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Consultant to provide **finalists**

Select Board to hold interviews next month

> By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

BARRE - The Select Board in their process of finding a new Town Administrator should be holding interviews the middle of next month.

They held a conference phone call with Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski of Municipal Resources Inc. based in New Hampshire at their Monday, Aug. 21 meeting. In an update to the Select Board, he said they received a total of 22 candidates. The Select Board opted to use a consulting firm rather than forming a Town Administrator Search Committee in an effort to expedite the hiring process.

Of the total received, 11 met the minimum requirements for town administrator. Eight of those candidates completed the essay phase of the search process and submitted their answers to three questions.

Two of the three, who did not complete the essay part, gave no reason and the other candidate decided against relocation to Massachusetts. Stapczynksi said it was not unusual for candidates to drop out in this phase of the process. He said Municipal Resources, Inc. would now review the eight finalists essays.

He said at this point, the firm might find a candidate or candidates, who would not be "right" for the job. Following the review of the essays, they will conduct phone interviews. During the phone interviews, they would give the candidates an opportunity to tell them anything they might find before conducting a Google search.

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Volunteers put the 'community' in Hardwick Fair

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - Considered the oldest fair in the U.S., it's no surprise the Hardwick Community Fair has deep roots which have connected families together for generations.

This year, the Fair was dedicated to the memory of long-time volunteer, Robert "Bob" Sanderson.

A volunteer for over 30 years, Bob was involved with the Lumberjack Contest on Friday nights, and even held the record in the cross-cut competition with his son, Eric.

"Bob passed away just before last year's Fair," Hardwick Community Fair Association's President Fay Butler said during the opening ceremony on Aug.

Whenever an issue arose during Fair planning, Bob would always reassure Butler, "Fay, we'll figure it out."

Now, Butler said, Bob's children are continuing the tradition.

Bob's wife Gina Sanderson, their children and grandchildren, all gathered by the flagpole on the Common to accept the honor in his memory, and receive



Russ Sanderson makes a clean cut during the Lumberjack Contest.

a citation from the House of Representatives from state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.

The Hardwick Community Fair was the first thing Bob introduced her to when they started their life together, Sanderson said of her late husband.

This year's Hardwick Community Fair was dedicated to the memory of longtime volunteer

Robert "Bob" Sanderson. His family members wore matching T-shirts and accepted a

"We would come every single Lumberjack Contest on to their year on Saturday," she said. "He

made sure he saw everything." Sanderson said nothing made her husband happier than stopping to talk to friends and neighbors at the Fair, and that he was proud to "pass the torch" for the

children.

Former state Sen. Anne Gobi said family tradition is what the Hardwick Community Fair is all

"Nothing says 'small town America' like the Hardwick Fair," she said.

No tradition can continue without the efforts of volunteers like Bob and the Sanderson family, and for 261 years, Hardwick has found a way to not only continue past tradition, but also create new ones.

Fred Schaaf has been volunteering at the Fair for the past few vears continuing a tradition his father, Jeff, started years before.

"My dad was involved [with the Fair] and I grew up here," he said. "I had friends working the Fair one year and that's when I got involved."

Schaaf said he's usually running the cotton candy booth, a

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Select **Board** opts to reconsider earlier vote

Residents ask board to fix old reservoir dam

> By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

BARRE - About eight residents attended the Monday, Aug 21 meeting in support of repairing the old Barre reservoir dam located off Williamsville Road.

Theresa Kane said the towns of Belchertown and Sterling had similar issues with dams. She said said Sterling opted to repair the dam and they did not have the option of the state paying for it.

Kane asked the board to hold a public hearing for citizen input on the Barre dam matter. She said she would like the board to rescind their vote to breach the

Chair Maureen Marshall said, she would not want to squelch citizen's say and the board would hold a public hearing. She also said the state requires an environmental study before doing any work on the dam.

Select Board member Mark Regenius said he also would support a public hearing. Select Board Vice Chair John Dixson was not in attendance.

Forest Kelly said the abutters were never notified. The state estimated the cost to repair the dam at \$1.4 million and a full breach of the dam at \$2.4 million. He said the state considered the dam a high hazard when at full capacity, but it was not at full capacity.

Select Board chair Marshall said if the dam failed there would

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Dingy Dash brings fun and laughs this Saturday

citation from the House of Representatives.

By Eric Goodhart Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON -It is the always hilarious and entertaining sixth Annual Dingy Dash on the South tip of Brigham Pond off Route 68 and Princeton Road.

The Saturday, Aug. 26 free event starts officially at 10 a.m. The captains and crew of each boat must be there at 9 a.m. for final boat check and sign in. That is a good time for everyone else too.

For those who may be new to all things nautical, a dingy is a small boat. Usually, 8 to 15 feet in length. They vary in how they are used, but can be powered by a motor, sailed with the use of a removable mast or powered by rowing with oars, paddles, or human arms if nothing else is avail-

They can be true life savers if the mother ship sinks at sea. Survivors are subject to ocean storms, starvation and sharks. But a well-designed dingy would be seen quickly from the bridge by a sailor on a passing ship.

However, the Dinghy's that are competing on the calm, clean blue waters of Brigham Pond this Saturday have very little in common with the above other than they





These youngsters continue to paddle their dinghy even as it is sinking in last year's Dingy Dash.

float...hopefully. There are strict rules and guide lines to follow.

The Dinghy's must be designed using only cardboard and duct tape. No motors, flex seal, Styrofoam, or plastic allowed.

Katie Young, the event creator in 2018 was inspired by a dinghy race in another country. She brought it back to her home town, Hubbardston. She is a member of the Hubbardston Select Board and the town's special events adviser even since before she exhibited great skill in helping organize the Town's 250 Year Celebration in

This year, for the first time, there will be not just one, but three first prize categories for the fastest time. Single occupant under 18, Single occupant over 18 and Dinghies with two or more on

board, any age.

The event has become quite popular. There is a great viewing position for everyone as each dingy is launched one at a time and navigates around five buoys to the finish line. The record time to beat is 1:45, held by Captain Mike Stoll

In fact, Captain Stoll has one first place in four out of five years in four different boats. I do not know if he is a graduate of the highly selective Webb Institute of Engineering in Glen Cove, New York, but his understanding of naval architecture is impressive based on his domination of the

There will be trophies awarded by carefully vetted Judges to

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Jeep camp equipped with a stretcher and manikin to

"rescue."

Military vehicle collectors pass through town



News of the Towns

Round Town Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com

OES to hold chicken barbecue

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold a chicken barbecue Saturday, Sept. 16 at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. with drive thru pick up at 1 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. For tickets, people may call Dolly at 508-826-7537.

Flying High Dogs

Mike Piazza, a multiple world finalist record holder in K9 Frisbee and the current # 1 Professional K9 frisbee performer in the world will be at Nornay Park, Main Street in South Barre on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. People should bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and enjoy this free show. This program is sponsored in part by the Barre Recreation Committee.

Second annual yard sale

The Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18-20 Common St., will hold their second annual yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. They will sell to members only from 8-9 a.m. with free coffee. Items for sale include new merchandise of books, pamphlets, Barre High School yearbooks, maps, postcards and more. People may email Kay at barrehistory@gmail. com or call 978-257-0890 for more information.

Nornay Park lists upcoming events

SOUTH BARRE - Mike Piazza, a multiple world finalist record holder in K9 Frisbee and the current # 1 Professional K9 frisbee performer in the world will be at Nornay Park, Main Street in South Barre on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. with his Flying High

People should bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and enjoy this free show. This program is sponsored in part by the Barre Recreation Committee.

The final Saturday night concert with the Alley Kings will take place at Nornay Park on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand during Saturday concerts. Sponsors for the concerts are Barre Cultural Council, Barre Recreation Committee and Fidelity Bank.

The town wide yard sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There is a \$10 sign up fee. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 8 at applicant's discretion.

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Golf tournament has record number of teams



Volunteers check in golfer for the GABB Golf Tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational church on Monday, Aug. 7.

By Ellenor Downer

Editor edowner@turley.com

OAKHAM - The GABB Golf Tournament took place Monday, Aug. 7 at Quail Hollow Country Club with a record number of over 90 teams participating.

Over the past two years, the Oakham Congregational Church, sponsor of the golf tournament, lost three members, Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray and Bob Lajoie, who supported the annual Bob Tyck Golf Tournament over the years. Bill Mucha suggested new name of the tournament GABB, which stands for Gretchen, Art, Bob (Lajoie) and Bob (Tyck).

The teams played at times in the rain, but it did not dampen their spirits or their desire to play golf for a cause. Over the years, the tournament supported the Bob Tyck fund, Camp Putnam, church Opportunity Fund, local Food Pantries, Quabbin Pro Musica, Tessa Strong, the Oakham Fire Association, church Outreach Fund and more.

Taking first place was the foursome of Lauren Malozzi, Dave Ossias, Ben Strouse and Lauren Strouse. The second place group was Jon Tyck, Chris Cullina, Chris Michalowski and Matt Tillo and the third place team was led by Paul Murphy.

The Oakham Congregational Church thanks the many sponsors and donors to the raffle table, who along with the golfers, made for a successful tournament. They included: Route 148 Variety, Barre Artesian, Barre Patch Restaurant, Barre Gazette, Big Y Grocery Store of Spencer,



This team displays matching dinosaur shirts at the GABB Golf Tournament held at Quail Hollow Country Club in Oakham.

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The tournament raised over \$10,000, which will be donated to local charities and families in

The golf tournament planning committee is already looking ahead to next year's golf tournament. It will again be held on a Monday in August at Quail Hollow Golf Country Club in Oakham.

Hubbardston Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com



Yard sale comes to town

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. Only addresses will be listed not names. People should email Katie at hubbardston250@gmail to be put on the map. Maps/ addresses will be available online along with paper copies at One Stop Shop (gas station).

Last concert

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 Field Day

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

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

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. 28. 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 - Beef stew, rice, corn niblets, Mandarin oranges, French bread

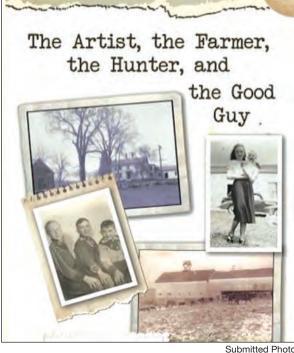
TUESDAY - Chicken Milano,* rice pilaf, roasted Brussels sprouts, brownie, diet = half piece, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY - Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY - Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, peach streusel cake, diet = small piece, Italian bread

FRIDAY – Menu not available for September *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 pro-

Author Diane Buzzell presents at Senior Center



North Brookfield author Diane Buzzell will give a presentation and book signing about her book about life and growing up in a small town at the North Brookfield Senior Center on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 11 a.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Local author Diane Buzzell will have a presentation and book signing of her book "The Artist, The Farmer, The Hunter, and the Good Guy" on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest St., at 11 a.m.

Corrections policy

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Public Meetings

Select Board – Aug. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Cemetery Commission – Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. Board of Assessors – Sept. 5 at 6 p.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. Sewer Commission — Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. Conservation Committee – Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK.

Board of Selectmen – Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Recycling Commission – Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee - Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging – Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 13 at 9 a.m.

Board of Health – Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. Board of Selectmen – Sept. 11 and Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Gilbertville Public Library – Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Conservation Commission – Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Conservation – Sept. 5 and Oct. 3at 7 p.m. Planning Board – Sept. 6, Sept. 21 and Oct. 4, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health – Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Cultural Council – Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. Board of Health - Sept. 12, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

NEW BRAINTREE

Select Board – Aug. 28 at 8 a.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Library Trustees – Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. Select Board – Aug. 29, Sept 12 and Sept. 26

Downtown Development Committee -Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Planning Board – Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.

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

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Planning Board – Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. Select 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.

Board of Health – Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. Council on Aging – Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. Cemetery Commission – Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. Petersham Historic District – Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. Board of Assessors - Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.

RUTLAND

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.

Town House Friends celebrate Oktoberfest on Sept. 30

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Instead of a traditional multiday event extending from September into October, the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House have distilled all the music and fun of an Oktoberfest into a single day, Saturday, Sept. 30.

Their take on this popular celebration will feature authentic German music, food, and liquid refreshment, plus sing-alongs, dancing, raffles, games for all ages, and arts and crafts vendors, all in an attempt to reproduce the Bavarian sense of gemütlichkeit - cordiality.

The one and only Happy Chipmunks German Band, Das Lustige Streifenhorchens Deutsche Band, will be joining the fun with their light-hearted banter and toe-tapping music guaranteed to bring you to your feet clapping and singing along.

Do not miss a minute of the fun. Come to Common Ground Ciderworks, 31 East Brookfield Road, on Sept. 30 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and bring the whole family for a day of enjoyment for everyone.

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Community Center welcomes families to downtown location

By Emily-Rose Pappas Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD -Since COVID, the community has needed a way to reach one another again, but there wasn't a space for it - until now.

Located on 173 North Main St. is the Emilia K. Hope Community Center in the big blue building across from the

The founders of the Community Center wanted to give the people of the town a safe and welcoming place for anyone and everyone, young and old, to go and just "be."

"We wanted to do something for the community because there wasn't anything yet - we wanted a physical place to go," said Jillian Phillips, the president of the organization. "Our town is known for coming together to help when people need it. That is what inspired me to create a space for that to happen more."

Phillips, alongside her friends, Katelinde Grenevich, vice president; Nancy Voutour-Waldron, treasurer; and Kaylee Kuhne, secretary; began the organization after a Carnival held back in May as a fundraiser.

Phillips founded the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield and has since built the Community Center. They have big hopes for the Center and want to see it grow, but as a nonprofit organization, they need help from the community.

The Community Center is filled with tables, chairs, and several couches. There is a bathroom and changing station along with interactive toys for young children to play with.

For older children, there is a Pac Man table game, and plenty of fun events to join.

There are art supplies, toys, a coffee station, and snacks. The Center is truly a place for anyone to go to feel safe and welcome.

We are like a family- very open-minded and supportive. We are all here for each other and want better for the community," Kuhne said of the organization.

"We wanted the space to be in the center of town where



John McDonough of Pumpernickel Puppets showing off Virginia Ham as she sang Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Ed Coordinator that Survive".

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Shown from left are Katelinde Grenevich and Jillian Phillips (and her dog Charlie) outside of the Emilia K. Hope Community Center located at 173 North Main St., North Brookfield.



These young chefs show off their smoothies made during the Emilia K. Hope Community Center's Nutrition Class.

the most people can access it," Phillips said. The importance of the Center being accessed by everyone was one of the biggest factors in the development of the Community Center.

But the Community Center offers more than just a place to relax and play. The Center also offers connections to resources

like WIC and SNAP as well as guides on how to access mental health, family, and financial support.

"Our big focus is bringing in the resources that people either don't know about or can't access because of issues like transportation," Phillips said, and shared her desire for the Community Center to be a place of easy access for all, including her hopes for the town to come together and make the area handicap accessible for wheelchair users.

This past week, they had two fantastic events at their building, a Nutrition Class with Litani Bassett, a SNAP- taught a class on nutrition while making a berry smoothie. The second event was a puppet show with talented puppeteer John McDonough of Pumpernickel Puppet, with a build-your-own puppet workshop after the show.

Both events were free to the public, and several children attended both of the events and had an amazing time learning and interacting with the special

The Nutrition Class had six children in attendance during the Aug. 14 class, where they learned how to make a berry smoothie while following a recipe and adding in the required amount of ingredients and learning about each ingredient's nutritional values.

Ingredients included frozen mixed berries, Greek yogurt, oat milk, chia seeds, and honey with whipped cream to put on top at the end.

Bassett worked patiently with each child and taught them the health benefits of the ingredients and guided them along to thicken or loosen the smoothie with the frozen fruit or oat milk.

"I like giving people the tools

See COMMUNITY CENTER,

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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.

Library programs

Read and Play for ages birth to five years old will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St. It will be held every Wednesday. No registration is required for this program of stories, rhymes, songs, an activity and playtime. It is funded by the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc.

Homeschool Do It Yourself will be held Thursday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m.-noon at the Fobes Memorial Library. This month students will be using their engineering skills to build small boats and then will test their speed and cargo capacity. Registration is required.

After school Do It Yourself will be held Thursday, Sept. 21 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the library. The program is recommended for ages five to 12 years old. Children ages eight plus are welcome to come independently. Registration is required. This month they will be using engineering skills to build a small boat and then will test their speed and cargo capacity. Both the morning and afternoon DIY are funded by the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc.

St. Joseph's Parish to hold chicken barbecue/family fair

NORTH BROOKFIELD - St. Joseph's Parish will hold a chicken barbecue Saturday, Sept. 9 from 3-7 p.m.and Sunday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Saint Joseph's Parish Rectory Grounds, 28 Mt. Pleasant St.

A chicken dinner eat in or take out will be served Sunday from 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per adults and \$8 per child 12 and under. Other food is available all weekend: hamburgers, hot dogs, fried dough, French fries, pizza, chili, ice cream sundaes and more.

DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc will be there on

Saturday from 4-7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There will 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 (50) of \$30 lottery scratch tickets and much, much more.

An outdoor Mass will be held on the rectory rounds on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 3 p.m. For chicker dinner tickets and more information, people may call the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 508-867-6469.

University of Wild Symposium set for Aug. 28

PETERSHAM - University of Wild Symposium will be held August 28 at 2 p.m. at the university's base camp facility located at 73 Glasheen Road, Petersham.

The program on ancient landscapes and stone structures is free and open to the public. 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.

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Opinion

Guest Column



When should my wife claim Social **Security?**

Dear Rusty

My wife will be 65 next year, and her full retirement age is 66 years plus 10 months.

Can she collect 50% of my Social Security benefit at her full retirement age and then get her own higher personal amount at age 70? Her own amount at her full retirement age is \$1,100 per month but her age 70 amount is \$1,800. My Social Security is \$2,300. Suggestions welcome. Signed: My Wife's Helper

Dear Helper

Your wife cannot separate her spousal benefit from her personal Social Security retirement benefit – whenever she claims she will be automatically deemed to be filing for both her own benefit and her spousal entitlement. Thus, she cannot claim her spousal benefit first at her Full Retirement Age and defer claiming her own SS retirement benefit until she is

When your wife should claim is, essentially, a decision which should consider the urgency of her need for the money, her life expectancy, whether she will be eligible for a spouse benefit from you and whether she is working.

If your wife claims before her Full Retirement Age and is working, she'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some SS benefits are taken away. Social Security's earnings test goes away at FRA.

Average life expectancy for a woman your wife's age is about 87. If your current \$2,300 benefit is a result of you taking your Social Security at your full retirement age or earlier, then your wife will receive a small "spousal boost" from you.

If she claims at her Full Retirement Age, your wife's total Social Security payment will be 50% of the amount you were entitled to at your FRA and that will be her permanent amount, except for annual COLA increases.

However, from what you've shared, your wife's age 70 amount is considerably more than her maximum spousal benefit so, if her life expectancy is long, that suggests she may wish to consider waiting until age 70 to claim her own maximum benefit. By doing so, your wife will get more in cumulative lifetime benefits if she achieves average life expectancy.

The unknown factor is your life expectancy because, as your widow, your wife will be entitled to 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death, instead of the smaller amount she is receiving on her own or as your spouse. If life expectancy is long for both of you, then your wife maximizing her own benefit by waiting until age 70 to claim is a prudent choice. But if your, or your wife's, life expectancy is shorter, then your wife claiming at her Full Retirement Age would be a better decision.

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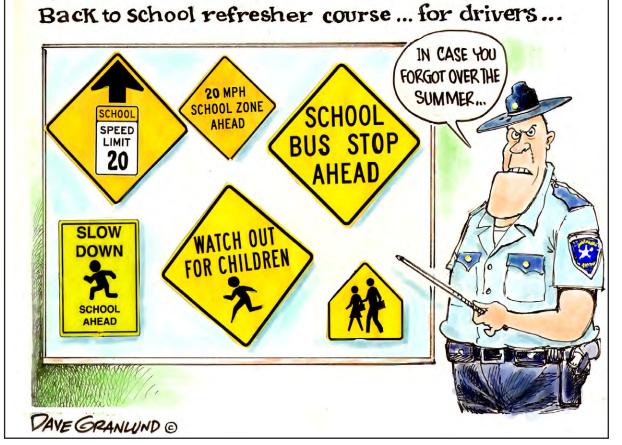
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In Past Pages

5 years (Aug. 30, 2018)

After meeting with building commissioner, Joseph Mikielian and researching inspection fee rates for commercial solar arrays in other towns, Oakham selectmen approved a rate of \$5 per \$1,000 of construction cost of the project. The town did not have a building inspection fee for commercial solar arrays, only residential solar panels. A commercial solar array project is in the permitting stage for property on Barre Road, owned by the Spinneys.

Slowly but surely, Hubbardston's Katie Young is putting her town on the map. Over a hundred people came out last Saturday to race, support or to just simply check out the first ever Dinghy Dash, held at Brigham Pond, off Route 68 in Hubbardston. "I was looking for something different to do in town that none of the other towns or cities around us were doing - something Hubbardston could call their own," Young said, about bringing the idea to her town. "I got the idea from going to a different cardboard boat regatta last year in a different part of the state and I thought this that could be our thing."

Raymond Barbera, 18, was awarded his Eagle Rank Aug. 26 at the Templeton Fish and Game Club. Raymond, the son of David and Christine Barbera of Hubbardston, was surrounded by his Scouting friends and family and honored by the attendance of Boy Scout's Wachusett District Chair Kevin Fuller, state Representative Donald Berthiaume and state Senator Ann Gobi. Barbera began his journey in 2006, when he registered with Pack 12 of Hubbardston. He attended Camp Split Rock each year, advancing in rank, ultimately he earned his Arrow of Light award in 2011. He crossed over to Troop 12 in February 2011.

10 years (Aug. 29, 2013)

Lynn Scott and her crew of Petersham Lions saw their efforts rewarded with a successful Petersham Old Home Day this past weekend. This year the event included activities that were a big success with children of all ages. Kevin and Heidi Shortis planned and supervised activities for over ten, an age group that too often overlooked. The Shortis family built an obstacle course that had children, jumping over barrels, crawling through hay stacks and balancing on planks. Volley ball games were played all afternoon by teams of competitive and energetic teenagers.

Good opportunities abound for a new senior center, but rehabilitating the current senior center is not one of them, a consulting architect told members of the Community Development Advisory Committee on Aug. 19. Architect John Catlin said the current senior center, which includes a youth center, is a major liability for the town for many reasons beyond the fact that it costs about \$30,000 to heat just the first floor. "This one could be easily condemned," he said of the large 137 year old building.

For sixteen years, Wes Dwelly of Oakham has grown giant pump-

LOOK BACK Barre Flea Market - 1995



Mary Gulino, from left, check out bargains at the Barre Woman's Club flea market held Sept. 15, 1995.

heart surgery three months ago did not stop him from doing what he loves to dod, grow giant pumpkins. He relied on his wife, Marcia, to do a lot of the work for this. She also has grown the giant pumpkins and one year had a pumpkin larger than her husband's. The seed for the pumpkin that Wes Dwelly hopes to take to the Spencer Fair came from a 1,872 pound pumpkin, the second larges pumpkin ever grown.

25 years (Aug. 27, 1998)

Oakham Selectmen read a letter of resignation from Town Clerk Elizabeth Neylon at the Monday, Aug. 24 meeting. She wrote, "I has been joy and privilege to serve as town clerk, however, with my recent personal problems and some untrue allegations, I find it necessary to resign as Town Clerk effective immediately."

On a recent summer evening, about 50 people of all ages gathered on the South Common in Petersham at the call of manner storyteller and historian Larry Buell to begin another trek into the annals of an older Petersham. Amount his early remarks was that a certain Mr. Houghton could truthfully call herself "the most beautiful woman in Petersham" as she was the only woman in the newly made town at the town. Starting at the head of the present South Main Street, he spoke of the Baptist church and its adjoining parsonage, just south of the Village Cemetery. In this church was a real baptismal font. This house of worship was used into the

After listening to a panel of experts and watching a dog from the State Police Canine Unit find marijuana in locker, the Quabbin Regional School Committee is one step closer to adopting revised drug policies for the school district. School board members, school administrators, police chiefs from the five members towns, teachers and parents met in the Quabbin Regional High School cafeteria Tuesday night. They listened Robert

kins and entered them at local fairs Fraser, legal representative of the including the Spencer Fair and the school district, who talked about Woodstock Fair. This year even what school officials could legally do to achieve a zero tolerance on substance abuse.

38 years (Aug. 29, 1985)

The Barre Inn has been sold to MRW, Inc. according to Kenneth Wright, Sr., one of the partners in the company for \$265, 000 cash. Wright, along with his wife, Nancy Lee Wright and Douglas Merrifield of Rhode Island are partners in the company that purchased the Barre landmark and started on renovations. In 1984, Eddie and Linda Mansueti, the former owners, were to sell the inn to Historic Inns of America. The sale fell through. The Manuseutis have owned and operated the Barre Inn since 1965.

A hearing was held last Wednesday night on the flood plain bylaw that will be voted on at Sept.. 5, Barre Town Meeting. Richard Wronski, chairman of the Planning Board, explained to the approximately 12 people that were in attendance, that this was the very same flood plain by-law that was approved in February 1984 and later disapproved by the Attorney General, on a technicality. That technicality, the word "zoning" has been inserted in the flood plain zoning by-law and will go before the residents for re-vote on the fifth. "Everything else was left intact," said Wronski of the by-law.

Reflecting 1930s town meetings, when unknowns surrounded the Quabbin reservoir, certain question marks were cast into the Barre citizens' group that met Wednesday night, Aug. 21 at Barre Town Hall about the proposed Air Force antennas in Barre. Six speakers from State environment committees, from the local group itself and from the "No-Gwen" Amherst group, tried to address the reality of the Department of Defense preferred communications towers in Barre. This meting took an unofficial stand against the Air Force proposal for Wednesday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Barre library.

Guest Column

A Summer Tour of Community Colleges

By Eric Goodhart

There are many questions that need to be answered by a teenager, who has college aspirations.

But for now, here is just one. Whenever I asked a teenager why they want to go to college I often get one of two answers. "To get a good job" or "It is the expected thing to do."

I have yet to hear a student reply like this. "The career I am interested is something in the medical



Greenfield Community College president Michelle Schutt

profession. Not sure if I want to pursue a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine or a Doctor of Medicine degree. Both cost a ton. My kid sister wants to be lawyer specializing in Health Care Law. She says she is going to keep an eye on me."

"I started in the summer between sophomore and junior year, taking college level classes at our local community college. I continued dual enrollment through junior year. The Salutatorian at my high school did that. He was accepted to Rhodes College as a sophomore plus a \$12,000/year scholarship. He saved his parents over \$102,000. In fact, each of the three years he will be there will cost about \$10,000 less than UMass,

Such an outcome is possible. But it takes research coupled with practical planning including factoring in financial considerations.

For the students who are ready for a challenge, dual enrollment is a very good option. Mount Wachusett, Greenfield, Holyoke Berkshire Community Colleges and Springfield Tech all are focused on expanding their Dual Enrollment programs. Right now, summer is when many are offering on campus Dual Enrollment introductory talks or on Zoom. Greenfield, MWCC, Springfield and Berkshire CC have very easy to navigate websites with that information. Here is the website to visit for all the CCs in the state https://masscc.org/colleges/

In addition, each one, including Holyoke CC, has a Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter. It is not easy to become a member, nor should it be. PTK, founded in 1918, is an international honor society for community college students mirroring the principles of the much older Phi Beta Kappa honor society at four-year colleges. founded in 1776 at the College of William & Mary.

Membership in PTK comes with many perks. More about that next week. Be sure to ask admissions on your tour as to how many students received the honor in the last five years and where are they are now?

Whatever the reason for going to college may be, the first and most important first step of a teenager is to do some self-reflection and selected self-assessments. They Every community college has an academic and

career advising department. Part of that advising includes some form of assessment and/or interest sur-

MWCC has a free 60 question interest questionnaire anyone can take resembling the John Holland SDS survey. That is a good start. The college's overall explanation of its Academic

and Career Advising process is very good. However,

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by Jane McCauley

It was wonderful weather on Sunday and I enjoyed a morning at the flea market.

It was nice to greet my friends and I spent the total off \$12. My handyman brought the wheel chair in case I needed it and we used it to put the purchases in. I used the cane and it worked out

Here is a recipe I plan to make this week with a pound of hamburg

IMPOSSIBLE MEAT PIE

- 1 lb. lean hamburg
- 1 can small peas
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 or 4 potatoes, diced small and cooked
- 1 deep dish pie dish, buttered
- 2 cup Bisquick or Jiffy mix
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk

Cook hamburger and onion and drain. Add can of peas, drained. Peel and cook potatoes and drain.

Mix all together in bowl and put in pie plate. Mix Bisquick, milk and eggs and beat thoroughly.

Pour mixture over ingredients in pie plate. Bake at 400 degrees about 30 to 40 minutes.

Serve with white sauce.

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WHITE SAUCE

- 2 cups milk
- 4 tablespoons flour *4 tablespoons butter*
- Melt butter, add flour. Stir well, then add milk until thickened. Parsley flakes may be added, if desired.

This and That

I tried to go out and weed in the flower beds, but the mosquitoes drove me in. They are so bad this year.

I did pick three large green tomatoes off the six plants I have in pots and will use them sliced with a batter. I will let the rest ripen.

I had to throw away a few as they got a virus. With so much rain, I guess it is happening to many plants.

I have been working on several penny mats with fall leaves. Some are oblong and some are round. I also used a different background on each of them.

I made two penny mat kits to send to a friend in a nursing home to keep her busy.

The handyman has been keeping busy and cleaned out the gutters and he is getting many of the items off of the "to do" list."

I made blueberry muffins with some blueberries he and Ken picked.

I hope you all have a nice week.

BARRE.

Stapczynski said he would provide a list of finalists to the board on Friday, Sept. 15. The he hoped the Select Board could hold interviews of those candidates either the week of Sept. 18 or Sept. 25.

The consulting firm will provide the Select Board with a list of questions for the candidates and the board would pick the questions from the list for them to ask at the in person at the public interview.

He also suggested they might

want to hold the interviews on a Saturday rather than a weekday.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said the interviews would be conducted in the selectmen's meeting room. They would be open to the public, live streamed and recorded. Access to the meetings, is available by visiting https:// www.townofbarre.com, going to Select Board, then recorded meetings and selecting the live option.

Stapczynski said it was important for the Select Board to deliberate soon after the interviews and to not wait a week or so to avoid loosing out on a candidate to another other job offer. Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis said four or five finalists was a "sweet number" as often someone drops

In an effort to be competitive, the Select Board advertised the position for \$103,000. This amount budgeted at the Annual Town Meeting was more than previously paid to any town administrators.

If all goes well, the town of Barre should have a new town administrator in place sometime in November.

Midsummer questions for the Garden Lady

Marie, who gardens in Wheelwright, has harvested her potatoes and she's a little upset with the outcome.

"The potatoes have raised, warty areas all over them. In other places they are pitted. Is my soil infected with some type of disease or is there an insect that is causing these imperfections?"

My guess would be that you are fighting the scab fungus. It is most prevalent in soils that contain lots of decaying organic matter and remain wet for a considerable amount of time.

With all of the rain we had this summer there are many gardeners in the same boat, pun intended!

Although the fungus can remain in the soil for years, it is most active when the pH is between 5.7-7.5. With this in mind, rotate your potato crop from year to year.

Also, do not lime or apply wood ashes to the soil where potatoes are to be planted. If you amend the soil with compost or manure, be sure it is well-rotted.

Select seed potatoes that are certified disease-free and choose varieties that are resistant to the disease. Thicker skinned russet types as well as those with reddish brown skin seem to suffer the least amount of

Check out the Moose Tuber section in the Fedco Seeds catalog (www.fedcoseeds.com) for a resistant variety that suits you.

Karen reads the column from her Brimfield home. She takes great pride in her new flower gardens!

"Some of my annual flowers are starting to look a little beyond hope. Should I pull out my snapdragons, bachelor's buttons and calendulas or will they

All of the flowers you mention are cool loving

for new pet owners

"Pet ownership is like raising

a child-it takes time, care, and

resources and Second Chance

is here to help," said Hall in a press release. "Pets have emo-

tions and needs and rely on their

owners for food, medical atten-

tion, love, and companionship.

By investing effort from the start,

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lasting pet-owner relationship."

To prevent unnecessary surren-

ders, Second Chance provides a

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advice on various pet-related mat-

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annuals. By the heat of midsummer they are looking

There are a few things that you can do now to help the plant send out more flowers once the weather cools in early autumn.

First, deadhead spent flowers regularly. Lots of times this action will encourage the plant to initiate new growth from the base.

If it does, cut it back to that point and apply liquid fertilizer. In no time at all you should be delighted with a burst of new blooms.

Of the three that you mention, you will get the best response from calendula and snapdragon. I like to leave these in place and work my fall mums and

kale around them. It is time to harvest carrots from Lisa's vegetable garden and she's a little concerned that many of them are forked or bumpy.

"What causes this phenomenon?"

Forked, bumpy or otherwise deformed carrots are likely the result of your soil type. Is it heavy clay or does is have lots of rocks in it?

Carrots prefer loose, well-drained soil, that way their roots can grow straight down. What likely happened in your garden is that the carrots split to avoid a stone.

Before planting your seeds next spring, remove rocks and if necessary, sift the soil. You can also try growing carrots in a raised bed filled with screened loam or special raised bed soil mixes.

Overcrowded conditions can also cause roots to fork, so be sure you thin your seedlings carefully to

about a thumb's width apart. Overwatering can also cause forking. This year we

didn't have control over much of that!! One other suggestion: don't apply fresh manure to your seed bed - it too can cause the problem you speak of. Instead, add plenty of organic matter it the form of finished compost if you would like to

increase your soil's fertility. 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 with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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to do these things and be not so regimented- its very child-oriented. we end up doing food science and having them think about food science without realizing it," Bassett said, regarding the several cooking classes she taught at the

The puppet show, put on this past Saturday, was a retelling of the classic story, "Sir George and the Dragon" with McDonough's puppets with featured appearances of Tabby the Singing Cat and Virginia Ham the Singing and Dancing Pig.

The performance was funny, and the children gathered filled the room with laughter.

"The reaction you get from the kids is the best," McDonough said. "I have had kids who have seen my shows and then gone on to be puppeteers."

McDonough loves his job, and it is evident in his performance, and after when he taught the kids in the audience how each one of his puppets worked so that they could see and learn about the behind the scenes of the puppet

Afterwards, they got to make their own puppets with socks, pipe cleaners, pom poms, glue, sequins, and pipe cleaners. They gave their

positive individual results ultimately

attending Greenfield CC can take



However, as they actively strive to help the community around them and provide a space with events and open space hours, they ask for the community to give back

advantage of that. It illustrates the

value and importance the college has

a true Nation-wide search for a new

President. Michelle Schutt, Ph.D.

has a BS, two MS degrees along

with her Doctorate in Education and

Human Studies. A Midwesterner

at heart she has brought that to

Greenfield and adjusted seamless-

ly into her new role in Franklin

The college recently completed

in its advising philosophy.



Children create their own puppets following a performance by the

what kinds of shows they wanted

They are a nonprofit organization, and as such, need a financial sponsor (or a few) to help with payment for things like electricity, internet, rent, and other expenses and "I love being able to

give back to the community," Phillips said. "My kids love making new friends and coming to events like the puppet show. My hope is that the community will love and value it, too.' The Center, looking to

the future, wants to hold more events like paint nights, art workshops, support groups, and work with the local cultural council in order to hold multicultural events.

The Center staff want it to be a safe place for everyone and wants it to be available for kids to go to hang out at after school and be open as an indoor space for winter activities over the weekend.

The Community Center is a new and important part of the town, and will continue to grow to host more and more events, continuing to

Pumpernickel Puppets. puppets names and talked about

to put on when they got home.

become a space to welcome families and everyone with open arms, no matter where they come from.

The college is fortunate to have her as the 11th President. Because of her past many leadership accomplishments in both the classroom and as a keynote speaker on leadership in many different stages it is no surprise that she is now in Greenfield. She has the academic and charismatic personality that, by all reports, foretells good things for the college's future and the wider community at the beginning of the Mohawk Trail.

EAST BROOKFIELD Adopting a pet involves a deep commitment and a lifetime of care and Second Chance Animal Services is committed to turning the tide by instilling a sense of responsibility during the adoption process and providing ongoing support for new pet owners. Making the decision to adopt a pet requires thoughtful consideration, as highlighted by Wendy Hall, director of Second Chance's Animal Relocation programs.

Submitted Photo

Mack, a 2-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, is just one of the pets waiting to find a home at Second Chance's **Adoption Center in East** Brookfield.

Second Chance provides support

behavior problems, training chalthe family, they offer personalized

In addition, Second Chance

rates for those who qualify, along with weekly low-

lenges, or introducing a new pet to

operates four full-service veterinary hospitals to ensure pets receive necessary care. Located in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield and Worcester, the hospitals are open to everyone and offer reduced

cost vaccine

The nonprofit also has a pet food pantry program that supplies pet food to local human food pantries, helping pet owners facing financial difficulties. New Second Chance adopters also get access to a week of free oneon-one online training through an app designed to help dog owners address behavioral issues and foster positive interactions with their pets in their homes. Owners can continue to use the app for a minimal charge as needed.

Well-trained pets are more likely to stay in their homes with their families.

Second Chance remains committed to educating pet owners, providing resources, and promoting responsible pet ownership to create a community where pets are valued as cherished family members. With the right support and effort, many challenges can be overcome, allowing pets to stay where they belong, with the families who love them uncondition-

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depend on the student's initiative in taking advantage of that guidance. Greenfield CC has several self-assessments anyone can take on its website. For a modest cost of \$39 a student even just thinking about

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Through the Psalms Part 1

I have directed an inordinate number of men and women to the Book of Psalms as of late.

As a minister, I have called figures facing crisis to the pages of this work, as well as those experiencing moments of victory. Thus said, perhaps it is time to turn our attention to this text. As we review an array of precepts related to the Psalter and its study, begin to reflect upon its contents. You will be blessed as you do.

In this publication, let us explore why men and women gravitate to the Book of Psalms. I can affirm as a pastor with some years of experience that, of the sixty-six Books of the Bible, Christians find themselves particularly drawn to this text. Why? Allow me to posit the following in this opening edition:

1) Artistry

Not only do the psalms present information, but they are works of artistic expression. These ancient poems exemplify artistry in that they are characterized by beauty, craftsmanship and literary technique.

Many students study the Bible with diligence, yet often fail to appreciate the loveliness of its inspiration. God has spoken to humanity, but is there no significance in that He has done so in a beautiful way? Consider the poetic nature of this ode to the care of God:

Psalm 23 (NKJV)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
- He leads me beside the still
- 3 He restores my soul; He leads
- me in the paths of righteousness
- For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the
- valley of the shadow of death,
- I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
- And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- 2) Prayer and Worship

The Book of Psalms helps to inform and impact the practices of prayer and worship. The Psalter has always found connection with such elements. In the Old Testament era, upcoming services. Check us out theft, false testimony, slander. Psalms found a home in the private prayers and worship of the saints.

Moreover, many of the 150 psalms were used in worship at the Temple or amidst Jewish Holy Days. This historical association between the Psalter and intimacy with God accounts, at least in part, for the appeal this work has for believers.

Perhaps more than any other Book of the Bible, Psalms gives us the vocabulary to express what we feel within. When you do not know what to say or how to pray, look for a psalm!

3) Human Experience & Emotion Psalms speaks to us in a timeless yet timely manner, in that it touches upon matters of both human emotion and experience. The psalms touch upon nigh every human emotion (e.g., elation and celebration to despair and despondency) and experience (lack, betrayal and opposition v. provision, fidelity and breakthrough) with vivid detail.

As John Calvin noted: "What various and resplendent riches are contained in this treasury. I have been wont to call this book not inappropriately, an anatomy of all the parts of the soul; for there is not an emotion of which any one can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror." For instance, who among us cannot relate to the sentiments conveyed in these selections?

Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV) 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter

of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 22:1-2

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me so far from my cries of anguish? 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I

find no rest. 4) A Holistic Work

Lastly, the Book of Psalms appeals to the whole of our being, demanding a response. It informs our intellect, arouses our emotion, stimulates our imagination and directs our will. When we read this work with faith, we come away changed versus simply informed.

Of course, the whole of Scripture is profitable and impacting (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16–17), but the psalms engage the modern Christian in a more direct manner than, say, the latter half of the Book of Joshua (i.e., which details geographical boundaries of Israel). Muse upon the following text slowly, and let it influence the entirety of your being:

Psalm 42:1-5

- 1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you,
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
- When can I go and meet with
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night,
- while people say to me all day
- long, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember as I
- pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the
- Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. 5 Why, my soul, are you down-

Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my

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 online at www NewLifeBarre org for more information.

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"The Mouth Speaks things from the Heart."

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15 v 10-28

1. Introduction

Many of us have experienced those moments where we wish we had pondered things over or talked it through with someone else before we said anything, right?

We wished that we had not expressed something that hurt someone else. Sometimes our emotions take over, or we want to have an answer sooner than later about a situation, and when we say something about it without a deeper reflection, it does not always have the result we were looking for, and our words can hurt the other person.

We then feel bad knowing that we could have said something differently. We also know that there are situations when people do not feel bad after speaking their mind. That is when conflicts may arise, and it is hard to bring peace and understand-

ing.
2. The Mouth Speaks Things From the Heart

In our passage Jesus's words are addressed to the crowd, when He says in verse 11, "What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them." He said this after His conversation with the Pharisees where they challenged Him about clean and unclean practices in the Old Testament Laws.

They questioned why the disciples did not wash their hands before they ate. The disciples were breaking the traditions of the elders, they told him. Their response got Jesus really upset and He called them hypocrites, because He felt they too broke the commands about not really honoring their mothers and fathers.

Why expect others to obey the laws when you break them? Then, He tells them that Isaiah was right in Isaiah 29 v 13, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of Me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

Jesus called them blind guides, because they missed the way in understanding of what it means to be the people of God, says RT France

book on Matthew. Their influence on their followers will lead them all to fall into the same pit.

What is Christ saying to the crowd and to the Pharisees? He emphasized that the laws they are so used to following do not make them better people! Why focus on being so clean? Why focus on physical food. Look what happens to it! It goes into the mouth, and into the stomach and into the sewerage. What goes into the mouth is not the problem.

The problem is, what comes out of the mouth, because what comes out of the mouth, comes from the heart! Jesus then goes on, saying, "18 But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts murder, adultery, sexual immorality,

20 These are what defile a son; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

In spiritual and moral terms, the heart is viewed as the seat of thought and will. The heart is the place of love and goodness and where our intentions are born.

That's where we think about what to say, and the place where we think about how to behave and act. It is a good place to think and plan good things, things of love and mercy and generosity. But the heart is also the place where we harbor negative thoughts and think and plan things that are morally wrong, and can hurt other people, loved ones, neighbors and more.

3. Conclusion

So, while we are rightfully concerned about what we may have just said to someone, and wonder how to make it right, Christ is there to understand and forgive, but He is also taking it a step further, by challenging us about the way we are, our mindset, how we think about other people, how we behave.

He is talking about patterns of thought, of behavior, and of actions in our lives. He is challenging us to examine our hearts, which is the place of our intentions

In our church, Jesus would certainly go around and check on us, what we say to one another, and how we act towards one another. In our positions of power, of decision making, He is especially interested in how we are, how we talk and

May the Holy Spirit help each one of us to reflect on this message this morning, and this week. May God help us to clean up those parts of our heart that need some work. May God be our helper, our companion, and teach us God's way, God's heart.

Amen.

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

Obituaries

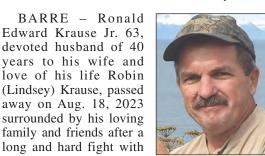
Ronald Edward Krause Jr., 63

BARRE - Ronald Edward Krause Jr. 63, devoted husband of 40 years to his wife and love of his life Robin (Lindsey) Krause, passed away on Aug. 18, 2023 surrounded by his loving family and friends after a

cancer. Ronald was born in Worcester, the son of the late Ronald E. Krause Sr. and Janet (Williams) Krause. He had been a resident of Barre for the last 35 years, having previously lived in Spencer.

In addition to his wife, Ronald is survived by his daughter, Rebecca and her husband Jeremy Smith; three grandchildren, Stephanie, Calista and Sawyer; his sister, Brenda "Skippy" and her husband Garrett Baker; along with extended family members and countless friends.

Ronald was a graduate of David Prouty High School where



he played on the baseball team and was captain of the football team. He proudly served in the United States Army where he realized his love for Alaska.

He worked at the Spencer Highway

Department, as well as for the Department of Corrections NCCI in Gardner where he retired as a Sergeant after 20 years of service.

He was a member of the Spencer Fish & Game, Plainsfield Beagle Club and an NRA Life Member. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, the outdoors, family time and countless trips to Alaska.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023 from 2-6 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. Burial services including military honors will take place on Monday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. at

DEATH NOTICES

Krause Jr., Ronald Edward Died Aug. 18, 2023 Funeral Aug. 28, 2023

> Martone, Mary Ellen Died June 20, 2023 Funeral Sept. 18, 2023

Sirois, Patricia A. Died Aug. 15, 2023 Funeral Aug. 21, 2023

Sizer, Ann M. Died Aug. 2, 2023

the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 11 Glenallen St., Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude's at https://www.stjude.org/ or Hunt of a Lifetime at https://huntofalifetime.org/front. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Mary Ellen Martone, 58

BARRE/FLORENCE, ITALY - Mary Ellen Martone, 58, died on June 20, 2023 in Florence, Italy.

She was the daughter of Elizabeth (McDonald) and the late Leonard Martone. She leaves her mother, siblings, Maureen Widing and husband Gary, Joseph Martone and wife Jeanne, Kathleen Martone, Patricia Begin and husband Larry, Daniel Martone and wife Elaine, thirteen nieces and nephews and all of their 20 children.

Her family and dear friends both near and far will miss her kindness and her exuberant and fun- loving ways. She was a lover of animals, especially her dear,

Growing up in Barre, she was a trailblazer for young women in sports and academics. Mary Ellen was one of the first girls to play Little League baseball in Barre and upon attending Quabbin Regional High School was an outstanding all-star field hockey play-

In 1980, she became the first student at Quabbin to request and receive permission to attend college beginning in her junior year, matriculating at Simon's Rock of Bard College in Great Barrington.

She would simultaneously graduate from both Simon's Rock and Quabbin with the Class of 1982. She later received a Bachelor's degree from Connecticut College in economics, music and government/politics. M.E.

possessed a love for music, which dated back to her years performing in the band and chorus at Quabbin.

She pursued her talent as a musician and songwriter while recording with and writing for many top music performers as the owner of M.E. Music, Ltd. Among the performers she worked with were Martin Gore of Depeche Mode, Neil Davidge of Massive Attack as well as Andy Newmark (Sly and the Family Stone), Neil Hubbard (Roxy Music) and Liam Genockey (Steeleye Span) and John Hogg (Mott) among many.

She also created CD samples and scores for record labels, films, TV, websites, multimedia projects and art installations. In addition to performing professionally, she also sang at many family weddings and other special events. Her talents and love of music and the

Licensed Practical

Nurse degree from

Monty Tech where she

worked at Burbank

Hospital in Fitchburg,

Athol Hospital and

the former Walter

E. Fernald school in

banking finishing out

the bulk of her career

at Barre Savings Bank,

retiring as Branch

Manager, Main office

in 2014. She loved

serving the com-

munity and brought

laughter and lead-

ership to everything

she was involved in.

She volunteered at the UMASS

Barre Health Center for many

years, was Treasurer of the No.

4 Schoolhouse, a member of the

Barre Historical Society as well as

past member of the Barre Council

She returned to

Templeton.

arts allowed her to travel and live in New York City, Bermuda, London, England and eventually landing in Florence, Italy where she lived for the past 15 years.

While in Florence, she volunteered as a youth soccer coach at the Porto Romana

Calico Soccer Center. Mary Ellen was always a gracious host and tour guide for everyone that visited her.

The funeral for Mary Ellen will be held on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 with a Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 398 Vernon Avenue, South Barre. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Barre.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to your local animal shelter or to the UMass Chan Medical School Foundation for Lupus research at www.umassmed.edu/ give or mailed to the Office of Advancement, UMass Medical School, 33 South St., Shrewsbury,

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

Patricia A. Sirois, 77

BARRE – Patricia A. Sirois 77, of Barre, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 15, 2023.

Born in Gardner, the daughter of Sidney and Alma (Latvala) Thompson, Pat grew up in Hubbardston. One day she traveled "over the river and through the woods" to Barre, where she met her husband Bill, married, had three children, enjoying 50 years of marriage before his death in

She leaves behind her daughter, Gail Shaw and husband John of Templeton and her daughter, Kathy Burrowes and husband Ronald of Millbury; a brother, Richard Thompson of New Braintree; grandchildren, Rick and Matthew Sirois, Paul Better Jr., John Jr., Mary and Ryan Shaw, Sophia and Julian Burrowes and six great-grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Wilbur F. Sirois Jr. and son William.

Pat started her career in banking, working at the former Worcester County National Bank and Shawmut and later changed gears, graduating in 1981 with a

Pat also served as bookkeeper of the former Sirois and Armstrong Inc, for over 30 years. Pat loved doing crossword puzzles

> also managed her husband Charles business, C.E.Sizer Trucking until his retirement also in 2007, when they moved to Wickenburg to be close to their son and his

family. After getting settled in Wickenburg, Ann

became a volunteer for the area Habitat for Humanity Restore. She served as a volunteer, employee and board member for many years until December 2022. Ann and Charlie enjoyed their travels around the southwest and especially their trips to Sedona and Laughlin, Nevada.

Ann also enjoyed playing Bingo with her friends at the American Legion, Wickenburg Elks and the local senior center. Anyone who knew Ann knew that she was the



and challenged herself by only completing them in pen. She loved jigsaw puzzles, cooking, gardening, a good shopping trip and her yearly vacation to Ogunquit, Maine with her daughters. She was also a member of the Red Hat Ladies club. Calling hours took

place 4-5:30 p.m. with a funeral home service

at 5:30. on Monday, Aug. 21in the Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre with interment at a later date at the convenience of the family. A special thanks to NP Maggie

Cabral and Dr. Theo Meyer at UMASS Cardiology for their incredible, compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to No.4 School House Inc. PO Box 85, Barre, MA 01005-0085 or Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. pillsburyfuneralhome.com.



WICKENBURG, AZ - Ann M. Sizer passed away on Aug. 2, 2023 at her home in Wickenburg

Ann was the daughter of

Maurice and Jenni (Rossi) Panaccione, born in Ware on Aug.10, 1939. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Sizer who died Oct. 10, 2016. Ann leaves her son, Charles

Sizer Jr., daughter-in-law Michelle (Foster), granddaughter Officer Savorina Sizer and grandson Bennett Sizer of Wickenburg Arizona, as well as Beverly (Panaccione) Gaylord, nephew Kristopher and brother-in-law John Gaylord of Worcester and many nieces and nephews.

Ann owned and operated Ann's Beauty Salon on West Street in Barre for many years until her retirement in 2007. She



loving grandmother to her grandchildren, Savorina and Bennett. She was most happy and proud to see them both grow through their childhood milestones, but especially proud to see Savorina graduate from Grand Canyon University

(Summa Cum Laude) in December 2020, Chandler Gilbert Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy (CGCC LETA) in November 2021 and seeing Bennett graduate from The Vocational Training Institute's Welding program also in December 2021.

A burial of both Ann and Charles' ashes will be planned at a later date in Barre. A memorial luncheon was held in Wickenburg



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Hardwick Fair... fun for all



Turley Photos by Mary Whitelaw Bill Cole sang the National Anthem at the 261st Hardwick Community Fair's opening ceremony.



Kristen Coltey Wentworth and Todd demonstrate the sport of rabbit hopping.



Lori Merriam joins her son in the tractor parade.



Sadie Russell took second place with her Holstein heifer.



New this year was a corn-on-the-cob bar hosted by the Hardwick Historical Society.

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of the time," Schaaf said jokingly. Schaaf recruited his friend Matthew Erickson to help him this year, and Erickson said he plans to return next year.

Schaaf's parents are both still involved with the fair, with his young adults. The Youth Center father taking home four second place ribbons for his nature photography and garlic, and his mother, Patti, earned first place for a necklace she made.

Ellary White, Audrey Larson and Sadie Ouimette have all attended the Hardwick Community Fair for as long as they can remember, if not longer.

Now entering their freshman year of high school, the trio of friends (who met at the Get Up and Dance studio in Gilbertville as toddlers), have turned one of their favorite Fair activities into volunteer hours; helping to run the children's obstacle course.

The friends agreed that the rope swing was, and still is, their favorite part of the course.

This year marked the 46th Running of the Road Race, featuring a 5.7 mile challenging course that loops around the historic Common, complete with it's own "Heartbreak Hill" that gives the Boston Marathon route some friendly competition.

Race organizer Megen Talbot took over from longtime organizer Chris Hinckley several years ago and said this was the best weather they've ever had for running, as it is typically hot and humid.

Talbot has raced the course herself many times, and said the race sees a lot of return runners each year; those trying to reach a personal best, or beat the seemingly untouchable course records set by John Panaccione in 1985 (28:19) and Karen Enright in 1989 (34:16).

This year's top finisher, Henry Domnarski of Palmer finished with a time of 31:05.

Organizing the race is a lot of work, Talbot said, but she knew she had to keep the tradition going.

The Hardwick Youth Center was established nearly 40 years ago, providing the town's youth with a fun, safe and free place to enjoy time with their friends.

Youth Commissioners Angelique Broussard and Emilly Cartier said they've been manning a booth at the Fair for four years,

offering a variety of games for people to take chances on.

Proceeds from the booth help to raise money for the Youth Center.

Serving about 45 youth in the community, the Youth Center offers a "home away from home" for school-age children through also goes on field trips outside Railers hockey game, a haunted visit to 13th World, seeing the Christmas lights at McCrav's Farm, bowling, pinball and much

Cartier said the Youth Center is currently planning a trip to Six Flags New England.

Several Youth Center members, including Morgan and Theo, helped out at the booth all weekend. Having the youth involved with the Fair is important for keeping the Youth Center strong, Broussard said.

"Other kids can see these kids helping, and see how much fun they have," Broussard said.

Being a town built by agriculture, the Fair highlights some essential trades including blacksmithing and stone cutting.

Randy Noble has been demonstrating at the Fair for as long as he's been working with stone, since 1978.

alongside the stonewall that surrounds the cemetery near the Town House, a stonewall that he worked to level many years ago.

"I have a lot of walls I've built around town," Noble said.

Hardwick is known for its impressive stonewalls, many of which are wide and flat across the top.

Some of the stonewalls, including one at the upper cemetery just past the Common, feature a split stone laid end-to-end, after a massive stone is split down the middle and parted.

The nicer stone walls taper on the ends, Noble said, and one stone wall he built on Prouty Road is four-foot-wide, tapering down to 16 inches.

Splitting stone is no easy task, especially during the days when hand tools were the only option. Using a "drill" that looks like a long metal bar, stone cutters used large mallets to drive the bar into the stone, rotating the bar as they

"When I first started, they drilled this way," Noble said.

Noble also had an assortment

of antique stone cutting cools, many of which were found in his uncle's barn.

Blacksmith Jennifer Petrila first became interested in the trade during a third-grade field trip to Old Sturbridge Village. When she returned home, she started making knives, working her way up to latches.

"The metal always wants to of town, including a Worcester move away from you," Petrila told visitors to her forge as she explained the complexities of metalworking.

> Early in her 35 year career, Petrila apprenticed with a farrier, despite having negative experiences with horses up until that point. When the farrier saw how fast she could forge, he took her under his wing.

"He said, 'your horse skills suck, but your blacksmithing is awesome," Petrila recalled.

Petrila improved her horse skills, and was able to trim, blacksmith and shoe a horse in as little as 30-45 minutes.

She shared advice on how to communicate with horses, and said horses are either your best friend, or they want nothing to do with you.

"It's a relationship that's transformative," she said. "The level of engagement is different."

Petrila no longer shoes horses, Noble sets up each year as she has found through decades of experience that being barefoot is best. She continues to be a blacksmith, and travels all over demonstrating her talent.

The invention of the tractor took a lot of the farming workload off of horses and oxen, and the Fair always has an impressive display of different makes and models spanning the decades.

Lori Merriam of West Brookfield has been coming to the Fair for at least 14 years, and this year her family brought five tractors to enter the show and parade. Four are International Harvesters and one is a Massey-

Her oldest child is "all about" tractors she said, and he drove his own in the parade this year (with Merriam perched behind him).

The Fair helps the younger generation get in touch with their local, natural roots she said, and shows that agriculture is "still out

Agriculture is strong and growing in Hardwick, with the debut of the Farmers Guild of Hardwick and the return of rabbits to the Fair.



Barbie proved she was "Kenough," finishing strong in the road race.

Central Mass Rabbit Breeders Network is new to the Fair this year, led by Hardwick resident Kristen Coltey Wentworth. The highlight of the booth being a rabbit hopping agility show featuring Todd, a Rhinelander; and Mushu, a Brittania Petite.

Rabbit hopping is a new sport in the U.S., with rabbits hopping over a course of jumps, similar to

equestrian show jumping. 'Rabbit hopping is mainly for fun," Wentworth said, and it originated in Europe.

Wentworth began working with rabbits when she was in 4-H at 10 years old. Her first ever show was at the Barre Fair, and her second was the Hardwick Community Fair.

Now, her three children, Isabelle, William and Rose each show their own breed of rabbit.

"My kids are second generation rabbit showers," Wentworth said. "Everybody shows a few

Wentworth shows the English Spot, Isabelle shows the Havana. William shows the Rex and Rose shows the English Lop. Isabelle's



The rope swing was in constant use at the children's obstacle



This John Deere tractor caught the eye of these young fairgo-

Havana even won Best in Show at the Bolton Fair.

Wentworth plans to make the Hardwick Community Fair a new tradition for her family, and keep rabbits an integral part of the Fair.

"We will definitely be back,"

About the Hardwick Fair

The 262 nd Hardwick Community Fair will be held Aug. 16 and Aug. 17, 2024. For more information, visit hardwickfair.com or follow the Hardwick Community Fair on Facebook and





Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, AUG. 24

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.

REGISTRATION FOR JIMMY FUND WALK is now open. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1 and funds raised form 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.

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.

FLYING HIGH DOGS with Mike Piazza, a multiple world finalist record holder in K9 frisbee and the current # 1 Professional K9 frisbee performer in the work will be at Nornay Park, Main Street in South Barre today at 5:30 p.m. People should bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and enjoy this free show. This program is sponsored in part by the Barre Recreation Committee.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

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.

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 fccofwbfleamarket@gmail. com for an application.

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

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY FAIR will be held today from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hope Lodge, Gardner.

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. 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. 28. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, James Laramee, Elizabeth Laramee and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the stairs leading to the cemetery on Maple Street in North Brookfield.

This is free to the public. Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society is celebrating its 30th anniversary and is hosting a the genealogy and history fair to celebrate.

CHICKEN BARBECUE will be held today at 5:15 p.m. at St. John's Parish, 131 Blaine Avenue, East Brookfield. People may eat in the church hall or take out. Adult tickets are \$15 and children under 12 (smaller potion) are \$8. People should call the parish office at 508-867-6469 for tickets.

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT sponsored by the Friends of Wilbraham Senior will be held at Fern Valley Farms, 758 Main St., Wilbraham today with three elimination tournaments at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 per team and is payable at the event. Each winning team will walk away with a trophy, gift cards and bragging rights. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors programs and the new senior center Sign up for two person teams are going on now. People should email Kate at katebelsky13@gmail to register their team.

BUSHELS OF FUN FEST will take place today at Fern Valley Farms on Main Street, Wilbraham from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The Friends of Wilbraham Seniors will conduct a raffle for a \$500 Lotto Scratch Ticket Basket. Tickets are on sale at the fun fest one for \$5,

three for \$10 or seven for \$20. The fest will have live bands, over 20 crafters and local farms, Fieldcrest Brewery and activities for adults and children including a corn hole tournament.

MONDAY, AUG. 28

UNIVERSITY OF WILD SYMPOSIUM will be held today at 2 p.m. at the university's base camp facility located at 73 Glasheen Road, Petersham. The program on ancient landscapes and stone structures is free and open to the public. 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.

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/.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

PETERSHAM BRASS BAND CONCERT will be held today at 7 p.m. on the Petersham Common, Main Street, Petersham. The band is under the direction of Stuart Britton. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Petersham Town Hall.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

STERLING FAIR will be held at Sterling Airport, 121 Greenland Road, Sterling today, Sept. 9 and Sept. 10. Grange Serves Up Tasty Traditions at the Sterling Fair. The Sterling Grange will have a tent for breakfast. Two pancakes, two sausages, and choice of two beverages (coffee, juice, milk, water) will be served

today and Sunday, Sept. 10 from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. for \$8 or a meal of one of each item will be \$5. Maple syrup is being donated by Severance Maple Products of Northfield. On opening day, fairgoers can also treat themselves to a strawberry or peach shortcake today from 5-8 p.m. for \$6.

Proceeds from these events will benefit the Grange Hall Renovation Fund and community service projects. For more information on these events or the Grange in general, email sterlinggrange53@gmail.com or call 508-886-2341.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

26TH ANNUAL HUBBARDSTON 5K RUN/WALK to benefit the Hubbardston Library will be held today staring and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event are avail online by visiting the Hubbardston Library website. Registration is \$30. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978)-928-5120 or email or MTWigler@gmail.com.

CHICKEN BARBECUE AND FAMILY FAIR will be held today from 3-7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept 10 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Saint Joseph's Parish Rectory Grounds, 28 Mt. Pleasant St., North Brookfield. A chicken dinner eat in or take out will be served Sunday from 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per adults and \$8 per child 12 and under. Other food is available all weekend: hamburgers, hot dogs, fried dough, French fries, pizza, chili, ice cream sundaes and more. DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc will be there on Saturday from 4-7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There will 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 (50) of \$30 lottery scratch tickets and much, much more. An outdoor Mass will be held on the rectory grounds on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 3 p.m. For chicken dinner tickets and more information, people may call the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 508-867-6469.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

CHICKEN BARBECUE will be held at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre today with drive thru pick up serving at 1 p.m. Cost is 18 per person. For tickets, people may call Dolly at 508-826-7537.

SECOND ANNUAL YARD SALE will be held by the Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18-20 Common St., Barre will hold their second annual yard sale on today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. They will sell to members only from 8-9 a.m. with free coffee. Items for sale include new merchandise of books, pamphlets, Barre High School yearbooks, maps, postcards and more. People may email Kay at barrehistory@gmail. com or call 978-257-0890 for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

HUNTINGTON FALL FESTIVAL will take place today from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and tomorrow, Sunday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Huntington Town Green, intersection of Routes 20 and 112, Huntington. There will be local artists, food vendors, face painting, crafts, live music and more at this free event.

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be considerable property damage. She said a more in depth study was needed and the board needed to hear from the people in "harms way."

She said she would be willing to look at the board's decision again. She will put discussion on the matter on the agenda for the Tuesday, Sept. 5 meeting when a full board was present. Select Board Vice Chair John Dixson was not in attendance. She also said they would ask someone from the state be present.

Barre Savings Charitable Foundation

Former state Senator Stephen Brewer attended the Select Board meeting to present three checks to the town from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation. The donations included \$3,000 for the Barre Plains Common, \$5,000 for the 9/11 monument and \$25,000 for the town's 250th Anniversary celebration. Brewer said the Barre Plains Common looked great and was almost complete. He praised Charlotte Leroux – Barre Plains Common and Dennis Fleming - 9/11 monument for their hard work.

Town Administrator report

Interim Town Administrator Greg Balkunis reported there was a brand new sign installed for the Henry Woods Building. He said he received a request to pave Old Hardwick Road and 40 residents signed it.

He said before it can be paved, the Department of Public Works needed to do some drainage work first.

He gave an update on the flooding in the lower level of the Henry Woods Building, which resulted in the Town Clerk's office. He said rugs would need to be removed and replaced. He also recommended digitizing all records, which could be digitized to protect them. The cost was about \$70,000.

The Interim Town Administrator said vegetation had been removed from around the building and drain pipes reconnected.

Select Board report

Select Board Chair Marshall said she worried the town doesn't have a facilities person to call in case of an emergency such as the recent flooding in the Henry Woods Building. Balkunis agreed and said it was not the best solution to wait for the next problem to happen.

Marshall said she along with Select Board Vice-Chair John Dixson visited the High Plains playground and met with parents. She said the equipment at the playground came from the High Plains School when it closed in 1990. The Board planned to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for playgrounds at High Plains and Rice Park

Other business

The Select Board approved the position of assistant youth librarian. Library Director Joseph Hood said the Library Trustees approved the creation of the position and had funds within the budget to fund it.

The board participated in bids for diesel, heating oil and propane through a regional bid by Central Massachusetts Planning Commission. Dennis K. Burke, Inc. got the diesel bid and R.J. McDonald, Inc. got the bids for heating oil and propane.

Tim Graves said the construction by the Department of Public Works of three culverts on Dana Road was causing the run off of nutrients into a cold water stream. He said the work was done without consultation with the Conservation Committee. The board will contact the Conservation Committee and DPW and work with them as well as do an on sight inspection.

DINGY DASH, continued from page 1

the "Most Creative"; "Extended Voyage" and the "Best Sink" dingy. An odd award to celebrate, given the tragic outcome. Fortunately, all captain and crew of each boat must

wear a life vest. Plus, the town fire department will be on site if needed.

A smiling Katie Young said, "The 'Cardboard Boat Regatta' is something fun and different from what anyone else is doing." In case of rain, however, it will be resched-

If there is a date change, visit the town website at https://www.hubbardstonma.us/special-events/pages/dinghy-dash. In fact, go there today to learn more about the winners in past years and a clever, funny video of the Dingy Dashes in the past.

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Popular clinic returns for Quabbin hoopsters

BARRE – The summer basketball leagues may have ended but the interest in skill acquisition and development certainly has not.

The popular Roots Basketball Clinic returned to the Quabbin gym to find an enthusiastic and very diverse number of participants eager to their improve individual skills and knowledge

Clinicians Geoff Billingham and Tim Sheridan are no strangers to Quabbin as both have hosted numerous clinics in the past. Billingham is currently the North Middlesex Varsity girls basketball at North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend and has an extensive basketball background and experience.

"It's both fun and challenging to work with the Quabbin players because they make us work hard and each one expects to leave our clinics having become a better prepared player," said Billingham.

Tim Sheridan is currently an assistant coach at Leominster High School and he has been to Quabbin many times as both a clinician and player. The former Wachusett High School standout center played his AAU basketball with Quabbin coach Dennis Dextradeur and has won numerous AAU championships and competed for the AAU National Championship in Orlando, Florida. With Billingham's experience as a point guard at the collegiate level and Sheridan mastering the big men the players receive a high-level training workout with two adept and qualified specialists.

Seventeen players from the grade 6 all the way up to seniors at the high school participated in the two-hour training regimen. Two recent Quabbin graduates from the basketball program, Aidan Welch

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Roots Basketball clinician Geoff Billingham has important advice to offer fifth grader John Cook during the recent basketball clinic held at Quabbin.



Quabbin guard Jaxon Warburton demonstrates both the intensity and focus needed to complete his skill drill under a watchful eye of his instructor.



Jacoby Dilling defends James Cook on his drive to the basket and pull-up jump shot during a skill drill at the Roots

Williams' 400m record falls 50 years later

By Matt Castriotta Special to the Barre Gazette

In the early 1970s, long before Quabbin had a rubber track, a weight room, or a strength and conditioning coach, the boys track and field team had some serious talent. Runners like Dino Lamacchia, Louis Panaccione, Bert Allen, Dave Williams, Charlie Chase, Floyd Bowles and Fay Butler provided the Panthers with good breadth and depth across the track events. Meanwhile over in the field, teammates Bob Hoisington(javelin) and Chuck Mallozzi (shot put) could be counted on for some impressive performances.

On the old track and field record board, in what is now the middle school gym, most of the aforementioned names could be seen. One name, however, appeared more than any other and that was Dave Williams. In the field, Williams was a standout in the discus. His 1974 throw of 147' 5.5" still remains a Quabbin record. On the track, Williams was a district champion sprinter who set three school records: 10.2 - 100yd dash, 22.5

- 220yd dash, and a 50.9 - 440yd dash. Williams was also a member of the distance medley team, along with Allen, Lamacchia, and Panaccione, that won the 1973 State Coaches Relays. The same foursome were runners up the following year. Their school record time was and still is so impressive that it may take another 50 years to

In the five decades that followed, many Quabbin track and field athletes aspired to break William's records. In 2020 senior Gino Gabrielli had his sights on William's discus record. Unfortunately for Gabrielli, the 2020 season was cancelled due to Covid-19. As a junior, Gabrielli won the Central-West Meet, finished 8th at the All-State Meet, and just missed qualifying for the All-New England Meet. Phil Dixon took a crack at William's discus

record in 1998, qualifying for states along the way. In 2017, Jesiah Matthews, William's great nephew, gave it a shot too. He won the district championship and also qualified for states, but fell short of eclipsing his great uncle's mark.

On the track, Joe Palano, the 1985 district champion, tied William's 100-yard record, but came up short in the 220. Rvan Castriotta, who won the 200m at the district championship in 2019 and later finished 5th at the Central-West Meet had his sights on William's 200m and 400m records. Unfortunately, he too was member of the 2020 team that lost an entire season due to Covid-19. The pandemic also interfered with the plans of Lukas Anderson, Ben Hood, Bailey Metcalf, and Elliot Walsh. This foursome broke Quabbin's indoor 4x800m record in February 2020 and finished 2nd at the Massachusetts State Division 5 Championship Meet. They had hoped to break Quabbin's outdoor 4x800m record and distance med-

ley record in the spring of 2020. Since the U.S. High School Federation adopted the metric system for track and field back in 1979, William's track records, in the old Imperial system, cannot "technically" be broken since today's distances are slightly different. In the track world, however, standard conversions provide a modern equivalent for a race run in yards to a race run in meters and vice versa. Standard conversions are also used to convert races that were hand timed to fully automated timing, the system now widely used today in high school track. With these conversions and five additional decades of spring track, William's three individual track records have now been bested. In 1998 William's 100 record was broken by another talented Quabbin sprinter by the name of Forrest Keever. A school choice student, Keever wore a Ware football jer-

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Fall leagues get update by PVIAC

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

The fall preseason has started this week, and with it, alignments for fall leagues have been updated. Full realignment typically takes place every four years, but has happened more frequently due to the pandemic and the introduction of the new state tournament.

In Western Massachusetts, due the geographic diversity throughout the region, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association makes leagues based on the competitiveness of a school in a given sport, sometimes regardless of what division they play in at the state level for tournament.

For example, in the updated Kurty-Fielding Division for girls soccer, South Hadley, a Division 4 and smaller school, is in a crowded league with larger schools like Agawam, Wahconah, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Pittsfield.

The Central League features one of the top teams in Western Mass. once again. Monson is a part of the league, along now with Palmer, which has had a couple of very successful leagues. Chicopee, Southwick, and Granby are also a part of the league, along with larger schools in Amherst and Northampton. Northampton was defeated by Monson in an independent game last year.

Ware joins the Pioneer North League and will now meet twice this year with Easthampton, St. Mary's, Frontier, Mahar, and even Holyoke.

Holyoke was dropped from the

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Bonsignore rolls to 13th career Thompson win



Justin Bonsignore picked up his first Thompson Speedway in four years last week.

THOMPSON - Justin Bonsignore hadn't won at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park since 2019, but Wednesday night, he reminded everyone on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour why he leads all active drivers with wins at the oval.

Bonsignore's Kenneth Massa Motorsports team sent him off pit road first after a pit stop around halfway, then Bonsignore held off the charges of Doug Coby, then Ron Silk through multiple restarts to score his 13th career Thompson win. The victory tied Bonsignore for second all-time in Thompson wins with Ted Christopher, only trailing Mike

Stefanik, with 15. The victory was also Bonsignore's third of the 2023

season (Riverhead, Loudon) and his 10th top-five finish in 11 races this season.

"After we won seven out of eight here, then the runs we started having were a bit frustrating for us," Bonsignore said of Thompson. "The car was really good. We missed it a little bit, too tight on the first set of tires, but on the second set, it fired off so well. This is a really big confidence booster. This is my favorite track - and to bounce back like this and to lead half the race... it was a total team effort to win this

Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports team will be heading to Langley Speedway in Virginia for the next NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race on Saturday, Aug. 26.

St. John's captures men's title

Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Aiden Casinghino was a senior captain of the Tantasqua Regional boys varsity soccer team in 2018. Braylon Casinghino was a senior captain of the Warriors soccer team a year

The brothers had never been teammates on the same soccer team until this summer.

The duo helped the top-seeded St. John Heating & Cooling celebrate an exciting 2-1 victory over the second-seeded Villa FC in the men's championship match of the prestigious Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League held at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Saturday night.

"Because I'm a few years older than my brother, we never played on the same soccer team in high school," said Aiden Casinghino, who also played soccer at Springfield College. "Winning the men's championship title is fantastic, especially having the opportunity to play on the same soccer team with Braylon. We fought very hard for



Aiden Cashinghino takes a shot.

the entire 80 minutes."

St. John Heating & Cooling (10-1 regular season record), who was previously known as Griffin's Café, lost to the Lusitano Red, 1-0, in last year's finals. They also captured the men's title in 2016 and 2019.

"We've been able to win the

summer league title every three years. There wasn't a summer league season in 2020 because of COVID," said St. John Heating & Cooling co-coach Jon Remillard, who's from Palmer.

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Jed Theilman settles a ball.



Cam Rigney, of Wilbraham, dribbles up the field.

Sports

Blue Sox season ends in opening round



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Michael Zarillo prepares to catch a ball on a steal attempt.

HOLYOKE – Earlier this month, the Valley Blue Sox won their division and went after the New England Collegiate Baseball League championship. The Blue Sox won back-to-back titles in 2017 and 2018, but have not gotten back there since.

Unfortunately, history would repeat as the Blue Sox were defeated by the Bristol Blues two games to one in a best-of-three series.

The Valley Blue Sox season has come to an end after falling to the Bristol Blues 10-3 After winning the first game of the quarterfinals series, the Blue Sox were shutout in game two and defeated in game three at home, allowing Bristol to advance to the semifinals.

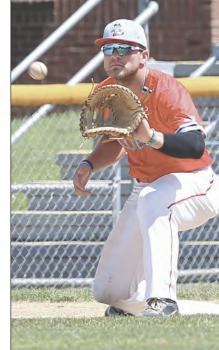
The Blues piled on the scoring early, putting up six runs in the first three innings. An RBI groundout in the first, a throwing error and RBI single in the second, and a sacrifice fly and RBI single in the third allowed the Blues to take the lead

Dillon Ryan started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching three innings allowing six runs and striking out two batters.

Joe Dooley took over for Ryan in the top of the fourth, pitching four innings allowing four runs with one strikeout.

Bristol added a run in the top of fifth following an RBI double, another in the sixth off an RBI double, and two more in the seventh after a sacrifice fly and RBI groundout to go up 10-0.

The Blue Sox put a run on the



Matthew Bergevin gets the out at first.

board in the bottom of the seventh after Jeff Pierantoni hit an RBI single to score Matt Bergevin.

Brendan Yagesh relieved Dooley in the top of the eighth, pitching a scoreless frame with three strikeouts.

Valley added two more runs in the bottom of the eighth following an RBI single from Michael Zarillo to score CJ Willis and Bergevin.

2023 All-Star Michael Weidinger got the ninth for the Blue Sox, striking out two batters during his clean inning.

Athlete of the Month

NAME: Kyle Clark

SCHOOL: Quabbin

summer basketball team, which was very

busy in two leagues at Assumption College

and Auburn High School over the past two

To nominate someone for Athlete of

the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor

Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext.

258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.

Clark was a key member of Quabbin's

Education

Colleges and universities announce Dean's and President's Lists

Bryant University Smithfield, R.I.

Making the spring Dean's List is Samuel Bray of Oakham.

Clark University Worcester

Making spring Dean's List are: Kate B. Galvinhill of Rutland, first honors; Sarah L. Gregory of Hubbardston, first honors; Aidan Bray Keefe of Rutland, first honors; Marta Madgalena Szemiot of Rutland, first honors; Andrea Techera of Hubbardston, first honors and Kevin Yack Techera of Hubbardston, second honors.

College of the Holy Cross Worcester

Making the spring Dean's List are: Jenna Dupell of North Brookfield (Class of 2026; Anthony Magnani of Rutland (Class of 2026) and Zoe Yanco of Rutland (Class of 2025).

Costal Carolina University Conway, S.C

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Making the spring Dean's Lis is Dakota

Barnes of Ware.

Elms Colleges

Chicopee

Making the spring Dean's List are:
Seamus Higgins of Rutland and Nicholas
McElroy of North Brookfield.

Dean College Franklin

Making the spring Dean's List are Sarah Graeff of Petersham and Hannah Rutkiewicz of Rutland.

MassBay Community College Wellesley Hills

Making spring Dean's List is Max Kariko of Rutland.

Plymouth State University Plymouth, N.H.

Making the spring Dean's List is Athena Comeau of Rutland

Quinnipiac University Hamden, CT

Making the spring Dean's List are: Rylee Murch of Hubbardston, Mikayla Walsh of Hubbardston and Abbygail Simes of Rutland.

Roger Williams University Bristol, R.I.

Making spring Dean's List are: Benjamin Auger of Rutland, Brian Carlson of Rutland and James Sadowski of Rutland.

Russell Sage College Troy, N.Y.

Making spring Dean's List are Emelia Gillis of Hardwick and Delaney Gillis of Hardwick.

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 qrsd. 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

Federal Eligibility Income Chart For School Year 2023-2024

Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals

Household size	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 persor	+6,682	+557	+129	+9,509	+ 793	+183

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 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 list-

ed 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 schoolmeals@qrsd.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 pro-

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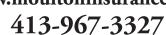
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and Mark Halaby were also on hand to work with both coaches and also with the younger players. The clinicians were as excited to have Welch and Halaby back on the hardwood as they themselves were to return to Quabbin.

Welch is preparing to enter his freshman year at Quinsigamond Community College where he will play basketball and understands that work habits and training are a continuous effort year-round. The guard has never missed a clinic in his high school career and he certainly brought that strong message to the younger players that attended.

"GrapeJuice is high intensity and a competitor that knows his skill level must continue to bet better and that's what he's all about and why he is here" stated Billingham, who used the former Quabbin captain and now alumnus as a demonstrator along with Halaby.

The clinic emphasized plenty of shooting and motion offense. It got very competitive in the second half of the clin-

ic with one-on-one and twoon two competitions which the players enjoyed as they were able to apply some newly acquired skills.

Barre Recreation is the sponsor of the Roots Basketball Clinic and has been for many years. Once the summer leagues are over the clinic program can begin with clinician John Leonard from Villanova/UMass and Bob Catalini with his Basketball Skill Development Program also being scheduled by Barre Recreation.

The response and number

of participants has been outstanding and summer league coach Tim Hay has seen the improvement in his team and the competitive level. However, as Tim Sheridan observed, "We have much more work to do and being here at Quabbin with the great attitude and work ethic these players demonstrate each session is why we enjoy coming and working with each of them". The next clinic is already being planned and will bring former NBA draft pick and Manhattan all-time leading scorer John Leonard to the Quabbin hardwood.

Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 13

8:32 a.m. Falls, Williamsville Road, Public Assist

9:53 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Valley Road, Information Taken

11:24 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Peach Street, Transported to

1:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity, South Street, Returned to Family/Guardian 7:09 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, South Barre Road, Report Filed

9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Monday, Aug. 14

7:38 p.m. Urinary Tract Infection, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Aug. 15

2:04 p.m. Threats, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

3:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact

4:06 p.m. Stroke CVA, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

6:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Wauwinet Road, Officer Advised

Wednesday, Aug. 16

12:44 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Mechanic Street, Officer Spoke

9:01 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

Road, Officer Advised

Thursday, Aug. 17 6:08 p.m. Allergic Reaction,

Wheelwright Road, Transported to 7:24 p.m. Diabetic, Vernon Avenue,

Ambulance Signed Refusal 8:20 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Main Street, Transported to

Friday, Aug. 18

12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed Summons: Maria, Javier, 37, Worcester

Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle]

12:33 a.m. Noise Violation, Party, West Street, Investigated

12:51 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Summer Street, Area Patrolled

3:41 p.m. Property - Lost, Gauthier Road, Officer Spoke to Party 4:54 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, High

Street South, Transported to Hospital 5 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Summer Street, Mutual Aid Transported 5:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Valley Road, Negative Contact

7:39 p.m. Larceny/Theft, West Street, Report Filed

Saturday, Aug. 19

12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, 2:06 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Fruitland Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued

7:16 a.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact 9:08 a.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, School North Street, Information

11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Hubbardston Road, Officer Advised 12:45 p.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, Summer Street, Information

1:19 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning, West Street, Transported to Hospital

3:31 p.m. Suspicious Package/ Letter, Main Street, Removed Hazard 9:08 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Pleasant Street, Officer Spoke to Party 9:33 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed

Refusal

Sunday, Aug. 20

2 a.m. Noise Violation, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party 6:15 a.m. General Illness, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital

SOUTH BARRE

Thursday, Aug 17 5:37 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Fir Street, Officer Advised

Saturday, Aug. 19

7:03 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Call, Oakham Road, Information Given 7:20 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Call, Oakham Road, Message Delivered 2:52 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Call, Oakham Road, Message Delivered

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 13

8:12 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issue, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party

10 a.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party 12:28 p.m. Erratic Operator,

Wachusett Street, Negative Contact 12:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Sturbridge, No Action

1:50 p.m. Property Damage, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party 2:47 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Skyline Drive, Officer Advised

5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 5:44 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre

Paxton Road, Investigated 6:12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main

Street, Area Patrolled 6:43 p.m. Allergic Reaction, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:06 p.m. Be on the Lookout Notification, Barre Paxton Road, Area Patrolled

Monday, Aug. 14

8:24 a.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, Beverly Hills Drive, Message 1:44 p.m. Falls, Worcester Road,

Transported to Hospital 2:26 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Prospect Street, Report Filed

Tuesday, Aug. 15

9:54 a.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, River Road, Information Taken 10:59 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Irish Lane, Transported to Hospital

1:32 p.m. Blood Clot Seepage,

Sunday, Aug. 13

Notification, North Brookfield Road,

Monday, Aug. 14

10:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop.

10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

1:44 p.m. Falls, Worcester Road,

6:43 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Old

7:36 p.m Animal Wildlife, Old

8:59 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Old

Officer Spoke to Party

Brookfield Road, Area Patrolled

South Road, Written Warning

South Road, Written Warning

Turnpike Road, Investigated

Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

Turnpike Road, Area Search Negative

Tuesday, Aug. 15

9:37 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to

Department, Hardwick, Referred to

10:15 p.m. Assist Other Police

During the week of Aug. 14-21,

the Hardwick/New Braintree Police

Department responded to 20 build-

ing/property checks, 35 directed/area

patrols, five traffic controls, three radar

assignments, three emergency 911

calls, one citizen assist, one animal call

and one motor vehicle stop in the town

Transported to Hospital

5:45 p.m. Be On the Lookout

7:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, North

Turkey Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

8:42 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Clealand Circle, Officer Took Call 10:15 p.m. Assist Other Police, Hardwick, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, Aug. 16

7:24 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Beechwood Drive, Transported to 8:05 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main

Street, Transported to Hospital 8:35 a.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, Jamie Ann Drive, Information

8:37 a.m. Confiscated/Seized Property, Maple Avenue, Officer Took

11:49 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party

5:20 p.m. Falls, Sunnyside Avenue. Ambulance Signed Refusal 6:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -

Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:53 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Rebecca Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to

Thursday, Aug. 17

Complaint, East County Road, Officer

10:05 a.m. Falls, Skyline Drive, Transported to Hospital 11:46 a.m. Diabetic, Philips Avenue,

Transported to Hospital 6:10 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Main Street. Public Assist

5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed 6:30 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Referred to Other

Oakham Police Log

7:16 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Bushy Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, Aug. 18

7:22 a.m. Falls, Lewis Street, Public

11:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Main Street, Report Filed 1:36 p.m. Diabetic, River Road, No

Transport Required 2:26 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Barre

Paxton Road, Negative Contact 6:33 p.m. Erratic Operator,

Glenwood Road, Negative Contact 9:40 p.m. Neurological/Head Injuries, New Braintree Road,

Transported to Hospital 9:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Referred to Other

Saturday, Aug. 19

9:15 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), East County Road, Message Delivered 10:27 a.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Referred to Other Agency 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, Main Street, Transported to

5:09 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Victoria Avenue, Peace Restored 5:54 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation,

Prouty Lane, Transported to Hospital 7:49 p.m. Possible Broken Foot,

East County Road, Mutual Aid Transport 9:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued 9:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 79 building/property checks, 50 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 14 emergency 911 calls, five radar assignments, seven citizen assists, five complaints, two assist other agencies, one illegal dumping, one property damage, two motor vehicle investigations, three motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Aug. 14

1 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine

Street, Dispatch Handled 1:10 p.m. Illegal Dumping, River Run, Report Taken

2:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Officer Handled 2:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

Church Lane, Dispatch Handled 3:16 p.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street. Officer Handled

4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 4:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street,

Services Rendered

Tuesday, Aug. 15 7:56 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered 10:11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main

3:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital 10:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Failure to Stop, Prouty Road, Investigated 10:29 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle,

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Out of Town, Investigated

Street, Officer Handled

6:36 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to

3:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Muddy Brook Road, Transported to

Thursday, Aug. 17 5:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church

8:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital Friday, Aug. 18 12:09 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle

Accident, Main Street, Merge 12:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Services Rendered

1:08 p.m. 911 Misdial, Hardwick Road, No Action Required 6:35 p.m. Parking Complaint,

Hardwick Fair, Officer Handled 7:30 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Services

9:16 p.m. Parking Complaint, Barre

Road, Services Rendered

9:18 p.m. Property Damage, Petersham Road, Officer Handled 10:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Saturday, Aug. 19

Street, Citation Issued

4:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

6:37 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered 8:29 a.m. Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered

4:11 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Spoken To 7:58 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency

Sunday, Aug. 20

12:39 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Gaudet Road, Transported to Hospital 4:05 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle

4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, No Action Required

Operations, Joslyn Road, Spoken To 8:05 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital

River Run, Services Rendered

Operations, Turkey Street, Negative Contact

6:41 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle

Monday, Aug. 21

12:16 a.m. 911 Hang-up/ Abandoned, Sessions Road, Spoken To

Other Agency

Wednesday, Aug. 16 8:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Citation Issued 9:45 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty 12:16 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Crocker Nye Road, Removed

Hazard 3:40 p.m. Identity Theft, Barre Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Aug. 17

8:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Rutland Road, Public Assist

10:05 a.m. Falls, Skyline Drive, Transported to Hospital 1:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Written Warning 5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Citation Issued 6:30 p.m. Assist Other Police

Friday, Aug. 18

Worcester Road, Citation Issued 9:40 p.m. Neurological/Head Injuries, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, Aug. 19 9:27 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Old Turnpike Road, Officer

7:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Spoke to Party 9:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

Turnpike Road, Written Warning 11:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

2:51 p.m. Moto Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued 3:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, No Action Required 3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, Aug. 20 4:42 a.m. Falls, Hunt Road, Referred to Other Agency

Hubbardston Police Log

Street, Officer Handled

Monday, Aug. 14 3:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -

Fire, Gardner Road, Report Filed 3:12 p.m. Falls, Burnshirt Road, Mutual Aid Transported 4:17 p.m. Identity Theft, Simond Hill Road, Report Filed

6:35 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Morgan Road, Public Assist 9:07 p.m. Suspicious Activity,

Gardner Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Aug. 15 10:03 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Gardner Road, Report Filed

3:55 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Lombard Road, No Fire Service

Street, Vehicle Towed

disappointing years.

FALL LEAGUES.

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Central League after a couple of

is the Coombs League, and fea-

tures Minnechaug, Belchertown,

East Longmeadow, Longmeadow,

Ludlow, West Springfield, and

a lot of big changes, though the

Churchill League, which fea-

tures Agawam, Westfield, and

Pope Francis, and Pittsfield, will

add Hampshire Regional and Mt.

In boys soccer, there are not

The top league in the region

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Vehicle, Main Street, Negative Contact

Problems, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transported 12:34 p.m. Animal - Emergency

Filed Garner Road, Criminal Complaint

Charges: License Suspended,

Summons: Kerti, Joshua John, 33,

11:31 p.m. Suspicious Person/

Thursday, Aug. 17 1:30 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart

Animal Call, Williamsville Road, Report 7:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Operating Motor Vehicle With

1:40 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Fitchburg, Officer Spoke to Party

2:48 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Dogwood Patch North Road, Officer Spoke to Party 3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

righam Road, Vehicle Towed

Fire, Williamsville Road, Transported to

7:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -

Saturday, Aug. 19 6:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

9:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 3:23 p.m. Animal - ACO Call,

Friday, Aug. 18 Williamsville Road, Secured

Greylock of Williamstown. is Chicopee Comprehensive. Chicopee, Holyoke, and Monson with SICS and Northampton. South Hadley will be part of the Moriarty League, and will once again matchup with Frontier,

Southwick and Lenox will also be in the league this year. Granby is part of the Schmid League this year, and Ware is a

features eight teams.

at Groton with a blistering time of

22.0(22.12 - 220yd equivalent).

with Palmer, is in the Tri-County League again this year. Football leagues did not see any

major changes. The AA still features the same six teams, including Minnechaug and Holyoke. Agawam is part of the Suburban South, and South Hadley, Ludlow, and Chicopee are in the Suburban North again this season. Belchertown will compete

in the Intercounty South, and

Palmer and Ware are part of the

Williams ranks as one of the alltime great track and field athletes at Quabbin. Outside of track and field, he was a member of the 1971 Wachusett League Champion cross-country team, the 1973 Massachusetts State Champion soccer team and the 1973 Wachusett League Champion basketball team. With his speed and size, one can only imagine what a potent running back Williams would have been if Quabbin had a football program back in the 1970s. Those statistics would likely be as impressive as those from his track and field days.

hard. It feels great to win another

duties with Jaime Prickett, who lives in South Hadley. Following this year's champi-

onship match, Aiden Casinghino

than receiving the MVP award," he said. "The MVP award should go to the entire team because everyone has worked very hard this summer.

the only one that matters." midfielder, his younger brother was

half of the championship match.

The Western New England

Department, Barre, Referred to Other

2:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

New Braintree Police Log of New Braintree.

Monday, Aug. 14

Webb Road, Officer Handled

Belchertown High School.

9 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

10:19 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity,

Saturday, Aug. 19 9:28 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Dennis Whitney Road, Peace Restored

Friday, Aug. 18

Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

10:52 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

MENS SOCCER,

continued from page 9 "We have some younger guys on this year's team who worked very

Remillard shared the coaching

received the MVP award. "Winning the championship game means a little bit more to me The championship cup trophy is

While Aiden Casinghino is a the St. John Heating & Cooling starting goalie.

Braylon Casinghino will be a goalie for the Western New England University men's soccer team in the fall. He was in the spotlight throughout the entire second

"It has been a lot of fun playing on the same soccer team with Aiden," Braylon Casinghino said. "Watching him receive the M.V.P. award was awesome. He just put us on our backs and got the job done. We came out firing on all cylinders in tonight's game.'

University men's soccer coach is Devin O'Neill. His two sons,

Sean and Shay are listed on the St. John Heating & Cooling roster, but they didn't play in the championship match. The O'Neill's were outstanding soccer players at

Aiden and Braylon Casinghino,

who live in Brimfield, are really

looking forward to being teammates with their younger brother, Cole, next summer. Cole Casinghino is entering his senior season as a member of the Tantasqua boys' varsity soccer

team, which is coached by Matt 'We're hoping Cole will be joining our summer league soccer team next year." said Aiden Casinghino, who has been playing in the PVSSL for the past five years. "It has been a lot of fun

playing in this soccer league. At the start of the summer league season, Braylon Casinghino replaced Mark Tiffany, who's also from Belchertown, as the St. John Heating & Cooling starting goalie.

Villa FC (9-0-2 regular season

record) posted a 4-0 shutout victo-

ry over St. John Heating & Cooling

at the beginning of the summer league regular season. "I only missed two games during the regular season and our loss against Villa was one of them," Braylon Casinghino said. "I think it would've been a little bit different

outcome if I had been there." Troy and Matt Remilard were also key members of the St. John Heating & Cooling soccer team.

All three of the Remillard's

were outstanding soccer players at Palmer High School.

It didn't take St. John Heating &

Cooling very long to score a goal in the finals. During the fifth minute of the opening half, Byron Peabody, who also graduated from Palmer High School, fired a rebound shot into the lower left corner of the net past Villa goalie Mike Tranghese, who played soccer at Monson High

Ten minutes later, they took a 2-0 lead following a goal by Jed Theilman, who's from Amherst. Aiden Casinghino was credited with the assist. Villa FC cut the deficit in half

School, giving St. John Heating &

Cooling a 1-0 lead.

following a goal by Deandrae Brown, which was assisted by Anthony Basile. Brown played college soccer at

UConn a couple of years ago. Villa FC had six corner kicks and several other scoring chances during the second half, but Braylon Casinghino managed to hold onto the one goal lead for St. John Heating & Cooling.

"Braylon is a tall goalie," said Jon Remillard, who has been playing in the adult soccer league since 2010. "The players on the opposing team are afraid of him and I'm very glad that he was a member of our team this summer. I hope he has a good year at Western New England. He's a very good goalie. We do have several brothers playing for our team this year, which made it a lot of fun."

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Westfield.

sey for one season, tearing through and around opposing defensive lines,

before transferring to Quabbin. As a sophomore, Keever ran a 10.8 100m(9.9 -100yd equivalent) at a dual meet at Nashoba. The winter prior to that he established an indoor 300m record that stood for 25 years. In 2022, Brett Earle, who qualified for the Indoor National High School Meet, broke Keever's 300m record while winning the State Division 5 Indoor Championship Meet. Later that spring Earle broke William's 200m outdoor record at a dual meet

7:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main 9:06 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty

> Dropped the Holley League are also a part of that league along Easthampton, and Mahar.

Intercounty North along with crowded Bi-County League that Greenfield, Mahar, Athol, and Franklin Tech. Pathfinder remains Pathfinder, which now co-ops in the Tri-County.

Earle tied Williams 400m outdoor record the season before. William's 400m record was finally broken this past spring by Will Hood – nearly 49 years to the date. Hood won the District Championship Meet with a time of 50.53(50.83 - 440yd equivalent) Two weeks later he ran a 49.74 and won the State Division 5 Championship Meet. Between those two meets, Hood won the 100m and 200m at the League Championship Meet and later went on to anchor Quabbin's 4x400m at the Outdoor National High School Meet in Eugene, Oregon. There's no doubt that Dave



Quabbin Regional High School



Ruggles Lane Elementary School



New Braintree Elementary School



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Tips to follow before the school year starts

efore it's time to head back to as possible. If your child seems nerschool, use these tips to help ensure your child has a safe, healthy and happy year.

Take your child to visit the new school or classroom before the first day of school. Attend any available orientations and take an opportunity to tour the school. You can also bring your child to school a few days prior to class to play on the playground to help them feel com-

Many children get nervous about new situations, including changing to a new school, classroom or teacher. It can be helpful to rehearse heading into the new situation.

Remind your child that teachers know that students may be nervous about the first day of school; they will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels as comfortable

vous, ask them what they are worried about and help them problem-solve ways to master the new situation. Point out the positive aspects of

starting school to help your children look forward to the first day of class. Talk about how they will see old friends and meet new ones, for Find another child in the neigh-

borhood you child can walk to school or ride with on the bus. If you feel it is needed, drive your child or walk with them to school and pick them up on the first day. Get there early on the first day to cut down on unnecessary stress.

Consider starting your child on their school sleep/wake schedule a week or so ahead of time so that time change is not a factor on their first couple of days at school.



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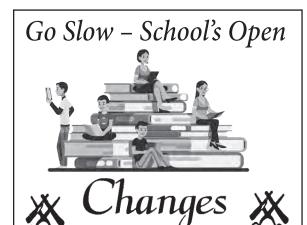
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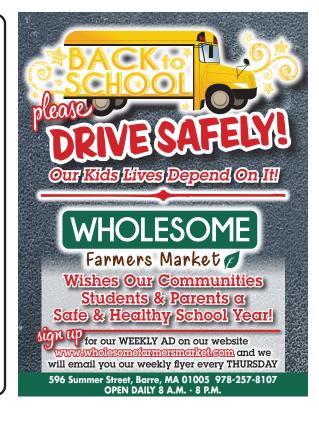






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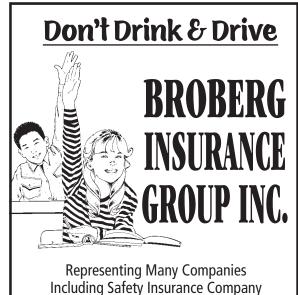






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BBB offers tips for tech purchases

Technology has become a permanent fixture of the education experience.

After the crash course in educational technology that was the 2020 school year, teachers and students are increasingly confident in using technology for learning. Though its role in the classroom will continue to evolve, a precedent has been set - technology is now a critical component of education.

Market research firm Deloitte details how educational shifts influence consumer shopping habits, "Digital learning tools are replacing traditional school supplies, driving tech sales up 37% YoY." As families begin to invest in reliable technology, Better Business Bureau® advises shoppers to beware of scammers who could spoil their hopes for academic success.

Data shows that consumers are planning to make more technology purchases and use digital technology to make those purchases. Deloitte research indicates that nearly half of consumers want to shop online for technology purchases. Consumers say quality and price are the top two factors driving their purchase decisions.

However, shortages of essential supplies like computer chips may limit the options available to shoppers. These trends put consumers in a risky position - needing products but can't find them from trustworthy sellers. In times like these, scams are increasingly likely.

Scammers may target shoppers with phony deals, enticing ads, and attractive but fake websites. Savvy online shopping is necessary to ensure you don't fall prey to a scam.

BBB offers these tips for buying tech products ahead of the new school year.

Shop with familiar retailers. Laptops, tablets, or other tech accessories can be a significant investment. Shop with businesses you know and trust to ensure you get a quality product and good customer service.

Don't buy from impostors. Fraudsters may use the name, logo, and other characteristics of brands they trust. Closely examine the website to verify they are who they are.

Approach low prices with caution. Low prices and shortterm sales could signal you've encountered a scam. If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Some companies rarely offer sales. Do more research if a company that rarely discounts products offers a huge sale. The products may be used or refurbished, or it could be a fake website.

Know what you're shopping for. Set a budget, identify what capabilities will benefit your student,

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Aug. 28 1st day Staff (Curr. Day #1) Aug. 29—Prof. Dev. Day (Curr. Day #2) Aug. 30-1st day Students

September 2023 (19 DAYS)

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Sept. 1—Labor Day Holiday Sept. 4—Labor Day Holiday Sept. 20—Early Release (Prof. Dev. PK-12)

October 2023 (20 DAYS)

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Oct. 6—Prof. Dev. Day (Curriculum Day #3) Oct. 9—Columbus Day Holiday Oct. 18—Early Release (Prof. Dev. PK-12)

Quabbin Regional School District

2023 Calendar School Calendar

November 2023 (18 DAYS)

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Nov. 1—Early Release (Prof. Dev. PK-12) Nov. 10 — Veteran's Day (observed) Nov. 22—24—Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2023 (16 DAYS)

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Dec. 23—Jan. 1—Winter Break

January 2024 (21 DAYS)

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Jan. 15—M.L. King, Jr. Holiday Jan. 24—Early Release (Prof. Dev. PK-12)

February 2024 (16 DAYS)

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Feb. 14—Early Release (Prof. Dev. PK-12) Feb. 19—23 February Break

Key:

= No School—Holiday/ Vacation

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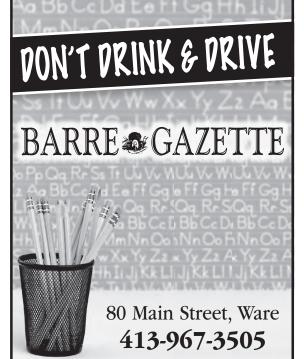
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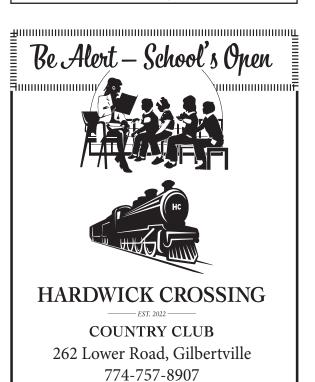
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Chef offers practical school lunch tips

"I love my kids and I want to feed them healthy meals, but I have other things to do, too," says professional chef and food stylist, Jackie Freeman.

This mom of a young daughter and two stepsons has worked in restaurants and catering; developed recipes for PCC Community Markets; hosted an online cooking show for ParentMap called "Healthy Kids Cook" and is the author of three cookbooks.

She offers some tips to parents.

Plan ahead

It takes more time up front, but Freeman plans her family's meals for the entire week in advance. The hour she spends on Sunday nights making a meal plan and grocery list saves her from making multiple trips to the store during the week and eliminates the stress of figuring out what to make at the last minute. She keeps it real by planning for restaurant takeout or rotisserie meals from the deli once or twice a week on the days she knows will be busiest.

Shop smart

Freeman says, "Always shop with a list." She organizes her shopping list by grocery store section - meats, produce, dairy, etc. Then when she shops, she only makes one pass through the store and has everything she needs for the whole week, with no backtracking for forgotten or overlooked items.

Stock up

"I keep pantry staples on hand at all times — tomato sauce, chicken stock, pasta," she says. That way, she's always prepared when things don't go to plan. Another fail-safe: making double batches of planned meals and freezing the extra portion. Whether you keep those extra meals frozen for emergencies or plan to eat them next week, "cook once, eat twice" is just good math.

Prep ahead

When she has time on the week-

ends, Freeman will chop a week's worth of onions (she knows how much she needs because of the meal plan) and fill the rice cooker. She also makes school lunches the night before, at the same time she's making dinner. Her kids don't like leftovers for lunch, but she can prep extra fruits and vegetables for the lunch boxes while she's preparing a dinner sauce or salad and make sandwiches while dinner is in the oven. That way, she only has to clean up the kitchen once.

Use bento boxes Bento boxes with four or five compartments are perfect for building lunches, because they invite variety and help control portion sizes. "The biggest compartment should just hold half a sandwich," says Freeman. If you put anything bigger in a lunch box, children probably won't eat it. Put a different food group in each of the other compartments and you've got a balanced meal.

Make food bite-size and leave it unwrapped

It isn't a time-saver, but it is a sanity-saver if throwing away your kids' uneaten lunches at the end of the day is driving you crazy. Make sure everything is bite-size and unwrapped. Cut sandwiches into quarters, peel fruit, even open the string cheese wrapper. Kids are in a hurry to get to recess and the faster they can eat, the more likely they are to do it.

Find a formula that

works for breakfast Freeman says, "Save the smoothies and waffles for weekends. We do the same thing for breakfast every day." Her kids know the formula: They have to eat a protein, a carb and a fruit. She keeps two or three easy choices in each category on hand and lets her children pick from among the options.



Maintain a snack stash

Keep a supply of healthy snacks hidden in the car for emergencies. Also, store the snacks at home in one designated space. Freeman has a "snack cupboard" in the kitchen where she keeps all the permitted snacks in one place. Her children can help themselves at snack time and they know that anything they find elsewhere in the kitchen is off-limits.

Talk about food

If your children aren't eating their lunch, ask them why. You might learn about their day "I didn't have time because my friends were playing" or you might learn something you can use to make lunch better. Maybe your child likes strawberries but not blueberries, or prefers sandwiches without mustard. Picky eating can be its own problem, but as long as your kids' food requests conform to the protein/carb/fruit rule, try to accommodate their preferences. "It's very satisfying when they come home with an empty lunch box," says Freeman.

Foster food independence

If you keep a handful of preapproved items in each of the protein/ carb/fruit categories available, you can let kids pick among the options. "It gives them independence and eliminates fighting," she says. If that means sliced turkey and Goldfish crackers at breakfast, so be it - as long as they also eat a fruit. It won't take long before you can remove yourself from the breakfast and snack equations entirely.

What parents can do to be more involved at school

Parents can make every effort to encourage children to make the most of the school experience, including academics and extracurricular activities.

Though students' level of engagement is ultimately up to them, parental involvement at school can be crucial for students'

According to the National Education Council, when parents get involved in their children's education, those children are more likely to do better in school and be more positive about the school experience. They also may be well-behaved. Parents wondering what they can do to assist at the school level can consider these possibilities.

Attend school board meetings

Many community school boards are comprised entirely of volunteers who work with superintendents and other personnel to advocate for policies and procedures for students. Decisions typically are up for vote, and parents can run for school board positions or simply attend meetings each month and let their voices be heard about various issues.

Attend open houses and conferences

Parents can make every effort to get to know teachers and other staff. Putting faces to names can help parents develop a connection to teachers and vice versa. Most schools have back to school nights, meet the coaches opportunities, open houses, and parent-teacher conferences. Parents can take part in these events.

Open lines of communication

Parents can ask teachers and other staff how they prefer to communicate. Some teachers want students to take the lead and reach out first, with parents providing support if need be. Adults can be responsive when teachers

Attend school events

Families can make it a point to support students in all endeavors. Whenever the opportunity to visit the school comes up — whether for a concert, sports game, trivia night, or fundraiser — parents can make an effort to attend.

Volunteer

When parents want to be involved even further, they can head committees at school or volunteer with the PTA or PTO. They also can help out in the cafeteria, library or in the main office. Parents who have particular skills may volunteer to provide tutoring or mentoring as needed. Furthermore, parents can volunteer in school-sanctioned extracurriculars, such as Scouts BSA or as sports coaches.

Involvement in school is part of being an informed and supportive parent.

Teacher shortage in the U.S. increases

Scholaroo, an education research firm and scholarship website engine, released the second edition of the Teacher Shortage in the U.S. 2023.

The study examines the latest available data, showing the number of teachers in public schools in each state compared to student enrollment figures in that in the U.S. state's public schools, to depict the shortage of teachers across the country and the shortfall on a state-by-state basis.

As a result of the analysis, Scholaroo discovered Massachusetts is the eighth state with the lowest teacher shortage

Ten states with the lowest teacher shortages are from one to ten: Vermont, New Hampshire, North Dakota, New York, Missouri, Maine, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Nebraska.

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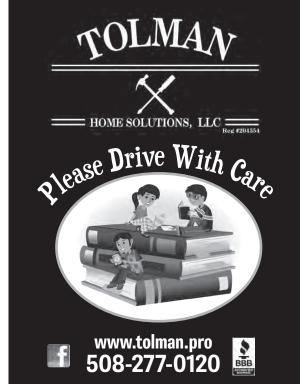
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Pursuant to the provision M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6, the Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Marcos Licea for a special permit for a noncommercial kennel for property located at 189 Wheelwright Road, Assessors Map G, Lot 131 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 57296, Plan 219.

All interested parties who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley Chairman 08/24, 08/31/2023

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

By virtue 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

TO WIT: The land locat-2), Barre, MA, in the within county, described as follows:

said mortgage.

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

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:

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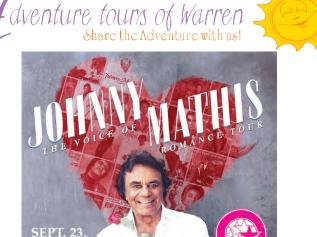
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