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Senior Center Director Courtenay Rivera greeted seniors as they grabbed meals during the outreach event.

Seniors enjoy late summer cookout

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – An outreach event was held this past weekend for seniors of North Brookfield.

Over 50 seniors met at the pavilion of the North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club for a nice meal, dessert, music, raffles and information. Senior Center Director Courtenay Rivera attended the event as this program was

the first outreach program.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of North Brookfield Council on Aging.

This program provides seniors with information regarding fuel assistance, housing applications, SNAP applications, healthcare screenings, foot clinics, exercise programs, medical services and other health applications. Providing this information is the Senior Connection based out of Worcester. The Senior

Connection parked their mobile health clinic, the Care Express, next to the North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club pavilion.

The Senior Connection has operated for over 50 years and celebrated their 50th anniversary in August 2024. The mobile health clinic offered blood pressure monitoring, glucose monitoring, weight & nutrition management, medication management and support for grandparents raising grandchildren. The Senior

Connection is in partnership with Western New England University, who have their mobile unit known as the legal kiosk.

Many seniors checked out the mobile health clinic after lunch. For more about the Senior Connection, visit seniorconnection.org.

For the meals, over 50 seniors enjoyed a nice lunch and dessert under the pavilion of the sportsmen's club. There

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Oakham highway superintendent puts in request for funds

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OAKHAM – Highway Superintendent Patrick Mardirosian presented a roadwork plan using Chapter 90 funds for part of Barre Road, Coldbrook Road and Ware Corner Road.

He said the short stretch of Barre Road from Maple Street to Coldbrook Road was last paved about 20 years ago. The project also would remedy the drainage problem on Ware Corner Road and finish a catch basin on Ware Corner Road near Rutland Road. Other work entailed aprons for the Fobes Memorial Library parking lot and the Town Hall driveway as well as construction of berms.

Estimated cost was about \$127,820. He requested \$150,000 of Chapter 90 funds for the project in case additional work needed to be done.

A relocation of a utility pole owned by National Grid will require a pole hearing as it will be moved more than four feet from the existing pole. He said sev-

eral poles going up Ware Corner Road to the main pole by the church would need replacement as they are the old, shorter poles rather than the upgraded taller ones capable of holding heavy lines. The Select Board approved the Chapter 90 request for the above roadwork and authorized the Select Board Chairman Donald Haapakoski to sign the request.

Highway Superintendent Mardirosian said all town vehicles were inspected recently. Two of the trucks a 1996 International and a 2004 International six wheel dump trucks have double frames and were showing signs of rust. One or both of the International trucks might fail to pass inspection next year and would need to be retired from service. He said both Mack and International trucks are on the state bid list. He said the price was about the same for both - \$170,000 to \$175,000 for six wheel dump trucks. Outfitting of the trucks would be another \$40,000 to \$60,000. The town can use Chapter 90 money for

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Sewer abatements approved

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HARDWICK – The Select Board had sewer abatements to review for a couple properties in the village of Gilbertville.

William Tinker of the Select Board asked quickly if only one abatement is allowed per fiscal year. Town Administrator Justine Caggiano confirmed that its accurate but wants to "make sure we keep track of that."

One of the abatements was for an apartment that is above a laundromat that is no longer functioning. Tinker wanted to be sure that the property owner wasn't getting a second abatement. The board looked further to see if there is anything said in the town's regulations that a commercial business has to contribute a minimum for sewer even if the space is not rented out.

"Maybe it's something

in the future to revisit," Tinker said.

The Select Board will look at this topic again during another meeting. The board voted and approved the Sewer abatements for 20-22 Joslyn Road and 126 High St. in Gilbertville.

List of capital needs

The Select Board reviewed an updated list of capital needs. Caggiano shared that Mark Korzec from the Capital Planning Committee dropped off copies to every department to list any capital project proposals. Departments were asked where they were at with capital needs and Caggiano brought it to the board's attention.

"Anything over \$25,000 has to go through Capital Planning," Caggiano said.

Projects will be listed in order of importance. Caggiano listed some projects that can be done at municipal office. One project could be the repair of

the old heating system in the municipal building or old Town Hall windows. Caggiano also wants to look at the electricity issues in the Treasurer's office.

Change of manager

The board had a discussion and vote on the Hardwick Rod and Gun Club change of manager. The club has been wanting to change managers for a while. Caggiano said the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission called her assistant and said the club hasn't been properly submitting their paperwork the last 25 years.

The board was informed that the paperwork issue was sorted out and fixed. The new manager application was approved.

Town Administrator's report

Caggiano shared her report with the Select Board, starting with all the

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The Oakham Congregational Church sold raffle tickets for this quilt at the town wide yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 23. The quilt will be raffled off at the Harvest and Holly Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Church has successful yard sale

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OAKHAM – Last Saturday was a busy day at the Oakham Congregational Church as church members participated as one of the many locations throughout town that sold treasures to yard sale patrons.

Barbara and Bob Crawford spent most of the week before the "big day" sorting through donations of used items, putting like items together that included a children's table, Christmas decoration tables, housewares, Thanksgiving decorations and much more. Chris Nahkala and Jan Pierce spent an afternoon as well.

The day of the yard sale, Ward Holloway, master of the grill cooked hotdogs. The

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Superintendent introduces new school administrators

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Superintendent Timothy McCormick introduced two new administrators during the School Committee's recent meeting.

Brian Beck is the Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Dr. Michael Baldassarre is the new Director of Student Services.

"These two members to the team really bring a lot of experience; different lens to look at things," McCormick said at the Aug. 18 meeting. "I'm very excited for what we can do as a group this year."

He said while they have hired several new staff, there are still a few open positions that need to be filled before the start of the school year.

He gave updates on the upcoming school year, including that all freshmen students will take the Project Lead the Way course as part of the high school's Advanced Manufacturing

Pathways. Freshmen will also take a life science course.

McCormick said the Project Lead the Way launch program in the elementary school will expand to include second, third, fourth and fifth. He said by the end of next year, it will cover all grades in elementary school.

"So that means now that Project Lead the Way and STEM education is happening at all levels," he said, including the middle school and high school.

McCormick said the Democratic Knowledge Project will also be phased in

this school year, providing a civics curriculum for eighth grade students.

Both Project Lead the Way and the Democratic Knowledge Project were granted funded.

McCormick said the elementary school's Creative Action and Thinking Lab led by Channing LeBlanc is entering its second year. The CATLab uses music programming and writing to connect with classroom learning.

He said the school district is also in its second year of professional development with Novack Consulting.

"What we've done over the past year is really built a strong foundation of making sure that our classrooms, our instruction, is welcoming...it meets the needs of all our diverse learners and that we're giving ample opportunities for kids to be assessed in multiple modes," he said.

McCormick said this year's professional development will focus more on what's going on in classrooms and give real-time feedback to teachers.

He said this professional development was also grant funded.

"A lot of the curriculum

we've brought on for our elementary and our high school students has been outside of the local budget," he said.

Recognitions

School Committee Vice-Chair Tim Canada thanked former School Committee Chair John Magario for his time served on the committee and his leadership, especially through a difficult budget season. He welcomed Maggie Woodward to the committee, who was recently appointed to fill the vacancy by the Board of Selectmen.

"My thanks goes to John
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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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9/11 ceremony takes place Sept. 11

The 9/11 Memorial is having a ceremony at the Global War on Terror Monument on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m. This is the first remembrance since the Global War on Terror Monument was dedicated on Memorial Day of this year.

Designer pancake breakfast

A designer pancake breakfast sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 7:30-1030 a.m. at Mount Zion Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. People may create their own designer pancakes. The menu also includes pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee and always real maple syrup. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 6 and under. People can come for breakfast then enjoy the Barre Lions Club Car Show on the Barre Common.

Yard sale

The Barre Historical Society announces their annual major fundraiser a yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 21. Members shop first from 8-9 a.m. and shoppers receive free coffee. There will be something for everyone. determine the price you pay. Yes, for much of the For most items, people determine their donation for the treasures they want. As a non-profit, self sustaining organization, they depend upon the generosity of their buyers. Items include current dish sets, pans, utensils, etc., to games, winter sleds, electronics, and their collectibles' table too. where vintage items including jewelry, old medicine bottle, tins and more are all available.

Information Fair

The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, invites the public to a free Information Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. Attendees will explore an exciting range of local resources and discover the wealth of information, services and opportunities available in the community. They will have the chance to: learn about local businesses and community organizations, explore educational programs and services, connect directly with experts in the field and meet neighbors and strengthen community connections. This fun and informative event will also feature raffle prizes. No registration is required. The Information Fair is free and open to all members of the public.

Chicken barbecue

The Knights of Columbus Council #15657 are hosting a chicken barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. on St Francis of Assisi Parish grounds at 398 Vernon Avenue, South Barre. Tickets are \$15. and must be purchased ahead of time. Only 100 tickets will be sold. People may call Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 for tickets.

Q-DRUG meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. Q-DRUG will hold their monthly meeting in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. They will also be offering online options for those who prefer to participate via zoom. This month's agenda will include reviewing their 4th Annual National Night Out event and discussion of how to expand their volunteer base and awareness.

Joining hands community walk

Joining hands community walk will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on parish grounds of St. Thomas Church, 398 Vernon Avenue. The community walk is hosted by the parish group, Hearts on Fire for the benefit of St. Francis of Assisi's Charitable Needs and Resource Fund. All proceeds from this two mile walk will go to helping families in need. If people want more information regarding the Community Walk, they can email Paula Wood at paulagr@gmail.com or call the Parish Office 978-355-2228 press 7 and leave their name and number and Paula will call them back.

Susan Paju exhibits at Art Center

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., presents a new exhibition, "Susan Paju: New Oil and Mixed Media Paintings" featuring the recent work of Athol artist Susan Paju.

The public is invited to join the artist in an opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. Paju is primarily a landscape painter working in a range of two dimensional media including oil, acrylic, collage, graphite and more recently photography; and combining different media.

Paju has lived in the North Quabbin region since in 1999. She studied art as an undergraduate earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting from the State University of New York at New Paltz and went on to earn a Master's degree in library science. While still working full-time as a librarian, Paju began painting seriously again in 2012. In 2020 she retired from a 30-year career in public libraries and now focuses on painting.

The public is invited to join the artist at the Sunday, Sept. 7 gallery reception to



Photo courtesy of H. Strickland

The recent work of artist Susan Paju will be on exhibit at the Petersham Art Center through Sunday, Sept. 28. The public is invited to an opening reception with the artist on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m.

enjoy an afternoon of fine art and refreshments. The exhibition runs through the month of September.

Regular Art Center hours are Thursdays through Sundays from noon-4 p.m. For more information about

the exhibition and the Center, people may call 978-724-3415. Since 1912 the Petersham Art Center has been a home to regional fine art and craft through its shop, gallery, classes and special events.

Historical Society to hold yard sale

BARRE – The Barre Historical Society announces their annual major fundraiser yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 20 with members shopping first from 8-9 a.m.

with free coffee and the public beginning at 9 a.m.

Rain date on Sunday, Sept. 21. There will be something for everyone and people may name the price.

Yes, for much of the offerings, society members ask for them to determine your donation for the treasures they want. From current dish sets, pans, utensils, etc., to games, winter sleds, electronics and a "collectibles" table too where vintage items including jewelry, old medicine bottle, tins, and more are all available.

As a non-profit, self sustaining organization, they depend upon the generosity of the buyers.

The Barre Historical Society contains incredible Barre item collections, in three buildings, where they also offer year round free programming, all combined with ongoing upkeep. Their needs add up.

Submitted photo

This table is one of the items that will be available for purchase at the Barre Historical Society.



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 Sept. 1. 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 – Labor Day no meal served

TUESDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Beef stir fry, steamed rice, roasted broccoli, vanilla mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Honey mustard pork, red bliss potatoes, peas and carrots, baked cinnamon pears, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, fruited ambrosia, hot dog bun

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

OAKHAM

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Aug. 29 deadline to sign up for barbecue/games

The Oakham Senior Center is sponsoring a morning of lawn games on the town common followed by a barbecue at the Senior Center on Friday, Sept. 5. The games of croquet and corn hole will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 11 a.m. At 11.30 a.m., the barbecue begins at the Senior Center. They will be serving hot dogs, burgers, salads and desserts until 1 p.m. All seniors are invited. People can choose to attend the games only, barbecue only or both. People may call 508-882-4073 to sign up to assist with planning. There is no charge for the cookout or the games. People should leave their name and what events they will attend. They must RSVP by Friday, Aug. 29.

Senior Center

Monday through Thursday there is puzzling from 9 a.m.-noon at the Senior Center. Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. walking group meets at Senior Center and Tuesday through Thursday walking group meets at 11 a.m. at Senior Center. People that want to be added to the text message group may call the Senior Center at 508-4073 and leave their name and cell phone number.

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

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

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

Medicare 101 educational event to be held Sept. 16

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center will be hosting an educational presentation on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. at the senior center located at 29 Forest St., for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare.

West Brookfield seniors are also invited. The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run from 1 to 1.5 hours, including time for questions.

The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed insurance agent, who will explain the basics of Medicare including: why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare coverage each year; the pros and cons of each of your Medicare coverage options; what to consider when deciding which Medicare coverage option is right for you; ways to save money and get better Medicare coverage in 2024.

For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call 774-271-5199 or 711 for TTY callers.

DCR offers Quabbin Park Cemetery tour

WARE – Join Department of Conservation and Recreation staff for engaging, family-friendly programs that explore the rich history and natural beauty of the Quabbin Reservoir.

From guided hikes to indoor talks, there's something for everyone, just be sure to dress for the weather and bring water. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on Quabbin property.

All programs are free, but registration is required. Space is limited – 25 spots for outdoor programs and 45 for indoor events.

You can learn more about all of these programs and register by going to www.friendsofquabbin.org/dcr-programs.

Quabbin Park Cemetery tour

On Sunday, Aug. 31 from 1-2 p.m. take a walk through the Quabbin Park Cemetery and learn about the history and lives of residents (both prominent and ordinary) of the Valley towns. Meet in the Quabbin Park Cemetery off Route 9 in Ware.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Cemetery Commission – Aug. 28 at 11 a.m.
 9/11 Memorial Development Committee – Aug. 28 at 4:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Sept. 2 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Sept. 11 at 1 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Recycling Commission – Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Sept. 10 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 15 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Sept. 11 at 11 a.m.-noon
 Planning Board – Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 5 at 9 a.m.
 Petersham School Committee – Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

Petersham Brass Band offers end of summer concert August 31

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Brass Band will perform an end of summer concert on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. from the bandstand on Petersham Common.

Sunday's concert will be under the direction of band director Joseph Goguen. The concert will be the band's 863rd presentation since its formation in 1914.

Goguen announced the following program for Sunday's end of summer celebration. Marches chosen include: "The Thunderer," "El Capitan" and "Liberty Bell" all by Sousa and "His Honor" by Fillmore. Musical selections chosen for Sunday in no particular order are;

"Tequila" arranged by Story, "Aladdin" arranged by Jennings, "Sara" arranged by Vinson, "I Like Country Music" arranged by Wagner, "Highlights from Moana" arranged by Vinson, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" arranged by Sweeney, "Sinatra In Concert" arranged by Nowak, "How to Train Your Dragon" arranged by O'Laughlin, "Hans Zimmer: Movie Milestones" arranged by Brown, "Highlights From Frozen" arranged by O'Laughlin, "Selections from Mary Poppins" arranged by Kostal and "Instant Concert" by Walters.

Several of the selections

chosen for this concert were purchased through a grant received from the New Salem Academy. This grant and other received from the Academy have allowed the band to update its musical library over the past few years. The band is extremely grateful for their support.

The band will sponsor the bake sale for this concert as well as providing hot dogs and drinks. The Lions Club will be on hand with popcorn.

People should bring their chairs to enjoy a great evening of music as they celebrate the end of summer. Should the forecasted great weather change, the concert will move into the Peteraham Town Hall.

Paige Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road will hold meet and play story time on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. to play and 11 a.m. for a story with art and science projects to follow.

On Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. author Davide Payne will discuss his book, "Anthropods, 19 short stories." Anthropods, ie spiders, millipeds, scorpions, crabs are invertebrates that have an exoskeleton with cuticle made of chitin.

On Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town House, on the Common, Jon Waterman presents "History and Legends through Song." Inspired by his research, musician, songwriter and history teacher, Waterman combines music, history, storytelling, original songs, a slide show and something about the Quabbin. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local

agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information and to sign up to hold a place, people may either call 413-477-67-4 or email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

2nd annual Friends of the Poor Walk will take place Sept. 13

STURBRIDGE – The 2nd annual Friends of the Poor Walk followed by its first Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 from noon-6 p.m. on the Sturbridge Town Common.

Featuring Maggie the Clown, alpacas from Ledgecreek Farm, a variety of vendors, food, games for both children and adults, a DJ, live music by G Note & The Tinman, and much more.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward sup-

porting local individuals and families in need across Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge, Wales, and other nearby towns. The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Fiskdale provides practical assistance throughout the year, including emergency housing, rental and utility help, food, clothing, and other essential needs –serving people of all backgrounds and faiths.

The Fiskdale conference raises funds through parish poor boxes, public dona-

tions, and events such as this one. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates in 153 countries, with more than 4,000 local conferences, and is run entirely by members committed to tackling poverty in all its forms.

For more information contact svdpfiskdalepr@gmail.com. To make a donation, visit the website: svdpfiskdale.org and click on the "Donate" button.

To register for the event, go to the events tab at svdpfiskdale.org.

HUBBARDSTON

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Nonesuch Fest happens Oct. 11

The fourth annual Nonesuch Fest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 from noon-7 p.m. at Curtis Recreation Field, Gardner Road, Route 68. This is a rain or shine event. They are changing things up a bit this year. The WooTrucks are coming to Hubbardston for a very unique food truck festival. There will be live music and maybe a few other surprises as well. Stay tuned for more information.

Field Day

Hubbardston Field Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Curtis Rec Field in Hubbardston from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 14. Featured will be bounce house, obstacle course, Munchkin playland, baby contest at 10 a.m., chicken barbecue at noon, live music, pony rides, Capoeira demonstration, vendors, games, crafts, and more. Partial funding is provided by the Hubbardston Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This annual fundraiser for the Hubbardston Lions Club provides an opportunity for the community to come together and support each other while having fun. More information is available by emailing joyce.hubblions@gmail.com or looking for the full schedule of events on our Facebook page at Hubbardston Lions Club.

Library 5K set for Sept. 6

The 28th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. sharp. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the Library, approaching \$90,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. The race will be held rain or shine. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$30 for those who register after Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall first place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, race director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2024 Race/Walk raised over \$4,000 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

Senior Center

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

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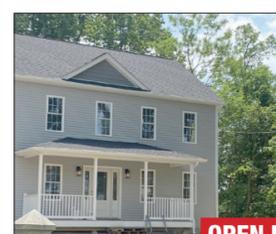
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Opinion



How do I apply for Social Security and receive my payments?

Dear Rusty:
I'm ready to apply for my Social Security benefits, and I'm aware of how my benefits are calculated. What I would like to know about is how the application process actually works and how my benefits are received.

Signed: Ready to Collect

Dear Ready to Collect:
Essentially, you have two main options for applying for Social Security benefits, and also two separate options for receiving your payments:

To apply for benefits, you can either contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to make a telephone appointment to complete your application while speaking to an SSA representative on the phone or you can submit your application for SS benefits online.

When using the telephone option, you will be guided by an SSA agent while completing your application and can discuss your benefit options directly with that agent, just be sure to be available to receive SSA's call at the scheduled time. You can also make an appointment by calling your local SS field office directly get the number for your local SS office at this link: www.ssa.gov/locator. It is not usually necessary to visit your local SSA office in person to apply.

If you are reasonably proficient with computers, you can, instead, apply online, but you will first need to create your personal SSA account online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you will be able to see your estimated benefit amount at different claim ages, which should help you decide when it is best to apply. Here is a short video which explains the process for applying for benefits online: https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm.

If applying online, you can start your online application at www.ssa.gov/apply and re-access it multiple times as needed until you are ready to submit it; just be sure to write down the "reentry code," which is provided when you begin your online application.

When you are ready to

submit the application, just select "Submit" and your application will be sent to SSA's application processing unit for review. They will contact you if there are any questions about your application or if any additional documentation is needed. Note that it typically takes a couple of months for your payments to start and note that payment is made in the month following the month earned. For example, if you begin your benefits in August your first payment will be received in September on either the second, third or fourth Wednesday of each month thereafter, depending on your birthday.

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How students learn about subtraction



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In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 3, 2020)

Barre Board of Selectmen discussed air filtration systems for town offices and buildings. The units will be funded through CARES Act funds. Town administrator Jessica Sizer ordered one air filtration system. Selectman Chair man Gregory O'Sullivan said if the unit she ordered works, she should order another nine or ten units. Selectmen estimated the need for up to 20 units. The town administrator will find out if the \$10,000 threshold would apply and if the town needed to go out to bid to purchase units if the amount exceeded the threshold.

Hubbardston Field Day is Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Curtis Recreation Field. Rain date is Sept. 20. Face masks and social distancing are a must. The public should bring their own camp chairs. Food trucks will be available for purchasing food. There will be vendors as well. Kelly at Go-Green (aka The Pallet Factory) has graciously allowed people to use her parking lot. There will be a table with hand sanitizer for anyone that needs some.

One by one and in small groups people made their way to the Wheelwright section of the Mass Central Rail Trail last Saturday to make salvage art to decorate the high privacy fence through that area. The East Quabbin Land Trust received a \$500 grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council to hire metal artist Caitlin McCarthy, of Ware, to help people turn salvage metal into art. "We wanted to do community-based art and while the \$500 doesn't really cover all the work Caitlin has done and will do, it's a way to show her we appreciate her artistic help," said EQLT Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw. The section of trail is about 400 feet long with high privacy fences, which

Look Back

Hubbardston Book Parade – 1997



File photo

Michael Perkins, Jon Croce, Bethany Guilbault and Megan Peterson show off the paper floats they made for the book parade.

Henshaw said will be a great place to display the creations that are made.

10 years (Sept. 3, 2015)

A Special Town Election will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Hubbardston Center School gymnasium. Polling hours are 7 a.m.-8 p.m. People should park in the lot by the Slade Building, 7A Main St. and enter the school via the gym door. Absentee ballots are now available. An absentee ballot must be requested in writing and allow time to mail ballot through U.S. Postal Service. Deadline is Sept. 8 at noon. There are three questions on the ballot.

The Barre Historical Society will host an open house to formerly open its Brewer Archive to the public on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 2-4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Brewer Archive is housed in the annex to the Barre Historical Society's Coach House building, located directly behind the Society's main building at 18 Common St.. Upon his retirement from the Massachusetts State Senate, former Sen. Brewer provided for the construction his new archive to house his comprehensive collection

of papers and memorabilia, which covers his entire legislative career.

Linda Saube of the West Brick Schoolhouse Committee told Oakham Selectmen that the bids came in higher than the committee hoped. The committee received two bids. One was for \$44,000 and the other \$66,000. After talking with the architect, the committee will seek requests for quotes to do repairs to the existing structure rather than replacing the entire roof framework. She said the Massachusetts Historical Commission preferred this as it was repairing the original rather than replacing it. She said the committee would mail request for quotes on the new scope of the project to the two existing bidders as well as seek quotes from three others.

25 years (Aug. 31, 2000)

The magnificent carpet of green grass on the west side of Barre Common, which provides a soothing buffer between the buildings of the Barre Savings Bank and Grove Street, serves as a benediction to a more sto-

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Letter to the Editor

Important to keep Massachusetts Question 3

For over 40 years, we at Many Hands Organic Farm have grown food rooted in natural principles – organic, regenerative and humane.

We are proud to provide our community with high-quality produce, meat, and eggs raised with care for animals, people, and the planet. This philosophy has shaped our success, and it reflects the values of the customers and neighbors we serve.

That's why I have deep concern over attempts to override state laws like Massachusetts' Question 3 and California's Proposition 12, both passed by voters to ensure basic humane standards for farm animals. These laws are not radical. They reflect a broad, bipartisan public consensus that farm animals should not be

kept in extreme confinement.

Some special interests in the pork industry now seek to undo these laws. This is a direct threat to farmers like me and to the very idea of state-level decision-making in agriculture. If enacted, federal bills like the Save Our Bacon Act or the Food Security and Farm Protection Act would wipe out state level standards, paying no mind to what our communities have voted for or believe in.

These proposals are not just bad policy—they're a betrayal of the democratic process. Moreover, state laws like Question 3 and Proposition 12 have opened opportunities for responsible producers. Dismantling these important laws would prioritize corporate consolidation over consumer demand and

public interest.

Massachusetts and California voters chose to end the intensive confinement of animals. That choice deserves respect, not erasure at the federal level.

We are grateful to Representative Jim McGovern for his leadership in defending farmers, states' rights, and the humane treatment of animals. I hope all Members of Congress will join him by rejecting the Save Our Bacon Act, the Food Security and Farm Protection Act and any attempt to gut Question 3 or laws like it.

Sincerely,

Julie Rawson
Co-owner, Many Hands Organic Farm
Barre

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Faugh a Ballagh! Clear the way—for truth, for respect, for Barre.

Robert Kane

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Another month goes by. Summer is just about over, but I do love fall season. We have had a very hot and humid summer and we need rain badly.

I don't use the hoses to water, but fill plastic jugs and water the potted plants daily. I was checking out the planter with pepper plants and there are about 15 peppers that are developing. I am glad as peppers are so expensive in the stores. I made stuffed peppers the other day and had to buy some.

I was given a gift of some cherry tomatoes so I made a tossed salad for lunch one day. I made BLT's another day with some tomatoes we grew in pots.

My penpal from Oakham sent me this recipe I plan to try.

ZUCCHINI BREAD

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups chopped zucchini
3/4 cup salad oil
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat eggs well. Add sugar and beat to fluffy. Blend in oil. Combine dry ingredients and add gradually to above. Stir in the zucchini and nuts. Pour into a greased loaf pan and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake 50 to 55 minutes. Wrap in foil to keep in refrigerator or freeze. Note: Tastes like a fall apple bread and very moist.

This and That

Phlox are flowering well in the garden and there are still some cone flowers in bloom. I let them go to seed as the birds like to eat the seeds. I have two hummingbird feeders that are being used well.

The bears arrived again this week. The mama bear tipped over the top of the composter and went along to the neighbors house to get their bird seed. We do not feed the birds as the bears will take the feeders into the woods.

I called the handyman to see how he did at the Dingy Dash on Saturday. He won first in two divisions. For adult single and for two in the dingy. He wins every year. I am anxious to see the videos as we are unable to attend.

I want to make a correction on the bulb I mentioned in last week's column. It is a wood Amaryllis called Belladonna. It has six lily like blossoms now. The foliage comes up first and then dies back and the stem with the buds comes up. It is an interesting bulb.

The butterfly bush is doing well and the hummingbirds and butterflies enjoy it. Each day I go out and deadhead so it will keep blossoming. I have two now. One is pink and one is violet.

I wanted to mention that was sad to see when James Rice passed away. He used to live in Hubbardston at one time with his father and grandmother. He also went to Center School.

Have a good week and hopefully we will get some rain soon.

Gardening tasks best accomplished now

The mornings have been a little cooler this last week or so. I must admit that after the summer we had, the respite from the heat is a welcome relief.

With the unofficial end of summer just a few short days away, folks are starting to think about winterizing their pools, getting their boats in storage, closing up their cottages and the like. There are a number of things that we gardeners can do now to ease winter's blow and set the stage for a successful garden next year!

Here is a replay of a timely column that lays it all out there.

Order spring flowering bulbs now. I ordered mine just last week!

For the widest array of tulips, daffodils, crocus and the like, consider making your selection from a mail order company. Most have great web sites, offering photos of pretty much everything they sell. Our bulbs will arrive in early October – the perfect time for planting!

We get them into the soil prior to the ground freezing so that they will have a chance to send out roots, perfect little anchors for winter heave/thaw cycles. Once spring comes it is all about flowering. Yippee – a welcome sign that brighter days lie ahead!

Cure squash and pumpkins well prior to storage. Give your cucurbits a couple of weeks in the sun up off of the ground before you bring them indoors. This will harden the vegetable's skin and improve its longevity.

If temperatures dip below 50 degrees at night consistently, find a dry, sunny



spot inside to complete their curing, otherwise chilling injury may occur. It's also important to remove them from the garden if bugs or disease threaten.

In my garden I am vigilantly squishing the gray colored squash bugs that like to accumulate under the fruit. Once curing is complete, store squash and pumpkins where there is good air circulation and where temperatures stay around fifty to sixty degrees, with relative humidity between fifty and seventy percent.

Under these conditions most will last eight to twelve weeks depending on variety.

Dig up tender plants. Did you buy rosemary, bay tree, lemon verbena, French lavender or scented geraniums this spring? Unfortunately, not one of these favored herbs is winter hardy in our area.

I usually get them out of the ground once frost threatens, and will bring them inside overnight and back outside during the day for a few weeks until it gets too cold. From that point most of them will thrive in a bright but cool room of the house.

Don't be surprised if the lemon verbena loses its leaves soon after you pot it up or that the French lavender doesn't look all that zippy during the winter – both are normal responses. New leaves will sprout and luster will return come

March.

Instead of digging tender plants up, some folks prefer to take tip cuttings. During the rooting process, mist a few times a day to prevent wilting. You will have especially good luck rooting scented geraniums – it should take just about a month.

Take cuttings now, before the plant starts prepping for winter (yes, plants do, too!), and you'll have better luck.

Plant some autumnal color. Mums and kale are at their peak at local garden centers now. Choose a plant that is healthy, free of brown leaves and with a root ball that fills the pot and isn't sunken away.

Use these plants to fill in places in the border where annuals have gone by, or, fill a container or two for a quick burst of fall at your front door. Die-hard gardeners have no problem staving off the onset of winter with a last minute plant installation.

Be sure to cover with a sheet if frost threatens, to prevent the flowers from being nipped. With careful watering and some good luck, the mums may even return to the garden next season – just as we intend to!

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



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Over 50 seniors met this past Saturday to enjoy a nice meal, dessert and music hosted by the North Brookfield Senior Center.

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were hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, chopped salad, and cookies and ice cream for dessert. There was music playing in the background under the pavilion while seniors ate and collaborated with each other.

The Friends of North Brookfield Council on Aging hosted a raffle for the seniors during the outreach event. This non-profit organization did a great job bringing seniors together during this outreach program.

The Friends of North Brookfield Council on Aging consists of Carol Hawkins as President, Paula Cummings as Vice President, Gisela

Rivera as Secretary, and Connie Martell as Treasurer. Mary Jane Sheldon and Kathy Pasierb also serve as directors on the Friend's board.

Gisela Rivera was handing out raffle tickets to the seniors who had an opportunity to win some interesting prizes. All the prizes were donated by the Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging. Prizes consisted of gift baskets, candles, blankets, gift cards, mugs and other useful items.

After lunch, Courtenay Rivera had some announcements to share with the seniors. The Senior Center Director wanted to share ideas with the seniors on what to offer in the future.

"This is your Senior

Center," Rivera stated.

The Friends of North Brookfield Council on Aging will be hosting an event at the Senior Center on Nov. 15. The event will be an Evening of Entertainment. The Senior Center will also be hosting a free Thanksgiving Luncheon on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving on Nov. 19.

For more information and activities at the Senior Center, visit the Senior Center page on the North Brookfield website, www.northbrookfield.net. The Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging can be followed on their Facebook page. This non-profit organization looks forward to offering more activities for the senior citizens of North Brookfield.

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ried past. For it is on this parcel of land that the magnificent Hotel Barre once stood, the "Jewel of Central Massachusetts," now 10 years gone. For those new to Barre or too young to remember, pictures and the recollections of townsfolk are all that connect them to this architectural marvel, styled after a Mississippi riverboat. As with any deciding moment in human history, people remember where they were when the news came that the Hotel Barre was ablaze.

The Oakham Planning Board will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11 regarding proposed amendments to the town's zoning bylaws to regulate cell towers. The proposed amendments have been developed with the assistance of Bill Scanlan of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and Town Counsel. Amendments address the location, appearance, permitting, construction, maintenance and removal of wireless communication towers and facilities in

Oakham. By some estimates, the u.s. could see as many as 100,000 cell towers built over the next few years.

John Young of Worcester, who works for Trees Unlimited of Rutland, works a chain saw into the base of a 300 year old ash tree, which was taken down from North Common last week. Tree Warden Dave Carlson inspected the rot, which had attacked the inside of the tree and made it unstable.

38 years (Sept. 3, 1987)

A Barre resident has filed suit and is suing the town for \$75,000 claiming the Zoning Board of Appeals exceeded its authority by ordering him to clean up his property on Bentley Lane. Thomas H. Pettee filed a complaint with Worcester Superior Court and Town Clerk Alice Orszulak's office, dated Aug. 31, claiming not only that the ZBA may have exceeded authority, but also of his intent to sue the abutters, who voiced complaints against him.

The Firemen's Muster held in Barre on Sunday, Aug. 30 included a parade

at noontime, which started at Quabbin Regional High School and had units from the towns of Hardwick, Paxton, Oakham, East Brookfield, Clinton, Hubbardston, North Brookfield, Spencer, New Braintree and Oxford. The best overall for the day trophy was awarded to North Brookfield.

Cable T.V. is moving along in the process of being a reality for Barre and Wheelwright residents according to discussion at the Barre Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, Aug. 31. Richard Paula, a Barre resident who is volunteering his time and knowledge to assist the town is sifting through applications, gave a status report on the application process to the Selectmen. According to Paula, the next step is the issuing of the authority report. This report will document specific recommendations for 10 mandatory items that the town will require before issuing a cable license to any of the applicants. A cable license is generally issued for a period of 10 to 15 years.

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Orange Community Band presents scholarships

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band ended its regular summer season on July 25, and a highlight of “Down Memory Lane” was the distribution of three John R. Tandy Memorial Scholarships.

The scholarship recipients have indeed surrounded themselves with music. They have played instruments, danced and enjoyed participating in and listening to music of all types. Two of the recipients have been members of the Orange Community Band for multiple years. Two have grandfathers, who play in the band. Two are attending UMass in music related fields and another plans to attend UMass in the future.

This year’s scholarship recipients were: Emma Gagne, Michael Ploof and Ava Doody. Susan TandySonger presented the scholarships and introduced the recipients.

The first recipient, Emma Gagne, played in the Pioneer Regional High School band and has played in the Orange Community Band for two years. This summer Gagne asked to be able to play her piccolo on the Stars and Stripes Forever march, something most flute players



Submitted photos

Shown from left are Terry Parker; his daughter Stephanie Parker, conductor of the Orange Community Band; Steph’s daughter Ava Doody; Emma Gagne; Michael Ploof and band treasurer Susan Tandy Songer, who presented the J.R. Tandy Memorial Scholarships at the Orange Community Band Concert. Terry is Band Manager. Stephanie received one of the original Tandy Scholarships in 2002. Ava, Emma and Michael received scholarships.

actively avoid. At one of the recent concerts, she held her own as the only flute player in the section that night. Gagne will be continuing on to the UMass band program.

The second recipient, Michael Ploof, has been with the Orange Community Band for a few years sitting next to his grandfather, Tim Ploof, in the trumpet section. He has also shared his piano

talents at a previous Pops concert. The younger Ploof helps each week with set-up and tear-down for the concerts, something that is much appreciated. He will continue his studies at UMass where has been involved with the UMass marching band and many ensemble groups.

The final recipient, Ava Doody grew up surrounded by the Orange Community

Band as her mom, Stephanie Parker and grandfather, Terry Parker, conducted and played in the band. She is studying dance at UMass. Ava will have the distinction of being the first “second generation recipient” of a scholarship as Stephanie, along with her brother Terry received the original scholarships given in John’s name back in 2002.

The band has one more



Ava Doody, daughter of Orange Community Band Conductor Stephanie Parker, is a second-generation recipient of the annual scholarship given by Orange Community Band. Steph received one of the original scholarships in 2002. The scholarship was presented by Susan TandySonger, in memory of her husband John.

performance this month. Friday, Aug. 29 will be a special Back to School Concert on the bandstand. The band is also planning to perform a full-length Christmas Concert on Dec. 12, in St. Mary’s Church.

6897 Trumpet Player Michael Ploof receives a JR Tandy Memorial Scholarship from Orange Community Band Treasurer Susan

TandySonger 6899 Ava Doody, daughter of Orange Community Band Conductor Stephanie Parker, is a second-generation recipient of the annual scholarship given by Orange Community Band. Steph received one of the original scholarships in 2002. The scholarship was presented by Susan TandySonger, in memory of her husband John.

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church also sold chicken salad and egg salad sandwiches along with chips and cold beverages. Linda Barringer, Edna Holloway and Norma Mann made sure those who came through the door had a chance to purchase a ticket or ticket for the machine stitched quilt. The quilt will be raffled off at the Harvest and Holly Fair at the church on Saturday, Nov. 22. Norma Mann was instrumental in piecing the quilt together along with some help from Edna Holloway.

Bob Pierce handled the money table. Jan Pierce and Ellie Downer divided their time between the kitchen and assisting customers. Interim Pastor Carissa Rodriguez spent a good part of the day at the yard sale as well.

The Fundraising Committee thanks all the people, who so generously donated items to their yard sale. The church participated



Janet Pierce loves Christmas and decorating her home for her favorite holiday. She makes some selections to add to her collection for this year.

many years in the Oakham Town Wide Yard Sale sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association, but this year they had the most profitable – making \$1,066.10. The committee

thanks all the volunteers, who helped pack items for the church’s White Elephant table at the annual fair. They also thank John and his helpers, who took the items that did not sell.



The Oakham Congregational Church filled tables in Fellowship Hall and tables in one of the Sunday School rooms. The church also sold hotdogs, sandwiches, cold beverages and chips.

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for his time when he was here and for Maggie for her upcoming time on the committee,” Canada said.

McCormick thanked all of the staff who have worked to prepare for the start of the new school year. He said it has been a team effort, and

he is grateful for their dedication.

Subcommittee reports

Canada said they are still negotiating the contract with the custodians, and a meeting is set for the following week. He said the teachers’ contract has already been finalized.

School Committee member Matt Grant said the tu-

tion agreement task force recently met with the superintendent of the Quabbin Regional School District. He said there are two school districts that are interested in having a tuition agreement with North Brookfield, with the other being Quaboag Regional School District.

Grant said they also discussed a tuition agree-

ment with the Spencer-East Brookfield School District, but that school committee determined that this would not be the best time to do so. He said they would be open to considering it in the future.

The task force will meet Wednesday, Sept. 13, to review the presentation from the Quabbin Regional

School District. He said the meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

The task force members hope to present their findings to the School Committee in October.

Administrators’ report

Beck said he is familiarizing himself the school building and policy. He has been interviewing candidates to

fill staff vacancies.

He said the daily schedule for middle and high school students is different this year, as the advisory period has been removed from the daily schedule and put into a rotation. He said students will be working with the new social emotional learning curriculum.

Elementary School Principal Arthur Murphy said they will continue PBIS and the incentive “star” buck program. He said they have partnered with the Police Department to provide cruiser rides to school as one of the incentives.

“We do a lot of things to just make the students feel celebrated for their hard work,” Murphy said.

Murphy said they will be adding a What I Need Now block to provide targeted support and enrichment to all students.

“It’s a flexible block that allows for differentiated instruction, addressing both academic gaps and fostering student interest,” he said.

Baldassarre said he has had a great start in the school district with meeting with staff and students.

He has submitted entitlement grants on behalf of the school district, and he is waiting to hear back about approvals. He said the grant funding will be used the same way it was used the previous school year.

Baldassarre said he has scheduled a meeting for families of special education students to be held on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. He said this first meeting will be held virtually to help reduce barriers.

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the truck body and chassis. Plows, sanders and controls could not be included and would have to come from town funds. If the town traded in the older International truck, the sander and controls on it could be switched to a new truck.

He said a ten wheel dump truck would be about \$15,000 more. If the town had a ten wheel dump truck it could haul sand from the bidders pit rather than pay extra to have it delivered to the town. R.J. McDonald holds the current bid.

B.E.S.S. Subcommittee

The Select Board on the recommendation of Select Board member Dennis Bergin voted to create a five-member

Battery Energy Storage System Subcommittee. Chairman Haapakoski abstained from the vote as he is an abutter to the proposed B.E.S.S. site on Coldbrook Road. He was waiting to hear on a ruling from the State Ethics Committee on the matter. Subcommittee members would include one each from Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Select Board and two members at large. He said Lucy Tessnau from Conservation Commission and Phil Warbasse from Planning Board agreed to serve. Chairman Haapakoski and Vice Chairman Michael Brunelle said Bergin should represent the Select Board and Bergin agreed. Anyone interested in serving on the

B.E.S.S. Subcommittee should contact the Select Board office for an application.

School lease

Finance Committee member Claire Hendra said the Quabbin Regional School District lease on the Oakham Center School was up on June 30. She said she talked to the QRSD Superintendent Colleen Mucha and the district seeks another 20 year lease. She said, The district was willing to work with the town to allow a one year extension to give the town a year to decide if they wanted to include an exit clause, which was not in the previous lease. Oakham was the only member town seeking an exit clause due in part to the possible need of town

office space depending on what happens to the Town Hall.

Currently, the upper level of Town Hall is not available for use due to the lack of American Disabilities Act compliance. The Select Board would put the school issue on its next meeting agenda.

Anonymous letters

Vice chairman Brunelle discussed including a clause in town policy that all letters of complaint must be signed and anonymous letter would not be accepted. He said employees had a right to know who made a complaint against them. Town Counsel when consulted about this in the past said it was best practice for the town not to entertain anonymous letters.

Road acceptance

The Select Board also discussed the acceptance of Skyline Drive as a town road. One resident refused to sign a right of way, which prevented the town from accepting the road as a town road. His attorney had not responded to the town's attorney. The Board will have Town Counsel send a letter to the resident's attorney stating that unless the town receives a response, the town will no longer plow the road.

Other business

Building Commissioner Robert Lancini said Town Counsel was getting a judge to approve the sale of property at 21 Coldbrook Road. The property is vacant and has been held up in Probate

Court for a long time.

Administrative Assistant Mirabel LaRange said Sarah Hunter of the agency running the treasurer/collector office worked extra hours the first few weeks to catch up. She would be reducing her hours now. The agency does a great job, but it is expensive.

LaRange said if the town held a Special Town Meeting, there should be an article to fund the agency for 16 hours per week for the rest of the year.

LaRange said the town of Brookfield has been looking for a Treasurer. They might be interested in a shared position with Oakham. The Select Board said to look into this possible shared service with Brookfield.

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trees being removed from behind town hall. A railing was installed in the building as well and the board expressed gratitude for the

work done.

A walkthrough was done in the meeting room for the security of the equipment. Caggiano did a walkthrough of the Memorial Park Planning Project with Central Massachusetts

Regional Planning Commission. A study of the park is being done as well as funding mechanisms on how the park can be improved.

There are a lot of vacancies across various departments that town is looking to

fill. The Town Administrator brought up the bylaws and to possibly codify the town's bylaws to help fill some gaps.

"There are some serious gaps in our bylaws," Caggiano said.

Caggiano briefly brought up a budget topic to the Select Board. There was a concern with one account after reviewing the month of July.

Caggiano said the town counsel bill is pretty high.

The bill is budgeted for \$25,000 and after a couple situations, they've spent a decent amount of money in one month alone. Caggiano wanted to bring to the board's attention to just be aware of this budget item.

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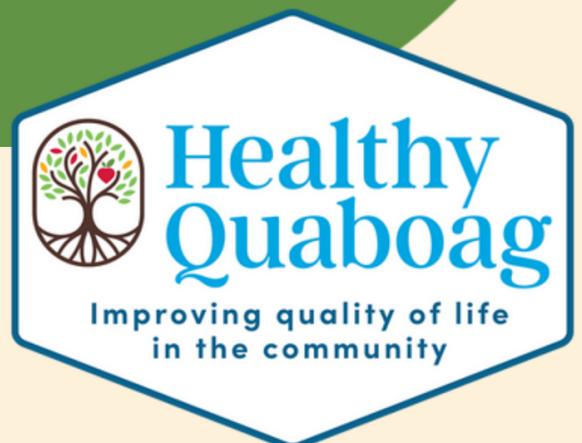


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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

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

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

LANCASTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE will take place during the month September 2025. For more information on how to join or renew this excellent source for local and regional history, people may visit lancasterhistoricalsociety.org. Information is also available by calling 978-733-6907.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

Q-DRUG MONTHLY MEETING will take place today at 6 p.m. in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. They will also be offering online options for those who prefer to participate via zoom. This month's agenda will include reviewing their 4th Annual National Night Out event and discussion of how to expand their volunteer base and awareness.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

STERLING GRANGE FOOD BOOTHS will be open today through Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Sterling Fair held on the grounds of the Sterling Airport, 121 Greenland Road, Sterling. Grange members welcome all to stop by their booths. On opening day, Sept. 5 attendees

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. 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, Sept. 1. Bill Bowles and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Coldbrook Springs Recreation Area on Route 122 and Coldbrook Road in Oakham.

can enjoy strawberry or peach shortcake from 6-9 p.m. for \$7. Breakfast will be served on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Two pancakes, two sausage links and two beverages (coffee, orange juice, milk, or water) make up a full stack for \$10. If a short stack is preferred, the meal consists of one of each item for \$7. Severance Maple Products of Northfield donated the maple syrup. Proceeds from these events will benefit the Grange Hall Renovation Fund and community service projects. For more information on these events or other activities, grange.org/sterlingma53/ or email sterlinggrange53@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

MASS AND FAMILY PICNIC will take place today with Mass at 4 p.m. and picnic at 5 p.m. at Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish, St. Joseph Church, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. Music with D.J. Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc providing music from 5-7 p.m. There will be food, raffles and bake sale.

EVENING WITH DOUG WAUGH presented by the New Braintree Historical Society will take place today at 7 p.m. in the New

Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Doug will give a historical overview and appreciation of his family farm, from its early beginnings in 1780, to the Waugh purchase in 1927 when his grandparents moved from Prescott, to the evolution from a dairy farm to "Kip's Christmas Tree Farm" business. He will share his knowledge of the early tavern on the property, barn fires in 1852 and 1927, as well as anecdotes, as only Doug can tell them. From generations of the Waugh family in New Braintree. Refreshments will be served.

28TH HUBBARDSTON LIBRARY 5K RUN/WALK will take place today. The race begins at 9 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the library, approaching \$90,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

CHICKEN BARBECUE will take place

today 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 298 North Main St., North Brookfield, with eat in or take out. For chicken dinner tickets and more information people may call the parish office from Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 508-867-4468. Cost of the chicken dinner is \$15 per adults and \$8 per children 12 and under.

MUSEUM TOURS AND EXHIBITS will take place at the Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum at 295 Belchertown Road, Route 9, Ware today from 1-3 p.m. and by appointment. The featured display this year is a collection of dishes and pottery including examples of plates and serving pieces, flow blue and tea leaf patterns and pottery for bed and bath.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

AUTUMN KIDS MARKET along with the regular Barre Farmers Market will take place today from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Barre Common. The kids market is run by children. They should register now to participate. Shoppers will be able to shop from entrepreneurs ages 5 to 17 on Sept. 13. For more information, people may visit ChildrensEntrepreneurMarket.com.

SHARING HOPE SEMINAR SERIES offered by Miles Funeral Home in Holden will take place today from 1-3 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. The seminar is free and open to the public. Present is Pamela Reidy, director of community education for miles Funeral Home Seating is limited. People should call 508-829-4434 to reserve a space. There will be light refreshments and attendees will receive a free complimentary book.

Calendar Policy

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Dog training offered during Fall Family Fall Fest

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House will have their Fall Family Fun Fest taking place this fall on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Every year the festival brings vendors, music, raffles, food, and fun activities for all ages. This year's Family Fun Fest will feature some special guests. One of these guests is Mary Jo Lavin of Homestead Farm Nosework.

Lavin is a local dog

trainer who is encouraging Fun Fest attendees to bring their dogs for a Homestead Farm Nosework dog training opportunity. K9 Nosework is an enriching activity for dogs and handlers.

Many dogs can benefit from the physical and mental stimulation that the sport brings. This activity is open for dogs of all ages, sizes and pedigrees.

Lavin has been involved in dog training for over 30 years. Starting in 1990 with her Tibetan Terrier, Scamp, Lavin trained and competed in obedience and agility events.

Lavin has been teaching classes, private lessons, workshops and at camps for many years and this event being offered at the Fun Fest will benefit dogs and their owners. Lavin is in the process of becoming certified as a NACSW instructor.

Homestead Farm Nosework will be participating in the Family Fun Fest in North Brookfield on Sept. 28. Proceeds from this event will benefit the North Brookfield Town House.

At the Fun Fest, Lavin says dogs will be able to "try it" by finding food in boxes. All dogs will be on leash and

searching one at a time. Any donations for the searching will be given to the Town House Committee.

The dog training will be held at Bike House Brewery, located at 31 East Brookfield Road in North Brookfield on Sunday, Sept. 28 from noon-4 p.m. during the Fall Family Fun Fest. More information can be found on www.homesteadfarmnosework.com.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House. Money raised from this event will be used to help with the restoration and renovation of the Town House.

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Besaw takes over as new Quabbin football coach

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The Quabbin Regional football team finished the 2024 campaign with a 7-4 overall record.

Mike Besaw, who has been the Panthers defensive coordinator for the past two seasons, was planning on coaching the defensive unit again in the fall.

While Besaw will still be

calling the defensive plays on Friday nights, he was recently named as the Panthers new head coach. He takes over the reins from Wayne Page, who was hired as the new football coach at Grafton High School, which is his alma mater.

Page, who was a quarterback in high school, posted a 21-22 record during the past four seasons. He'll still be a physical education teacher at Quabbin during the 2025-26

school year.

"Wayne turned this football program around during the past four years," said Besaw, who's also an assistant coach for the indoor and outdoor track teams at Quabbin. "I thought he would be coaching here for a while, but he was hired by his hometown high school. We're just looking to keep the momentum going. I'm very excited to have this coaching opportu-

nity."

Page, who's coaching the Quabbin Middle School baseball team this spring, has a tremendous amount of respect for Besaw, who had only been an assistant high school football coach for the past 35 years.

"Coach Besaw has coached at many schools over the past 35 years, and I guarantee you that he has had a lasting impact on every single athlete

that he has coached," Page said. "He is extremely knowledgeable, organized and motivated. He has had great success everywhere that he has coached, and I don't see that changing here at Quabbin."

Besaw has had some other opportunities to become a head coach in the past, but the timing was never right for him or his family.

"I was an assistant coach at Worcester North when

the head coach position was opened after Mike Ross left, but my own kids were still young at that time," he said. "I was also taking classes to become a teacher. It would've been very difficult to juggle everything. This job is a perfect fit for me."

Besaw is also an intervention tutor at Quabbin Middle School.

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Girls soccer gets bronze at Bay State Games



Gabriella Ramos, who plays for Agawam High, sends a quick pass away.



Caleb Iborra sends a pass away for Central Mass.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG—Both the Central and West girls' soccer teams began the annual Bay State Summer games with losses last month from July 10 to 12.

A couple of hours later, the West squad celebrated a 6-1 victory over the Central team at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg.

"We didn't play very well in our first game this morning," said West head coach Matt Mosher, who also coaches the St. Mary's (Westfield) girls' varsity soccer team. "Once we got into a rhythm, especially during the second half, we took it to them in this game. We were a lot more aggressive."

The members of the West team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, are Allison Fleury (South Hadley), Kiana Ramos (South Hadley), Hannah Haesaert (South Hadley), Kayleen Sullivan (Agawam), Lylia Ellis (Monson), Kyra Lippmann (Holyoke), Mia Oyler (Agawam), Riley Platt (South Hadley/Williston Northampton School), Kylie Warner (Agawam), Gabriella Ramos (Agawam), Alexis Canoa (Belchertown) and Laura Parolo (Agawam).

Mosher has been coaching at the Bay State Summer Games for the past five years. His teams have won two Silver Medals and two Bronze Medals.

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Filloma Stellato fights for possession of the ball.



A Central midfielder is pressured as he stops the ball.



Brandon Barker is pressured near the opposing goal.

West dominates Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG—The West boys' soccer team won the gold medal at the 2022 and 2023 Bay State Summer Games. After finishing in

third place a year ago, the West squad didn't have very much trouble capturing the gold medal this year.

The boys' soccer showcase took place at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg last

month July 10 to 12.

The West team began the tournament with a pair of victories.

After overcoming an early 1-0 deficit to defeat Metro, 5-1, in the morning match last Thursday, the West team dispatched the Central team, 6-0, in the afternoon affair.

"We're off to a very good start in this tournament, but we haven't accomplished anything yet," said Hugo Destapdo, who coached the West boys' soccer team at the Bay State Summer Games for the first time. "We do have a solid group of players, but we're going to be facing some very good competition during the next



Tiago Despatado, of Chicopee, goes after the loose ball.

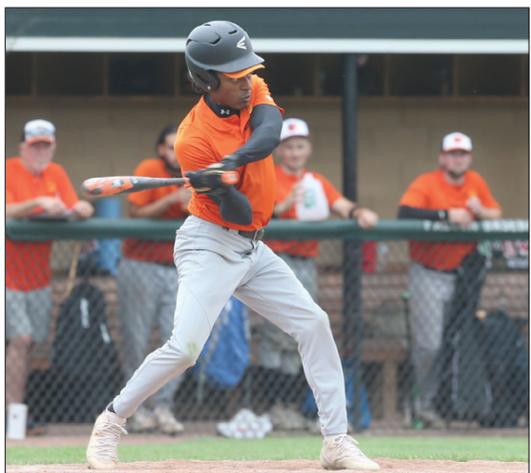
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The Orioles claimed the 2025 Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League Championship on Sunday, Aug. 17, beating the Twins 8-7.

Orioles hold on for Valley Wheel title

WILBRAHAM — On Sunday, Aug. 17 at Spec Pond, the Orioles staged off a big comeback from the top-seeded Twins to win the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League championship. The Twins would hold a 4-2 lead until the Orioles rallied and eventually held an 8-4 lead going into the bottom of the ninth inning. The Twins would score three times and get the tying run to second base before the Orioles were finally able to close it out for the title.



Henry Henriquez takes a swing.



Mike Burgos delivers a pitch home for the Orioles.



Todd Bergstrom sends a throw to first.

Quabbin Valley playoffs get underway

SOUTH HADLEY — Last Sunday, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League playoffs got underway with a pair of quarterfinal games. In one match-up, the Tigers defeated the Braves 12-8 thanks to some great pitching late in the game by the Tigers' Brad Bullough. The Dodgers walked off on the Pirates in the other matchup 17-16 when a hit by Andrew Tuck plated the winning run. The Cardinals defeated the Dodgers 9-7 and the Orioles defeated the Tigers 17-7 in the semifinals held on Aug. 24, setting up a Cardinals-Orioles championship game on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Booster Field in Easthampton.



Pitcher Mike Afflitto sends a pitch home.



The Pirates' Sam Crotto delivers to the plate



Bob Eccelston fields a grounder to second.

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Athlete of the Month



NAME: Brady Patchen
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Patchen was the catalyst of the Quabbin summer basketball offense, often leading the Panthers to start plays during their run to the semifinals of the Auburn Summer Basketball League.

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VolleyHall 2025 induction celebration

HOLYOKE – The excitement is building in Holyoke as we prepare to welcome the volleyball world for the International Volleyball Hall of Fame's 2025 Induction Celebration, taking place Saturday, Oct. 18. This year's milestone event promises to be a weekend to remember, filled with inspiring speeches, historic moments, and the shared pride of honoring the sport's greatest contributors.

The Class of 2025 brings together nine exceptional individuals whose achievements have left an indelible mark on volleyball across the globe. They include Kent Steffes of the USA, a dominant force in

men's beach volleyball; Laura Ludwig of Germany, one of the most decorated women's beach players in history; Dimitar Karov of Bulgaria, a trailblazing men's indoor player; Ivan Miljkovi of Serbia, a powerful and prolific scorer on the men's indoor stage; Rosa Garcia Rivas of Peru, a legendary women's indoor star; Jürgen Wagner of Germany, an Olympic medal-winning beach volleyball coach; Barry Couzner of Australia, a transformative leader in ParaVolley; and Guillermo "Willy" Paredes of Argentina, a respected interna-

tional referee.

In addition to this extraordinary class of inductees, five special award winners will also be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the sport. Joop Alberda will receive the Mintonette Medallion of Merit Award, Peter Diamond will be presented with the Mayoral Award for Excellence, Paul Sunderland will be honored with the Award for Media Excellence, the Court of Honor Award will go to PAVO – Professional Association of Volleyball Officials, and Elegant Affairs will be recognized with the William G. Morgan Award.

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"I was already teaching here for one year before Wayne offered me the coaching position," Besaw said. "It was the first time during my coaching career that I could walk out of a school building and onto a practice field."

When Besaw was a senior at King Phillip Regional High School, which is in Wrentham, he didn't play football because of a knee injury. He stayed involved with the football program by helping to coach the Warriors freshman team.

That began his journey as an assistant football coach. After graduating from

UMass-Amherst, Besaw returned to his alma mater as the freshman coach from 1990-94.

Besaw has also been an assistant football coach in Central Mass. at Shrewsbury High School, Marlborough High School, Worcester North, and Burncoat.

"I've learned a lot about football from all of the head coaches that I've worked for over the years," Besaw said. "We have a great coaching staff here at Quabbin and we work very well together. I learned a lot about the offensive side of the ball from coach Page."

While Besaw isn't allowed under MIAA rules to start

coaching the football team until late August, he's planning to hold a meeting with the returning players.

According to Besaw, assistant coach Jay Bergman will be in charge of running the offense.

The Panthers football will be opening the regular season at Gardner before facing North Middlesex in the home opener the following week.

"I just want us to be able to compete in every game that we play," Besaw said. "I can't wait until the season starts."

Grafton will be joining the Mid-Wach League in the fall, but they probably won't be on Quabbin's football schedule for several years.

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Mosher was assisted by Laura Wray-Ramos, who's the longtime girls' varsity soccer coach at Agawam High School.

"It took Laura and I a game to find out which players play well together. We moved some players around to different positions," Mosher said. "A lot of the players have played on the same club teams. It's been a lot of fun coaching at the Bay State Summer Games."

Both starting goalies in last Thursday afternoon's match attend Agawam High School.

Sullivan was the starting goalie for the West team, while Talia Oliveira was the starting goalie for the Central squad, which took home the Gold medal last year.

Because there weren't enough girls' soccer players from Central Mass. to fill the Central team roster, more than half of the players listed on their roster are from Western Massachusetts.

"About five years ago, we noticed that the Central team didn't have enough players," said Central head coach Eric Wood, who also coaches the girls' soccer team at the MacDuffie School in Granby. "We now fill out the Central

roster with the players who don't make the West team. We have 15 players from Western Mass. on this year's team. It's been a great situation."

The other members of the Central team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, were Rylee Joesph (Holyoke/Hampshire Reg.), Eleanor Szlosek (Granby), Taylor Bartosz (Wilbraham/Minnechaug Reg.) Filomena Stellato (Agawam), Brenna Moreno (Granby), Grace Sherman (Holyoke. South Hadley H.S.) and Kali White (Granby).

Even though the Central team went 0-4, it was still an enjoyable experience for the players.

"I just want my players to have a lot of fun here," Wood said. "I also keep in touch with the players throughout the year."

The Central squad took an early 1-0 lead following an unassisted goal by White.

A couple of minutes later, White had another shot attempt that clanged off the post.

The West team tied the score at 1-1 with less than two minutes remaining in the opening half.

Willow Claps (Northampton) blasted a shot that deflected off the goalie's hands into the left corner of the net.



Nicholas Jennings attempts to settle the ball.

At the start of the second half, Warner put a shot into the upper left corner giving the West squad a 2-1 advantage. She also scored the final goal of the match.

The other three second half goals scored by the West team during the second half were by Kate Moccio (Longmeadow), Addison Perich (Westfield), and Haesaert.

Central would end up going 0-4 during the Bay State Games while the West prevailed in the Bronze Medal Game on July 12, defeating Southeast 3-0. Coastal won the Gold for girls soccer.

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couple of days."

During the fall, Destapdo is the boys' varsity coach at Chicopee High School. He replaced Marc Atkins as the West coach at the Bay State games.

The members of the 2025 West boys' soccer team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, are John Carra (Agawam), Timothy Haley (Belchertown), Yousif Hamid (Chicopee), Spencer Parsons (South Hadley), Tyler Supczak (Wilbraham), Evan Tyrrell (Chicopee), Griffen Wrisley (Chicopee), Chase Henderson (Wilbraham), Tiago Destapdo (Chicopee), and Braeden Fitzgerald (Agawam/Pope Francis).

"Several college coaches will be attending these games, so this is a very good showcase for the players," Destapdo said. "There are a lot of talented soccer players in Western Mass."

The worst part of being a coach of an All-Star team is having to make cuts at tryouts. "We had 35 players try-out, and we have 20 players



Allison Fluery, of South Hadley, socks a shot away.

on our team," Destapdo said. "Having to make cuts is very difficult. I wish we could've taken all 35 players."

The duo Henderson and Max Graham (Southwick/Pope Francis) combined to post the shutout against Central.

"They're different types of goalies," Destapdo said. "Chase is just tremendous with his feet. If he wasn't a goalie, he would be a very good field player. Max is a physical goalie."

Henderson, who's a raising senior, played the first half against the Central team.

Graham, who's a raising sophomore, played the second half.

The West goalies received plenty of support from a locked down defensive unit led by Fitzgerald, Supczak, Hamid, and Casey Bestler (Frontier Reg.).

The West scored four goals during the first half against Central.

Glodie Manyegezi (Springfield Central) scored two of the goals. The other two first half goals were netted by Brandon Barker (West Springfield), and Will Sean-McNally (Northampton).

The two second half goals were scored by Cajun Benson (Smith Academy). Sean-McNally was credited with both assists.

The following day, the West team won two more matches against Northeast, 2-0, and Southeast, 5-0.

The West team then captured the Gold medal by squeaking out a 2-1 win against Coastal last Saturday morning.

In their five Bay State matches, the West team out-scored their opponents, 20-2.



Rylee Joseph sends a pass away ahead of pressure.

In the Classroom

Quabbin Middle High School has new principal

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School District is pleased to introduce their communities to the new Quabbin Regional Middle/High School Principal, Mrs. Abigail Rigney.

Rigney is a lifelong member of the community and has strong family ties to Barre. She states, “I am excited to serve as principal in my hometown. My own children attend school here, and I am deeply invested in the success of our students and staff. I believe in making decisions that are grounded in what is best for all students, ensuring they feel supported, challenged, and celebrated.”

Rigney started her career as a Wellness Teacher at North Brookfield High School. She has been a successful assistant principal in two other districts and comes to Quabbin fully committed to fostering academic excellence and overall student well-being. Abbey’s experience includes both as a middle school assistant principal and then a high school assistant principal. These experiences will allow her the insight required to oversee a Grade



Submitted photo
Abigail Rigney is the new Quabbin Regional Middle High School principal.

6-12 building.

When asked what she is most looking forward to in this role, Rigney responded “I am looking forward to supporting our incredible team of teachers and educators. By listening to and empowering educators and also challenging them to grow—we can provide the highest quality education together.”

What can families expect from Rigney during this first year of leadership? “Families can expect to

see me present at school events, approachable in the community, and committed to open communication. I look forward to celebrating the many strengths of our school, while also working side by side with families, staff, and community members to build an even brighter future for both the school and district.”

The Quabbin District is excited to embark upon a great 2025-2026 school year and welcomes Principal Rigney.

Quabbin Regional School District offers free meals to students

BARRE – Quabbin Regional School District will continue to receive free school meals in School Year 2025-2026.

This means that breakfast and lunch will continue to be served at no cost to all students. Students can receive one free complete breakfast and one

free complete lunch each school day. Children who attend a school that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision, they are not required to complete the household Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals.

If people are interested in receiving monthly financial

assistance to purchase groceries, they should consider applying for SNAP, the federal nutrition program that supports eligible residents. More SNAP information can be found at gettingsnap.org or by calling Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

Pathfinder offers meals at no cost for students

PALMER – Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School participates the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

As part of this program, all schools offer healthy meals every school day at no cost to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2025-2026. Students receive breakfast and lunch at school without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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Public Notices

TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the New Braintree By-laws (Removal of Topsoil, Loam, Sand or Gravel), the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM** in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, regarding gravel permit renewals for the following:

Robert and Deann Caron, Assessor Map 411, Parcel 96, Barr Road

Thomas Stott, Assessor Map

408, Parcels 94/95, 324 West Road

Bo Lee Excavating, Assessor Map 408, Parcel 96, West Road, Stanley Grigas, Assessor Map 409, Parcel 34, 87B Sibley Road
This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. You can also email comments to planning@newbraintree.gov 08/21, 08/28/2025

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will continue the public hearing on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall, 2 Exchange Street, Barre, MA requested Rotokawa Estates, LLC

for Preliminary Subdivision Plan approval relative to property located on the Southerly side of Wauwinet Road, Parcels D-71 and E-59 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 45829, Page 319. The purpose of such filing is to freeze the zoning currently in effect in accordance with MGL c.40A, 6.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing. The plan can be viewed at the Boards’ Office, 3rd floor, Floyd Kelley, Chairman

08/28, 09/04/2025

Church

Local pastors offer sermons

Boasting Part 4

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

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

1) Ungiven Gifts
Proverbs 25:14 (NIV)

14 Like clouds and wind without rain is one who boasts of gifts never given.

Have you ever met a person who boasted of what they would do for you, only for them to not deliver? Have you ever met an individual who bragged of incredible abilities to do something, only to find out that when you needed those abilities they were inflated beyond their actual size by the imagination of the person’s mind? How did you feel in such a moment? Uplifted? Encouraged? Supported? Enabled? I think not.

I came upon the following anecdote as of late which touches on the dangers of those who overpromise and under-deliver (Prov. 25:14): “An unnamed community relied on a bridge for travel and commerce. A newly elected official, attempting to impress constituents, promised a new, stronger bridge in record time. Construction began, but due to poor planning and shortcuts, the bridge was not completed on schedule and could not handle the promised load, making it unsafe. The community was left without the new bridge and the original, which was now dismantled.” How truly tragic.

What was this official like? Like the aforementioned clouds and winds that bring no rain! You see, in the dry climate of the Middle East—the context in which Scripture was written—farmers might look at the gathering clouds, feel the wind, and anticipate rain. This would be a welcome benefit to their crops. When clouds and wind passed without rain, however, it would be disappointing. The clouds and sky suggested one thing, but failed to deliver on those signs. In a comparable way, a person who brags about their generosity without acting upon it is disappointing.

The following quotes speak to this truth:

“Giving others hope, only to let them down, brings a bad reputation.”

“[Beware of those who] make a great parade of going to bestow a present, and then sneak out of it, giving nothing.”

Ultimately, Proverbs 25:14 emphasizes the emptiness of words apart from corresponding action. It warns against making false promises and boasting of things that are not real, reminding us that true generosity is about action versus mere talk! This is a principle the Bible purports ongoingly.

1 John 1:18

18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Thank you for taking the

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

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Let us be Strong in Faith. Let us be Ready.”

Scripture Reading:
Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 and Luke 12:49 – 56

I. Introduction

Many of you may have had or still have the opportunity this summer to spend some time in a tranquil setting, whether reading, appreciating nature, observing birds and butterflies or simply enjoying the serenity of a river or the rhythmic sound of ocean waves.

A peaceful and joyful environment is so good for our minds, bodies and souls, especially in our homes, where we spend so much time together and other places where we meet and interact with others. However, it is important to recognize that such ideal environments and moments are not always our experience.

Sometimes we have misunderstandings at home, at work and at church, and the world is not always a peaceful environment. Misunderstandings can lead to arguments, bad and unhappy feelings and some misunderstandings and strong opinions can lead to divisions that are hard to overcome. This is where we meet Jesus as He is talking to His disciples and the crowd about the signs of the time, fire and divisions, and how His coming has been received by different people.

II. I do not bring Peace, but Division, Jesus tells the Crowd

Jesus’ opening statement in Luke 12 verse 49 is quite shocking at first glance. He appears harsh when He speaks of bringing fire and division to earth, especially when elsewhere in the Bible we hear about the One who will come and bring peace and break down divisions. In Isaiah 9 v 6 He is referred to as the Prince of Peace. Here in Luke, He discusses the destructive nature of judgment day, and then He addresses what will happen in the family.

Everyone will be divided against each other, meaning there will be misunderstandings, conflicts, differences of opinions, arguments, all that will lead to divisions in the family. When He talks about bringing fire on earth, however, He does not mean that He is creating the fire, but how His presence, calling, and ministry, had been perceived and led to “fires” and divisions among those who heard

Him speak and saw Him do miracles and heal the sick.

There are those whose lives have been transformed by Him and those who are lighting the fires, working against Him and planning to bring an end to His life on the cross. He states that his message of peace, love, and compassion may result in disagreements within households, as not everyone will have the same perspective, which could cause discomfort and lead to arguments.

Jesus then criticizes the crowd for their excellent skill in interpreting weather patterns, yet points out their inability to discern the significance of the present time specifically, how His presence and message have led to division, anger, and hostility and they don’t do anything to change what is happening. Unless they repent, they will all perish, he continues in the next passage.

III. Conclusion: Let us be strong in Faith. Let us be ready

It is true that today there are challenges and differences within many families that have resulted in some members becoming estranged from one another. This happens also in our communities, broader society, and it can also happen at church. Currently, our world faces considerable challenges marked by divisions, misunderstandings and difficulties in resolving conflicts constructively.

There is hope, though, when we read Hebrews Chapter 11 and 12 about the challenges the Old Testament leaders and ordinary folks faced, and how they continued to believe in God and God’s interventions even when things were difficult. They remained faithful to God during many obstacles and persecutions. They believed and followed God’s will for them.

In Chapter 12 v 1 and 2, the author reminds the readers to look to this great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before, but are still examples of faith and endurance, of staying together and looking to Christ, the perfecter of their faith, and the ultimate example of love and acceptance and togetherness, instead of division. Both scriptures call upon us today to keep the faith and to be alert for the signs of the times, when it becomes clear that the message of Christ is readily accepted by some, but not by others.

We must be ready, He says, even though we do not know when judgment day will come. We must serve God faithfully, and wait patiently, being ready always, working to love one another, and overcoming our divisions that we create for ourselves, and look to Him, Who is our Helper and Savior and Healer and Peacemaker. May God help us all to hear and follow His call now until He comes again.

Amen.

Pastor Margaret Keyser
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30 Park St., Barre

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 3
 12:24 a.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, South Barre Road, Report Filed
 12:45 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Gynecology/Obstetrics/Pregnancy, Sheldon Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:23 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Coldbrook Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 Summons Ayers, Francis, 54, Winchendon
 Charges Assault and Battery
Monday, Aug. 4
 11:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:38 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, West Street, Information Given
 1:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Summer Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 1:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, South Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 2:54 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/

Heart Problem, West Street, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, Aug. 5
 1:06 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Investigated
 12:36 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Woods Road, Removed from Scene
 5:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, No Action Required
 8:20 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Stetson Road, Returned
Wednesday, Aug. 6
 12:46 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:21 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:09 a.m. Harassment, South Street, Investigated
 11:03 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Valley Road, Referred to Other Agency
 1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Varney Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
Thursday, Aug. 7
 1:06 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Ruggles

Lane, Transported to Hospital
 6:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:36 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Summer Street, Report Filed
Friday, Aug. 8
 12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
 9:37 a.m. Complaint, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital
 7:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown/Weak, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:40 p.m. Noise Complaint, Fir Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Saturday, Aug. 9
 2:11 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:24 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Vernon Avenue, Report Filed
 12:06 p.m. Hernia Pain, Varney Lane, Mutual Aid Transport
 1:45 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Returned

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 3
 7:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 9:41 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated
 4:24 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Returned
 4:55 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Highland Park Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:59 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown/Weak, Blueberry Lane, Mutual Aid Transport
 8 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Nick Alan Circle, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Monday, Aug. 4
 9:03 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:05 a.m. Harassment Serve/Info/Violence, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 12:12 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Summerhill Drive, Report Filed
 12:48 p.m. Assault and Battery, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
 3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Negative Contact
 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Acquaye, Kelvin Samuel, 31, Worcester
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 8:46 p.m. Complaint, Carlsons Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:11 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Kosta Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Thurston Hill Road, Mutual Aid Assist
Tuesday, Aug. 5
 12:27 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:07 a.m. Erratic Operator, Irish Lane, Area Search Negative
 12:03 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:57 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Area Search Negative
 3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Rutland Heights Way, Citation Issued
 3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 4:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, No Action Required
 4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Macchesney, Dante Augustus, 22, Rochdale
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 6:47 p.m. Serve Warrant,

Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest Martin, Maria Concetta, 38, Rutland
 Charges Warrant
 8:10 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 9:19 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
Wednesday, Aug. 6
 8:56 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Demond Pond, Information Given
 11:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 12:37 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Hart, Mckenzie Rose, 26, Greenville, New Hampshire
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 2:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:38 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Jamie Ann Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA) Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
Thursday, Aug. 7
 2:14 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:05 a.m. Complaint, Nancy Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Bethany Drive, Transported to Hospital
 10:37 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Cadrette, Adam Joseph, 43, Worcester
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, NO
 2:09 p.m. Fire – Fuel Spill, Main Street, Investigated
 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Crocker Nye Road, Cancelled
 4:33 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Maple Avenue, Call Transferred
 5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Njuraita, Joash Mwega, 26, Gardner
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J
 5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Rutland Heights Way, Citation Issued
 6:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Quail Run Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:58 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road,

Written Warning
 11:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
Friday, Aug. 8
 12:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Vehicle towed
 Summons Oliva Salinas, Jose Luis, 26, Worcester
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 8:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:55 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Fairview Avenue, Referred to Other Agency
 2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Lewis Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 6:49 p.m. Fire – Fire Investigation, Main Street, Fire Extinguished
 6:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Nick Alan Circle, Report Filed
 9:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 10:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Nagbe, Lee S., 34, Worcester
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, No
 10:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:03 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Paxton Public Safety Building, Officer/Chief Advised
Saturday, Aug. 9
 4:34 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 6:03 a.m. Recovered/Confiscated Property, Main Street, Returned
 6:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 12:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Thurston Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:23 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Vista Circle, Investigated
 12:52 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Miles Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Verbal Warning
 5:20 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, River Road, Returned
 6:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 3
 3:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ragged Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:54 a.m. Emergency – Sick/Unknown, Cheyenne Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
 2:45 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gardner Road, No Action Required
 5:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Simond Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:13 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Vehicle Towed
 11:33 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Monday, Aug. 4
 7:10 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Old Colony Road, Investigated
 11:52 a.m. Safety Concern, Worcester Road, Investigated
 5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
Tuesday, Aug. 5
 9:28 a.m. Harassment Service/Information/Violence, Main Street, Information Given

10:19 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Old Colony Road, Report Filed
 1:47 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Kruse Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:43 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Flagg Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Wednesday, Aug. 6
 1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Hart, Mckenzie Rose, 26, Greenville, New Hampshire
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 2:37 p.m. Complaint, Apache Road, Negative Contact
 4:29 p.m. Property – Lost and/or Found, Madison Way, Returned
 7:22 p.m. Unwanted Party, Williamsville Road, Party Departed without Incidents
Thursday, Aug. 7
 9:48 a.m. Erratic Operation, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal

Complaint
 Summons Szymakowski, Stanley John, 45, Templeton
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Unregistered Motor Vehicle * C90 S9, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With C90 s23
 6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning
 10:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Citation Issued
Friday, Aug. 8
 2:02 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Morgan Road, Information Taken
 2:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
 4:38 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Navajo Street, Information Given
Saturday, Aug. 9
 1:25 p.m. Unwanted Party, Hale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:39 p.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
 10:20 Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 3
 11:24 a.m. Complaint, Lincoln Road, Officer/Chief Advised
Monday, Aug. 4
 8:12 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) East Hill Road, Entry Gained
 9:22 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:01 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Crawford Road,

Recovered
Tuesday, Aug. 5
 4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 5:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, No Action Required
 9:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed
Wednesday, Aug. 6

11:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Scott Road, Report Filed
 1:11 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
 6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
Thursday, Aug. 7
 11:38 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Scott Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:26 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Road, Negative Contact
Friday, Aug. 8
 11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 12:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 12:33 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Report Filed
Saturday, Aug. 9
 5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

11:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Scott Road, Report Filed
 1:11 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
 6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
Thursday, Aug. 7
 11:38 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Scott Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:26 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Road, Negative Contact
Friday, Aug. 8
 11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 12:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 12:33 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Report Filed
Saturday, Aug. 9
 5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

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Friday, Aug. 8
 11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 12:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 12:33 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Report Filed
Saturday, Aug. 9
 5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

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Saturday, Aug. 9
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Crash, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 10:18 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 10:53 a.m. Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled
 2:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, Aug. 20
 7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
 8:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
Thursday, Aug. 21
 2:15 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Turkey Street, Services Rendered
 1:10 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
 1:55 p.m. 911 Hang-up/

Abandoned, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
 5:20 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 5:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
Friday, Aug. 22
 1:43 a.m. Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:52 p.m. Complaint, Mechanic Street, Unfounded
 8:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled
 8:26 p.m. Parking Complaint, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered
Saturday, Aug. 23
 4:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patril Hollow Road, Patient Refusal
 2:06 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
 4:18 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Greenwich Road, Report Taken
 4:46 p.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Summit Road, Patient Refusal
 5:25 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To
 5:59 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
 6:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Street, Transported to Hospital
Sunday, Aug. 24
 3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
 4:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Patient Refusal
Monday, Aug. 25
 4:27 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Patient Refusal
 7:44 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Carlson Road, Patient Refusal

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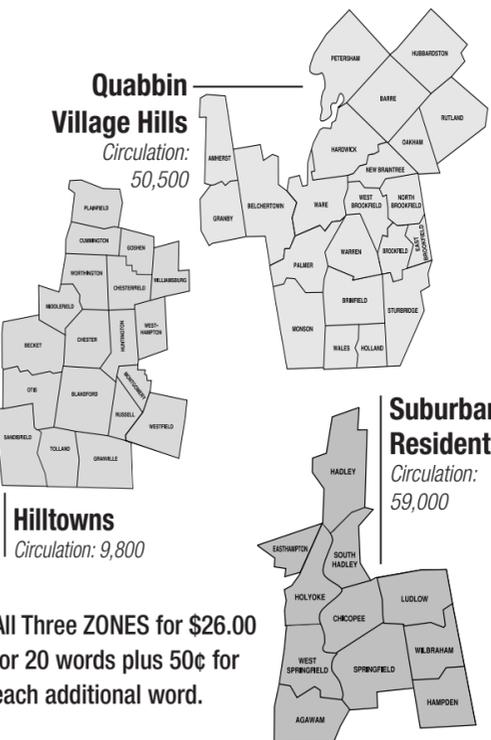
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