil spirit originating from Algonquian folklore.

On the subject of Bigfoot, LeBlanc says there have been many encounters and open cases of Bigfoot sightings all over the country and in other areas of the world. LeBlanc found out that there was an 18 inch footprint found by someone in Somerset, England.

Bigfoot is described as an undiscovered primate that "dwells in the pacific northwest". According to LeBlanc, that is what we're told, but after multiple cases coming up all over the nation, it is not the case.

LeBlanc learned from his research that many Native American tribes have names for creatures such as Bigfoot and the stories date back hundreds of years. There are also cases

where people claim to have photos and sometimes videos of their encounters with these types of creatures as well.

"People have photos, videos and they're afraid to share them," LeBlanc said.

Sightings of Bigfoot are also similar to sightings of UFOs and orange orbs. LeBlanc talked about cases of orb sightings as well and much like Bigfoot sightings, no one really has the chance to quickly get a photograph and the objects they claim to see just leave and are out of sight.

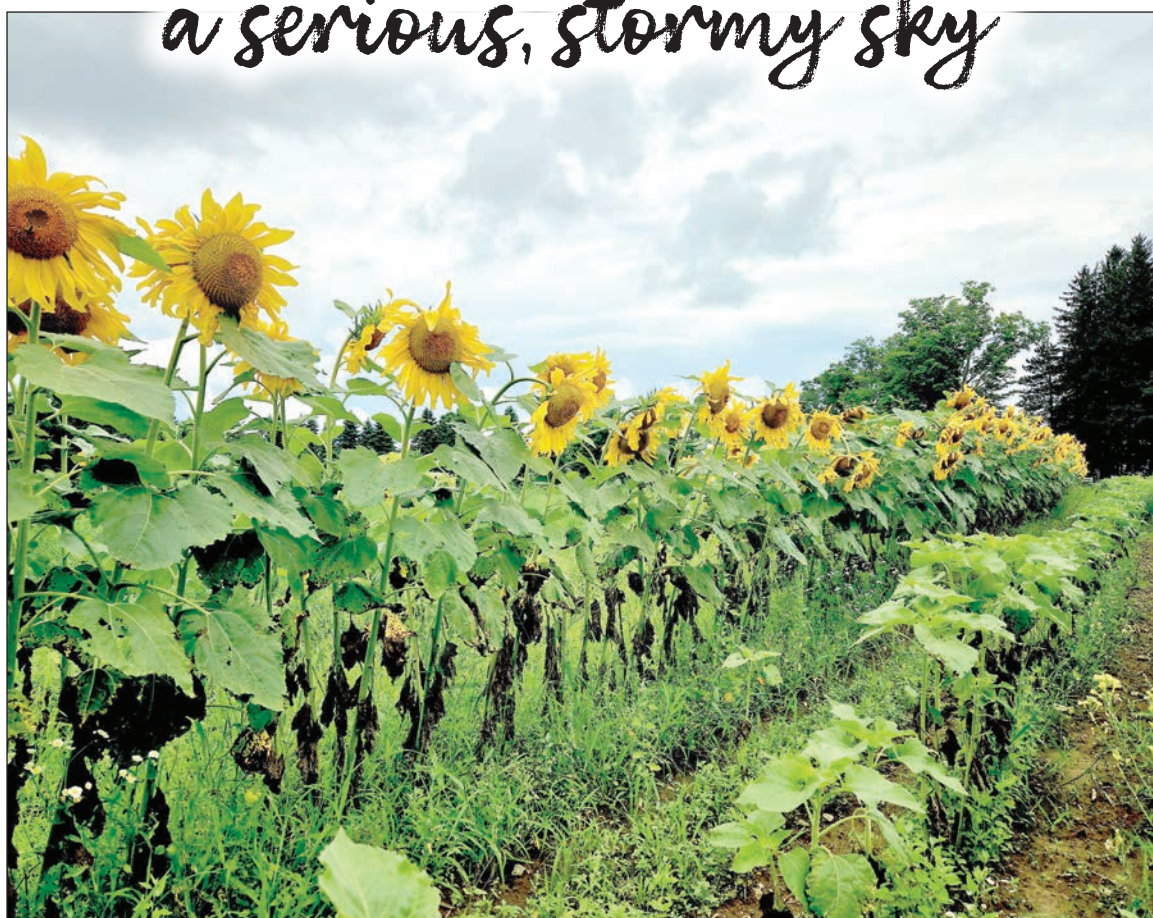
After sharing a map of all the Bigfoot sightings in his presentation, LeBlanc pointed out that there have been orb sightings showing up near the same locations where Bigfoots were sighted. LeBlanc may wonder if there's a possibility that all these sightings and cases can be connected.

Many observers will ask if Bigfoot is an animal, human or an extraterrestrial creature. There will always be researchers like LeBlanc who will hopefully find an answer.

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Sunflowers brighten

a serious, stormy sky



Turley photo by Kathryn Koegel

Sunflowers at Four Corner's Farm in Worthington appear to bow down to the thunderstorms.

Select Board approves Chapter 90 reimbursements

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OAKHAM – The Select Board approved reimbursement for two road paving projects at their Monday, July 29 meeting.

The first reimbursement request was for \$112,066.10 for Barre Plains Road from Old Turnpike Road to the Barre Town Line. The second reimbursement request was for \$133,158.90 for Coldbrook Road from Maple Street to Deacon Allen Drive, a distance of 2,400 feet. The work on Barre Plains Road and Coldbrook Road began May 20 and finished on July 12.

Center School water heater
The Select Board received three quotes for the water heater for the Oakham Center School. In the specifications, the water heater had to be a minimum of 118 gallons and 208 volt three phase. Bids ranged from \$14,500 to \$27,888.

The Select Board awarded the bid to the company with the lowest quote. Strictly Service Plumbing and Heating of Oakham for \$14,500. Other quotes came from DEC Plumbing of West Warren for \$17,614 and Gaspar's Plumbing and Heating of Oakham for \$27,888.

Select Board member Michael

Brunelle moved that the funds come from American Rescue Plan Act money. The Board voted to spend up to \$16,000 from ARPA funds to cover the water heater replacement and the center school and for any incidental costs.

Executive session

After completing the business part of the meeting, the Select Board voted by roll call to enter into executive session citing Chapter 30a, section 20. Select Board Chair Lucy Tessnau said the Board would return from executive session and adjourn.

Chapter 30a, section 20 read, "To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual."

It also said, "The individual to be discussed in such executive session shall be notified in writing by the public body at least 48 hours prior to the proposed executive session; provided, however, that notification may be waived upon written agreement of the parties. A public body shall hold an open session if the individual involved requests that the session be open."



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News of the Towns



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Senior/veteran fair set for Aug. 20

The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, will hold a senior/veteran information fair on Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants include: American Legion Post #2; Barre Family Pharmacy; Captel-Captioned Telephone; Careforth-Care to individuals and families caring for a love one at home; Cedar Brook Village-Assisted Living; Ed Spatter-Benefits for Seniors; Elder Services-Tools, resources, and support they need to fully embrace the aging experience; Foot Care by Nurses-Foot care; Homefront Strong-Build resilience in veterans and military families through targeted programs and resources; Integrity-Medicare Advisors-Medicare Made Easy; LIHEAP Fuel Assistance Making Opportunity Count; Lion's Club-Sight Mobile will be on-site for hearing and vision screenings; Listening Wellness Center-Community for health, healing, and learning; Mass Advantage-Affordable Medicare; SHINE-Medicare Counseling (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone); The Journey Before Us-Coaching through life's challenges; Town of Barre 911 Memorial; Town of Barre Assessor-Jesse Warren (Veteran and Elderly Property Tax Exemptions) and Western Mass, LLC Manda Day-Mobile Dental. There will be raffle prizes. The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ware River Rail Trail

The Princeton Open Space Committee will hold a hike on the Ware River Rail Trail from Route 122 to Route 62 in Barre on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 9 a.m. This is an easy-to-moderate 4-mile hike that loops back to the start. People may email TrailaroundprincetonMA@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Nornay Park concert

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

Bike Rodeo

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

Barre Farmer Market

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

WRNC plans slow walk

RUTLAND - On Saturday, Aug. 17 at 8 a.m. the Ware River Nature Club will hold a slow walk in the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Longmeadow Brook Rutland. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 18. At the height of summer, exploring for birds and other natural features is best undertaken at a slow pace in shaded locations. This easy 1-2 mile walk travels along fields and hedgerows, around a large beaver wetland and through mixed forest. Participants should be prepared to encounter dragonflies, butterflies, birds, late summer wildflowers and anything else nature has to offer. They may bring binoculars, field guides/apps and/or cameras. There will be some biting insects, but few, if any, ticks. People should sign up by emailing warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com.

Council on Aging to host healing arts seminar

RUTLAND - A natural healing arts seminar focusing on Reiki and Tibetan Rites will be held on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Rutland Council on Aging, 53 Glenwood Road. This free seminar offers optimal wellness and encompasses many dimensions. Eric Goodhart, the presenter of this program, learned over 25 years ago that the best way to balance the seven Chakras (energy centers) is by doing the Tibetan Rites every morning. The 20 minute exercise helps build a solid foundation on which optimal health can be achieved. The Chakras are intellectual, physical, social, financial, spiritual, environmental and emotional.



The Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club displayed a number of pelts, skulls, antlers and mounts in Andrews Hall at Camp Marshall last week. Joining them was recent Fifth Grade Essay Contest winner Zoe Hebert. Shown from left are Dennis Dextrateur, MJ Haesche, Hebert, Paul Lapenas and Dean Wisniewski.



MJ Haesche displays a replica Native American fan made from a deer's shoulder bone and various bird feathers.



Paul Lapenas identifies animal pelts with a Camp Marshall counselor.



Dean Wisniewski hands out turkey and pheasant feathers to campers.

Campers learn about wildlife

SPENCER - Last week, campers at Camp Marshall enjoyed a visit from members of the Wickaboag Sportsmen's Club, when they brought a display of native wildlife to Andrews Hall.

Joining the club members was camper Zoe Hebert, a West Brookfield Elementary School student and the recent winner of the club's Fifth Grade Essay Contest. Hebert's essay gave a detailed description of the Wood Duck, a once endangered (now thriving) waterfowl in the

commonwealth.

Hebert earned a full week's stay at Camp Marshall as a prize for her winning essay. This is something the club does every year, to help promote a love of the outdoors in young people.

Campers were able to view tables set up with feathers, pelts, skulls, antlers and full mounts of the area's native wildlife, from foxes to coyotes and bobcats, to turkeys, pheasants and more.

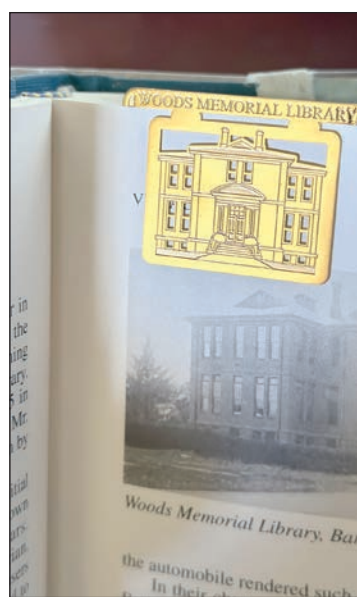
Each campers was given a



Mounted animals were displayed, including this bobcat and turkey.

turkey or pheasant feather to keep.

BLA hosts bookmark fundraiser



BARRE - The Barre Library Association announces their commemorative bookmark fundraiser in celebration of the town of Barre's 250th anniversary.

The unique, engraved bookmarks pay homage to the historic building and are presented with a booklet featuring a short narrative of the library's beginnings to the present day, making for the perfect keepsake for book lovers and local history

Submitted photo

The Barre Library Association is selling commemorative bookmarks in celebration of the town of Barre's 250th anniversary.

enthusiasts alike. People may purchase the bookmarks at the library for \$20 each. This is an opportunity to own a piece of history and contribute to a great cause.

The BLA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Woods Memorial Library and is a 501(c)(3) organization; therefore all donations are tax-deductible.

Funds are used for library programming, buying materials, and improving the library building. General donations may be sent to The Barre Library Association, P.O. Box 731, Barre, MA 01005. The BLA thanks residents for their ongoing support.

Residents encouraged to shop small during tax-free weekend

BOSTON, -Ahead of the Sales Tax Holiday, NFIB Massachusetts encourages consumers to shop small. The sales tax holiday, which begins on Saturday, Aug. 10 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 11 is a great opportunity to support local businesses.

"When you shop locally, more of your hard-earned dollars stay within the community," NFIB State Director Christopher Carozzi said. "Main Street is the backbone of our economy, creating good-paying jobs and supporting charitable organizations that keep our communities thriving. We hope that consumers will turn to local small businesses

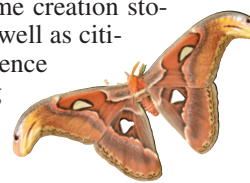
for all their shopping needs during this sales tax holiday."

During this coming weekend, the usual 6.25% state sales tax will not be charged on certain items costing less than \$2,500. "By shopping on Main Street, consumers are supporting their local communities, while saving tax dollars, taking advantage of additional promotions, and discovering superb customer service" added Carozzi.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, the 2024 Tax Holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10 and concludes Sunday, Aug. 11 at midnight.

Fisher Museum to hold moth party

PETERSHAM - Night time moth party will be held Saturday, Aug. 10 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Fisher Museum at the Harvard Forest. This is free and open to all. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 24 same time. There will be a moth cloth party and nighttime creation stories as well as citizen science using iNaturalist.



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Dinghy Dash set for Aug. 24

The seventh annual Dinghy Dash will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 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. Entry deadline is Monday, Aug. 19. Sponsors of this years Dinghy Dash, in no particular order, are Hubbardston Police Association, J.P. McCarthy & Son's, The Ruptured Duck, Hubbardston Veterinary Clinic, Young's Cooling & Leasing, Salvadore Auto Group, Moon Hill Brewing Co., Giacomo's Gourmet Foods and Go Green Manufacturing.

Summer concert

On Saturday, Aug. 10 Ambient Sojourn Band will perform in the gazebo at the Curtis Recreation field, Gardner Road, Route 68. People are invited to bring their lawn chairs or blanket.

Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School regarding the purchase and renovation of 48 Gardner Road. This is a 5.4 acre property that includes a 19,500 square foot building. A public hearing will be held at the Senior Center, Main Street on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Question and answer sessions will be held on Thursday, Aug. 15 in the evening at Curtis Rec Field Gazebo and Saturday, Aug. 17 in the morning at the gazebo at Curtis Rec Field, Gardner Road, Route 68. Multiple Joint Select Board / Public Safety Building Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. and public comment period will be available during sections of the meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend the informational sessions and the Special Town Meeting to stay informed and participate in this crucial decision-making process on the purchase and renovations of property on 48 Gardner Road for a public safety building to house fire, highway and police departments.

5K Fundraiser

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

Senior Center

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

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. 12. 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, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY - Burgundy pork, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, baked apples, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY - Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY - Greek lemon chicken, cranberry stuffing, roasted California vegetables, pear crisp, pears, whole wheat bread

FRIDAY - Shepherd's pie, carrots, green beans, lemon pudding, diet = vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread

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

Red Cross faces blood shortage, seeks donors willing to offer blood donation support

MEDFORD - The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces dangerous levels of heat and people head out for final summer travel plans. Since July 1, the Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by more than 25%, and blood donors of all types, especially those with type O blood, are urged to give as soon as possible to help patients receive lifesaving medical care.

Heat impacted more than 100

blood drives in July in nearly every state where the Red Cross collects blood, compounding other seasonal obstacles to blood donation, such as travel and summer activities. Together these factors contributed to a shortfall of more than 19,000 blood donations in July. At the same time, hospital demand for blood products remains strong. Blood products are being sent to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Right now, type O inventory is so

low, distributions of this vital blood type are reduced below what hospitals count on.

"It's critical hospitals have both type O positive and O negative blood ready to go for patients in the most life-threatening situations," said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross. "Type O is especially important for victims of accidents and other trauma who are receiving emergency treatment. Now is the time for donors of all

blood types to give and ensure hospital shelves can be restocked before any impact to patient care."

To make an appointment, people may download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you, those who come give blood, platelets or plasma now through Aug. 31 will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, people may visit RedCrossBlood.org/Help.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities at the Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St., Worcester include: Thursday, Aug. 8 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 9, Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 12, Tuesday, Aug. 13 and Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 15 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 16, Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18 from

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 19, Tuesday, Aug. 20 and Wednesday, Aug. 21 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 22 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 23, Saturday, Aug. 24 and Sunday, Aug. 25 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 26, Tuesday, Aug. 27 and Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 29 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 30 and Saturday, Aug. 31 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Board of Health – Aug. 12 and Sept. 9 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board – Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 22 at 11 a.m.
 Election Day – Sept 13 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.
 Election Day – Nov. 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

HARDWICK

Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Aug. 8, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Aug. 8 at 6:45 p.m.
 Select Board – Aug. 12 and Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.
 Quabbin School District Buildings, Grounds and Safety Subcommittee – Aug. 13 at 9 a.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Aug. 14 at 4 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 19 at 3 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Community Preservation Committee – Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Joint Select Board and Public Safety Building Committee – Aug. 14 and Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Aug. 22 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Sen. Durant and Rep. Donald Berthiaume office hour – Aug. 12 at 9 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 2 p.m.
 Water Commissioners – Aug. 12 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 13 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.
 FireHighway Building Committee – Aug. 15 at 4 p.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 21 and Sept 18 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Council on Aging – Aug 9 and Sept. 13 at noon
 Planning Board – Aug. 20 and Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Aug. 8, Aug. 22 and Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 13 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

RUTLAND

Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – Aug. 12 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Economic Development Commission – Aug. 14 at 6 p.m.

Quabbin Community Band wraps up season with ‘Dixieland Night’

BARRE – Sunday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. marks the close of the Quabbin Community Band’s 2024 summer concert series on the Harding Allen Bandstand, on Barre Common.

The band has enjoyed the growing crowds throughout the season beginning in South Barre with the “Welcome Back” and “Children’s Concert” all the way through last week’s “Celebrating Barre’s 250th.” How wonderful to see so many people coming out to enjoy live music together in this beautiful community.

This Sunday the band will kick things off with “Big Band Dixie” and will drive that toe-tapping beat all the way through thirteen selections in the dixieland style. Favorites will include, “Mr. Dixieland Fronts the Band,” “Alexander’s Ragtime Band,” “Dixieland Jamboree” and so many more.

With many thanks throughout the season, the band would once again like to share appreciation for the individuals and businesses who have financially supported the Quabbin Community Band in 2024.

The band does not exist without you! We hope everyone will make the effort to meet up with family and friends on the Barre Common for this final show and collectively recognize what a special tradition the summer concerts in Barre truly are. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.



Submitted photo
Quabbin Community Band member Jamie Mailloux and his “Boompa” at band rehearsal in the Barre Town Hall. He is ready for “Dixieland Night”

Barre Food Pantry holds distributions

BARRE – Once or twice a year a month begins on a Thursday.

This makes the third Thursday of the month the day right after the second Wednesday. August 2024 is such a month. As a result, The Barre Food Pantry’s two distributions in August will occur on successive days, Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursday, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 14 or in the evening on Thursday, Aug. 15, whichever is the 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 renewed spread of the COVID-19 viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions.

The Barre Food Pantry Board

of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but with the continued prevalence of ultra-contagious variants of the virus the Board decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 14 and Aug. 15 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, Aug. 13 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. People, who can help pitch in for an hour on Aug. 13, should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

People should not arrive to volunteer on Aug. 13 14 or 15 without first contacting Mary Beschta at 978-355-4212, Dave Petrovick at 978-355-4519 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

People should continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website by visiting <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Hubbardston, East Brookfield Police receive body-worn camera grants

For the first time, police officers in Hubbardston will be outfitted with body-worn cameras thanks to a \$19,972 grant from the Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program, State Sen. Peter Durant, R-Spencer, announced on Tuesday, July 30

More than \$3 million will be distributed to 32 Massachusetts police departments to expand or create body-worn camera programs. In East Brookfield, \$59,350 will be spent on new, better-quality cameras along with supporting equipment including a computer.

“These cameras have proven their usefulness time and again and serve as an added layer of protection for the public as well as the officers wearing them,” Durant said.

East Brookfield officers currently wear the cameras but there is a need to expand the program, Police Chief Joseph Lazarick said.

“The new cameras are far superior to what we have,” Lazarick said. “We will add nine cameras, software and storage.”

The cameras, which record audio and video, often encourage better behavior in interactions between police and the public he said.

Lazarick said grants like this one make it possible for police in small towns whose budgets were adversely impacted by police reform, to have access to the tools they need to do their jobs.

Durant said having access to the latest technology is necessary, even for smaller departments.

“Many of these rural departments could actually have an increased need for body-worn cameras since officers may be patrolling alone in outlying areas. Sometimes just the presence of a camera can help deescalate a situation,” Durant said.

In Hubbardston, body-worn cameras would not be available without the grant funds, Police Chief Ryan Couture said.

“It’s a lot of money and we couldn’t afford it,” Couture said. “The cameras will help us do our jobs a little more effectively.”

While it is a small town, Hubbardston welcomes thousands of shoppers at the outdoor Rietta Flea Market every Sunday and it borders the city of Gardner,

Couture said, and those things do impact the police department.

The state-funded grant program is managed by the Office of Grants and Research, a state agency under the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Since 2021, nearly \$13.2 million has been made available through the program as part of an overall commitment to supporting local police departments with their efforts to enhance transparency, accountability, and police-community relations.

“The use of this advanced technology increases public safety, provides valuable documentation for evidentiary purposes, assists in resolving officer-involved incidents, and offers an important training tool for Departments and officers,” Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy said.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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You know what's amazing to me,
What the good Lord would have be.
Labeled "old age" with no choice,
Not even offered a voice.

He thinks it's ok not to walk.
Where are the words used to talk.
It's ok not to see,
Constantly pee.

A closet of things you can't wear.
Nobody sit in my chair!!!!
Forget touching your toes,
Where are your glasses, who knows???

But wait...one thing for sure,
Guaranteed to last and endure.
The gift from above.....
FOREVER to love.

— Patricia Masten

Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters
By Russell Gloor



Does Congress pay into Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I've been told that members of Congress do not have Social Security deducted from their pay. Additionally, their retirement dollars come from the Social Security Administration purse even if they only serve as a member of Congress for a short number of terms. Also, if this is true, are there other individuals that enjoy these advantages?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:

I'm afraid this is one of those "urban legend" kind of rumors that just seems to keep popping up, especially when the issues surrounding Social Security's financial problems come up. In addition to being untrue, it often is used to display the public's animosity toward elected officials and the feeling that Congress and other elected officials are above the fray, so to speak, and therefore not affected by the implications of Social Security's looming insolvency problem.

Here's the reality. Since Jan. 1, 1984, all members of Congress, the President and Vice President, Federal judges, and most political appointees, are covered under the Social Security program. The rumor that these elected officials do not pay Social Security tax most likely is attributable to the fact that from 1920 to 1983, they were participants in the Civil Service Retirement System, the federal retirement plan federal workers used even before the Social Security Act was passed. CSRS provided a pension for federal employees, so they were exempted from contributing to or collecting from the new Social Security program.

In 1987, then, the federal government officially changed over to the Federal Employee Retirement System and all employees hired from that point forward are now covered under FERS. There are multiple parts to FERS, and one of them is mandatory FICA contributions. So, all federal employees including members of Congress are subject to the 6.2% FICA tax, are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits and are governed by the multitude of rules and regulations associated with Social Security.

But other than standard SS benefits which they may normally be entitled, no Social Security funds are used to supplement Congressional retirement. In other words, the rumor that Congress didn't pay into Social Security was actually true prior to 1984, but today it is a misstatement of fact. And the federal employee retirement plans (both the prior CSRS plan and the current FERS plan) are totally independent of Social Security and do not negatively affect program solvency.

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Guest Column



Maintenance tips for flowering annuals

Recently, we've had a lot of heat and humidity, and a fair share of downpours, too. There are many times that I don't feel like going out into the flower garden. But then, sometimes around 7 or 8 o'clock at night, after it has cooled down a bit, I'll get out there like a woman on a mission.

Read on for a reminder of important tasks you should consider tackling this month to keep your annuals blooming through to the first frost!

I deadhead. A lot. Deadheading is a fun term used to describe the removal of spent flowers.

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

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

These plants require more drastic measures to bring back youthful good looks. Consider shearing them back.

Usually you can look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Plants like 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.

I feed, feed, feed them, especially if lower leaves start to yellow. It means flowering plants are hungry for nitrogen.

If flowering has slowed, phosphorus may be in low supply. Annuals planted in soilless mix of containers or "reused" soil in raised beds will especially need a boost.

You can use a balanced, water soluble, liquid feed 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 emulsions on the market that can be watered in or sprayed on the surface of the leaves as a foliar feed.

If Mother Nature decides to delay the deluges, don't forget to water your plants. I know this task is not nearly as much fun as it was when they were first installed, but don't stop now!

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In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 15, 2019)

Katie Young, special events advisor to the town of Hubbardston, introduced the Dinghy Dash to Brigham Pond last summer. The event returns this year on Saturday, Aug. 24. Young said, "I saw an event similar to this out at the Cape, a few years ago, it was kinda crazy, but a lot of fun." Participants construct a dinghy from cardboard and duct tape only. No flex seal, styrofoam, paint or other materials are allowed. Dinghies can be any shape or size. Contestants may adorn them with stickers, a sail or balloons. All dinghies must be inspected between 9 and 10 a.m. The fastest time without sinking wins. In the event, if all dinghies sink, the contestant with the longest time before sinking wins. All cardboard craft used human power only with no motors allowed. Store purchased paddles are permitted.

Town Administrator Ryan McLane presented articles to the Hubbardston Selectmen to place on the warrant for the special town meeting set for Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School. He said the first article was to amend the budget. He said the town had the option of meeting the 6.1% percent Quabbin Regional School District assessment approved at the school committee's latest meeting or to come up with a lower figure. Hubbardston votes approve a 5% increase at the Annual Town Meeting, a lower amount than requested by the school committee. Hardwick and New Braintree also approved lower assessments. Barre and Oakham approved the assessments presented by the school committee.

Oakham Selectman Chair Steve Labarre said the board discussed forming a Fire Department Advisory Committee after receiving the resignation of Oakham Fire Chief Jeff Nahkala last month. His resignation would be effective Sept. 20. Ashley Sturgis, Administrative Assistant, posted the position for Fire Chief. She said the deadline to apply was Friday, Sept. 7. Labarre said the advisory committee would include a member of the Select Board, a fire department/EMS, a resident and possibly a fire chief from another town.

10 years (Aug. 14, 2014)

Hubbardston Town Administrator Anita Scheipers told the three Selectmen present that members of the Vincent fam-

LOOK BACK Barre Rescue Squad – 1999



File photo

This photo of the Barre Rescue Squad was taken on Feb. 18, 1999.

ily approached her about swapping land with the town. The Vincent Family Trust owns five acres on Route 68 that abuts the land owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation that the state wants to present to the town of Hubbardston for an exchange of town owned land of equal value. The Vincent parcel, due to limited road frontage, is an unbuildable lot and the family would swap the land for a town owned buildable lot. Scheiper said the parcel could be used for access to the senior center and parking for the senior center.

Early Saturday morning many people gathered on the Oakham Common to either participate in a reenactment of the march to Worcester by 50 Oakham militia in September 117 or the cheer them onward. Jessica Dwelly played the National Anthem on the flute and then started the marchers on the way with the playing of some Colonial music. Captain John Crawford (Jeff Young) got the group in formation, two by two. Colleen Corrice dressed as 1st Lieutenant Isaiah Parmenter led the group on the early leg of their journey astride her horse.

Old Home Day, Petersham's annual celebration of family, friends and community, will be held on the Petersham Common, Saturday, Aug. 23. The Petersham Grange Horticultural Fair will be held in the Town Hall with entry submissions 8-11:45 a.m., judging from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., public viewing 1-4 p.m., vegeta-

ble auction and presentation of Harry Buell and Rev. Gordon Tate Children's Awards at 4 p.m. and giant pumpkin contest first measurement day.

25 years (Aug. 12, 1999)

Joining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout recently was Robert C. McKinstry, whose court of honor was held in the Center School gymnasium with over 50 guests in attendance. The special night in the young man's Scouting career was highlighted by the visits of Sen. Stephen Brewer and Rep. David Tuttle with citations from their respective branches of the state legislature. His Eagle project was the complete mapping and preparation of file cards of all graves in the cemetery of the United Parish Church of Ware to which the family has close association. These records will be valuable to the church history, the Rev. Beverly Prestwood Taylor and husband Bruce assured Rob.

Members of the Library Study Committee met with Oakham Board of Selectmen at the Monday night meeting. Chairman of the Study Committee, Susan Turnbull, informed the Selectmen the funding for library project is before the Governor for his approval. If approved, Oakham will receive \$214,873 from the state. Also an additional 5% has been added to that amount to cover inflation since it was three years ago that these grant applications were submitted and cost of projects have increased.

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

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

Campaign news

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

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

Education

From the desk of Colleen Mucha, Superintendent QRSD

Time and Treats set for Aug. 22

Quabbin Regional School District is ready and excited to welcome back every student, family, staff/faculty and community member; we belong together.

Oftentimes, when we think of summer, we visualize time playing, attending camps, swimming in lakes/pools/oceans, camping, or days spent reading. We imagine our schools are "closed" and they are quietly being prepared for the start of school.

It is our hope that everyone has found time to enjoy many of their favorite activities with friends and family this summer. These can

be some of the most memorable moments that children and families carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Here at Quabbin, it is our goal that every student, family, staff/faculty and community member also create positive memories on our campuses and in our classrooms that they carry with them as well. Our summer is spent working and thinking about creating the conditions that will allow for positive memories to be achieved. What this means at Quabbin is ensuring that learning environments are clean, efficient and support collaborative learning. Staff/Faculty and students have access to technology and resources that are effective, engaging, and culturally responsive. Schedules



Quabbin class of 2024 gather on school lawn for graduation. Submitted photo

include events and activities that promote connection, belonging, and interest.

The schools of Quabbin Regional School District have been actively busy over this summer. Positive memories have been made during our extended school year learning, credit recovery sessions, and Champions programming. Additionally, teachers and staff have been preparing lessons, learning new curriculum and building resources and tools for their students.

Students, families, staff/faculty and community members can expect to see updates to our building and grounds including several newly carpeted and tiled spaces. Seating options that are flexible and allow for increased collabo-

ration and discussion. Welcoming learning environments that will include positive behavior intervention and support at our elementary schools and increased restorative practices at the middle high school. Increased communication and partnerships with students/families, staff/faculty and communities.

I'd like to extend an invitation to every student, family, staff/faculty, and community member to join me for Time and Treats on Aug. 22 from either 8-10 a.m. or 5-7 p.m. at the QRSD Central Office. This is a great opportunity for me to learn a bit more about each of you and share your hopes and dreams for yourself, your children or the QRSD.

District to shred records prior to 2018

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School District is providing notice that the special education record of any student, who exited the district prior to 2018 will be shredded in the upcoming months.

If people would like their special education record and are over the age of 18 or are the parent/legal guardian of a

student under the age of 18, they must contact the Quabbin Student Services Department by Sept. 27, 2024 to request the student file. They should email Diana Sanelli, Student Services Coordinator at dsanelli@qrsd.org or call 978-355-2055 to request the file.

They will need to arrange a time to pick the file up

from the Educational Support Center, 872 South Street. Proof of identity and a signature acknowledging receipt of the file will be required upon pickup. This does not include the student's transcript, which shall be maintained by the school department for 60 years following graduation, transfer, or withdrawal from the school system.

Colleges and universities announce honors and award winners

Clark University Worcester DEAN'S LIST

Aidan Bray Keefe of Rutland, first honors; Ryan M. Kerr, of Rutland, first honors; Kate B. Galvinhill of Rutland, second honors; Zoey L. Lenahan of South Barre, second honors; Brock M. Milaszewsk of Rutland, second honors and Matt D. Wells of Rutland, second honors.

Quinsigamond Community College Worcester DEAN'S LIST

Erin Mann of Gilbertville, Sydney Gagne of Oakham, Lily Rice of Oakham, Michael Toupin of Oakham, Rutland; Jack Borges of Rutland, Henry Bronson of Rutland, Sadie Kariko of Rutland, Kyle Patenaude of Rutland, Caroline Soucy of Rutland, Camden Towns of Rutland,

Hayden Tremblay of Rutland, Michael Vinton of Rutland and Zacharias Fragkiadakis of Wheelwright.

MERIT LIST

Scott Anastasio of Barre, Jessica Tower of Barre, April Pellegrino of New Braintree, Liam Carlson of North Brookfield, Daniel Dyson of North Brookfield, Johnna Farley of North Brookfield, Jennifer Farrell of North Brookfield, Katelin Gaines of North Brookfield, Jeanne Goyette of North Brookfield, Kelley Harding of North Brookfield, Justin Lusignan of North Brookfield, Kyle Pagnoni of North Brookfield, Juliet Prunier of North Brookfield, Brooke Dennis of Oakham, Paige Lindley of Oakham, Annabelle Magill of Oakham, Samantha Berndt of Rutland, Kaylee Cannon of Rutland, Calista Crutcher

of Rutland, Devon Erskine of Rutland, John Howell of Rutland, Sophie Jenkins of Rutland, Hadley Kariko of Rutland, Lydia Lipper of Rutland, Ian Malone of Rutland, Jaden Marc of Rutland, Kayla McQuestion of Rutland, Evan Mercado of Rutland and Jason St. Amand of Rutland

Western New England University Springfield PRESIDENT'S LIST

Janelle Mensah of Rutland, neuroscience major and Conor Dillon of Rutland, mechanical engineering major
Dean's list
Isaac Josti of Rutland, construction management major

Elmira College Elmira, New York KEY AWARD

Ryan Wing of Barre and Eamon Arnold of Barre

QCC and WPI sign institutional articulation agreement

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute signed an institutional articulation agreement for QCC students transferring into WPI, guaranteeing them admission to WPI when they meet program requirements.

Since 1989, over 400 QCC students have transferred into WPI after completing their associate degree. Now, with the signing of this new agreement, there will be expanded pathways for transfer students, ensuring more individuals have access to the education and training needed to meet workforce demands in STEM fields.

"WPI has always been a strategic partner with QCC and through this new agreement, our two institutions stand in commitment that higher education for all can be a reality. Furthermore, this agreement demonstrates that there can be access for talented community college students, particularly those from first-generation and minority backgrounds to selective institutions like WPI," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja,

Ph.D. "This is an important day for QCC and WPI, as well as our region."

"Deepening our ties with community colleges is vital as they serve as the gateway to higher education for numerous students," said WPI President Grace Wang. "By establishing pathways that reduce barriers and offer built-in support, we make obtaining a four-year degree more accessible for QCC students. Moreover, the strategic partnership between QCC and WPI will help meet today's workforce demands and foster regional economic growth."

Under the new articulation agreement, QCC students with an associate degree, who have successfully completed a college-level precalculus or Calculus I course, a college-level laboratory science course and have earned a 3.3 or higher GPA will be guaranteed admission to WPI. QCC students who have not yet completed their associate degree but have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have successfully completed a college-level precalculus or calculus I course and successfully completed a college-level lab-

oratory science course may be offered admission to transfer to a bachelor's degree program at WPI.

Upon admission, students are eligible for certain transfer-student support programs and opportunities at WPI, including a designated advisor in the Academic Advising Office and a staff liaison in the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

QCC transfer students will also have immediate access to WPI's Career Development Center and summer research opportunities. In addition, admitted students will be required to take a semester-long transfer transition program and receive a summer undergraduate course tuition waiver for one course taken in each of two summers, during their enrollment at WPI. Additional opportunities are available for qualified students to pursue graduate programming upon enrollment at WPI.

Information about admissions and application requirements for transfer students as well as transfer agreements can be found at www.wpi.edu/+transfer.

QCC receives \$500,000 grant for healthcare workforce programs

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College received a \$500,000 Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grant from the Healey-Driscoll Administration.

The grant is part of \$15.9 million in workforce development initiatives throughout the state and is funded by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. The grant will provide support for two of QCC's workforce development healthcare programs, the Clinical Medical Assistant and the Nurse Assistant/Acute Care Nurse Assistant career training courses, offered through the Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

"This type of intentional funding support is critical to the communities we serve and the employers in need of these type of skilled workers," said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja. "This synergistic relationship is vital to our region's prosperous economic future."

The funding will support 60 students in the Nurse Assistant course and 30 students in the Clinical Medical Assistant course. The funding will also include a training stipend for program completion, job placement and retention. QCC aims to serve individuals, who are low-income, unemployed or underemployed.

"Healthcare is one of three named priority industries in the

Central MA Regional Workforce Blueprint due to high demand for workers and defined career pathways that address significant barriers faced by residents," said Dean of the Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education Kathie Manning. "This training project builds on the work of QCC's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education by developing pathways into the healthcare field for a diverse group of learners. QCC has a ready pipeline of students able to begin training immediately."

For more information and application requirements, people may email the Center for Workforce Development at cce@qcc.mass.edu.

Opinion

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On Wednesday, Aug. 18 the Barre Youth Theater will complete their summer season with a Festival of Three One-Act Plays. All the plays are acted, directed and produced by young people who live in the greater Worcester area. The festival organizer and producer is Suzanne Bowles of Barre. One play, "Dracula, death of Nosferatu," is based on the monster created in the classic Bram Stoker novel. The second play, "The Lovesick Computer," is a light hearted comedy about an ingenious high school senior who invests a super computer. The last play in the group is Kurt Vonnegut's classic dark comedy, "The Handicapper General."

38 years (Aug. 14, 1986)

Herman Stevens of Coldbrook Road, Barre, was just one of the

area farmers, who cared enough to help drought-stricken farmers in the south by sending hay for their cattle. This past weekend, South Barre was the headquarters for the hay train that was aiming south. Approximately 8,000 bales of hay were loaded into boxcars. The haylift, which was sponsored by the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Heifer Project International of Rutland has a final destination of Greenwood and Edgefield, South Carolina. The train will travel by Massachusetts Central Railroad in Palmer. Conrail was to pick up the hay and take it to Virginia, where the boxcars would join others on the Norfolk-Southern Railway.

Raymond T. Howard of South Street, will serve as the new Barre Fire Chief. Howard was unanimously recommended for the position and appointed by the Barre Selectmen at their Monday evening meeting, Aug. 11. Howard was

one of four applicants interviewed by the Selectmen for the position. Select person Ruth Trifilo stated that all the applicants seemed "very interested in the position and I am sure all would do a good job." She went on to say that of the four, she would recommend Howard for the position. Selectmen Jim Sullivan and Earl Sample also recommended Howard for Fire Chief.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moffett (Betty Tufts) have now returned to their home in Chester, England from their third trip to the United States. They stayed with her brother and his wife, Henry and Martha Tufts of Old Coldbrook Road. This time they decided to spend the two weeks visiting with relatives and enjoying the area around Barre. The two couples drove to Shelburne Falls to see the beautiful Bridge of Flowers, spent time traveling around the Quabbin Dam and enjoyed an afternoon at Wachusett Mountain in Princeton.

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Sometimes plants show signs of a nutrient deficiency, especially a nitrogen deficiency simply because they haven't had a drink. When you water the garden, remember to do so

longer but less often to encourage deep, penetrating roots.

Watering at the soil line either early in the day or after the sun has set are your best options.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of

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

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

The weather sure has been odd this week. Most days it would pour for about an hour and then the sun would come out. I hardly ever had to water the potted plants.

Luckily my faithful handyman got the lawns mowed on one of the dry days as they were starting to look a little shaggy. My helper came on Wednesday and Friday and we made an apple pie. She took a photo of it to show her mother as she was so proud of the job she did.

I picked my first cherry tomato this week from the two potted plants I have. The slugs are eating the broccoli plants so I doubt if I will get any heads. It is hard to have a garden as I guess all creatures have to eat.

I have a package of pork chops so I plan to make this meal.

OVEN BAKED PORK CHOPS

2 tablespoons melted butter
one egg
2 tablespoons milk
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 cup stuffing mix
pork chops

Set the oven at 425 degrees. Take a 9 inch by 13 inch baking dish and place melted butter in it. Whisk one egg with milk and pepper. Place a cup of stuffing mix in the separate dish. Dip pork chops in egg mixture and then in stuffing mix. Put chops in prepared dish and bake for 10 minutes. Flip chops and bake for 10 more minutes. The internal temperature should be 145 degrees. Serve with baked potatoes and apple sauce.

My helper and I made applesauce with the rest of the bag of apples. Just peel and slice apples with a little water and boil until tender. Add sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg and

using a masher make the sauce. I do not like to strain the sauce as I like the lumps. Brown sugar can also be used depending on how sweet you like the sauce.

This and That

I have been experimenting with drying the hydrangeas. So far I have had four blossoms that stayed full. I tried the blue ones and one pinkish one.

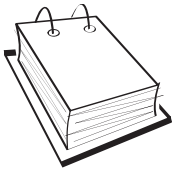
I have also been collecting seed pods and drying some flowers for a fall arrangement for both the house and on the deck. I use a large old milk can to put some Porcupine grass and other seed pods for the deck. I put dried flowers in the vase for the inside of the house. I save my Cat and Nine Tales from year to year.

I am anxious to get my fall things out, but I will wait until the middle of August.

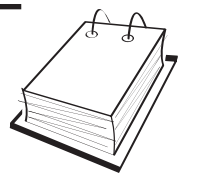
Have you been calling an elderly lately to see how they are doing? I try to call one each day. They enjoy the company.

Have a good week.





Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, AUG. 8

QUABBIN REGIONAL DISTRICT SPED RECORDS of students who exited the district prior to 2018 will be shredded in the upcoming months. If people would like their special education record and are over the age of 18 or are the parent/legal guardian of a student under the age of 18, they must contact the Quabbin Student Services Department by Sept. 27, 2024 to request the student file. They should email Diana Sanelli, Student Services Coordinator at dsanelli@qrsd.org or call 978-355-2055 to request the file. They will need to arrange a time to pick the file up from the Educational Support Center, 872 South Street. Proof of identity and a signature acknowledging receipt of the file will be required upon pickup. This does not include the student's transcript, which shall be maintained by the school department for 60 years following graduation, transfer, or withdrawal from the school system.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 11

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS is tonight at 6 p.m. at the Harding Allen Bandstand, on the Common, Barre. The Quabbin Community Band will also play during the Barre 250th parade on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. For more information, people may email Julie at julie@mhof.net or call or text 978-257-1192.

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

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Rutland. 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. 12. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was a view from the Petersham Common looking toward the Town Office Building.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

BARRE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION will take place today from 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursday, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7 p.m. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Aug. 14 or in the evening on Thursday, Aug. 15, whichever is the more convenient for them. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 14 and Aug. 15 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.

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 17

SATURDAY CONCERTS are held at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre from 5:30-7 p.m. Tonights concert is Say Uncle. The final concert is the Otters on Saturday, Aug. 31. All concerts are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand during the concerts.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20

SENIOR/VETERAN INFORMATION FAIR will be held at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants include: American Legion Post #2; Barre Family Pharmacy; Captel-Captioned Telephone; Careforth-Care to individuals and families caring for a love one at home; Cedar Brook Village-Assisted Living; Ed Spatter-Benefits for Seniors; Elder Services-Tools, resources, and support they need to fully embrace the aging experience; Foot Care by Nurses-Foot care; Homefront Strong-Build resilience in veterans and military families through targeted programs and resources; Integrity-Medicare Advisors-Medicare Made Easy; LIHEAP Fuel Assistance Making Opportunity Count; Lion's Club-Sight Mobile will be on-site for hearing and vision screenings; Listening Wellness Center-Community for health, healing, and learning; Mass Advantage-Affordable Medicare; SHINE-Medicare Counseling (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone); The Journey Before Us-Coaching through life's challenges; Town of Barre 911 Memorial; Town of Barre Assessor-Jesse Warren (Veteran and Elderly Property Tax Exemptions) and Western Mass, LLC Manda Day-Mobile Dental. There will be raffle prizes. The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22

NATURAL HEALING ARTS SEMINAR focusing on Reiki and Tibetan Rites will be held today from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Rutland Council on Aging, 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. This free seminar offers optimal wellness and encompasses many dimensions.

Eric Goodhart, the presenter of this program, learned over 25 years ago that the best way to balance the seven Chakras (energy centers) is by doing the Tibetan Rites every morning. The 20 minute exercise helps build a solid foundation on which optimal health can be achieved. The Chakras are intellectual, physical, social, financial, spiritual, environmental and emotional.

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

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

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

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Clark powers Quabbin Cagers to playoff win

AUBURN – The ‘Big Dawg’ needs to be fed and Kyle Clark’s teammates are serving up a good meal for their strong and demanding center.

The Quabbin cagers, sponsored by E.P. Wine Propane, pulled away in the second half to advance to the second round of Auburn Summer League playoffs with a 38-26 win over Blackstone Valley Tech.

Senior center Kyle Clark led the scoring with 19 points and controlled the boards by ripping seven caroms. But the biggest contribution made by the powerful inside post play of Clark may have been drawing fouls on several BVT players guarding him which eventually changed the momentum of the game.

Clark was 6 for 10 from the ‘free offense’ charity stripe, as the coaches like to call it, and sent at least one player to the bench with foul trouble and another out of the game entirely.

Point guard Jacoby Dilling returned to action to score 8 points and his driving layups in the final minutes sealed the win.

The Quabbinians seem to be taking more pride in their individual and team defense as they held BVT to only 8 second half points.

“Our defense so far has been the backbone of the success this offseason. The defense has forced turnovers or tough shots resulting in great transition opportunities and leading to open layups”, stated Coach Steve Carrington.

Teammates are apparently taking their cue from senior defensive specialist guard Jaxon Warburton. The 6’ 0 guard relishes the role of a shut-down defender and that role is very meaningful to his court mates as they trust the physical Warburton to get the job done.

A perfect complement to that defensive emphasis and commitment is his backcourt mate Bryce Venne. The speedy Venne had five deflections and four loose ball recoveries.

The emergence defensively of Zeke Santoro has raised more than a few eyebrows as the 6’3 power forward led the team with 8 deflections and gathered in five loose ball recoveries of his



Quabbin's Kyle Clark elevates above two opponents to score two points from an offensive rebound.

Submitted photos



Quabbin center Kyle Clark seals his defensive opponent as teammate Brady Patchen feeds a post pass to the leading scorer in a win against South HS.



Zeke Santoro and Kyle Clark muscle in for perfect rebounding position as the ball fortunately found its way through net from a Bryce Venne trifecta.

own. Santoro also added 4 points to the offensive effort and continues to impress onlookers by snaring seven strong rebounds. Santoro has been attending several high-level collegiate basketball camps this summer, along with several clinics, and the results have been outstanding in advancing his skill set.

Brady Patchen has been getting minutes handling the ball and the 5’11 freshman is responding successfully. Patchen was able to ring the register for

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Quabbin summer coach Steve Carrington offers important instruction to junior forward Anthony Quarterone.



The Quabbin starters, Zeke Santoro, Brady Patchen, Jaxon Warburton and Jacoby Dilling get a rest on the bench as they enthusiastically cheer on teammates during a convincing 54-34 win over South HS at the Assumption Univ. Tournament.



Gwen Duggan, of Palmer, looks to get around a Monson player.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Kelly Callahan, of Monson, punts the ball away.



Joanna Mull, of Belchertown, makes her way up the field.



Paige Marjanski, of South Hadley goes for the header.

Here for Beer scores upset

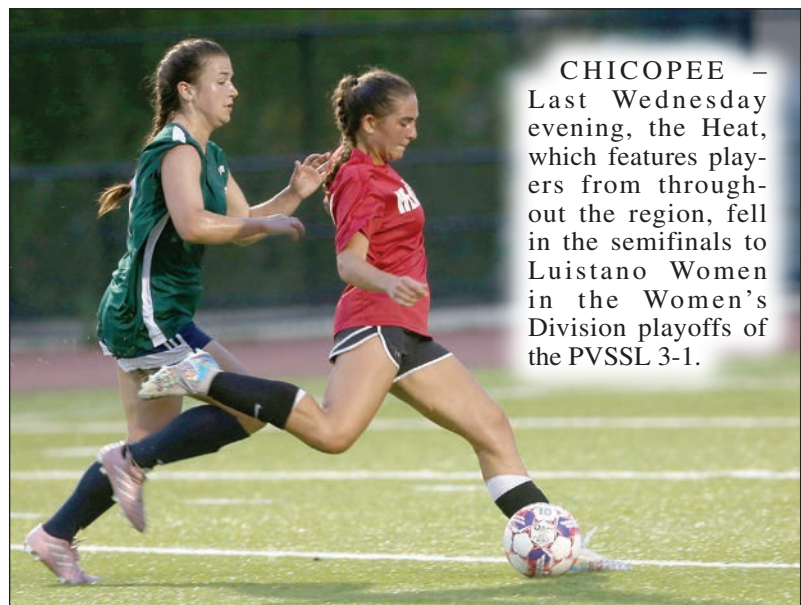
MONSON – Facing the higher-seeded Monson Mustangs last Monday in the PVSSL Women’s Division quarterfinals, Here for Beer scored a 4-3 upset at Rogers

Field. They would make it all the way to the finals before falling to the Lusitano Women last Friday night. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week’s edition.



Mackenzie Shean, of Agawam, fights to keep the ball.

Heat falls in semifinals

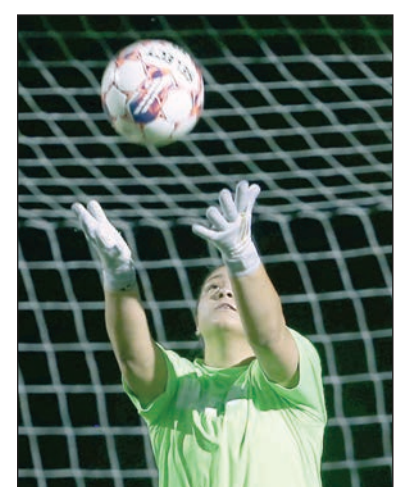


Emily Ottomaniello, of Agawam, makes her way up the field for the Heat.

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday evening, the Heat, which features players from throughout the region, fell in the semifinals to Luistano Women in the Women’s Division playoffs of the PVSSL 3-1.



Kassandra Liquori sends a pass away.



Samara Robles looks to make a save in goal.

St. Joe’s survives Teddy Bear Pools in quarterfinals

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE – The best of three Tri-County League first round series between the fifth-seeded St. Joe’s Saints and fourth-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spa was originally scheduled to take place on July 24, 25, and 26. Because of a couple of rain outs and a suspended game, it took them eight days to complete the series.

Teddy Bear won the first game of the series 1-0, which was held at Westfield State University.

St. Joe’s kept their season alive the following night by squeaking out a 10-9 victory in an old fashion slugfest held at St. Joe’s Park.

“I thought it would take us only three days to complete this series,” said first-year St. Joe’s manager Brian Hayes. “We dealt with some weather and a few other things that were out of our control.”

At that point everything went wacky.

Game three was postponed due to an umpire shortage. The series was set to resume back at Westfield State on July 29, but that game was postponed due to rain. The score was tied 6-6 at the

end of seven innings the following night and the game was halted at that point due to darkness.

Unlike in Major League baseball where suspended games are picked up where they left off, suspended games in the Tri-County League are wiped out. They played a whole new game.

Hayes gave his thoughts about the TCL suspended game rule.

“It’s nice not to show up at the field and only play one inning,” he said. “Starting the game over is fine with me. The field at Westfield State doesn’t have any lights, so that’s why we decided to move the series here. They were still the home team.”

The series was delayed another day because of rain before it was finally completed last Thursday night. St. Joe’s wound up winning the wild contest by the final score of 18-10. The game took more than three hours to be completed.

“The guys were ready to go, and we played a great game,” said first-year St. Joe’s manager Brian Hayes. “We had to come-from-behind twice in tonight’s game. We didn’t have a rivalry with Teddy Bear in the past, but I think it’ll turn into a rivalry game now, especially after this series.”

St. Joe’s, who was the visiting

team in game three, jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Centerfielder Aaron Little and right fielder Dillon Slattery had RBI singles. Two more runs crossed on the plate on bases loaded walks by second baseman Greg Vouros and shortstop Devin Slattery. Another run scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

St. Joe’s, who drew a total of 19 walks in the game, wound up sending eleven batters to the plate during that frame. They added another run in the second.

Teddy Bear, who scored their first run in the bottom of the first inning, also sent eleven men to the plate in the second inning. They took the lead for the first time at 7-6 when first baseman Andrew Flore hit a two-run single into center field.

A sacrifice fly by designated hitter Dan Burnett in the third inning extended Teddy Bear’s lead to 8-6.

Hayes decided to make a pitching change at that point.

He replaced Brandon Magni with righty Jacob Petrin, who started the game at third base.

Petrin, who is Hayes stepson, wound up being the difference maker in game three. He allowed only two runs on five hits during

the final five innings. He had seven strikeouts and issued four walks.

“Jacob is my stepson, and he did a great job for us tonight,” Hayes said. “He was also the winning pitcher in game two. This is the first year that I’ve been his baseball coach, and it has been a lot of fun. He was our MVP in this series.”

Petrin, along with Little and Dillon Slattery led the offensive attack with two hits each.

St. Joe’s retook the lead at 10-8 after scoring four runs in the fourth inning. The go-ahead runs scored on a two-run double to right field by catcher AJ Dillard.

Teddy Bear tied the score for the final time at 10-10 with one-out in the bottom of the fourth on a run scoring double by pinch-hitter Paul Shibley, who remained in the game in right field.

St. Joe’s pulled away after that by scoring two runs in the fifth and one in the sixth before scoring five more runs with the help of five walks in their final at-bats.

St. Joe’s season came to an end after they were swept in the semifinals by top-seeded Peoplesbank. That series took less than twenty four hours to be completed.

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five points on two power drives that got him to the free throw line.

In fact, Quabbin was 9 for 18 from the line, an area they will need to improve on to go further in the playoffs.

However, it is a performance indicator that Dilling, Patchen, Venne and Clark are aggressive getting to the iron and that gener-

ates good offense.

The improvements being made by guard Bryce Venne at the free throw line has been noticed by the coaching staff. Venne has been getting to the foul line more often but realized he had to work on his shooting percentage. So he put in the extra work and time on his own with markedly improved results.

With a bench that knows the importance of their role in hold-

ing the score and getting valuable rest time for the starters, Coach Steve Carrington has a number of matchups he can employ.

That responsibility has been not only accepted but fulfilled by Evan Sherblom, Jacoby Venne, Collin Leclair and Aiden Crane.

The next next matchup for the Cagers in the second round of the playoffs will be Monty Tech.

In Fitchburg GameOn action, the Quabbinians, sponsored by

GroundUp Properties, upped their records to 5-0 with a hard fought 41-36 win over Nashoba Tech.

Bryce Venne sealed the win with two key free throws in the closing minute.

Kyle Clark led the scoring with 14 points followed by sophomore forward Anthony Quarterone with 9 more. The 6'3 Quarterone can run the court and enjoys playing in the paint as he can rebound. Quarterone had four key offensive

rebounds and was 3 for 4 from the 'free offense' charity stripe.

Collin Leclare had 9 rebounds and added 4 points with another strong inside the lane game. Leclare and Quarterone have taken some of the scoring and rebounding load off of Kyle Clark and Zeke Santoro and everyone knows, that in order to run transition basketball, you've got to rebound. Fortunately both like to rebound.

Carrington was excited about the win but was clear in pointing out, "the coaches all provided their input along with the seniors and it was evident that everyone was not satisfied with just winning the game. Many made comments that we need to play better and give more energy from start to finish. This says alot about how dedicated and how much these guys care about getting better and playing to the best of their abilities"

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The Authority's portfolio includes Ch. 667 Elderly/Handicapped, Ch. 705 Family and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The candidate should be familiar with both the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and U.S. Department and Urban Development (HUD) program requirements.

Tenant Intake/Outreach, Maintenance of waiting lists, Assist program participants to secure appropriate housing and complete all associated paperwork. Negotiate with landlords for comparable rents. Attend training sessions. Administer the Section Program, Ch. 667 and Ch. 705. Including but not limited to all other tasks as assigned.

Possess excellent written and verbal skills, ability to communicate effectively. Familiar with centralized public housing wait lists, (CHAMP) housing software, HUD and EOHLC databases.

The maximum salary is \$50,286 and is dependent upon experience. The required work hours are 37.5 hours per week and the position includes excellent benefits. The candidate will be subject to qualification verification prior to employment.

To apply in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Linda Hanssen, Executive Director, Ware Housing Authority at lindahanssen@gmail.com.

Maintenance Supervisor

The Ware Housing Authority is seeking a qualified full-time Maintenance Supervisor. The incumbent is expected to oversee and perform routine and preventative maintenance of the Ware Housing Authority's entire housing portfolio includes 86 units of Ch. 667 Elderly/Handicapped, 23 units of Ch. 705 family and 61 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

The position has management responsibility covering a wide range of duties, including but not limited to, overseeing maintenance staff, contractors, and any additional help to assist with maintenance and repair work and the operation of equipment and vehicles. Oversight of Capital Improvements, Modernization Projects and Massachusetts CAPHUB.

Responsible for scheduling and record keeping of all property mechanical systems such as fire alarms and fire extinguisher inspections. The work requires basic skills such as plumbing, carpentry, electrical, masonry, painting, janitorial and landscaping. The job requires the ability to operate motor vehicles, move heavy objects and lift and carry items up to 75 pounds working in a variety of conditions.

Must have a valid drivers license and be insurable under Housing Authority insurance. The selected applicant must be able to pass a criminal background check (CORI).

The maximum salary is \$ 73,632 and is dependent upon experience, education and certifications in accordance with EOHLC Maintenance Supervisor Schedule. (MMA) Massachusetts Maintenance Supervisor certification will be required in a timely manner if applicant is hired. The required work hours are 40 hours per week and the position includes excellent benefits.

To apply, in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Linda Hanssen, Executive Director at warehousing@comcast.net. Resume's are due no later than August 13, 2024.

Diverse applicants are encouraged to apply.

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By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Night Summer Mixed League at Bogey Lanes has two regular weeks left.

As of July 31, Rolling Stones are hanging on to a three-point lead in first place at 63-33. Close behind in second place is Team Seven at 60-36. Team Nine is in third place at 58-38. Team Swish is in fourth place at 56-40. Split Smashers are in fifth place at 54-42.

The remaining five teams, Clock Barn, Straight Shooters, Gutter Dolls, Gutter Snipes and Gutter Fingers are under a 50% winning percentage and are mathematically out of reach to catch the #1 seed.

During league night on July 31, Team Swish bowled against Team Nine. In game one, Team Nine won by a score of 503-421. Emily Black of Team

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Nine bowled 119 and her teammates Jesse Mondor and Trevor Kenneson bowled great with scores of 126 and 114.

In game two, Team Nine stayed strong and won game two by one point, 470-469. Black bowled 112 to follow up her first game of 119. Mondor continued to stay well over his average with a 116 in game two.

In game three, Team Nine won for a three-game sweep over Team Swish, 462-442. Black finished with an 86 and a series of 317. Mondor finished with a 102 and series of 344. The final scores were Team Nine at 1435 and Team Swish at 1332.

Team Seven bowled against the Rolling Stones. In game one Team Seven defeated Rolling Stones by a score of 470-425. Ethan Levy led his team in game one with a 116 to start the night.

In game two, Team Seven were victorious again by a score of 460-435. Tim Brayton had the high game of 105 in game two.

Barnett leads way at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, CT – Although early rains made for a shortened practice schedule on Thursday, Thompson Speedway lit-up the night for the final round of Thursday Night Thunder this season. Dominance was the word to describe Thursday's racing action at Thompson Speedway with the night starting off under the command of the fan-favorite Street Stock class. Former multi-time track champion 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett led the 20-lap main event for the Street Stocks from the drop of the green flag to the twin checkered flags for his first win of the season. While 'Leadfoot' dominated up front, all eyes were on Ryan Waterman as he charged from eighth-place to third in the fast-paced feature event.

The dominance continued in the AZ Roofing SK Light Modified ranks. While Nick Hovey led from the point, point

leader Tyler Chapman came to the front for a side-by-side battle with plenty of sparks. Chapman would pull up bumper to bumper before getting loose on the outside groove again and again, finally getting just the right push off to claim his fourth win of the year over Hovey and Meghan Fuller.

The Mini Stock showcase saw one of the fiercest battles of the night between defending champion and point leader Jarred Roy and Ryan Pomposelli. The two fought tooth and nail across the 0.625-mile Thompson Speedway with Roy making his final pass with just two laps remaining to claim his fourth win of the year with Pomposelli taking second and Kevin Moore turning around a tough-luck season for third.

The growing Thompson Sunoco Modified division was once again under the control of

young Jon Puleo. The Mr. Rooter Plumbing machine was on rails for the Twisted Tea Midsummer 50-lap main event on Thursday with the young-gun never leaving the lead position. Puleo took down his third win of the season followed by Keith Rocco and leading rookie Isaiah Newcomb at the line.

The Late Models rounded out Thursday's showcase. A final show of dominance saw former Late Model track champion Brian Tagg lead all 25-laps on the field for his first win at Thompson Speedway this season with defending track champion Nick Johnson coming home second followed by Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Derek Gluchacki in third.

Thompson Speedway returns to Wednesday night racing action in less than two weeks on Wednesday, August 7 for the

Tripoint Showdown 50-lap main event for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds. The Late Models, AZ Roofing SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks make it a five division card with a 6:00pm Post Time on Wednesday, August 7.

For more information about the American-Canadian Tour, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, media@actour.com, or visit www.actour.com. You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTour.

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Springfield Thunderbirds sign three for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today that they have signed goaltender Cam Johnson, as well as forwards Tarun Fizer and Reece Newkirk, to one-year AHL contracts.

Johnson, 30, has been the backup for each of the Florida Everblades' three consecutive Kelly Cup championships. In 63 career playoff games in the ECHL, Johnson has a sparkling 47-13-3 record, 11 shutouts, a 1.97 goals-against average, and a .928 save percentage. He was the June M. Kelly Award winner as ECHL playoff MVP in 2022 and 2023. The former University of North Dakota National Champion also has 53 games of AHL experience with the Binghamton Devils and Cleveland Monsters.

Fizer, 23, is entering his third full professional season. As a rookie with the ECHL's Utah Grizzlies in 2022-23, the Chestermere, AB native scored

50 points (27g, 23a) in 62 games. Last season, he skated in 30 games for the Belleville Senators, posting two goals and three assists. He also chipped in 10 points (4g, 6a) in 10 games for the ECHL's Allen Americans. Before turning pro, Fizer skated in five WHL seasons for the Victoria Royals. In 2021-22, he captained the Royals and put up 51 points (17g, 34a) in just 35 games.

Newkirk, 23, is set to begin his fourth professional season. Originally a fifth-round pick by the New York Islanders in the 2019 NHL Draft, Newkirk has skated in 45 AHL games with Bridgeport, putting up 10 points (2g, 8a). In 102 ECHL games with the Worcester Railers, the Moose Jaw, SK native has 78 points (37g, 41). Before turning pro, Newkirk starred with the WHL's Portland Winterhawks, where he accumulated 162 points (69g, 93a) in 205 games.

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Spending freeze

Petratis said the spending freeze limit has been increased from \$100 to \$250. For any purchases over \$250, departments will be required to submit a spending request form, which the board approved at the meeting.

Spending request

The Highway Department requested approval to spend \$487 to purchase a commer-

cial-grade Stihl weedwhacker. The board approved the request.

Annual appointments

The board made its annual appointments. The positions of Caretaker of Town Clock, two Fence Viewers, Assistant Fire Chief, Town Hall Agent, three Agricultural Commission members, three NB Helps members, one Parks and Recreation member and Assistant Sewer Superintendent are vacant.

Doane Pond dam

Flamand said he is making

repairs to the concrete on the spillway at the Doane Pond dam as well as the gatehouse. The level of the pond has been lowered in order to make these repairs.

Flamand said he can grout and repoint stonework without needing to consult with an engineer.

Bates Observatory repairs

John Tripp said the carpenter planning to make repairs to the Bates Observatory roof will need to increase the project cost, due to inflation. He said

ing out pitching.

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

There is an interest form and survey interested players can fill out at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. The league is open to all current Quabbin league players as well as players from other leagues who are age 28 and over during the calendar year of 2024.

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

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

the cost is expected to increase from \$1,500 to around \$1,700.

Fences near roadways

Tripp said people are planting trees and building fences and stone walls near the roadway on town property. He said letters have been sent to residents about placing structures on town property, but they have been ignored.

Job description

The board approved the job description for a Council on Aging janitor.

Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Names of God Part 8

Scripture employs an array of names for God that speak to His nature and work. In this edition, let us continue to explore a family of names that center upon the primary title of God in the Old Testament: YHWH (commonly pronounced Yahweh and rendered as "LORD" in English translations). Let us consider YHWH Sabaoth and Nissi.

1) YHWH Sabaoth

YHWH Sabaoth might be translated as the Lord of Hosts. This title, also rendered as the Lord of Armies or Lord of Powers, speaks to the dominion and sovereign power of God. Such power is demonstrated in the account of David versus Goliath.

In the days of Saul, King of Israel, the Philistines were a constant threat to the Jewish people. On one occasion, as the armies of Israel prepared to battle the Philistines, a champion named Goliath came forth to challenge Saul and his soldiers:

1 Samuel 17:8-11 (NIV)

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." 10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

Some time later, after many such taunts, a young David happened upon the scene and was stirred by the Spirit of the Lord. Namely, he could not stomach that this pagan had catalyzed such fear in the hearts and minds of the people of God. Therefore, David, armed with naught but a sling and a few small stones, accepted the challenge of Goliath in this fashion:

1 Samuel 17:45-46a, 47

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

How does this story end? With the victory of David – David who operated in both the name and might of YHWH Sabaoth!

2) YHWH Nissi

The title YHWH Nissi, which means the Lord my Banner, appears in this scene from the days of Moses:

Exodus 17:8-13, 15

8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. 9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands." 10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. 11 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. 12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. 13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. 15 Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.

What occurred after the battle? Moses commemorated victory by ritually recognizing the One who served as their Banner. Yet what does this mean? What is the significance and import of God functioning as the Banner of His people? Let us note:

To begin, a banner is simply a flag. Opposing or warring nations would typically fly their banner on a lofty pole at each end of their respective front lines. Banners or flags held deep significance for soldiers. What does a banner signify or represent?

Firstly, the presence of one's banner instilled a sense of hope and victory. The banner of an army would only fall on two conditions: a) retreat; or b) the death of the last man. If the banner yet waved, there was cause for both hope and victory!

Secondly, the presence of a banner provided a crucial focal point for ancient armies. In the fog of war, soldiers could orient themselves on the field of battle by the location of the banner of their army. Thus, the banner provided a stabilizing landmark from which armies might operate unto victory.

Thirdly, the presence of a banner provided a rallying point for ancient armies. By a rallying point, I mean an emblem that promoted unity and community, fostering needed synergy. A banner was something that united dissimilar people, that they might operate as one in heart and purpose.

Is this not what we feel toward our flag as Americans? Is it not a symbol of hope? As long as it waves, does it not convey a sense of hope-filled confidence? Is it not a focal point? Despite national tragedies, it remains an orienting landmark, grounding us. Is it not a rallying point? Are we not, who are many, bound together by our banner and what it represents?

Ultimately, this speaks to the Lord. Beyond the stars and stripes—or any banner of any nation through space and time—the Lord is our Banner. As long as He lives, we have reason to have hope and believe in the promise of enduring victory. Despite the opposition we may face, we can focus upon Christ and orient ourselves on the field of battle of life and living. Moreover, the Lord bonds us together in Christ, despite the many differences that may exist. What glorious, abiding truths!

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
"We are One in Faith"

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com and Facebook page.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4 v 1-16

I. Introduction

When we experience difficult times, whether it is emotional, financial, work wise, health wise, or otherwise, it is easy to experience loneliness, to be in despair, and to be depressed. In these situations, one can feel as if the condition will not improve, and that there is no or little hope. The money is not coming in, this affliction, or illness is not improving, or is very slow in getting better, and work is hard.

To go through such feelings of loneliness and despair can be hard and can make one feel disconnected from others. It can also make one feel imprisoned by one's own circumstances. For some, it is easier to cope with their circumstances than others. Does this sound familiar to you? Have you been through situations like these?

"I'll talk for an hour if I hear a good Bigfoot story," LeBlanc said.

When asked how many cases he's covered, LeBlanc said since the 2010 footprint case at Leominster State Forest, there have been over 100 active bigfoot

II. We are One in Faith

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Ephesians while he was in house arrest / prison in Rome. He was arrested more than once, beaten, and eventually according to church tradition, beheaded in Rome and died for his faith. It was during his imprisonment in Rome that he wrote several letters to a number of churches, including this letter to the Ephesians.

To be imprisoned must be quite a challenging situation, being isolated from the world and loved ones, and perhaps being in very difficult circumstances. It must be a very lonely experience at times. For Paul it would not have been very different, because of the suffering he endured.

However, despite his circumstances he starts off this letter as follows, "As a prisoner of the Lord...", and then he appealed to the congregation in Ephesus to live a life worthy of the calling they received. He asks them to be completely humble and gentle, to be patient, and to put up with each other in love, and to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through Christ.

He, despite his circumstances knows that he belongs to God and that he is united with God, and that Christ is near to him in his situation of suffering and isolation, says Clinton E. Arnold in his commentary on Ephesians. He now reminds the congregation in Ephesus that they ought to live in unity with one another, because of what Christ did for them.

He then makes this declaration in verse 4-6 that there is one Body and One Spirit, One Lord, one faith and one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. This, Arnold says is a confession of faith which serves as a reminder of their identity in Christ.

The church in Ephesus is the unified Body of Christ, and therefore they ought to live a life worthy of this unified Body of Christ. They must be humble, because God opposes pride and arrogance, and with humility comes wisdom, states Proverbs 11 v 2. In the Song of Mary, in Luke Chapter 1 v 52, she declares that God brought down rulers from their thrones and lifted up the humble. They must be gentle, which is one of the fruits of the Spirit, an important characteristic to live in harmony with one another. They must be patient with one another, and they must love one another and show that in action.

III. Conclusion

Paul knew why he wrote these words to that congregation. He knew that they too would suffer, and before that happens, and as a sign of who they truly are in Christ, they must live in harmony and in unity with one another and be there for one another. They must strengthen their bond of love and be true to their identity as the Body of Christ. They must be there for each other.

As a congregation here in Barre, we are reminded this morning of our own identity as the Body of Christ and Paul makes his appeal to us as well to live worthy of that identity, in unity and in love. This means we must be in tune with what the other is going through and understand what it means to go through the things that make life hard.

It means reaching out, being there for the other, checking in, and praying intentionally for one another. We must continue to develop ourselves and our resources to be a church of the light, who loves and who cares, and to be deemed worthy of the One who died for us. May God help us to fulfill our purpose as the Body of Christ here in Barre and beyond. Amen.

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

cases in Massachusetts.

To learn more about LeBlanc and his research, visit www.ronnyleblanc.com. Copies of LeBlanc's books are also available on his website at www.ronnyleblanc.com/books.

Obituary

Gerald W. Fritscher, 83

BARRE – Gerald W. Fritscher, 83, husband for 22 years of Kathleen (Sleeper) Fritscher, passed away July 28, 2024 at home with his loving family, Care Central VNA & Hospice, Inc. and Laura's Guardian Angels.

Jerry was born on Sept. 7, 1940 in Ware, a son of the late Harry Francis and Lorraine Katherine (Sequin) Fritscher. He was a life long resident of Barre. He was a member of the Barre Congregational Church and Jerry was a volunteer firefighter for 30 years at Barre Plains Station 2 an assist fire chief when he retired. He worked for the Quabbin Regional School District until he retired.

In addition to his wife Jerry is survived by his children; son James and wife Theresa Fritscher; daughters, Carol Proal and husband Russell, Nancy Kneeland and Jennifer Nye and husband

Joshua; siblings: sister, Patricia Church and husband Frederick, brother, John Fritscher and wife Sandra and sister, Diane Valenti and husband John. His wife Kathleen's children; son Andrew Van Wert and husband Matthew McClelland; daughters, Kimberly Van Wert and Stephanie Van Wert; grandchildren, Cassie and Aimee Proal, Matthew, Tamara and Hannah Kneeland Jessica and Edward Fritscher and Edita and Haleigh Nye; great grandchildren Jacoby, Adderley, Dominick and Tabitha; several nephews and nieces.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 at 11 a.m. in the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St. Barre. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the



Barre Congregational Church P. O. Box 668 Barre, MA 01005-0668 or Barre Fire Dept. Station 1 Headquarters P.O. Box 430 Barre, MA 01005-0430. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

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26. Satisfies
28. Type of berry
29. Distinctive practice
30. Popular pickup truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
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41. Endured
43. A female domestic

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Arts and crafts supplies
4. Containers
5. Investment vehicle
6. A way to greet in a friendly way
7. Bulged downward
8. "A Day Without" singer
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Negative
12. Caused to be loved
13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
15. Sincere
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Bill Murray chased one
26. Pouch
27. Swedish krona
30. Start over

32. Wild white or yellow flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
38. Up-to-date
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Central Japanese city
59. Garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer

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LeBlanc was excited to answer questions after his presentation and hear stories from the audience.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 21
 12:16 a.m. Noise Complaint, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:25 a.m. Safety Concern, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Jewett Road, Negative Contact
 3:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist
 6:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, South Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, July 22
 8:33 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Broad Street, Referred to Other Agency
 11:30 a.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Officer Advised
 12:26 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Ruggles Lane, Referred to Other Agency
 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 5:42 p.m. Complaint, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:12 p.m. Complaint, Common Street, Officer Advised

Tuesday, July 23
 9:12 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, South Street, Information Given
 10:29 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 12:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, New Braintree, Unable to Serve
 3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Saint-Hillien, Farsendia Char, 32, Taunton

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 6:31 p.m. Erratic Operator, Unknown Current Location, Officer Advised
 9:06 p.m. Gunshots, West Street, Unfounded
 10:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Peach Street, Negative Contact

Wednesday, July 24
 2:20 a.m. Fires – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Wheelwright Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:05 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Common Street, Message Delivered
 10:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Summer Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, South Barre Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 2:15 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield Court, Court Duty
 2:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Information Taken
 3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 7:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Peach Street, Negative Contact
 9:52 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), West Street, Removed Hazard

Thursday, July 25
 7:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 1:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Ramos, Angelo Jr., 31, South Barre
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Speeding Rate of Speed exceeding

Posted Limit
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Coldbrook Road, Public Assist
 5:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Jackson Lane, Transported to Hospital
 10:10 p.m. Noise Complaint, Trafalgar Square, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, July 26
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning

Saturday, July 27
 1:09 a.m. Public Assist, Summer Street, Public Assist
 10:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 11:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Coldbrook Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Adams Road, Vehicle Towed
 4:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 6:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, South Street, Mutual Aid Assist
 6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Back Pain, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:32 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, High South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

SOUTH BARRE
Wednesday, July 24
 2:23 p.m. Custody Dispute, Vernon Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, July 27
 8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Vernon Avenue, Officer Advised

Rutland Police Log

Thursday, July 18
 5:24 a.m. Followup Investigation, Prison Camp Road, Investigation (On Going)
 5:44 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pommogussett Road, Message Delivered
 6:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 7:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 9:50 a.m. Assault and Battery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 9:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 10:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 10:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 11:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Oakridge Drive, Transported to Hospital
 12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Turkey Hill Road, Public Assist
 1:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Turkey Hill Road, Investigated
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 4:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 10:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Memorial Drive, Mutual Aid Transport6
 9:51 p.m. Property Lost and Found, East County Road, Information Taken

Delivered
 10:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:52 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Public Assist
 3:39 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Information Given
 3:49 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Fisherman's Road, Removed Hazard
 7:34 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Edson Avenue, Fire Extinguished

Monday, July 22
 12:38 a.m. Open Door or Window, Main Street, Secured
 1:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Princeton Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 1:13 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Turkey Hill Road, Information Taken
 2:14 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 4:34 pm Road/Traffic Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Removed Hazard
 5:08 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Removed Hazard
 5:08 p.m. Burglary, Bigelow Road, Report Filed
 5:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crestview Drive, Negative Contact

Tuesday, July 23
 6:09 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Charnock Hill Road, Removed Hazard
 11:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:37 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or round, Brintnal Drive, Animal Returned to Owner
 12:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 2:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 6:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Report Filed
 Summons: Fountain, Robert F., 70 Rutland
 Charges: Indecent Exposure
 6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Vehicle Towed
 6:34 p.m. Erratic Operator, Miles Road, Officer Advised
 7:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Investigated
 9:22 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Charnock Hill Road, Information Taken

Thursday, July 25
 8:35 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sassawanna Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:36 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Hope Way, Report Filed
 10:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Laurelwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised
 1:24 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
 3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 4:02 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Bushy Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 4:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, No Police Service Necessary
 6:23 p.m. Complaint, Irish Lane, Investigated
 6:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Wachusett Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Negative Contact
 9:23 p.m. Fire – Mutual Aid, Paxton, Unable to Serve

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 29-Aug. 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 30 building/property checks, 20 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, two traffic controls, 15 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, two motor vehicle investigations, four complaints, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle accident, three animal calls and 13 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 29
 11:03 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 12:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:58 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Fiske Road, False Alarm
 6:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 30
 11:30 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Patril Hollow Road, Officer Handled
 3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 10:29 p.m. Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Merge
 10:41 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ruggles Hill Road,

Transported to Hospital
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, July 31
 5:38 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 32A, Negative Contact
 6:04 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 32A, Citation Issued
 7:35 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Prospect Street, Spoken To

Thursday, Aug. 1
 7:13 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 11:56 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Main Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 8:04 p.m. Assist Citizen, Grove Street, Spoken To

Friday, Aug. 2
 6:26 a.m. Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To
 12:55 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Vehicle Towed
 4 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, None Provided, Spoken To

Saturday, Aug. 3
 9:47 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:48 a.m. 911 Misdiol, Main Street, Officer Handled
 11:14 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:04 p.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 7:16 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled

Sunday, Aug. 4
 6:06 a.m. Fire Alarm, Church Street, Services Rendered
 8:45 a.m. Safety Hazard, Sessions Road, Officer Handled
 9:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated
 12:03 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, No Action Required
 1:03 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Services Rendered
 4:05 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered
 5:04 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Negative Contact

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 29-Aug. 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to nine building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, two traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, nine safety hazards, two animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, July 29
 9:42 a.m. Safety Hazard, Tucker Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 11:13 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Cut Off Road, Removed Hazard
 3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Utley Road, Spoken To

Tuesday, July 30
 10 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, July 31
 8:44 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 1
 8:17 a.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
 8:21 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
 1:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Utley Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Aug. 2
 2:11 a.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Officer Handled
 11:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 3
 9:27 p.m. Gunshots, Padre Road, Unfounded
 9:44 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, North Brookfield Road, Removed Hazard

Sunday, Aug. 4
 3:41 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, West Road, Officer Handled
 7:25 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Friday, July 19
 5:03 p.m. Public Assist, Pleasantdale Road, Public Assist
 5:06 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
 5:39 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Campbell Street, Negative Contact
 6:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Joanna Drive, Transported to Hospital
 6:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, July 20
 7:02 a.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised
 2:07 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:22 p.m. Near Drowning/Drowning/Water Related, Dakota Rail, Report Filed
 6:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Edson Avenue, Mutual Aid Transport
 6:59 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prescott Street, Information Given
 7:46 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Kyle Hunter Circle, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, July 21
 1:49 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 1:57 a.m. Open Door or Window, Main Street, Building Checked/Secured
 6:04 a.m. Open Door or Window, Memorial Drive, Investigated
 6:54 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Investigation (On-Going)
 7:49 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Message

Delivered
 10:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:52 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Public Assist
 3:39 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Information Given
 3:49 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Fisherman's Road, Removed Hazard
 7:34 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Edson Avenue, Fire Extinguished

Monday, July 22
 12:38 a.m. Open Door or Window, Main Street, Secured
 1:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Princeton Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 1:13 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Turkey Hill Road, Information Taken
 2:14 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 4:34 pm Road/Traffic Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Removed Hazard
 5:08 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pommogussett Road, Removed Hazard
 5:08 p.m. Burglary, Bigelow Road, Report Filed
 5:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crestview Drive, Negative Contact

Tuesday, July 23
 6:09 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Charnock Hill Road, Removed Hazard
 11:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:37 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or round, Brintnal Drive, Animal Returned to Owner
 12:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 2:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 6:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Report Filed
 Summons: Fountain, Robert F., 70 Rutland
 Charges: Indecent Exposure
 6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Vehicle Towed
 6:34 p.m. Erratic Operator, Miles Road, Officer Advised
 7:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Investigated
 9:22 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Charnock Hill Road, Information Taken

Thursday, July 25
 8:35 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sassawanna Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:36 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Hope Way, Report Filed
 10:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Laurelwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised
 1:24 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
 3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 4:02 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Bushy Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 4:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, No Police Service Necessary
 6:23 p.m. Complaint, Irish Lane, Investigated
 6:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Wachusett Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Negative Contact
 9:23 p.m. Fire – Mutual Aid, Paxton, Unable to Serve

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, July 21
 5:45 a.m. Unwanted Party, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 8:36 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Road, Information Given
 1:07 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Old Colony Road, Report Filed
 7:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Mutual Aid Ambulance, Barre, Unable to Serve

Monday, July 22
 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 5:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 6:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
 6:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 6:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 7 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 9:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning
 12:57 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Gardner Road, Information Taken
 1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
 3:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, Brigham Road, Negative Contact
 3:41 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hale Road, Information Given
 3:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, Brigham Road, Negative Contact
 3:41 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hale Road, Information Taken
 10:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 23
 12:26 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Simond Hill Road, Report Filed
 2:12 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Williamsville Road, Report Filed
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
 3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, July 24
 11:17 a.m. Harassment, Williamsville Cutoff Road, Call Transferred
 1:29 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Gardner Road, Officer Took Call
 4:10 p.m. Fraud or Forgery,

Gardner Road, Officer Took Call
 9:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Road, Area Search Negative

Thursday, July 25
 3:05 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed
 9:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Williamsville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, July 26
 7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, New Westminster Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, No Police Service Necessary
 9:30 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Camp Coldbrook, Mutual Aid Assist

Saturday, July 27
 10:42 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Williamsville Road, Fire Extinguished
 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 Summons: Swanson, Brad E., 35, Hubbardston
 Charges: Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 4:37 p.m. Keep the Peace, Cheyenne Drive, Report Filed
 6:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9 p.m. Be On the Lookout Notification, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, July 22
 4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Vehicle Removed

Tuesday, July 23
 2:41 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:01 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:26 p.m. Public Assist, Barre Plains Road, Public Assist
 7:25 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, July 24
 8:40 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Bullard Road Animal Returned to Owner
 1:09 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, North Brookfield, Information Given

Thursday, July 25
 3:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Newburyport, Investigation (On-Going)

Friday, July 26
 9:51 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Crocker Nye Road, Officer Took Call
 11:31 a.m. Safety Concerns, Glenwood Road, Located/Found
 11:32 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Spencer Road, Removed Hazard
 11:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, July 27
 4:34 p.m. Complaint, Coldbrook Road, Negative Contact
 8:36 p.m. Be On The Outlook, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 9:54 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, No Action Required

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Docket No. **WO24P2306PM**
In the matter of:
Joan A. McDonald
Of: **Hardwick, MA**
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Shelley J. Boudreau of Warren, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Joan A. McDonald** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Shelley J. Boudreau of Warren, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 29, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
08/08/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. **WO24P2630EA**
Estate of:
Patricia E Vanasse
Also known as:
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Date of Death: **07/02/2023**
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by **Richard Hennessy** of New Braintree, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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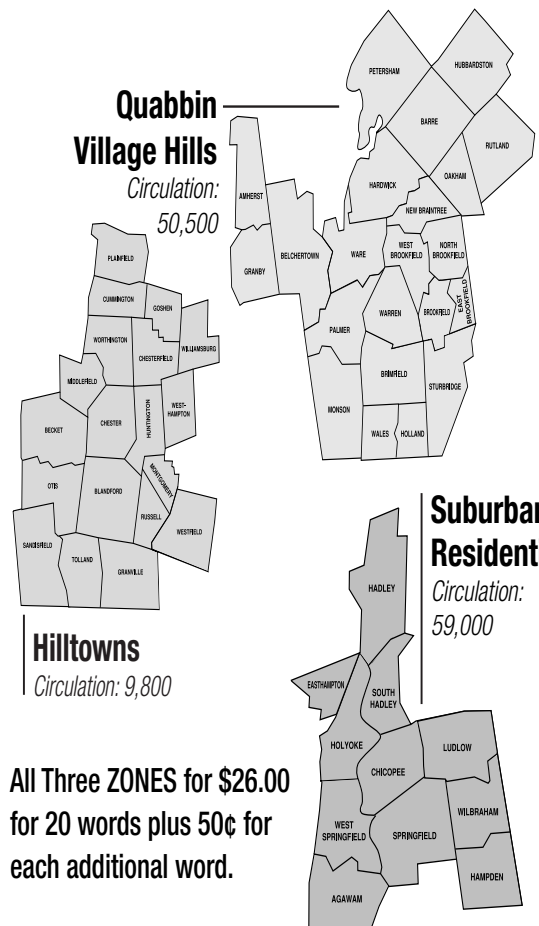
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