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## Selfless commitment to public service

### State Police Academy's 88th Recruit Training Troop graduates

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SPRINGFIELD – Earlier this month, the State Police Academy graduated its 88th Recruit Training Troop, which featured 165 men and women from cities and towns across the commonwealth.

The State Police Pipes & Drums Band ushered dignitaries into the Mass Mutual Center on Aug. 3, where Sgt. Mike Goonan, Director of Training at the State Police Academy acted as master of ceremonies.

The 88th RTT began training at

the State Police Academy in New Braintree earlier this year, passing through an intensive 16-hour day program, five days a week.

Following a moment of silence for police and military personnel who have given their lives defending the nation and a prayer by State Police Chaplain Rev. Dr. Johnny Wilson, the 88th RTT demonstrated Troop drill under the command of Senior Drill Instructor Trooper Alicia Amaral.

"Since 1921, your uniformed State Troopers have been subject to demands of strict discipline that only paramilitary training can provide," Goonan said. "Troop drill helps develop the core qualities of pride, professionalism, respect, attention to detail and esprit de corps. Troop drill inspires the common spirit necessary to become a Massachusetts State Trooper."

**"The badge is not a gift; it's not awarded lightly... it must be earned."**

- Sgt. Mike Goonan

Captain Jon Provost, Commandant of the State Police Academy, thanked all for attending the ceremony in Springfield, which he described as a "resilient city of firsts."

"Today, they add another first to that list, as they for the first time, host the Massachusetts State Police in our graduation ceremony," Provost said. "Our friends in Springfield selflessly rolled out the red carpet in support of our 88th Recruit Training Troop and your

Massachusetts State Police."

Provost said the 88th RTT is full of strong men and women who, "selflessly and humbly persevered to reach this proud moment."

He addressed the family and friends of the Recruits in the audience, thanking them for their sacrifices as their loved ones dedicated themselves to the training program.

"At orientation, a true lifetime ago, we promised you we'd eventually give them back," he said. "Today, we make good on that

promise."

Provost spoke about the training the Recruits received since they started at the State Police Academy on Feb. 27 in a class that started with 249 eager members. The only "easy day" at the State Police Academy, he said, was a day that had already gone by.

He addressed the Recruits, "88th RTT, together we embarked on an incredibly challenging and humbling journey. Together, we have persevered. It has been one of the great honors of my career to share in this accomplishment with all of you. We are the 88th RTT."

Provost welcomed the new Troopers to the State Police family, saying it opened up a "world of opportunity" to do justice, to show kindness, to walk humbly, to selflessly serve their communities and to persevere.

"Persevere 88th...be safe, and congratulations," Provost said.

The newly graduated Troopers received a shield-shaped badge, which was pinned on their uniforms.

"It represents allegiance to justice, service, sacrifice, and an honor to all those who wear it," Goonan said. The badge is considered the most recognizable symbol of policing around the world, he said.

"The badge is not a gift; it's not awarded lightly...it must be earned," he said, which the 88th RTT has done.

Following the pinning, the 88th RTT received its final inspection by Governor Maura Healey before being officially sworn in. Healey

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## Students complete Active Bystander Training



Photos by Veronika Patty

These 25 students from six school districts participated in Training Active Bystanders Training.

BARRE – Two Quabbin students completed Active Bystander Training this week, and are ready to bring the message to their peers.

The Health Equity Partnership of North Central Mass supported this fun and exciting opportunity youth program.

TAB empowers bystanders and gives them the competencies they need if they decide to take action when they witness something they feel is unfair or wrong or troubling. TAB helps participants to: analyze situations where harm may be occurring, recognize when they are bystanders, evaluate the consequences for everyone

involved and interrupt harm doing and generate positive actions by others

TAB was developed in 2006 by Quabbin Mediation of Orange. TAB has become the work of many thousands of people in the Massachusetts' North Quabbin area and beyond. Quabbin Mediation is deeply grateful to all those volunteers, who have given so much of themselves to make the program a success.

These two Quabbin students Lillian, from left and Chrissy completed Training Active Bystander recently.



## Select Board discuss goals and prop 2 1/2 override

By Ellenor Downer  
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HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Select Board discussed goals and a proposition 2 1/2 override with Town Administrator Nathan Boudreau at their Monday, Aug. 7 meeting.

The Town Administrator went over some of the goals the Select Board discussed at a retreat meeting during a previous month. The first goal on the list was to find new ways to bring revenue into the town. Currently, property taxes account for about 80% of the town's revenue, followed by state aid and local receipts.

Another goal was to find ways to promote town meeting attendance. The Town Administrator said finding ways to meet the goal of keeping skilled staff included offering professional development and training to all employees.

Select Board member Kris Pareago said the goal included at least one professional development training per year and he said it should be changed to two per year. He also said the town meeting quorum should be lowered. Select Board Vice Chair Katie Young said town meetings have always had a quorum.

The board approved the goals with the amendment to the number of professional development and/or training sessions changed from one to two.

Proposition 2 1/2

The Town Administrator gave

a presentation to the board on the need for a proposition 2 1/2 override for the town. He said the town faced a structural deficit for many years now. Previous town administrators warned about this happening.

The deficit had become so high it was no longer possible to function without severe cuts to the budget. He said the "fiscal cliff" had come. COVID and the large federal funds coming in during that time, as well as expiring debts, pushed this day off for a few years.

Deteriorating roads and other infrastructure was a sign of the structural deficit. He said asking departments to level fund their budgets when the cost of living increased was "a budget cut."

Town Administrator Boudreau

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## Resident calls Laurel Road a safety issue

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HUBBARDSTON – During public comment, Debra Chamberlain of Laurel Road said Laurel Road was almost "impassable."

She said when the ambulance transported her daughter to the hospital, the driver was unable to go over 19 miles per hour on the road. It wasn't until the ambulance got to the center of town that it was able to increase speed to 42 miles per hour.

For the ride to Worcester, it was able to travel even faster. She said "time was of the essence" and the condition of Laurel Road made it a public safety concern.

She said she and the other residents of the road hoped their road would be fixed next year. Instead, her road and several near by roads got moved further down the line. She asked why that happened.

Town Administrator Nathan Boudreau said her road and Dogwood Road North were moved further down the list to Fiscal Year 2027 mostly due to the poor condition of New Westminster Road, which has higher traffic volume.

Select Board Chair Jeff Williams said the lack of revenue was the cause and many roads in town deteriorated. The priority was to fix the main roads and most heavily traveled roads first.

He also said doing two roads, which connect, cost less money

than to do two roads in different parts of the town. He said New Westminster Road, Brigham Road and Barre Road were ahead of Laurel Road on the town's road list.

Select Board clerk member, Heather Munroe, recommended the board have Department of Public Works Director Travis Brown attend a future meeting to explain the process of prioritizing roads on the paving list.

Draft proposal and chiller borrowing

Interim superintendent Colleen Mucha and Buildings, Facilities and Grounds Director Kevin Clark attended the Monday, Aug. 7 Select Board meeting to discuss a draft proposal for green communities projects and the borrowing for the chiller.

Interim superintendent Mucha said the school district has expertise in the facilities and buildings in the district and in the proposal would have school personnel present when work was done in the schools. The proposal also asked if possible that work be done after school hours. It also would require fire, police and highway departments be notified.

Both Clark and the interim superintendent will be visiting the five member towns to discuss this proposal. They already visited New Braintree and will be visiting Barre, Hardwick and Oakham.

Hubbardston was one of the three towns, which will be bor-

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## Seed loving goldfinch likes coneflowers

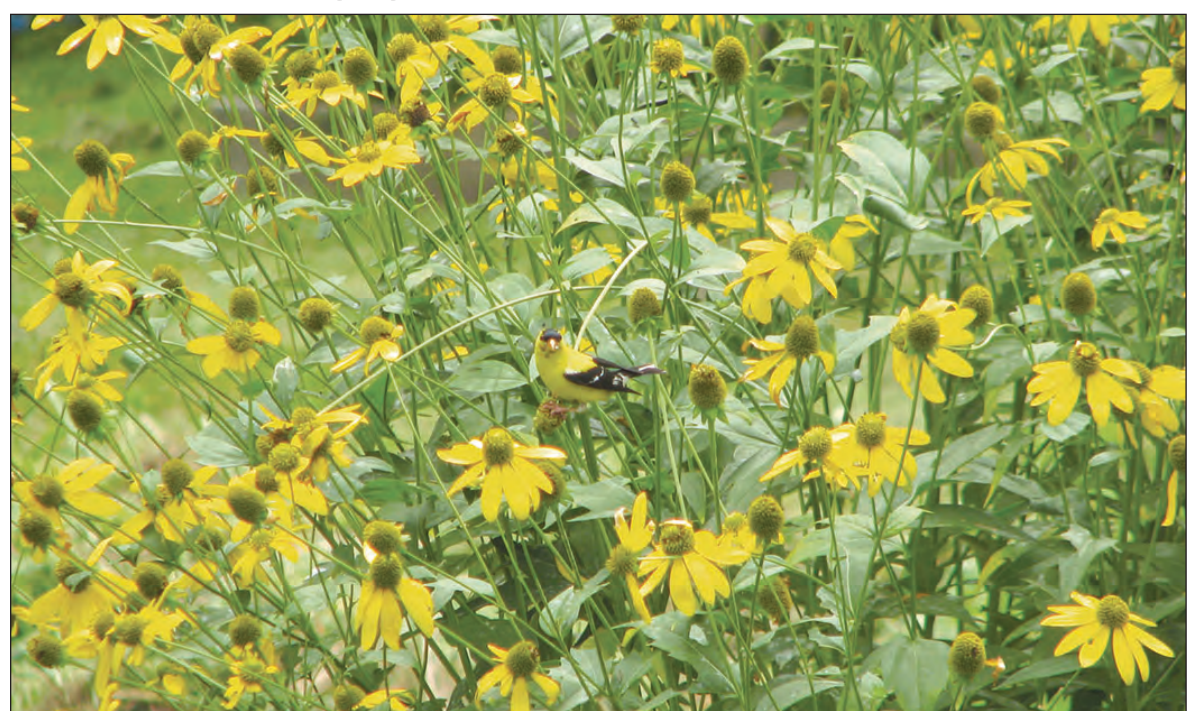


Photo by Tom Rawinski

An American Goldfinch male is shown on coneflowers in an Oakham garden. Years ago Tom Rawinski dug up a small plant in New York State, a native Cutleaf coneflower, and planted it in his garden. The seeds attract the Goldfinches.



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# News of the Towns

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## Legion to hold surf and turf raffle

American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, will hold a surf and turf meat raffle on Sunday, Aug. 20 with the doors opening at 3 p.m. and it starts at 3:30 p.m. This is the first time Post #2 held a seafood table. Meat as always comes from Arnold's Meat Market. Tickets are seven for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Every table has great meat to choose from.

### Community supper

A community friendship drive thru supper will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Thursday, Aug. 17 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This is in conjunction with the Barre Food Pantry Distribution from 5-7 p.m. at the church. The supper menu is spaghetti and meatballs and a dessert.

### Nornay Park concerts

The end of season concerts are Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre are Alley Kings on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and The Big Random on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 5-7 p.m. The starting time is earlier as the days are getting shorter. The Barre Lions Club will run a concession stand at both concerts. Karen Zablonksi of T & T Heavenly Sweets will also be at the Saturday concerts. Sponsors include Barre Cultural Council, Barre Recreation Committee, Barre Savings Charitable Foundation, Fidelity Bank and their team Barre Lions Club and T & T Heavenly Sweets.

### Nornay Park events

Upcoming events at Nornay Park are Flying High Dogs on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. New Life Assembly of God will host Family Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 30 from noon-4 p.m. There will be free activities and food. The Town Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sign up fee is \$10. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 8 at applicants' discretion.

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## Fairies return to Hardwick Fair-y Village Aug. 18-19

HARDWICK – The 261st Hardwick Community Fair will be held Friday, Aug. 18 and Saturday, Aug. 19.

The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, will have a real, live fair from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19. People should bring their fairy houses to display in the Hardwick Fair-y Village, or just come and see what others have made.

There will be surprises for the little ones.

The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library Book Sale will be held downstairs at the library from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday as well. There will be lots of new choices and your donations help support the programs at the Library.

Buy tickets for the four raffle baskets and be a winner when the names are drawn on Saturday afternoon. There is something for everyone at the oldest agricultural fair in the U.S.

For more information, call the Library at 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

## Barre High Class of 1956 holds reunion



Members of Barre High Class of 1956 are front row from left, Bill Robinson, Anna (Celona) Robinson, Richard Stevens and Sam Sidoti and back row from left, Guy D'Annolfo and Ron Potter.

BARRE – The six members of the Barre High School Class of 1956 and their guests were in attendance for lunch at the J & J Restaurant on

Friday, July 21.

The group started the reunion with a tour of the Barre Historical Society, which was very enjoyable to

everyone. The group had a great reunion, remembering and reminiscing over memories of their days at Barre High School.

## University of the Wild to hold symposium on ancient stone structures

PETERSHAM – The local bioregion of the Quabbin and Nicheaug possess many ancient stone and landscape features created by past residents and civilizations.

These sites, when understood, can give information to the modern era on how to live, learn and act in concert with the Earth. The University of the Wild, whose self-directed education curriculum on "Sense of Place" will offer a Symposium on Ancient Landscape and Stone structures on Monday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. at their base-camp facility at 73 Glasheen Road.

The symposium will include a range of practitioners working in the fields of Geomancy, Archeology, Feng Shui and Human Ecology who will offer overviews of their work and how it relates to local landscapes. The following have been invited to participate on a panel discussion, including, Matt Adams, founder of New England Historic Stone Sites; Michael Menders, co-founder of Stone Structures of Antiquity; New York author, Linda Zimmerman; local Geomanist, Pam Kimball; local stone mason, Jim Dowd and others.

One focus of the event will be the history of the "Underground Chambers" on Glasheen Road, which have been documented to be thousands of years old and adapted by a range of people over the years, with the most recent being Indigenous Nipmuc Tribe and the early settlers of Petersham.

According to one of the classic books on local landscapes, Manitou: The Sacred Landscapes of New England's Native Civilization, co-authored by the late Bryon E. Dix, who stated; "...this remarkable col-



These underground chambers located on Glasshouse Road, will be one of the topics of a symposium on Monday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. at the University of the Wild base camp in Petersham.

lection of man-made works, now largely hidden and ignored in modern forests, is awesome in quantity, size, and complexity, but its origins and functions have remained unknown." In addition, author Linda Zimmerman, Mysterious Stone Sites, who has studied the "Underground Chambers" and challenges the misconceptions of who built them and why.

Larry Buell, local land historian and facilitator of the symposium has studied local landscapes for years and finds that the investigation of such sites gives great insight on those who have

lived on the land and how they survived.

Buell said, "...to understand ancient landscapes can give one deeper understanding of how people survived and thrived in New England and can inform us how to live within the challenges and opportunities of Climate Change and Cultural Fragmentation."

The program is free and open to the public with donations welcomed. For more information, people may email Dr. Larry Buell at larry@UofWild.org or call 978-855-1420. To register, people may visit www.UofWild.org.

## Hubbardston

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## Last concert set for Aug. 19

The last concert of the season will be held Saturday, Aug. 19 from 5-8 p.m. at the Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68. The band is the High Powered Mutants. There will be food for sale and the Girl Scouts will be selling cookies. People should bring a blanket or chair

### Dinghy Dash

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

### Field Day

The Hubbardston Lions Club Field Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Town wide yard sale

New this year is a town wide yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 24. The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 24. There is no charge to be put on the map. People should email Katie at hubbardston250@gmail to be put on the map.

### Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Cribbage will be starting on Thursday, Aug 17 at 12:30 p.m.

## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Aug. 21. 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 – Lasagna with meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, vanilla pudding and diet pudding, Italian bread

TUESDAY – Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, California vegetables, cold apple crisp, diet = applesauce, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY – Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn, sour cream, pita bread, pineapple

THURSDAY – Beef with onions and peppers, herbed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, birthday cake, diet = 1/2 piece, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, fresh fruit, hotdog rolls

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

## Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The library will host drumming with Tim and Chris Kane on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. The Hardwick Fair-y Village will be open Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be glitter tattoos and a live fairy.

Also on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library Book Sale will take place in the lower level of the library.

The library is in search of a fairy to work from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Paige Memorial Library Hardwick Fair-y Village. The actor must have his/her own costume and an activity for children.

Experience working with many children of various ages is preferred. The appearance of the Hardwick Fair-y Village Fairy has become a popular event and the fairy will interact with many children and their families in the lovely shaded "Fairy Glen" next to the Paige Library. Anyone interested should send letters of interest, experience and contact information via email to Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or come to the Paige Memorial Library to visit the area.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE.

Sewer Commission – Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 24 at 9:30 a.m.  
 Conservation Committee – Aug. 22 and Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 24 at 11 a.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 24 at 9:30 a.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Aug. 24 at 11 a.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Sept. 11 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.  
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

### HARDWICK.

Capital Planning Committee – Aug. 21 at 3 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – Aug. 22 and Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – Sept. 13 at 4 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Public Safety Building Committee – Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Conservation – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Sept. 6 and Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

### NEW BRAINTREE

Select Board – Aug. 28 at 8 a.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Parks and Recreation – Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.  
 Downtown Development Committee – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 29, Sept 12 and Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

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

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Select Board – Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Advisory Finance Committee – Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Aug. 18 at 9 a.m.  
 Planning Board – Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Earthworks Board Meeting – Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board Public Hearing – Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.  
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Aug. 24 and Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Events Committee – Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board and Ad Hoc By Law Committee Joint Meeting – Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

## Saint Joseph's hosts annual BBQ and family fair Sept. 9-10

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Saint Joseph's Parish will host the 41st annual Chicken Barbecue and Family Fair on Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10 on the Rectory Grounds, 28 Mt. Pleasant St.

The weekend starts with a mass at 3 p.m. on Saturday, followed by the Family Fair from 4-7 p.m. The Fair will continue on Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

All are welcome to join them for a delicious chicken dinner, served on Sunday from 1-2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children aged 12 and under and takeout is available.

Other food is available all weekend: hamburgers, hot dogs, fried dough, French fries, pizza, chili, ice cream sundaes and more.

There will be a variety of fun events for the whole family including music by DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc on both days. There will also be the ever-popular flea market, children's games, baked goods, crafts, assorted raffles as well as a basket raffle and a scratch ticket raffle which includes a book of 50 \$30 lottery scratch tickets and much more.

Food, games, raffles and fun are available all weekend. For chicken dinner tickets and more information, please call the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 508-867-6469.

### Editorial deadline reminder

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

MOC COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT						
AUGUST 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Program Manager: clajinskas@mocinc.org CFCE Coordinators: rburke@mocinc.org, kford@mocinc.org, qt12683@aol.com		1 NO GROUPS THIS WEEK! Instead, please join us at all the different community events!	2	3	4	5 10:30AM Trinity Bear Picnic Woods Memorial Library.
	6 August is National Family Meals Month!	7 10AM Bounce, Balance, Be Active Day Old Town Hall 2 Exchange St. Barre	8 10AM Outdoor Playgroup 113School St. S. South Barre 10AM Outdoor Playgroup Park Hill Playground, Fitchburg	9 10AM Outdoor Playgroup 68 Coleman St. Gardner (Sign Up for Pizza Dinner) 5-8pm Quabbin Regional High School, 5-7 pm Lowe Park, Fitchburg	10 10AM Playgroup 49 Nursery Lane Fitchburg	11 10AM Outdoor Picnic Playgroup Memorial Park Gilbertville
	13 Visit www.delish.com for 100+ Easy Kid friendly recipes.	14 10AM Playgroup 16 Elm St Baldwinville 10AM Playgroup New Braintree Library	15 10AM Outdoor Playgroup 113School St. S. South Barre NO FITCHBURG PLAYGROUP	16 NO CFCE Programming	17 10AM Playgroup 49 Nursery Lane Fitchburg Evening Playgroup School St North, Rice Park Barre (Register for Pizza Dinner)	18 10:30AM Outdoor Playgroup Hubbardston Center School Playground
	20	21 10:30am Playgroup Stephens Memorial Library, Ashburnham	22 10AM Outdoor Playgroup 113School St. S. South Barre 10AM Outdoor Playgroup Park Hill Playground, Fitchburg	23 NO GARDNER PLAYGROUP Evening Playgroup School St North, Rice Park Barre (Register for Pizza Dinner)	24 10AM Inland Playgroup Woods Memorial Library, Barre NO FITCHBURG PLAYGROUP	25 NO CFCE Programming
	27	28 NO CFCE Programming	29 10AM Outdoor Playgroup 113School St. S. South Barre NO FITCHBURG PLAYGROUP	30 10AM Outdoor Playgroup 68 Coleman St. Gardner	31 NO CFCE Programming	

All MOC CFCE programs are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Free Playgroups, StoryWalks, and Family Events. No registration is required. For ages Birth to 6yrs and their guardians!

## FOSC announces 2023-24 series

GILBERTVILLE – Friends of the Stone Church will present pianist Janice Weber with Sasha Callahan, violin and Leo Eguchi, cello, performing string trios by Haydn, Beethoven and Robert Schumann and Jhula Jhule by Reena Esmail at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. This delightful program presents masterpieces for strings and piano and an intriguing composition based on traditional Indian songs.

A public reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by visiting <https://buytickets.at/friendsofthestonechurch/738389>. Youth under 18 and holders of the equivalent to Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture are admitted free.

Janice Weber graduated summa cum laude from the Eastman School of Music. Her interest in uncommon avenues of piano literature led to a world premiere recording of Liszt's 1838 Transcendental Etudes. Time Magazine noted "Liszt later simplified these pieces into the still ferociously difficult Transcendental Etudes (1851 version) for fear that no one else could play them."

There may now be several fire-eating piano virtuosos who can execute the original notes, but few can liberate the prophetic music they contain as masterfully as Janice Weber. She has appeared with the Boston Pops, Chautauqua Symphony, New Jersey Symphony, Hilton Head Orchestra, Sarajevo Philharmonic, and Syracuse Symphony and in solo performances at the White House and multiple summer festivals.

Violinist Sasha Callahan

received her bachelor's degree in violin performance from Rice University and her Master of Music from Boston University. She has performed extensively throughout North America, Europe and Japan and is a founding member of Willamette Valley Chamber Music Festival, Sheffield Chamber Players, the Lunaire String Quartet, and Kalistos Chamber Orchestra. Her recent solo performances include Braham Double Concerto; a Bach program at the National Cathedral, and performances with the World Youth Orchestra, an international orchestra assembled to present concerts in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. She appears frequently in New England, including with the Portland (ME) Symphony, Rhode Island Philharmonic and New Hampshire Music Festival, the Boston Pops, and the Boston Ballet Orchestra.

Leo Eguchi, principal cellist of the New Bedford Symphony, has been described as "copiously skilled and confident" by The New York Times. His degrees include a Bachelor's of Music in cello performance from the University of Michigan and a Master of Music from Boston University. Performing widely as a soloist, chamber ensemble and orchestra musician, Mr. Eguchi has had a varied performance career.

Highlights include being a prize-winner at the 2021 ProCello International Cello Competition; several GRAMMY-nominated recordings from Parma Records; an artist residency and solo performances in Kabul, Afghanistan; and opportunities to share the non-classical stage with the

likes of Pete Townshend, Queen Latifah, Melissa Etheridge, Audra McDonald and many others. Mr. Eguchi is a strong advocate of new music and has premiered dozens of solo and chamber works by notable composers, including the work of Reena Esmail on this concert program. He teaches at Boston College and is the Assistant Conductor of the MIT Symphony Orchestra.

Janice Weber is also "an American concert pianist who writes as well as she plays" according to The New York Times. Music fills the plots of her seven novels. Her characters without music in their lives fill the void with murder and treason.

This concert is supported by grants from the Cultural Councils of Hardwick-New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham and Petersham. Local Cultural Councils are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

At home viewers may enjoy watching recordings of previous concerts by visiting links on the Friends of the Stone Church website: [FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org/music/](http://FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org/music/).

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## Quabbin Visitor Center hosts late summer hike on Sept. 7

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offer several free programs this spring.

Enjoy a later summer hike at Quabbin Park on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This hike will meet at the parking area at the Middle Entrance and walk along the Spillway Road to a small

meadow across from the Boat Cove.

The approximately 1-mile walk is easy, but the road along the Spillway is heavily trafficked, so caution is advised. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, bring water, and come prepared for insects.

Meet at the Middle Entrance parking lot (<https://goo.gl/maps/2xHfXUwC7H8fmae8>). All ages are welcome. Email

QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov with questions or to be added to the mailing list

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the Quabbin Watershed.

Space is limited. To register for any of these events, visit [www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?\\_page=1](http://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1).

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## Oakham

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## Candidate's Night set for Aug. 31

The Meet the Candidate's Night will be held on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St. On Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. there will be an informational session and question and answer with Fire Chief Tim Howe about the ballot question for the replacement tanker/engine. At 6:45 p.m. people will meet the candidates for the open seat on Oakham's Select Board. Attendees will be able to submit written questions for the candidates. The town election and vote for a debt exclusion for the replacement tanker/engine is set for Thursday, Sept. 14.

### Friends of Fobes Memorial Library

The Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library will participate in the Oakham Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the front of the library. If it is raining, they will not participate.

Donations of yard sale items are welcome. Most items will be unmarked with a price and are by donation. However, select items will be priced. People, who donate items, should check to see if they sold. If not they should pick them up.

### Oakham church

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

### Concert

The last concert of the season will be the Bad Tickers on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham Common. The Friends of the Bandstand sell popcorn, soda and water.

### COA

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

## ArtWorks Gallery calls for fine art photography

WARE – ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St., invites photographers from throughout the northeastern U.S. to submit their fine art photography to "Through the Lens".

A diverse range of subject matter is welcome, from landscapes to portraits to abstract photography and beyond. Digital photography is welcome, but AI-generated images are not.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 31 by midnight. The entry form and full details can be found on [workshop13.org](http://workshop13.org).

"Through the Lens" will be on display from Sept. 23 to Oct. 29, opening with a reception on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 3-5 p.m. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

The juror for "Through the Lens" is Stephen Petegorsky, an artist and freelance photographer based in Florence. Born in New York City, he graduated from Amherst College and later received his master's degree in photography from Rhode Island School of Design.

He has taught at Amherst College, Smith College, Hampshire College, and the University of Connecticut.

His work has been exhibited internationally and is in collections throughout this country as well as in Europe. Most known for his black and white landscapes, he has for many years also made images based on photographs of cleared and stained animal specimens typically found in natural history museums and university biology departments.

Since 1998 he has documented the work of the Polus Center for Social and Economic Development, a human services agency that works internationally to improve the lives of victims of conflict and people with disabilities.

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# Opinion

## Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

### Why is Social Security withholding my monthly payments?

**Dear Rusty:** I have been working since I started collecting Social Security when I turned 62. Last year I was apparently overpaid because of my job. I made \$37,000 and now the Social Security Administration says I owe them \$8,800 dollars because I made too much and they have withheld my \$2000 monthly SS payment.

I am close to the maximum allowable again already this year. So, I am looking at quitting my job so I don't go over, but they are holding my payments so then I would have no money. Any help would be appreciated.

Signed: **Frustrated by Social Security**

**Dear Frustrated:** You are being affected by Social Security's "earnings test," which applies to everyone who collects early Social Security and also works before reaching their Full Retirement Age. If your earned income exceeds the annual limit, which was \$19,560 for 2022, Social Security will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit.

If you earned \$37,000 in 2022 you were more than \$17,000 over the limit and owe half of that back to Social Security. They usually recover what you owe by withholding your future benefit payments, so they won't pay you benefits until they have recovered that \$8,800, after which your benefits will resume, but only for a while.

If you are working full time and also collecting early Social Security benefits, the earnings test lasts until you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 8 months. The earnings limit goes up a bit each year for 2023 it is \$21,240, but if you continue to work full time, you'll receive another overpayment notice and have more benefits withheld.

A better approach might be to contact Social Security in advance and tell them what your 2023 earnings are expected to be, thus permitting them to suspend your benefits in advance and avoid overpaying you. I'm afraid there is no way around this - collecting early benefits while working full time means the "earnings test" will affect your benefit payments.

The "good news" in all of this is that when you reach your Full Retirement Age, you will get time-credit for all months your benefits were withheld. By that I mean they will, at your FRA, recalculate your benefit entitlement as though you had claimed later (later by the number of months you had benefits withheld), which will result in a higher monthly payment after your FRA.

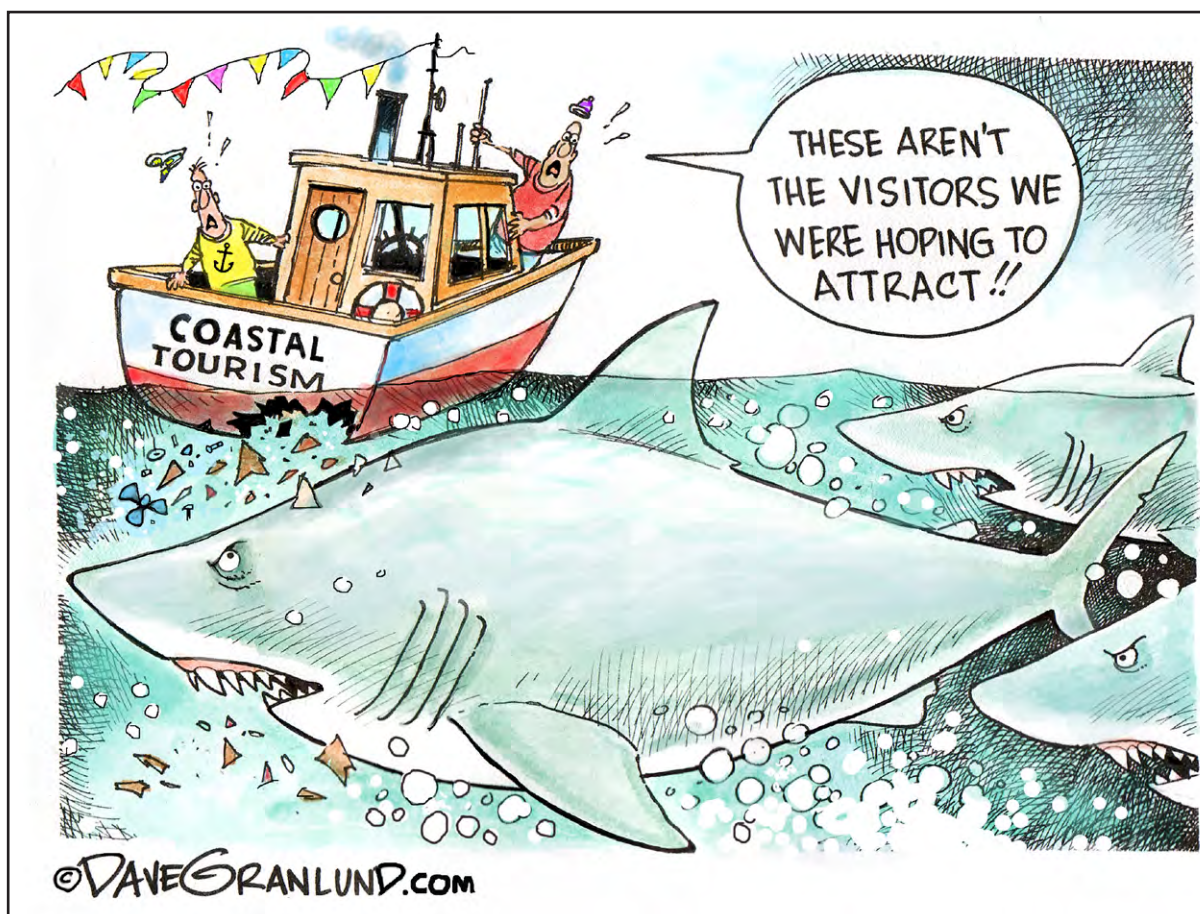
In that way, you may eventually recover some or all of the benefits withheld by receiving a higher monthly amount for the rest of your life, starting at your full retirement age.

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or at your local office and tell them you want to provide them with an estimate of your 2023 earnings because you are working and collecting early Social Security benefits.

They will work with you to suspend your benefits for an appropriate number of (additional) months to avoid another overpayment situation. Note, you'll likely need to do this each year you continue to work full time, until the year you reach your full retirement age when the earnings limit more than doubles. The earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

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## Guest Column



### Soil test this fall and beat the rush

A dear friend of mine sent me a picture of her pepper; her one pepper.

Granted, the fruit was picked a wee-bit prematurely by her 3-year-old granddaughter Genevieve, but still, one single fruit measuring 2 inches by 2 inches for all of her many pepper plants is nothing to brag about.

If I'm not mistaken, she used the word "pathetic" to describe said plants. Along with "stunted" and "pale."

Alas, what is a friend to do, but recommend a soil test.

I finally got the soil in two of my gardens tested last fall and I am so very happy that I did. With the necessary amendments added to bring up sub-par soil, I am enjoying bush beans and happy flowers in those areas.

Many of us garden for years before we have our soil tested. It is likely that we get fixed on our own routine of liming and fertilizing.

Perhaps too, we live with the same insect and disease problems each season and think that little can be done to remedy our situation. Maybe with a better understanding of our soil through testing, we will be able to create and maintain a fertile soil that supports healthy, optimal plant growth.

Rather than waiting until spring, beat the rush and send your sample off this fall. Here is a refresher on the nuts and bolts of soil testing.

We test the soil for many reasons. Perhaps the most important reason is to learn its pH.

Here in New England soil tends to be on the acidic side. Vital soil nutrients are unavailable to plants in an overly acid soil, even if they are in great supply.

Optimum pH for most plants is close to neutral, in the range of 6.2-6.8. Before you head for the garage to dust off the spreader, be forewarned that all limes are not the same!

Test results will indicate whether calcitic lime, hi mag lime, or dolomitic lime is best for your soil, and at what rates.

The test will also give you recommendations for boosting necessary soil nutrients, the most common of which are phosphorous, and potassium, magnesium, calcium and more. Let the soil testing laboratory know what crops you grow and what kind of gardener you are, that way their advice can be specific to your needs.

Organic gardeners will want to use natural fertilizer sources such as blood meal, bone meal, bone char, wood ash, rock phosphate and greensand among others to feed the soil.

The standard soil test will also give you the levels of lead in your soil. As we all know, lead poisoning is a particular concern to children under the age of 6.

Produce grown in soils high in lead can accumulate enough lead in their tissue to be hazardous when eaten. The most likely cause of soil contamination is from particles of lead based paint that have been

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## In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 23, 2018)

Agricultural traditions continued at the Hardwick Community Fair and some rain Friday night and Saturday afternoon did not deter the crowds or events. Participants showed dairy cows, heifers and calves or entered their forage in the field crops contest. The rain during the night made the bales of hay soggy and took away the fresh, sweet smell of hay put up right. Steve Prouty won several blue ribbons for hay. Scarecrows once had a practical purpose of keeping the crows out of the crops. Scarecrows at the fair were judged not for function, but most creative, traditional, prettiest and use of recycled materials.

Annual Old Home Day is ready to go on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Petersham Common and Town Hall with lots of high energy events and activities for visitors. New this year, beginning at 11 a.m., the Common will be filled with a dozen area farmers offering freshly prepared tastings of their locally grown goods. Cynthia Henshaw of East Quabbin Land Trust reached out across the region seeking farmers to provide their produce for special preparations and tasty servings. Henshaw rounded up a stellar group of hard working famers creating delicious food.

Treasurer/collector Nancy Talbot notified selectmen Monday of her intention to resign in October. Selectman chair, Matthew Urban, said she did a lot for the town. Assistant collector, Jessica Crawford, recently took a position in the town of Hardwick. He referred to the two positions, treasurer/collector and assistant collector as "two critical spots" to fill.

10 years (Aug. 22, 2013)

The Hardwick Fair has been around for 251 years, making it the oldest country fair in the country and one of the most heavily attended in the entire region. It all began with Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles. An early settler of Hardwicke, he represented the town to the General Court in Boston from 1754 to 1770. At the time, Hardwicke was prospering with land and animals, Ruggles took this opportunity of prosperity in 1762 to promote a formal act of the court and establish the Hardwick Fair, the first fair of its kind. The fair would be used to show off and sell the goods of the townspeople, who were, at the time, so well off. Large group dinners were also a constant during the fair.

The Barre Players Young Adult Theater presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at the Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., Barre. The musical is based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schultz. The book, music and lyrics are by Clark Gesner. The cast of 11 youths all contributes to a production that delights audiences of all ages from young children to senior citizens. Daniel Orpilla is Charlie Brown and gave the audience insight into the mind of a child. He dutifully feed his dog, Snoopy, played by Christopher Crockett-Sears, who really acts like

### LOOK BACK Making of a float - 1997



Barre Players entered a float in the rutland Fourth of July parade on Sunday, The planning and construction was a lot of work, but there were a lot of helpers. Tom Powers and Jessica Powers do some sponge painting. Jessica asked her dad to help sponge paint parts of the tower she couldn't reach. He was having so much fun he didn't want to relinquish the sponge.

when he moves his leg when petted and licks faces.

38 years (Aug. 22, 1985)

Oakham Selectmen received a citizen petition from Laurie Rosenkrantz at their Monday night meeting. The petition had over 250 signatures certified by the town clerk, more than double the number needed to put an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant scheduled for Sept. 9. The non-binding petition article asks the town to vote either yes or no to have the selectmen reconsider their vote not to join the regional animal control based in Rutland.

25 years (Aug. 20, 1998)

At their Aug. 17 meeting, Barre Selectmen said they remain concerned that the Building Department has improperly raised building permit fees. Selectman Chairman Daniel Trifilo maintains the new fees have been instituted without the required public hearing. He said such fees as plant and energy review are new and he has seen an \$85 charge for "other fees. Trifilo said he talked to a contractor, who said a roof permit cost \$200, half the cost of the materials. Selectmen Charles R. Chase agreed the permit fees are excessive.

The Barre Fire Department will be conducting voluntary tolls through the town on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This is the third time that Barre has participated in this event. Last year the firefighters raised more than \$2,400 for MDA. In the prior year, \$2,300 raised. Firefighters in town volunteer their time for the "boot drive" and all of the proceeds go directly to the MDA.

Jeff Demarest of Barre is one of the new artists on the Back Roads Tour, which will take place Oct. 3 and Oct. 4. He is a wildfowl wood-carver. Brochures for the tour are now available at local businesses.

The Barre Board of Sewer Commissioners will be having an information hearing on Aug. 28 to explain the partial list of preliminary figures that they are expecting to receive from Boston on their share of the cost of the municipal system. At that time, they believe they will not have any definite information about supplemental funding. In a letter, Senator Wetmore said, "I have contacted Amy S. Anthony, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Communities and Development and Evelyn Murphy, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Economic Affairs, relative to this matter."

Coldbrook Country Club and Campground will be closing its doors to campers for the end of the camping season, according to Craig Defoyd, project manager of National American Corp, the current owners. As of Nov. 1, all seasonal campers must remove their trailers and all other buildings for a full renovation of the camp ground to take place. "Major repairs cannot be made to Coldbrook unless all trailers are removed," said Defoyd. Although the campground will be closed, the country club with its restaurant, lounge and banquet facilities as well as the golf course will remain open. National American Corp. purchased Coldbrook from the Trifilo family close to a year ago.

Richard and Irene (Higgins) Stevens are guests of honor at an open house at their home on Old Coldbrook Road, Barre on Sunday, Aug. 11 by their children, Sherrie Lynn, Richard Charles and Joanne Marie. They were married 25 years ago on Aug. 13, 1960 in the Unitarian Church, which was located on Broad Street in Barre by the Rev. Alton Sawin. The couple received many gifts and best wishes from the large gathering of friends and relatives from Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I was disappointed not to be able to go to the flea market on Sunday.

I had fallen on Friday when I was bringing in the groceries and hurt my back muscles. I decided it was best if I rested them and I put on ice and a back brace.

Then what did I do when I went out to pick a few blueberries by the house, I tripped and fell over a branch and landed in the garden this time belly down. I was able to turn over and get up with no damage.

I guess I am going to have to use a cane. My balance is just not good.

I think there was a bear eating the blueberries. When I went to approach the bushes, a bench that I had made with two slabs fell down and I am sure a bear was eating the berries and he knocked it down when I approached.

It is hard to have any berries or vegetables when there is so many wild animals around.

Here is a recipe that I bought the ingredients for to make this week.

## FOLKWAY THREE CHEESE QUICHE

pastry for a 9 inch pie one crust  
1 small onion, thinly sliced (optional)  
2 tablespoons butter  
3/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated  
3/4 cup Swiss Cheese, grated  
1/4 cup Parmesan Cheese, grated  
5 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1 1/2 cups each light and heavy cream  
1/4 teaspoon white pepper  
In small skillet, cook onion in butter, slowly until

transparent. Sprinkle three cheeses over the inside of the pastry lined dish.

Heat combined creams (don't boil). Add a bit of the heated cream to the eggs, stirring constantly. Now pour this into the rest of the cream. Pour mixture over the cheeses in the pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees until custard is set, about 35 minutes or so.

This is a favorite recipe of my friend Nancy who sent it to me. Thank you dear friend.

## This and That

I feel so sad for the people of Hawaii. I wish that I could help in some way. Does anyone know if there is a clothing collection or donation place to send money.?

So often I think how lucky we are to live in New England. Winters can be rough, but we can control the snow bankings at least.

My granddaughter has a new collection of sun glasses she demonstrates on Tik Tok. She sold out her last collection. She has eight designs this time.

I made a blueberry pie and some blueberry muffins this week. The berries are coming in slowly and have to get them before the bears do.

Our Handyman has been very good about picking them for us as they ripen in spite of the mosquitoes. He also showed me a nice way of picking over the berries.

It seems that the stems of the berries are sticking to the berries more than they usually do this year. Can it be due to all the rain we have had?

Have a good week and get in some exercise.

## Second Chance receives grant from Grey Muzzle

EAST BROOKFIELD – Old dogs have something to wag about this summer, as The Grey Muzzle Organization announces the recipients of its annual grants, and dogs at Second Chance Animal Services Community Veterinary Hospitals are among the winners.

Second Chance, which has Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield and Worcester, is one of 90 animal welfare groups chosen from 370 applicants to receive a grant to help local senior dogs. Together the winning groups received a total of \$848,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

"This grant will help us give senior dogs like 16-year-old Charlie Brown the veterinary care they need" said Lindsay Doray, Second Chance's Chief

Development Officer. "No one is more grateful or loving than an old dog, and we're looking forward to helping more senior dogs get the second chance they all deserve."

Over the past 15 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$4.6 million in grants to support its vision of "a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're delighted to help deserving organizations like Second Chance make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities," Grey Muzzle's Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. "Many senior dogs in Massachusetts are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of Second Chance."

Second Chance helps over

44,000 pets a year and operates four veterinary hospitals in Central and Western Massachusetts communities. These hospitals offer full-service veterinary care at competitive rates with subsidized rates for those that qualify. With this generous grant, senior pets with needs that strain their owner's budget can now get the care they need. For more information, please call the closest Second Chance hospital. Visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org/vetcare/](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/vetcare/) for location phone numbers.

The national nonprofit The Grey Muzzle Organization improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, people may visit [www.grey-muzzle.org](http://www.grey-muzzle.org).

## Vendors wanted for annual fall fair

WARE – Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Annual Fall Fair at the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum, 295 Belchertown Road.

The Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The rain date is Sept. 17.

Outdoor spaces are \$20 for a 10

foot by 10 foot space. Vendors selling food should contact the Ware Board of Health for any permits that may be required (no baked goods please).

Applications are due by Sept. 10, and can be mailed with checks payable to Proprietors of the WCMH, P.O. Box 1401, Ware, MA 01082.

Online applications and printable PDF applications are available at [warecentermeetinghouse.org/ware-center-meeting-house-museum-fall-fair](http://warecentermeetinghouse.org/ware-center-meeting-house-museum-fall-fair). Instructions for set up will be emailed a week before the event. Contact Janice by email at [janicehills110@gmail.com](mailto:janicehills110@gmail.com) for information.

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administered the Oath of Office to the 88th RTT, having them swear allegiance to the commonwealth and its constitution.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be with you here today, for what is a most joyful and meaningful occasion," she said. This was Healey's first graduation ceremony in her role as Governor.

"Public safety remains the most important function of government," she said. "We can't do anything without a safe and secure commonwealth."

Public safety takes investment and collaboration, she said, as well as community engagement, focus, commitment and dedication at "every level."

"Ultimately, it rests on the ability, the character, the courage and the professionalism of our law enforcement officers...the men and women on the front lines. In other words, it depends on all of you," Healey said. "Your training...has prepared you so well."

State Rep. Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield), Chair of the Committee of Public Safety and

Homeland Security, addressed the new Troopers.

"You have chosen a noble path, to serve the residents of Massachusetts," he said. "Policing is a profession that demands courage, compassion, and unwavering dedication."

Gonzalez urged Troopers to remember the importance of community.

"Policing is not merely a job; it is a calling to serve and protect the people who rely on you for safety and security," he said.

State Police Superintendent Col. John E. Mawn Jr. said this was an important day for the department.

"We welcome to our ranks, and to our mission, a large group of highly skilled, deeply motivated and expertly trained new members. I stand here today...and look out over the future of the Massachusetts State Police," Mawn said.

Mawn said it took many to make this day possible, including State Police Academy staff, drill staff, civilian work force, legislators and many more. He also thanked former Governor Charlie Baker, who attended the graduation ceremony.

"You are among the best trained recruit classes in the nation," Mawn

said. "Congratulations 88th Recruit Training Troop; you earned it."

"Earned" Mawn said, is an important distinction the Troopers should remember.

"Your achievement was not given to you; you had to earn it... you'll have to continue to earn your way forward," he said.

Several members of the 88th RTT, hail from communities covered by Turley Publications' newspapers, including Charles P. Oberg of Barre, Jonah C. Vaclavicek of Granby, Stephen M. Houle of Ware, Matthew R. Pingitore of Rutland, John M. Sarnacki of Chicopee, Jacob F. Crevier of Ware, Nicholas R. Brooks of Oakham, Brandon M. Aviles of Rutland, Ryan E. Monteiro of Wilbraham, Matthew S. Pepin of Sturbridge, David Soto of Holyoke and Zuzu Y. Demetrius of Warren.

Representing the 88th RTT was Trooper Ryan L. Ruef of Lee, who said it was "truly an honor" to stand before everyone at the graduation ceremony.

"Our once dream has now become a reality," Ruef said. "On behalf of the 88th to all friends and family who helped us get to this point in our journeys, a thank you is simply not enough."

school district needs to be reviewed as it was some time ago the towns and school committee adopted the present agreement.

## Pole petition

The Select Board unanimously approved the installation of one new pole on Hale Road to correct a sag in the wires on a long span.

## Other business

The board approved the use of the playground at Curtis Recreation Field for Making Opportunity Count, an early education program funded by the state. The playground would still be open to the public.



## Orange-crowned warbler



I received an email this week from an Oakham resident, who saw a couple of warblers at Muddy Pond in Oakham. He said they were very vocal and "chirping." He said at first he thought they were Tennessee warblers, but then he noticed more gray on their head and neck. They may have been orange-crowned warblers.

The orange-crowned warbler is about five inches long and looks similar to the Tennessee warbler. A distinguishing feature is the orange-crowned has yellow under tail coverts and the Tennessee, white.

Drab is a term used to describe the orange-crowned warbler and is best identified by its lack of field marks. The orange crown patch is seldom visible as these warblers flutter about in the trees. It has dull olive-green upper parts and pale olive-yellow underneath. In addition to the yellow under tail coverts it has faint streaking on the sides of the breast.

The female lays three to six cream colored eggs in a nest of bark strips and grasses, placed either on the ground or in a shrub. They eat insects and berries and inhabit dense thickets, forest edges and brushy fields. Their song is a high-pitched chirping trill, which trails off at the end. The call is a metallic "chet."

## Wild turkeys and poults

I had to stop to let a flock of three adult hens and

over 12 poults cross a road recently. As they made their way across the road, I tried to get an accurate count. However, the young turkeys moved quickly and often went behind another poult or a hen. This was the second time I saw the flock in the same general area.

## Loon census

On July 15, the Loon Preservation Committee of New Hampshire held their annual loon census. In their newsletter they said, "During the Loon Census, a total of 440 volunteers took to 121 lakes across New Hampshire to count loons. In total, they documented 431 adult loons, 56 loon chicks, and 2 immature loons. This census coverage represents roughly 1/3 of the lakes that LPC biologists monitor annually, and as such, our final population numbers for the season will likely be higher."

## Loon fact

After the hatch of their first chick, adult loons often remove the membrane from the first hatched egg and any attached large pieces of eggshell from their nest. This behavior has been widely documented here in New Hampshire, both on LPC's Live Loon Cams and by wildlife photographers, as well as by biologists in the field.

In a recent newsletter from LPC an article said, "The removal of eggshell fragments from loon nests may occur in part due to the asynchronous hatch of the two chicks. Until the second chick hatches, the loons brood their first chick on and around the nest. While they may take it into the water for brief swims or to feed it, the first chick ends up spending a lot of time on the nest while the family waits for the hatch of the second chick."

The article continued, "Loon eggs and newly-hatched loon chicks are brown in color, and as such, they blend in with their surroundings on the nest. The egg membrane and the inside of eggshells, in contrast, are a creamy white color. That makes them much more conspicuous and, if left on the nest, could increase the chance of nest predation. Therefore, it is believed that in removing egg membranes and large eggshell pieces from the nest, adult loons may be protecting their chick and the second egg from being easily noticed by predators."

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](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

## GOAL joins sportsmen at gun law petition event

By Paula Ouimette  
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The Gun Owners' Action League visited Nonesuck Sportsmen's Club this past Saturday, to meet with people concerned about how their rights will be affected by proposed bill HD.4420.

Jim Wallace, executive director of GOAL was joined by his wife Holly and members of the Club, to discuss the new mandates and restrictions outlined in the 140-page proposal entitled "An Act Modernizing Firearms Laws."

Wallace and others at GOAL said the bill should be called the "Lawful Citizens Imprisonment Act," as the changes proposed to existing gun laws do more to place limitations on lawful gun owners than address gun violence, he said.

He said if the bill is passed into law, violent crimes could increase, and citizens would be limited in how they can protect themselves.

Wallace said GOAL is made up of five members, and they rely on volunteers such as the members of the Club, to help them share information about the possible impacts the changes in HD.4420 could have.

"Thanks to people like Calvin [Club President Calvin Cieslak], I just attend," Wallace said of the information session.

In addition to distributing information about HD.4420, GOAL also offered lawn signs and stickers to those opposed to the bill to make their voices heard. The Club provided three different copies of petitions that people could sign, if they agreed with the statements contained therein.

These petitions will be sent



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

The Gun Owners' Action League joined members of Nonesuck Sportsmen's Club to share information about their concerns with proposed bill HD.4420, "An Act Modernizing Firearms Laws." Shown seated from left are Calvin Cieslak, Holly Wallace and Jim Wallace; and standing from left are Kevin Lizotte and Bob Lamb.

to the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

Wallace said the entire bill is problematic, and it's hard to focus on just one or two of its proposed changes.

He compiled a list of concerns regarding new training requirements including a written exam of unknown content; injury prevention and harm reduction education; active shooter and emergency response training when lawful gun owners are not allowed to carry in most places under this bill; applicable laws relating to the use of force; de-escalation and disengage-

ment tactics; and live firearms training – to be determined by the State Police.

Other concerns involves new mandates and restrictions, such as mandatory registration of all individual firearms, receivers, frames, barrels and feeding devices; bans the passion of a gun on any property without permission; drastically changes the assault weapon laws to include things like a semi-automatic hunting shotgun with a pistol grip; mandates the registration and serialization of all feeding devices of any kind; bans anyone under age 15 from handling any type of semi-automatic rifle or shotgun; bans anyone under age 15 from

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rowing money for the replacement chiller at the Quabbin Regional High School. The other two towns were paying their share up front in one payment as they had the funds to do so.

The cost of the chiller is \$364,000 and according to the regional agreement each town pays their share based on school enrollment. Since the borrowing would be from five to ten years, the town's share would fluctuate each year depending on its student

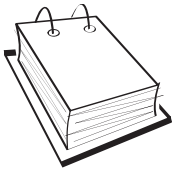
enrollment.

Select Board member Peter Walker said this was a capital project and the cost of the chiller did not change yearly. He said it should not be based on student enrollment.

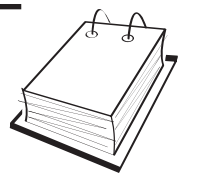
The superintendent said it might be possible for the towns and the school district to enter into an inter municipal agreement option and pay a flat rate. She would be contacting the district's town counsel on the matter of an inter municipal agreement.

Quabbin Regional School District Vice-Chair Debra Chamberlain said the regional





# Calendar of Events



## Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Aug. 21. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, Darlene Gilbert, Raul Laborde, Bridget Lachance, Elizabeth Laramee, James Laramee, Evelyn Luukko and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was taken of Stillman Farm on Route 67 in New Braintree.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 17

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

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

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

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP SUPPER DRIVE THRU will be held today from 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre, in

conjunction with the Barre Food Pantry Distribution, which is 5-7 p.m. The menu is spaghetti and meatballs and a dessert.

REGISTRATION FOR JIMMY FUND WALK is now open. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1 and funds raised from the walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Register as an individual walker, team member, or start a team. To register for the walk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 18

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

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

### SATURDAY, AUG. 19

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

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

### SUNDAY, AUG. 20

SURF AND TURF MEAT RAFFLE sponsored by the American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre will be held today with the doors opening at 3 p.m. and it starts at 3:30 p.m.

This is the first time Post #2 held a seafood table. Meat as always comes from Arnold's Meat Market. Tickets are seven for \$5 or 15 for \$10. Every table has great meat to choose from.

### MONDAY, AUG. 21

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

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS will be held today and Aug 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Plainfield Congregational Church, Plainfield. These free are concerts with donations gratefully accepted at the door or through their website. For program details, people may visit the Concerts at 7 website <http://www.plainfield-concertsat7.org/>.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 22

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

SOUND BATH AND MEDITATION PROGRAM will be held today from 4-5 p.m. at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Route 32, Gilbertville. The program has a suggested donation of \$5.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 24

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

### SATURDAY, AUG. 26

FLEA MARKET sponsored by the First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the West Brookfield Common. Sellers of all kinds are welcome: flea folk, antique sellers, crafters, product vendors and those emptying out basements and attics. No food vendors, please. Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20' x 20' grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. Vendors may email Dee at [fcfofwbfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:fcfofwbfleamarket@gmail.com) for an application.

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said Hubbardston did not have a good track record in passing 2 1/2 overrides. He said of about 50 ballot questions for overrides only 13 passed and they were all debt exclusions for capital projects not proposition 2 1/2 overrides, which unlike a debt exclusion are permanent and do not end as the debt exclusions do when the expenditure is paid off.

He said debt exclusions do not solve the long term problem, but a proposition 2 1/2 would.



# SPORTS

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## Quabbin summer field hockey wins league

WORCESTER – The Quabbin summer field hockey team wrapped up their summer league play at Assumption College this past Tuesday, Aug. 8. They ended up winning the entire league

for the second year in a row. They ended their summer season 9-1 overall. They played Notre Dame Academy and won in a shoot out 4-3. The game was tied 3-3 and then went into a shoot-out, and

they won in sudden victory in the second set of three shooters. Scorers were: Senior Annabelle Magill, Sophomore Farrah Wojcik; Junior Haley Ayer; and Senior Captain Kylie Casey.



The Quabbin summer field hockey team celebrates after Kylie Casey's winning goal in a matchup. Submitted photos



This year's summer team participants. They were: Olivia Breault, Farrah Wojcik, Makenzie Casey, Haley Ayer, Gracie Talbot, Kylie Casey, Violet Kelley, Alyssa Ebert, Abigail Rogowski, Annabelle Magill, Camryn Orsini, Abbey Ramsey, and Kylie George.

## Coaches honored during Hall of Fame weekend

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced four benches that will be installed in the Naismith Coaches Circle. Sylvia Hatchell, Rollie Massimino, Tom Young, and Kay Yow, will be honored with a bench dedication ceremony on Saturday, August 12 at 2:00 PM EST in the MassMutual Gallery at the Hall of Fame.

The Naismith Coaches Circle program was first launched in 2015 and is the brainchild of Hall of Famers John Calipari, Jerry Colangelo, and George Raveling. The intent of the program is to pay tribute to basketball's first coach, Dr. James Naismith, and the core values Dr. Naismith instilled in his players – teamwork, determination, self-respect, leadership, initiative, and perseverance. He believed these principles to be the foundation by which young men and women should play the game and conduct their lives.

The Coaches Circle features a sculpture created by Master Sculptor Brian Hanlon, dedicated to celebrating Dr. Naismith. Additionally, it showcases granite benches on a recognition platform, paying tribute to coaches who share the same core values of teaching, nurturing, and mentoring their players on the court, while offering perspective off the court.

An interactive Coaches Circle video is exhibited on the second

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## Chapin picks up Modified win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Brian Chapin guided his fabled "Studebaker" Modified to victory Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway and, on the same card, Milton Duran topped the points-rich Late Model 50-lap main event.

Bob Williams made it two in a row on the high banks in Mini Stock action, while Chelsea, VT's Andrea St. Amour scored her first career Monadnock victory in the Pure Stocks. Young Gun Owen Zilinski made it a hat trick season with his third youth division feature win of the summer.

In support card action, Doug Meserve held off a storming Rob Richardi in the Pro 4 Modified feature, and Jason Pomfry romped to victory in a North East Mini Cup Series 15-lapper.

Chapin and last week's winner Tyler Leary led the NHSTRA Modifieds to the green to get their 40-lap main underway, with Chapin jumping all over the lead. And while the popular Palmer, Mass. pilot would lead all the way; he'd never in all 40 laps had an inch of breathing room.

Both Nate Wenzel and JT Cloutier had All Star runs at Chapin's back bumper but he ran a perfect line the entire distance to earn the win. Wenzel, a two-time 2023 winner and the current points leader finished second, with Cloutier impressive in his second straight podium finish.

With a boatload of points and cash on the line, Saturday's Late Model 50-lapper drew an All Star cast. Teddy Bear Pools 2023 Triple Crown, NHSTRA Battle for The Belt, and Monadnock Speedway seasonal champ points were all up for grabs, with leaders Geoff Rollins, Milton Duran, and Tim Wenzel, respectively, all in the house.

Wenzel set fast time atop the 23-car field, but Duran drew the pole. Rollins started sixth. Duran led the first 15 laps, then giving

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## Westside Sports Shop takes women's summer soccer title



Emily Howard, of Wilbraham, takes a shot on goal. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—While the Monson girls and the Ludlow boys soccer teams captured the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League A-Division titles for the third consecutive year, Westside Sports Shop also took home the women's championship trophy for the third year in a row.

The second-seeded Westside Sports Shop outshot the sixth-seeded Celtic Grey for almost the entire match, but goalie Brianna Kubik, who's from Agawam, managed to keep the contest scoreless until the penalty shootout.

Westside goalie Emily Letendre made a couple of outstanding saves during the shootout and her team celebrated a 0-0 (3-1 PK's) win at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on Aug. 5.

"I never expected this game to be so close," said Westside Sports Shop coach Chris Andre. "Their goalie was outstanding. She kept her team in the game during regulation and in overtime. Emily made a couple of saves in PK's. We were finally able to score a couple of goals during the penalty shootout."

Westside Sports Shop (9-2),

which is also known as Andres, joined the prestigious summer league in 2021. They posted a 4-0 shutout victory over fifth-seeded Here for Beer in last year's championship match. They defeated the Lusitano Women, 2-1, in the 2021 finals.

For her outstanding performance during the shootout, Letendre received the MVP Award following this year's championship match.

"It just feels amazing to win our third championship title in this summer league," said Letendre, who's from West Springfield. "We did beat Celtic during the regular season, but they wanted it as much as we did in tonight's match."

Six of the Westside Sports Shop players played high school soccer for longtime head coach Nundi Goncalves at Minnechaug Regional. They are Emily Howard, Chapin Jeannotte, Rhianna Ryan, Madison Sanborn, Katie Shea, and Gabby Williams.

Several of the other players are from Ludlow, South Hadley, and Chicopee.

"Most of the players on this team played on the same youth soccer teams," Andre said. "Then they went their separate ways

in high school and it's very nice having them back together again. It has been a lot of fun coaching them and I'm already looking forward to next season."

It was a history making day for Celtic Grey (4-6-1). They have been a member of the summer league for the past twenty years, but it was their first appearance in the women's finals.

"We just wanted to keep this game close as long as we could," said Celtic Grey coach Rob Galazka. "We played very well defensively in tonight's game. We're hoping to make it back here again next year."

One of the key defenders for Celtic Grey is Jennifer Galindo, who's from Chicopee.

Galazka has also been the women's soccer coach at Holyoke Community College for the past 19 years.

"I coached most of these players at HCC," Galazka said. "It's awesome coaching them again in this league. It's a lot of fun."

Celtic Grey peaked at the right time of the season.

"We ended the regular season

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Nicole Callini makes a throw-in.



Katie Shea makes a quick pass.

## West showcased in boys soccer

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a boys soccer team showcased. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 6-9: The West would win the gold medal in the showcase.

In the gold medal match, the West won 3-2.

The Gold medal match saw powerhouse West face off against Central in what would be an exhilarating and heated match. West opened the scoring within the first minute of the match with a blast from Cole Bamford (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). West then went up 2-0 with help from a penalty kick, expertly taken by Mateo Balbino (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). Swiftly followed by another goal to give them a commanding 3-0 lead. Central was able to crawl back within one with a strike from Jovuan Mensah (Worcester, Burncoat HS) and Kingston Mcgee (Sutton, Sutton HS). West ended the showcase with a dominant 5-0 record. Central ended with a 3-1-1 record.

The West started out the showcase with a 5-2 win over the Metro team.

West got on board first with a sensational strike from forward Brayden Marta (Ludlow,

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# Sports

## T-Birds name new operations manager

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Thunderbirds general manager Kevin Maxwell announced today that Jeff Jordan has been promoted to Manager of Hockey Operations. Previously the Thunderbirds' Video Coach and Team Services Coordinator, Jordan will continue his work with the coaching staff in the video department during the 2023-24 season. "Jeff has deservedly earned this promotion through hard work, loyalty, and his dedication to the Thunderbirds on both the hockey and

business side," said Maxwell. "He is a tireless worker with a wonderful personality, making him a terrific conduit between players, management, and the front office. We look forward to seeing him continue to excel in the future." Jordan joined the St. Louis Blues' AHL affiliate in 2019 when he was hired by the San Antonio Rampage as the team's video coach. Before starting his professional career, Jordan served as an assistant coach with the OHL's Ottawa 67's in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

## Foursomes needed for charity golf tournament

AGAWAM – Registration and sign-ups are currently open and underway for the Sixth Annual "Shoot For The Stars To Cure Cancer" Golf Tournament to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. In the first FIVE years we have raised over \$15,000 for cancer research. The four-person scramble event will take place on Monday, Sept. 18 at Wintonbury Hills Golf

Course in Bloomfield, CT. The event will be an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be prizes up for grabs (Closest to Pin/Long Drive) along with a putting contest. Entry fee covers golf, lunch and dinner. Please contact ShootFORE the-StarstoCureCancer@gmail.com more information. We hope you can join us.

## Follow Turley Sports on Instagram

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follow and share with your friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

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floor of the museum, which allows coaches to share their personal stories and honor those in their lives who inspired them. Through the Coaches Circle Program Legacy Initiative, coaches are honored posthumously by either one individual or a group of individuals. Honorees include Denny Crum, Bill Fitch, Cotton Fitzsimmons, Dave Gavitt, John MacLeod, Dean Smith, Jim Valvano, and John Wooden, among others.

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Suffield Academy). Followed by a hat trick of goals from Balbino. Down 4-0, Metro was able to get on the board with a tremendous effort from Oscar Martinez (Boston, East Boston HS) who scored both Metro goals to bring them within two. West then scored to make it 5-2 to capitalize on a dominant win in their first match. The West would go a perfect 6-0 in the showcase.

# Education

## QRSD offers another year of meals at no cost for students

BARRE – Quabbin Regional School District will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Quabbin Regional School District will offer healthy meals every school day. The Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during school year 2023-2024, regardless of household income. However, families should still complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Applications are available online at <https://quabbin.familyportal.cloud/>. A paper application can be found at [qrzd.org](https://qrzd.org). Paper applications will be available at your child's school main office or the guidance office.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability. Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the

Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519
2	25,636	2,137	493	36,482	3,041	702
3	32,318	2,694	622	45,991	3,833	885
4	39,000	3,250	750	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	879	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	1,007	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	1,136	84,027	7,003	1,616
8	65,728	5,478	1,264	93,536	7,795	1,799
Each additional person	+6,682	+557	+129	+9,509	+793	+183

household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact your child's school at any time to request an application. Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the school nutrition director will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Cheryl Duval, 872 South Street, Barre Ma 01452. When known to QRSD households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income. When known to QRSD households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other

Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as: Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, Enrolled in an eligible Head Start or enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits. For more information, you may call the school nutrition department at 978-355-4668 x8512 or e-mail at [school-meals@qrzd.org](mailto:school-meals@qrzd.org). Community Eligibility Provision.

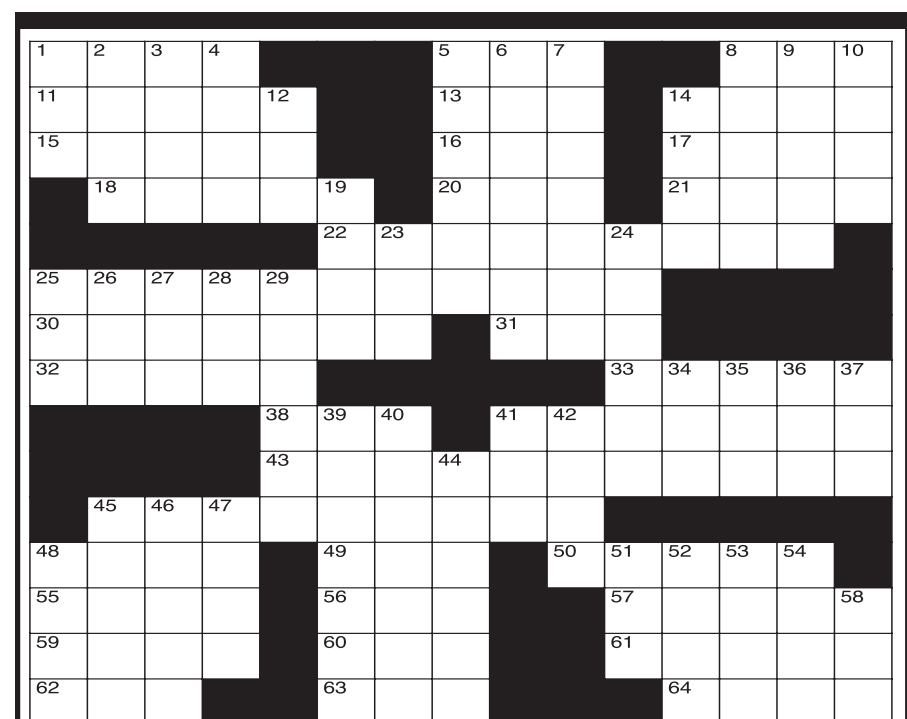
Quabbin Regional School District will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Hardwick Elementary School and Ruggles Lane School will offer healthy meals every school day at No Cost to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2023-2024. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application. Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Civil rights organization
  - Calendar month (abbr.)
  - Monetary unit of Burma
  - Twyla \_\_\_\_, US dancer
  - Everything included
  - "Antman" actor Rudd
  - Italian city
  - Nowhere to be found
  - Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
  - Turkish officer
  - Perform on stage
  - Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
  - Canadian coastal provinces
  - Furnishes anew
  - Edible mollusk
  - No seats available
  - Garden figurine
  - Two-legged support
  - Rest here please (abbr.)
  - In a silly way
  - One from the Golden State
  - Photographers
  - Native religion in parts of China
  - Dickens character
  - Broadway actress
  - Daisy
  - Ancient Greek sophist
  - Undivided
  - Daniel \_\_\_\_, French composer
  - Nocturnal S.
  - American rodent
  - Rusty
  - Jewish spiritual leader
  - Patti Hearst's captors
  - Popular global holiday (abbr.)
  - Tall, slender plant
  - volcanoes
  - Type of acid
  - Winged nut
  - Arouses
  - Things are served on it
  - San Diego ballplayer
  - Currency and a Chinese dynasty
  - \_\_ mater, one's school
  - Exclamation that denotes disgust
  - Hairstyle
  - Supreme ancient Egyptian god
  - They \_\_
  - Connecting line on a map
  - Mock
  - One point north of due east
  - Chinese philosophical principle
  - Type of tree
  - Persuade to do
  - something
  - A place for travelers to rest
  - National Gallery of Art designer
  - Panamaian province
  - Field force unit (abbr.)
  - Whalers' tool
  - Simply
  - Nigerian City
  - Not one
  - Obstruct
  - Political plot
  - Manila hemp plant
  - Dough made from corn flour
  - Fishes by letting the bob fly
  - Swiss river
  - Plant that makes gum
  - A French abbot
  - One point east of northeast
  - Get free of

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way to Chris Buffone on the third of what would become eight total restarts. Duran would then drift back to seventh. Rollins, aboard probably the fastest car in the field, took charge on lap 33. Wenzel was whacked out of the top three on the 41st go-round, with Rollins then railed from the lead just moments later, the second time he'd been taken out. And who was patiently waiting in the wings? Duran. He took charge again on lap 41, bringing potent Matt

Sonnhalter with him, and held strong to score his third consecutive Battle for The Belt series victory. Sonnhalter finished at his bumper in second, with strong and steady Billy Clement Jr. third on the night. Andrew Brousseau came home fourth, with Rollins' second charge through the field netting him fifth, while Wenzel stormed back for sixth. Kevin Clayton, from row two, led the first 15 laps of the Mini Stock main, but rocket man Bob Williams then sailed past him in turn two and sped off to his second Monadnock victory in as

many weeks. Clayton held strong in second, with top points man Louie Maher coming home third on the night, just ahead of the Sontag siblings, Cameron and Chris. Hot shoe Jimmy Zellman took the lead from Dominick Stafford on lap two of the Pure Stock 25, holding the point until Andrea St. Amour took over on a lap 18 restart. A lap later, Zach Zilinski moved up to second but came up one spot shy of duplicating his younger brother Owen's earlier Young Gun win. Zellman, strong all night, joined St. Amour and Zilinski on the podium, with Chris Davis and Colton Martin rounding out the top five. Davis' one position advantage left he and Martin deadlocked atop the points parade at the end of the night.

Owen Zilinski led all the way in the Young Guns 15-lapper, earning his third victory lap of the summer. Markus O'Neil was solid in second, and Kailyn Hubbard earned the third-place trophy just ahead of her sister Cambri. Pro 4 super star Rob Richardi was bounced off the frontchute wall at the drop of the green and then made a rock star effort to charge back to the winner's circle, coming up just short of winner Doug Meservey, who'd taken the lead from Jack Dumas on lap five. With Meservey victorious, Richardi, Dumas, Justin Faford and Kurt Lester made up the top

five in the fast-paced event. Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, August 19, when a large field of NHSTRA Modifieds will square off in twin feature events atop a full card of racing on the high-banked speedplank. **Monadnock Speedway August 12 Unofficial Top Tens** NHSTRA MODIFIED: Brian Chapin, Nate Wenzel, JT Cloutier, Scott Zilinski, Tyler Leary, Joel Belanger, Andy Major, Kimmy Rivet, Kyle Boniface, Adam Lapoint. NHSTRA LATE MODEL, 50-LAP: Milton Duran, Matt Sonnhalter, Billy Clement Jr., Andrew Brousseau, Geoff Rollins, Tim Wenzel, JD Stockwell, Robert Hagar, Chris Buffone, Hillary Renaud. MINI STOCK: Bob Williams, Kevin Clayton, Louie Maher, Cameron Sontag, Chris Sontag, Erin Aiken, Nolan McClay, Jake Puchalski, David Pratt, Skyler Shippee, Pat Houle. PURE STOCK: Andrea St. Amour, Zach Zilinski, Jimmy Zellman, Chris Davis, Colton Martin, Chris Chambers, Teagan Edson, Dominick Stafford, Tim Taft, Aaliyah Tacy. YOUNG GUN: Owen Zilinski, Markus O'Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Cambri Hubbard, Sofia Rego, Addison Brooks, Madison Cousino, Hunter Duquette.

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# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Woman at the Well Part 2

In recent weeks we have noted the exchange between Christ and an unnamed woman at a well in Samaria.

Those who have not yet read John 4 should do so at this time. Assuming you have read said chapter, what does it reveal about the nature and work of Christ? In this edition, let us consider that Jesus makes us into witnesses of His message and ministry.

What was the first thing the Samaritan woman did after encountering Jesus? She shared her newfound faith with anyone willing to listen.

Despite her sinful past and poor reputation with the villagers, she sought to make the message of Christ Jesus known, that others might come to life as she did. Consider what the apostle John penned at the climax of this account:

**John 4:28-29, 39-42 (ESV)**

28 . . . the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . . 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Ultimately, this woman served as the bridge whereby many came to faith in the Lord. Consider again this portion of the text: "Many Samaritans from that town believed in him [Jesus] because of the woman's testimony" (v. 39). One can only wonder how many people are in heaven today because she was willing to make Jesus known in her generation.

Of course, things did not have to go this way. She could have easily disqualified herself from sharing Christ, for who would listen to such a woman as her? She could have kept her mouth shut, refusing to tell others for fear of rejection. She could have kept the good news to herself.

After all, why should she share the message of heaven with those who made her life a hell! Yet she chose not only to know Him, but to make Him known to her peers, and in such a moment became a vehicle for the message and ministry of the Lord.

Yet what about us? Have we encountered Christ? Have we experienced His pardon and come to know the gift of life everlasting? If so, whom have we told? When was the last time you shared your faith with another?

To what degree have we allowed Christ to utilize us as ambassadors of His gospel (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17-21)? Of course, we could choose to remain silent, due to self-disqualification, fear or personal bitterness. Yet how many might never come to faith should we choose such a foolish course. No, it is far better for us to emulate the example of this Samaritan woman, yielding to the Commission of Christ:

**Matthew 28:19-20**

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Mark 16:15b**

15 . . . "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below.

Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come. Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) for more information.

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### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*"All Peter needed, was to have a little more faith"*

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com).

### Scripture Reading: Matthew 14 v 22 - 33

1. Introduction

Why, do we ask, did this or that happen?

Why did my loved one (s) die when I needed them the most? Why are they sick? Why am I without a job?

Why is the world the way it looks sometimes? We do not always know why things happen. We sometimes go through some difficult personal suffering and loss, and the world around us, with its beauty and all that

it has to offer, is also filled with suffering. It sometimes feels like we are caught up in a difficult storm, and it is hard to find safety and security.

2. When He appears in the storm

In our passage we see Jesus once again retreating into the hills away from His disciples, whom He sent ahead of Him by boat to a town called Gennesaret. He also personally sent the crowd away after He had spent time with them and performed miracles.

He wanted to be alone, away from it all, from the suffering He just saw amongst the crowd, suffering of all kinds of illnesses, poverty, and more. He needed to rest and pray and find His strength again.

We do not always think about the realities of those crises people had when they came to Him to be healed, to be fed, to be encouraged. We only see them come to Him, listen to Him, be healed and then they were gone.

We also do not always think about what He experienced on a human level witnessing the problems of the multitudes and the individuals He came across. He saw their pain and He transformed their lives, and so He needed to rest.

The disciples heard His spoken word of the Kingdom of heaven and they saw the miracles He performed. They were firsthand witnesses of all He did, and they knew He was not just some miracle worker like many miracle workers of the time, but that His power came from God, and that His message was different from what they were used to.

So, they believed in Him completely, they trusted Him, because He was their friend, and their Saviour, and He taught them so many things they didn't know, for example about forgiveness and how God does not hold things against us when we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

He also taught them that they will do what He did if they believe. They will do the miracles He performed if they trust in God.

So here they were, in the boat on the Lake of Galilee, and it had become stormy, due to the wind's arrival, and they were a distance away from the shore. They had just returned from this gathering with Christ and the crowd, and healings that took place, and the feeding of the 5000 plus individuals.

So, they were supposed to be filled with faith, right? No, they were afraid, because of the overwhelming power of the storm! Then Christ appeared, walking on the water, after He noticed the wind that struck the vessel violently.

Now, they were not just afraid

of the wild winds, but their fear was heightened, because they believed they saw a ghost on the surface of the water. What a frightening experience to go through.

Christ appeared in the storm, and with the Divine power in Him, walked on the Lake and approached the disciples. He calmed their fears and when Peter asked Christ's help so he could walk toward Him, He gave Peter the power to do so. He proceeded to walk in the violent storm on the water for a bit and almost reached Christ, but then saw the strong wind and began to sink. He called upon Jesus to save him. He reached out to Peter, took his hand, and caught him, with these words, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" What a story. What a lesson for Peter, the disciples and for us.

3. Conclusion

Many times, we are caught in our violent storms that have caused us to be unable to cope. These storms can show up as illnesses and death, depression, and loneliness, family struggles, financial struggles and more. These storms can make us fearful, and weak, and make us lose our faith and trust in God.

They bring chaos in our lives, and they make us look away from God and God's promises in scripture that tell us not to worry, but to trust in God. One major truth about this promise of God is the fact that every time Christ performed miracles, He also spoke about the Kingdom of God. He preached the Good News and then He healed people. He spoke so we could hear, and He acted, so that we could see what power there is in God working through Him and today, we see that same power through God's word and in the presence of the Holy Spirit. So, then why are we stuck in our storms sometimes?

Why is this world caught up in so much chaos? The answer lies in Christ's words to Peter, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" We miss those moments when He appears in the storm, hearing our prayers through those who appear in our lives, giving us messages of hope and guidance, or interventions we did not think about, but show up as answers to our uncertainties. Christ sees our pain, and then, in our weakness He expects that we strive to overcome the storm and pray and believe and trust in the Divine power at work.

May God help us today, tomorrow, and beyond, to hear Gods voice and to see God showing up in the middle of our storms.

Amen

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**

Barre Congregational Church  
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### GARDEN, continued from page 4

removed from nearby structures.

To reduce the risk of contamination, locate gardens away from old painted structures and keep pH and organic matter contents at optimal ranges.

For just a few dollars more, the percentage of organic matter in the soil can be determined. Organic matter is very important because it encourages a healthy population of soil microbes that solubilize stored nutrients, making them more available for plant

uptake.

As organic material decomposes, humus results. Humus binds sandy soils and improves their water holding capacity; alternately, it aerates heavy clay soils and promotes better drainage.

If the percentage of organic matter in your garden comes in low, add compost, aged animal manure, or cover crops to bring levels up. Established shrub or perennial borders benefit from an application of bark mulch for the same reason.

It is very easy to gather soil for testing.

First, remove a 6-8-inch core

of soil from your garden with a stainless steel trowel. Remove surface debris and air dry.

If your garden is large, mix about a dozen cores together to end up with about a cup of soil for testing. The different microclimates of your landscape should be tested separately.

Official directions and an order form are available at <http://soiltest.umass.edu>. The standard soil test is \$20, add an additional \$6 for the standard test including organic matter.

Test results could initiate some revisions to our fertilization and liming routine this fall,

preparing the way for a healthier, more productive garden next spring and summer, and maybe even a few more peppers for Genevieve to enjoy!

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

### WOMEN'S SOCCER, continued from page 7

with a shutout," Galazka said. "Then we played the top three seeds in the playoffs, and they were all shutouts. The players just stepped up."

Celtic Grey posted a 1-0 shutout versus the third-seeded Heat in the quarterfinals. They also posted a 1-0 win against the top-seeded W. Mass Extremes.

The first shot of the shootout was taken by Westside's Jocelyn Trajkovski, who's from Ludlow. She fired a low shot into the right corner to give her team a 1-0 lead.

Then Letendre made a save on the Celtic Grey's first shot.

After both teams hit the post in the second round, Jeannotte stepped up to the line and fired a shot into the left corner giving her team a 2-1 lead.

Galindo managed to put her team on the scoreboard, which sliced the deficit in half. It wound up being the only shot made by the Celtic Grey.

Following a goal by Olivia Crespo (Ludlow), Letendre made a diving save giving the Westside Sports Shop another championship title.

The Westside players will be looking to four-peat next summer.

Turley photos by David Henry  
[www.sweetdogphotos.com](http://www.sweetdogphotos.com)

**Jennifer Galindo sends a free kick away for Celtic Grey.**



# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICES

**Heyes III, Samuel William**  
Died Aug. 5, 2023  
Services Aug. 15, 2023

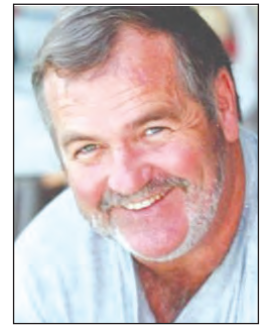
**Puliafico, Cecelia Y.**  
Died Aug. 7, 2023  
Services are private

### Samuel William Heyes, III, 75

NORTH PORT, FL – Samuel William Heyes, III, 75, passed away on Aug. 5, 2023, in North Port, Florida.

He was born on April 2, 1948, in Holden to Samuel and Rosemary (Sullivan) Heyes. Samuel graduated from Barre High School in 1966 and married his wife, Sandra Madsen on May 22, 1966. Samuel joined the Army and fought in the Vietnam war. He was in the 101st Airborne, Served as Military Police and received the National Defense service medal, Vietnam service medal, Vietnam Campaign medal with device, Bronze Star medal, Army Commendation medal, Meritorious unit citation, Marksman badge with rifle bar, and Expert badge with rifle bar.

Samuel worked as a supervisor for Sarasota County for 17 years and retired in 2010. He loved to fish, hunt, spend time with family, and even though he lived in Florida, was a lifelong Patriot's fan.



He was proud to be a husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and cousin.

Sam is preceded in death by his father, Samuel Heyes, Jr, and daughter, Kerri Ann Heyes.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Heyes, children, Heather Heyes and Seth (April) Heyes, mother Rosemary Heyes, sister Darcy Hallock, grandchildren Celeste (Tyler) Maddox, Isabelle Rogers, Dominic Heyes, Nathan Heyes, Lilly Newman, Maximus Newman, great-grandchildren Aubrey Hennes, Brynlee Maddox and Cailee Maddox, as well as many friends and extended family members.

A Private Military Honors service will be held at 11:30AM on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society.

### Cecelia Y. Puliafico, 102

BARRE – Cecelia Y. Puliafico, 102, passed away following a brief illness in Centennial, Colorado on Aug. 7, 2023.

She was born on December 1929 in Warren, Minnesota to Elmer and Sophie Onderko. Her family moved to southwestern Pennsylvania, where she grew up and graduated from German Township High School in 1939.

Afterwards she moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she eventually met and married Charles (Carmelo) Puliafico in 1952. Cecelia and Charles moved to Centennial (formerly Littleton), Colorado in 1977.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her husband, Charles and her son, Joseph Puliafico. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann Judice and son, Jim Puliafico and four grandchildren, Melissa Dawley, Avery Judice, Sarah Oubari and Alex Judice.

Funeral services are private for the family. Burial will be in St. Josephs Cemetery in Barre. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be sent in her memory to the charity of your choice.

Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre is charge of arrangement, Pillsburyfuneralhome.com.

## Friends group hosts Bushels of Fun Fest Sunday, Aug. 27

WILBRAHAM – The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors bring "Bushels of Fun Fest" to the surrounding communities on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Fern Valley Farms, 758 Main St., across from Rice Fruit Farm.

This one day event is sure to be a fantastic celebration of music by "One Was Johnny" and "DRB" Bands. Over 20 crafters from around the region and local farms will be selling their fresh picked produce.

Food Trucks will offer sweet and savory delights and Fieldcrest Brewing Company will be serving their "Made in Wilbraham" Craft Beer. Batch Ice Cream will also be on hand.

Fest goes on browse and buy many hand made products including unique carvings, art, jewelry & more.

There will be three opportunities to test skills at the Cornhole Tournaments and maybe take home a trophy. There will be a disc golf contest or learn all about the many Community Partners.....maybe even get a relaxing chair massage or partake in the standing yoga session.

A raffle will offer chances to win a \$500 Lotto Scratch Ticket Basket and a Sports themed raffle with prizes from a signed Boston Bruins puck, to a one year family membership to

Scantic Valley YMCA, to Swag basket from Springfield Thunderbirds and two hour long massage

There's also a contest to guess the number of apples in the bushels of apples.

To service Veterans, local Veterans agent Jered Sasen will be present with the Mobile Veterans Center to provide Veterans with immediate on site services. Children can enjoy lawn games, crafts, face painting, temporary tattoos, sit for storytime, get a free book to take home, take a ride on the farm tractor or hop on the 1930 firetruck for a picture. The Springfield Thunderbirds Boomer or the Fest mascot "Applelonia" will be there and are ready for photo ops.

The fest is held rain or shine and people can bring their lawn chairs or blankets. Coolers or backpacks are not allowed. There will be a \$5 parking donation. Proceeds from this event will help fund programs, services and support the new Senior Center.

Bushels of Fun Fest is a community event with fun for everyone. For more information, people may visit their website [BushelsOfFunFest.com](http://BushelsOfFunFest.com) or call either Maria Cacela 413-250-1928 or Chuck Pelouze 413-596-5089.

## NOTICE

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, Aug. 6**  
12:14 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
7:15 p.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Negative Contact

**Monday, Aug. 7**  
12:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
8:38 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
12:38 p.m. Vandalism, Worcester Road, Information Taken  
7:35 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Summer Street, Information Taken

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**  
4:35 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Area Search Negative  
5:48 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Unfounded  
2:09 p.m. Falls, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital  
4:17 p.m. Seizures, South Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pine Tree Terrace, Written Warning

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**  
9:15 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Main

Street, Peace Restored  
10:23 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, James Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:09 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley Road, Information Taken  
3:11 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Worcester Road, Gone on Arrival  
10:23 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Palmer (dogs have Barre tags, Information Taken)

**Thursday, Aug. 10**  
12:19 a.m. Overdose/Poisoning, Old Dana Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:30 a.m. Prowler/Trespasser, Baldwin Road, Report Filed  
6:38 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Summer Street, Officer Advised  
8:54 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley Road, Officer Advised

**Friday, Aug. 11**  
2:55 p.m. Power Lines, Wires Down, South Street, Removed Hazard

**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
12:49 a.m. Suspicious Person, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
8:37 a.m. Complaint, Sunrise

Avenue, Officer Advised  
1:08 p.m. Trauma, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

**SOUTH BARRE**

**Sunday, Aug. 7**  
2:24 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Wheelwright Road, Information Taken

**Thursday, Aug. 10**  
8:49 p.m. Alarm – Trouble Signal, Wheelwright Road, Message Delivered  
10:31 p.m. Alarm – Trouble Signal, Wheelwright Road, Message Delivered

**Friday, Aug. 11**  
11:10 a.m. Confiscated/Seized Property, South Street, Officer Took Call  
12:03 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Vernon Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:10 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Britton Road East, Information Taken

**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
2:17 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Glazier Road, Officer Advised

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, Aug. 6**  
7:21 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Turkey Hill Trail, Transported to Hospital  
9:12 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
5:07 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:30 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Services Rendered  
7:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:53 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Clealand Circle, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**  
6:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Emerald Road, Report Filed  
12:38 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Maple Avenue, Information Taken  
3:43 p.m. Allergic Reaction, Newman Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:25 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Julie Ann Circle, Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**  
12:09 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Officer Spoke to Party  
12:40 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Arrest(s) Made  
12:49 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Julie Ann Circle, Officer Advised  
2:11 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Aug. 10**  
9:40 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) Sunnyside Avenue, Entry Gained  
11:16 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Glenwood Road, Information Given  
11:50 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Charnock Hill Road, Referred to other Agency  
5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:42 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
11:49 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Intervale Road, Removed Hazard

Unresponsive/Syncope, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
8:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Main Street, Report Filed  
9:43 p.m. Harassment, Julie Ann Circle, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
12:39 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Muschopauge Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:31 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
2:09 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Vista Circle, Investigated  
2:54 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Autumn Wood Road, Mutual Aid Transported  
3:12 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
7:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
7:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
7:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
7:58 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained  
8:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
9:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed  
9:46 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact  
9:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
10:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued  
11:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, Aug. 6**  
2:18 p.m. Threats, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:38 p.m. Assist Motorist, Gardner Road, Entry Gained

**Monday, Aug. 7**  
7:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
8:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued  
12:07 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Gardner Road, Information

Taken  
10:44 p.m. Vomiting with Fever, Laurel Street, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**  
3:18 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**  
3:21 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Laurel Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Aug. 10**  
7:05 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Aug. 11**  
7:24 p.m. Brush and Wild Land Fires, Worcester Road, Investigated  
11:48 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
12:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, Brigham Road, Negative Contact  
1:08 p.m. Lethargic, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 51 building/property checks, 13 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, 16 radar assignments, eight citizen assists, one complaint, four assist other agencies, three safety hazards, one larceny/theft/shopping, one vandalism, one stolen motor vehicle, three motor vehicle investigations, one motor vehicle accident, two investigations, one animal call and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Aug. 7**  
11:32 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Jackson Road, Spoken To  
1:07 p.m. 911 Misdiagn, Sullivan Avenue, No Action Required  
4:13 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled  
5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated  
5:50 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**  
9:14 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Spoken To

11:33 a.m. Medical Emergency, River Run, Services Rendered  
6:09 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Removed Hazard

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**  
6:38 a.m. Stolen Motor Vehicle, Main Street, Report Taken  
11:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
12:33 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
2:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Spoken To  
5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
9:01 p.m. Vandalism, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

**Thursday, Aug. 10**  
4:13 a.m. Safety Hazard, Church Street, Unfounded  
2:38 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
2:51 p.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Officer Handled  
6:48 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

**Friday, Aug. 11**  
5:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

10:45 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered  
11:46 a.m. Investigation, Petersham Road, Officer Handled  
1:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
2:41 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled  
3:54 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
4:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
12:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated  
12:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Spoken To  
5:14 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued  
9:14 a.m. Complaint, North Road, Officer Handled

**Sunday, Aug. 13**  
3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
3:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, Aug. 6**  
9:12 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:58 p.m. Propane Incident – Commercial, Bechan Road, Services Rendered  
5:28 p.m. Suspicious Activity, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

**Monday, Aug. 7**  
10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
8:17 p.m. Gunshots, Scott Road, Negative Contact

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**  
4:15 a.m. Unwanted Party, Gaffney

Road, Investigated  
4:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, Edson Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
8:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Peace Restored

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**  
5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning  
6:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

**Thursday, Aug. 10**  
12:21 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Old Turnpike Road, Entry Gained  
5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Party Departed with-

out Incident

**Friday, Aug. 11**  
6:57 a.m. Larceny/Theft, North Brookfield Road, Officer Advised  
12:11 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed  
12:43 p.m. Complaint, South Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:51 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Old Turnpike Road, Report Filed

**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
10:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed  
3:10 p.m. Property Damage, Barre Road, Report Filed

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Aug. 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 17 directed/area patrols, 10 traffic controls, three radar assignments, one emergency 911 call, three citizen assists, one assist other agency, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, five animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, Aug. 7**  
9:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine

Road, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, Aug. 8**  
1:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, No Action Required  
4:05 p.m. Investigation Ravine Road, Officer Handled

**Wednesday, Aug. 9**  
12:42 a.m. Assist Other Agency, South Barre, No Action Required

**Thursday, Aug. 10**  
12:41 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre

**Friday, Aug. 11**  
2:19 a.m. Fire Alarm, Harrington Road, Investigated  
5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

**Sunday, Aug. 13**  
10:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated  
10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
4:06 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital

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training or shooting sports; a frame, receiver and barrel would separately be considered to be a firearm and each piece has to be registered and serialized; essentially bans hunting on private property; any changes, such as a sight, or repairs to a gun must be approved by the state prior to any modifications; and a new definition of “secured locked container” that must be able to deter all but the most persistent from gaining access.

Cieslak said one of his big concerns focuses on prohibiting youth under age 15 from attending firearms training or sanctioned sports, as the Club has a highly competitive and skilled junior rifle league, coached by Bob Lamb.

One of the league members, Zuzu Demetrius, went on to compete in the Olympics, and has recently graduated from the State Police Academy.

Lamb said she is the second junior rifle league member to become a State Trooper.

If HD.4420 were to pass, Cieslak said, it would limit hunting and the resulting money raised through licensing to benefit state conservation efforts.

According to mass.gov, MassWildlife [Division of Fisheries and Wildlife] “is primarily funded through the sale of hunting, freshwater fishing, and trapping licenses, permits, and stamps, in addition to dedicated federal funds from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program...All funds from freshwater fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses and dedicated federal funds go directly into the Inland Fish and Game Fund, which can only be used for administering programs by MassWildlife.”

“This bill is so overwhelming,” Cieslak said. “This is a civil rights violation, it’s not a gun bill. That’s our fight...it turns law-abiding citizens into criminals.”

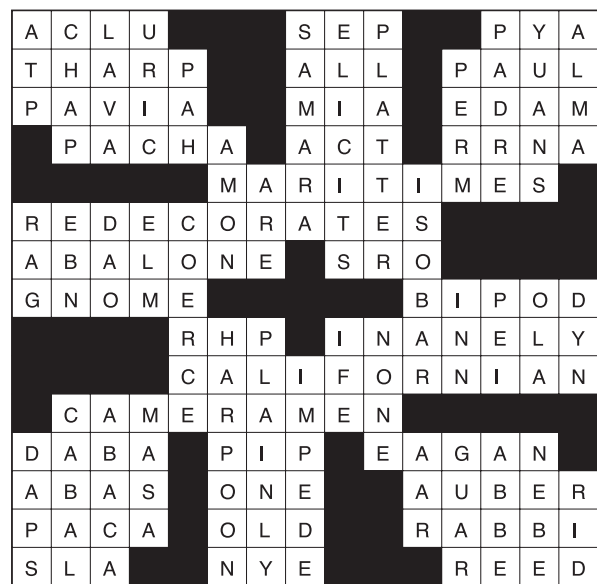
HD.4420 is currently on hold until the fall.

Wallace encouraged citizens to continue voicing opposition of this bill, as the hold is only a delay.

Members of Nenameseck Sportsmen’s Club will be at The Still Bar and Grill, 63 Springfield St., in Agawam with mayoral candidate Cecilia Calabrese on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. to continue sharing information about HD.4420, lawn signs and copies of petitions.

Signs opposing HD.4420 are available locally at the following locations: Nenameseck Sportsmen’s Club, 75 West Ware Road, Palmer; Nick’s Sport Shop, 1029 Park St., Palmer; Bearded Arms, 1880 Memorial Drive, Chicopee; Down Range Sports, 590 Summer St., Barre; MB Sporting Goods, 51A Glenn St., Three Rivers; and Fairview Sportsmen’s Club, 280 Carver St., Granby.

For more information about GOAL, visit goal.org.



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## Public Notices

**Town of Barre, Massachusetts Department of Public Works Road Materials, Road Maintenance and Equipment Rental For the period from September 11, 2023 through June 30, 2024 Invitation to Bid**

The Town of Barre is accepting Road Materials, Road Maintenance and Equipment Rental Bids for the period from September 11, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The bid prices within the contract may be extended by mutual agreement between the Town and the Contractor for up to two (2) 1-year options. The first option shall extend through June 30, 2025. The second option shall extend through June 30, 2026.

Sealed bids, plainly marked, for the Road Materials, Road

Maintenance and Equipment Rental items listed below, will be received at the Department of Public Works office, 441 Wheelwright Road, Barre Massachusetts 01005, until 2:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 6, 2023**, at which time the bids received will be opened and read aloud.

**Items to be bid:**

1. Washed and screened sand
2. Screened sand
3. Crushed stone
4. Bank and processed gravel
5. Fiber or rubber crack filling
6. Full depth reclamation
7. Milling
8. Type I bituminous concrete
9. Cold Patch
10. Equipment rental with and without an operator
11. Catch Basin Cleaning
12. Drainage Structure Rebuilding/Repair

13. Line Painting

Bid documents will be available beginning **Wednesday, August 23, 2023** at the Barre DPW building, 441 Wheelwright Road, Barre Massachusetts, or by contacting Shannon O'CONNOR, DPW Administrative Assistant by email: dpw@townofbarre.com or phone at: 978-355-5013, Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contractors bidding on Public Works Construction Projects estimated to cost \$50,000 or more must be pre-qualified with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division, 10 Park Plaza, Room 7552, Boston, MA 02116. All road materials shall conform to the requirements of the MassDOT's standard specifications for highways and bridges. All contractors providing ser-

vices to the Town must be bonded and fully insured.

Attention is called to the Minimum Wage Rates to be paid on the work as determined by the Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149 s. 26 and 27D.

The Town of Barre reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town. Contract award is based on the lowest qualified, responsible bid received for each individual item.

For the Town of Barre  
Greg Balukonis  
Interim Town Administrator  
08/17/2023

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# Public Notices

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jesse L. King to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, dated February 26, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61975, Page 50, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, recorded on September 22, 2022, in Book No. 68249, at Page 150 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on September 18, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises located at 165 Oakham Road, Barre, Worcester County,

Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land located at 165 Oakham Road (Lot 2), Barre, MA, in the within county, described as follows:

A certain parcel of land in said Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Oakham Road in said Barre, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot #2 on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land, Oakham Road, Barre, Massachusetts, owned by Marie Bomba, Executrix of the Estate of Salvatore J. Petraccone, prepared for James Caruso, by Bruce E. Wilson, Jr., P.L.S., New England Environmental Design, LLC, P.O. Box 376, Rutland, MA 01543, dated September 15, 2005", recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on October 20, 2005, in Plan Book 833, Plan 39, and which property is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the easterly sideline of Oakham Road at the northwesterly corner of said Lot #2, which point is also the southerly corner of Lot #1 as

shown on said plan;

THENCE N.53° 55' 27" E. a distance of two hundred and no hundredths (200.00) feet along Lot # 1 as shown on said plan, to a point;

THENCE S. 36° 24' 31" E. a distance of one hundred twenty and no hundredths (120.00) feet along land now or formerly of C.R. Development Corp., to a point;

THENCE S.53° 55' 27" W. a distance of two hundred and no hundredths (200.00) feet along an Easement for Future Roadway Roundings as shown on said plan, to a point;

THENCE N. 36° 24' 31" W. a distance of one hundred twenty and no hundredths (120.00) feet along the easterly sideline of Oakham Road, to the point of BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 24,000 square feet or 0.5509 acre, more or less.

SUBJECT TO covenants and restrictions contained in the Autumn Crest Estates Protective Restrictions, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on October 20, 2005, at Book 37607, Page 52, as the same

may be altered or amended from time to time.

RESERVING unto the SELLER, its successors and/or assigns, the right to (a) grant easements to others, including owners of lots in the subdivision to use all of the ways shown on plans referred to above in common with others entitled thereto for all purposes for which public ways may be used in the town of Barre, Massachusetts; (b) grant easements in, over or under such ways for the installation and maintenance of gas, electric, telephone and water lines, and associated equipment, and to install on land adjacent thereto anchors and guys to support said line, including the right to grant easements to public service corporations for the installation and maintenance of necessary equipment in, under and upon said land at the sidelines of each lot adjoining said ways for the distribution of electricity; (c) extend any road or street beyond the property to access property adjacent to the subject property and, furthermore, to grant rights-of-way to those parties who may

abut said extensions across all roads on the Autumn Crest Estates Subdivision; (d) the right to enter upon said land along the "Grading Easement" shown on said plan as the area twenty (20) feet northwesterly and parallel to the two hundred (200) foot course running along the southeasterly sideline of said premises along the Easement for Future Roadway Roundings as shown on the above described plan, for the purpose of performing any necessary installation, maintenance and preservation of grading and construction of the roadway as shown on said plan; and (e) to enter upon the easterly corner of the within land, from a point fifty (50) feet from the easternmost corner of said land as measured along the southeasterly sideline of the within premises to a point fifty (50) feet from the easternmost corner of said land as measured along the easterly sideline of the within premises, said access to include the use of equipment, for purposes of construction upon any adjacent land.

The SELLER shall ensure that any area of the property

disturbed by the anticipated construction is returned to its previous natural or landscaped condition within a reasonable time after the disturbance.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61975, Page 45.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and

place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
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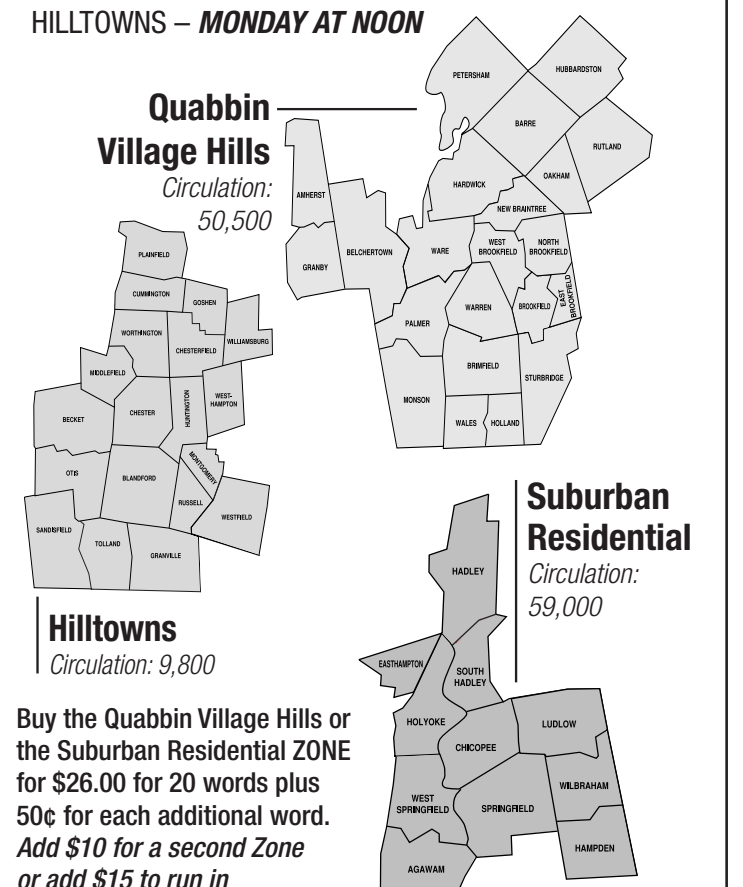
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