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Select Board fail to agree on TA candidates

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BARRE – The Select Board did not come to an agreement on the choice of Town Administrator at their Monday, Aug. 11 meeting.

They held interviews of the candidates Melanie Jackson, Heather Munroe and Faye Zukowski on Wednesday, Aug. 6. Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall checked references listed by the candidates. She talked to two of the three references for Zukowski and contacted another individual she knew, who worked with the candidate. Four of the five references for Munroe returned her calls. None of the references listed by Jackson returned the chairman's calls.

Both of those two candidates got exemplary comments from the references. Chairman Marshall said all the candidates were told of problems facing the town such as the high turnover of Town Administrators in town – fifth Town Administrator in 3 ½ years and the failure of the voters to pass a 2 ½ override at a recent Special

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Traveling touch tank arrives in Hardwick



Sally from the Mystic Aquarium showed kids seashells and other aquatic items during the Traveling Touch Tank event at the Hardwick Town House.

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HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library welcomed the Mystic Aquarium's Traveling Touch Tank this past weekend at the Town House.

This program was supported by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree

Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This event was the grand finale to the 2025 summer reading program.

The Mystic Aquarium features various aquarium life in their traveling touch tank. This program includes interactive learning and has been around for over 20 years.

Sally and Sam of the Mystic Aquarium arrived at the Town House to present the animals of the aquarium. Both Sam and Sally are educators and conservation workers who help inspire protection and conservation of the native species that live in New England waters.

"Inspire protection and conservation," Sally said.

The most common animals featured in the traveling touch tank are lobsters, horseshoe crab, sea whelks, clams, sea stars, mud snails, hermit crabs, spider crab, and sometimes green crab. Sam was in charge of showing the wildlife in the touch tanks,

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Select Board hears about Eagle Scout project

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met on Aug. 11 and began with new business regarding an Eagle Scout project.

Explaining the project was Eagle Scout Benjamin Metcalf, who recently completed an Eagle Scout project for the town. The project consisted of an informational kiosk over by the rail trail with a display of information for the trail and art displaying the history of the Town of Hardwick.

This project took about a year to complete, and Metcalf wanted to thank Town Administrator Justine Caggiano and Rebecca Bottomley of the Conservation Commission for their support. The Select Board and the residents in attendance congratulated Metcalf and his Scouting America troop for their efforts in completing this project.

The kiosk is currently available and is right off Route 32 in Gilbertville across the street of Hardwick

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Survey about Senior Center to be mailed to senior citizens

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Council on Aging member Judy Manning, Council on Aging Director Courtenay Rivera and Selectman Ralph Kay provided an update about happenings at the Senior Center.

"It appears that the Senior Center is at a crossroads," Kay said at the July 29 Board of Selectmen's meeting. "One way is to be positive and find ways to better serve the seniors in

town and investigate what that would be. The other is that we just stop...I don't think anybody wants that."

Kay said about a third of the town's population is made up of senior citizens (approximately 1,500 residents) and there are only about a dozen or more that utilize the Senior Center regularly. Some days there are more than 20 senior citizens that attend the center.

Kay said a survey will be mailed to all residents over the age of 60 to determine their needs and how the Senior Center can serve them. He said the survey will include a self-addressed envelope to be returned to the Board of Selectmen.

"Hopefully we get some good ideas; we get some good thoughts," Kay said. "What we want, is to be able to service more people...we want to find out what we can do better."

Kay said he knows the limited hours of the Senior Center can pose a challenge to many senior citizens, especially those who are still working or provide childcare to family members.

"Let's be out there and lead the charge to make this a senior center that we all can be proud of," Kay said.

Kay said the Senior

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Permits received and demolition to begin on Mary Lane campus

Submitted Article

WARE – Baystate Health has received building and plumbing permits from the Town of Ware Building Commissioner which allow them to commence demolition work on the Baystate Mary Lane campus.

That work, which will begin on Aug. 11, includes all structures on campus except for the Wetherby Building. The contracted partner has started to mobilize equipment on the property in anticipation of the starting date.

Despite efforts over many years, no redevelopment opportunities have been identified for the Baystate Mary Lane campus. Demolition

is necessary to address the safety, fire hazard, and other issues impacting the community.

According to a press release, Baystate has committed to minimizing, wherever possible, the impact on the Wetherby Building which holds meaning for both Baystate and the Town of Ware.

Work will be done in the coming weeks to weatherize it. Once this work is complete, the Wetherby Building will be boarded up to meet the Town bylaw requirement for a vacant property.

It is expected that this work will also begin in the coming weeks and continue into early October.

Baystate is committed to health care and health in Ware and surrounding communities by continuing to invest in clinical services at Baystate Wing Hospital.

In January 2025, Baystate committed to developing a primary care/convenient care (serving most urgent care needs) located in Ware, not on the Baystate Mary Lane campus. Baystate is also exploring how to longer term best repurpose the Wetherby building to serve the community.

Baystate Health will continue dialogue and partnership with state and town officials and other community organizations to find the right paths forward.



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ROUND TOWN

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Rep. Berthiaume staff holds office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. Rep. Berthiaume's chief of staff will be in Barre on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Barre Senior Center from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Barre Food Pantry

The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 21 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Autumn Kids Market

An Autumn Kids Market will meet on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with the regular Barre Farmers Market on the Common in Barre Center. The kids market is run by children. They should register now to participate. Shoppers will be able to shop from entrepreneurs ages 5 to 17 on Sept. 13. For more information, people may visit ChildrensEntrepreneurMarket.com.

Food Pantry lists food distributions

BARRE – The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors continues to operate as they have since March 2020. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 21 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

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

People may visit website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Barre's Best Bites draws a crowd

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center was buzzing with excitement on Monday, July 21, as residents gathered for the highly anticipated Barre's Best Bites event, a free nutritional culinary experience that showcased some of the area's most beloved local restaurants and food vendors.

From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., guests enjoyed a variety of "bite-sized" samples, each bursting with flavor and representing the unique offerings of our local culinary scene. The event featured an impressive lineup, including Cafe on the Common, Country Gourmet, Hardwick Crossing, Hartman's Herb Farm, Mimi's Coffeehouse, Red Tomato Pizza and Wholesome Farmers Market.

A big thank you to Barre Pizza for donating the door prize and a thank you to Dunkin Donuts for their contribution.

"This event was about more than just food, it was about connection," said Betty-Jo O'Brien the Council on Aging Senior Center Director. "We wanted to create a space where people could come together, try something new, and learn more about the incredible restaurants and markets right here in our own backyard."

The Senior Center was filled with laughter, friendly conversation, and the warm sense of community that comes from neighbors gathering around a shared table. Many attendees left not only with full stomachs but also with a greater appreciation for the variety and quality of local food options.

Barre's Best Bites proved to be a resounding success, reinforcing the Senior Center's role as a vibrant hub for community life. Organizers hope to make it an annual tradition.

The recent Chicken BBQ was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work and



Submitted photo

People line up for Barre's Best Bites event held July 21 at the Barre Senior Center.

dedication of Ron Rich, his talented crew and the many volunteers, who made the event possible. The aroma of perfectly grilled chicken filled the air, drawing everyone together for a day of great food and even greater company.

Attendees raved about the delicious meal, which featured tender, flavorful chicken cooked to perfection, baked potato and corn on the cob. Smiles and laughter filled the venue as people lingered to enjoy the day, reconnect with friends, and meet new faces. A special thank-you goes to Ed Spater, Medicare Specialist, for enthusiastically calling the BINGO games and keeping the room filled with laughter and friendly competition.

"This event truly showcased the spirit of our community," said Betty-Jo O'Brien, Council on Aging Senior Center Director. "Ron, his crew, and every volunteer put their heart into making it special, and the turnout proved how much people appreciate their

efforts." Not only was the food outstanding, but the atmosphere was equally inviting—creating memories for all who attended. Many guests expressed their hope that the chicken barbecue will remain a beloved tradition for years to come.

The organizers extend their heartfelt thanks to Ron Rich, his hardworking team, and the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the event such a hit.

Following the barbecue, the fun continued with free Bingo, where participants had the chance to win a variety of household and personal care products generously donated by our community partners—Fidelity Bank and Careforth, a caregiver support company dedicated to helping families care for their loved ones at home.

For more information about upcoming Senior Center events, people may visit townofbarre.com/coa, follow us on Facebook Barre MA Senior Center or call 978-355-5004.



OAKHAM

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Final concert

The final concerts of the summer series will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. with The Bad Tickers. The concert takes place in the gazebo located on the Oakham Common, corner of Maple Street and Coldbrook Road. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or a lawn chair to listen to this free concert. Concerts are not held in bad weather and will be postponed if possible. The bandstand committee sells popcorn, water, soda and ice cream cups.

Town wide yard

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

Church news

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

Senior Center

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

Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. walking group meets at Senior Center and Tuesday through Thursday walking group meets at 11 a.m. at Senior Center.

People that want to be added to the text message group may call the Senior Center at 508-4073 and leave their name and cell phone number.

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold is held in the Rutland Senior Center - \$3 donation per class

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

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

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. 18. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Chicken Tikka Masala, lemon seasoned rice, Roman blend vegetables, tropical fruit, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, Rice Krispy Treat, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY – Roasted turkey and gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, pear crisp, diet = pears, Italian bread

THURSDAY – Hot dog, baked beans, Coleslaw, baked apples, mustard, hot dog bun

FRIDAY – Teriyaki beef, steamed rice, broccoli with red peppers, blondie, diet = half piece, pumpernickel bread

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

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Vendors Include:

- Wholebeing Institute
- Wellness 365
- Hardwick Farmer's Guild
- Silhouettes on Main
- East Quabbin Land Trust
- Holistic Integrated Manual Therapy
- Balancing from Within
- The Centered Place Yoga Studio
- Recovery Center of Hope
- ... and many more!

Questions? Email Miranda LaCoste at mlacoste@eaglehill.school

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Select Board – Aug. 14 at 3 p.m.
 911 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board – Aug. 18 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Aug. 19 and Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 28 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 Town Hall Advisory Committee – Aug. 21 at 4:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Council on Aging – Aug. 20 at 4 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Parks Commissioners – Aug. 27 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Parks and Recreation – Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Aug. 18 at 11 a.m.-noon and Sept. 11 at 11 a.m.-noon
 Planning Board – Aug. 20 and Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

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

RUTLAND

Select Board Public Hearing – Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 5 at 9 a.m.

Corrections policy

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Farm stand sales benefit Fire and Police Departments

NEW BRAINTREE – Stillman's Farm Stand, Rte. 67, is doing a fundraiser for Oakham Fire and Police on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

All proceeds will be split between the two departments. They will also be doing a fundraiser for the New Braintree Fire and Police Departments on Saturday, Sept 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



Stillman's Farm stand on Route 67 in New Braintree has fresh sweet corn as well as a wide variety of vegetables and fruits. On Saturday, Aug. 23 Stillman's Farm stand from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. is doing a fundraiser for the Oakham Fire and Police Departments. They will do one Saturday, Sept. 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for New Braintree Fire and Police.

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Rep. Berthiaume staff announces office hours in area towns

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People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Office hour schedules include on Tuesday, Sept. 9 town of Ware at the Senior Center from 9-9:45

a.m.; town of Hardwick at the Town Hall from 10-11 a.m.; town of West Brookfield, at the Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and town of Brookfield at the Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.; on Wednesday, Sept. 10 town of Leicester at the Center Center from 9-9:45 a.m.; town of Spencer, at Senior Center, from 10-11 a.m. with Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi's Office and town of East Brookfield

at the Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-noon p.m.; on Thursday, Sept. 11 town of Oakham at Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m.; town of New Braintree at the Town Hall from 10-10:45 a.m.; town of North Brookfield Town Hall from 11 a.m.-noon and on Wednesday, Sept. 17 town of Barre Senior Center from 9:30-10:15 a.m. and town of Hubbardston at Senior Center from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – It is time for the Hardwick Fair.

People are reminded to prepare their literary submissions and bring them to the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, on or before Thursday, Aug. 14. They may make a fairy house and bring it on Saturday, Aug. 16 to display in the Hardwick Fair-y Village. They may visit with a real live Fairy, Ambrosia and get a glitter tattoo.

Book lovers will find treasures at the Annual Book Sale by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Everyone

enjoys good books and it is good horse sense to buy them at the Paige Memorial Library book sale. The upper level of the library will be closed, but the lower level will hold a fresh selection of books, movies, books on CD, history books, mystery books, puzzles, and more.

West African Drumming Class for teens and adults with Jafar Manselle and the Wendell Warriors on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. will take place outside the Town House or inside if the weather requires. Drums and percussion instruments to be provided, but if anyone has

their own drum, they may bring it. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency

People may call 413-477-6704 or email director. paigelibrary@gmail.com for more information.

Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 pm, Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

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Summer Social happens Aug. 14

The Hubbardston Summer Social will take place Thursday, Aug. 14 from 6-8 pm. At Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68. There will be live music by The Green Sister, bounce house for the children and food, desserts and ice cream. This is funded in part by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council and presented by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Library 5K set for Sept. 6

The 28th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. sharp. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the Library, approaching \$90,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. The race will be held rain or shine.

Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall first place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals.

For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, race director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2024 Race/Walk raised over \$4,000 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

Dinghy Dash

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

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

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Senior Center

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

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Can my wife get her full spousal benefit at 62 or must she wait?

Dear Rusty:
I'm 64 and my wife is 62.
If my wife starts her own benefit now, she will get about \$700 on her own at 62. I will retire next year and claim Social Security when I am 65. SSA says my wife can draw \$1,100 under spousal benefits, so if she claims now will they give her spousal benefits of \$1,100 or does she need to wait until I claim at age 65 to get the \$1,100?

Signed: Trying to Understand

Dear Trying:
If your wife is now 62, then her Full Retirement Age for Social Security purposes is age 67 and if she claims any SS benefit before reaching her FRA, the amount will be reduced for early claiming. If your wife were to claim now (before you), she would get only her own SS retirement amount (the \$700 amount), and that would be a reduction of about 30% from what she would get if she waited until her FRA to claim.

Your wife cannot get a "spousal boost" (an additional amount as your spouse) until you claim your SS retirement benefit (at age 65?). And her benefit as your spouse at that time will also be reduced because she will not have yet reached her FRA. If your wife is already collecting her own SS retirement benefit when you later claim, she will be given her "spousal boost" to make her benefit equal what she is entitled to as your spouse. But her total monthly benefit as your spouse will also be reduced because it will be awarded before her FRA. The only way your wife can get her full spousal benefit from you is to wait until she is 67 to claim Social Security. If she claims any earlier, her monthly amount will be permanently reduced.

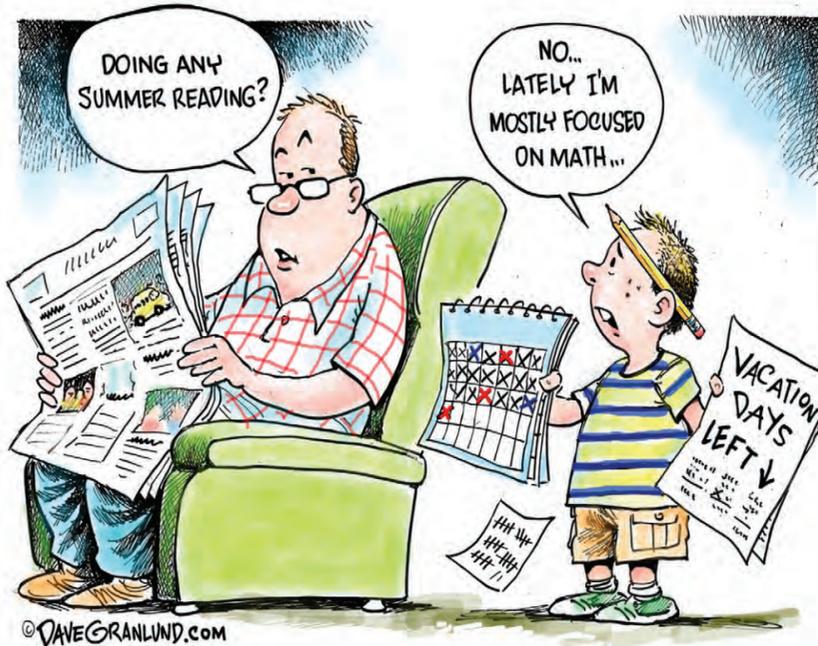
FYI, if you plan to claim at age 65, you should also be aware that your full retirement age (FRA) is also age 67 and claiming at age 65 will mean that you will get about 87% of the amount you would get if you waited until age 67 to

claim. Again, these reductions are permanent, except for normal Cost of Living Adjustments awarded annually thereafter.

Having said all of that, deciding when each of you should claim your Social Security benefit is a matter of financial need, while also considering your life expectancy. If your life expectancy is short and/or you need the money, then claiming early is likely the right decision. But if your life expectancy is longer and you don't urgently need the money, then you might both consider waiting longer to claim a higher monthly amount and get more in cumulative lifetime benefits.

Finally, please remember that whenever SS is claimed before full retirement age, Social Security has an annual earnings test which limits how much can be earned by working while collecting early SS benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (they take back by withholding future SS payments). FYI, the earnings limit for those who claim SS early changes (increases a bit) yearly and goes away entirely once full retirement age is reached. So, if either or both of you are working, you should evaluate whether claiming your Social Security benefit early (before your respective FRA) is a prudent choice.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 20, 2020)
wSuperintendent Dr. Sheila Muir discussed the Quabbin school reopening plan with Barre selectmen Monday night. She said she was making the rounds to all select boards in the school district. She said the main goal was keeping students and staff safe. She said the plan was subject to change. All the schools in the district do not have the capacity for six-foot distancing. She said the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education had a model with three-foot spacing. However, many parents and the school team felt the three-foot distancing was inadequate. Grade six to 12 students will have a hybrid model of in class and remote instruction with two cohorts attending school on opposite days – Tuesday and Thursday and Wednesday and Friday. All students will learn remotely on Monday. In person instruction will be for half-day and remotely the other half of the day. Classes in person will last 45 minutes. Students will get a grab and go lunch and eat it at home, then work remotely.

Barre Town Administrator Jessica Sizer said Police Chief John Carbone planned to have a police officer to direct traffic at Ruggles Lane School because of the different traffic pattern. He also planned to use CARES Act money for a School Resource Officer all day at the school. However, she said right now CARES Act money must be used by Dec. 30.

Director of the Paige Memorial Library, Julie Bullock, along with Board of Trustees chair Jackie Easter and member Peter Schmid, spoke at the Hardwick Parks

Look Back Hardwick Fair – 1993



Kimberly and Laura Nadeau enjoy cotton candy at the Hardwick Community Fair.

and Recreation Committee meeting Monday afternoon, Aug. 14, to discuss the idea of an interactive nature trail on the library property. Bullock said of the property, "We have this beautiful backyard, how about a nature walk?" Bullock and Schmid said they were inspired after speaking with Fobes Memorial Library Director Samantha Bodine in Oakham, about their use of a CARES Act grant to build and install a permanent story walk. The story walk is a way many libraries are able to continue serving their patrons during the pandemic, and still practice social distancing. The story walk not only encourages physical activity, but also literacy and the stories can be swapped out a limitless number of times.

10 years (Aug. 20, 2015)

The 253rd Hardwick Fair takes place on Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22 on the Common in Hardwick, at the corner of Route 32

and Barre Road. There is no admission fee to attend the fair. Festivities begin on Friday night at 7 p.m. with the opening ceremonies on the Common. Thereafter, there is a supper with lasagna, salad and a lumberjack competition, pottery demonstration and antique tractor display and more. The fair continues on Saturday, Aug. 22

Nicole Parkman of Adams Road requested the Oakham Selectmen install a stop sign on Barre Road, a major safety issue. She stated that her niece was knocked off her bicycle caused by speeding cars while riding on the road. She said if she did not have a helmet, she might have been seriously hurt or killed. Parkman stated she started a petition for a stop sign to slow traffic by the Adams Road and Barre Road intersection. Since 2010, according to figures

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Guest Column

Eastern Phoebes journey from hatching to fledgings

Note: Jeffrey Landry wrote this during this year's Fourth of July just before the young phoebes in the photos above fledged. He is an avid bird watcher and wanted to share this story with our readers.

By Jeffrey Landry

With each passing day Mother Phoebe returns to the nest and tries to get some rest after a full day of chasing down bugs while in flight.

Her feet barely touch ground during these amazing acrobatics and she has never attended flight school nor received a medal for these achievements. Her gold will be awarded to her after getting these little cuties plump and fit for their own flight.

Since sunrise she and Pa

Phoebe have been going back and forth endlessly to their transient home made of neatly woven grasses, green moss and small dabs of mud to help hold it together. Inside the nest the beckoning, gaping mouths of the young are never fully satisfied. The hatchlings are essentially large mouths with stubby wings, covered in soft down.

They look like they have come out of a shower or rainstorm and someone forgot to comb their fluff. It's all so untidy and a general mess, but this is known as the "relaxed look" and it's all the rage in Mother Nature's world.

Eastern Phoebe young have generous mouths lined with an almost fluorescent yellow color so that their parents never miss their mark at



feeding time. When the parents return with a wiggling bug or a stunned dragonfly, it's as if the little ones reflexively come to life and cry out, "Feed me Seymour or I will eat you," like out of control Venus flytraps.

And if their brilliantly colored mouths weren't artistic enough, Mother Nature then

humorously applied the same color, like a fine line of lipstick, to their outer beaks to make them even more dazzling for their debut.

In their onesies of fluff and down and with color on their beaks they always seem ready for a night out on the town. At this age, however, their night out will only consist of snoozing under mom's wing.

The sun sets and the gentle caress of twilight says to the little hatchlings, the diner is, "Closed." Mother Phoebe lands deftly back onto the nest and carefully wiggles her body both between and onto the little ones. She emits an almost imperceptible sound as if to say, "Woo, how nice to find some rest, my wings are barking."

Pa Phoebe seconds that

with a classic tail wag and a wink while hunkering down on a nearby tree branch.

I sit on the back porch rocking gently back and forth talking to Phoebe and her little ones as if they were familiar neighbors or long lost friends. She is patient with me and perhaps wonders, what's this human up to?

As the baby Phoebe get bigger they grow exponentially with each passing day and I can tell mom is being pushed up higher and higher each evening as if she were sitting on a cake or bread that had more than the usual allotted amount of yeast for that recipe. She has become a baker of sorts, proofing Mother Nature's ingredients and rising toward heaven in the divine process.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Most days this week have been pleasant weather wise.

I did go out and deadhead flowers and cut back foliage on things that are done for the season. I also picked two big bouquets of hydrangeas to dry. I have three colors, white, blue and bright pink. In another vase I have hosta leaves, coleus leaves and some more hydrangeas.

Ken picked some blueberries so I made a fresh blueberry pie. This pie contains only a bottom crust and I put whipped cream on the top when serving. I also made a large pan of eggplant Parmesan that will go for three meals. I did put one container in the freezer for later.

I got my order for blank watercolor cards so I have made several of those also. I have been sewing this week. I made three aprons, an oven mitt, four holders and 12 placemats.

I am having trouble threading my sewing machine needle so I had to ask the handyman to do it for me. I bought three needle threaders and can't even thread that. It is not fun to get old. I love to sew so hope I won't have to stop. I have no trouble threading the hand needles as the eye is larger.

I have a lot of hummingbirds at the feeder. I had a group of 10 turkeys in the yard the other day and Buddy the standard poodle enjoyed chasing them up the trees.

Here is a recipe I think the youngsters in the families may enjoy making with the assistance from their parents.

COW PIES

2 cups milk chocolate chips

1 tablespoon shortening

1/2 cup raisins

1/2 cup chopped walnuts, pecans or slivered almonds

In a double boiler over simmering water, melt choc-

olate chips and shortening, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat, stir in raisins and nuts. Drop by tablespoons onto waxed paper. Chill until ready to serve. Makes about two dozen, depending on the size. Act fast so the chocolate does not harden on you. They are yummy, but don't eat too many at once.

This and That

I bought myself a birthday present with a gift card my daughter bought me. I had a set of leaf blower and weed whackers but the battery charger wore out so I bought a new leaf blower to use on the decks. With the pine needles, acorns and leaves I have to do it twice a day.

Have a good week and just to let my readers know I am recovered from my fall. I still limp, but they do not seem to know why. X-rays showed no broken bones.

The musical by Barre Players' Summer Youth Theater, "Meet Me in St. Louis," begins with rolling music in subdued light. The little girl, Tootsie Smith, played by Brianna Carbone, is holding her doll and looking at a doll catalogue. Then the postman, Clinton Badger, Dan Bourque, arrives with the mail. Next Agnes Smith (April Brewer) appears on the scene. The year is 1903. The place is the Smith home in St. Louis, where everyone is eagerly looking forward to the World's Fair.

Wednesday, Aug. 30 is the last day to register to vote for the State Primary Election on Sept. 19. All registrations must be received or post-marked before 5 p.m. on Aug. 30 to be eligible to vote on Sept. 19. Anyone wishing to register may do so at the Town Clerk's Office Monday or Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays or by mail.

38 years (Aug. 20, 1987)

Bids for Barre's Cable Television were opened at the Barre Selectmen's meeting on Monday, Aug. 17. Five cable companies submitted bids to obtain the contract to bring pay T.V to Barre and neighboring Wheelwright. Due to the length of the applications, reading of bids was forfeited at the meet-

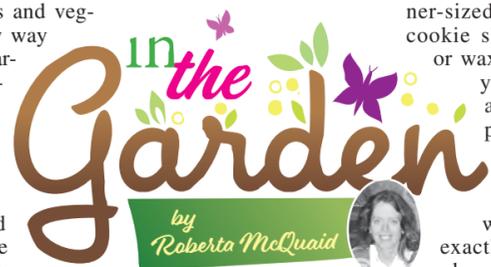
ing. Representatives of the five participating companies were allowed to go over each other's proposals in a separate room. The Board voted to take the bids under advisement for two weeks while Administrative Assistant Lorraine Leno and Barre resident Richard Paula review the applications.

The Barre elementary schools will reopen for the new school year on Sept. 2, the Wednesday before Labor Day. School hours will be essentially the same as those for last year 8:30 a.m.-2:40 p.m. for Roger Langley School and 8:30 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. for Ruggles Lane. Bus routes, except for minor adjustments, will remain the same as last year.

Due to the burial of effluent pipes for Barre's new sewage treatment plant, Vernon Avenue to Valley Road bridge by the Barre Wool will be completely closed through the beginning of next week (Aug. 24). Resident will need to park their cars elsewhere. A crew is working on South Barre/Valley through the balance of this week. If the materials arrive the crew will then move to Old Furnace Road at Barre Plains Center. A third crew will then begin next week in the Celona Square area. The pipeline work will be done on Cedar and Fir Streets.

This summer try freezing the harvest

Freezing fruits and vegetables is an easy way to preserve the harvest. More nutrients are retained by this method of food preservation than any other, and the color, flavor and texture are as close to fresh as you can get.



by Roberta McQuaid

Freezing works by curbing the growth of organisms that cause food to spoil. The key to longevity is to use packaging that will keep out air and moisture. Thick plastic freezer bags, tight-fitting plastic containers (square make better use of freezer space than round), or boilable bags that are made for vacuum sealers are all great options for that purpose.

Fresh berries are easily frozen whole. I've been doing my share of that lately. Any blackberries we don't eat get popped on an aluminum pie tin to freeze, once frozen they are moved into freezer containers where I can easily take out just what I need.

Many people also freeze tomatoes whole, figuring that it's too hot to make sauce now, but it won't be in a couple of months. Thawing frozen whole tomatoes makes for easy skin removal.

Vegetables such as peas, yellow and green beans, broccoli and more are all easily frozen once you know the method.

Here is how you do it: Grab a pot from your cupboard to blanch your produce - this part of the process will help to retain the desirable characteristics that I mentioned above. You can blanch by steaming or boiling.

Reportedly, steaming is

superior for nutrient preservation.

While you wash and chop your veggies to bite-size pieces, bring a few inches of water to a boil in a covered pot equipped with a steamer basket. When the water begins to boil hard insert a single layer of veggies into the basket and replace the lid (this part is critical). Blanch for 3-6 minutes, depending on thickness, for broccoli and 4 minutes for green or yellow beans.

Don't have a steamer pot? Try boil blanching instead. Bring a pot of water to a rapid boil then carefully immerse your vegetables to avoid spattering. When the water returns to a boil begin timing.

Broccoli will take 2-3 minutes using this method; beans need 3.

Once blanching is complete, you must cool down the produce as quickly as possible to stop the cooking process from going any further. This is accomplished by plunging the food into a waiting bath of ice water.

I remember reading somewhere that it should stay in the bath for about as long as it took to blanch it. Once cooling is complete, drain the veggies and allow them to air-dry on a clean towel.

This next step is a must if you are freezing in big bags rather than exact din-

ner-sized portions: Line a cookie sheet with freezer or waxed paper. Arrange your dry produce in a single layer and pre-freeze for an hour or two, then fill your bag.

This way you will be able to grab exactly what you need when making a meal-pieces won't be frozen together in a big block.

Vacuum packers are great for freezing dinner-sized portions. Simply pack the bags with your blanched, air-dried veggies and seal. Without one you can do a good job of removing air from your freezer bags by simply squeezing out as you can manually then inserting a straw into an unsealed corner and inhaling to draw out what remains.

The kids will find this part of the preservation process to be a lot of fun! Be sure to label the contents with the date - most produce will keep for at least a year at zero degrees.

For a more detailed look at freezing and other types of food preservation consult these great books by Storey Publishing: "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" by Janet Chadwick and "The Big Book of Preserving the Harvest" by Carol W. Costenbader.

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

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from the Registry of Motor vehicles there were 26 accidents on Barre Road from Old Turnpike Road to Adams Road.

With the current intersection project taking place in the center of town, known as the Barre Common Project, people have seen daily traffic disruption. Roads that have been one way are now two way, detours are now a common occurrence and the idea of changes becomes the norm. While it may seem as a nuisance, the result will greatly reduce the incidence of pedestrian and motor vehicle accidents. This project has been worked on in some fashion for over 50 years. Police Chief Erik Demetropoulos announces, "We are expecting an increase in traffic with the start of the school season. In an attempt to reduce the amount of vehicle traffic introduced to the construction zone, I have recommended a temporary alteration to Kendall Street." During the remainder of the construction season we are making Kendall Street a two way road.

25 years (Aug. 17, 2000)

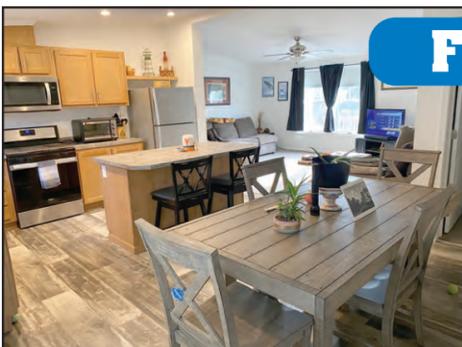
Hubbardston Police Chief Larry Barrett presented his monthly report at a meeting on Aug. 7 and received some suggestions on how to present some of his data in a format that might be more useful to them in overviewing the department's activities. They asked him if he would be willing to compile some statistics on arrests and accidents by type, domestic disputes and other incident in town on a monthly and quarterly basis so they could get more of an idea on where and how the department's time and energies were being expended.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

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Final Oakham concert is Aug. 21



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Last Thursday, Aug. 7, The Otters played on the Oakham Common as part of the summer concert series. The last concert of the series will be on Thursday, Aug. 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. with The Bad Tickers.

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center events

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, announces the seventh “theme” of the 2025 year-long Stronger Together Initiative for the month of September-Relationships.

The introductory workshops for the month of September will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. In this opening presentation, people will learn about relationships, with themselves, others, family and community. Note: this is the last “Wednesday night hang-out” for the season.

Reminding everyone again, one of the overarching messages every day at the Senior Center is “Join Us, and As Always, Bring a Friend.” The Council on Aging invites the “aging population, those 55 and over” from the towns and villages of Barre and Hardwick to come by the Senior Center and say hello. They may stop by for a morning cup of coffee or come for lunch (reservations required two days in advance), pick up a Silver Spirit newsletter and a calendar of events.

The calendar can be found by visiting www.townofbarre.com/coa or <https://mycommunityonline.com/organization/barre-hardwick-senior-center-coa>.

Thursday, Sept. 4 at 12:30 p.m. Building Bridges with Brave Conversations- Betty-

Jo will share her personal story of tragedy, transition, and transformation from her upcoming book, “Scars and Miracles.” People may sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Monday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. the topic is Let’s Talk D-Day with Fred Hamel. This engaging roundtable discussion will explore the events of June 6, 1944, the Allied invasion of Normandy and its profound impact on the course of World War II and the world that followed. He will guide us through historical context, personal stories, and the lasting significance of this turning point in history. Sign-up at the Senior Center front desk.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Women Who Stir the Pot-Join us as we celebrate the brave women who helped lead the suffrage movement with a warm cup of tea and good company. The event will include lighthearted poetry, fun trivia about women’s history and delicious tea and chocolate pairings. Vintage hats will be available if people would like to dress up for the occasion. Sign-up at the Front Desk at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Sept. 18 at 8 a.m. is the Volunteer and Stronger Together Initiative Partnership Appreciation Breakfast. By invitation only. Invitees will join us for a special and meaningful event as they come together

to honor those who serve and recognize the dedicated individuals and organizations who have become part of our Stronger Together partnership. This gathering is more than a celebration—it’s a heartfelt expression of gratitude for the service, commitment, and collaboration that strengthen our communities every day. All invited attendees, please RSVP by Friday, Aug. 29.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. Fall Information Fair-Knowledge truly is power especially when it comes to caring for ourselves and those we love. That’s why this Information Fair is such an important event for our community. Whether you’re a family member, caregiver, older adult, or someone involved in community outreach, this is a unique opportunity to connect with over 20 vendors and organizations that offer valuable services, support, and resources.

Monday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. kicks off the Sleep/Rest Theme for October.

If people know someone who has knowledge and skills that they could bring to a presentation or program, the Council on Aging would love to hear about it. They may call Betty-Jo O’Brien, COA/Senior Center Director at 978-355-5004 or email coa@townofbarre.com. People may call the Senior Center at 978-355-5004 with any questions or to register for these events.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Library Director Julie Bullock showed kids the arts and crafts they can work on during their visit to the 2025 Summer Reading finale.

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while Sally showed various types of seashells and even teeth from a Baleen whale. Sally also had underwater sea sponges for guests to check out, as well as bones from various sea life.

Sam showed various aquatic life that was hanging out in the touch tanks including a spider crab, a species of crab known for having long legs. Kids got to pet the aquatic life as Sam shared information about each species.

Paige Memorial Library Director Julie Bullock

showed kids some fun craft activities. There were coloring pages featuring aquatic life and books about sea life that can be found at the library.

For more fun programs at the Paige Memorial Library, call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigeli@verizon.net.



Sam from the Mystic Aquarium shared information about animal life that hangs out in the Traveling Touch Tank.



These small touch tanks featured various aquatic life such as lobster, sea stars, and various shellfish.

Haston Free Public Library lists events

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., lists upcoming events for the month of August.

For more information or to register for any of these events, stop by or call the library at 508-867-0208 or email hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Cook the Book Night

Bring a mocktail and your favorite cheese to share for Cook the Book Night on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Select a recipe from this month’s featured cookbook, “The Art of Mixology: Mocktails” available at the circulation desk and bring it to the potluck and discussion.

Video Game Freeplay

Children are invited to celebrate the end of the “Level Up” Summer Reading Program on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. with

OneUp Games. There will be both modern and retro game consoles for everyone to play.

Summer Reading prizes will be drawn at this event and game-themed snacks will be served.

Registration is recommended but not required. To register for this event, stop by or call the library, or email blamb@cwmar.org.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Book Group

The Haston Free Public Library Book Group will discuss “This Other Eden” by Paul Harding on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.

Adult Craft Night

Make floral apothecary lights at the Adult Craft Night

event on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. Registration is required.

Adult D&D interest meetup

The library is gauging interest and availability to explore the possibility of starting an adult Dungeons & Dragons or tabletop gaming group at the library. An interest meetup will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Tabletop Gaming at the Library

Young adults are welcome to join the Tabletop Gaming group on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. No experience is necessary.

Dungeon World

Adults and teens are welcome to embark on an epic adventure playing Dungeon World, a beginner-friendly roleplaying game on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Ware Nature Club changes meeting time

RUTLAND – Due to reduced hours at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., the Ware River Nature Club changed their meeting times there for the September, October and November programs.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m., botanist and con-

servationist Tom Rawinski will talk about deer and their impacts on forest ecology. Artist Barry Van Dusen will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m., sharing sketches and paintings of subjects seen from his studio windows.

In November we’ll be

hosting hiker, photographer and camera-trapping enthusiast Jim Morelly on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Jim’s lively and informative program about mammals in the Mustelid family, otters, weasels, fishers, will include numerous photographs and video footage.

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Town Election.

Marshall said she watched the Town Administrator interviews again. She said the town had some decent candidates. She said if the Board made a recommendation tonight of a candidate for the position their vote would be pending the background investigation by Police Chief James Sabourin. She said she would also try to contact the references that had not responded.

She said Jackson was a Chief Administrative Officer and a Treasurer in Athol and Phillipston; Munroe served as Town Administrators in Wellesley and Paxton. She said Zukowski has been an Administrative Assistant to Town Administrators including Barre. Both Jackson and Munroe were Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Officials. Munroe is an attorney and Jackson holds a Bachelor’s Degree.

Chairman Marshall said Munroe had the strongest resume with a strong academic background and at least five years as a Town Administrator. Vice Chairman Mark

Regienus said the biggest issue was the turnover of Town Administrators. He said it was important that Zukowski held two jobs over 18 years, which indicated she would stay.

Marshall said Munroe had experience with grants on state and federal level, can provide legal advice, designed a website in Hubbardston, Select Board member in Hubbardston and excels in supervisory roles. Chairman Marshall made a motion for a conditional offer pending background check to Heather Munroe for Town Administrator. Neither Vice Chairman Regienus or Member Richard Stevens seconded her motion.

Member Richard Stevens said it was too bad Jackson’s references did not call back as that candidate scored high on his list. He also said he noticed Munroe job hopped every two years or so. Marshall said that Munroe has two young children and wants to work close to home. Marshall also said that reason was a factor in her staying as long as she did as Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent to be near her daughter. When her daughter went off to college, she took a super-

intendent’s job some distance from home.

Marshall said the town was without a “leader” and all Select Board members were helping out as well as the Administrative Assistant, who was doing the bulk of the work. She said the town currently has to go to Town Counsel on procurement issues, the override failed and the town has to back into a budget and make decisions on police department funding. The town also has a relatively new Department of Public Works Department. She said, “We have a candidate that meets all the requirements listed in the advertisement and [you] are considering someone with no degree and has never been a Town Administrator.

The Board agreed for the Chairman to reach out to Jackson’s references again and to schedule another meeting. The Board scheduled a meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14. At the time of print, that meeting was cancelled and the Town Administrator position and decision was put on the agenda of their regular Monday night meeting, Aug. 18.

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House of Pizza.

Fire truck discussion
The Select Board had a discussion regarding the purchase of a new demo fire truck that was approved during the town election. The voters of Hardwick approved a debt exclusion for an \$860,000 bond to pay for the costs of a new fire truck.

The current fire truck is 37 years old, and it has passed the end of its useful lifespan. The town has already contracted for a replacement for the truck.

There has been a hold up to get this bill passed so the town can secure the loan for the fire truck. State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume attended the meeting to provide an update as the town waits for a "greenlight letter" from the state to be granted permission to secure the loan. The town is hoping to get this secured sometime in a few weeks.

This is Massachusetts House bill, No. 4004, and is waiting to be approved by the Senate and House of

Representatives.

Hardwick Community Fair

The town will be hosting the annual Hardwick Community Fair and is awaiting the approval of the Select Board to grant them the dates of Aug. 15 and Aug. 16. Secretary for the Fair, Lisa Cohen attended the Aug. 11 Select Board meeting and talked briefly about this beloved community event.

"Please come to the fair," Cohen stated.

The Select Board approved the two dates for the Hardwick Fair, which will take place on the Hardwick Town Common. The annual fair offers numerous agricultural and creative exhibits, demonstrations, food, live music and dance, children's games, wagon rides, an antique tractor parade, and other fun activities.

The Fair is run by the Hardwick Community Fair Association and is a volunteer run organization.

Tree bid award

The Select Board reviewed a tree bid from the Cemetery Commission to remove eight

trees and have stump removal done between the Common and upper cemetery area. The commission received five bids, and the lowest bid was by Timber Tiger.

The Cemetery Commission voted to accept the bid and have money in their accounts to cover the project. The Board voted to approve the tree bid award for tree work & stump removal by Timber Tiger.

Town Administrator report

Caggiano presented her report to the Select Board starting with the announcement of trees being removed right behind the municipal building. The town is not going to move forward with getting a dumpster as part of removing some belongings in the municipal building's basement.

The Town Administrator is currently looking into a service contract for a new copier. Caggiano said she's also working on finances to resolve benefits for veterans and employees. Caggiano also participated in interviews along with town accountant

and is doing reference checks on the two candidates they got for one of the vacant positions.

Caggiano wanted to recognize all those who worked during the National Night Out and it was a great success.

Executive Session discussion

The Select Board talked about a possible executive session that has been on their agenda for quite some time. On the agenda it reads, "Executive Session: Per MGL c.30A, Section 21 (a) (1)- To discuss complaints or charges brought against an individual, and the chair so declares not to return to open session."

Select Board Vice Chair William Tinker spoke and did not consent to an executive session and believes this "matter must be heard in open session." With no agreement made, Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim would like to seek a motion to hire a mediator on advice of town council. Jeff Schaaf seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

St. Joseph's Church to hold Mass, picnic and chicken barbecue

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish, St. Joseph Church, 296 North Main St, North Brookfield, will hold a Mass and family picnic on Saturday, Sept. 6 and on Sunday, Sept. 7 a chicken barbecue.

There will be a fair food and family picnic on Saturday evening on the church lawn beginning at 5 p.m. An outdoor Mass will be held at 4 p.m. A delicious chicken barbecue din-

ner eat and take out served on Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Cost of the chicken dinner is \$15 per adults and \$8 per children 12 and under. Music will be provided by DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc on Saturday from 5-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-3 p.m. They will also have assorted raffles including a scratch ticket raffle, which features the grand prize of a book (50) \$30 lottery scratch tickets and lastly a bake sale.



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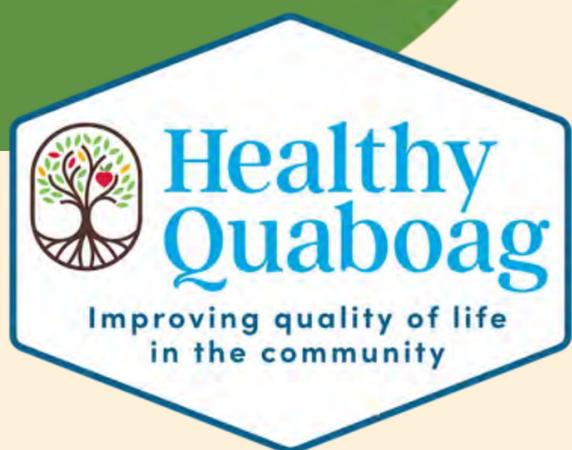


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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

POTTERY STUDIO EXHIBITION will take place today, Aug. 16, 17 and 18 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. each day at Juliet Rose Pottery Studio, 191 Reimers Road, Monson. People will enjoy walking through our many beautiful gardens as they view new and exciting works by co-owners, Linda Spelko and Juliet Bacchas. They have worked together in a seamless relationship creating teapots, mugs, bowls, Birdbaths, garden globes, wall reliefs, sculptures and so more unique and one of a kind items for homes and gardens. This event is open to the public and is free of cost.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

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

CHICKEN BARBECUE sponsored by the Ware Republican Town Committee will take place today from noon-4 p.m. at the Hardwick Rod & Gun Club, 59 Thresher Road, Hardwick to support State Senator Peter Durant. The highlight of the day will be the firing of the cannons. Tickets are \$25 each. Please contact Gerry Fountain at 413-427-2192 or gfountainjr2@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

FREE MIDDAY CONCERT showcasing the historic Worcester Hook organ in Great Hall at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester, will take place today with each at noon. Today, Holy Cross organ scholar Gavin Klein is a rising star named to Diapason magazine's 20 Under 30 Class of 2025. His recent performances have taken him to celebrated organs in Germany, Austria and Argentina. This performance marks Klein's second appearance at Mechanics Hall. All concerts are approximately one hour in length. Admission is free and open to the public. Guests are

Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Aug. 18. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, James Laramee and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was Evergreen Cemetery on Route 67 in New Braintree.

Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer



welcome to bring their lunch or enjoy light refreshments available at concessions.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

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

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

MUSEUM TOURS AND EXHIBITS will take place at the Ware Center Meetinghouse

and Museum at 295 Belchertown Road, Route 9, Ware today and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1-3 p.m. and by appointment. The featured display this year is a collection of dishes and pottery including examples of plates and serving pieces, flow blue and tea leaf patterns and pottery for bed and bath.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

PAXTON AREA SENIOR BUS TRIP on Wednesday, Sept. 17 will go to Jonathans's in Ogunquit, Maine for lunch, Seashore Trolley Museum and in town trolley tour of Kennebunkport including Presidents George H. W. Bush's summer home on Walker's Point, Saint Anthony's Franciscan Monastery, sandy beaches, spouting rock and blowing cave. Reservations and payment are due by today. There will be a light amount of walking on this trip. The trip leaves Paxton at 8:30 a.m. and should arrive back in Paxton between

8:15 and 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$157 per person. For information and reservations, call Deb Grensavitch at 508.754.6366 or email her at grensavitchd@aol.com. Please make per person \$157 payment out to Paxton FOCOA and mail it along with choice of entree(s), to Deb Grensavitch, 88 Laurel ST, Paxton, MA 01612-1234. Payment is due Wednesday, Aug. 27 and is non-refundable unless ticket(s) can be re-sold. Meal choices include chicken piccata, lemon baked scrod or roast pork loin.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

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

ADDITIONAL REIKI SESSION at the Westminster Senior Center will be available on the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be five sessions available. To reserve a time, in person, people call the Senior Center at 978-874-7402 weekdays before 4 p.m. or call Eric Goodhart after hours at 978-496-4762 (cell). People may visit <https://www.reiki.org/resources-downloads/reiki-stories> and browse the testimonials to learn more about the benefits of a Reiki session, either one-on-one or distant healing Reiki

Calendar Policy

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

Canvas tape art made during Crafty Mondays



Graham, age 6, waited to pull the tape off his canvas panel.

By Ryan Drago
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NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library hosts Creative Mondays throughout the summer.

Throughout the month of July, the library had provided crafts such as rabbit in a hat thaumatropes, tie dye book bags, and tissue paper sun catchers. For the first Creative Monday in August, kids get to create their own canvas tape art.

The work consists of an 8 inch by 10 inch canvas panel with colored tape and paint. Assisting with Creative Mondays is 14-year-old Molly Mahan of Charlton.

Mahan enjoys being a

library assistant and helping the library out during these events. Mahan also enjoys drawing for fun and crafted a canvas panel of her own.

Mahan will be starting her freshman year in high school at Shepherd Hill this upcoming school year.

In addition to the canvas tape art, kids also got to paint birdhouses. It was a beautiful Monday afternoon, and kids got to decorate their canvas panels outside in front of the New Braintree Public Library. Six-year-old Graham arrived at the library with his family and began creating a canvas panel. Graham added colors such as orange, green, and some yellow.

After the paint dried, art-



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An example of canvas tape art created by Molly Mahan.

ists removed the tape and saw the outcome of their artwork featuring various shapes and patterns. After the craft was done, kids get

to take their canvas tape art home with them. All the supplies were provided by the New Braintree Public Library.

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Center also needs volunteers to help with meals and activities.

"The more people volunteer, the more vibrant it becomes," he said.

Grant policy and procedure

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said one issue with applying for grants is whether or not the town is

required to provide matching funds in order for the grant to be awarded.

"We don't always know that when we apply for the grant," he said of the match amount.

Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman read the policy draft during the meeting.

The policy notes that grants are "a very important lifeline to our community," and requires department heads to seek the Board of

Selectmen's approval prior to applying for a grant.

"If the grant is straightforward and all elements are understandable, the board will render its decision, however, if the grant requires additional attention the board would then request the Finance Committee evaluate the merits of the grant application. Once the Finance Committee offers its opinion the board will then make its decision regarding this grant," Gilman read.

Gilman said the Town Accountant will maintain a log of all grant application requests.

"In the past the board has encouraged committees and department heads to go out and seek grants, and really what this is, is we've worked on a process, kind of guidelines, to kind of run those grants through and kind of put them all into one place so they can be managed, looked at," he said.

Gilman said the purpose of the policy is to help monitor existing grant awards and to help those seeking grants know which steps to take.

The board voted in favor of approving the grant management policy and procedure as written.

Update from food collaborative

Karen Farrington of the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative said the free senior lunch on July 14 was well attended and enjoyed by over 40 senior citizens on the lawn of the First Congregational Church.

"It was really a good time," she said.

Farrington thanked all who helped out and participated in the event.

Farrington said the collaborative has also opened its own free food stand at the church, which was made using donated materials from Howe Lumber. John Tripp built the stand and Tina Floria and a local youth painted it.

She said there is a donation bin at the food stand where people can also donate nonperishable food items.

"Many people got together and made this happen," Farrington said.

Decorating and celebration committees

Kathleen Crevier said Lindsey Rockwood has volunteered to take over running the Decorate Our Town Committee. Rockwood works for the Water Department and has been on the committee since last year.

Crevier also brought up the need to start planning the town's activities for the country's 250th anniversary celebration of independence. She said the board should form a committee.

The board voted to form a 250th anniversary celebration committee. All interested residents should contact the board to be appointed.

Holden Hospital trust request

The board approved a request from the Police Department to repair the breathalyzer machine in the amount of \$1,659 using the Holden Hospital trust fund. This year the town received \$9,518 from the trust fund.

The trust was formed after the hospital was closed and the money is used to benefit the surrounding towns.

"We're able to divide it up, as needed, to the different safety departments for certain things for public safety," Petraitis said.

This include police, fire, ambulance and the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency.

Annual appointments

The Board of Selectmen made the annual appointments for fiscal year 2026.

The following positions remain vacant: Town Administrator, Animal Control Officer, Assistant Animal Control Officer, Fence Viewers (two positions), Assistant Fire Chief, Harbormaster, Agricultural Commission (three positions), Capital Improvement Planning Committee (two positions and two alternate positions), Council on Aging (one position), Insurance Advisory Committee (one position), Local Public Access Committee (one position), Parks and Recreation Committee (two positions), Assistant Sewer Superintendent and Zoning Board of Appeals (one alternate position).

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Top-seeded Panthers start playoffs

AUBURN – Last Wednesday evening, the Quabbin Panthers began the Auburn Summer Basketball League playoffs, facing off with Tahanto in the second round. Quabbin went 9-1 in the regular season and got the top seed and a first-round bye. They would go on to defeat Tahanto in the quarterfinals. Highlights from their semifinal matchup with Grafton will be in next week's edition.



Bobby Tobin extends to try and grab a rebound.



Isaac Patchen looks to get around an opponent.



Evan Sherbloom looks for an open teammate.



Multiple players vie for a rebound from the Quabbin basket.



Brady Patchen looks for an opening to drive to the hoop.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Nathan Kaczuwka connects on a base hit for Monson Legion Post 241.

Season ends for Monson Post 241 in state playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WORCESTER—Less than 24 hours after defeating Wilbraham in an elimination game, the Monson Post 241 run in the Legion state playoffs came to an end against Lowell Post 87.

Monson, who was the visiting team, had a golden opportunity to take an early lead, but they left the bases loaded in the first inning.

Lowell responded by scoring three runs in the bottom half of the opening frame. They added two more runs in the second inning enroute to an 8-0 shutout victory at Fitton Field located on the College of the Holy Cross campus on July 21.

"I thought we had turned the corner following our win against Wilbraham yesterday," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We loaded the bases in the first inning, but we just couldn't score. We've struggled offensively all season. We also made a couple of costly mistakes defensively."

Monson finished the regular season in sixth place in the zone 3 standings with a 7-6 record. They went 1-2 in the state playoffs.

"In the old format, every team in zone 3 qualified for the playoffs," Tripp said. "The format was a little bit different this year. We were lucky enough to be one of the seven teams from our zone to make the state playoffs. It was a very good accomplishment."

Each team who qualified for the state playoffs was put

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Matt Santos makes a jumping catch.

West Side wins Women's PVSSL Championship



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West Side Sports Shop won the Women's Title this year in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Back in the middle of July, Olivia Crespo and her New England Mutiny teammates lost in the United Women's Soccer League finals for the second year in a row.

On Friday, Aug. 2, Crespo guided the third-seeded Westside Sport Shop to a 5-0 shutout victory over top-seeded Here for Beer in the women's finals of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It was a little bit frustrating coming up a little bit short in the National Finals once again this year," said Crespo, who graduated from Ludlow High School. "I had a lot of confidence coming into tonight's championship match and I knew that we



Gwen Duggan, of Palmer, looks to pass

would be able to do it." Crespo, who scored four goals and had an assist against Here for Beer, was selected as the M.V.P. following the match.

"My teammates deserve a lot of credit," Crespo said. "They helped set up my goals. I wouldn't have been able to do it without them."

Last fall, Crespo was a member of the women's soccer team at Franklin Pierce University, which captured the NE 10 conference championship title. Her college soccer team played in the NCAA Division 2 Final Four.

"It was a really special season," she said. "We're looking forward to having another successful season this fall."

Westside Sport Shop (9-2-1) won the championship title for the third time since Crespo has been a member of the team. They beat sixth-seeded Heat, 2-1 in overtime in the quarter-

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Sports

Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The 2025 Wednesday Summer League at Bogey Lanes has officially ended as bowlers reached week 14.

The final standings show Sophia's Raiders as the #1 seed, with a record of 78-34, and the winners of this year's summer league on Wednesday nights. Congratulations to Sophia Hearnlaye, Trever Kennesson and Phil Clough on the victory.

Finishing in second place was Kristen's Squad with a record of 60-52. Finishing in third place was the Gutter Dolls with a record of 59-53. The Rolling Stones and Gutter Fingers tied for fourth place with each team having a record 57-55. Gutter Snipes finished in sixth place with a record of 56-56. No Shows finished in seventh place with a record of 50-62, Straight Shooters finished in eighth place with a record of 49-63, and Clock Barn finished ninth with a record of 36-76.

During the last week, the

Straight Shooters bowled against Rolling Stones. In game one, Rolling Stones defeated the Straight Shooters by a score of 470-418.

In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 456-453. Brett Green of Rolling Stones bowled a 117 in game two.

In game three, Rolling Stones won by a score of 450-447 to sweep the Straight Shooters during the final week of the summer league. Alan Nason of Straight Shooters finished strong with a 108. The final score was 1376-1318 in favor of Rolling Stones.

No Shows bowled against Gutter Fingers during the last night of league. In game one, No Shows defeated Gutter Fingers by a score of 477-455. Steve Swistak of No Shows had a strong start to the match with a 121.

In game two, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 427-416. Jean Pouliot of Gutter Fingers made a clutch spare in the tenth frame to secure the win and finished with a 101.

In game three, Gutter Fingers won the last game by a score of 442-427. The final score was 1324-1320

in favor of Gutter Fingers. Kristen's Squad finished in second place in the summer league and ended the season by winning two points in the final week. Bob Button had scores of 89, 105, and 122 for a series of 316.

Clock Barn bowled against Sophia's Raiders in the final week. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 443-430. In game two, Clock Barn won by a score of 442-440. In game three, Clock Barn won the last game by a score of 443-411. The final score was 1315-1294 in favor of Clock Barn.

Gutter Snipes bowled against the Gutter Dolls in the final week. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 468-424. In game two, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 441-436. In game three, Gutter Snipes won the last game by a score of 454-440. The final score was 1358-1305 in favor of Gutter Snipes.

The league will have a fun night and a banquet the following Wednesday and prizes for individuals and teams will be awarded. The fall leagues will be starting soon at Bogey Lanes, starting in September.

HoopHall announces presenters of 2025 Enshrinement

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has announced the list of Hall of Famers who will present the Class of 2025 at the Enshrinement Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, the "Birthplace of Basketball." Over 50 Hall of Famers are expected to be in attendance for the ceremony.

Each member of the Class of 2025 was asked to select previously inducted Hall of Famers to serve as their presenter. The decision is made solely by the incoming Hall of Famers or, in the case of posthumous honorees, by

their family.

The 2008 USA Men's National Team will be presented by members of the team who have been previously inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees and Presenters: Carmelo Anthony - Allen Iverson (Class of 2016), Dwyane Wade ('23)

Micky Arison - Alonzo Mourning ('14), Pat Riley ('08), Dwyane Wade ('23)

Sue Bird - Geno Auriemma ('06), Swin Cash ('22)

Danny Crawford - Tim Hardaway ('22), Isiah Thomas ('00)

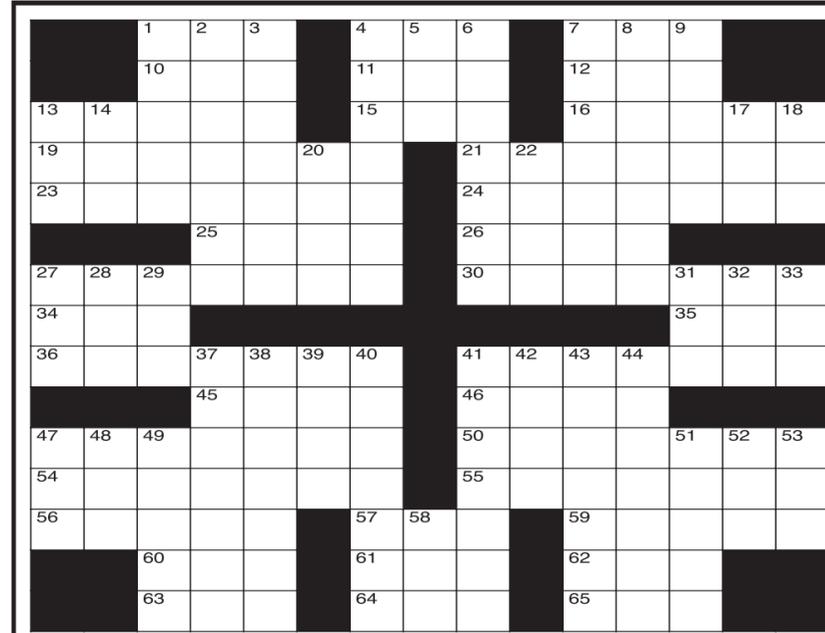
Billy Donovan - Maurice Cheeks ('18), Rick Pitino ('13)

Sylvia Fowles - Katie Smith ('18), Lindsay Whalen ('22)

Dwight Howard - Patrick Ewing ('08), Robert Parish ('03), Dennis Rodman ('11), Dominique Wilkins ('06)

Maya Moore - Seimone Augustus ('24), Geno Auriemma ('06), Swin Cash ('22), Tamika Catchings ('20), Lindsay Whalen ('22)

2008 USA Men's National Team - Jim Boeheim ('05), Chris Bosh ('21), Jerry Colangelo ('04), Jason Kidd ('18), Mike Krzyzewski ('01), Dwyane Wade ('23)



CLUES ACROSS

- Auto manufacturer
- The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Two-year-old sheep
- Member of indigenous people in Asia
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Actress de Armas
- Not moving
- Cool!
- Plants of the arum family
- Perceptible by touch
- Rorschach test
- Monetary units
- Art
- Cardinal number
- Duelling sword
- Hates
- Fixed in one place
- Pie ___ mode

CLUES DOWN

- Moved on foot
- Passenger's spot on a motorcycle
- A way through "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Leader
- Flowing
- Common greetings in Arabic countries
- Solution for all difficulties
- Soft clothing fabric
- Building material
- Sea bream
- A way to cause to be swollen
- One and only
- Skin color
- Wreath
- Nevertheless
- They ___
- Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

- Policemen (French)
- Toy dog
- Inflamed colon disease
- Muscular weaknesses
- Helps little firms
- References
- Takes down
- Facilitates
- One-time empress of the Roman Empire
- Engine additive
- Chemistry solution
- Written account
- Consumed
- Coming after all others
- No (slang)
- Government lawyers
- Super Bowl winner Manning

CLUES DOWN

- Small amount
- A way to save for your future
- A way to travel behind
- Midway between northeast and east
- Head pain
- Loud lawn insect
- Actress Hathaway
- Boat race
- About fish
- Nursemaid in India
- Marketable
- Tinier
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Paddle
- Oneness
- Bitter compound
- Not around
- Very fast airplane
- Swiss river

Education

MWCC receives \$100,000 George I. Alden Trust grant

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the George I. Alden Trust.

This grant will support Phase I of a three-phase expansion of the Automotive Technology Center, which will allow MWCC to continue its growth and innovation in training the next generation of automotive technicians. The grant will cover 29% of the funding needed for the installation of two modular classrooms, adding 2,000 square feet of instructional space to meet the increasing demand in the Automotive Technology program. This growth is driven by MWCC's Electric Vehicle courses, launched with funding from a National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education

grant.

The addition of EV training has already driven a significant increase in program enrollment, equipping students with essential skills in both traditional and cutting-edge automotive repair, including hybrid and fully electric vehicles. "Our automotive programs are at the forefront of industry needs, and this funding will allow us to continue offering state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for our students," said MWCC President James Vander Hooven. "With the support of the George I. Alden Trust, we are able to expand our capacity, ensuring that more students have the opportunity to gain the skills necessary for successful careers in this rapidly evolving field."

Phase II will convert existing space into additional instructional areas, followed by Phase III which will focus on the renovation of the second-floor of the facility to increase student support services at the facility. The George I. Alden Trust was established in 1912 in Worcester for the purpose of the "maintenance of some charitable or philanthropic enterprises" with specific interest in "the promotion of education in schools, colleges, or other educational institutions."

People may visit alden-trust.org to learn more. For more information about MWCC's automotive programs and the ongoing expansion of the Automotive Technology Center, they may visit www.mwcc.edu/auto.

UMass Amherst lists area graduates

A M H E R S T – Approximately 5,000 students received Bachelor's Degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 16, 2025 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Local students that

received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst are:

Carter Andrew Hughes of Barre, Sophie Marie Van Arsdell of Hardwick, Abigail N. Ikonen of Hubbardston, Michael David Smith of Hubbardston, Shea William Lindley of Oakham,

Samantha Lenore Sands of Oakham, Nathan Michael Legare of Petersham, Marlena Hope Niedzwiecki of Petersham, Sofia Isabella Baker of Rutland, Andrew Charles Colson of Rutland, Stefan Ivaylov Notchev of Rutland, Amanda Elizabeth Towns of Rutland and Nicole Yang of Rutland.

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into a pod with three other teams.

The other teams in Monson's pod were Wilbraham, Lowell Post 87, and Shrewsbury Post 297, who hosted the pod held at Holy Cross.

"Playing a game at a college field is an experience that these players will never forget," Tripp said. "I really enjoyed coaching this year's team. They're a bunch of great kids. I'm looking forward to coaching this team again next year."

The four Monson players who'll be ineligible to play for the Post 241 squad next year are Nate Kaczuwka (Ware High School), Jason Mumper (Ware High School), Hunter Griswold (Pathfinder Tech), and Miguel Velasquez (Pathfinder Tech).

Grayson Griswold, who also attends Pathfinder Tech, was Monson's starting pitcher

against Lowell.

While Griswold allowed five runs on only two hits in 1 1/3 innings.

"Grayson is going to be a sophomore at Pathfinder and he's going to be an outstanding baseball player during the next couple of years," Tripp said. "He just needs to keep improving his skills."

Lowell righthander Liam Conley got off to a shaky start.

Monson third baseman Brayden Mega, who graduated from Pathfinder Tech in June, began the game by hitting a ground ball double down the left field line. Then catcher Kyle Kaczuwka and Designated hitter Nate Kaczuwka were both hit with pitches, which loaded the bases with two outs. Conley, who only allowed three hits during the first six innings, escaped the jam with a strikeout.

Lowell took a 3-0 lead with the benefit of only one

hit in the bottom of the first.

Righty Austin Meacham, who attends Monson High School, replaced Griswold on the mound with two outs in the second inning. Meacham, who hadn't pitched in a couple of weeks, allowed two inherited runs to score before settling down. He gave up a run in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

Monson, who only had two men on base between the second and fifth innings, loaded the bases again with one-out in the sixth.

Velasquez, who started at second base, reached first base after getting hit with a pitch. Then Nate Kaczuwka beat out an infield hit, and Mumper, who started in centerfield, drew a walk.

Just like he did in the opening frame, Conley got out of the jam with a pair of strikeouts.

Monson went down in order in the seventh inning ending their season.

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finals before squeaking out a 3-2 win over the second seeded Monson Mustangs in the semifinals.

Here For Beer, who defeated Westside Sport Shop in last year's finals, won the regular season match-up between the two squads. They entered the 2025 playoffs with an 11-1-0 record and earned a quarterfinal bye. They advanced into the finals after defeating the fourth-seeded Lusitano Women, 2-1, in the semifinals.

"Westside is a very good team this year," said Here for Beer player/coach Cassie Ashwell "If we were going to lose to anyone, I'm okay losing to them."

Longtime Minnechaug Regional girls' varsity soccer coach Nundi Goncalves attended the championship match. Several of his former players were playing on both sides.

The former Lady Falcons players wearing Westside uniforms were Emily Howard, Rhiann Ryan, Claire Poindexter, Gaby Williams, Lylah Jeannotte, and Chapin Jeannotte.

The Jeannotte sisters weren't teammates when they were in high school.

"We missed playing on the same soccer team at Minnechaug by only one



Lylah Jeannotte, of Wilbraham gets a quick touch on the ball.

Here For Beer also had several players from the Turley Publications coverage area. They are Macie Bolton (Belchertown), Taryn Cariveau (Chicopee), Katie Gilhooly (Chicopee), Gwen Duggan (Palmer), and Lauren Marjanski (South Hadley), who didn't play in the finals.

Westside Sport Shop scored a pair of goals during the first ten minutes of the match.

Crespo, who's entering her senior season at Franklin Pierce, gave her team a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute after firing a low shot into the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, Crespo delivered a crossing pass from the right side of the box to Natalie Matz, who poked a shot into the net past Pastreck.

Westside had several shots on goal during the final 30 minutes of the first half, but the score was still 2-0 at the break.

Crespo scored three more goals during the second half.

Crespo's first goal after halftime was unassisted, while Matz and Julianna Beaulieu were given the assists on her final two goals.

Sara Avery, who was Westside's starting goalie, and Chloe Laizer, who also played for the Mutiny, combined to post the shutout.

Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Boasting Part 2

Is it not amazing how much of what we speak is boastful in nature.

Scripture roundly prohibits much of our boastfulness. In this edition, let us continue to note aspects of human bragging that the Bible forbids. Please take note of the following:

1) Religiosity

We must be wary of making the practice of our religion an arena for boastfulness. The same Christ who told His people to "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16b) also warned against the following:

Matthew 6:1

1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."

There is danger, clearly, in doing good things for the wrong reasons (i.e., for the sake of being noticed and receiving praise). Let me add that Christ gets rather particular about the performance of religion for prideful or boastful ends. Jesus adds:

Matthew 6:2-4, 5-6, 16-18

2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head

and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

How many of us know that giving, prayer and fasting are wonderful, life-giving practices in their place? However, out of place and for the sake of personal pride, good things turn toxic before God and among men, leading to spiritual loss. Matthew Henry offers this insight: "Those that boast most of religion may be suspected of partiality and hypocrisy in it." May such not be said of us! Let us be a people given to the doing of praiseworthy things for the sake of heavenly praise, and not for the fleeting benefit of personal praise! In the end, what good is the praise of fickle humanity? Not much at all.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. We will delve a bit deeper on this topic in the next publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. I hope to see you soon.

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

"Let us be Rich Toward God."

Scripture Reading:
Luke 12 v 13 -21 and
Colossians 3 v 10 -11

I. Introduction

Yesterday morning on my walk, I saw a woman working hard removing weeds from the sidewalk.

I've been considering taking on that task for our sidewalk. I already removed the crab grass that was growing in between the flowers and vegetables, even though I mulched the area previously. It was a reminder of how stubborn weeds can be and their tendency to thrive among the plants we try to

cultivate.

It is also a reminder of how weeds can prevent the flourishing of our blooms and our veggies, and how important it is to spend some time to remove them. Of course, there are some weeds that are good for the environment and for our vegetation. I was thinking about this when I read our passage, particularly Luke 12 verse 21 and also Colossians Chapter 3 v 10 -11, be rich toward God and clothe yourselves with the new self in Christ.

II. Let us be Rich Toward God

Jesus was addressing a crowd of many thousands, Luke wrote, teaching them about how to live a righteous life. Anything they do in the dark, behaviors that are not according to the life in Christ, will be revealed and come to light, He said. They should not fear those who can kill the body, but fear Him, who after the killing of the body, has the power to throw them into hell.

While He was teaching the crowd, someone in the crowd interrupted Him, asking Him to arbitrate between him and his brother, because he wanted half of his inheritance. He told this man that He is not their arbiter and then told the parable of the rich fool to him and the crowd, warning them against all kinds of greed. It is a parable about how this rich man was planning to tear down his barns to build bigger ones, to store his crops, so he can have plenty for many years to come. His life would be a life of abundance, filled with eating and drinking and being merry for many years to come.

It becomes clear that this rich man did not have in his mind an abundant life with God but is instead self-absorbed in how he will take care of himself and his riches, while many are struggling in poverty. In the parable God enters the situation and tells the rich man that all the riches he is planning to gather will be in vain, because his life and soul can be taken away that very night, leaving him with the question who would get what he had planned for himself.

At no point did the rich man acknowledge that the ground and the rain and the sun that produced the crops

comes from God. It is all about him and his material resources and his abilities to make things happen for him. Jesus tells the man who wants his inheritance, and the crowds that wealth and greed in this life, without being rich toward God, and embracing the values that Christ promotes will not lead to heaven.

In Colossians Chapter 3 v 10 - 12 Paul describes the things and behaviors that keep the minds focused on earthly things, preventing them from truly being a new community in Christ clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness. Behaviors that are contrary to these Christ-like values cannot truly be associated with the new humanity and community in Christ, which is about love, respect, and care for one another the way He cared.

The new humanity in Christ has been transformed from the old humanity and is constantly being renewed into the image of the Creator, Who is love and peace, kindness, and mutual respect. It is love, Paul says that binds them into a perfect unity, and as members of the one Body of Christ, they are called to peace.

III. Conclusion

It is therefore not only those among the rich and powerful, who disregard the values of God. It is anyone whose focus is on the self, and selfish and destructive behaviors who must rid themselves from those things and be rich toward God, growing to become the image of God here on earth. It is important, because we do not know when the time comes for God to take our bodies and our souls.

May God help us all in our personal lives, in our communities, at work, and here at church, to weed the things from our lives that are not acceptable in the eyes of God, and live according to the values He came to teach us, and the values the church as the Body of Christ must live up to, the values of peace and kindness and mutual respect.

Amen.

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



The golf cars are all lined up and ready for the shotgun start at the annual GABB Golf Tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church held at Quail Hollow Country Club in Oakham Monday, Aug. 11.

GABB Golf Tournament had great turnout Monday

OAKHAM — On Monday, Aug. 11, 94 golfers and over a dozen volunteers gathered at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club for the 28th annual G.A.B.B. Golf Tournament.

The Tournament was originally started in 1995 as the Bob Tyck Memorial Golf Tournament. In its early years it helped a family in need, but over the years became a tournament to benefit local charities. After a three-year pause, the tournament was renamed G.A.B.B., now also in honor of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray and Bob Lajoie, who were always present and instrumental to the great success of the original Bob Tyck Tournament.

The weather was gorgeous, spirits were high and play was enthusiastic. Foursomes made good use of strings (used to extend putts) and mulligans (used to retake short or wayward shots) and some impressive low scores were achieved. Third place was won by the foursome of Mike McDonald, Warren McDonald, Mark McDonald and Chuck Manz, with 18 under par. Tim Canada, Rob Collette and Rick and Richie Davis came in second also at -18, and first place went to Randy, John, Jeff and Justin Laclair at 19 under par. The team of Barbara Young, Mary Haynes, Mary Amadio and Pat Beauregard took home the "Most Honest" award.

Other winners included Closest to the line, Carolyn Nelson; Closest to the pin, Dave Bigelow; Longest drive (men), Rocky Allain and Longest drive (women), Mary Amadio. Carolyn Nelson took second place and Mark Terasiak was first in the putting contest that preceded the tournament.

In addition to the tournament prizes, there were hundreds of raffle prizes available for the players who stayed for the delicious Italian buffet banquet from Scott Toupin Catering. No one went home empty handed.

The Tournament was a huge success, raising over \$10,000 for local charities. The committee would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers for their work and generosity: Graphite Insulating Systems, Lajoie Brothers Transport, Mike's Mechanical, Moran Law,



Submitted photos

This young boy was all smiles while riding in the golf cart at the GABB Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 11.

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Public Notices

**Town of Oakham
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing**
There will be a Request for Determination hearing on **Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:00p.m.** in the Oakham Town Hall for the removal of tree(s) at 19 Oak Drive. This has been requested by Susan Baldwin of 19 Oak Dr.

Lucy Tessnau
Oakham Conservation
Commission

08/14/2025

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No.
WO25P2533EA
Estate of:
Richard Thomas Hamel
Also Known As:
Richard T. Hamel
Date of Death: July 1, 2025
FORMAL PROBATE**

PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert E. Hamel of Nashua, NH**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert E. Hamel of Nashua, NH

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled

to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
08/14/2025

PUBLIC AUCTION

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

2010 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL2EP4AC167027
2023 Yamaha R1
VIN: JYARN665SPA003233
2017 Chevrolet Trax
VIN: KL7CJNSB9HB206131
2012 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCP3F81CA015999
2011 Chevrolet Cruze
VIN: 1G1PD5SH0B7305276

2017 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL3AP6HC277468
2005 Dodge Grand 1D4G-
P24R25B366183

2008 Nissan Sentra
VIN: 3N1AB61E98L708809
1972 Volkswagen Beetle
VIN: 1522361247

2018 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCV1F52JA253602
2012 Ford Fusion
VIN: 3FAHP0JG8CR241275

2011 Volvo VNM
VIN: 4V4MC9DG2BN296105
**The sale will be held at
Early's on Park Avenue
536 Park Avenue
Worcester, MA 01603
07/31, 08/07, 08/14/2025**



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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 20
 12:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, West Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:49 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Williamsville Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
 9:09 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Williamsville Road, Property Returned
Monday, July 21
 1:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Written Warning
 9:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
Tuesday, July 22
 8:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Oakham Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:18 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Root Road, Investigated
 9:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Sheldon Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Varney Lane, Mutual Aid Transported
 11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons George, Dixon,

72, Ware
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:20 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Lane Road, Report Filed
 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 9:25 p.m. Assault and Battery, Old Coldbrook Road, Peace Restored
Wednesday, July 23
 6:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 2:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Depot Road, Report Filed
 2:39 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Depot Road, No Transport Required
 5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Menezes, Lorraina De Oioveira, 27, Westborough
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 10:58 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Thursday, July 24
 3:02 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasant Street, Report Filed

Summons Cosby, Wesley James, 32, Boston
 Charges Assault and Battery
 8:10 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Wheelwright Road, Area Search Negative
 11:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
Friday, July 25
 1:53 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Gardner, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, School North Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:39 p.m. Harassment, Ruggles Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Clem Court, Transported to Hospital
 11:35 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, North Brookfield Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
Saturday, July 26
 3:35 a.m. Noise Complaint, Old Coldbrook Road, Peace Restored
 7:27 a.m. Fire – Submerged/Sinking Vehicle, Brigham Pond Boat Ramp, Vehicle Removed
 8:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, July 20
 5:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Village Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:44 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 3:39 p.m. Disturbance, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
Monday, July 21
 8:41 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Kosta Avenue, Referred to Other Agency
 10:15 a.m. Vandalism, Emerald Road, Investigated
 10:32 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained
 11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:36 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 1:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Farinacci Echevarria, Jan Manuel, 23, Gardner
 Charges Operating Under Influence, Drugs
 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:10 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Highland Park Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Hansen, Matthew g., 38, Athol
 Charges License Suspended for Operating Under Influence, Operating Motor Vehicle with Inspection. Sticker No
 3:35 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Orchard Hill Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
Tuesday, July 22
 12:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Village Way, Transported to Hospital
 8:21 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Crawford Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Clealand Circle, Ambulance Signed Refusal

1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Clealand Circle, Transported to Hospital
 1:36 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Zapet Macario, Elder Bernadion, 31, Hopkinton
 Charges Unlicensed operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S10
 2:48 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:47 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Main Street, Call Transferred
 7:56 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Property Returned
 10:48 p.m. Noise Complaint, Maple Avenue, Area Patrolled
Wednesday, July 23
 8:12 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Negative Contact
 8:21 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Juniper Lane, Referred to Other Agency
 8:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Jamie Ann Drive, Transported to Hospital
 9:35 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, South Street, Animal Brought to Vet
 9:38 a.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Investigated
 12:53 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Bushy Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Pleasantdale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Engle, Sean Vincent, 28, Brighton
 Charges Register Motor Vehicle Improperly to Avoid Taxes/Premiums
 2:49 p.m. Safety Concern, Charnock Hill Road, Verbal Warning
 5:54 p.m. Complaint, Nancy Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
Thursday, July 24
 6:19 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Negative Contact
 7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 8:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 9:18 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Marsh Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:23 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:12 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Investigated
 10:13 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Tufts Wildlife, Animal Brought to Vet
 10:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 1:04 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Street, Returned to Family/Guardian
 1:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 3:33 p.m. Complaint, Edson Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prouty Lane, Written Warning
 5:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Information Taken
 7:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Glenwood Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Peace Restored
 10:44 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Friday, July 25
 9:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Edson Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Norris, Elizabeth Page, 35, Barre
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90- S23, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 9:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Saturday, July 26
 2:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Calsons Way, Transported to Hospital
 9:15 a.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Kosta Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 7:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, July 20
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Robinson Road, Written Warning
 Monday, July 21
 2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Rutland Road, Citation Issued
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 3:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
Tuesday, July 22
 4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
Wednesday, July 23
 2:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 2:39 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Depot Road, No Transport Required
 3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
Thursday, July 24
 10:12 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Investigated
Friday, July 25
 6:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 6:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 6:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Worcester Road, Written Warning
 7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 7:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 10:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 1:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Norris, Elizabeth Page, 35, Barre
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S24, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 9:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 11 building/property checks, eight directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, one traffic control, three emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle investigation, five complaints, one safety hazard, two motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.
Monday, Aug. 4
 1:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:56 p.m. Complaint, School

Street, Officer Handled
 5:42 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Services Rendered
Tuesday, Aug. 5
 7:21 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 32, Report Taken
 11:11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled
 4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Chagnon Road, Officer Handled
 9:30 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Aug. 6
 12:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 3:41 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Delargy Road, Services Rendered
Thursday, Aug. 7
 7 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Thresher Road, Vehicle Towed
 5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
 8:20 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Officer Handled
 8:46 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Lower Road, No Action Required
Friday, Aug. 8
 1:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:31 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 6:02 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
 Saturday, Aug. 9
 8:16 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Report Taken
 9:25 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Common, No Action Required
 1:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, School Street, Investigated
 Sunday, Aug. 10
 5:48 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Negative Contact

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, July 20
 3:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Natty Brook Pond Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Gardner Road, Mutual Aid Assist
 7 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:46 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Plum Tree Lane, Information Taken
 1:36 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Highbridge Road, Negative Contact
 4:29 p.m. Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Monday, July 21
 7:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, New Templeton Road, Vehicle Towed
 9:05 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 3:04 p.m. Safety Concern, Williamsville Road, Officer Took Call
 3:11 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Burnshirt Road, Referred to Other Agency
 3:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative

Contact
Tuesday, July 22
 3:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Burnshirt Road, No
 3:50 p.m. Safety Concern, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
Wednesday, July 23
 5:26 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Headville Road, Call Transferred
 10:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital
 4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Road, Written Warning
 6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 7:46 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Thursday, July 24
 7:54 a.m. Complaint, Evergreen Road, Area Patrolled
 9:43 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:10 p.m. Threats, Adams Road, Report Filed
 2:47 p.m. Threats, Adams Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:45 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn,

Old Boston Turnpike, Investigated
Friday, July 25
 9:16 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency
Saturday, July 26
 7:27 a.m. Fire – Submerged/Sinking Vehicle, Brigham Pond Boat Ramp, Vehicle Towed
 9:31 a.m. Safety Concern, Malone Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:16 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:11 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Williamsville Road, Removed Hazard
 2:23 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:26 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Adams Road, Information Taken
 7:29 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Lombard Road, Removed Hazard
 8:58 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westminster, Officer/Chief Advised

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Award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack will present this pastel painting workshop designed for both sheer beginners to advanced participants. People may call 413-477-6312 to pre-register.

This all-new “The Seahorse: How to Pastel Paint,” all draw a seahorse or

use a template that Maichack provides, both large and small seahorses. They also create bubbles and a template will be provided as well. This is fun, and has an ocean of possibilities, having instruction in expressive pastel strokes, blending, slurring and layering.

Additionally emerald pastel pencils will be provided for details. All keep their 12” x 18” pastel painting of their personalized vivid seahorse. Photo references of various pastel seahorses are supplied for ideas allowing unfathomable possibilities. Maichack’s

own pastel painted seahorses will unveil the process. All will be entertained by lively anecdotes on the mystery of seahorses.

Maichack, is an award-winning artist, twice Mass. Cultural Council Gold Star Award Program nominee, a seasoned pro from instructing at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, colleges, to 100s of libraries. Maichack lives in the Berkshires and is a portraitist and painter working primarily in pastels. Winner of the Award of Merit from the Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New

England Show 2003, he also was awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

Maichack was commissioned by Westfield State College to paint the pastel portrait of the past president of Westfield State University, Doctor Frederick Woodward, which was unveiled at the dedication of the Woodward Center and pastel painted dictionary great Charles Merriam, unveiled by Merriam-Webster Co. at Merriam-Gilbert Library. He has been in many national juried shows and was award-

ed numerous Massachusetts Cultural Council grants. In addition to portraiture, his still life and landscapes are represented by galleries from Kennebunkport, Maine to San Francisco, California. Maichack is accepting requests to do various commissions to do pastel paintings. People may visit his web site at www.GregoryMaichack.com.

Maichack has been a faculty member of the Museum Studio School in the Fine Arts Museum Quadrangle in Springfield and taught at Holyoke and Greenfield

Community Colleges, Westfield State University, East Works, the MFA, Boston and The Guild, Northampton. Maichack’s pastel paintings have been selected twice for the Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Association and as a result Maichack was invited to be a member of this prestigious organization.

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