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Board votes to dissolve intermunicipal agreement

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

BARRE - The Select Board voted to dissolve an inter-municipal agreement for building department services with three other towns effective Monday, Aug. 19 at their Monday, Aug. 5 meeting.

The towns of Hardwick, New Braintree and Petersham along with Barre as the host community have shared a building commissioner since 2017. About a month ago, the town of Hardwick withdrew from the agreement as they were not happy with the service delivery pattern.

The Select Board appointed Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall to negotiate with the other towns. She said New Braintree and Petersham also had issues with the service delivery and would be taking a vote to dissolve the agree-

She said William Cantell, building commissioner, was the last employee and would be receiving a two week severance pay. The Board will now look for a parttime building inspector. The Select Board members present Vice Chair John Dixson and Marshall said the Building/Zoning Enforcement Department would retain the shared clerk with the Board of Health. She would continue to handle calls and work with the state to cover inspections until a new building inspector

Audit report

Renee Davis of Marcum, LLC, a Boston based accounting firm, presented the audit report for the town for Fiscal Year 2023 to the Board at the meeting. The accounting firm Powers and Sullivan, the town's previous auditing firm, merged with Marcum.

The town received a clean audit. Davis reminded the Board of the need to obligate American Rescue Plan Act funds by the end of this December to avoid having to return the unused funds to the Federal Government. The town received \$1.7 million in ARPA money.

She also discussed the town's \$3.7 million Other Post Employment Benefit liability. She said the town created an OPEB trust and recommended they fund money toward this liability in their yearly budget. She said this would

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Q-Drug hosts National Night Out



Barre Firefighter/EMT Morin teaches a family how to use a fire extinguisher

Submitted Photo by Mary Whitelaw

BARRE - Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group wishes to thank the following individuals, organizations and departments, who made National Night Out held las Tuesday, Aug. 6 a success.

They include: Curious Cravings Bakery; SNAP-ED Ascentria Care Alliance; Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr.; Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department; The Crystal Lotus; Barre Fire Department; Barre Police Department; Worcester County Sheriff's Office; Barre Historical Society and Museum: Tracy LaRosa, Realtor; Covenant Evangelical Church; Barre Congregational Church; Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, Worcester Regional Office; BSA Troop 144; MA DCR Division of Water Supply and Protection; Hardwick Farmers Co-op; New Braintree Fire Department; Get Up and Dance; Behavioral Health Nework-Domestic Violence Support Services; Oakham Fire Department; Woods Memorial Library, The Journey Before Us, LLC; Quabbin Youth Football and Cheer; Mount Wachusett Community College;

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Photo by Janice Handrahan

National Night Out was held Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at Quabbin. The event was sponsored by QDrug and Quabbin Regional School Diatrict.

Collaborative presents proposal to re-use former school

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - Liz Cyran of the Hardwick Rural Collaborative gave a presentation to the Select Board about the nonprofit and its plans to preserve one of the town's unused buildings.

At the Aug. 12 meeting, Cyran said the group is overseen by a board made up of local women, including herself and Lisa Cohen, who was also present during the meeting.

"We're all Hardwick women," she said.

Cyran said the group is looking at saving one of the town's unused buildings, and making it into something all residents can enjoy while still reflecting and preserving the building's history.

This includes purchasing and repurposing the Ruggles Hill Road School, located just off the com-

"The Hardwick Rural Collaborative is a nonprofit organization that seeks to renovate and repurpose the Ruggles Hill School," Cyran said. "The organization envisions the Ruggles Hill School as a community resource with programs of interest and value to this rural town."

Cyran said the space could house a community kitchen, classrooms for multigenerational programs, as well as indoor and outdoor spaces. She said the collaborative will work with other nonprofits including the Hardwick Community Fair Association and the Farmers Guild of Hardwick.

"This is our mission; to preserve the Ruggles Hill School, a building which we love, and to use it for the future of our community," she said. "This is our vision; to repurpose a deteriorating building of historic significant that has outlived its original purpose into an asset to the local population without removing any of the character of the building and improving the area."

Cyran said the building is on the Historic Register and there will be no impact to the outside of the building, including restoring its native plantings. She said the proposal also includes creating a community garden.

Cyran presented a drawing of the school, which shows what it

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Barre market connects community to fresh and local

By Emily-Rose Pappas Staff Writer epappas@turley.com

BARRE - In honor of National Farmers Market week, Barre Farmers Market was full of unique and delicious products made from fresh ingredients from members of the community.

There was homemade granola, pancake mix, flower bouquets, photos, art, jewelry, vegetables, plants, microgreens and different kinds of mushrooms to choose

Kate Hall, a first-time market manager, took on the task of managing the market for the town with eagerness and excite-

"We are trying to serve the community," Hall said. "We have been working to do better for the families in our community.'

Hall was able to announce the



exciting news that some of the vendors are now WIC and SNAP certified, and she is working towards getting more in order to make it as accessible as possible to as many people as possible.

The Farmers Market is open on Saturdays until Oct. 9 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the town common with 25 vendors and farmers.

"I really like working with the community," Hall said. "I truly enjoy it, and I took this on so I could work with the community, and just get to know them better.'

"You're meeting your neighbors here," Chris Laursen, owner of Blue Darner Granola, said.

"I really wanted to help the market grow and be there for the community after taking it on," Hall said.

Since stepping in, Hall has been gifted with the generosity of several local businesses and has been able to have consistent live music from local artists come to

The market also always has cornhole set up so that people



Hailey Gallery with Hartman's Herb Farm sold beautiful flowers and delicious veggies.

can have their fun shopping and take a break to play a game with their neighbors.

for all to come and explore and select a tasty snack or two to be enjoyed by the members of the The Farmers Market is a home



Musician Bill Roy played his harmonica and guitar to provide some classic hits to be enjoyed. More photos on page 6.

News of the Towns

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Nornay Park concerts set for Aug. 17 and 31

Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre holds Saturday night concerts. The next concerts are Say Uncle on Saturday, Aug. 17 and the Otters on Saturday, Aug. 31. All concerts are from 530-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand during the concerts.

Senior/veteran fair

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

Barre Farmer Market

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

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. 19. 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 - Garlic brown sugar chicken, couscous, roasted broccoli and carrots, butterscotch pudding, diet = no sugar tapioca pudding, marble rye bread

TUESDAY - Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY - Roast turkey with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, cinnamon pears, Italian bread

THURSDAY - Roast pork with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, birthday

cake, diet = half piece of cake, marble rye bread FRIDAY – Fish with parmesan sauce, wild rice, Mandarin oranges, 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.



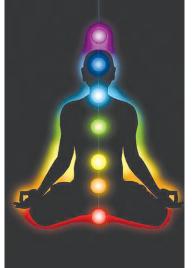
SUPPORTING LOCAL IS WHAT THIS EVENT IS ALL ABOUT!

Rutland Senior Center to host program on natural healing

RUTLAND - Starting on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 1-2 p.m. at the Rutland Senior Center and continuing through the next six months, there will be a series of free educational presentations at selected Senior Centers in central Massachusetts.

The talk will be focused on natural healing modalities specifically Reiki and the Tibetan Rites. Reiki is a 2,500-year-old hands-on healing technique rediscovered by Mikao Usui, a professor of Theology at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan in 1922. It must be understood, however, that it is not connected to any religion.

A trained Reiki practitioner which flows to the recipient Primary Chakras. requesting it. There are a myriad of health benefits and no negative side effects. Though the FDA has not officially approved Reiki to treat any health con-



Submitted photo

draws energy from the universe, This shows the seven

dition, it does consider Reiki very safe. It should not replace the treatment an Allopathically trained doctor may prescribe.

Nonetheless, with an increasing number of hospitals and clinics across America, Reiki is gaining acceptance as a meaningful and cost-effective way to improve patient care. For evidence, the reader can visit www.Reiki.org and type into the search box: "Reiki in hos-

Benefits include strengthening the human immune system and balancing a person's physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social well-being. The core reason for such positive results comes with balancing a person's primary seven chakras (energy centers) in the body. There will be an explanation and demonstration of that at every senior center by a Reiki Master.

For more information or to sign up for this or future presentations as space is limited, people may call Programs for Education at 978-820-1295.

Circle of Song rehearsals begin Sept. 12

BARRE - Circle of Song, a Barre and regionally based choral group, will be starting up soon on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Barre Town

They are starting their 23rd season and are planning on doing a relatively new major work titled "Requiem for the Living" by Dan Forest. If people can carry a tune, the choral group can help with the rest. They will be also doing some dancing under the guidance of member Grace Jenkins and some conducting by pianist, Cailan McClure.

Circle of Song is a group of singers aged from early 20s to mid-80s. They sing in four-part harmony, and push themselves just a little bit past their comfort zones musically.

The concert will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street. Rehearsals, starting Sept. 12, are every Thursday except Thanksgiving at the Town Hall from 7-8:30 p.m. People may email julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 if they would like to join (sliding scale - \$40-\$70/ year to cover music costs and pianist's salary).

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – On Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. Snakes of Massachusetts will be at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road. Allison Sumner is interested in ecology, conservation and wildlife, especially snakes. Her presentation may make you respect, appreciate and better understand snakes. Participants will hear about and see pictures of the 14 species of Massachusetts, then walk outside to look for snakes.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, people during the Hardwick Fair. The a story.

Friends of the Paige Memorial Library are holding a book sale with a fresh selection. People may buy some books, visit the Hardwick Fair-y Village, meet Ambrosia the Flower Fairy and bring their children for a "sparkle tattoo." The Paige Memorial Library will be closed upstairs, but open downstairs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for the book sale.

On Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. a special children's literary program will take place. They will meet author and illustrator may enjoy a fair-y special day Betsy Franco Feeney and enjoy

On Thursday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. people may drum at the West African Drumming Workshop for teens and adults with Jafar Manselle and the Wendell Warriors at the Town House. This is a free program supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Drums will be provided. For more information and to register, people may email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

St. Mary's Parish welcomes Fr. Mark Glover



Rev. Mark Glover becomes new pastor for St. Mary's Parish in Orange.

ORANGE - St. Mary's Parish in Orange is celebrating the arrival of a new administrator following the retirement of Rev. Shaun O'Connor, pastor for

the past eight years. Rev. Mark Glover comes from the Hampden County Jail and House of Correction in Ludlow, not as an inmate, but as a chaplain and counselor. Before that, he spent eight years as the Pastor at St. Catherine's in Springfield.

Fr. Mark was born in Hampden to a family with his mother, a retired guidance counselor and his father, a former Lieutenant in the Springfield police department. He has one brother and they attended the public schools in the area.

When asked about his vocation, Fr. Mark said that as a child, he would lie in bed and dream about celebrating Mass. He also thought about having a

large family. He said it took a while to realize that he could reconcile both visions through the priesthood. He attended Elms College and then went through the Seminary in Rome at the North American College.

In Orange, Fr. Mark hopes to lead the Parish and community in learning about, honoring, and worshipping Jesus. He would like individuals in the community to step forth and share their talents and help him to make St. Mary's Parish run more smoothly and be a vibrant, responsive resource for the community.

As Pastor at St. Mary's, Fr. Mark is also the spiritual advisor to St. Mary's 102-year-old Women's Club and the Knights of Columbus. He loves to fly fish and tries to walk six miles a day, so people may well spot him out and about in the community.

Editorial deadline reminder

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



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STM set for Aug. 22

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

Dinghy Dash

The seventh annual Dinghy Dash will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. on Brigham pond. This year there are three categories to choose from, single occupant adult, single occupant youth and group vessel. Entry deadline is Monday, Aug. 19. Sponsors of this years Dinghy Dash, in no particular order, are Hubbardston Police Association, J.P. McCarthy & Son's, The Ruptured Duck, Hubbardston Veterinary Clinic, Young's Cooling & Leasing, Salvadore Auto Group, Moon Hill Brewing Co., Giacomo's Gourmet Foods and Go Green Manufacturing.

5K Fundraiser

The 27th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/ Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee is \$30. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, Race Director at (978) 928-5120 or MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2023 Race/Walk raised over \$3,500 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

Senior Center

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

Rory Raven presents mind reading programming

NEW BRAINTREE - The New Braintree Public Library, Memorial Drive, invites the public to an evening with Rory Raven and his interactive mind-reading show, Brainstorming: An Act of Mentalism, on Saturday, Sept 28 at 7 p.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive.

The program is free and open to the public. Minds will be read, spoons will be bent and volunteers can test their own "powers." While the show is "TV clean," it is more suitable for adults than for children. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

Rutland Public Library lists events

RUTLAND - The Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., lists upcoming events.

On Thursday, Aug. 22 from 6-8 p.m. the program will be New Orleans style jazz of Sidney Bechet. On Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6-8 p.m. the program is Chicago style jazz of Benny Goodman and on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m. it is Big Band jazz.

The Great Pumpkin Read-a-thon will take place in the month of October. The Festival of Trees is the first weekend in December and is presented by the Rutland Historical Society. If people have any questions, they may contact Kerry Remington at 508-886-4108, extension 5.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Quabbin Regional School District Committee working meeting – Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Quabbin Regional School District Committee regular meeting – Aug 15 at 7 p.m. Sewer Commission – Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Board of Assessors – Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. and Sept. 17

250th Anniversary Committee - Aug. 21, Sept. 4, Sept. 11 and Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Cemetery Commission – Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. Election Day – Sept 3 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Felton Filed Commission – Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Council on Aging – Sept.. 4 at 12:30 p.m. Select Board – Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. Board of Health – Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. Water Commission – Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. DPW Commission – Sep. 9 at 7 p.m. Barre Housing Authority – Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. Election Day – Nov. 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. Wheelwright Water District – Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. Gilbertville Water District – Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Conservation Commission – Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee - Aug. 22 at

Board of Registrars - Aug. 24 and Oct. 26 at 9

Select Board – Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. Council on Aging – Sept. 4 at 12:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. Recycling Commission – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council - Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Joint Select Board and Public Safety Building Committee – Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Special Town Meeting – Aug. 22 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

FireHighway Building Committee – Aug. 15 at 4

School Committee – Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. Planning Board – Aug. 21 and Sept 18 at 6 p.m. Board of Selectmen – Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Assessors – Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – Aug. 20 and Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Cemetery Commission – Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Council on Aging – Sept. 13 at noon

PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. Select Board – Aug. 22, Sept. 5, Sept, 19, Oct. 3, Oct 17, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Board of Assessors – Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. Open Space and Recreation Committee – Sept. 3

Council on Aging – Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Board of Assessors - Aug. 20 at 8 a.m.

WRNC plans slow walk

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

Corrections policy

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

Second Chance hands out pounds of pet food to human food pantries

Second Chance Animal Services distributed 35,000 pounds of donated pet food to local human food pantries yesterday, continuing their mission to keep pets in their homes with the people they love.

This significant donation was provided by the Humane Society of the United States and Chewy.com.

Second Chance staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to move and organize the donation of 26 pallets that arrived early in the morning at Howe

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer at Second Chance, shared her excitement about the unexpected donation. "When I received the call about a tractor-trailer load full of pet food, I knew it could help so many area pets beyond just our shelter pets," said Doray. "With just 48-hours' notice, I wasn't sure how or where, but I immediately said yes because our pet food pantry program has been struggling to keep up with the rising demand for pet food." Her next call was to Second Chance's longtime supporters at Howe Lumber. "They were happy to receive and unload the donation to help pet owners in the community."

Volunteers ensured that food



Volunteers load food onto a truck headed to a local human food pantry.

suitable for Second Chance shelter pets was set aside, while the remainder was distributed to 15 food pantries and animal rescue groups.

For over 14 years, Second Chance has been providing essential support to pet owners in difficult times through their pet food pantry program. "This program is more important than ever," said Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato. "We started

our pet food pantry to help pet owners bridge the gap during personal financial crises. Being able to direct them to the food pantry in their own town is a crucial tool to help keep pets in their homes."

Pet owners facing financial constraints and needing assistance with pet food are encouraged to reach out to their local food pantry.

OSV lists textiles and trades weekend

STURBRIDGE - Old Sturbridge Village is ready to celebrate textiles and trades weekend, Muster Day and coming up in early September supporting the Commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour on the Sturbridge Town Common.

Textiles and trades weekend occurring on Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18 invites visitors to celebrate craftsmanship and all things handmade. The Village's craftspeople will showcase their skills by crafting more complicated or unique items not usually displayed in the Village. Saturday demonstrations include a barrel firing demonstration at the Cooper Shop and seeing a pottery demonstration of pit firing. In addition guests can take a tour of the Herb Garden, learn about lace from the New England Lace Makers group and view artifacts related to histori-

cal clothing and trades from the OSV Museum Collection.

On Saturday, Aug. 31 visitors can cheer on their favorite militia company during Muster Day. Old Sturbridge Village will have musket and cannon firing demonstrations, early 19th-century martial music and a "Sham Fight" as rival militia companies square off against each other in

Visitors will also be able to talk to members of two uniformed volunteer militia companies, learn why many New Englanders were pushing for reforms to the militia system and the role that intemperance played in those reforms, and hear the Singing School practice for a concert to welcome itors they will get the chance to learn early 19th-century drills and marches with the militia

officer's instruction and a toy musket.

On the Sturbridge Town Common the Commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour will be hosted by The American Friends of Lafayette on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. This year marks the bicentennial celebration of the Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour of the United States. Lafayette's final stop in Massachusetts was the town of Sturbridge, where he was greeted by a martial band, the town's artillery company and thousands of civilians. This ceremony is free and open to the public. This commemorative event takes place on the Sturbridge Common on Main Street in Sturbridge and not Lafayette. For the younger vis- at Old Sturbridge Village. For additional details about these events, people may visit https:// www.osv.org/.

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OHA to hold wine tasting

The third annual Oakham Historical Association wine tasting will be held Thursday, Sept. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Agronomy Vineyard, Ware Corner Road. Cost is \$40 per person. There are limited tickets so people should sign up early by calling Agronomy Vineyard at 508-212-9889.

Walmart gift cards

The Rutland Food Pantry seeks donations of Walmart gift cards in any amount for school supplies for the 96 children whose families use the Food Pantry on a regular basis. People may drop off the gift cards at the Oakham Congregational Church by Sunday, Aug.

Summer concert

The final concert of the season will take place on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m.with Quintessential Brass performing in the gazebo on the Oakham Common, corner of Maple Street and Coldbrook Road. People may purchase popcorn, cold drinks and water at the concerts. People may bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

Annual Town Wide Yard Sale The Oakham Historical Association's Annual Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, Aug 24 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The fee to have an address put on the map is \$15. People may call Kathy Young 508-882-3137 or

mail to: OHA, P.O.Box 236, Oakham. MA 01068. **Ongoing Senior Center activities**

Zumba Gold meets Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the North Brookfield Congregational Church, North Brookfield; Wii Bowling and Corn hole is held Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.::yoga Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays "Walk Aways from 11 a.m.-noon; coffee with friends Wednesday from 9 a.m. to lunch; Socializing Thursday Afternoons from 1-3 p.m.; Functional Fitness Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall and Quiet Time rides with music, Wii bowling, quiet contemplation or casual conversation 10 a.m.-noon.

Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church will be participating in the Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug. 24 arm 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate items for the church yard sale may drop them off at the side door of the church. The outside door is always open. The church will also sell sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, bottled water and sodas.

Vendors needed for Oktoberfest at Common **Ground Ciderworks**

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House will be hosting Oktoberfest 2024 on Sunday, Sept. 29 from noon-4 p.m. at Common Ground Ciderworks, 31 East Brookfield Road.

Crafters, wood workers and artisans of all kinds are welcome. No food vendors, please.

Spaces are available for \$50 for a 10 x 10 space. Vendors must provide their own table and if desired a tent with weighted legs.

Raffles, games for young and old and music will be provided by the Friends of the Town House. Common Ground will be selling food and drink. For more information, email Friends@NBTownHouse.com or M Caramiello@yahoo.com.

Treasurer Goldberg announces unclaimed property list

Treasurer Goldberg announces unclaimed property list

BOSTON - In Massachusetts, one in ten people have unclaimed property waiting for them and people should check the list for their names.

Last year, the Office of the State Treasurer processed over 145,000 claims and returned \$185 million in property to its rightful owners, including individuals, businesses and non-profits.

Folks who have unclaimed property include the Boston Celtics organization itself, owners Wyc Grousbeck and Steve Pagliuca, President of Basketball Operations Brad Stevens and players Jrue Holiday and Al Horford.

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. These accounts have had too

much hang time and are turned over to

the state after three years of inactivity.

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Opinion

Letter to Editor

Closing of Family Pharmacy is loss to Barre

Over the course of my 46 years residing in Barre, there have been two significant losses of prominent

The first major loss was the 1990 arson of the Hotel Barre, renowned for its unique riverboat architecture and raucous Hunts Club. Regrettably, it was not rebuilt. Soon we will suffer our second major loss, the closing of the Barre Family Pharmacy.

Since 1980 the BFP has provided pharmacy and health care services to this community in a genuine "family" way. Unlike personnel at large chain pharmacies, the BFP staff knows its individual customers and treats them in a sincerely caring fashion. They routinely take the extra effort required to resolve problems with fouled up prescriptions or insurance approvals.

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I am very grateful for the red-carpet treatment they have served us with over the last half century. I wish them success wherever they go because they certainly deserve it.

Paul Gallo Barre

Guest column



Will my wife get a spousal benefit from me?

Dear Rusty:

I will be turning 70 (yikes) this coming November. I will begin taking my Social Security benefit at that time. My age 70 SS benefit will be approximately \$4,500 per month. My spouse (who is currently 74) began receiving her SS benefits about 10 years ago before her Full Retirement Age. She receives approximately \$1,900 per month.

My question is, based on my expected SS monthly benefit of approximately \$4,500, would my spouse be eligible for an increase in her monthly SS benefit? I've read some articles about this topic, but none of them seem to be on point so I thought I'd reach out to you.

Signed: Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking:

Congratulations on choosing a claiming strategy, which will maximize your Social Security. Waiting until age 70 to claim guarantees you will get the most you can personally receive for the rest of your life, along with annual Cost of Living Adjustments. But the spouse benefits available to your wife when you claim are not based on your age 70 amount. Rather, spouse benefits are calculated using Full Retirement Age amounts. Here's what that means:

If your age 70 benefit will be about \$4,500 then your FRA amount was likely around \$3,450. If your wife claimed at, say, 64, then her FRA entitlement would probably have been around \$2,200. Your wife will only get a spousal boost if 50% of your FRA amount (not your age 70 amount) is more than her own FRA entitlement. From what you've shared, 50% of your FRA amount would be about \$1,750, which is less than your wife's FRA entitlement and her current age 64 amount, which means that she would not be eligible for a spousal boost to her own amount from you.

Spouse benefits can be tricky, because they're based on FRA entitlements, regardless of the age at which benefits are actually claimed. That is not so, however, for surviving spouse benefits. If you were to predecease your wife, her benefit would be your entire \$4,500 amount, instead of her own smaller current amount. Surviving spouse benefits are based on the amount each of you are currently receiving, not on your amounts at your full retirement age.

I hope this answers your question, but we're always

here if you need any further assistance. The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 22, 2019)

The Barre Board of Selectmen discussed forming a fire station building committee. Town Administrator Andrew Golas said now as the time to look into upgrading the town's fire facility. Golas said the last study was done in 2002. Selectman Chair Matthew Urban said by forming a committee now the town would be ready to start the fire station project when the Barre Common debt drops off. The town completed the Barre Common project several years ago. It also built a new police station and quarters for the ambulance on South Street. The board asked Golas to present a draft charge for a fire station building committee.

More than 300 young people participate in the University of Massachusetts 4-H Youth Development Program in Worcester County. This year, their projects will be on display at Felton Field in Barre during the 70th Annual Worcester County 4-H Fair Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18. Youth members from 4-H clubs and groups throughout the county will participate in a variety of ani mal shows, public speaking demonstrations and exhibits that showcase the work they have accomplished throughout the year as well as the talents they have developed through 4-H project work. 4-H members from surrounding counties will also take part in fair.

The Hardwick Fair was the talk of the town last Friday and Saturday. For 257 years, the country's oldest air has hosted a number of fun events and people form all over visited the festivities. For Fair President Fay Butler the event means everything to his community. "It's the glue that holds this community together," said Butler. "It allows people who have lived here at one time to come back to this central location and celebrate." With reoccurring events such as the road race, cattle judging and children's parade, new events were the talk of the fair, specifically the beer and wine booth, which was open for both days this year. Hardwick Winery and Lost Towns Brewery provided refreshing drinks as the humidity crept up throughout the

10 years (Aug. 21, 2014)

A group of residents that live near Grace Lane attended the Monday night selectmen meeting to voice their opposition to paving the last remaining stretch of dirt road in town. Part of Grace Lane is paved, but the section that has no houses is dirt. Residents told the board they walk their dogs, ride

horses or walk the road as it has little traffic. Many voiced concern that if the road were paved, traffic would increase and vehicles would travel at higher speeds. Resident Neil Munson said, "It would be sad to lose the last dirt

An experienced ringmaster, a coach horn player who performed on Alfred Vanderbuilt's coach, a former teacher at

LOOK BACK Great Rock Alpaca Farm



This photo shows some of the range in colors of alpacas at Great Rock Alpaca Farm in Barre.

Burncoat High School, a soon to be published author and a proprietor of a Lippitt Morgan horse breeding program at her farm, Grace Yaglou had many unique life experiences. At eight-three years old Yaglou solely cares for the 22 horses and one donkey that currently live on her farm in Barre. Horses falling ill, a stallion fight and personal injuries are just some of the many hardships that come with running a farm. However, Yaglou finds satisfaction and peace in the numerous hours and seemingly endless work because of her lifelong passion for horses. She says, "I am perfectly happy on a farm."

Petersham Administrative Coordinator Steven Boudreau was given a consent order from the Department of Environmental Protection to put in a disinfection system for the Petersham Town Hall and Office well. The well recently tested positive for coliform bacteria. The Board hopes to get DEP to approve an ultraviolet disinfectant system at an estimated cost of

25 years (Aug. 19, 1999)

Barre Building Inspector and Zoning Officer Harold Nichols and the Board of Selectmen discussed the fee structure for various building permits proposed by Nichols over a month ago. Nichols explained the reasoning behind his proposal. Nichols submitted an itemized list of fees including separate charges for the inspection of stoves and fans in addition to the standard, footage-based charges. Board members said itemization might be an unnecessary complication, which could lead ot complaints and confusion on the part

of homeowners. Nichols said he felt consumers might like to know the costs of specific inspections. Selectman Chairman Daniel Trifilo said his biggest concern is the cost for inspecting a new home in Barre has gone up by about \$200 in the past four to five years.

The Barre Landfill received the go-ahead to expand according to the state Department of Environmental Protection. Public hearings were held to update the 1997 soldi waste master plan in July. Those attending said people need to be more responsible about recycling as landfills are filling up fast. It was determined only 34% of trash is being recycled now. If people worked at it, 90% of trash could be recycled. Sen. Stephen Brewer D- Barre said that more recycling is definitely needed with the economy booming, people tend to "buy and throw away," he

From the tea room to the milking room and from the grotto and on up to the Popple Camp Road, the caravan of history seekers followed Larry Buell on his annual tour held last Wednesday evening. As usual, Mother Nature drew her curtains before Buell had finished his travel itinerary, but it was an interesting and entertaining chance to dip the toe into the past of Petersham. Picking up where his North Main Street tour ended, the first stop was the small white building where the Petersham Art Center has held sway for many years.

38 years (Aug. 21, 1986) Even though the Hardwick Fair had a smaller crowd than in past

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Election letters to the editor welcome

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

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

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Guest Column



A question that will encourage blooms for a non-blooming peony

A reader wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady regarding Peony culture: "I hope you can offer some suggestions for me. I have a couple peonies that my mother-in-law gave me. I just kind of put them in the back of our property. They are sad in that they do have foliage but no flowers. I want to transplant. My question is, where do I plant them and at what time of the year?"

You are in luck! Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area.

This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes. Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day.

Without knowing the exact size of your plants or if you will be able to lift and move the whole clump, it's hard to advise on the exact size of the hole. Just make sure there is ample room around the plant so that the roots will be able to extend out easily.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure.

Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by add-

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers, and I know you are looking forward

For that reason, choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients. After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall.

An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will also help to promote good flowers.

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished.

Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively.

Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is hard to believe that the students will be going back to school soon and the stores are full of school

Where did the summer go? We had so much rain and humidity this year.

Saturday I decided to start putting the fall decorations out as that is my favorite time of the year. I started by decorating the fireplace mantel with artificial bittersweet, gourds and pumpkins and a few old crocks. Next I put lavender, fall leaves and acorns on the coffee table

For the dining room table, I have made a large penny rug with fruits on the edge with fall leaves so that went on that table with a large bowl of artificial gourds and

Wall hangings with pumpkins, apples and scarecrows went on the upstairs stair railing.

A couple of the wall hangings are waiting for my handyman to put up as I am not supposed to climb lad-

I have been collecting fall dried pods for an arrangement for the den and some dried hydrangeas, which seem to be drying well.

I read somewhere to save the coffee grounds and put them around the hydrangeas to keep them blue. I am

I am not sure if I should be cutting back the daylily foliage, but I am. Maybe the In the Garden columnist can let me know if I should be.

This week I had my helper make various kinds of muffins, but we unfortunately forgot them in the oven while we were having lunch so one batch got a little hard. They are edible, but not as good as the second batch. We used package mixes and put bananas, blueberries and toll bits in the various flavors.

Some weeks we do the same with pancakes and we need to make some more of those also. I freeze serving size packages.

Another project I am doing, when I have the energy, is cleaning in the cellar. We have so many things that we do not use anymore. I need to order a dumpster. I will save things for the Senior Center Yard Sale in

By Ellenor Downer

Great egret

I received an email from a Brimfield resident who

said, "On Aug. 1 at the no named pond in Warren on

New Reed Street there were three great egrets near the

far shore. The birds would sometimes be out of sight

in the vegetation near the shore." He also saw two great

with a yellow bill and black legs. In breeding season,

both males and females have long white plumes on their backs. Like other herons, the great egret feeds by slowly

walking, head erect and then striking its prey. It forages

in shallow water for small fish and amphibians. It also

es and cormorants or they nest singly. The female lays

one to six pale bluish eggs in a flimsy platform nest of

sticks, twigs and reeds placed in a tree from eight to 40

feet above ground or in cattails. They inhabit marshes,

the feather trade. Since the ban on hunting and on the

use of DDT, which caused fragile eggshells, their popu-

Eagle sighting and more

My daughter, Paula, saw a belted kingfisher at Tully

In the past, they were hunted for the plumes used in

Great egrets nest in colonies with other herons, ibis-

feeds on land for insects, reptiles and small mammals.

The great egret is a large, 39 inches, white heron

blue herons and a belted kingfisher.

swamps, seashores and lake margins.

* in my BACKYA

Here is a recipe that I made this week. Now that zucchinis are plentiful in the stores I decided to use the kitchen aide and chop up a large zucchini to make the 2 1/2 cups chopped zucchini for the recipe.

COD FISH CAKES

- 2 1/2 cups chopped zucchini
- 1 beaten egg
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil 1/2 cup minced onion

Mix all together but the flour and oil. Make them into serving size patties. Dredge in flour and put in a frying pan with hot oil. Brown on both sides. I like to serve them with a little ketchup.

This and That

Acorns are starting to fall and soon the leaves will be falling. We have a lot of leaves as we live in the woods. There are a lot of oak and pines. Pine needles and pine cones were very plentiful this past year.

I have started to build a scarecrow, but I need to find some coveralls for him Last year, when I put the scarecrow out, we saw a baby bear hug the scarecrow. I guess he thought it was Ken as I had some of his clothes on the scarecrow. It was fun to see.

I need to find a straw hat and will go to the Salvation Army to see what I can find. I usually put the scarecrow at the pole that we used to hang the bird feeders on but this year I have a bag with soil and morning glories coming out of it. No buds or blossoms yet, but lots of vines. I wonder if they will blossom as there is not much

I have decided to take the broccoli out of the two deck planters and put mums in them for the fall. The slugs seem to like the broccoli plants and I only got one head of broccoli. Because of all the rain this year, slugs



Local pastor offers sermon

Names of God Part 9

Scripture employs an array of names for God that speak to His nature and work.

In this edition, let us continue to explore a family of names that center upon the primary title of God in the Old Testament: YHWH (commonly pronounced Yahweh and rendered as "Lord" in English translations). Let us touch upon YHWH Shammah and Tsidkenu.

1) YHWH Shammah

This mysterious name appears but once in the pages of Scripture and is translated as "the Lord is there." In fact, this name appears in the final verse of the final chapter of the Book of Ezekiel (Ezek. 48:35): "And the name of the city from that time on will be: the Lord is there." What does this mean? We must consider the historical context of this biblical passage.

In the days of David the tribes of Israel became a unified nation, with Jerusalem as its capital. Jerusalem became the seat of civic power during the reign of King David. Also, Jerusalem became the seat of religious or spiritual power in the days of his son, King Solomon, following the dedication of the Temple. This was a Golden Age for the Jewish people in antiq-

Yet this Golden Age did not last long. In the days that followed, the kingdom fractured. Ten northern tribes split away and came to call themselves Israel, with Samaria as their capital. Two tribes remained in the South to form the kingdom of Judah, with Jerusalem as their capital.

Both nations spiraled into rampant idolatry, social injustice and gross immorality, leading God to send forth prophet after prophet to warn of judgment apart from repentance. Tragically, both kingdoms failed to heed His prophets and came to pay a heavy price.

What price? In 722 B.C. the northern kingdom of Israel was decimated by the Assyrian Empire, frankly never to recover. The southern kingdom of Judah would, in time, be overrun by the Babylonian Empire in a series of incursions.

Most notably, Judah and Jerusalem fell to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 586 B.C. With Jerusalem sacked, the Temple in ruins, countless dead and many Jews forced into Babylonian exile, one might wonder if there was any hope for the future.

Yet the Lord revealed through prophets like Ezekiel and more that death and judgment would not have the last word. Rather, a glorious future existed in which God would reverse their fortunes, reestablishing Jerusalem, the Temple and the people by His power.

Though God had removed His favor and presence from Jerusalem in a season of necessary judgment, the time would come when God would again be uniquely present with His people. This is beautifully expressed in the inspired phrase penned by Ezekiel (Ezek. 48:35): "And the name of the city from that time on will be: the Lord is there."

2) YHWH Tsidkenu

This title appears twice in Scripture, and both in the Book of Jeremiah. YHWH Tsidkenu means the Lord our Righteousness.

Based upon the historical context noted above, it is safe to say that rampant unrighteousness cost God's people greatly. Yet in the midst of judgment and sufferng due to wickedness, the following oracle came forth through

Jeremiah 23:5–6

5 "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous

a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called:

The Lord Our Righteous Savior'

Similar to Ezekiel, Jeremiah posited that an age would come when God would restore all that the people had lost to sin. Ultimately, a righteous King (i.e., Christ) would come forth from the line of David to change the situation and condition of a wayward people.

This King would be called the "Lord our Righteous Savior" due to His righteous character (5) and His ability to restore the people to a posture of righteousness before God (6) – culminating with favor, protection and transformation! Jeremiah later affirms and elaborates upon these promises with the following message:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteous-

What are we to make of these interrelated titles in 2024? Simply put, what if God is still in the business of seeking and saving that which is lost? What if He still purposes to bring the broken near, and make righteous - make right with Him - all who receive Him by faith? Friend, the story of your life does not have to end in forfeiture, death and judgment. What you have lost to sin can be restored if you will but look to Christ who saves. May today be your day to believe upon Him, for you will find that He yet remains YHWH Shammah and Tsidkenu!

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have been very prominent and they love hostas also. Have a good week and enjoy what is left of summer. Lake in Royalston on Aug. 3. She saw two cormo-

Brimfield birds

rants, two female mallards and a juvenile bald eagle at

Hardwick Pond on Aug. 10. The bald eagle was diving,

unsuccessfully, for fish not too far from her canoe. She

said, "[It] was really cool to see."

The Brimfield resident, who saw the great egrets, said, "I have a bird bath with a drip. On a recent hot afternoon the birdbath got a workout; catbird, blue jay, titmouse, house finch, Baltimore oriole, rose-breasted grosbeak, song sparrow and chipping sparrow all took a bath and goldfinch were getting a drink from the drip."

He also said, "In the yard yesterday (Aug. 2) I saw two Carolina wrens. I've seen two Carolina wrens in the yard infrequently since spring but I don't think they have nested nearby because I've never heard them singing. And at the very top of a dead tree (where else) I saw a male scarlet tanager." He said the male ruby-throated hummingbirds are still around and there is more activity at the feeders now that the recently fledged young are

He also reported at the pond on South Street the four great blue herons nests are all empty, the twelve chicks have all fledged and the three osprey chicks are out of the nest and flying around the pond.

Bird bath

I wish I had the activity at my birdbath this Brimfield sident has. I have yet to see a bird use it. My daughter's dog drinks from it whenever he visits.

Hovering hummingbird

Recently, I let my daughter Jenny's dogs out. While I watched them from the window in the door a ruby-throated female hummingbird came name the door and hovered as if looking in the window at me. Ironically, I was wearing a tee shirt with hummingbirds and bee balm. Maybe it was attracted to the red bee

Hummingbirds and more

The Brimfield resident said in response to my email telling him about my hummingbird experience, "I've had hummingbirds hover in front of me a couple of times, pretty cool. Also yesterday I saw some motion out of a window and when I looked it was a hummingbird and a female common yellowthroat having a 'discussion.' The hummingbird was upset I believe because the warbler was near where it perches between visits to a nearby feeder."

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

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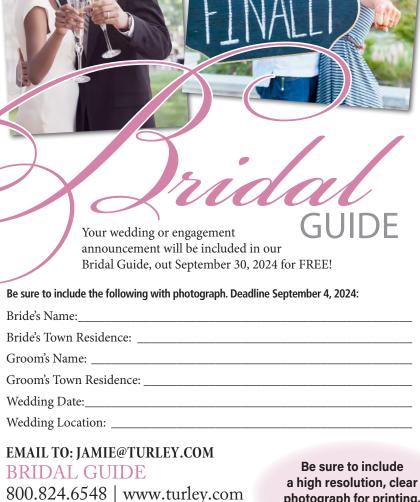
years, fair officials said those who were there expressed satisfaction about the variety of events offered in this 244th edition of the "oldest fair in the U.S." Officials said the main reason or the low turnout was probably due to overcast clouds and the threat of rain through both days of the event. They did say, however, that more people showed up on the first day than the last. The fair was held Aug. 15-16. This year's fair was dedicated to Mildred Stagg and in memory of her husband, Raymond Stagg.

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals, in decisions rendered last Friday evening, denied variance requests form Dannis Goddu of Hubbardston Road and Robert Kerr Jr. of Old Stage Road, both of whom had sought

to store unregistered vehicles on their properties. The applicants were found to have outdoor storage of up to ten vehicles each on their premises. In unanimous separate decisions, the three-man board concluded that "there is an overriding community interest in maintaining the residential flavor and character of the rural areas of Barre." Charles

M. Wyman, ZBA Chairman, stated Goddu and Kerr failed to satisfy the Massachusetts statutes requiring a showing the desired variances could be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-Laws.

Diana Rogers of South Street, Barre, just returned from Indianapolis, Indiana where she attended a weeklong convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This is an honorary and professional society, founded in 1929 and organized for the purpose of uniting women educators of the work and honoring women, who have given distinctive service in any field of education. Rogers is employed by the Quabbin Regional School District where she is a fifth and sixth grade science and language arts teacher for the town of



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educational, confidential, and free. Please contact Pat James 413-726-8661.



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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, AUG. 15

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

\BARRE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION will take place today from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Aug. 15 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

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

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 17

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



Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from Barre. 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. 19. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, James Laramee. **Evelyn Luukko, Rick Qualters** and Marianne Meyer correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was a flower bed on Fisherman and Whitehall Roads at the entrance to Rutland State Park in Rutland.

Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

and more. The event is held rain or shine now through October.

SATURDAY CONCERTS are held at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre from 5:30-7 p.m. Tonights concert is Say Uncle. The final concert is the Otters on Saturday, Aug. 31. All concerts are from 530-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand during the concerts.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20

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

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR BETSY FRANCO-FEENEY will be at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick today at 3 p.m. Franco-Feeney recently received a Literary Artist award for creating imaginative books about the environment. Based on songs by celebrated singer/songwriter Christine Lavin, she will read the books while playing the music. For more information and to register so staff knows how many are coming, people may call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22

NATURAL HEALING ARTS SEMINAR focusing on Reiki and Tibetan Rites will be held today from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Rutland Council on Aging, 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. This free seminar offers optimal wellness and encompasses many dimensions. Eric Goodhart, the presenter of this program, learned over 25 years ago that the best way to balance the seven Chakras (energy centers) is by doing the Tibetan Rites every morning. The 20 minute exercise helps build a solid foundation on which optimal health can be

achieved. The Chakras are intellectual, physical, social, financial, spiritual, environmental and emotional.

OAKHAM SUMMER FINAL CONCERT begins today from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gazebo, located on the Oakham Common with Quintessential Brass.

WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP for teens and adults will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in the Town House, on the Common, Hardwick. Jafar Manselle and the Wendell Warriors will present the drumming workshop. This is a free program supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Drums will be provided. For more information and to register so staff knows how many are coming, people may call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

RORY RAVEN MIND READING SHOW sponsored by the New Braintree Library will be held today at 7 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. His interactive show is entitled "Brainstorming: An Act of Mentalism." The program is free and open to the public. Minds will be read, spoons will be bent and volunteers can test their own "powers." While the show is "TV clean," it is more suitable for adults than for children. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL HIGH REUNION will be held today from noon-6 p.m. o at the Elks Lodge #61 at 440 Tiffany St., Springfield. The reunion is open to all Tech classes and friends. An outside barbecue will be held rain or shine under the lodge's pavilion and a special tent. The barbecue will include hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, salads, dessert and more. There is a cash bar. There is free parking and it is handicap accessible.A fun-filled afternoon will include a live band and dancing, corn hole and bocce games, raffles and time to reminisce with friends over the years and make new friends as well. Donations will be accepted for raffle prizes. Seating is limited and tickets are \$25 each. All are on a first come, first served basis. There is open seating. For tickets, people may call Mike Borecki '72 at 413-351-6572, Dawn Duncan 71 at 413-896-3930, Paul Montefusco '69 at 413-596-6607 or Matt Villamaino '67 at 413-896-2206. Those interested in volunteering should call Mike Borecki at 413-351-6572.



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Listening Wellness Center; Hubbardston Fire Department; Eagle Hill School; Quabbin Music Artists in Residence; Barre 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee; United States Army National Guard and DJ Brian Entertainment Services.

Officer Walsh demonstrated how to use the Barre Police Department new drone.



Covenant Evangelical Church served cotton candy at Quabbin National Night Out.



A dancer from Get up and Dance plays a game created by Tim Nydam.

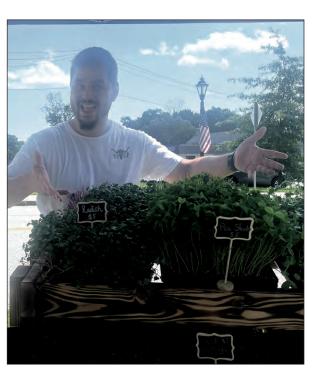
Barre Farmer's Market



Kate Hall (left) and Chris Laursen (right) are shown with Laursen's homemade granola.



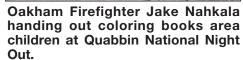
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Shown are some herb selections from
Hartman's Herb Farm.



Jonathan Vanderschrick shows off his microgreens from his small business, Wild Calluna.



Jasmine (left) and Katie Young with their adorably-potted plants to brighten any home from their small business, Tiny's World.



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Overtime loss ends summer season for Quabbin Cagers

AUBURN – Quabbin summer boys basketball team was looking to advance in the Auburn League playoffs but aspirations ended with an overtime loss to Monty Tech by a score of 54-53 in a game that saw multiple lead changes. Monty Tech lead at the half, 23-22, in a very physical game that never had more than a 4 point lead for either team.

The Quabbinians had six players in scoring column led by senior power forward Luke Santoro with a personal summer season high of 15 points. Defensive specialist Jaxon Warburton demonstrated again that he can score as the senior guard netted 9 points on a variety of strong drives to the basket.

Center Kyle Clark and guard Brady Patchen each added 8 points followed by forward Quinn Geary and point guard Jacoby Dilling with 6 apiece.

The multiple lead changes were highlighted by Quinn Geary stepping to the free throw line and draining both to tie the game in the closing minutes of regulation. After an exchange of baskets the game remained tied at the end of regulation and the team went to overtime to decide who would be moving on. it would be the first overtime experience for the cagers this summer.

In overtime, the Quabbin cagers went to their senior center and he responded with a power post move

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Quabbin guard Jaxon Warburton looks to make the open pass to a teammate during the overtime Auburn League playoff loss.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdoaphotos.com Lindsey Marjanski, of South Hadley, makes her way up the

Here for Beer comes up short in PVSSL finals

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Six of the ten women teams in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League qualified for the playoffs.

The Lusitano Women and Here for Beer finished the regular season with 6-4-2 records and a coin flip was held to determine their playoff seeds. The two squads wound up facing each other in the championship match.

The fifth-seeded Lusitano Women took home the championship trophy for the first time since 2019 with a 3-0 shutout victory over the sixth-seeded Here for Beer at historic Lusitano Stadium, last Friday night.

"We've always made the playoffs, but it feels really good to win the championship game for the first time in five years," said Lusitano Women player/coach Taylor Jordan. "We're an experienced team this year, and everyone showed up ready to play in tonight's match.'

Jordan shared the coaching duties with Stephanie Goncalves.

The Lusitano Ladies, who play their home matches at Lusitano Stadium, advanced into the finals after defeating the fourth-seeded Western Mass. Extremes, 1-0, in the quarterfinals, and the second-seeded Heat, 3-1, in the semifinals.

"We won our first two playoff



Hannah Duggan, of Palmer, goes for a header.

matches on the road. We just wanted to end the season by playing another game on our home field," Jordan said. "It's always very special to play a match here."

Back in 2019, the Lusitano Women celebrated a 3-0 victory over the Xtremes in the champion-

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Conte leads way in Owls golf tourney

met the 33 registered foursomes here. I'm so excited for the season for the 18th annual Owl Club and there are many great things Tournament at Crestview Country here that makes it feel like the right Club in Agawam, Mass. on

The tournament is a key fundraiser for Westfield State athletics with alumni, sponsors, families and university coaches and staff all participating to net more than \$21,000 to support Owls' athletics. Westfield Bank again served as the lead sponsor of the event.

Westfield State president Linda Thompson welcomed the players at dinner and thanked them for the support of the University and Owls athletics. She mentioned her increased focus on the success of the Owls athletic teams and their role in university life, and reminded players that the University will be celebrating its 185th anniversary this fall with a gala event as part of the homecoming weekend on Oct.

Westfield State director of athletics Richard Lenfest, Jr. formally introduced Westfield State's new head football coach Lou Conte, Jr., as the guest of honor at the tournament's post-round dinner, sponsored by Westfield Gas and Electric and Whip City Fiber.

"Coach K and Coach Marino I held in high regard as a young man," said Conte in his remarks about the Owls previous two head coaches, both in attendance at the tournament. "I knew what I wanted to do, I wanted to coach football They were kings to me, and to be able to follow in the footsteps of the path that they laid out, both individually and together, and I am

WESTFIELD - Sunny skies so appreciative, and so lucky to be move for us."

> Conte, an Agawam native, noted that he and his wife and children were excited to be able to set down roots in Western Mass again after stints coaching at Lenoir-Rhyne and the Citadel in South Carolina.

> Players played in the scramble format at Crestview, former home of the LPGA's Friendly's classic and a qualifying site for the PGA's Travelers Championship. Players received lunch, sponsored by College Hype Sportswear and Screenprinting, and competed in variety of contests on the course, including long drive, pot of gold, a putting contest, shot for a \$5,000 hole in one prize, and contested closest-to-the-pin on multiple holes. Carts were sponsored by the Follett Campus Bookstore.

> The Owls 2023 MASCAC Champion women's soccer team helped out as volunteers on the course, running several of the contests and staffing the players' Oasis on the course, which was sponsored by Pepsi and Commercial Distributing. Part of the proceeds from the event will help support women's soccer's season-opening trip to the Nashville, Tenn. area for a multi-day tournament.

> Conte's big day continued as his foursome won the tournament's open division with a remarkable score of 17-under par.

"I hope his playbook is as good as his scorecard," joked tournament director Dave Caspole, the Owls

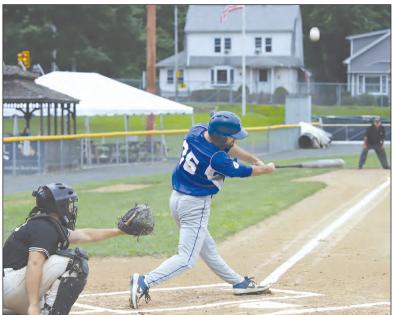
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Bankers take 11th consecutive playoff title



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Jimmy Flahive delivers a pitch home.

PeoplesBank of the Tri-County Baseball League continues to field one of the best rosters in Western Massachusetts. Last Tuesday evening, the Bankers would capture their 11th consecutive championship with a two-game sweep of Hilltown Tents, ending with an 8-3 win last Tuesday night. The Bankers had an unusual playoff path, having to wait nearly two weeks after the end of the regular season to compete in the playoffs. The quarterfinal series went through several postponements following the end of the regular season. When the Bankers finally came to play, they rounded off four wins in five days to take the semifinals and finals. The Bankers defeated St. Joe's, their longtime rivals, in the semifinals.



Seth Allen looks to get things going for PeoplesBank.





Joe Ferry fields a base hit to left.

West wins Bronze in Bay State Games

WALTHAM – The Western Mass. representative in the Bay State Games for boys soccer captured the bronze last month. Here is a look at a couple of their matchups during the games.

West played a strong game offensively against Metro, winning 4-1, scoring four goals. Imran Daher (Roxbury, Boston Latin Academy) was the only Metro player that was able to get a goal against West. Daniel

Martin (Easthampton, Hampshire Reg HS) had a good game. Martin made two goals and assisted another. Martin assisted Thomas Wadas (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). Alex Hensch (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) assisted Owen Miller (South Hampton, Hampshire Reg HS) on West's third goal of the game.

West would lose to Northeast 3-1. Northeast only allowed one goal this game. It was made in

the first half by Jack Walsh (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS). Northeast didn't trail for long, they responded to Walsh with three goals of their own. These goals were scored by Alexander Faiella (Littleton, Littleton HS), Andre Groberio (Wenham, Hamilton-Wenham Reg HS), Jayden Dullea (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury

West would defeat Coastal

2-1. Coastal was able to hold West off until the second half of the game. During the first half, Landen Freitas (Fall River, B.M.C. Durfee HS) of Coastal scored a goal which Michael Gallagher (Longmeadow, Wilbraham & Monson Academy) of West responded to with one of his own. West's second goal was scored by Ayden St. Martin (South Hampton, Hampshire Reg HS).

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improve the financial condition of

She said the town needed to report its capital assets, which total about \$24 million.

Chair Marshall said in three years the town had three Town Administrators and three Treasurers. They also had to hire an outside firm to provide Treasurer service and an Interim Town Administrator.

Forensic audit

The Select Board voted to conduct a forensic audit at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The cost will come from ARPA funds. The auditors recommended the town do a fraud assessment. Select Board member Dixson said the forensic audit was more in depth than a fraud assess-

Speed limitsPolice Chief James Sabourin said under Chapter 90 Section 18 the Select Board could declare any business area or thickly settled area

a 25 mph speed limit. He said speed bumps must be removed in October for the winter months to not hinder snow plowing.

The Select Board voted to make Peach Street and School Street South 25 mph speed zones. They also voted to install two speed bumps on each road. Location for Peach Street would be by street number 189 and another at 247. Locations on School Street South would be by the playground and the access point to the parking area. They will consult with the Fire Department on a type of speed bump for emergency vehicle use. Old Reservoir dam

Bob Kane said he called the Office of Dam Safety in West Boylston and was told they recommended a full breach of the dam. He said this was contrary to the Select Board's decision to repair and maintain the dam. He said he served on the Open Space Committee and would like to be reappointed to oversee this dam project.

Select Board Chair Marshall said they would invite Dam Safety to

a meeting and have them tour the an engineering study down of dam. Vice Chair Dixson said the Board was looking to hold another public hearing on the matter.

Other Business

Select Board Vice Chair said he would like to modify and update the Open Space Committee. He also would like to create a Quock Walker Day Committee since the state recently declared it a holiday. Quock Walker was a slave living in Barre and petitioned the court for his freedom and won.

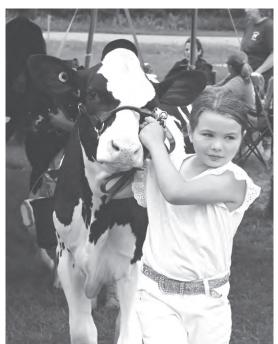
The board decided to have

the Town Hall and Henry Woods Building to find out what needs to be fixed at those buildings. The fire escapes at both locations failed inspection.

They also approved the use of \$12,483 from ARPA Funds for repairs to crack sealing and line painting at the Public Safety Building. They approved a total of \$8,400 from ARPA for asphalt repair and crack sealing at the Transfer Station.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY Hardwick **AUGUST_16 - 17** 262ndOWNITY







Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

4:00 PM - 11:00 PM Food Trucks

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Historical Society corn on

the cob bar 7:00 PM Opening Ceremonies & Fair Dedication

{ FLAG POLE } 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Historical Society Opens

{ EXHIBITS } **7:00 PM – 10:00 PM** Exhibit Halls Open

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Blacksmithing & Pottery Demonstrations

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Timber Framing **7:00 PM – 10:00 PM** Antique Tractor &

> Implement Exhibit 7:15 PM Lumberjack Contest

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }

> For a complete list of events, exhibits, rules and instructions, visit hardwick fair.com.

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

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

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7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM Mountain Bike Ride/Race

9:00 AM Running of the Road Race 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Book Sale & Hardwick Fair-y Villages { PAIGE LIBRARY }

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Hardwick Treasure **Rock Painting** 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Exhibit Halls Open

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM 4-H Livestock Exhibit 9:30 AM Cattle Judging

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Blacksmithing Demo **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** Hay Rides

{ MAINE-LY DRAFTS } **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** Face Painting

10:00AM - 2:30 PM Timber Framing & **Pottery Demonstrations 10:45 AM** Stone Cutting

11:00 AM Dance Demo { NEAR SMALL COMMON } **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Sheep Shearing, Carding &

Spinning Demo **11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Historical Society

corn on the cob bar 12:00 PM Children's Parade

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS } 12:30 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Parade

1:00 PM Central Mass Rabbit Breeders Display & Demo 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Historical Society Opens

{ EXHIBITS } **1:30 PM** Frog Jumping Contest 1:30 PM Horseshoe Contest 2:00 PM Children's Games

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Sports

Actions picks up at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, CT — What started out as a gloomy day in the quiet corner of Connecticut turned sunny for the teams, fans and supporters of the 5/8-mile Thompson Speedway. Track championship action started with the AZ Roofing SK Light Modified division under the command of John O'Sullivan and Rob Schultz. O'Sullivan quickly took charge on the bottom groove with Schultz sliding back on the outside. Launching into a four-car race saw Meg Fuller, Tyler Chapman and Nick Hovey join O'Sullivan under a blanket at the front.

Fuller stole the lead before a hard-charging Chapman took over on lap five as Nick Hovey stalked from behind. The extra-distance feature saw the three leaders run nose-totail before a mid-race caution for the spinning Rob Schultz set up a dash between Chapmen and Hovey. The two leaders turned sour in turn two, spinning off the treacherous turn and leaving Fuller the lead for the restart with eleven laps remaining. In just five laps, Hovey and Chapman returned to the front as Hovey tried his best to claim the win but Tyler Chapman took down his fifth win in a row at Thompson with John O'Sullivan taking third.

The Mini Stocks were next on the field with Rick LaFlesh and Steve Michalski in command under the green flag. LaFlesh led the early goings before Kevin Moore powered through on the bottom to lead lap 4 with defending champ Jarred Roy patiently making his way to the front. After battling LaFlesh for second place lap after lap, Roy finally made his way into the runner-up spot with five laps remaining and set his sights on Moore. Side-byside under the white flag, both former champions gave it all they had but it would be Kevin Moore at the line to snap Jarred Roy's four-race wins streak with Ryan Pomposelli joining the podium

Moving on to the Street Stocks, rookie Austin Flanagan and Icebreaker winner Al Stone III brought the fan-favorite division to the initial green with trouble early for Ryan Waterman and Scott Souza as they dragged across the length of the backstretch wall. After rookie Flanagan led lap one, Stone powered back to the lead with Scott Sundeen, Corey Fanning and 'Leadfoot' Larry Barnett following him on the bottom. Fanning used a strong run through turns one and two to launch under Stone and lead lap seven.

The Thompson Late Models jumped on the highbanks for their 25-lap feature with Ryan Morgan and Derek Gluchacki leading the charge into turn one. Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP) finalist Gluchacki led the early circuits with Jake 'The Jet' Johnson trying to track him down as Connor Souza made a physical battle in his fight to third-place. Three wide with former champions Morgan and Nick Johnson, Souza battled hard to join the top-three. The physicality continued to the lap 10 caution with Souza sent to the rear for contact that sent Morgan around in turn two. One final late race caution for rookie Kyle Gero's

dust-up in turn three set up a final chase to the checkers with Derek Gluchacki becoming the first repeat Late Model winner at the Big-T with Jake Johnson and Matt Lowinski-Loh rounding out the podium.

The Tripoint Showdown 50-lap main event for the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds rounded out the evening's program under the lead of Danny Cates and Josh Carey. Cates led from the start as Jon Puleo motored into second with Kieth Rocco looking to come from the back of the pack. Puleo and Cates would swap lanes over and over again with crossovers galore as Rocco watched from two car lengths back in the catbird seat. The first caution would slow the field as Derek Ramstrom smacked the turn one wall with Puleo getting the restart jump on Cates. Cates and Josh Carey would suffer the same fate on lap 27, slamming into the turn one wall. Jon Puleo would take off on the restart and lead down to the wire with Keith Rocco and Isaiah Newcomb rounding out the podium three.

Candlepin League News

Summer Edition

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

EAST BROOKFIELD -This past league night was the second to last league night for Wednesday Nights at Bogey

As of Aug. 7, Rolling Stones are hanging on to a three-point lead in first place with a record of 71-33. Team Seven is close behind in second place at 68-36. Team Nine is in third place at

Split Smashers are in fourth place with a record of 56-48. Team Swish also has a record of 56-48 but are behind in total pinfall compared to Split Smashers and are in fifth place.

Seeds 6-10 are Clock Barn (51-53), Straight Shooters (48-56), Gutter Snipes (40-64), Gutter Dolls (40-64) and Gutter Fingers (26-78). The top three teams (Rolling Stones, Team Seven and Team Nine) are in the running for finishing in first place in the summer league.

Clock Barn bowled against Gutter Fingers on lanes one and two. In game one, Gutter Fingers were victorious 448-425. In game two, Clock Barn was the winner by a score of 457-450. Bob Davenport of Clock Barn scored 108 in game two.

In game three, Clock Barn won the last game of the evening, 437-431. Gutter Fingers won total pinfall by a final score of 1329-1319. Each team split at receiving four points each.

Straight Shooters bowled against the Split Smashers. In game one, Straight Shooters started off with a decisive victory over Split Smashers, 484-442. Phil Clough of Straight Shooters was the high bowler on his team with 115. Nate Fontaine of Split Smashers started off with 120.

In game two, Split Smashers won by a score of 478-453. Fontaine bested his first game score by bowling a 125.

In game three, Straight Shooters won the last game by a score of 484-460. Clough had a 109 in game three, matching his second game score and had a series of 333. Fontaine finished with a 127 and a series of 372. Final scores were 1421-1380 in favor of Straight Shooters.

Gutter Snipes bowled against Team Nine. In game one, Team Nine won the first game 469-455. In game two, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 460-434. Tony Musnicki of Gutter Snipes bowled 118, the high game out of both teams.

In game three, Team Nine won 440-421. The final score was 1343-1336 in favor of Team Nine.

Team Seven bowled against the Gutter Dolls. In game one, Team Seven won by a score of 451-433. In game two, Team Seven won the game by one point, 454-453. In game three, déjà vu happened with Team Seven winning by one point again and with the same scores, 454-453.

Team Seven won total pinfall by a final score of 1359-1339.

The #1 seed Rolling Stones bowled against Team Swish. In game one, Rolling Stones defeated Team Swish 451-429. In game two, Rolling Stones won again 456-405. In game three, Rolling Stones achieved a three-game sweep over Team Swish by winning the last game 452-439.

The final score was 1359-1273 in favor of Rolling Stones, who now have a three-point lead over Team Seven in the standings going into the final week.

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inside the paint to send Quabbin cagers ahead by one After winning the opening playagain after Monty Tech took the lead on a free throw. However, the Quabbin defense couldn't get the 'big stop' and Monty Tech converted on a driving layup and edged ahead by one point again.

With seconds left in the overtime stanza the cagers went back to their standout center Kyle Clark, setting up in the post one more time, and despite a Herculean effort his power layup spun around the rim and out. It was a devastating defeat for a team that had battled back and forth the entire game and was looking to capture their second summer championship.

One of the ten rules for win-

ning any championship is 'getting there'. And to the credit of lutely accomplished that mission. off round the Quabbin Cagers saw an opportunity and a path to capture an Auburn League title, once again, for E.P. Wine, the team sponsor. However, as is often said, in order to win a game such as the overtime game they played, a team must have learned from the pain of losing such a game. And this learning experience is certainly on the Quabbinians plans and agenda going forward as they seek to benefit and improve in many areas of the game. One of those areas will be applying consistent defensive pressure and containing the ball handler. Monty Teach was able to convert on multiple

especially when they needed to ing mostly of younger players the team and coaches they abso- do so. It will take preparation, needing see action on the court defensive side but each player is committed to improving the defensive effort because that is what wins championships. Coach Steve Carrington and the summer staff have been advocating to the players that a great defense produces a great offense and that his team can score off the defensive pressure. Just ask seniors Jaxon Warburton and Bryce Venne, both thrive offensively from deflections and loose ball recov-

At GameOn League action in the north, The Quabbin cagers are now 6-0 with a 54-45 win over Sizer and headed to the first round of playoffs after finishing first in the league. This has been

drives to the basket with ease a good league for a team consistplanning and practice on the and gain valuable experience and knowledge. Coach Steve Carrington is at the helm with Alan Crane assisting and the duo has been mixing the underclassmen players with the older ballers with success.

With the fall approaching fast attention will now turn to scheduling the basketball clinicians on the courts of Quabbin. Former college coach John Leonard, top clinician Bob Catalini, former UMass standout Chris Kirkland and Roots Basketball with Geoff Billingham and Tim Sheridan headline the slate of teaching masters that always are very popular and draw a number of players seeking to both acquire and elevate their skill set.

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ship match. The previous year, they lost by the same score to Here for Beer in the finals.

Following the last Friday's championship match, Julia Farnham, who's a third year member of the Lusitano Women, received the M.V.P. award.

"I didn't score any of the goals or had an assist, but I did help my teammates set up the goals," said Farnham, who's a midfielder. "It feels great to win a championship game for the first time in the three years that I've been playing for this soccer

Farnham lives in Amherst, and played soccer at Vasser College, which is in Poughkeepsie, New York. She led her college soccer team in minutes last fall as a senior.

Here for Beer, who plays their home matches at South Hadley High School, advanced into the finals after posting a pair of road victories. They beat the third-seeded Monson Mustangs, 4-3, in the quarterfinals, and upset the top-seeded Westside Sports Shop,2-0, in the semis.

Westside Sports Shop had won the last three women's championship titles.

"We began the season well before suffering a couple of injuries," said Here for Beer player/ coach Cassie Ashwell. "I never thought that we would make it to the finals this year, but we knocked out the top-seeded team in the semifinals. It was a fun season.'

Ashwell, who was selected as the M.V.P. of the 2018 championship match, shares the coaching duties with Gina Lord.

Ashwell is normally a midfielder, but she was the starting goalkeeper in this year's finals.

"Our starting goalie, Sue Jenney, suffered an ACL injury during the regular season. Our back-up goalie, Kelly Callahan, suffered a season ending injury in our semifinal match on Wednesday," Ashwell said. "I've never been a goalie before the other night. I was our starting goalie in tonight's game and it's the first time I've played a full game at that position. You just need to have a different mindset being a goalie than a field player. I just needed to step up for

my team." The Lusitano Ladies took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the eighth minute.

Ada Siepman, who plays soccer at Mount Holyoke College, fired a high shot that Ashwell couldn't save. The ball landed in the right corner of the net.

"I tried my best to make the save on their first goal," Ashwell said. "I just hesitated a little bit and the ball got past me."

Two minutes later, Lauren Cantin delivered a pass from the left side to Trystin Burger, who finished off the play by scoring the Lusitano Women's second

Burger also played soccer at Granby High School and AIC. The final 30 minutes of the

opening half was evenly played. Here for Beer best scoring chance came on a shot attempt during the 18th minute of the first half from Lauren Majanski, who graduated from South Hadley High School.

The Lusitano Women built a 3-0 lead following a goal by Jordan Chatman with about twenty minutes remaining in reg-

The Lusitano Ladies will be looking to defend their PVSSL women's championship title a year from now.

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associate director of athletics, in announcing the winners.

A foursome headed by Conte's father, Lou Sr., topped the senior division with a 16-under score.

Westfield State athletic trainers Cheryl Lee Scecina and Katie Sylvain were part of the winning coed foursome with a score of nine-under.

Other honors went to baseball alumnus Jack Mosko '78 who won the putting contest, hockey alumnus Chad Lesage '78 who topped the long drive, and Deb Murphy p'17 who topped the women's long drive. Closest to the pin honors went to Tom Mathis, Jake Hough, and former Owls men's basketball guard Austin Joseph '18. Retired Owls cross country coach and Owls Hall of Famer Bill Devine '73 won the pot of gold drawing after hitting the green in regulation on the 11th hole.

The tournament is annually contested the first Monday in August, as the Owls ramp up for their teams to arrive for fall preseason. Conte's football team will be the first ones back on campus beginning Aug. 13.

Job Connection

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DRIVE FOR THE QUABOAG CONNECTOR

Description

Drivers wanted for the Quaboag Connector community transportation service! The Connector operates in ten towns in the Quaboag Region, connecting residents to their everyday needs. We are seeking friendly, responsible drivers to be the face that community members see while traveling to work, medical appointments, grocery stores, and beyond.

Hours and Salary:

We are looking for van and bus drivers for full and part time opportunities. 6AM-2PM shifts and 3PM-7PM shifts for van operators available starting at \$16.00/hour. We are also looking for full-time CDL Class B drivers starting at \$27/hour.

Application Process:

Interested applicants should visit the Ware Town Hall for an application or visit our website at www/rideconnector.com/driveforus. If you have any questions, please call (413) 667-7196.

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The Ware Housing Authority (WHA) is seeking a qualified and experienced **Program Administrator**

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

Tenant Intake/Outreach, Maintenance of waiting lists, Assist program participants to secure appropriate housing and complete all associated paperwork. Negotiate with landlords for comparable rents. Attend training sessions. Administer the Section Program, Ch. 667 and Ch. 705.

Including but not limited to all other tasks as assigned.

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

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

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

Maintenance Supervisor

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

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

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

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

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

To apply, in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Linda Hanssen, Executive Director at warehousing@comcast.net.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 27

1:09 a.m. Public Assist, Summer Street, Public Assist

11:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital

12:52 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Old Coldbrook Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

12:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

Adams Road, Vehicle Towed 4:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Sick/Unknown, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

6:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, South Street, Mutual Aid Transport

6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical - Abdominal/Back Pain, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed

8:32 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, High South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, July 28

4:35 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Transported to Hospital

Summons: Lambert, Zachary J., 34, Hubbardston Charges: Operating Under the

Influence, Liquor OR .08%, Marked Lanes Violation 8:38 a.m. Animal - Wildlife, Moulton

Road, Information Taken 9:25 a.m. Identity Theft, South

Street, Officer Took Call 10:36 a.m. Fire - Public Service Call, Williamsville Road, Public Assist

3:11 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Summer Street, Transported

9:07 p.m. Unwanted Party, Austin

Street, Officer Spoke to Party 9:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasant Street, Vehicle Towed 10:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Report Filed

Summons: Carrasco Martinez, Evelyn Raquel, 24, Worcester Charges: Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Monday, July 29

7:50 a.m. Animal - Wildlife, Hubbardston Road, Message Delivered 11:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transported

7:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning

8:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, July 30

10:47 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other

12:26 p.m. Open Door or Window, Common Street, Officer Spoke to Party 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

3:35 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other

3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Coldbrook Road, Citation Issued 6:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South

Barre Road, Written Warning 8:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning 9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued 9:18 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Summer Street, Location/Found

Wednesday, July 31

10:02 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty 10:35 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Vernon Avenue, Report Field 1:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley

Road, Written Warning 2:39 p.m. Serve Warrant, Gauthier Road, Arrest(s) Made Summons: Wasielewski, Robert, 64,

Barre

Charges: Warrant 3:45 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Hardwick Road, Referred to Other

3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

8:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Breathing Difficulty, South Street, Transported to Hospital 8:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

South Street, Vehicle Removed 9:40 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, South Street, Removed to Court/Lockup 10:30 p.m. Follow Up Investigation,

Gauthier Road, Investigation (On-Going) **SOUTH BARRE**

Saturday, July 28 8:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

Vernon Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, July 30 10:03 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Grove South Street, Referred to Other Agency

5:25 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Austin Street, Referred to Other Agency 7:03 p.m. Animal - Wildlife, School South Street, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, July 31 3:54 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Vernon Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised

Rutland Police Log

Saturday, July 27

9:21 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Central Tree Road, Investigated 10:20 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Party Departed without Incidence

11:55 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street Report Filed 1:59 p.m. Fire - Fumes/Odor/Gas

Leak, Miles Road, Investigated 2:02 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre

Paxton Road, Negative Contact 5:25 p.m. Illegal Burn, Kosta Avenue, Investigated

6:07 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

8:56 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised 9:13 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, East County Road, Unfounded

11:09 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Prison Camp Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, July 28

12:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Fisherman's Way, Officer Spoke to Party 3:58 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid 5:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, Scott Road, Public Assist

6:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Muschopauge Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, July 29

7:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning 7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

7:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning 8:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning

8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued

9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued 10:56 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Breathing Difficulty,

Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital 11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Written Warning 11:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued 12:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

12:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning 12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 2:01 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Fairview Avenue, Investigated

2:04 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke

to Partv 2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:43 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, July 30

12:40 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Inwood Road, Report Filed 5:41 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Campbell Street, Report Filed 8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued 10:40 a.m. Unwanted Party, Main

Street, Officer Spoke to Party

12:45 p.m. Harassment, Desmond Pond Row, Report Filed 1:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop.

Woodside Avenue, Criminal Complaint Summons: Akinbuli, Olajumoke Ayorinde, 46, Rutland Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle,

Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

East County Road, Officer Spoke to

3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued 3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Smith, Shannon L., 43, Baldwinville

Charges: Warrant 5:20 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service - Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 11:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Main Street. Public Assist

Wednesday, July 31

12:36 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Whitehall Road, Unfounded 4:58 a.m. Harassment. Wachusett Street, Officer/Chief Advised

5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

10:08 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Bushy Lane, Referred to Other Agency 10:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Welfare Check, Glenwood Road, No Fire Service Necessary

1:56 p.m. Safety Concern, Charnock Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party 4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Hubbardston Police Log

Saturday, July 27

10:42 a.m. Illegal Burn, Williamsville Road, Fire Extinguished

1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardener Road, Citation Issued Summons: Swanson, Brad E., 35,

Charges: Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured

Motor Vehicle 4:37 p.m. Keep the Peace, Cheyenne Drive, Report Filed

6:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle

12:48 a.m. Suspicious Person/

Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party 9 p.m. Be On the Alert Notification,

Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party Sunday, July 28

Vehicle Activity, High Bridge Road, Negative Contact

10:36 a.m. Fire - Public Service Call, Williamsville Road, Public Assist 3:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Barre Road, Mutual Aid

5:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pitcherville Road, Investigated 5:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

Road, Negative Contact

9:11 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner

Monday, July 29 1:12 p.m. Serve Paperwork, Healdville Road, Paperwork Served 3:10 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Hale Road,

Report Filed

Tuesday, July 30

3:50 p.m. Harassment, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party 11:36 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Road, No Police Service Necessary

Wednesday, July 31 2:32 a.m. Property - Lost and Found, Ashburnham, Located/Found

8:40 a.m. 11:01 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised 11:15 a.m. Follow up Investigation, Gardner Road, Report Filed

12:49 p.m. Serve Paperwork, Gardner Road, Negative Contact 3:30 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation. Main Street, Investigation (On-Going)

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Aug. 5-12, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to seven building/property checks, 12 directed/ area patrols, two radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, one complaint, one motor vehicle accident, five animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of **New Braintree**

Wednesday, Aug. 7 12:52 p.m. Medical Emergency,

Town Hall, Services Rendered 1:21 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Road, Uknown Outcome 2:04 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Aug. 8

1:25 p.m. Medical Emergency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled 4:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled 8:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

Friday, Aug. 9 11:11 p.m. Safety Hazard, West

Saturday, Aug. 10 10:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, West Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

8:32 p.m. Complaint, Pierce Road,

6:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency,

Monday, Aug. 12

Road, Officer Handled

Unknown Location

Oakham Police Log

Drive, Officer Handled

\Saturday, July 27

9:55 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation,

Crocker Nye Road, Officer Spoke to 4:24 p.m. Complaint, Coldbrook Road, Negative Contact

8:36 p.m. Be On the Alert Notification, Worcester Road, Negative 9:54 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Not Action

Sunday, July 28 5:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, Scott Road, Pubic

Monday, July 29 9:15 a.m. Harassment, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Parmenter Road, Removed Hazard

5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, July 30 8:17 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

9:51 p.m. Fire - Fire Investigation,

North Brookfield Road, Investigated

Wednesday, July 31 8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning 8:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning 2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. North Brookfield Road, Written Warning 5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. North

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 5-12, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, one traffic control, eight emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one investigation, one harassment, five complaints, three safetv hazards, one motor vehicle accident. five animal calls and six motor vehicle

stops in the town of Hardwick

Monday, Aug. 5 10:22 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital 2 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Lower Road, Report Taken

2:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Spoken To 3:46 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham

Road, Officer Handled 3:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Harwick Road, Officer Handled 7:48 p.m. Complaint, Lower Road,

8:44 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other

Officer Handled

Tuesday, Aug. 6 11:34 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

Fiske Road, Services Rendered Wednesday, Aug. 7 5:49 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out

of Town, Call Canceled

Street, Officer Handled

9:22 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street. Services Rendered Thursday, Aug. 8 4:07 p.m. Investigation, Church

6:14 p.m. Harassment, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Spoken To 7:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Muddy Brook Road, Officer Handled 9:43 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle

Accident, Old Greenwich Plains Road,

Vehicle Towed Friday, Aug. 9

1:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Officer Handled 1:49 p.m. Complaint, Old Greenwich Plains Road, No Action Required 1:56 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham

Road, Removed Hazard

Removed Hazard

Street, Services Rendered

Road, Peace Restored

Saturday, Aug. 10 1:56 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Services Rendered

2:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Investigated 8 p.m. Medical Emergency, Barre Road. Services Rendered 9:08 p.m. Complaint, Greenwich

10 p.m. Complaint, Greenwich Road, Peace Restored

Sunday, Aug. 11 12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Written Warning 2:08 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

High Road, Transported to Hospital 12:48 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled 2:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

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of herbaceous peonies down to the

Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than

overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs

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of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well.

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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

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would look like after preservation.

"I've been trying to do something with this building for 30 years," she said. "There's so many things that we could do with that building...it all adds up to community uses and it's centering around rural (the farms) and food.'

She said the shared community kitchen is one of the primary aspects of the proposal. She said it will be ServSafe approved, helping to support local farmers and cooks.

Cyran said the site could also be used to house a winter farmers market, as well as cooking classes and community dinners. Healthy meals made from local produce can be prepared and sold to people using the Healthy Incentives Program offered by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

"We can even deliver them to people," she said.

Cyran said the school could also be a space for artists, and provide additional room for local businesses to promote their events, as well as house the town's civil defense.

She said it will be a self-suffi-

cient, "net zero" building.

The proposal also includes handicapped accessibility including a ramp, adding heat pumps, propane backup generator, solar panels, a roof, a gazebo, benches, walking trails, and more.

"It's going to look exactly the same it's been for the last hundred years," she said.

Cyran said even though the collaborative is a nonprofit, its members would like to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes program with the town, to put the building on the

Cohen said she will be using her grant writing skills to seek funding to help move the project along.

Select Board Vice-Chair Eric Vollheim said it's possible that the culinary programs at the region's vocational technical schools could also work with the collaborative. Clerk William Tinker said he is in favor of the project, and suggested connecting with community colleges to provide a satellite learning space for students in need of inter-

Tinker said he wants to ensure that the space (especially the commercial kitchen) is affordable for residents to use.

Cyran said similar spaces provide levels of membership, includ-

ing lower rates for residents and higher rates for nonresidents.

"I don't care if this building makes money," Cyran said, aside from paying for utilities and taxes.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said she recommended the collaborative get its 501(c)3 designation.

Vollheim said the Capital Planning Committee is currently looking at potential uses for three vacant town-owned buildings, including the Ruggles Hill Road School, the Paige building and the former school and senior center in Gilbertville. He said appraisals will be completed soon.

Cyran said she would like the school to be reopened on its 125th

anniversary in a year and a half.

Town Administrator's report Caggiano said the town was awarded \$950,000 for the Highland Terrace project and the planning study for Gilbertville Memorial Park through the Community Development Block Grant. She said the town also received \$95,000 from the National Park Association Grant for the Town House.

The town also secured two state earmarks: \$15,000 for fire hydrants and \$50,000 for the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Office Building

Caggiano said the municipal building will be re-keyed on Aug. 22. She said her assistant will be issuing new keys to town employees and board and committee mem-

"That way when someone leaves a board or leaves employment, we can collect the key and keep an accurate record," she said.

Caggiano said the town is still trying to fill three positions, including a highway working foreman, a truck driver/laborer and a wastewater treatment plant assistant chief operator. All vacant positions have been posted.

She said she and the Assessor met with a municipal auction group regarding the three vacant townowned properties. She will be presenting the information gathered to the board in a future meeting.

Caggiano said she attended a meeting in Ware regarding the Mary Lane Hospital property and met with resident Judi Korzec to discuss the healthcare needs the town is facing. She said this topic will be on the agenda for the board's next meeting.

Caggiano said the Barre Senior Center is now serving meals again. The senior center will be hosting a senior and veterans information fair on Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

"They have a lot of services coming in," she said.

Both Caggiano and Tinker attended the Board of Health's meeting and discussed joining the Ouabbin Health Alliance for fiscal year 2026.

A monthly site visit was conducted at the wastewater treatment plant in Gilbertville, and local legislators toured the police facilities both in town and New Braintree.

An opening meeting law training will be conducted by Nicole Costanzo from KP Law for all town staff, boards and committee members. The training will be held on Sept. 30 from 4:30-6:30 at Eagle Hill School.

Selectmen's roundtable

Tinker talked about accepting donations from citizens and organizations to purchase large items, such as firetrucks.

"It's just an idea," he said. "But mathematically it works."

Caggiano said this is something the Fire Association could do, as the town would be unable

She said they looked at a demo firetruck and different funding options, as well as a used firetruck from the town of Wales. After looking at what is available,

the Capital Planning Committee will meet to discuss the town's options.

Vollheim said funds from the Hardwick Rescue and Emergency Squad have been used to pay for residents to receive EMT and paramedic training. He said two residents have done this and now two more have expressed interest.

He said the Deputy Fire Chief is also seeking to get his paramedic training, of which the funds could cover half the cost.

Vollheim said the funds can also be used to purchase AEDs.

Pole hearing

National Grid and Verizon New England requested permission to place a pole, wires and features along and across Greenwich Road at a pole hearing.

The pole will be placed near Collins Road. The board approved the location of the pole.

Select Board meeting dates

Caggiano said there are three Select Board meeting dates that will fall on Monday holidays in fiscal year 2025, and she asked the board members to move those meetings to Tuesdays. The board approved the meeting schedule for

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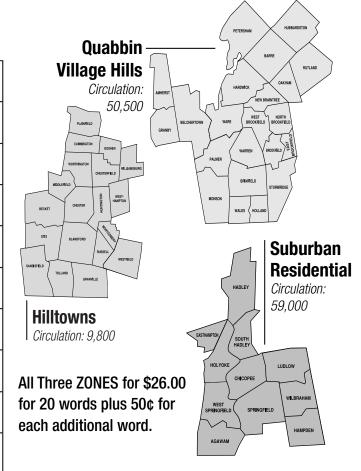
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