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National Night Out brings out the community



BARRE – Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group sponsored National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1 in the Quabbin Regional High School parking lot.



These children enjoy a carnival style bean bag toss at the Get Up and Dance booth at National Night Out at the Quabbin Regional High School in Barre.

This girl gets to try out the stretcher at one of the participating town's ambulance stops. The other girl waits her turn.

Photos by Mary Whitelaw



These young men get ready to participate in a pie eating contest.

School committee appoints interim superintendent

Colleen Mucha to serve from July 1 to June 30, 2024

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School Committee unanimously appointed Colleen Mucha interim superintendent at their June 8 meeting.

Following an interview with Mucha, the school committee made the appointment for one year from July 1 of this year to June 30, 2024. Dr. Richard Allan said she answered the questions posed by the committee chair Mark Brophy and vice-chair Debra Chamberlain well. He said the better indicator than her interview was what she did in the five years she worked for the district.

Committee vice-chair Chamberlain said Mucha's "work ethic was second to none." Other committee members agreed. In a second motion, the QRSD

Committee unanimously approved the Chair and Vice-Chair to enter into negotiations with Mucha for the interim superintendent position. Committee chair Brophy said the school committee could do an external search for full-time superintendent working with the consultants they hired, an internal search or hire the interim superintendent as full-time superintendent.

Before the candidate arrived, Chair Brophy said he and Vice-Chair Chamberlain would ask Mucha five questions each. The school committee members ranked questions from a list provided and selected ten of them.

At the beginning of the interview, Mucha gave an opening statement. She said, "I love what I do, professional development and grant writing." She said, "it was one of the reasons she didn't apply initially for the position." She came to Quabbin five years ago and served as a principal in a neighboring school district before that position.

See INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, page 5

Hardwick Community Fair returns for 261st year

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Considered to be the oldest fair in the U.S., the Hardwick Community Fair is preparing to mark its 261st year of celebrating agriculture and creating lasting memories.

Despite over two-and-a-half centuries of history, the Hardwick Community Fair always has something new to offer, and this year it has a bumper crop.

"There's new and old at the Fair, and to me that's what makes it so special," Fair Association Secretary Lisa Cohen said. "It celebrates Hardwick's heritage, but also looks to Hardwick's future."

In keeping with that, this year's fair will feature a "Burger

Bash" hosted by the newly formed Farmers Guild of Hardwick on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 5-8 p.m. Burgers and sides will be made exclusively using products from Hardwick's farms.

"It's all local farm food," Cohen said, with hamburger buns made by Rose32 Bread in Gilbertville.

The "Bash" includes a smoked brisket burger, two sides and one nonalcoholic beverage for \$15 per person, with take-out available. Rain or shine.

Tickets are limited and non-refundable, and can be secured by visiting farmersguildofhardwick.org/products/hardwick-fair-burger-night.

Proceeds from the Burger Bash

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New CEO finds his sweet spot at QHCC

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PALMER – It's been just over one month since Palmer Town Council member Robert Lavoie stepped in as the Chief Executive Officer of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, and it's certainly been a "treat" so far.

Two weeks ago, Lavoie received a call that 8,000 surplus ice cream sandwiches needed to find a new home, and Lavoie decided he would drive throughout the 15 towns the Chamber covers and give them away.

Lavoie started with the schools, including summer programs at Old Mill Pond School, Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School in Ware and the Quaboag Regional School District, branching out to senior centers, community centers, veterans offices and more. He even donated the ice cream sandwiches to local police departments to give away at National Night Out.

This was, "the coolest thing about becoming CEO," Lavoie said.

But now it's back to business for



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Robert Lavoie has been named the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's newest CEO.

Lavoie, who is focused on building membership of the Chamber, as well as strengthening its role in developing the local workforce.

During his visit to the Quaboag Regional School District, Lavoie spoke with Assistant Superintendent of Development Madeline Smola about the need for outreach to local employers for the school's co-op program.

"I'm going to partner with the schools to start," Lavoie said. "They want to be used as a pool for regional employers...that is one of my goals."

Lavoie said the school district has a grant that would not only cover wages for students in the co-op, but it would also cover

transportation.

Lavoie plans to work with the school district and meet with students to talk about the merits of participating in the co-op.

"Students can try out a job and see if it's for them or not. I'll sit with them and try to connect the pieces," he said.

Lavoie is well-versed in the importance of job opportunities and training for students, with his connection to a vocational technical school that represents nine of the Chamber's 15 towns.

Lavoie serves on the School Committee for Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, a position he originally filled as a liaison to the Town Council starting five years ago.

After longtime School Committee member Michael Cavanaugh's death, Lavoie filled the vacant seat until he was officially elected to the position. He is the second person to fill that seat, which Cavanaugh had held for nearly 50 years since the school was founded in the early 1970s.

"Mike and Dr. [Gerald] Paist basically opened Pathfinder Tech... he had that seat from the beginning," Lavoie said.

A native of Ludlow, Lavoie moved to Palmer in 2000, having spent most of his career up until now travelling all over New England.

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Local fire departments compete in a muster



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Firefighters work to knock down the target during Brookfield Fire Department's muster. See more photos on page 5.

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

BROOKFIELD – During the town's 350th anniversary celebration, area fire departments joined together and competed in Brookfield Fire Department's muster.

The muster featured the three departments competing in several races to connect hoses and knock over a target. The event was filled with friendly competition and camaraderie between the Brookfield, Oakham, and Warren fire departments.

The competition had many close calls as the firefighters displayed their agility and sportsman-



Brookfield firefighters connect the nozzle to the hose.

ship. Warren Fire Department placed first overall at the muster. The chiefs of the three depart-

ments wish for this event to become a yearly muster to bring together more departments to compete in the future.



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News of the Towns



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Library lists events

The Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St. will hold a Worm-y Squirmy story time on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Children will get their hands dirty. They will grab a shovel and make a worm friendly habitat and interact with some worm friends.

On Tuesdays, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. there will be a Full STEAM Ahead program. A different hands on activity will be held each Tuesday.

Food Pantry distribution

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 17 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Farmers Market

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

Culver celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Submitted photo

"Jim" and Alta Culver are shown with their 50th wedding anniversary cake. The couple married on July 29, 1973.

BARRE – James "Jim" and Alta (Drost) Culver celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 29.

The couple married on July 29, 1973 in the Worcester Assembly of God, Grove Street, Worcester. Best man was Kenneth Clark of Barre and Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Carol Slauenwhite. The bride's nephew, Stephen Sullivan was ring bearer and the bride's niece was flower girl.

The couple held an anniversary celebration in July.

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Quabbin Community Band presents Dixieland night

BARRE – The final concert of the season is the much anticipated "Dixieland Night" this coming Sunday beginning at 6 p.m. on the Harding Allen Bandstand.

It has been tremendous fun this summer to look back over the past 50 years of music on the Barre Bandstand and remember how The Quabbin Community Band got its start and how it continues to be

such a vital part of the town's arts legacy.

The band extends its thanks to all those who came out last week to celebrate our 50th anniversary with the many band alumni, who were able to come back and play with the QCB one more time.

The band is excited to close this special season on Sunday with their traditional rousing collection of Dixieland favor-

ites including, "Dixieland Bash," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Canal Street Strut," "Dixieland Jamboree" and many more.

Guest soloist and former QCB musical director Beth Bryant will be in attendance visiting from where she now makes her home in Georgia, to add her superb musicianship to the show alongside the many talented regulars in the band.

It's truly been a great anniversary season and the Quabbin Community Band would like to thank the many sponsors who continue to support the band financially, as well as the town officials who help with the process of securing performance venues as well as managing other details for the band throughout the season.

The band does not exist without its dedicated slate of officers: Julie Rawson, president; Judy Schmitz, treasurer; Nicole Noel, librarian; Toni Brown, equipment coordinator and Melissa Brown and Ruth Robertson, Ad Campaign co-chairs. It may be a labor of love that compels them to volunteer so much of their time, but it's also a lot of work.

After the Dixieland Bash on Sunday, the Quabbin Community Band will look forward to seeing everyone back on the lawn for Father's Day 2024.



BANDSTAND REVIVAL
A Recurring New England Tradition
Submitted photo
John H. Hansen leads the Quabbin Community Band on the Barre Common bandstand in the summer of 1975.

Local athletes complete 100-mile ruck challenge



Athletes were happy to reach the aid station after rucking through heavy rains.

BARRE – On July 20, 41 athletes left Sherry's House in Worcester for the 3rd annual 100-Mile Ruck March Challenge.

An aid station was set up at Barre Falls Dam, and athletes also enjoyed refreshments at Stone Cow Brewery.

For four days, athletes rucked through flooded trails, poison ivy, a tornado warning, bear sightings and torrential downpours. Twenty-seven of those athletes cross the finish line that Sunday, earning their finisher medals.

Holly Dube from Oakham

completed the challenge, with her daughter Ally walking with her for the first 25 miles. Ally was unable to continue due to her knees.

Dube's daughter Samantha was there along the way as a volunteer. Samantha is hoping to participate next year.

Rob Halvorsen walked in memory of his nephew Patrick Halvorsen, who was from Hubbardston.

Other athletes to complete the challenge include Tobey Belton Jr., Jim Black, Jess Bridge, Will



Holly Dube of Oakham makes her way to the aid station at Barre Falls Dam during the 100-Mile Ruck March Challenge.

Chapman, Brenda Couture, Melissa Cutroni, Joe Ford, Tina Gendron, Lori Jacques, Tye Jordan, Jay Lyons, Kyle Manuel, Eric Matta, Jay Monette, Adam Motyl-Szary, Mike Pichan, Marielle Pitts, Joe Russell, Jay Sauvageau, Jeff Sauvageau, Alex Silkman, Dillan Skamarycz, Dave Smith, Sam Smith and Rick Woods.

The athletes raised almost \$140,000 for Why Me & Sherry's House.



Twenty-seven out of 41 athletes completed the challenge to raise money for Why Me & Sherry's House in Worcester.



Shown from left are Ally Dube, Holly Dube and Samantha Dube of Oakham.

Hubbardston

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Library 5K run/walk set for Sept. 9

The 26th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 9.

This event will mark more than a quarter century of support for the library, approaching \$80,000 raised for the library's ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$30. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners.

Awards to overall first place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals.

For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978-928-5120 or 3mail MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2022 Race/Walk raised over \$3,500 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

Dinghy Dash

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

Senior center events

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

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Aug. 14. 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 – Chicken Picatta, wild rice, roasted broccoli, lemon pudding, diet = sugar free tapioca pudding, pumpernickel bread

TUESDAY – Meatballs with onion gravy, bowtie pasta, Scandinavian vegetables, pineapple, French bread

WEDNESDAY – Marinated pork loin, cranberry herb stuffing, carrots, apple crisp, diet = applesauce, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Barbecue chicken*, mashed potatoes, summer corn, fresh fruit, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, cinnamon streusel cake, diet = half piece, Italian bread

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

Paddle explores the Ware River on Aug. 19

HARDWICK – Join Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council for the inaugural paddle of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Saturday, Aug. 19.

The paddle will meet at the Old Furnace Launch at 8:30 a.m. and set off down the river at 9 a.m. to Ware River Park in Gilbertville.

The Upper Ware River Blue Trail is a 4.5 mile scenic paddle that is a smooth and quickwater run. The paddle is expected to last 1.5 hours.

Please RSVP to chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

C4R will be monitoring weather and river flows to ensure safe paddling conditions. They will post any issues or changes on their website www.c4rivers.org the day before and contact all participants who have RSVPed.

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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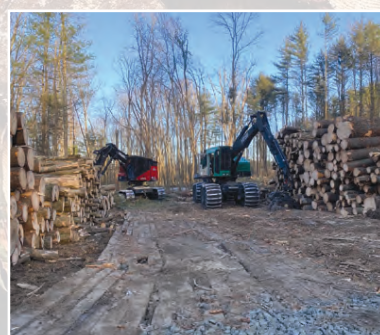
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 10 at 3 p.m.
 QRSD School Committee – Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 9/11 Memorial Development Committee Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 24 at 11 a.m.
 Select Board – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 24 at 9:30 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 24 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK

Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 21 at 3 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Cultural Council – Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 6 and Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

NEW BRAINTREE

Select Board – Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 28 at 8 a.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Town Administrator Search Committee – Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept 12 and Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 16 and Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Downtown Development Committee – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Health – Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 18 at 9 a.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Conservation Commission – Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Aug. 10, Aug. 24 and Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee – Aug. 15 at 1 p.m.
 Library Board of Trustees – Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.
 Earthworks Board Meeting – Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board Public Hearing – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

Weir River Concert Band gets ready for 19th season



Submitted Photo

The Weir River Concert Band is preparing for its 19th season, starting Sept. 6.

The Weir River Concert Band will begin rehearsals for its 19th season on Sept. 6 at the Stone Church Cultural Center in Gilbertville.

The band rehearses from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings from September through June. The band performs two concerts each season; a Christmas concert in December and a concert of traditional, pop and marches for concert band in June.

The band also provides live music for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades in Ware.

The Weir River Concert Band (originally the Ware Community Band) was formed in February of 2006.

Former Ware High School Band Director John Sacco formed the band at a time when instrumental music was no longer being offered in the Ware school system. He continues to conduct the band

entering its 19th season.

The band was created to give musicians of all ages and abilities a place to learn and grow as musicians. The band has included members from the ages of 11-90 over the years.

The group consists of musicians from the surrounding area; from Rutland to Monson and places in between.

The Weir River Concert Band mission statement is “to give musicians of all ages and playing levels a place to improve their musicianship in an accepting and enjoyable atmosphere. It is also our mission to provide enjoyable, quality performances for the people of the surrounding communities.”

The Weir River Concert Band has been fortunate to join forces and collaborate with the Stone Church Cultural Center. After the COVID outbreak, the band

was not able to use the Ware High School as a rehearsal/concert venue.

The Stone Church graciously provided the band with a place to rehearse and hold performances. They have also taken on much of the responsibility of making the concert happen.

The Weir River Concert Band would like to extend an invitation to musicians in the area to come join the fun. The only requirements are that you have your own instrument, you are able to read music (at any level), are willing to attend rehearsals on a regular basis (the band understands that things can sometimes interfere, and that’s okay), and want to have some fun while improving your musical abilities.

If you would like to join, please contact Joanne Meegan by email at jomeegan@com-cast.net.

Oakham

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Oakham church to participate in town yard sale

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will participate in the yard sale with all items set up in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale may drop them off in the side hallway of the church. The outer door is always open. Items accepted include housewares, small appliances, toys, puzzles, holiday decorations, stuffed animals, household items and books. Large items, electronics and clothes will not be accepted. Sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, soda and water will be available for purchase.

Concerts

Concerts will be held Thursdays, Aug. 10 Holdin’ Back Band and Aug. 24 The Bad Tickers from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham Common. The Friends of the Bandstand sell popcorn, soda and water.

COA

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

Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale

The annual Oakham town wide yard sale will be Saturday, Aug. 26 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. People wishing to be placed on the map should send a \$15 check to Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham MA 01068 by Tuesday, Aug. 18. Maps may be picked up at the town hall the morning of the sale. For more information, people may call Kathy Young at 508-882-3137.

Senior Center

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

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Scholarship awards presented at final summer concert

ORANGE – The Orange Community ended its regular summer series of concert Friday with a special Return to Hogwartz edition of its regular Memory Night, sponsored by Witty’s Funeral Home.

A special feature of the final concert, as always, was the presentation of John R. Tandy Memorial Scholarships to four graduates and alumni. Band treasurer Susan TandySonger, widow of former Band President John Tandy, made the presentations to two of the recipients and announced the other recipients, who were unable to attend.

Scholarships were presented to Liam Lucas-Mullen, who will attend Fitchburg State University and Kayley Elizabeth Murphy, who will be working toward a Fine Arts Degree at UMass Amherst. Other students who will be receiving scholarships are Siobhan Davis, who is currently attending Clark University and David Dederian who will attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee to study music business.

TandySonger explained that the recipients were chosen on the basis of an essay describing how music is important in their lives. Recipients



Submitted photos

Kayley Murphy receives Orange Community Band John R. Tandy Memorial Scholarships from Susan TandySonger

over the years have included students active in Band, Chorus, and Drama and have included students who have participated in music programs in area schools. Many recipients over the years have performed at times with the Orange Community Band.

The Orange Community Band consists of community members



Susan TandySonger presents John R Tandy Scholarship to Lian Lucas-Mullen at final Orange Community Band concert.

ranging in age from middle school to nonagenarians. Many family groups have performed together over the years. This summer we were fortunate to have several new members join the group, which includes many members who have performed with the band for decades. Several people have per-

formed with the band for fifty years or more. The next performance will be Friday, Sept 1 for the Back to School event sponsored by the Orange Elementary parent group. The band will also perform in the Wheeler Mansion for Santas arrival Nov. 24.

New Braintree Library holds story time

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, in preparation for the new school year is offering the next story time on Monday, Aug. 21 with a new start time of 9 a.m.

This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. The story time will be featuring Natasha Wing’s “The Night Before Preschool” and “Over in the Meadow” illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats.

Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular hours for more information.

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Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

I'm a veteran. How do I get my extra Social Security?

By Rusty Gloor

Dear Rusty: As a military veteran, I was told that the final amount of my Social Security should be a little higher as a reward for military service. If so, I have two questions: 1. How much is the boost? 2. How can I know that amount has been applied?

Signed: Unsure

Dear Unsure: We receive questions about this fairly often from our military veterans. I want to first thank you for your service to our country and then assure you that, as a military veteran myself, I have thoroughly investigated this subject: the so-called "Special Extra Credit for Military Service," which is widely misunderstood.

Although someone suggested that your Social Security benefit "is supposed to be a little higher" because you are a military veteran, allow me to share how this somewhat obscure rule actually works.

Any extra money for military veterans does not come in the form of a special "boost" to their Social Security benefit because of their military service; instead, certain older veterans receive extra credit to their earnings for the years they served.

Those extra earnings are applied only to those who served in specific years, as additional dollars added to their actual earnings record for their service-years. The amount added to the veteran's true service-year earnings varies a bit depending on which years you served.

For example, if you served between 1957 - 1977, your actual earnings for each service-year would be increased by \$300 for each full quarter you had active duty pay to a maximum of \$1,200 additional earnings per service-year. The credit is computed a bit differently for those who served between 1978 - 2001, but the maximum annual earnings credit for those service years is the same - \$1,200. And, for clarity, those who served before 1957 get extra earnings credit under an entirely different formula and those who served after 2001 receive no extra credits for their military service years.

So how might this affect your Social Security benefit? Well, when your benefit is claimed, Social Security reviews your lifetime earnings record, inflates each actual annual amount to equal today's dollar equivalent and selects the highest earning 35 years from your lifetime record to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount," which is the amount you are entitled to at full retirement age.

If your military service-years are among the 35 years used to compute your PIA when you claim, then the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service" will result in a somewhat higher PIA (a slightly higher monthly SS benefit). If the highest earning 35 years in your lifetime record do not include your military-service-years, then those extra credits added to your earnings for your military-service-years will have no effect on your Social Security benefit (because using those service-years would result in a lower benefit).

How Social Security applies those special extra credits to your service-year earnings also varies depending on when you served. Those who served before 1968 needed to show their DD-214 to get the extra credits, but those who served in between 1968 - 2001 were automatically given the extra credits based on their military service records.

So, if your military service was between 1968 and 2001, your earnings during the years you served were automatically increased by SS to reflect your "special extra" earnings and - if those years are among the highest of the 35 years used to compute your SS benefit - you are now receiving the extra benefit amount you're entitled to from those credits.

If you have at least 35 years over your lifetime where you earned more than your pay while serving in the military, your current benefit is more than it would be if your military service years were included. If you have questions about your earnings during your military service years, you may wish to obtain a copy of your lifetime earnings history from Social Security to review those amounts (easiest way to get your lifetime earnings history is via your personal "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 16, 2018)

At the Aug. 13 Hardwick Board of Selectmen's meeting, applicants were interviewed for the vacant Town Treasurer position in the Hardwick Municipal Building and ultimately voted to hire Jessica Crawford to fill the position. Selectman Julie Quick said to Crawford, "Congratulations Jessica, welcome aboard." Three applicants were present and their job interviews take place in front of residents and the Board of Selectmen. Jessica Crawford, Ann Lashelle Smith and John A. Macleod presented their resumes to the board and field questions. Crawford had prior experience in the field working as an assistant tax collector for Barre for the past seven years and was familiar with the software used by the Hardwick Treasurer's position.

Something new is coming to Felton Field in Barre this summer. Last year, the Felton Field Commission said the Worcester County 4-H Extension decided on a three-year agreement to use the 25 acre site on Old Coldbrook Road. The Worcester County Extension 4-H Fair will take place Saturday, Aug. 25 and Sunday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Worcester County has 34 active 4-H Clubs with new clubs forming. Fair organizers expect about 800 4-Hers and over 1,000 entries.

The resounding notes from Joe Orszulak's opening trumpet solo of "Dixieland Jamboree" not only filled the Barre Town Hall last Sunday evening, but could easily be heard far into the common and beyond. Orszulak was wrapping up another successful summer season with fellow musicians of the Quabbin Community Band, as they performed an audience favorite Dixieland themed concert as their last hurrah.

10 years (Aug. 15, 2013)

Science Magic: a Museum of Science traveling program will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Petersham Memorial Library, 23 Common St. Ever wonder how magic tricks really work? This program investigates the science behind the "magic" of several classic magic tricks. People might learn how to snatch a tablecloth without disturbing the items on top, make a balloon fireproof and use electromagnetism to defy gravity. For the grand finale, the educator demonstrates how science can make it safe to lie down on a real bed of nails.

Mary Jordan presented Oakham Youth Fair co-founder, Eva Grimes of Oakham, with the Faces of Massachusetts Agriculture Award at the 50th anniversary of

LOOK BACK Barre Players Theater - 1997



File photo
Joe Godfrey acts out acts a skit form his past, 'Making Scents on Oct. 9, 1997.'

the on July 27.

Guy H. Boyer, president and CEO of Barre Savings Bank, announced Daniel L. Heney of Holden has been hired as vice president/commercial lender. Heney has nearly 25 years of commercial banking experience and also served as a bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation earlier in his career. He joined Barre Savings Bank from the Enterprise Bank in Action, where he was commercial lending vice president.

25 years (Aug. 13, 1998)

Nancy Dahn, Oakham dog officer, has three dogs available for adoptions. One is a rotti-shepherd mix with an excellent temperament. It is neutered and its health is guaranteed. She also has a female geriatric shepherd mix that needs a loving home. The third dog was found Sunday on Old Turnpike Road. It is a female black lab with white chest and was wearing a red collar with no tags. This dog, if not claimed by its owners, will be available for adoption in six days.

Matt Reardon and Adam Thompson were the first place winners in the fourth annual Bob Tyck Memorial Golf Tournament held at Grand View Country Club in Leominster on Friday, Aug. 7. The team of Bob Tefft, Mike Foley, Bob Torne and Tom Thibaudeau came in second. In third place were Sandy Green, Tom Underwood, Rick Shattuck and Bob Desmaris. Chrystal Lucchesi, Emily Lucchesi, Mylinda Tefft and Judy Kula received the last place award.

Nancy and John Crawford have announced the birth of a son, Steven Austin Crawford, born April 20, 1998 at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. He weighed

6 pounds, 14 ounces at birth. Grandparents are Martha and Andrew Shephardson and Stella and Buddy Crawford Sr. of Barre. He joins two sisters, Kelley Marie Sadusky, age 6 and Heidi Mae Sadusky, 3.

38 years (Aug. 15, 1985)

In a brief statement, the Barre Sewer Commissioners would like the people of Barre to know "we are searching every avenue to receive federal and state grant money to reduce our share the cost of the project. Senator Wetmore and Congressman Boland have been contacted and they have said that they would assist us in anyway possible." They indicated Senator Wetmore is contacting the Executive Office of Economic Affairs and the Office of Communities and Development to see if there are any federal or state low-interest loans or grants available.

Wildwood Development Corp. of Barre presented plans to the Barre Selectmen regarding their proposed rehabilitation and purchase of the former Barre Wool Mill complex. Wildwood Development Corp., which was represented by Matthew Trifilo, plans a project which will give Barre its \$300,000 in back taxes, put the facility back on the tax rolls of the town, created 275 job openings as well as give South Barre a much needed facelift.

Members of the Barre Area Residents Concerned about GWEN Antennas and Antenna Farms were given permission to hold a public meeting at the Barre Town Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. by the Selectmen. About 12 of the members were at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting to express their concern about the proposed sites for these installations in Barre. Virginia Morrisette said there should be public examination of these issues and their group would like to share date with the townspeople. Selectmen Chair Earl Sample reminded them Sen. Robert Wetmore was arranging for an information meeting on these issued to be held in September.

Letter to the Editor

Second Chance appreciates supported

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Second Chance Animal Services to express our gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous support we received for the 11th Annual Second Chance Golf Tournament. This event was a great success made possible by generous sponsors and supporters.

The tournament was held to raise funds for programs to benefit the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals, a cause near and dear to my heart. Our four hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester provide access to full-service veterinary care. Each location offers subsidized rates to those that qualify so all pets can get the care they need. This helps keep pets in their homes with the people they love.

Thank you to the golfers who joined us for a fun-filled day of golf at Cold Spring Country Club. We are particularly grateful to our sponsors including Ted and Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools and Spas, as well as all the prize and auction item donors, and volunteers who made this event possible. Your contributions helped us reach our fundraising goals and bring awareness to our mission. The generosity shown by our community is a testament to the importance of animal welfare and highlights the significant role that animals play in our lives. We could not have achieved this success without the support of our community.

On behalf of Second Chance Animal Services, I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the event. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Doray
Chief Development Officer

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,
Missy had to go in for rehab this week and so there will not be a story of me this week.

It is good that I am imaginary and there is no cat home alone. Missy is feeling much better and hopes to write another of my adventures next week. In the meantime, enjoy this week.

Love,
Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I went to the Rietta Ranch flea market on Sunday, but I only did a couple of rows.

I got a nice small basket with a handle and three skeins of yarn that I can make scarves for my daughter's students.

My legs are not that good lately so I used a cane, but it hurt to walk. I am not sure if it is old age or from when I hurt my muscles.

This week I was yearning for some pork spare-ribs so made a batch on Saturday and I had some on Sunday also. This is the recipe I used.

Oven Barbecued Spareribs

Place the spareribs cut to serving size in a baking pan with the meat side up. Cook in the 325 degree oven for one hour.

Make a barbecue sauce with the following: 1/3 cup prepared Dijon-style mustard, 1/3 cup molasses and 1/3 cup cider vinegar. Baste the spareribs and put them back in the oven for another 45 minutes, basting them a couple of times.

We even saved the bones for our handyman's dog.

This and That

I saw a pretty fall wreath in a magazine using natural materials so I gathered what I had and using a double wire ring I put together a fall wreath using nuts, flower pods and artificial leaves.

I am still working on penny rug mats for a craft

show that will be held in September. Presently, I have a table runner made with fall leaves, pumpkins and sun-flowers finished. I am working on a coffee table size one with pumpkins, berries and fall flowers.

I have a number of yard sticks so I plan to make holders for them from calico fabric and hope they will be a good seller.

I have not worked much in the garden as the mosquitoes have been fierce. I do keep the tomato plants watered and the geranium is giving off a lot of blossoms. The pinkish purple cone flowers are in full bloom and the phlox are beginning to bloom.

I have been picking some hydrangea to dry. I have some that are two years old and I need to replace them.

Ragged Hill Road was having a lot of trouble with sand washing away at the sides of the road on the hills and noticed that the Highway Department has put big hunks of granite in the gutters. It was especially bad at our mailbox and at the neighbors driveways.

I'm glad to see Main Street is progressing and I will be glad when it is done.

I was told the egg distribution at the Senior Center for seniors is now at 9 a.m.-noon on Thursdays. That is so that the parents leaving off their children when school starts will not interfere with the egg distribution. Don't any of them ride the bus any more?

Have a good week and enjoy each day.



Zucchini and its many pests

The zucchini season started out with promise.

I sowed my seeds early and covered the hills with Reemay (a light, polyester row cover) to keep out the striped cucumber beetle. From past experience I knew that young seedlings could be decimated by this pest.

Within a few days the seeds had popped. I thinned them to three per hill and continued to water.

Soon they grew too big for their covering, and I figured that at this point in the game they could withstand a little damage. Sure enough, striped cucumber beetles found the plants.

It was harder to sneak up on them during the day, but at night I was able to position a cup of soapy water under a leaf and "tap," sending them in for a swim. My plants endured a bit of leaf damage, but not much more than that.

Populations dropped off and I presumed that it would be smooth sailing from here to harvest. So I thought.

Along came the squash bug, a brownish gray insect about a half-inch long with a triangular top and an oval bottom. Many people confuse squash bugs with stink bugs because they do indeed stink!

Squash bugs have a taste for the foliage and fruit of the cucurbit family, whereas stink bugs don't. Entire plants can be killed if infestations are severe enough.

You'll notice yellow stippling on the leaves first, followed by wilting and browning; they head for the fruit last. Because I was on the look-out for the cucumber beetle I saw the adults before any damage ensued and sent them swimming as well, sometimes "two at a time."

If you miss the grownups, chances are you will have to scout for eggs. Usually they are laid in a "V" pattern on the undersides of the leaves.

They are hard to scrape off, so I crushed them

between my two thumbnails. I must have also passed by a few eggs, so next I had to look for young squash bugs called nymphs.

If a bug could ever qualify for cute status, this one would with its one quarter inch light gray body, black legs and head. "Tapping" comes in handy here too - this time I brought a shallow cardboard box out into the garden, gave the leaf a good tap, and the whole team was cornered then dumped in a bath of soapy water.

It's beginning to sound as if all I do is hang out in the garden all day catching bugs - not true. With only two hills of zucchini all this work took just a few seconds each morning and night.

At last, we harvested the first zucchini and summer squash, picked at about six inches. At that size the flesh is tender, and the seeds are barely evident. The cucumber beetle did not transmit a disease.

Nor did the squash bug kill the plant. But while I was busy looking under the leaves for obvious bugs, the squash vine borer was at work inside its stem.

One giveaway that you have it: a mushy, sawdust-like excrement appearing outside of small holes in the stems. Affected plants also have leaves that wilt despite being well watered.

I tried removing the white, wrinkled worms from the hollow stems by making a slit with a needle and removing the insect. I must have missed a few - a strong possibility considering the female moth lays two hundred individual eggs at the plant's base!

The eggs hatch into larva that tunnel into the stems, eventually killing the plant.

As ridiculous as it sounds, wrapping a shiny barrier such as aluminum foil around the plant's base does seem to deter the red bodied, transparent-leaved moth from her egg-laying endeavors.

My dead plants were carried off to the trash, not the compost pile, and I will turn over the soil in both fall and spring to kill any pupae that may be overwintering. Rotating your crops can also help.

Some gardeners wash down their stems daily to dislodge and kill the eggs. Others make a late sowing only; supposedly after July Fourth or so egg laying ceases.

I made a second sowing a couple weeks back. If the borers don't get these, the frost likely will, but I am crossing my fingers that an Indian Summer may mean more zucchini for our household, because what we had certainly wasn't enough!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Fire departments compete in muster



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Warren Fire Department rushes to assemble the hoses.



Speed and accuracy are key during a muster.



Firefighters connect the hose as water begins to stream out.

HARDWICK FAIR, continued from page 1 will benefit the Fair.

"The Farmers Guild of Hardwick is a new organization that is being birthed in Hardwick as we speak," Cohen said. "It's all of the local farmers getting together and basically forming an advocacy organization to protect and promote farming in Hardwick."

Cohen said the Guild is debuting their organization at the Fair this year with an informational booth as well as the Burger Bash.

The Farmers Guild of Hardwick is also selling a poster featuring an aerial view of the Common taken by resident and owner of Above The Law Aerial Imagery, Dennis Pariseau.

"It's magnificent...it just is so beautiful," Cohen said.

There's another new food option at the Fair, provided by the Hardwick Historical Society - fresh corn on the cob.

The corn on the cob bar will be open Friday, Aug. 18 from 5:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

"We've recognized for a long time that we don't have much for vegetarian and gluten intolerant food options," Cohen said, and the corn on the cob bar and the Tri-Parish Community Church's baked potato bar have increased that.

Cohen said the Fair food booths will also be selling salads this year, and the ever-popular sausages with onions and peppers will be returning.

Speaking of corn, the Trinitarian Church members will also be hosting cornhole games for adults.

Hardwick's beloved artist Frank Bly will be returning to the Fair this year, setting up a display of his original paintings (as well as prints) in the Town House for purchase. Some of his artwork will also be available at the Fair's auction.

Proceeds from the sale of Bly's artwork will benefit the Fair.

"He thought the best place to sell his work would be the Fair," Cohen said. "It's part of his life."

Make sure to hop on over to the small common on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. to see Central Mass Rabbit Breeders display and demonstrate their rabbits' skills on an agility course.

Cohen said the Fair Association can also use volunteers to help set up and clean up, before and after the Fair.

She recommends joining the Facebook group, Hardwick Fair Volunteers to sign up for volunteer opportunities. All ages and abilities are encouraged to take part in this family friendly weekend of fun.

"Anyone who's capable, we will find a job for them, no job is too big, and no job is too small," Cohen said.

About the Hardwick Community Fair

The Hardwick Community Fair will be held Friday, Aug. 18 and Saturday, Aug. 19. For a complete list of events, turn to page 9.

For more information and a downloadable brochure of events and exhibits, visit www.hardwickfair.com or follow the Fair on Facebook and Instagram.

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INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, continued from page 1

When asked by Chair Brophy what were her core values that drive her as an administrator, she responded, "treating others as you want to be treated." She said it was important to understand "our people" are the greatest asset. She said another core value she had was to "work hard and work until you succeed."

Her response to the question how would you develop a plan to prepare for role of interim superintendent in the first 90 days, she said it was essential to meet with school committee, parents, students. She said in

her current role she had not reached out to the community and she would do that as interim. She also said she would rely on mentors, one who was a former superintendent.

She said in response to a question on how she would reach out to the community. She said she would send out district wide newsletters, attend evening events such as select board meetings and hold drop in office hours. She said it was important to be visible.

Vice-Chair Chamberlain asked her what were her visions and thoughts for Quabbin. She answered to continue to offer robust programs and to find any opportunities for efficiency and look for lots of grants.

In answer to a question about greatest challenges, she said Quabbin was a rural area and spread out. Budget and funding was a concern as well as challenges around emotional well being.

Mucha said if she served as interim superintendent for one year and did not get the full-time superintendent position, she would like to go back to the position she currently holds.

Mucha in her closing statement said, "I think I am good at handling conflict in time of stress, I know what I know really well and learned how to accept and embrace help."

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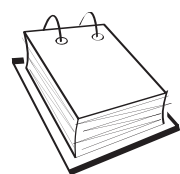
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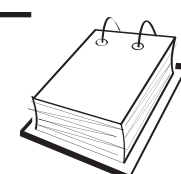
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, AUG. 10

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

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

MUSEUM CRAFT FAIR will be held at the Gardner Museum, 28 Pearl St., Gardner, today from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Museum parking lot. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 13. Tata's Fonda Food truck will be there and two museum tables, a museum gift shop table and raffle table. In addition, there will be many crafters. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Gardner Museum.

ROMANCE AUTHORS FESTIVAL will be held

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Aug. 14. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Stephen Craven correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was taken of Rural Cemetery on Worcester Road, Route 68, in Hubbardston.

today from 10 a.m.-noon in the Community Room at the Bigelow Free Public Library, 54 Walnut St., Clinton. There will be a "find the author" scavenger hunt. Authors present include: Janet Raye Stephens, Jean M. Grant, Peggy eager, Artemis Crow., Kitty Berry, Kari Lemor, J.M. Davies and Cathryn Parry. No registration is required for this free event. For more information, people may email mmueller@cwmars.org.

MONDAY, AUG. 14

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

HAND DRUMMING CIRCLE SERIES with Tim and Chris Kane will take place at the Paige Memorial

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

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

Children will be taught a song and short dance piece at the audition. Performance dates are Nov. 24, 25 and 26 and Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

BARRE FOOD PANTRY Distribution will occur today from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Barre Congregational church, 30 Park St., Barre. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients 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.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

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

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Friday of every month from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. For questions and to register people may call 508-796-1411 or email yiwfrycyouinc@sevenhills.org.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

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

MONDAY, AUG. 21

STORY TIME at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree will be held in preparation for the new school year today with a new start time of 9 a.m. This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. The story time will be featuring Natasha Wing's "The Night Before Preschool" and "Over in the Meadow" illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular hours for more information.

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Most recently he has been with Genden Auto Parts (Carquest) covering commercial accounts on the road, from South Deerfield up through Vermont and New Hampshire.

"I had a parsnip farmer, a potato farmer...I was all over the map," Lavoie said. "With Carquest, I was straight up and down Route 91. Now I'm all over the 15 towns, spanning from east to west."

His work experience has given him the opportunity to see the needs of all types of business, from family farmers to large corporations, firsthand.

When Lavoie first started on the Town Council, he reached out to state Rep. Todd Smola for advice on the best way to reach the people he represents.

"He said, 'go to everything that's free...whether its Little league, Scouting, just get your face out there and meet people,'" Lavoie said.

Lavoie took that advice and is now applying it to his role as Chamber CEO, taking time to meet with community and business mem-

bers in the towns he now represents, including some towns he's never been to before up until now.

"I had never set foot in New Braintree in my entire life," Lavoie said.

In addition to handing out ice cream sandwiches, Lavoie has been distributing the Chamber's newest recreation guide and business directory; a free resource that provides a detailed description of the services and products Chamber members offer.

Supporting its members is the real purpose of the Chamber, Lavoie said, and something he is dedicated to improving. He intends to do this by promoting members through social media, as well as helping them improve their own digital media skills through training.

Lavoie is eager to hear from Chamber members about the type of support each one needs, knowing that finding employees is a big concern.

"I'm trying to make everybody win. Everybody's got to benefit, or it won't work," Lavoie said. "We exist to benefit the members."

About QHCC

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce was established in 1978

to assist businesses in the Quaboag Hills Region, serving the towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield.

Its mission is to advance economic growth and tourism in the region, to be an advocate for policies that achieve the development goals of the communities, and to advance the interests of its members.

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce offers more than just networking opportunities. It helps the business community from the smallest entrepreneurs to the largest corporations; through trainings, seminars, and more.

Membership fees start at \$245 a year, with the average business paying about \$1 a day for the Chamber's services. Membership fees are only \$100 for nonprofit organizations.

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce is located at 4 Springfield St., Suite 525, Three Rivers. For more information, visit qhca.com, call 413-283-2418 or email info@qhca.com.

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Power Forward Kyle Clark shows what he can do in the low post with his developing hook shot near the basket.

Cagers advance in playoffs before falling to Tantasqua

WORCESTER – The Quabbin Cagers hopes for a championship title at the recent Assumption College Tournament were dashed by Tantasqua in the playoffs after the Cagers had advanced with a huge upset win over Norwood.

Despite the loss to Tantasqua, Coach Tim Hay summed up the tournament and playoff experience as very positive for his young team.

“Overall, we had a great weekend at an excellent venue. The atmosphere was entertaining for both the basketball purest and casual spectator, with many of the states top teams competing,” Hay said.

The upset win over Norwood in the playoffs by a close score of 34-31 had just about every time and score situation presented to both Hay and Co-Coach Luke Brownell’s team. And that was just what the team needed to experience.

The Cagers were down by as many as eight points with in the later stages of the game but rallied behind the scoring of junior Quinn Geary to take a three point lead with under a minute to play. Geary drained three trifectas during the offensive run which also seemed to drain the energy out of Norwood. Now with the lead, the Cagers relied on the double-digit rebounding of Kyle Clark and ball-handling of Jaxon Warburton and Jacoby Dillon to keep the slim lead and take the win.

Geary, the 6’2” junior co-captain has been away for most of the summer, but returned to action for the Assumption College Tournament. It took the strong and cerebral combo guard a couple of early games, including a big win over Cohasset by a score of 41-26, to get his stamina and playing legs back and he was definitely spot on from that point.

The loss to Tantasqua, 46-27 was particularly frustrating for the young Cagers as Geary left the game early in the first half with a finger injury and was unable to return. Without their leading scoring and go-to the offense slowed and the Cagers lost an edge in ball movement to fall behind never to capture the lead. Although frustrated with the injury and on the sideline, the co-captain continued to cheer on his teammates knowing a win would propel his team into the semi-finals.

Both Hay and Brownell complimented the improved post play and rebounding of 6’4” power forward Kyle Clark as impacting the game for the Quabbinians for the entire tournament. No doubt he is difficult to guard in the down low position and much of the Quabbin offense when successful seems to run through him. Clark continues to produce double-doubles in games in both scoring and rebounding.

Chris Prunesti-Leveille led the See BASKETBALL, page 8



Quabbin guard Quinn Geary returned to action with a strong left-handed drive past his defender at the recent Assumption College Tournament. Turley photos by Mary Whitelaw

PeoplesBank wrap up another title in TriCounty League action



Sam Allen slings a throw to first.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Just like they’ve done during the past decade, PeoplesBank didn’t have very much trouble capturing the 2023 Tri-County League championship title.

After posting an 8-0 victory over the second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in game one at Legion Field in Palmer, top-seeded PeoplesBank swept the best of three series following a 15-1 win at Szoat Park in Chicopee, last Thursday night.

“All of the players get along very



Johnny Gegetskas slides safely home. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

well with each other on and off the field,” said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. “The target on our backs gets bigger and bigger each year because everyone wants to beat us. Winning the championship title never gets old and the next one is always better than the last one.”

PeoplesBank has now won 18 Tri-County League championship titles, including the past ten, since 1995.

Ferry was the starting leftfielder and he’s been the PeoplesBank manager since 2019. He dedicated the 2023 season to Tom Bouvier, who’s from Ware. Bouvier retired a year ago.

“I would like to dedicate this season to Tom Bouvier,” Ferry said. “Tom was our captain and our lead-off hitter.”

Holyoke’s Danny Gaines, who made just two regular season starts, was the winning pitcher in game two. The lefty didn’t allow any runs on six base hits in 5 2/3 innings.

“I can’t believe this is our tenth championship title in a row and I’m looking forward to playing for this team again next year,” said Gaines, who issued two walks and didn’t record any strikeouts. “We were able to take an early lead in tonight’s game, which is always a very important thing. My teammates also made the plays behind me. We do have the best defense in the league.”

Ferry and Gaines, along with second baseman Dave Clark, catcher Pete Hogan, and pitcher Andy Gaines, are the only PeoplesBank

players who have been members of the last ten championship teams.

“We do have a great group of baseball players and we own this league now,” Ferry said. “We just fill in the holes every year.”

While the PeoplesBank players were celebrating another championship title outside of the first base dugout, the mood was a little bit different on the other side of the field following the game.

“I’m glad that we made it to the finals, but we just didn’t play very well in the past two games,” said Tigers player/manager Sean Bourgeois. “I’ll be moving to New Jersey soon, so this was my final Tri-County League baseball game. I’m hope this team can win the championship title next year.”

Bourgeois, who started in left field, would like Mike Truff to replace him as the Tigers manager next year.

PeoplesBank scored an unearned run in the second inning.

Centerfielder Seth Allen (2-for-4) blasted a leadoff double down the left field line against righthander Ryan Magni. The next batter struck out before shortstop Sam Allen drew a walk. Then Hogan bounced into a fielder’s choice play. Seth Allen advanced to third on the play before scoring the game’s first run on a throwing error by the shortstop.

An RBI line-drive single to center by designated hitter Johnny Gegetskas gave PeoplesBank a 2-0

See TRICOUNTY, page 10

Granite Series headed for Maine



Submitted photo

There will be another race at Speedway 95 in Maine this weekend

WALPOLE, N.H. – Granite State Pro Stock Series officials announced today that Coastal Auto Parts will sponsor the upcoming Coastal Auto Parts 100 at Speedway 95 on Saturday, August 19. In what will be the second stop of the season for the series to the Maine oval, drivers will be chasing the championship as the season begins to wind down.

The Speedway 95 event will be one of the final three on the schedule for the season, with only events at Star Speedway and Lancaster

Motorplex to follow to crown the 2023 champion.

Coastal Auto Parts, in business for many years, has built a great business by focusing on superior customer service, through deep inventory, quality people and building meaningful relationships with their customers. They are a family business, deeply rooted in the Ellsworth, Maine, community. From a single store in 1981, Coastal Auto Parts has 29 stores today and more than 270 employees. They have truly transitioned to

the next generation. The event at Speedway 95 on August 19 will also include the R&R Street Stock Series and the Cage Runners. A full schedule for the day will be available soon.

“We support racing in the state of Maine for many reasons,” Michael Boles of Coastal Auto Parts said. “These people are customers for us, both on the track and in the stands. They work really hard to be able to do what

See RACING, page 10

Twins grab final playoff spot with win, A’s take first

WILBRAHAM – Last week, the Twins of the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League edged out the Angels for the final playoff spot thanks to two consecutive wins to finish off the regular season.

The Twins would defeat the Angels last Sunday 6-4 in a very close contest, but then moved in win-or-go-home makeup game against the Tigers last Wednesday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

The Tigers were already in the playoffs, but the Twins needed a win to finish a game ahead of the Angels. A loss would have tied the Twins with the Angels, and the Angels would have made the

playoffs through the tiebreaker.

The Tigers, which showed a much-improved offense this season, did jump out to a six-run lead early in the game, but not wanting to use too much pitching with a playoff game looming, the Twins were able to come back and tie the score 7-7 in the fifth inning. In the sixth, the wheels would come undone for the Tigers, as the Twins simply started mashing the ball, batting around nearly twice as they plated the 15 runs needed for the game to end via the mercy-rule for a 22-7 Twins win.

The Athletics would defeat the

Tigers last Sunday, July 30, and then followed that with a 23-12 win over the Cubs to finish the regular season 10-5 and win the top see in the playoffs.

Both the A’s and Cubs had also made the playoffs and the game was simply for the opportunity to finish in first place and gain the top seed.

The playoffs began Sunday, Aug. 6 with the Twins and Cubs facing off while the Tigers and A’s met in the other semifinal. Results from those games were not available as of press time. The championship game is set for this Sunday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.



Aiden Consedine, of Holyoke, delivers a pitch.

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM Craft Beer Garden { LAST CALL 10:00 PM }
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
- 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM Historical Society corn on the cob bar
- 7:00 PM Opening Ceremonies & Fair Dedication { FLAG POLE }
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Exhibit Halls Open
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Blacksmithing & Pottery Demonstrations
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Timber Framing
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Exhibit
- 7:15 PM Lumberjack Contest
- 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }

For a complete list of events, exhibits, rules and instructions, visit hardwickfair.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Mountain Bike Ride/Race
- 9:00 AM Running of the Road Race
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Exhibit Halls Open
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM 4-H Livestock Exhibit
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Hardwick Fair-y Villages { PAIGE LIBRARY }
- 9:30 AM Cattle Judging
- 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Blacksmithing Demo
- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Hay Rides { MAINE-LY DRAFTS }
- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Face Painting
- 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM Timber Framing & Pottery Demonstrations
- 10:45 AM Stone Cutting
- 11:00 AM Dance Demo { NEAR SMALL COMMON }
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
- 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Historical Society corn on the cob bar
- 12:00 PM Children's Parade
- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }
- 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM Craft Beer Garden { LAST CALL 7:00 PM }
- 12:30 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Parade
- 1:00 PM NEW! – Central Mass Rabbit Breeders Display & Demo
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
- 1:30 PM Frog Jumping Contest
- 1:30 PM Horseshoe Contest
- 2:00 PM Children's Games
- 3:30 PM Auction of Exhibits
- 4:00 PM NEW! – Hardwick Trivia
- 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Hardwick Farmers Guild Burger Bash

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

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

Fair Exhibits: Fair entries can be dropped off Thursday, Aug. 17 from 7-9 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Please note: Entries for the Literary Competition have a strict deadline of 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17. Exhibit halls will be closed to the public for judging on Friday, Aug. 18 at 2:30 p.m., so be sure to enter your exhibit(s) prior to this time. All exhibits must remain in place until Saturday, Aug. 19, 3 p.m.

Domestic Arts: sewing, quilts, pillows, embroidery, knitting, crochet, afghans, hand spun yarn, weaving, traditional hooked runs, counted cross stitch, and open class for seniors age 65 and older.

Nature Photography and Conservation: nature photography – black and white or color, collections – animal, vegetable, or mineral, bird house/feeder/terrarium, and conservation project or display.

Field Crops: full bale, first cutting mixed hay; full bale, 2nd cutting mixed hay; 5 stalks silage corn (70 day); 5 stalks silage corn (90 day); 5 stalks silage corn (105 day); grass silage (2 large handfuls in a zip-lock bag); and sunflowers.

Home Baking: adult cooking ages 15 and older (pies with homemade crust, freestyle bake, quick breads, muffins, "Squeeze of the Day!", cakes, cookies, brownies, creative use of a mix, sweet yeast dough, gluten free, yeast bread, Micky DiMartino Adult Challenge Recipe). Youth cooking ages 14 and under (cookies, squares, quick breads, fruit pies, freestyle bake, I'm a Chocoholic, Say Whoopie!, baked donuts, Youth Challenge Recipe).

4-H Room: creative stitchery, quilts, sewing, cooking, home improvement, crafts, photography, trades craft, posters and educational display.

Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs: fruit plates, container display, vegetable creatures, vegetables and fruits for taste, herbs and vegetables for display.

Horseshoe Contest, Children's Parade, Lego Contest, Lumberjack Contest, Homebrew Contest, Children's Games

Crafts: woodworking, decorative painting, baskets, pottery, glassware, jewelry, decorations, recyclables, school art projects and scrapbooking.

Home canning: vegetables, fruit, pickles, jams, jelly, jam/jelly combinations, collections, honey, maple syrup, salsa and vinegars.

Eggs: dozen large brown eggs in a box, dozen large white eggs in a box and a dozen "other" eggs in a box.

Flowers: arrangements (Swift River Valley, Enfield, Prescott, Dana, Greenwich and In My Backyard) cut flowers (perennials, bulbs, corms, or tubers, annuals, and plants).

Literary Competitions: poetry, picture books, fiction, non-fiction and personal perspective.

Art: oil/acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink, pencil, pastel/charcoal, mixed media, sculpture and open class for seniors age 65 and older.

Photography: color photography, black and white photography, photo series, Best Photo of the 2021 Hardwick Fair and Photoshop Phenomenon.

Scarecrow Contest: traditional, scariest, most creative, recyclables, mechanicals and prettiest.

4-H Livestock, Kiddie Kraft Class, 15th Annual Mountain Bike Ride/Race, 46th Running of The Road Race

Cattle: dairy/beef showmanship, dairy and beef.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 30
9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Root Road, Report Filed
10:52 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Services Rendered
6:19 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Athol, Officer Spoke to Party
8:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Monday, July 31
11:14 a.m. Stroke (CVA), Hinkley Road, Transported to Hospital
12:25 p.m. Harassment, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
2:13 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Kendall Street, Information Given
11:30 p.m. Unattended Death, Wilton Street, Report Filed

Tuesday, Aug. 1
10:35 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Mechanic Street, Negative Contact
11:08 a.m. Threats, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
1:47 p.m. Larceny/Theft, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
5:52 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Vernon Avenue, Report Filed

Wednesday, Aug. 2
9:53 a.m. Public Assist, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
11:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
4:49 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Harvard, Negative Contact
5:05 p.m. Property Damage,

Hardwick Road, Officer Spoke to Party
7:42 p.m. Escort/Transport, South Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 3
12:29 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
4:42 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Hubbardston Road, Transported to Hospital
2:19 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Varney Lane, Report Filed
4:18 p.m. Confined Space Rescue, Summer Street, Entry Gained
6 p.m. Disturbance, Summer Street, Peace Restored
8:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Officer Advised

Friday, Aug. 4
11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Company Farm Road, Report Filed
1:10 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Moulton Street, Negative Contact
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Francis, Corey, 42, Bronx, N.Y.

Charges: Fugitive from Justice on Court Warrant
6:56 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
10:28 p.m. Falls, Nichols Road, Transported to Hospital
10:45 p.m. Transport Prisoner, Worcester County Jail, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Francis, Corey, 42, Bronx,

N.Y.
Charges: Fugitive from Justice on Court Warrant

Saturday, Aug. 5
3:51 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Officer Advised
12:36 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Beech Street, Property Returned
12:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Butterworth Road, Information Taken
4:28 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Hubbardston Road, Officer Advised

Sunday, Aug. 6
2:12 a.m. Diabetic, West Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:12 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, South Street, Animal Returned to Owner

SOUTH BARRE

Monday, July 31
1 p.m. Public Assist, Peach Street, Information Taken

Tuesday, Aug. 1
9:47 a.m. No-Trespass Order, South Barre Road, Information Taken

Wednesday, Aug. 2
8:36 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Aug. 4
8:13 p.m. Officer Wanted, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, July 30
11:49 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westminster, Area Patrolled

Tuesday, Aug. 1
10:18 a.m. Traffic Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:20 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Rosa Rivera, Jose Alberto, 44, Gardner
Charges: Leave Scene of Property Damage, License Suspended,

Operating Motor Vehicle with, Subsequent Offense Drug, Possess Class A
Arrest: Toledo, Haysha M., 31, Gardner
Charges: Drug, Posses Class A
2 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Gardner Road, Officer Advised
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed

Wednesday, Aug. 2
2:01 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, High Street, Animal Returned to Owner

Thursday, Aug. 3
2:55 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Seminole Avenue, Transported to Hospital
3:15 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, New Westminster Road, Vehicle Towed
Summons: Shook, Austin James, 25, South Barre
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Friday, Aug. 4
5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, July 30
9 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Aug. 2
3:02 p.m. Gynecology/Obstetrics/Pregnancy, North Brookfield Road, Mutual Aid Transported
5:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hunt Road, Written Warning

Thursday, Aug. 3
9:02 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Happy Hollow Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:23 p.m. Burglary, Bullard Road,

Report Filed
4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Citation Issued
5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning

Friday, Aug. 4
2:09 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls, New Braintree Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:42 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Spencer Road, Area Search Negative
6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
6:47 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Barre, Services Rendered
8:14 p.m. Public Assist, Skyline Drive, Entry Gained

Saturday, Aug. 5
10:54 a.m. Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Services Rendered
11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
11:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
11:05 p.m. Falls, South Road, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 31-Aug. 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 57 building/property checks, 44 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 16 emergency 911 calls, 10 radar assignments, three citizen assists, one complaint, four assist other agencies, three safety hazards, one larceny/theft/shopping, one parking complaint, two motor vehicle investigations, five motor vehicle accidents, one investigation, five animal calls and five motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 31
12:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ruggles Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
2:13 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hillside View, Transported to Hospital
9:05 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled
9:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Spoken To
10:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Aug. 1
5:12 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Removed Hazard
11:14 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Services Rendered
12:15 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact
1:04 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Spoken To

1:04 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Hardwick, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
1:06 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
6:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated
9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
11 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, River Run, Spoken To

Wednesday, Aug. 2
11:42 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled
11:43 a.m. Parking Complaint, Pine Street, Officer Handled
3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
4:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered
4:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 3
4:04 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
7:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, High Road, Negative Contact
8:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Aug. 4
6:25 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered

7:22 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sullivan Avenue, Transported to Hospital
11:47 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
12:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
2:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Transported to Hospital
7:43 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 5
2:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
5:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
10:15 a.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Dispatch Handled
12:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
4:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Aug. 6
9:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
7:10 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Lower Road, Officer Handled
7:56 p.m. Fire/Other, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
10:14 p.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
10:42 p.m. Investigation, Pine Street, Negative Contact

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 31-Aug. 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 19 building/property checks, 31 directed/area patrols, seven traffic controls, four radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, one safety hazard, one investigation, two complaints, one fraud, one motor vehicle accident and three animal calls in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, July 31
11:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Report Taken
11:39 a.m. Fraud, Memorial Drive, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
4:50 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

5:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Tuesday, Aug. 1
6 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To
Thursday, Aug. 3
7:17 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, Aug. 5
4:15 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Spoken To
5:03 p.m. Disturbance, Ravine Road, Peace Restored
5:04 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, No Action Required
8:26 p.m. Neighbor Disturbance, Ravine Road, Dispatch Handled
9:10 p.m. Neighbor Dispute,

Ravine Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Aug. 6
10:13 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
11:36 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Services Rendered
11:43 a.m. 911 Need Transfer, Barr Road, Investigated
1:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
2:43 p.m. Investigation, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
3:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
8:19 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Unitas Road, Negative Contact

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, July 30
8:45 a.m. Diabetic, Peters Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:21 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken
10:54 a.m. Property Damage, Vista Circle, Information Given
12:01 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Peters Avenue, Public Assist
5:03 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Olivia Lane, Officer Advised
6:51 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Inwood Road, Services Rendered

Monday, July 31
5:13 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Wachusett Road, Officer Advised
8:37 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Crawford Road, Services Rendered
1:34 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
8:11 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Advised
9:39 p.m. Falls, Pommogussett Road, Public Assist
11:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
11:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
11:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Aug. 1
10:35 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Mechanic Street, Negative Contact
10:39 a.m. Traffic Hazard, Memorial Drive, Negative Contact
12:27 p.m. Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:23 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
7:13 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Methuen, Officer Spoke to Party
7:44 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
8:01 p.m. Property Damage, Miles Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Aug. 2
6:23 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, River Road, Transported to Hospital
6:41 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Irish Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
7:21 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party
7:50 a.m. Traffic Safety, Prescott Street, Officer Spoke to Party
1:59 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Main Street, Officer

Spoke to Party
2:13 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Sassawanna Road, Message Delivered
3:02 p.m. Gynecology/Obstetrics/Pregnancy, North Brookfield Road, Mutual Aid Transported
4:20 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Negative Contact
4:35 p.m. Fuel Spill, Glenwood Road, Removed Hazard
6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
11:10 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Juniper Lane, Transported to Hospital
11:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Methuen, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 3
1:24 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Glenwood Road, No Police Service Necessary
5:05 p.m. Safety Concern, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Candiano, James M., 45, Lawrence
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Registration Sticker Missing

Friday, Aug. 4
7:19 a.m. Leg Pain, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
1:38 p.m. Assault and Battery, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:59 p.m. Harassment, Julie Ann Circle, Investigated
7:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
7:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Pleasantdale Road, Negative Contact
9:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
10:04 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Charnock Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transported
10:34 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Hillside Road, Officer Advised
11:21 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Julie Ann Circle, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Aug. 5
12:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued
3:50 a.m. Noise Violation, Party, Winifreds Way, Area Patrolled
4:54 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:11 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Kenwood Drive, Information Taken
8:45 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Julie Ann Circle, Report Filed
9:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
10:54 a.m. Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Services Rendered
12:45 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Hillside Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:41 p.m. Diabetic, Hillside Road, Public Assist
7:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
8:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
8:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
9:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Hillside Road, Report Filed
9:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
10:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
11:05 p.m. Falls, South Road, Transported to Hospital
11:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
11:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, Aug. 6
2:30 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Negative Contact

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advantage with one-out in the third inning. Then Seth Allen blasted a triple to left field against Magni scoring two more runs.

Bourgeois thinks Magni is one of the top pitchers in the TCL, but he hasn't had very much success against PeoplesBank.

"We've beaten Magni in a number of big games over the years," Ferry said. "At least six of our nine batters have faced him at least 30 times. We know what he throws."

The Tigers had just one base hit during the first three innings before they loaded the bases in the fourth.

With one-out, Right fielder Tom Burzynski hit a flyball just out of the reach of PeoplesBank right fielder Breon Parker Jr., who attempted to make a diving catch. Catcher Nick Kreuzer followed

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they love and we want to help provide them a place to play. We are always excited to go to the track. Hopefully this event will continue to help grow racing in the Bangor area and the state of Maine."

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rest and be with God, and to be in a safe place away from Herod Antipas, who had ordered the beheading of John the Baptist.

Antipas already looked at Jesus as the second John the Baptist and since Jesus' ministry was not complete, He had to go to a safe area away from danger.

The disciples' concern over the five loaves of bread and two fish with a crowd of so many people was quickly dealt with when Jesus came out of His place of rest. As always, we see Him filled with compassion for those who looked like they needed help. Even before the miraculous feeding of this multitude of people, His heart went out to them, and healed the sick.

This was normal for Him to have this kind of heartfelt compassion, which then naturally led to the healing of those He encountered. Healing came from His heart that was filled with empathy.

Jesus is not concerned at all by the limited resources as He faced the multitudes, who needed food. They were in a desolate area and the crowd already walked long distances, so it would have been diffi-

with a single and shortstop Shane Denault walked. Gaines retired the next two batters on a pop-up and flyout ending the threat.

Magni kept PeoplesBank off the scoreboard for the next two innings before allowing four runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Hogan, who had a leadoff single, scored on Ferry's triple to right field. Ferry also scored on a throwing error. Their other two runs crossed the plate on a double by Clark (3-for-5) and a single by first baseman Kyle Platner, who led the way offensively with four hits and a walk.

PeoplesBank scored seven more runs in their final at-bats against a couple of relief pitchers.

The Tigers finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning against Gegetskas, who replaced Gaines on the mound. Burzynski reached first base on a

fielder's choice play which scored pinch hitter Josh DeSouza, who singled leading off the frame.

Had there been a game three of the series, righthander Zach Handzel, who graduated from Palmer High School, would've been the starting pitcher for PeoplesBank.

"It just feels awesome to win another championship title," said Handzel, who has been wearing a PeoplesBank uniform for the past six years. "Danny threw a gem tonight and Jimmy Flahive pitched very well in game one. We do have a very strong pitching staff. I'm hoping that we can win another title next year."

Before taking a team picture at home plate, Ferry received the championship trophy from first year Tri-County League President Michael Kennedy, who's a former PeoplesBank player.

"Partnering with Coastal Auto Parts for this event is great for our series," Mike Parks, President of the Granite State Pro Stock Series, said. "We're happy to have them working with us for what will be another great event. Speedway 95 produces some fantastic Pro Stock racing and we're excited to get back

there for another race later this month."

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cult to find places to buy food.

His disciples needed to learn something here about His power and authority. What was about to happen, was the mighty power of God in action through the Son of God. He multiplied those loaves and fish and fed them and the disciples were able to pick up leftover food and filled twelve baskets full.

What flowed through Him was what the crowd needed. He had what they needed, and they were fulfilled, meaning, what He had was sufficient for them. But more, as someone said, "they suddenly had a real problem on their hands. There were too many leftovers, which was a sign for them that the Lord is more than enough to overcome His people's inadequacies."

3. Conclusion
Sometimes when we find ourselves in situations of need, of worry, we do not understand or remember the power of God, and the forever-presence that God has with us. We sometimes want to control how God should listen to us and act. I have had to find that out again recently, when I asked, but God, would you please remember what I asked you?

That's when I received this message clearly speaking to me, "Be

still and know that I am God." It is in our weakened state when the angels of God surround us as the Psalmist in Psalm 34 promises, and when a hymn of hope and comfort appears out of the blue, or when we receive a phone call from someone to remind us that God knows what we are going through.

But more, God knows, acts, and leaves us with an overflow of blessings, twelve baskets full! Those blessings are promises in God's word, and the provision that comes when we least expect, and the healing that takes place when we thought the pain will never leave.

And more, when we come together as children of God, praying, supporting, helping one another, we are filling the baskets of those who need them filled. May God help us remember this message this week. May God remind us during times of doubting, worrying, that God's love is sufficient and more. We will have what we need, when we yield to the miraculous power of the One who leaves us with these twelve baskets full.

Amen.

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

NBSB announces Kaz Borawski as new President/CEO

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Chairwoman Donna L. Boulanger and the Board of Directors of North Brookfield Savings Bank announce Kaz Borawski has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of North Brookfield Savings Bank effective Aug. 1.

“The Board and I have been impressed by Kaz’s extensive and varied banking experience and we look forward to continuing to work with Kaz to grow North Brookfield Savings Bank” said Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees Donna L. Boulanger. “The Board of Directors has been impressed by his commitment to the Bank, our employees, and the community.”

Kaz Borawski, a resident of Wilbraham, holds more than 26 years of experience in industries including retail banking, investment banking, wealth management, and technology and operations at organizations such as JPMorgan Chase and Mass Mutual Financial. He has spent the last 13 years in community banking with United Bank, Merchants Bank and Holyoke Credit Union before joining North Brookfield Savings Bank in February 2022 as Chief Financial Officer. Kaz’s depth of financial industry expertise and his community involvement will serve the bank well.

Kaz shares NBSB’s value of continued learning and goes the

extra mile to stay in front of industry trends and concepts. Kaz holds a certificate from The New England School for the Financial Studies at Babson College, a Master of Business Administration, with a major in Finance, from Manhattan College in New York City and a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a major in Accounting, from Baruch College also in New York City.

“I would like to thank the Board of Directors for this opportunity to lead North Brookfield Savings Bank,” said Borawski. “Our bank has a valued team of employees who are dedicated to helping our customers with their financial needs and I am proud to be the leader of this team. I look forward to building lasting relationships with our customers. North Brookfield Savings Bank is important to the communities we serve, and it has a long-standing tradition of excellence in customer service. The Bank has enjoyed strong growth over the years and has a very strong capital position. I’m committed to continuing that legacy.”

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown and the Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

Public Notices

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket 23 SM 002970
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: **Peter Hilerio**
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASC Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-12,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Barre, numbered 470 Chapman Road, given by Peter Hilerio to Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts, Inc. D/B/A Norwest Mortgage, dated April 14, 1999, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21269, Page 84, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United

States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **September 11, 2023**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of this Court on July 31, 2023. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23-007249 0
8/10/2023

Town of New Braintree NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The New Braintree Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:15 PM** in the Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA on the following application:
William Lavigne, Applicant, seeks a Special

Permit under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 9, and Section 2.C.14 of the Town of New Braintree Zoning Bylaw (Chapter 9) for use to operate a retail mobile food operation at 755 Barre Road, Town Assessor’s Map 404-133 and 404-134, zoned Agricultural and Rural-Residential.

The application is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. All those interested must be present, or send a representative, or send communication in advance of the hearing date.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
08/10, 08/17/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO23P2548EA Estate of: Sharon A. Reynolds Date of Death: 02/09/2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Richard F. Reynolds of Winchendon, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Richard F. Reynolds of Winchendon, MA** and **Beatrice Reynolds of Winchendon, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **without surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/22/2023.**

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written

appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A. Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.

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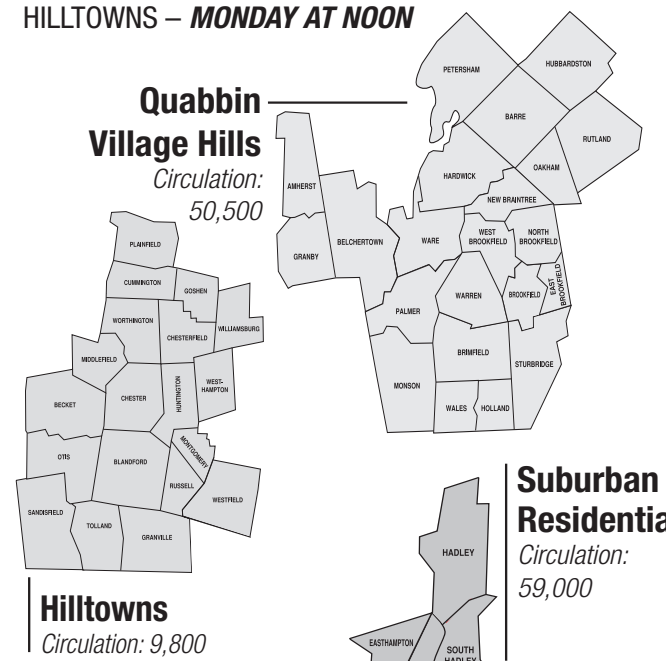
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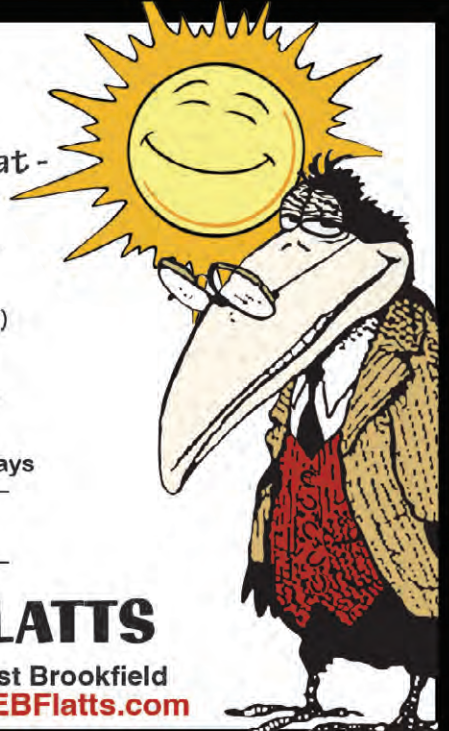
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