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Select Board recognize Robert Forte

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board recognized the retirement of Sgt. Robert Forte of the Hubbardston Police Department after 26 years of service.

Forte will continue to serve on a part-time basis.

At the Aug. 3 meeting, Police Chief Ryan Couture said Forte was his field training officer, and touched his career along with the career of others.

“The department certainly would not have been able to run the way it has over the last 26 years without your presence,” Couture said.

Forte received citations from the Select Board, state Sen. Peter Durant, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and the Office of Gov. Maura Healey and Lieutenant Gov. Kim Driscoll. Berthiaume described his service time as

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National Night Out



Quabbin hosts 5th annual community event

BARRE – The 5th annual National Night Out was held at Quabbin Regional Middle High School on Aug. 4.

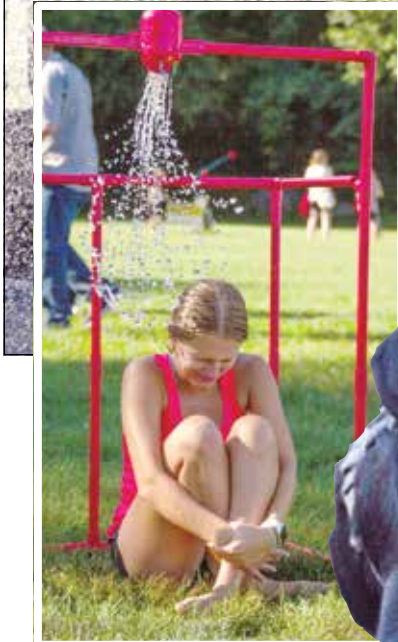
This annual free event was sponsored by Quabbin Community Cares and the Quabbin Regional School District.

National Night Out allows people to meet local police, fire and emergency personnel from all five towns of the district, and explore the trucks, cars and equipment they use every day.

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Turley Photos by Camren Robertson
Finn Burgos took a turn using the fire house at National Night Out, held at Quabbin Regional Middle High School on Aug. 4. Below, Comfort K-9 Barry of the Barre Police Department took a break from greeting people.



Makenzie Casey braced herself for the cold water under the dunk tank.



The U.S. Army National Guard had an information tent.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago
The Other Guys Band arrived at Nornay Park in South Barre. Left to right stands Craig Brodeur, Steve Putnam, Glenn Carter, and Mike Apple of the Other Guys.

The Other Guys perform at Nornay Park

By Ryan Drago
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BARRE – The summer concerts at Nornay Park continue with the Other Guys band arriving to Town over the weekend.

The Other Guys is a central Massachusetts-based band who have been performing throughout the region for the last three years. Representing the Other Guys is guitarist and banjo player Mike Apple, drummer Glenn Carter,

bassist Steve Putnam, and guitarist and harmonica player Craig Brodeur.

All four members of the Other Guys sing during their shows and play classic rock, country, blues,

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CPC continue to discuss first meetinghouse

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HUBBARDSTON – The Community Preservation Committee met last Wednesday where they continued to discuss the request for funds from the First Meetinghouse Preservation Committee.

Susan Worth, who is on both committees, presented their case last month, asking for \$150,000 of Community Preservation Act funds to pursue a grant with the Mass Historical Commission, which would eventually turn into \$250,000 as the grant was administered.

The money was planned to be used for major repairs, such as water infiltration fixes.

During the Aug. 5 meeting, there was an update to the application for CPA funds to include an esti-

mate for some repairs from Erickson Foundation Solutions at about \$67,000.

Worth also gave an update on what is required from the MHC grant, saying they have a lot of control in these projects, requiring and designating historical consultants to do studies. She said there is an option right now for a study that would cost between \$20,000-30,000.

Worth brought up some other avenues the town could explore to get funding, including a group called Preservation Massachusetts.

According to the organization's website (https://www.preservationmass.org/), they are a state-wide education and advocacy program that works with organizations to revitalize communities, including by preserving historic buildings. There is a list of professionals on the site

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Select Board transfers license for Whistle Stop

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HARDWICK – The Whistle Stop has a new owner, Dillon Sherwood, who announced at the Select Board meeting of Aug. 10, that the restaurant is set to open on August 12.

The Select Board officially transferred a common victualer's license to the restaurant. Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said a liquor license is scheduled to be voted on at the board's Aug. 24 meeting.

Hardwick Community Fair

The Hardwick Community Fair is this coming Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15, and the board officially signed off on the special event application.

Caggiano said the Police Department, Fire Department, Board of Health and Building Inspector among other departments have signed as well.

West Brookfield ambulance

The board reviewed the contract between the town and West Brookfield Rescue Squad, with Caggiano saying the agreement is for three years after negotiations, with a 4% increase every year based on calls and training.

She said Police Chief Kevin Landine and Fire Chief Nick Gaumond are comfortable with the contract.

Select Board member Zack Spencer also said it does not matter to the state where

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Cadets complete Police Dept.'s Youth Academy

By Paula Ouimette
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BARRE – For the fourth year, the Barre Police Department hosted its Youth Academy for students in grades seven through 12.

This year, the academy was held at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, and 30 cadets from the school district and beyond signed up to participate.

Led by instructors

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette
Thirty cadets signed up for the Barre Police Department's Youth Academy, held last week at Quabbin Regional High School.



News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer
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Lions Club hosts car show

Annual Car Show sponsored by the Barre Lions Club takes place Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. All types of vehicles are welcome. The entry fee is \$15 to show and spectators are free. They'll be a D.J., a huge raffle table, tee-shirts, a 50/50 and swag bags for all entrants. People's Choice plaques will be awarded at the end of the show. For more information, people may email barremalionsclub@aol.com.

State Primary voting information

The Barre Town Clerk holds in person Early Voting for the Sept. 1, 2026 State Primary Election at the Henry Woods Building located at 40 West St. first floor. on the following days and times. Dates include Saturday, Aug. 22; Tuesday, Aug. 25; Wednesday, Aug. 26 and Thursday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., all dates. The last day to Register to Vote for this election is Saturday, Aug. 22 by 5 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, located at 40 West St., basement, will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Aug. 22 for anyone wishing to Register to Vote in person. They can also register to vote online at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele

The last day to apply for an Early or Absentee Vote By Mail Ballot is Tuesday, Aug. 25 by 5 p.m. The last day for people who qualify, to vote In Person by an Absentee Ballot is on Monday Aug. 31 at noon.

Additional information on the election is available by visiting www.townofbarre.com and questions should be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 978-355-2504, extension 5.

Quabbin Community Band concert

This Sunday, Aug. 16 is the final concert of the season on the Barre Common, Barre. All are invited to hear all of the toe-tapping Dixieland favorites and to sing along to, "Hey Mr. Banjo." This year new band member, Rich Day, will be putting down his baritone and picking up his banjo to be featured on this piece. In addition, the band will have their newly acquired Eastman brand Sousaphone on display and in use, donated by former QCB member Rosemary (Reidy) Osann and her husband Rick.

Longtime band members and trumpeters Jeff Nahkala and Joe Orszulak will pair on a number of tunes and father-son duo David and Andy Hagberg will be featured on clarinet and trumpet. "Bill Bailey," "Dixieland Blues," "Canal Street Strut" and more, the bandstand will be jumping on Sunday and of course Dixieland beads will be tossed to the crowd. In the event of rain Sunday evening, the concert moves indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

Nornay Park concert

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

Ware River Bridge Hike

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

To register, they should visit <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f95134113755aa55a6f1caf4a3225>.

Fr H. Edward Chalmers

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

Quabbin Community Band ends season with ‘Dixieland’



BARRE –This Sunday will be the grand finale of the Quabbin Community Band's nine-week 53rd season.

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Submitted photo

Ian Wykes, band director at Warren Elementary School, will be playing the new Quabbin Community Band Sousaphone this Sunday for "Dixieland Night."

Barre Food Pantry to hold distribution

BARRE – The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Aug. 20 from 5:30-7 p.m.

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

The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between vol-

unteers and clients on Aug. 20 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St.

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

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through"

style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

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

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

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Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Aug. 17. 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 – Shepherd's pie, peas and carrots, baked apples, biscuit

TUESDAY – Greek chicken, pasta, broccoli, brownie, diet = cookies, pumpkinickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Meatloaf with

gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, summer blend vegetables, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Turkey with supreme sauce, herbed potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, dinner roll

FRIDAY – White bean chicken chili, brown rice, corn, fruited ambrosia, marble rye bread

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

HUBBARDSTON

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Dinghy Dash entry deadline Aug. 17

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

Game night

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

Voter inactivation

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

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

Library 5K run/walk

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

Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

- Select Board – Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m.
- Barre Housing Authority – Aug. 18 at 1 p.m.
- Board of Assessors – Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.
- Planning Board – Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.
- Early Voting – Aug. 20, 22, 25 and 26 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Cemetery Commission Aug. 27 at 11 a.m.
- Election Day – Sept. 1 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Felton Field Commission Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
- Council on Aging Sept. 2 at 12:30 p.m.
- Board of Health – Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.
- Water Commission – Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
- DPW Commission – Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.

HARDWICK

- Master Plan Steering Committee – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Gilbertville Water District Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission – Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Registers – Aug. 22 at 9 a.m.
- Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 31 at 3 p.m.
- Council on Aging – Sept. 2 at 12:30 p.m.
- Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

- Board of Registers – Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m.
- Cemetery Commission – Aug. 17 at 5 p.m.
- Select Board. – Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.
- Council on Aging – Aug. 19 at 4 p.m.
- Board of Assessors – Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.
- Planning Board – Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Conservation Commission Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

- School Committee – Aug. 17 at 5 p.m.
- State Primary last day to register to vote and early voting – Aug. 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- State Primary early voting – Aug. 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Aug. 24 at 6 p.m.
- State Primary early voting – Aug. 25 fro 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- State Primary early voting – Aug. 26 form 9 a.m.-noon
- State Primary early voting – Aug. 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

OAKHAM

- Library Trustees – Aug. 13 at 4:30 p.m.
- Board of Health – Aug. 13 at 6 p.m.
- Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at noon

PETERSHAM

- Select Board – Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 18 at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 27 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.
- Petersham Historic District – Aug. 13 at 6 p.m.
- Board of Assessors – Aug. 14 at 9 a.m.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.
- Open Space and Recreation Committee – Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.
- Conservation Commission – Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Council on Aging – Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

RUTLAND

- Library Board of Trustees – Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Rutland Community Electricity Public Info Meeting – Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m.

FD joins 250th celebration



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette
Engine 2 was driven by Kylie George.

NEW BRAINTREE – Members of the New Braintree Fire Department recently participated in the town of Ware’s U.S. 250th celebration parade on Aug. 1.

With over 70 participants, the parade featured public safety responders and their vehicles from Ware and surrounding towns.



Maddy Gaumond drove a firetruck, accompanied by Fire Chief Dennis Letendre Jr.



Weston Letendre looked out of a firetruck during the town of Ware's parade.



Kylie George drove one of New Braintree Fire Department's trucks in the town of Ware's U.S. 250th celebration parade on Aug. 1.

Oakham Historical Association seeks public support for donations

OAKHAM – The Oakham Historical Society was organized in 1899 through the influence of Charles M. Packard.

Meetings were held at his home until the Fobes Memorial Library opened in 1908. Today, the Historical Association, as it is now known, is located in the Oakham Historical Museum at 1221 Old Turnpike Road. The site, Lot 24 of the original land grant, was owned by the Honorable John Murray of Rutland, a representative to the General Court.

In 1799 the property transferred to Joseph Fobes.

The Fobes family resided on the farm for three generations until the property was sold to Patrick O’Donnell in 1894. One hundred years later, in December 1994, the property was donated

to the Oakham Historical Association by Patrick O’Donnell’s great-grand-son, Jeffrey Young.

Since the Associations’ move to its present location, members have spent countless hours sorting through and cataloging thousands of documents, photographs, books and maps, many of which date back to the mid-1700s.

As well, they are responsible for over 1,000 artifacts related to Oakham’s history.

In 2019 after 3 ½ years of a major fundraising campaign, the Association constructed a new onsite building, the Young Family Annex, in which to house the Museum’s large artifacts.

The Oakham Historical Association maintains the museum and annex, which contain over 1,000 items

related to the town’s history.

Now the expense of maintaining the museum’s artifacts, up-keep of an 18th century building as well as heating and insuring the buildings has caught up with the Association. Their frugality and merchandise sales can’t offset these rising costs.

The Oakham Historical Association is turning to the public, their friends and neighbors in Oakham and beyond for help. They ask all to consider a donation to the Oakham Historical Association. Any amount is greatly needed and appreciated.

Checks can be made out to the Oakham Historical Association and mailed to P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068. For more information, people may call 508-882-3990.

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OAKHAM

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COA hosts cookout

The COA will be hosting a Labor Day cookout on Friday, Sept. 4 at 12:30 p.m. People should call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 to sign up for an accurate head count.

Town wide yard sale

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

Church news

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

Senior Center news

The monthly Council on Aging meeting takes place on Friday, Aug. 14 at noon in the voting room of Town Hall.

Podiatry clinic meets Monday, Aug. 17 and Monday Aug. 25, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. by appointment only. People should call 508-882-4073 to schedule an appointment. Lunch Bunch is meeting at The Flight Deck at Southbridge Airport on Friday, Aug. 21 at 12:30 p.m. People should call 508-882-4073 to sign up and make reservations. Blood pressure/glucose screening clinic takes place Tuesday Aug. 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. no appointment is required.

Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

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

Annual Ware Grange Fair returns Aug. 28-29

WARE – The Ware Grange Fair will be held on Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Grange Hall on Route 9, 297 Belchertown Road.

This year’s fair will feature a fun dog show, Kids’ Corner workshop, children’s field events, games, raffles, bake sale, live music, a barbecue dinner and an auction. Exhibits may be entered on Thursday, Aug. 27 from 5-7 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 28 from 9-11 a.m.

The exhibit hall opens to the public Friday evening from 5-7 p.m., and there will be a bake sale, raffles and penny sale. The fair continues on Saturday with exhibit hours from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and various events throughout the day.

For more information, details on exhibiting, or to make reservations for the barbecue, call 413-284-1135 or visit waregrange.org.



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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters By Russell Gloor

Is the Medicare Part B Premium a Percentage of our Social Security Amount?

Dear Rusty:

I have a simple question: Is the amount we pay for Medicare Part B premium a percent of our Social Security amount we receive?

Signed: Curious

Dear Curious:

Your Medicare Part B premium is not based on a percentage of your monthly Social Security benefit amount.

Medicare Part B premiums are set in October of each year by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and are based upon anticipated total costs of the Medicare program in the forthcoming year.

Generally speaking, Medicare Part B enrollee premiums are expected to offset about 25% of CMS' anticipated total Medicare Part B costs; the rest is borne by the Federal Government.

So, when CMS estimates Medicare program costs for the upcoming year, they also look at the number of anticipated Part B enrollees. They then divide 25% of total anticipated Part B program costs by the number of expected Part B enrollees, resulting in the "standard" Medicare Part B premium for next year.

For 2026, the standard Part B premium amount is \$202.90. The standard premium for 2027 will be announced in October 2026 and will likely be different.

It's important to understand also that not everyone pays the "standard" Part B premium. Some lower income seniors may pay less because of the so-called "hold harmless provision," and some higher income folks may pay more than the "standard" monthly Part B premium because of a provision called Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount.

The "hold harmless provision" says that monthly Social Security benefits cannot decrease as a result of a Medicare premium increase, so if the annual SS Cost Of Living Adjustment is insufficient to offset any increase to the standard Part B premium, then the SS beneficiary may pay a smaller Part B premium amount so that their SS benefit doesn't decrease (note there are exceptions to this rule).

Conversely, those with a higher "provisional income" (an IRS definition), may pay more than the standard Medicare Part B premium.

That's because of a provision known as IRMAA, which adds a supplemental amount on top of the standard Medicare Part B premium.

IRMAA supplement amounts are determined using a sliding scale to define the required higher Part B premium for each income level category and IRMAA will cause the Part B premium to be more than the standard premium amount.

For those with exceptionally high incomes, the Part B premium can be as much as \$690 per month.

For your information, income reported to the IRS two years ago is used to determine if an individual is subject to IRMAA for the forthcoming year.

The reason for this timing: when next year's Part B premium is determined in October of each current year, the IRS has processed all tax returns for the preceding year but doesn't yet have individual income for the current year.

Thus, they must use a person's income from October of the preceding year to determine who will pay the standard Part B premium next year, and who will pay a higher IRMAA amount.

And just to complete this picture, you should be aware that IRMAA also applies to Medicare Part D premiums. And that means that those with higher incomes who are affected by IRMAA for Part B will also pay a higher Medicare Part D premium.

Medicare Part D is private insurance coverage for prescription drugs). But none of this is related to your Social Security benefit amount.

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5 years (Aug. 19, 2021) Not Available

10 years (Aug. 18, 2016)

The two Barre Selectmen, Charles Chase and Matthew Urban discussed the matter of holding another special town election to fill the vacancy on the board left by the resignation of Lief Ericson. His term was up in April 2017. Selectman Chase said that if a special election were held the third member would be running again in April. The Secretary of State did not recommend that another election be held in junction with the presidential election in November. The cost for a special election would be about \$8,000 to \$10,000, a high cost for just a six-month term. Newly elected selectman Urban said he would like to hear some input from the people in attendance. Most did not support spending that amount of money for such a short term. One person questioned what would happen if the two selectmen did not agree. They hoped that they would be able to eventually come to a consensus. The board decided to wait until the annual town election in early April.

A special town meeting scheduled in Oakham for Wednesday, Aug. 24 will have only two articles. One article seeks a 2 1/2 override and the other a debt exclusion. Selectmen met last week with the finance committee regarding the Quabbin Regional School budget, what options to follow and to set a special town meeting. Selectmen voted to close the warrant Monday night. The override article asks voters to approve the new assessment amount presented to the member towns by the Quabbin Regional School District contingent on passing of a 2 1/2 override

Look Back Spring snowstorm – 1956



Spring snowstorm in March 1956 looking up Kendall Street toward James Street.

to fund it. A second article seeks to fund the balance of the municipal building debt through a so-called debt exclusion. Currently, the annual debt and interest costs for the building come out of the tax levy. Since the town was at levy limit, this measure would free up some money in the town that has very little new growth that is part of the 2 1/2 formula.

An override and debt exclusion both require a yes vote at town meeting and then must obtain a yes vote in a ballot election. Selectmen plan to include a separate ballot for the override and debt exclusion questions at the state primary election Thursday, Sept. 8.

The Heart to Heart Foundation, Inc. presents their 21st Anniversary Fun Day on the Common at the North Brookfield Common on Sunday, Aug. 14 from noon to 5 p.m. The music entertainment includes The Otters, the Korn Kob Band as well as other performers. There will also be a \$10 chicken barbecue dinner from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. as well as hot dogs, grinders and hamburgers and a

50/50 raffle. For tickets and information, call Dick Fiske at 508-867-6283. All proceeds to benefit children with chronic health needs.

25 years (Aug. 16, 2001)

With over 30 persons following after the Pied Piper of Petersham history, Larry Buell led another trek into yesterday by going down to the thriving village of Nichewaug. As usual, with some much he wants to share about the past, the leader was overtaken by darkness before reaching the end of the trail. Deprived of life by the call of Boston for water, Nichewaug is now mostly a member. Earlier in the evening, the tour had literally disappeared from view as they trekked to the sight of the late Wayne McGuinness sawmill, just as he left it many years ago.

An engineer, acting as a spokesman for the operators of a local clay pit, expressed puzzlement at the hearing on Aug. 12 over the letter that Hubbardston Selectmen had received from their engineer, Robert McNeil of Bruck Saluk Engineering recommending a cease and desist

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Midsummer questions for the Garden Lady

Karen, who has a vegetable garden in Hardwick, is concerned over her tomatoes cracking and is asking the Garden Lady for some advice. "With all the rainstorms we've had, one measuring over 5 inches last week, my cherry tomatoes, and even some of my paste types are starting to crack. Is this a normal occurrence and if so, is there anything I can do to prevent this from happening in the future?" This is a timely question, Karen, and one that I am sure a lot of readers can relate to. I know I can. It's always exciting when the tomatoes start ripening and then this happens. Fruit cracking around the stem, either in rings or radiating downward is caused

by overwatering; we or Mother Nature can be at fault. This year I will blame her for some of it. A week ago many gardeners in the area received an inch or more of rain in two separate deluges. Keep in mind that most veggies require about an inch per week. Adjust your irrigation to accommodate for the excess. Mulches do well to moderate soil moisture; if you mulch, you can water less often. If cracking ends up being a big problem for you, consider scouring the seed catalogs for varieties that are resistant to it. As long as the cracks are fresh, and haven't begun to

show mold, I use the fruit anyway. Watering issues can also affect other plants. Sometimes gardeners complain that their cucumbers look funny, bent in the shape of an apostrophe. This effect is also from uneven watering. Besides making necessary adjustments, trellising can also help them to grow straight. This question came in

from Frances who reads the column in the Ware River News: "I have some thornless blackberry plants that produce huge fruit. Occasionally some of the segments on the berries are not colored deep purple or black; they are more of a tan or white color. I was curious why this happens? Years ago when I grew red raspberry bushes I also remember sometimes having this problem. Is it something with my soil? Are the berries safe to eat? I am hopeful it is not some type of mold or fungus." Although I do not have a picture to be one hundred percent certain, I believe

what you are describing is "druplet disorder." The lighter areas on your berries are from sun scald. A reaction simply caused by too much heat. And yes, they are safe to eat. Some people comment that the berries with this disorder are a little tough or flavorless. It doesn't really bother me. Moldy berries would look furry and the area would be raised. Bill is growing basil for the first time and he had this question for the Garden Lady: "My basil was slow to take off. I came back from vacation and it is in flower. While the bees seem to enjoy the flowers, I was hoping to harvest some of the leaves.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I have been called every-thing, but being called Martha Stewart of the Barre Gazette was very frac-turing.

A reader of my column wrote me a birthday card and mentioned that is what I am called. It has been a very hot and humid week so I have tried to stay near the fans and do projects that I can sit and do. One this week was taking out my loose leaf binders on Deborah Sampson and mak-ing sure it was up to date and in order,.

The Historical Society is going to have a program on Friday, Sept. 25 at the Williamsville Chapel at 7 p.m. with Judith portray-ing Deborah Sampson. I am related through the Miles Standish side of the family and have collected a number of books and pamphlets on her and I hope they will dis- play them that night.

I am unable to attend meetings for two reasons, I have to take care of Ken and I cannot drive at night. Hopefully they get a good turnout.

One of the items I hope they will display is a news- paper my grandson Marshal made for a class project at Quabbin High School on an important relative, which was Deborah.

I am still trying to keep the gardens deadheaded and

walk around with my cane to make sure I don't fall.

I went to have an EMG at Gardner Hospital and they found my muscles and nerves are all good so I still don't know why I limp all the time. I guess it is old age, turning 90 now.

Some of the meals I make in the morning when it is not so hot. Today I made an onion, zucchini, hamburg, pasta and tomato sauce dish. Then I refrigerate it and warm it up for the meal.

Here is another one that this can be done the same way.

CHICKEN A LA KING

4 chicken breasts
salt and pepper
3 heaping tablespoons flour
3 heaping tablespoons butter
2 cups of milk
1 small jar of sliced mush-rooms
3 tablespoons minced parsley
3 tablespoons sherry wine
small jar of diced pimientos,
if desired

Season chicken well, boil until tender cool and cut into bite size pieces. Melt but-ter, add flour and stir until mixed. Add milk and cook until sauce is thick and creamy. Add chicken, mush-rooms, parsley and sherry. Season to taste and serve on toast.

This and That

One of the problems I have sleeping is I am a side sleeper and have trouble with my shoulder aching. I turn from one side to the other all night. Recently on the com-puter I heard about a pillow called Nuzzle and I plan to try it. It is suppose to solve this problem. Have any of the readers tried that pillow?

I finally have one ripe tomato on the plants in the planter on the deck and small peppers are forming on the other planter by the cellar door.

We have been getting some nice rain especially in the evening. I had picked some sage and put it in can-ning jars on the window sill on the kitchen sink area and noticed they were forming roots so I rooted some.

Also, took the suggestion of my Martha Stewart friend in Hancock New Hampshire and put some in ice cubes for later soup.

When I use an herb in the meals I always have to tell Ken what it is as he things it is something foreign. I made corn chowder this week and I like to fry the onions in bacon fat so I fry up a few strips of bacon and he always asked that those brown things in the corn chowder are.

I hope you all have a good week. Summer is going by too fast.

Learning about renewable energy by traveling abroad

By Sam O'Connor, QRSD
Guest Columnist

In April of 2026, I had the incredible opportunity to go to Europe for just over a week, visiting Poland and Germany.

While there, my main mode of transport was by bus, from which I got to see countless windmills tow-ering overhead and off in the distance, plots of solar fields, both providing energy for the lights shining in each town we passed.

Renewable energy sour-ces like wind and solar are much better for both the environment and the atmo-sphere, as they replace the use of fossil fuels and are not in limited supply. The burning of fossil fuels emits massive amounts of green-house gases into the atmo-sphere.

Greenhouse gases trap the sun's warmth inside our atmosphere, slowly increas-ing the average temperature of the planet, which in turn causes issues like irregular and extreme weather. By turning instead to renew-ables, which create far fewer emissions, Germany is mitigating its impact on the environment.

Over the past few decades, Germany has taken many steps to reduce



its emissions. As of 2025, the country came closer to a huge milestone in its journey away from non-re-newables than ever before – nearly half of all energy pro-duced was done via renew-able means.

With a grand total of 42% of energy being gen-erated by either wind, solar, biomass or other forms of renewable energy, Germany's "Energiewende" (meaning "energy transi-tion" in English) has been a great success thus far.

This, compared to the United States's 9% of energy being generated by renewable means, is very impressive, and certain-ly something worth taking notes from.

Solar and wind are already being used in many

parts of the U.S., but not to their full capabilities. While Massachusetts has pro-vided incentives to its res-idents to switch to renew-able sources like solar, our biggest renewable source, few other states have done the same. And even with these incentives, only 17.3% of Massachusetts energy is derived from renewable sources.

Our state's percent-age of renewable energy is nearly twice that of the US average, but this is not nearly enough to stop cli-mate change. Countries like Germany, which have much higher percentages of renewable energy than the US, should be looked to as a model for how we should work toward reducing our impacts on the planet.

Letter to the Editor

Playground gets upgrade

It may have been a rough summer for Rutland, but here's a bright spot – the town playground at Memorial Field has been complete-

ly rebuilt. It looks great. Thank you to everyone who helped to make that happen.

B.J. Hill
Rutland

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order be issued for the pit. Selectmen discussed hold-ing a hearing on the matter two weeks ago, but moved it out to give everyone time to respond to the hearing notice. Selectman Tom Colyer told daCruz, Dan Roach, current operator of the pit and the Kataisto family represent-ing the owners of the pit on Worcester Road, the board had a running discussion on this pit for some time. They had a letter from McNeil rec-ommending closing the pit date June 18.

In July of this year, Mannning and Angela Gordon sold the former Lincoln Farm, 687 Lincoln

Road, to the Public Inebriate Program Foundation, 701 Main St., Worcester for \$395,000. According to Buddy Brousseau, executive director of the PIP Shelter, the Lincoln farm purchase was a 10 year plus search for a property that fit sever-al needs. The Lincoln farm is near enough to the parent group in Worcester yet isolat-ed enough to provide serenity and farm setting with suf-ficient acreage for individuals who decided to turn their life around. And if a resident should want to drink again the liquor is not immedi-ately accessible as the nearest package store is 2.3 miles away. There will be from five to seven residents, primarily males in the 40 year plus age group, who are chronically

homeless with a history of alcoholism and presently sober.

38 years (Aug. 20, 1988)

At their Aug. 17 meet-ing, Barre Selectmen said they remain concerned that the Building Department has improperly raised build-ing permit fees. Selectman Chairman Daniel J. Trifilo maintains the new fees have been instituted without the required public hearing. He said such fees as plan and energy review are new and that he has seen an \$85 charge for "other fees." Selectman Charles R. Chase agree the permit fees are excessive.

The Barre Fire Department will be conduct-

ing voluntary tolls through-out the town on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This is the third time that Barre has participated in this event. Last year the fire-fighters raised more than \$2,400 for MDA. In the prior year, \$2,300 was raised. Firefighters in town volun-teer their time for the "boot drive" and all the proceeds go directly to the MDA.

Jeff Demarest of Barre, a wildfowl woodcarver, is one of the new artists on the Back Roads Tour in search of art-ists, which will take place Oct. 3 and 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at various studios in the area. Brochures are now available at local businesses.

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who could help with studies.

Worth also brought up a new grant that has just recently launched, which was discovered by First Meetinghouse Committee chair Lori Gill, which spec-ifically targets central Massachusetts.

Danielle Arakelian, chair of the CPC, said the commit-tee will not dictate what the First Meetinghouse commit-tee decides to apply for, and they will have to meet as a committee to decide that for themselves. Arakelian also recommended the meeting-house committee hire a con-sultant who can help steer the process.

CPC member Francois Steiger had similar com-ments, saying they need to hire a consultant with his-torical building understand-ing, who can prioritize and sequence repairs by their

criticality. Steiger cautioned going into the repairs with blinders, only focused on one aspect, as many of the repairs needed are interconnected.

Members of the CPC recommended getting some quotes from engineers or consultants before making the final application. Worth said the goal is to get this on a special town meeting war-rant, which could be happen-ing in November.

Habitat For Humanity Carolyn Read with the North Central Massachusetts Habitat For Humanity attend-ed the meeting to discuss affordable housing and CPA funds.

Read said they have built in Hubbardston before, and there is now demand from other towns and owners for them to help fund mainte-nance, so people who cannot afford critical maintenance can still live in their homes.

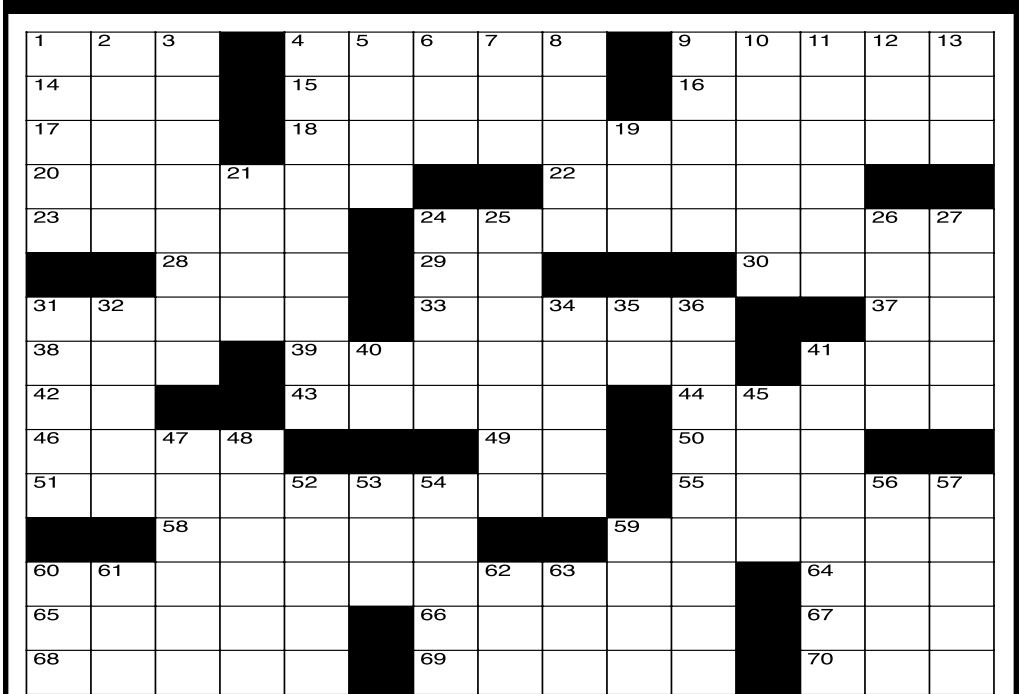
Read said there were 42

repairs last year, and the goal for this year is 50. These numbers represent 30 com-munities in the region they cover.

She said right now, Habitat For Humanity is building five houses, includ-ing a duplex on one property and a three unit project on another property. She said there is one habitat house in Hubbardston, and another application for one.

Read said Essex County has started using CPA funds to help with the mainte-nance, but Arakelian said she spoke with Stuart Saginor, a director of the Community Preservation Coalition based in Boston, and he said CPA funds can only be used to maintain property that was built using them.

Arakelian said the CPA allows for afford-able housing, so if Habitat For Humanity or a develop-er wants to partner with the town, that is a possibility.



CLUES ACROSS

- Midway between south and southeast
- Fathers
- Wine grape
- Al Bundy's wife
- Derived from ammonia
- Venezuelan state
- Interest rate
- Experts
- Vascular tissues
- Smooth and glossy
- Administrative region in S. Korea
- One from Damascus
- Special interest group
- It cools your home
- Oh, God!
- Intestinal pouches
- Men
- Twelfth star in a constellation
- Former CIA
- Arrange in grades of size

- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- "The Great Lakes State"
- Having earlike appendages
- Momentarily stop
- Ancient kingdom
- Of I
- White clerical vestment
- Songs to one's beloved
- Charges
- Computer application originator
- A place to dock a boat
- One guided by reason
- Slang for cigarette
- Sailboats
- "Jerry Maguire" actor Zellweger
- Screen type
- Country legend Haggard
- Puts together in time
- When you anticipate arriving

CLUES DOWN

- Involuntary muscular contraction
- Eastern US transit agency
- Leaves a place
- Cease to participate
- Current units
- Cease to exist
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Earth vibration
- Very strong winds
- For each one
- A bog
- The creation of beautiful or significant things
- Affirmative
- Pie __ mode
- Nonclerical
- Indonesian island
- Educational environment
- Namibian peoples
- Bring out or develop

- Moves into a place of thought
- Out of the way
- Loads a ship
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Distinguishes
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Secondary or explanatory title
- Relating to a wing
- One who gives a speech
- In the middle
- Loop with a running knot
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Sweet persons
- Put into play
- Small cattle breed
- Millisecond
- Revolutions per minute
- They __
- Moon crater
- A place to stay the night

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Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, AUG. 15
NORTH SIDE OF QUABBIN WATERSHED HIKE takes place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. It starts at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 29 in New Salem. This is a 2.4 mile moderate hike. The group will be walking through the forest on a dirt road and ending at the shoreline of the reservoir. Walking to the water, the hike covers 1.2-miles and relatively little change in elevation. They will then backtrack and head out the way they came in. People should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed.

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 20
UNDERSTANDING DROUGHT AND WATER SUPPLIES, free public presentation with UMass Amherst Professor Konstantinos (Kostas) Andreadis takes place today at 6:30 p.m. in the Belchertown Town Hall Auditorium hosted by the Belchertown Conservation Department. Professor Andreadis research focuses on hydrology, water resources, drought and climate impacts. Designed for homeowners, residents and anyone interested in understanding where their water comes from, the presentation will explain the science behind drought in clear, practical terms. Topics will include how Massachusetts defines the different stages of drought, why droughts have become more frequent in recent years, and what scientists expect as the climate continues to change. He will also discuss the differences between surface water and groundwater systems, why each responds differently to drought and how water managers evaluate long-term and short-term impacts on water supplies. Additional topics will include aquifers, seasonal ground-water recharge from rainfall and snowmelt, well fields, deep and shallow wells, artesian wells, and how public water supply systems collect, store, and distribute drinking water. The presentation is free and open to the public. Questions from attendees will be welcomed following the presentation.

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 21
UNIVERSITY OF WILD offers a range of programs starting today with the Earth Writers Retreat where local authors and read-

Where is this?



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, Aug. 17. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and James Laramie correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the the parking area for the Mid State Trail on Route 122, Rutland.

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 22
WARE RIVER BRIDGE HIKE sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation takes place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Barre Falls Dam. Barre. Participants should park at Barre Falls Overlook parking lot. This easy 2 mile hike starts at an open meadow then follows the Ware River on the North side of Barre Falls Dam along a forested riverside path to a scenic bridge and back. People should wear appropriate footwear, bring water and have tick and insect protection. To register, they should

visit <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f95134113755aa55a6f1caf4a3225>.

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 23
COFFEE WITH THE FINNS takes place today at 2 p.m at Finnish Heritage Society Sovittajma, Finn Park Road, Rutland. The program includes coffee imported from Finland, traditional Finnish sweets. The guest speaker planned for this event is unable to be present. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25
RESERVATIONS FOR NEW SALEM ACADEMY CLASS REUNION is today for the reunion for all classes (even those who did not graduate)on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 4:30-9 p.m. at the Orange American Legion, 40 Daniel Shays Highway, Orange. To register they should call Chet Lubelczyk at 774-

823-0945. Cost is \$20 and includes a catered meal and a few drawings for door prizes. All who attended, a friend or family member are welcome. New Salem Old Home Day is also on the Sept. 12.

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

MONDAY, AUG. 31
FATHER H. EDWARD CHALMERS today at 6:30 p.m. will offer a reflection on the history of the Franciscans in Medjugorje at St. Francis of Assisi Parish St. Joseph's Church, 29 South St., Barre. The program is in the hall and they should use the side door.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 12
ANNUAL CAR SHOW sponsored by the Barre Lions Club takes place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. All types of vehicles are welcome. The entry fee is \$15 to show and spectators are free. They'll be a D.J., a huge raffle table, tee-shirts, a 50/50 and swag bags for all entrants. People's Choice plaques will be awarded at the end of the show. For more information, people may email barremalionsclub@aol.com.

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an "incredible accomplishment."

"It's an absolute honor to serve this community for 26 years," Forte said.

Police memorandum agreement

Couture recommended a memorandum agreement to change the pay scale of the Police Department by taking the part-time wording out of the contract. He said this change would not increase wages in the department.

The recommendation was to pay an officer at a rate that meets their experience, using Forte as an example, saying it would not be fair to pay him the same rate as an officer still in the academy. He said this pay scale would also affect Officer James Halkola, who has 26 years of part-time experience.

Another recommendation was pay for part-time officers working holidays, which Couture said currently has them receiving double time for the first eight hours, and triple time for an additional eight if they work a 16 hour shift. He said the new memorandum would pay part-time officers time and a half for holidays.

The recommendation was approved by the Select board and signed by the union president.

Incentive program
Couture also presented a recommendation for an incentive program to draw more applicants to the department, since the town is getting very few of them.

He said the recruitment process costs \$30,000 for an officer the town would not see for six months for academy costs and equipment.

Couture's recommendation is a \$10,000 signing

bonus paid over five years, and he said there is competition with other towns, some paying up to \$30,000 on a signing bonus.

This program would be for officers who already have experience and are academy trained, and would pay \$2,500 at the passing of field training, \$2,500 after a year, and \$5,000 after five years of service.

Couture said it is spread out to protect taxpayers, reward retention, reduce turnover and reduce overtime. He said this is a pilot program to see if it helps to draw more qualified applicants.

The Select Board approved the incentive program.

Firetruck auction

The board heard an update from Fire Chief Robert Hayes on the auctioning of an old firetruck that was replaced last fall, and put up for auction on a site called garage.com in April. He said there have not been many serious inquiries, but there was one out of a town near Scranton, Pennsylvania, which did a virtual tour and saw there was some work that needed to be done on the truck.

Hayes said the original price was between \$115,000-\$120,000, but was lowered to \$79,000. He said the town is offering between \$45,000-\$50,000, and is going through their legal counsel as of the Aug. 3 meeting. Hayes said the website takes 10% of the sale price.

Select Board Chair Katie Young said the price is better than simply "chucking" at auction, and board members said he should get what he can for the truck.

Planning Board recommendations

The board approved rec-

ommendations from the Planning Board for its members to serve on various committees.

The approvals are as follows: Kris Munroe to the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, Mark Kresge as an associate Planning Board member, Kresge as an MRPC alternate, Alan Carpenter to the Affordable Housing Committee, Munroe to the Town Administrator Search Committee, Kresge to the Montachusett Joint Transportation Committee, William Homans to the Economic Development Committee, Francois Steiger to the Community Preservation Committee and Steiger to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

Consent agenda

The board approved a consent agenda as follows: Wage authorization forms for Tina White, Edward Gallant, Alfred Alfonso, David Bowley and Ken Winchester and a 2% cost of living increase.

Appointments and resignations

The board appointed Charles Reed to the Finance Committee representative to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Vincent DiBenedetto and Bill Mayrose to the Cable Advisory Committee and Lance Williams to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

The board accepted the resignations of Forte and Officer Andrew Bresciani.

Interim TA Interviews

The board voted to set up interviews with Stephanie Hirsch and Timothy Bragan for the position of interim town administrator at the Aug. 17 meeting.

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a town gets their emergency services from, as long as they have it. Chair Jeff Schaaf noted that in Wheelwright, which is furthest out from West Brookfield, they still respond in a reasonable timeframe.

Vice-Chair William Tinker said the town should have talked with Barre during negotiations, saying they used to have a portion of the contract.

Warrant review

Tinker said he requested for the most recent accounts payable warrant to be included in the meeting packet for the whole board to review and ask questions on if needed.

Tinker said there is somebody on the warrant who does some of the town's technology and there is no information on how he is paid, or a W-9 associated with him, as requested.

According to Caggiano, this is because a former accountant was not comfortable giving a W-9, and there is likely no physical contract for the worker.

Tinker also said the board needs more time to review the warrant before they sign it. Board members asked if there could be a way to prepare them quicker, but Caggiano noted the current accountant Holly Mann has limited hours as she is part-time, and does not think it would be possible to prepare them any quicker.

Spencer said this request is not meant to put extra work on the accountant, but meant to allow the board to do their due diligence on taxpayer money.

Pump station

The board continued the discussion of the possible

installation of wood chips at the pumping station, but Tinker said the engineers working on the project do not recommend it. He recommended planting native plants about two feet away from the riprap to cover the rocks as the plants grow over them, rather than putting chips or plantings into the riprap itself.

Spencer said the wood chips could have caused drainage issues.

The board received a letter from the East Quabbin Land Trust recommending native plants as well.

Caggiano also said there is about \$100,000 in contingency funds left, but they need a \$99,000 generator, so some landscaping would be paid from the contingency if needed, but some of the funds may need to come from the wastewater budget.

Town Administrator's report

Caggiano said the bid for 179 Main St. is re-opened, the information technology vendor is meeting with staff to determine needs and prepare an inventory and surplus list, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation is setting a date to repair the railroad crossing on Lower Road, a grant application was submitted for security cameras at the Police and Highway departments, a new officer, Andrew Bresciani is starting, coming from Hubbardston and a new website is coming.

She also recognized outgoing executive assistant Sandra Rosenthal.

Select Board roundtable

Tinker said the Select Board, also acting as the Sewer Commission, has not received an application from Eagle Hill School for their new dormitory, and they are supposed to approve all new connections. Caggiano said

she would meet with the sewer superintendent about that.

Tinker also recommended looking over the job description for the executive assistant to ensure they are helping put together sewer bills and equivalent dwelling units, saying EDUs have not been looked at for over two years.

Caggiano said there are not many applications to the position yet, but in the interim, she will be learning how to generate bills in VADAR, the accounting software.

Visitors comments

Tinker started off the visitor comments section by saying the new rules may be too restrictive, such as only allowing new topics to be brought up, as people may have missed a meeting or have follow up comments.

Resident Bill Cole said comments are protected by free speech, but there is a difference between content and conduct, which can be addressed if people get physically intimidating. Cole also said there is a difference between visitors' comments and the chair recognizing a citizen to speak on a particular item.

Resident Jeffery Smith asked why there was no urgency to hire a new accountant, saying the current one is part-time and working in another community. Spencer said the town is fortunate to have her, and they have been working on it, but it is difficult to attract somebody to a part-time position.

Caggiano said she has been aggressively advertising, but there is no capability to hire somebody full-time. Tinker brought up the possibility of a temporary accountant or a firm.

The board is scheduled to meet next on Aug. 24.

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and bluegrass covers. This was the second time the band had performed at Nornay Park in South Barre.

The band found its name during their open mic performances. The band would alternate turns on who would sing during each performance. The continuous use of the words, “the other guy”, became a signature name. Every single person was considered the other guy throughout shows.

“We are the Other Guys,” Mike Apple said.

In addition to the four original members, the Other Guys would feature additional band members, who are designated as “another guy”. No matter what kind of guy

you are, the Other Guys is a band that puts on a great show and guests at Nornay Park took notice.

Throughout the concert, Brodeur would break out his harmonica for some songs. He brought a case full of different harmonicas, including a blue harp harmonica. According to Brodeur, having different harmonicas helps stick with the various styles of music. Each harmonica plays in different keys.

During the concert, concessions were provided by the Barre Lions Club. President of the Barre Lions, Laura McCarthy and member Nancy Billings kept busy preparing hot dogs, popcorn, chili dogs, and cold beverages for everyone enjoying

a relaxed evening at Nornay Park.

With every purchase of a hot dog, guests are entered into a raffle for a chance to win some fun prizes. The prizes were provided by the Barre Lions Club.

Throughout the summer of 2026, Nornay Park features a total of seven concerts. The Other Guys is the sixth performance of the summer.

The band began their show with some classic rock, including a cover of “The Cover of the Rolling Stone” by Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show. Another classic cover was “Rock this Place” by Fabulous Thunderbirds.

The Other Guys do a lot of covers of songs by

artists such as Fleetwood Mac, Johnny Cash, The Who, The Allman Brothers, The Doobie Brothers, The Monkees, and many others.

Lawn games were also placed at Nornay Park in front of the gazebo. Children and adults explored and played some games while The Other Guys rocked the park.

For more information about summer events at Nornay Park, visit www.nornaypark.com. The next performance is on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will feature Alive’n Kickin’.

More information about the Barre Lions Club can be found on their Facebook page and at e-clubhouse.org/sites/barre_ma/.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Barre Lions Club member Nancy Billings and Barre Lions Club President Laura McCarthy.

CADETS from page 1

Sergeant Russel Davidson and School Resource Officer Mark Sawyer, the academy was free for all students, thanks to generous support from local businesses, donors and the school district.

“It runs on community donations,” Davidson said.

The idea for the academy came about several years ago when Davidson was the School Resource Officer at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, and he led a similar program during the school year. He wanted to expand on that program and open it up to more students.

“I wanted to do one over the summer,” Davidson said.

Barre Police Chief James Sabourin was supportive of the idea, and the summer academy was created.

In its first three years, the enrollment was limited to 15 students due to space, but this year, the Quabbin Regional School District offered use of a classroom and grounds and the academy doubled in size.

“We have a great group of kids,” Davidson said.

Davidson said it takes a year to plan out and organize the academy, and they welcome student feedback to continue to improve the program.

“Every year at the end we do a questionnaire with the kids,” Davidson said.

This year’s five-day academy started with CPR and First Aid training, and each cadet received their certification for these life-saving skills.

On the second day, cadets learned about building clearing, crime scenes and patrol procedures. Stetson School provided use of the Sykes building for the cadets to practice clearing rooms.

There was also a drone demonstration and physical training.

The third day the cadets learned about motor vehicle stops, impaired driving and use of the phonetic alphabet.

They took turns practicing a stop, with Sawyer as the driver being pulled over.

The cadets also performed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and navigated an obstacle course on pedal cars while wearing goggles that simulated the effects of alcohol.

On the last day of the academy, the cadets took a field trip to Boston Harbor where they were able to ride along with the State Police Marine Unit, and to the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office. Later that evening, the cadets joined the Barre Police Department for a free movie night at Nornay Park in South Barre.

When asked what he enjoyed about running the Youth Academy, Davidson said it was the opportunity to work with the students, and build a connection with the community.

“I want the kids to have fun and learn something,” Davidson said. “We love doing it.”

Sawyer joined Davidson as an instructor for his second year at the academy.

He has been the School Resource Officer at Quabbin Regional Middle High School for a year and a half, and each day he gets a lot of questions about law enforcement from the students.

“I get asked a lot about ‘what do you guys do in certain situations’ and ‘what have you seen,’ ‘what have you experienced,’” Sawyer said.

Sawyer said he also gets a lot of questions about speeding while driving.

“We just want to guide them in the right direction,” he said. “We’ve all made mistakes, but learned from those mistakes.”

Last Wednesday, The

Barre Gazette was invited to visit the academy and talk to the cadets about their experiences.

Aimee Ickler, a freshman at Quabbin Regional High School, said she learned “a lot really,” at the academy, including how to clear a room properly and how to take point during a building search.

Ickler said she also learned how to talk in a calming manner to someone that may be experiencing a crisis.

Ickler said the experience has encouraged her to pursue her goals of working for the FBI when she’s older.

Isabelle Wentworth, a sophomore at the school, wants to be come a police detective after she finishes school. This academy provided her with skills that will help her to achieve that goal.

Ryker Leslie, a seventh grade student, enjoyed learning how to clear rooms, how to use the phonetic alphabet – as well as how to use handcuffs.

Senior Nick Sabourin is a returning cadet at the academy, back for his third year.

He said he learned about substance use, and the impact they can have on people.

“And how dangerous it is to get drugs off the street,” Sabourin said.

Sabourin said he also learned about how to use a taser, how to use a shield and gun safety.

Sabourin said he wants to pursue a career as a forensic scientist, and he has already started planning out his college journey.

Ryan Dailey, a junior, is also a returning cadet and he talked about learning how to negotiate.

“You have to kind of let them speak and get to know them,” he said.

Dailey said he is also interested in a career in law enforcement, and would like



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Sergeant Russel Davidson instructed cadets on how to conduct a routine traffic stop.

to work in a rural town like Barre.

Kahai Tran, also a junior, has now attended the academy for the fourth year and he said he learns new skills each time.

Finian Fauteux, a sophomore, attended the academy two years ago, but missed last year due to an injury. He was excited to be back this year to continue his learning; including how to build rapport with other people.

“I think I want to be a police officer,” Fauteux said.

Junior Donovan Corby and seventh grader Ethan Alt are both homeschooled students, and they have each learned important skills over the past week.

Corby said he learned how to perform CPR on adults, children and infants. He said he might be interested in become a police officer when he’s older.

Alt said he learned how to hold a gun, and the proper way to clear a room.

“I learned how you have to focus on every detail,” he said.

Alt said this knowledge

will help him in his future, as he plans to join the military.

Mason Punlick, a seventh grader, hopes to use his skills for a career in the U.S. Army.

“I want to be in the military, so this kind of helps me a bit,” he said.

Ben Fisher, a freshman, attended the academy for the first time.

“I learned that being a police officer...there’s a lot more to it than people think,” he said.

While Fisher wants to become a musician for his career, he said the academy has been beneficial to him as a citizen.

“This could help me be a better citizen in the community,” he said.

The Barre Police Department thanked Youth Academy sponsors Down Range Sports, Fidelity Bank, Greg’s Restorations, White Valley Motors, Inc., Wholesome Farmers Market, Café on the Common, The Country Store in Petersham, Hardwick Crossing Country Club, Quabbin Regional School District and Stetson School.



K-9 Barry relaxed during the academy.

All supplies, snacks, lunches and water were provided to cadets throughout the week, courtesy of the academy’s sponsors. Transportation for field trips was provided by the Quabbin Regional School District.

Be sure to follow the Barre Police Department on Facebook to watch for next summer’s Youth Academy registration, which is open (and free) to all students in grades seven through 12. Students do not need to reside in one of the Quabbin Regional School District towns to participate.



Goats attended National Night Out to interact with attendees.



Turley Photos by Camren Robertson

Quabbin Regional Middle High School athletes were on hand for activities and fun at National Night Out.

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Other trucks and equipment from local companies that serve the community were also on site.

National Night Out also allows people to connect with local organizations and businesses, while also enjoy-

ing activities, giveaways and food.

Local sports teams, Scouting troops, dance and theater companies, libraries, after school child care programs and other youth activity groups were there to share all the opportunities available to people in the community.



Children interacted with pair of guinea pigs.

Hardwick 264th Fair COMMUNITY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 14 & 15



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

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

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

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FREE Shuttle service will be available between Eagle Hill School and the Fair on Friday and Saturday at frequent intervals provided by EHS. Handicapped parking will be available at the Universalist Church and adjacent to the Police Command Center at corner of Barre Rd. and Rte. 32A.

Kindly recycle your beverage containers in the labeled recycling bins located around the Common. The Hardwick Boy Scouts and our town will benefit from your care.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Running of the Road Race (NEW START TIME)
- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Kids' Adventure Trail (FAIR OFFICE; TOWN HOUSE)
- 9:00 AM Mountain Bike Ride/Race
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Face Painting (PAGE LIBRARY)
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Exhibit Halls Open
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Friendly Farm Animals Exhibit
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Hardwick Fair-y Village (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 – 2:30 PM Timber Framing & Pottery Demonstrations
- 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Book Sale (PAIGE LIBRARY)
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM *Food Trucks:* Big T's, Trolley Dogs, Potato Potato
- 10:45 AM Stone Cutting
- 11:00 AM Dance Demo (GET UP AND DANCE)
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
- 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM *Beer Garden:* Fieldcrest Brewing
- 12:00 PM Children's Parade
- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Entertainment (THE OTTERS)
- 12:30 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Parade
- 1:00 PM Central Mass Rabbit Breeders Display & Demo
- 1:00 PM Frog Jumping Contest (NO TOADS)
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Historical Society Opens (EXHIBITS)
- 1:30 PM Horseshoe Contest
- 2:00 PM Children's Games
- 2:45 PM Tractor Pulls
- 3:30 PM Auction of Exhibits
- 4:30 PM Hardwick Adult Bingo (IN BEER GARDEN)
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Hardwick Farmers Guild Burger Bash
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Entertainment (THE OTTERS)
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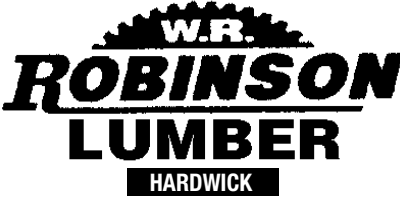
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Summer season concludes for Quabbin Cagers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG—Christian Horton scored 1,208 career points as the point guard of the Quabbin boys' varsity basketball team 15 years ago.

Horton also played basketball at Nichols College in Dudley and was inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame in 2024. He's currently living in Maryland and returned to Central Massachusetts last week.

One of the things that Horton did on vacation was attend his alma mater's summer league semifinal basketball game against the Oakmont Spartans, which took place at Game On in Fitchburg, last Tuesday night.

Without the services of starting point guard Jacoby Dilling, who was at home sick, the second-seeded Panthers could've used Horton's help, as they suffered a 42-30 loss to the third-seeded Spartans.

"We didn't have our starting point guard, and had to make a couple of adjustments," said Quabbin's summer league coach Alan Crane, who also played basketball at Quabbin between 1999-2003. "Jacoby is our floor leader, and we really missed him in tonight's game. We were also missing a couple of other players."

The Panthers entered the Game On Boys Varsity Division Summer League playoffs with a perfect 6-0 record. They finished the regular season tied with Lunenburg, who earned the top-seed in the four team playoff due to a tiebreaker.

A year ago, Quabbin competed in the Auburn Summer League, which wasn't held this summer.

Two years ago, the



Quabbin forward Collin Leclair receives a post pass from teammate Brady Patchen during summer basketball action.

Panthers were one of the six boys' basketball teams that played in the inaugural summer league at Game On, which has ten indoor basketball courts. There are now 14 teams playing in that summer league.

Quabbin's six regular season victories at Game On this summer league were against Gardner (50-43), Bromfield (62-30), Tahanto Regional (66-58), Assabet (55-46), Fitchburg (54-39), and Nashoba Regional (52-33).

In their semifinal setback, Quabbin failed to reach 50 points for the first time this summer.

"Without Jacoby on the court, we wanted to make it a low scoring game," Crane said. "Everything went well until the final five minutes



Aiden Crane searches out teammates Matt Wade and Jacoby for a pass.

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Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Sydney Mercier sends a free kick away.

West Side Sports Shop grabs ladies title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Since joining the prestigious Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League in 2021, West Side Sports Shop has claimed the women's championship title five times.

West Side Sports Shop entered this year's playoffs as the fourth seed. They posted a 2-0 shutout victory over second-seeded W. Mass Xtremes in the women's finals held at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Friday night.

"We might be the fourth seed, but we played very well in the playoffs," said West Side Sports Shop head coach Chris Andre. "We lost to the Xtremes twice during the regular season."

The only year that West Side Sports Shop didn't

take home the championship trophy was in 2024. They beat top seeded Here for Beer in the finals a year ago.

"We've set a high stranded here," Andre added. "A number of these players have been playing for me since our first year in this league. We also add a couple of new players each year. The players get along with each other very well and we always have a lot of fun."

West Side Sports Shop, who finished the 2026 regular season with a 7-4-0 record, defeated the fifth-seeded Lusitano Women, 5-1, in the quarterfinals. Just like they did a year ago, they beat top seeded Here for Beer, 3-2,

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Mount Carmel FC takes Men's PVSSL title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Anthony Bourget was an assistant boys' soccer coach under longtime varsity coach John O'Keefe at Minnechaug Regional High School before stepping down at the end of last season.

Bourget was also the head coach of Villa FC, which captured the last two Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League men's championship titles. Villa FC changed sponsors before the start of the 2026 summer league season and are now known as Mount Carmel FC.

Mason Perham is one of the former Minnechaug soccer players listed on the Mount Carmel roster.

Perham scored a second half goal, which helped top-seeded Mount Carmel FC win the championship title once again with a crisp 2-0 win over second-seeded Rumbleseat before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on Friday, July 31.

"We've won the last two men's championship titles with Villa, and this is our first one with Mount Carmel," Bourget said. "Winning the championship game is something that



Mount Carmel captured the PVSSL Men's title this year.

we expect to do every year. It was a hard fought battle tonight. Rumbleseat played very well against us."

Mount Carmel FC, who finished the PVSSL regular season with a 10-1-0 record, defeated fourth-seeded CF Ardor, 2-0, in the semifinals.

Rumbleseat, who also lost to Mount Carmel during the regular season, entered the playoffs with a 9-1-1 record. They advanced into the men's finals for the first time

in more than ten years after knocking off the third-seeded KO Elites FC, 2-1, in the semifinals.

"This is the first time that we've made the finals in many years, and it was a fun game tonight," said Kyle Giroud, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Chicopee Comp. "It's always a great time playing in this league and I'm looking forward to playing again next year."

Giroud is also a member of the Skidmore College men's soccer team.

The men's finals was scoreless at halftime.

Mount Carmel broke the ice four minutes into the second half.

The scoring play began with a crossing pass from Joao Miranda to Deandrae Brown, who fired a shot from the top of the box past Rumbleseat goalie Luke Theroux.

Miranda was selected as the M.V.P. following the match.

About ten minutes later, Perham scored a goal, which was assisted by Brown.

"It just felt awesome to score a goal in the championship game," Perham said. "We took con-

trol of the game at the start of the second half. We had another great season."

Perham has been a member of Villa/Mount Carmel

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Deandrae Brown dribbles away from a defender.



Sports

Rocket to visit T-Birds for home opener

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today that the club will host the Laval Rocket as they open the home-ice portion of its 2026-27 season on Saturday, October 10 at 6:05 p.m. inside the MassMutual Center.

Steve Ott returns behind the bench for the Thunderbirds for his first full season at the helm. After joining the T-Birds for his head coaching debut on Jan. 23, the former Blues associate coach led Springfield to a 19-13-2-0 record down the stretch, bringing the T-Birds from the bottom of the AHL standings into a playoff position.

From there, Ott helped orchestrate a pair of stunning upsets. Springfield erased a 1-0 series deficit to win two straight and eliminate the Charlotte Checkers in the First Round before completing the biggest upset in Calder Cup Playoff history with a four-game dispatching of the Providence Bruins in the Atlantic Division Semifinals. The Thunderbirds had finished the regular season 38 points behind the Macgregor Kilpatrick Trophy-winning Bruins.

While Ott’s team saw its season come to a crushing end in a deciding Game 5 of the Atlantic Division Finals against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, the T-Birds will boast a number of returning players in the Blues system, including captain Chris Wagner, defenseman Calle Rosen, and goaltender Georgii Romanov. Springfield further bolstered its depth with the signing of two-time AHL MVP and former Springfield Falcon T.J. Tynan.

Silk takes open modified race

WINCHESTER, NH - Ron Silk thought it was Independence Day all over again Aug. 1 at Monadnock Speedway. The July 4 winner of \$7,600 for topping that night’s Open Modified main event, took home another \$10,000 Saturday by winning the night’s 100-lap Dash For Cash headline race.

The Nutmeg State star, a two-time NASCAR Whelen Modified series champion, is no stranger to victory lane at the high-banked oval. A summer ago, he won a Whelen 200-lapper at Monadnock, while this summer he was victorious in two of the three Open Modified 100s at the fast quarter-mile.

But Silk’s two Open Modified victories weren’t enough to place him at the top for the overall series championship. That honor went to Bennington, NH second-generation star Matt Kimball, who cut his racing teeth here on the high banks in the oval’s youth division Young Guns.

Kimball’s spot atop the three-race points parade netted him \$5,000, which, when added to his Saturday fourth-place purse money and event bonuses, sent him home with close to \$10,000, not quite as much as Silk, but a still hefty pay day.

In other action Saturday on the high banks, Daniel Petrowicz scored his first career victory in the Limited Late Models, Jon Fultz made it two on the year in the Mini Stocks, and Jimmy Zellman won a thriller in the Pure Stocks. Young Gun Dylan Stati won his track-high eleventh 2026 feature race Saturday, while New England Dwarf Car ace Ryan Carman had

to twice take the lead en route to his second win in six days, his Saturday win following a Sabbath Day score at Hudson.

A top-12 redraw put Silk on the pole for the night’s Country 93.5 FM Open Modified Dash For Cash 100-lap main event. Blasting off at the green, Silk led the first two go-rounds before twice trading the early lead with Kyle Bonsignore en route to holding the top spot for 83 laps as he dashed off to win with ease. The big defining moment in this one happened on a lap 56 restart.

Repeating his July 4 strategy, Silk led nine other cars to the pits for fresh rubber, handing the top spot to Brad Zahensky. Back under green, a wild mess unfolded as the tight pack charged out of turn two.

Kimball and Brian Robie entered Saturday’s 100-lapper tied for the top spot atop the three-race series. When the dust had settled along the backstretch on lap 55, Bosignore and Robie were amongst the casualties. Kimball, then at mid-pack, started counting, all the way up to \$5,000.

With Silk sailing off into the night to win with ease, steady Joey Cipriano came home second. Anthony Nocella, with Kimball at his bumper, took home the bronze metal hardware. Zahensky’s choice to stay on the track under caution netted him seventh, while Robie’s promising start fizzled to a 14th place finish.

Daniel Petrowicz started up front in the nightcap Twin State Truck Services Limited Late Model main event and never looked back as he sped off to his first career win in front of

the night’s huge Dash For Cash speedway crowd.

Robert Hagar had the fastest car in the field, closing a third-lap deficit to finish four lengths behind Petrowicz for his second runner-up showing of the weekend. Top points man JD Stockwell, a seven-time 2026 winner, had a rare quiet night, getting up for third, just ahead of Hillary Renaud.

Popular Pat Houle led the first dozen laps of the Keene Towing and Recovery Mini Stock feature, then giving way to rocketman Jon Fultz. Once in front, the Bay State ace was unstoppable, winning with ease ahead of number two point man Craig Chaffee.

Houle held strong to finish a season best third, with former track champ Louie Mahar fourth, and Tim Paquette fifth. Paquette’s top-five run kept him atop the 2026 points parade.

Maya Bell was the early leader in the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock 25-lapper, then giving way to Dylan Zullo, who, in turn, surrendered the top spot to four-time winner Michael Yeaton, zooming off in quest of win number five. But this one wasn’t over yet.

A lap- 24 restart sat Yeaton and Jimmy Zellman side-by-side as the event’s defining moment unfolded. The top two banged and clanged out of turn four at the drop of the green, sending Yeaton to the pits and Zellman to the lead. The Bay State blaster held strong to edge top points man rookie Josh Brigham for the win. Kyle Begos,

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Anthony Basile turns play around.



Shane Sewell sends a pass away.

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Chapin Jeannotte takes the ball up the sideline.



Kaela Mochak heads up the field.



Emily Howard makes a stop.

Julianna Beaulieu sends a pass away.

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in the semifinals. West Side Sports also won the regular season match-up Here for Beer.

“Here For Beer is a very talented soccer team,” Andre said. “We played very well against them the other night.”

The West Side Sports Shop captain is Rhiann Ryan, who graduated from Minnechaug a couple of years ago.

“I love being a member of this soccer team,” Ryan said. “It feels nice to finally beat Xtremes, especially after losing to them twice during the regular season.”

Six other players listed on the Westside Sports Shop roster played soccer for legendary head coach Nundi Goncalves at Minnechaug. They are Emily Howard, Gabby Rita, Lylah Jeannotte, Chapin Jeannotte, Gabby Williams, and Claire Poindexter.

One of the West Side Sports Shop starters in the

championship match was Mallory Pereira, who graduated from Ludlow High School.

Julianna Beaulieu, who graduated from Chicopee Comp, was selected as the M.V.P. of the women’s championship game.

“I never expected to be the M.V.P. of this game, but I knew we could win another championship title,” Beaulieu said. “I’ve now won three championships with this team, which is very special. It’s been a lot of fun playing soccer for this team.”

Beaulieu, who played both basketball and soccer at Utica University, scored a pair of goals in the finals.

She got things rolling during the 16th minute of the opening half by putting a shot into the back of the net past goalie Madison Harmon.

“Once the ball left my foot, I knew it was going into the net,” Beaulieu said. “It set the tone for the rest of the game.”

The Xtremes, who went



West Side Sports Shop, featuring adult female players from throughout the region, took the PVSSL Women’s Championship.

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10-1-0 during the regular season, had an opportunity to tie the score during the 27th minute. Gianna Sakowski, who also graduated from Minnechaug, fired a shot on goal, which sailed high over

the crossbar.

Beaulieu scored her second goal early in the second half.

Sara Avery, who was the West Side Sports Shop starting goalie, didn’t have

to make very many saves in recording the shutout. Avery lives in Belchertown and she graduated from the MacDuffie School. She’ll be a senior on the AIC women’s soccer team this fall.

The members of the West Side Sports Shop will be looking to win another PVSSL championship title next summer.

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for the past four years.

“I’m very happy for Mason,” Bourget said. “He began playing with us the year after he graduated from Minnechaug. We also have a couple of other Minnechaug players on our team. We have a bunch of talented players on this team.”

The other former Minnechaug soccer players listed on the Mount Carmel roster are Kyle Atkin, Nick Cianflone, Chase Henderson, and Cam Rigney.

The members of the Mount Carmel FC are hoping to make it a four-peat in the summer of 2027.

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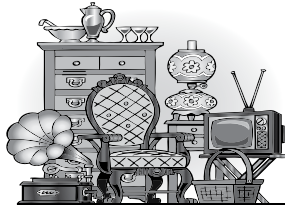
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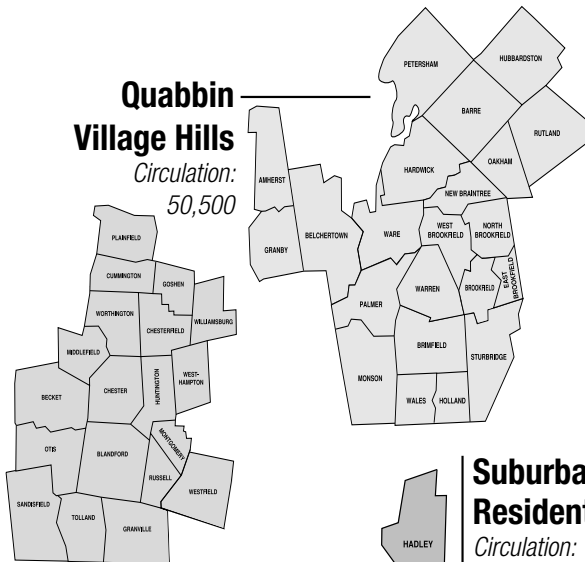
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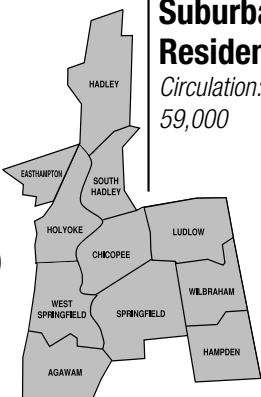


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10:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/ Syncope, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital
11:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Mutual Aid Transport
12:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Thurston Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
1:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – General Unwell, East County Road, Mutual Aid Transport
4:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Edson Avenue, Transported to Hospital
4:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Area Search Negative
5:45 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Turkey Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
7:21 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Unfounded
9:12 p.m. Noise Complaint, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact
9:35 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Area Search Negative
11:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, East County Road, Public Assist

Monday, July 6
8:23 a.m. Harassment, Helen Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
10:41 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Referred to Other Agency
2:41 p.m. Property Damage, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
3:29 p.m. Complaint, Paddack Road, Negative Contact
4:10 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Main Street, Returned
6:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:38 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barrack Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
8:54 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Newman Drive, Unfounded
9:05 p.m. Noise Complaint, Skyline Drive, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, July 7
12:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
7:30 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Prescott Street, Referred to Other Agency
8:14 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party

10:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Thurston Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:48 a.m. Safety Concern, Olivia Lane, Report Filed
2:20 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, Hillside Road, Referred to Other Agency
4:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Prescott Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:26 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Glenwood Road, Removed from Scene
5:51 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pleasantdale Road, Removed from Scene

Wednesday, July 8
12:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transport
10:39 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Removed from Scene
10:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
11:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
12:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
12:34 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Kalloch Drive, Report Filed
1:46 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative
2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
3:18 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:30 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Wildbrook Drive, Call Transferred

Thursday, July 9
5:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Michael Drive, Transported to Hospital
9:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty,

Pleasantadle Road, Transported to Hospital
10:21 a.m. Complaint, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
10:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Glenwood Road, Mutual Aid Transported
11:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – High Blood Pressure, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital
2:22 p.m. Safety Concern, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:21 p.m. Identity Theft, Orchard Hill Drive, Report Filed
10:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Wheeler Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, July 10
6:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, River Road, Transported to Hospital
11:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Fernwood Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Glenwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:12 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
7:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/ Syncope, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
10:07 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
11:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, July 11
8 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, South Road, Transported by Life Flight
11:33 a.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Jonathan Circle, Officer Spoke to Party
11:38 a.m. Vandalism, Lowry Lane, Call Transferred
2:19 p.m. Vandalism, Lowry Lane, Call Transferred
2:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Milne Road, Transported to Hospital
8:03 p.m. Notification, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 5
9:32 a.m. Property– Lost/ Found/Surrender, Barre Police Headquarters, Call transferred
4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, citation Issued
4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
5:52 p.m. Noise Complaint, Marsh road, Officer Spoke ot Party
9:43 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned

Monday, July 6
5:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
12:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
12:57 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Kendall Street, Referred to Other Agency
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
5:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasant Street, Information Taken
7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Wauwinet Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, July 7
4:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
10:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, South Street, Transported to Hospital

12:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Kendall Street, Transported to Hospital
5:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Wauwinet Road, Transported to Hospital
10:27 p.m. Assault and Battery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
10:51 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Unfounded

Wednesday, July 8
1:42 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
6:51 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, South Barre Road, Investigated
10:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Public Assist
1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
1:54 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Mechanic Street, Information Given
2:35 p.m. Safety Concern, Jewett Road, Officer/Chief Advised
4:29 p.m. Complaint, Moulton Street, Officer/Chief Advised
8:50 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned

Thursday, July 9
2:22 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Depot. Officer Spoke to Party
12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Common Street, Citation Issued
12:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
1:14 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Seizures, South Street, Transported to Hospital
5:34 p.m. Harassment, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
7:26 p.m. Emergency – Sick/Unknown, Marsh Road, Transported to Hospital
8:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
Friday, July 10
9:55 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Washburn Road, Investigated
2:35 p.m. Fires Power Lines/Wires, Barre Deport Road, Referred to Other Agency
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning

Saturday, July 11
11:13 a.m. Harassment, Nelson Street, Request Filed
4:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Mechanic Street, ambulance Signed Refusal
9:23 p.m. Noise Complaint, Ruggles Lane, Area Search Negative

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, July 5
11:01 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:46 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Unfounded
5:16 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Gardner Road, Report Filed
6:24 p.m. Safety Concern, Gardner Road, Report Filed
7:16 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party
7:39 p.m. Safety Concern, Morgan Road, Officer/Chief Advised
7:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Mental/ Emotional/Psychological, Morgan Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:42 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, July 6
5:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Thompson Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:02 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Mt. Jefferson Road, Referred to Other Agency
8:16 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Simond Hill Road, Investigated
4:57 p.m. Erratic Operator,

Brigham Street, Negative Contact
8:54 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Burnshirt Road, Investigated

Tuesday, July 7
10:05 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Old Westminster Road, Referred to Other Agency
5:09 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Ol Westminster, Referred to Other Agency
5:37 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Pine Tree Lane, Report Filed
6:52 p.m. Animal – Lost and/ or Round, Hale Road, Returned

Wednesday, July 8
12:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Road Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transport
7:17 a.m. Fraud, Madison Way, Report Filed
3:29 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Hubbardston Police Department, Report Filed
Thursday, July 9
7:44 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Brigham Street, Officer/ Chief Advised
8:16 a.m. Animal – Lost and/ or Found, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled

12:46 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Simond Hill Road, Returned
2:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Pitcherville Road, Transported to Hospital
4:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Pitcherville Road, Transported to Hospital
4:51 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Pine Tree Lane, Report Filed
6:30 Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed

Friday, July 10
4:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Old Westminster Road, Mutual Aid Transport
4:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, July 11
10:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/ Syncope, Barre Road, Report Filed
3:37 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
6:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Instigated

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, July 5
4:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Area Search Negative

Tuesday, July 7
10:51 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Unfounded

Wednesday, July 8
3:18 p.m. Fire – Motor

Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:44 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Rail Trail, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, July 9
10:30 a.m. Public Assist, Sanders Road, Information Given

Friday, July 10
6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Saturday, July 11
8 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, South Road, Transported by Life Flight

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of July 27-Aug. 10, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 104 building/ property checks, 79 directed/ area patrols, 23 radar assignments, three traffic controls, 27 emergency 911 calls, 15 citizen assists, four assist other agencies, 10 safety hazards, one illegal dumping, one lost/stolen plate, three threats, four complaints, one scam, two investigations, one trespass, two motor vehicle accidents, 11 animal calls and 16 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 27
9:08 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Main Street, Spoken To
9:29 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Petersham Road, Written Warning
8:02 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, July 28
2:21 a.m. 911 Assist Other Agency, Greenwich Road, Negative Contact
9:15 a.m. Lost/Stolen Plate, Lower Road, Officer Handled
10:07 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Greenwich Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:41 a.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

2:33 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
3:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Spoken To
5:25 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
6:32 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Church Street, Arrest(s) Made

Wednesday, July 29
10:30 a.m. Parking Complaint, Barre Road, Officer Handled
12:03 p.m. Safety Hazard, Cleveland Road, Merge
12:07 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Removed Hazard
2:20 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Church Lane, Merge
2:20 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Church Lane, Peace Restored

Thursday, July 30
8:57 a.m. 911 Fire/Alarm, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
9:14 a.m. 911 Hang-up/ Abandoned, Pine Street, Peace Restored
10:52 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Removed Hazard
1:16 p.m. Harassment, Barre Road, Services Rendered
2:31 p.m. Trespass, Church Lane, Officer Handled
3:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Negative Contact
5:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road,

Transported to Hospital
6:10 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Unfounded

Friday, July 31
7:32 a.m. Fire/Alarm, Church Street, Services Rendered
8:54 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To
8:55 a.m. Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
2:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Spoken To
2:34 p.m. Assist Citizen, High Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, Aug. 1
10:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
12:15 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Main Street, Services Rendered
4:50 p.m. Complaint, Grove Street, Officer Handled

Sunday, Aug. 2
11:41 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Barre Road, Extinguished
12:16 p.m. Officer Initiated, Main Street, Officer Handled
3:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Negative Contact
5:21 p.m. Medical Emergency, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
6:26 p.m. Complaint, Creamery Road, Officer Handled

Monday, Aug. 3
5:47 a.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Common Street, Vehicle Towed

6:48 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
7:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Lyman Road, Services Rendered
8:40 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ridge Road, Spoken To
1 p.m. Complaint, Church Lane, Spoken To
2:09 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled
2:25 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Handled
2:32 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled
5:32 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered
11:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Barre Road, Unfounded

Tuesday, Aug. 4
7:38 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:36 a.m. Threat, Church Lane, Spoken To
10:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Sullivan Avenue, Officer Handled
3:58 p.m. Threat, Church Lane, Spoken To
7:41 p.m. Utility Issues, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Aug. 5
5:18 a.m. Medical Alarm, Main Street, Officer Handled
1:06 p.m. Investigation, Lower Road, Report Taken
1:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled
1:33 p.m. Investigation, Broad

Street, Officer Handled
3:42 p.m. Scam, Church Lane, Services Rendered
8:54 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

Thursday, Aug. 6
5:04 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
8:08 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Breen Road, Transported to Hospital
10:09 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Street, Transported to Hospital
12:15 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Court, Spoken To
2:28 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Spoken To
4:12 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Spoken To
4:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
5:59 p.m. 911 Threat, Bridge Street, Report Taken
8 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

Friday, Aug. 7
9:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled
4:38 p.m. Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
6:57 p.m. 911 Misdial, Main Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 8
9:50 a.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
6:37 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Aug. 9
12:55 p.m. Trespass, Barre Road, Spoken To
4:01 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Aug. 10
5:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued

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Obituary

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Ted H. Sefton, 64

HUBBARDSTON – Ted H. Sefton, 64, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2026 after a brief illness. He is survived by his daughter, Cassie Bybee and husband Malcolm; grandchildren, Wesley and Evelyn Bybee; former wife, Pamela



Ted was an eternal optimist, always able to see the good in everything and everyone. A jack of all trades, he had expertise in many areas of things, like when he temporarily fixed a friend's busted radiator with an egg.

He will forever be remembered as a proud father, devoted family man and great friend. We will miss his warmth, quick laugh and legendary stories.

A private Graveside Service will be held at South Cemetery, 47 South Bolton Road, Bolton. A Celebration of Life will be planned for Sept. 20, 2026 at 1 p.m. at Slater's in Bolton.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Philbin-Comeau Funeral Home, 176 Water St., Clinton. Online condolences may be placed at www.philbincomeaufh.com.

Son of the late Edmund and Yoshiko (Takegami) Sefton, Ted was born in Tokyo, Japan, raised and educated in Bolton, where he graduated from Nashoba Regional High School, Class of 1980.

Ted's professional career was proudly spent working as a cook at his mother's Japanese restaurant, Shiro, in Berlin from his early teens until the restaurant closed in 2013. An avid outdoorsman, he loved night fishing on the Cape, farming livestock and produce and kayaking in a boat he built himself.

When he wasn't in his element tending to the outdoors, Ted loved putting around the land where he had built his own home, often dreaming of constructing a second one.

Beverly A. (Rockwood) Wingate, 85

NORTH BROOKFIELD/VERO BEACHE, FL – Beverly A. (Rockwood) Wingate, 85, passed away peacefully at her home in North Brookfield, Massachusetts, with her loving family by her side, on Aug. 5, 2026.

Born on Jan. 30, 1941, Beverly was the daughter of the late Laurence and Madeline (Largess) Rockwood. She was raised in North Brookfield and remained deeply connected to her hometown throughout her life. In later years, Beverly cherished spending her winters in Vero Beach, Florida, where she also made many happy memories.

Beverly was predeceased by her parents; her first husband and the father of her children, George Bitsounis; her brother, Lawrence Rockwood, and his wife, JoAnne, of North Brookfield; her sister, Louise Moore, and her husband, George, of North Brookfield; and her son-in-law, Jeffrey Young.

She leaves behind her

devoted husband, Lynn Wingate; her daughters, Ann Whitney and her husband, Frank, of Barre, Barbara Young of Oakham and Kristine Wallace and her husband, Jason, of North Brookfield.

She also leaves behind her former son in law, Michael Degnan. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Jenn, Meg, Kelley, Matt, Erin, Evan and Colin, and was blessed with great-grandchildren Taniel, Eric, Nick, Brielle, Dom, Hadley, Charlie, Jack and Mason, all of whom brought her tremendous joy.

Beverly was an avid golfer, who truly loved the game. She managed Quail Hollow Country Club in Oakham for many years, where she formed countless friendships and became a familiar face to members and staff alike.

Earlier in her career, she and her first husband,



George, spent many years in the restaurant industry, proudly owning and operating the Colonial Steakhouse.

Above all else, Beverly treasured her family. Nothing made her happier than gathering with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her warmth, strength and unwavering love will be remembered by all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories that will live on through her family for generations to come.

At Beverly's family's request, a private committal service will be held at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Family and friends are warmly invited to gather to pay their respects, share memories and celebrate Beverly's life at her daughter Kristine's home in North Brookfield, on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026 from 1-7 p.m.

DEATH NOTICES

Sefton, Ted H.
Died July 11, 2026
Graveside service private
Celebration of Life
Sept. 20

Wingate, Beverly A. (Rickwood)
Died Aug. 5, 2026
Committal service private
Celebration of Life
Aug. 20

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, four emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, three suspicious activities and three motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, July 21
5:49 a.m. Suspicious Activity, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
10:17 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
5:16 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, July 22
9:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, July 23
6 p.m. Suspicious Activity, West Road, Spoken To

Friday, July 24
7:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal

Saturday, July 25
7:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal
10:50 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Moore Road, Negative Contact

Sunday, July 26
4:59 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal
3:36 p.m. Suspicious Activity, West Road, Officer Handled

During the weeks of July 27-Aug. 10, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 29 building/property checks, 47 directed/area patrols, 11 radar assignments, three traffic controls, 10 emergency 911 calls, four safety hazards, three citizen assists, two complaints, one structure fire, one scam, one property damage, two investigations, two motor vehicle accidents, five animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, July 28
4:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Moore Road, Patient Refusal

Wednesday, July 29
1:48 p.m. Assist Citizen, Moore Road, No Action Required
1:52 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Spoken To
4:47 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Road, Transported to Hospital
5:19 p.m. 911 Fire/Structure, Pierce Road, Investigated

Thursday, July 30
4:32 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal
6:08 a.m. Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Removed Hazard
7:22 p.m. Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Investigated

Saturday, Aug. 1
6:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Aug. 2
6:44 p.m. Complaint, West Road, Officer Handled

Monday, Aug. 3
9:13 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
11:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Moore Road, Transported to Hospital

2:25 p.m. Property Damage, Old Turnpike Road, Call Canceled
8:41 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, West Road, Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Aug. 4
2:11 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 5
3:50 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Moore Road, Officer Handled
11:11 p.m. Investigation, Worcester Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 6
1:55 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
4:49 p.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Aug. 8
4:22 a.m. Medical Alarm, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Monday, Aug. 10
7:29 a.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Services Rendered

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Public Notices

TOWN OF BARRE BOARD OF HEALTH
In accordance with town by-law Chapter 305 Siting of Commercial Operations, the Board of Health will hear a request for a Site Assignment on **September 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm** for applicant Pine Hill Leasing, LLC. The request is for the operation of a Gas Station, Convenience Store and Car Wash located at 141 Worcester Road, Assessor's Map H Lot 219. The Board meets in the Board of Selectmen's Room first floor of the Henry Woods Building located at 40 West Street in Barre.
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 of the game. We had around 25 turnovers, which hurt us. You need to commit fewer than twelve turnovers to win a game at this level.” The other members of the Panthers boys’ summer basketball team are Matt Wade, Evan Sherblom, Owen Twarog, Brady Patchen, Aiden Crane, Collin LeClair, Adrein Hein, Isaac Patchen, Jack LeClair, and Fordyce Ruggles. The Panthers were also invited to play in a tournament at Assumption University in Worcester and at the 15th annual Wally Seaver High School Invitational Tournament. “We’ve only lost three games all summer,” Coach Crane said. “We went

3-0 during first day at the Assumption tournament before losing to Doherty in a winner’s bracket game. Doherty won the championship game. We also went 3-1 at the Wally Seaver Tournament. We got beat by Arlington Catholic, who also won the championship game. There are a lot of talented players on this team. Playing basketball in the summertime is very important for the players’ development.” The Quabbin boys’ basketball players also take part in clinics, which are held throughout the year. Dilling, who’s a rising senior, Patchen, who’s a rising junior, were the co-captains of the Panthers varsity hoop squad last winter. Patchen led the way offensively against

Oakmont in the semifinal game with 19 points. He made a total of three 3-pointers. “Brady is the heart and soul of our basketball team,” Coach Crane said. “He played very well this summer. Aiden Crane, who’s the son of the Panthers summer league coach, chipped in with seven points against the Spartans (6-1). Rounding out the scoring for the Panthers were Collin LeClair and Isaac Patchen with two points each. The Panthers, who were trailing, 10-8, at the end of the opening quarter, took the lead for the first time following a Brady Patchen 3-pointer from the right corner late in the first half. The Spartans outscored the Panthers, 9-5, in the

third quarter and they entered the final ten minutes of the contest holding a slim 25-23 advantage. A fastbreak lay-up by Collin LeClair and Aiden Crane made a pair of free throws giving the Panthers the lead for the final time at 27-26 three minutes into the fourth quarter, which was ten minutes running time. Oakmont outscored Quabbin 16-3 down the stretch. The Panthers summer league coach is looking forward to watching the Panthers varsity basketball team play this winter. “I can’t wait to sit in the stands and watch these guys play basketball,” Coach Crane said. “I’m expecting them to have a winning season, and it should be a lot of fun.”

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 from way back in row nine, charged up for third, with Markus O’Neil and Zullo completing the top five. Ryan Carman led twice in the New England Dwarf Car feature, taking the top spot the second time with a lap-21 pass of Tom Harwood as they blasted out of turn two. Harwood held strong for second, and Cody Hodgdon was solid in third. Dylan Stati continued his dominance of the Doug’s Auto Body Young Guns Saturday, romping to his eleventh win of the summer. Maeve Barry was second, and Mason Bezio earned the third-place trophy.

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