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## Task force will look at bringing healthcare to Hardwick

By Paula Ouimette  
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HARDWICK – Resident Judi Korzec gave the Select Board an update on a healthcare project she has been discussing with the Board of Health and others.

At the Aug. 26 meeting, Korzec said there are five pillars to the project, which she hopes will bring healthcare to Hardwick and its surrounding towns.

These pillars include the demolition status of Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, the Gilbert Trust, the model for healthcare in the community, grant funding and location identification.

“The Mary Lane demolition’s a really big deal,” she said. “When it was decided that Mary Lane was being brought down, it’s really interesting that Hardwick was not really brought into these discussions.”

Korzec said Baystate Health not only shut down Mary Lane Hospital, but it also sold all five health plans it was managing to a private equity group.

“This is not just about ‘we don’t have a building anymore,’” she said. “We’re going to have a lot of people in town that are actually not getting to have their healthcare accessible in the same way...it’s a really serious situation out here.”

Korzec said there is a demolition delay for the buildings on the Mary Lane Hospital property, and that Ware residents are fighting against what their town has already agreed to, due to a number of issues including cost, liability and asbestos.

“I get it, it’s a big fight,” she said.

Korzec said the demolition delay is “ultimately delaying the inevitable.”

Korzec said it’s important that the people of Hardwick pay attention to the various trusts tied up in Mary Lane Hospital, including the Gilbert Trust and the Paige Trust. She said the Mary Lane Hospital property is tied to the trust.

She said the goal is to remove Baystate Health as the beneficiary of these trusts, as it is no longer providing healthcare to the region.

“Baystate is pushing back and saying ‘listen, we’re providing Wing, which is giving healthcare to Ware within 25 miles,’” she said. “Not us.”

Korzec said the town of Ware has hired an outside lawyer in addition to their regular counsel. She said the outside lawyer is looking at the trust and town counsel (KP Law) is addressing the demolition.

“What’s been uncovered through this trust, Bank of America and Baystate are open to discussion,” she said. “The fact of the matter is; it is not meeting the original intent of Gilbertville and Ware. It is not.”

Korzec talked about the Hardwick healthcare model, which she is working on with the Board of Health, Physician’s Advisory Board, UMass, UMass Innovation and more.

“We’re trying to put a model here in Hardwick and our communities, including New Braintree and Barre, that actually meets the needs of a rural community,” she said.

This includes a small urgent care, a satellite pharmacy, vans and mobile units, placing AEDs throughout town and the training of residents.

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## STM draws huge crowd

Land and building purchase passes

By Eric Goodhart  
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – There is little likelihood that any resident from 10 to 100 did not know there was a meeting at on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Center School.

Town Administrator Nate Boudreau made sure the word went out. He apologized to the residents for the flood of Robocalls, sometimes two in one day, urging them to come to the meeting.

But apologies were not necessary. The residents of Hubbardston knew from the start of his administration two years ago that transparency would be an ongoing principle of his leadership. Those who did go were glad they did.

Because of the enormous turnout, the very efficient long-time Moderator, René Lafayette, did not gavel in the meeting until 7:30 p.m. By that time, there was standing room only. Jeff Williams, the Chair of the Town Select Board, said it was the largest turnout he had ever seen in the 12 years he has been the Chair.

Before the official start of the meeting, Lafayette recognized two dedicated long-term town officers, Chief Hayes and Captain Casey of the Fire Department, for their 30 years of service in the town. They both received a well-deserved



Turley photo by Eric Goodhart

Moderator, René Lafayette delayed the start of the Special Town Meeting for 30 minutes to allow the large group of voters to check in and get seated.

standing ovation.

The meeting then commenced with all residents in rapt attention. After doing their due diligence, the town administration devised a plan to be carried out in three phases. Phase 1 was to be voted on that night. It was to vote for the acquisition of 5.3 acres at 48 Gardner Road, which includes a wood-structured building currently occupied by three businesses serving area residents. As Select Board Chair Williams

said, the building’s sale was unexpected and the opportunity to purchase a structure that could house or provide space for all the town offices, as well as Fire and Police Departments, “could not be passed up.”

After several meetings with the town departments, including the Planning Board, the Fire and Police Departments, the Council on Aging, the library, and, of course, the Finance Committee, an agreement with the property

owner was made in a purchase and sell agreement for \$700,000 that would last until Saturday, Sept. 21.

The Police, Fire, and Municipal Departments, including Town Hall facilities, would be located in one central location, which would increase accessibility and improve services.

The first of eight speakers was Select Board Chair Williams. He

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## Selectmen discuss changes to streetlights

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Clerk Vaughn Schlegel read a draft letter from the board to send to National Grid about participating in a streetlight replacement program.

This program would allow the town to convert from high-pressure sodium lights to LED for both town and private-paid streetlights.

“All of this will be done at no cost to the residents and community,” he read from the letter at the Aug. 20 meeting. “We will work with National Grid to ensure that wattages and illumination is bright enough for the location of the lights to ensure the safety of our residents and the community.”

The board approved the letter to send to National Grid.

**Grove Street streetlight**

Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre said National Grid turned off the streetlight located on Grove Street years ago, but offered to turn it back on after a resident requested for it to be turned on again. The town would be responsible for the cost to operate the streetlight, which is estimated at about \$11 a month.

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## Murphy named as new elementary school principal

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Superintendent Timothy McCormick introduced new Elementary School Principal Arthur Murphy to School Committee members at their recent meeting.

“Art is an established school leader, he’s been in multiple districts with great success,” McCormick said at the Aug. 19 meeting. “I think Art is really the right person for this position.”

Murphy is replacing longtime North Brookfield Public Schools educator and principal Sarah Priestley, who accepted a position in another school district.

McCormick updated the committee about recent hires and resignations. He said positions are posted as soon as a resignation is received.

McCormick said new teacher orientation for all recent hires will begin that week, which includes a complete introduction to the school

district and connecting staff to each other.

“We want to set our new teachers up for success as they enter the school year,” he said.

New teachers will be paired with a mentor, who they will meet with monthly for two years.

**New school year**

McCormick announced that breakfast and lunch will be free for all students across the commonwealth again this school year.

In anticipation of the first day of school on Aug. 28, McCormick is preparing to send out newsletter to both families and staff.

The newsletter is intended to try “to get parents as much information as we can, prior to the start of school,” he said.

McCormick said the new student information system will be launched this school year.

“It’s much simpler than our current system and we feel it will be a lot more benefit to not only our teachers, but also our families and our students as we go through this process,” he said.

McCormick said staff are ready to implement new curriculum this school year, as well as transitioning sixth grade students to the middle school wing.

McCormick said the school district is partnering with a worldwide consulting firm founded by former central Massachusetts administrator. Teachers and the leadership team will receive training throughout the year.

“We’ve been doing a lot of work last year and a half around aligning our curriculum and we feel this is the next step in giving our teachers the skills and our students the access to be more successful with the curriculum and what they’re learning,” he said.

**Administrators’ reports**

High School Principal John Diorio said his staff has been preparing for the new school year, and he shared a slideshow video created by teacher Matthew Bilz and students, entitled “Greatness Begins Here”. The video highlighted all the high school has to offer, from athletics to academics, and

will be linked into the school newsletter.

Diorio said the video features interviews with several of the students, sharing their experience in the school district.

“It’s a very good video,” McCormick said.

Diorio said he received the New England Association of Schools and Colleges report regarding the high school’s performance, and he shared some of the highlights from it. He said the school was approved for accreditation by NEASC.

Highlights include fostering a positive school culture that “ensures all learners are known and valued,” and “promotes a sense of collaboration, shared ownership, pride in leadership and social responsibility.”

NEASC identified Diorio’s leadership as being a positive example to student leaders.

“Inclusivity and compassion,” were other positives NEASC identified in the school’s culture.

Diorio said he is “really proud” of the accreditation and the high

school’s accomplishments.

Diorio said the recently created “portrait of a graduate” will be incorporated into lessons and school culture, revolving around five key areas: critical and creative thinkers, global citizens, collaborators and communicators, character and resilient and flexible learners.

Student-athletes and coaches participated in sport’s night to discuss practice and game schedules, expectations and concussion protocols. He said this fall the high school will have a field hockey team and they hope to have a boys and girls cross country team and a junior varsity soccer team.

In his new role as Elementary School Principal, Murphy said he is focusing on learning about the elementary school, from staff to students.

“I’m very excited for my first year,” he said.

Murphy said a lot is happening with the curriculum at the elementary school this school year, includ-

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Some members of Barre Assembly International Order of Rainbow along with some members of the Demolay were on hand to provide fun events for children at the first ever family picnic held at the Oakham Historical Association Museum on Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.

## OHA hosts family picnic

OAKHAM – Members of the Oakham Historical Association offered summer picnic fare for those attending their monthly open house at the Oakham Historical Museum located on Old Turnpike Road.

They had help from members of Barre Assembly International Order of Rainbow for Girls along with some members of Demolay Chapter for young men. They offered face painting and several fun games include “fishing” for prizes. The picnic menu included various cold cuts and rolls to make your own sandwiches, chips, potato salad and cucumber salad along with cold drinks, desserts and even peanut butter jelly sandwiches and freeze pops for children.

The museum is open the fourth Sunday of the month from 1-4 p.m. The last open house of the season will be Oct. 27. The museum houses letters, clothing, photos and other artifacts of Oakham’s history. The Young Annex located on the property contains some of the larger items in their collection such as a horse drawn hearse and carriage.



Turley photos by Ellenor Downer

Benjamin sitting in his Uncle Lee Dougan’s lap sports a spotted cow on his face, painted by Barre Assembly members. Marna and Bill Mucha manned the picnic food table.



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# News of the Towns



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## BOH to hold flu and Covid vaccination clinic

The Barre Board of Health will be holding a Flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Senior Center for individuals 18 years old and above in October if we have enough interest. You can sign up online at the townofbarre.com, Facebook or at the Senior Center. Sign-up closes Monday, Sept. 30. People may sign up at the senior center or by visiting the town website at townofbarre.com/health. If the minimum number is met, a date and time will be posted on the website, Facebook, at the Senior Center, and in the Barre Gazette. People may call the Board of Health with any questions 978-355-2504, extension 117.

## Design pancake breakfast

Cradle Rock Order Eastern Star will sponsor a design pancake breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St.

Cost is \$9 per person and \$5 for children 8 and under. People may design their own pancake. Breakfast menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

## Town photo and craft fair

The Barre 250th Anniversary Committee invites all Barre residents and friends to gather for a special town-wide photo by the bandstand on Barre Common Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. This unique photograph will capture the spirit of the community and be added to a time capsule as a cherished memento for future generations. After the photo, the Barre Craft Fair, will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the common and in the town hall building. The fair will feature a variety of local artisans, crafts, and delicious food, making it a fun-filled day for everyone.

## 250th Anniversary parade and fireworks

On Saturday, Sept. 21 Barre's 250th Anniversary grand parade starts at 1 p.m. with retired state Sen. Stephen Brewer as Grand Marshal. Parade participants include Ferino String Mummies, Melha Shriners, UMass Lowell Marching Band, Stow Creek Drum Corps and more. There will be food trucks all day. Fireworks begins at dusk at Stone Cow Brewery, 500 West St., Barre. There will be live music from Secret Sage at 5 p.m. at the Brewery as well as food and beer.

## Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume's and state Sen. Peter Durant's staff will hold an office hour on Monday, Sept. 16 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Barre Senior Center. State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's, District Liaison, Jared Grigg, and Kim Mongeau, communications director, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. If they would like a private meeting, they may call Donna at 774-402-4742.

## Barre Farmer Market

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

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## GABB Golf Tournament



Submitted Photos

Melissa, Sean, Jack and Grace Murphy were a family team, who played at the G.A.B.B. Golf Tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational church and held at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club in Oakham.

OAKHAM – On Monday, Aug. 5, 82 golfers and 20 plus volunteers gathered at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club for the 27th annual G.A.B.B. Golf Tournament.

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

The weather was gorgeous, spirits were high and play was enthusiastic. Foursomes made good use of strings (used to extend putts) and mulligans (used to retake short or wayward shots) and some impressive low scores were achieved. Third place was won by the foursome of Jack Amadio, Gary Donlin, and Mike and Irene Caruso, with 16 under par. Sam and Eric Lajoie with Jon Hardacker and Josh Russell came in second at -17 and first place went to Mark Bengston, Ron Lecaie, Steve Gervais and Dennis Leonard at 20 under par. The team of Greg and Luke Giard and AJ and Alex Kularski took home the "Most Honest" award.

Other winners included Closest to the line, Nicholas Aufiero; Closest to the pin, Josh Russell; Longest drive (men), Ryan Hatch and Longest drive (women), Jenny Laramee. Craig Andrews took second place and Eric Lajoie was first in the putting contest that preceded the tournament.

In addition to the tournament prizes, there were hundreds of raffle prizes available for the players who stayed for the delicious Italian Buffet banquet. No one went home empty handed!

The Tournament was a huge success, raising over \$12,000 for charity. We would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers for their work and generosity: Graphite Insulating Systems, Lajoie Brothers Transport, Mike's Mechanical, Dean Moran Electrical, George and Janet Paradis, Schooner Financial Assoc., Jeffery Nahkala, Executive Lawn Services, Miles Funeral Homes, Moran Law, Christine Nahkala, Pine Acres Family Camping Resort, Dick and Gail Pryce, The Hatch Group, Yummy Garden, ColBro, Eastern Solar Services, In A Heartbeat, LLC, J & J Family Restaurant, Ward and Edna Holloway, Herb and Dorothy Holmes, Malcolm Ide, Heather and Duncan Stewart, Whitco, Wong Dynasty, Higgins Energy, Subway of North Brookfield, 148 Package Store, Jed's Hardware, Barre Gazette, The Black and White Grille, Brynne's Bread, Charlie's Diner Bar & Grill, Coldbrook Springs Winery, Dippin' Donuts, Mathilde Duffy, Hannaford Supermarkets, J & J Family Restaurant, Ladd's Restaurant, Quinn's Blue Plate, Still Four Corners, Bob Tefft, Val's Restaurant, Quail Hollow Country Club, Linda Barringer, Abigail Bedard, Paul Brown, Barbara Crawford, Ellie Downer, Jill Giard, Edna and Ward



Tim, James, Jenny and Dan Laramee were one of the many teams, who played in the G.A.B.B Golf Tournament.



Mary Haynes, Barbara Young, Mary Amadio and Bonnie McDonald were the only all-female foursome.

Holloway, Abby Kiernan, Lisa Lajoie, Kristina Lajoie, Norma Mann, Chris Nahkala, Sharon Onorato, Brett Ouimette, George and Jan Paradis, Jan and Bob Pierce, Gail and Dick Pryce, Dawn Thistle. And we hope to see you all again next year.



AJ Kularski was the youngest golfer playing in the tournament.

## Hubbardston

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## State Primary set for Sept. 3

The State Primary election will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3 with the polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

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## 5K Fundraiser

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

## 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.

## 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. 2. 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, baked cinnamon pears, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Potato crunch fish, herbed potatoes, peas and onions, lemon pudding, diet = sugar free tapioca pudding, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Baked ham, mashed potatoes, herbed broccoli and carrots, fresh fruit, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Garlic herbed chicken, corn-bread stuffing, mixed vegetables, fruited ambrosia, whole wheat bread

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

## 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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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Election Day – Sept 3 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
 Felton Filed Commission – Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Sept. 4 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – Sept. 4 and Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.,  
 Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – Sept. 4, Sept.  
 11 and Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Sept. 9 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Sewer Commission – Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Sept. 26 at 11 a.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.  
 Election Day – Nov. 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Council on Aging – Sept. 4 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Historical Commission – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – Sept. 11 at 4 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 12 at  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 16 at 3 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 17 at 5:30  
 p.m.  
 Board of Registrars – Oct. 26 at 9 a.m.  
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council –  
 Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Agricultural Commission – Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.  
 Open Space Committee – Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Board of Selectmen – Aug. 26, Aug. 27, Sept. 10  
 and Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.  
 Sewer Commission – Sept. 1 at 3:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Library Trustees – Aug. 29 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Sept. 13 at noon  
 Planning Board – Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Open Space and Recreation Committee – Sept.  
 3 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 3 at 7 a.m.  
 Board of Health – Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.  
 Select Board – Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17,  
 Nov. 7, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cultural Council – Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Sept. 10 at 10 a.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.

### RUTLAND

Cable Advisory – Aug. 29 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Economic Development Commission – Aug. 29  
 at 6 p.m.  
 Rutland Development and Industrial  
 Commission – Aug. 29 at 6 p.m.

## Melissa Hoffer to speak at Climate Forum in Barre

By Sue Coles

BARRE – On a beautiful summer day I sat with Melissa Hoffer in the welcome shade of a maple tree on Petersham Common. I wanted to get to know the MA Climate Chief, who will be speaking at Climate Forum Barre in October.

Hoffer has had an illustrious career in the field of Environmental Law, working for the Conservation Law Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency under the Biden administration, in the Attorney General of Massachusetts' office and much more. She was appointed to her current position of Massachusetts Climate Chief in April, 2023.

In May of 2024, Hoffer joined a delegation from Massachusetts to attend a Climate Summit in Rome "From Climate Crisis to Climate Resilience" called by Pope



Melissa Hoffer

Francis. Scientists, faith leaders and policy makers from around the world attended. A Call to Action resulted from the combined efforts of attendees. Hoffer said it was thrilling to be part of it.

I asked what sparked her life long commitment to the environment. She said that growing up in southeastern Pennsylvania,

she spent a lot of time outdoors, finding many engaging things to explore. Early on she recognized the value of the natural environment and people's connection to it. "Whatever my work has been, I've found ways of encouraging people to connect with and respect the environment."

Before settling in Barre, Hoffer said "I fell in love with Barre the second I saw it. Not only is it beautiful, but I feel there is a core of shared values among people, a respect for nature and people caring about each other."

Chief Hoffer will address what is happening on a state level to help people address challenges resulting from the changing climate. She will be joined by MIT Climate Research Scientist, Adam Schlosser and Harvard Forest Chief Ecologist, Jonathan Thompson at the Climate Forum Barre, Friday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

## 200th anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell Tour is Sept. 3

STURBRIDGE – This year marks the bicentennial celebration of the Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour of the United States in 1824.

Throughout that year-long tour of all 24 states, Americans honored Lafayette with a parade and great fanfare at almost every stop he made. Local craftspeople also produced many types of commemorative memorabilia, such as the pictured drum, baby shoes, and ribbons, now in the Old Sturbridge Village Museum Collection.

When Lafayette toured the state of Massachusetts in 1824 his final stop was in the Town of Sturbridge, where he was greeted by a martial band, the Town's artillery company, and thousands of civilians.

### Commemorative ceremony

Join the Sturbridge Historical Society and Old Sturbridge Village on Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. for a commemorative event on the Sturbridge Town Common, the exact ground where Lafayette stopped. An actor portraying Lafayette will be greeted by costumed interpreters portraying veterans of the Revolution, members of the Sturbridge Artillery, who will stand by with

their cannon, and the musicians from the Uxbridge Grenadiers.

There will be a triumphal arch, toasts by costumed interpreters from Old Sturbridge Village, fife and drum music, as well as performances by the OSV Singers and Dancers. Experience the closest thing to the actual events that took place in 1824 here in Sturbridge.

This ceremony is free and open to the public.

This commemorative event is part of The American Friends of Lafayette's 2024-2025 Bicentennial Tour, which will take place across the 24 states that Lafayette visited on his Farewell Tour. For more details about The American Friends of Lafayette and other Bicentennial Tour programming, please visit [lafayette200.org](http://lafayette200.org).

### Banquet at the Public House

At 7:30 p.m., there will be a banquet commemorating Lafayette's visit to Massachusetts and New Hampshire at the Public House, which is one of the buildings that Lafayette actually visited in 1824. The dinner is the Public House's distinctive "Yankee Dinner Buffet."

Alan Hoffman, President of

American Friends of Lafayette and translator of the account written by Lafayette's secretary, will reflect on the contrast between the original tour and its just completed recreation. There will be an additional discussion of Lafayette's human rights record.

Members of the Colonel Timothy Bigelow chapter of the DAR will do a presentation on "Lafayette and the Ladies."

Tickets are \$75 per person and pre-registration is required. Limited spaces are available.

To purchase tickets, go to the website for The American Friends of Lafayette, search under Events for Sturbridge Public House Banquet.

For more information, visit the American Friends of Lafayette at [www.friendsoflafayette.org](http://www.friendsoflafayette.org) or learn more about the planned 24-state bicentennial events at [www.Lafayette200.org](http://www.Lafayette200.org).

For a detailed summary of each city and town Lafayette visited in 1824, and speeches given, visit Peter Reilly's blog at [www.lafayetteMA1824.org](http://www.lafayetteMA1824.org). Reilly is the Chairman of the Massachusetts committee organizing Lafayette's tour across the Commonwealth.

## Senior Center hosts Medicare presentation

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center will be hosting an educational presentation on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 12:30 p.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 and 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

## Vendors needed for Oktoberfest at Common Ground Ciderworks

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

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

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

Raffles, games for young and old and music will be provided by the Friends of the Town House. Common Ground will be selling food and drink. For more information, email [Friends@NBTownHouse.com](mailto:Friends@NBTownHouse.com) or [M\\_Caramiello@yahoo.com](mailto:M_Caramiello@yahoo.com).

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**Rep. Berthiaume/Sen. Durant Staff to hold office**  
 State Rep. Donald Berthiaume's and state Sen. Peter Durant's staff will hold an office hour on Monday, Sept. 16 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the upstairs of the Oakham Town Hall. State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's, District Liaison, Jared Grigg, and Kim Mongeau, communications director, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. If they would like a private meeting, they may call Donna at 774-402-4742.

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

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

**Church news**  
 Sunday School resumes Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road. The church choir will begin singing after taking the summer off on Sunday, Sept. 8.

## Vendors needed for Flea Market on the Common

WEST BROOKFIELD –The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. has been hosting its Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years and this year it will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sellers of all kinds are welcome - flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics. No food vendors, please.

Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20 by 20 grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents.

The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. Email to [fccofwb-fleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:fccofwb-fleamarket@gmail.com) for an application.

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# Opinion

## Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

### Retiree asks about his Social Security

Dear Rusty

I retired with a (gross) \$4,600 per month Civil Service Retirement System annuity from the U.S. Postal Service in December 2022. I am 66 and will attain Full Retirement Age in November of this year.

I know at that point I will not be subject to the "earnings" test, but I will be affected by the dreaded "government offset." I have earned enough quarters and will be eligible for a small social security benefit.

First question: will my Social Security benefit just be reduced or will it be eliminated? Second: will it make a difference if I apply in November or when I turn 70? I am currently working part-time and paying Social Security FICA taxes.

Third: if my SS is being eliminated, do I even have to apply? Fourth and last: I am married, filing jointly and my wife is currently receiving SS benefits (only). Could I also be affected by the "windfall" provision if my wife predeceased me?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Upset to Offset and Downfall to Windfall

Dear Upset

You are correct that when you reach your Full Retirement Age in November you will no longer be subject to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. But if you apply for your Social Security to start in November, your SS benefits will be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision due to your non-covered CSRS pension because you didn't pay into SS while earning your CSRS pension. As you may know, only those federal employees, who retired under CSRS are affected by WEP; newer Federal employees, who retire under the more recent Federal Employee Retirement Program program are not affected.

Because of your CSRS pension, your Social Security benefit will be reduced, but not eliminated. The amount of reduction will be based on the number of years of non-government employment you had where you paid into Social Security. Usually, those who have spent a lifetime earning a pension without contributing to SS, but who have a separately earned SS pension, will see their SS benefit cut approximately in half.

To answer your second question, your benefit will, indeed, continue to grow if you wait until you are age 70 to claim Social Security. Benefits taken after one's FRA earn "Delayed Retirement Credits," which add to your final benefit amount. Your benefit will still be reduced by WEP, but your final amount will be more because you waited longer to claim.

Regarding your third question, your SS benefit will only be reduced, not eliminated, so it's always worthwhile to apply. Otherwise, you are forfeiting Social Security money you are entitled to.

And lastly, if your wife dies before you, your CSRS pension will also cause another provision called the Government Pension Offset provision to apply. The GPO will reduce your surviving spouse benefits by 2/3rds of the amount of your government CSRS pension, which will likely eliminate any spousal benefit you are entitled to except the so-called "death benefit," which is a one-time lump sum \$255 benefit paid to a surviving spouse).

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## In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 5, 2019)

Vacation Bible School held Aug. 19 through Aug. 23 offered late summer fun activities before school started the following week. Sponsored by Oakham Congregational Church, VBS had about 36 children participating with numbers varying day to day. There were 13 adults and 13 teen helpers. VBS director, Heather Stewart, said, "Once again we had a very successful Vacation Bible School." She said, "The children were divided into age groups and went to activities that included a Bible story, arts and crafts, sports and games, music and a themed snack.

Tom Scanlon of Scanlon and Associates gave his report to Hubbardston Selectmen on the results of the town's yearly audit. "The Audit went well and [the town] came a long way in ten years - communication a lot better," Scanlon said. The town generated \$131,000 in excess revenue. The auditor said insurance payments for ambulance service was going done. The town estimated \$200,000 in ambulance receipts and received \$144,000 for a \$55,000 deficiency. He cautioned town officials not to over estimate revenue there and suggested to be more conservative in revenue projections. He said 11% of the budget was stabilization and free case and that was a good thing. Those numbers should be 10% or higher. Payment in Lieu of Taxes was the fourth largest revenue source for the town. The town had a 96% tax collection rate.

There will be a regional household hazardous waste day on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m.-noon, at the North Brookfield Recycling Center, at 57 East Brookfield Road, North Brookfield. Residents of the following towns North Brookfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield and Spencer may bring in the following: up to 10 gallons/10 pounds hazardous waste at no charge; 10-24 gallons of Hazardous waste or \$30 and 25 gallons/25 pounds or more of hazardous waste at \$50. Residents from outside of those towns will be charge \$40 for 1-24 gallons/pounds of household hazardous waste and \$60 for 25 gallons/pounds or more of household hazardous waste.

10 years (Sept. 4, 2014)

The pumpkins will be growing until Columbus Day weekend. Petersham Grange No. 95 teamed up with the local Lions Clubs on Aug. 23 to co-sponsor the community's 2014 Old Home Day. The Grange returned to its traditional role of coordinating the agricultural fair this year after a 19-year hiatus.

Grange members planned and organized the traditional agricultural fair part of the day's events. Area residents brought produce, craft items, baked and canned items and an auction. This year, the fair included an update on the Grange big pumpkin and a chance to guess the weight of one of the pumpkins. About 20 families are still in the running in the big pumpkin contest, which will have a final event to

### LOOK BACK Sounds of Summer - 1993



The Quabbin Community Band, directed by guest conductor, Bob Pereira, performed in the Harding Allen Bandstand on Barre Common July 11. Concerts are held each Sunday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

announce the winner on Columbus Day weekend.

Newly appointed building inspector, Joe Mikielien, presented Oakham Selectmen with a proposed fee change schedule. He said the fees have not been changed in five years. He explained that the minimum base fee was \$75 and stated, "there is a lot of work for even the basic fee. He told the Board he looked at the fees in the area." He commented that since the two months that he has been on the job, he received ten permits. Seventy percent of the fee goes to the building inspector and 30% to the town. Selectmen William Storie requested to take the matter under advisement. The Board accepted the fee schedule report and will address the rate changes at their next meeting.

Approximately 16 residents attended the Aug. 25 Petersham Select Board meeting regarding the Nichewaug Inn Asbestos Abatement and Demolition, construction documents for bidding. The 312 page bid specifications submitted to the Select Board by International Engineering Group, LLC and Haynes Lieneck and Smith Architects. The Board had requested both IEG and HLS to attend the meeting to answer questions along with providing clarification in person to multiple discrepancies found throughout the document. Selectmen received written notice from Vincent Giambrocco, presi-

dent of IEG and Pale S. Lieneck of HLS that they would not attend the meeting.

25 years (Sept. 2, 1999)

The Woods Memorial Library in Barre was closed for vacation last week, but the new librarian, Jennifer Jourdain, was hard at work. She took advantage of the closing to familiarize herself with the library, its collection and the many free services the library offers. "I'm very impressed with the library," she said. "The staff is very friendly and competent and everyone has been very supportive and helpful in orienting me since I was hired last month." Jourdain said she has always been fascinated with libraries particularly with the way books are organized so people can find whatever they need or want quickly and easily. And the greatest thing about libraries is that they offer so much free of charge.

Stephen and Martha Femino were honored as exemplary foster parents by the Department of Social Services for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at the 14th annual foster parent adoptive parent recognition event held in May. Joined by 55 other outstanding foster adoptive families, the Feminos were applauded for the enormous strides and sacrifices they have made for the Commonwealth's most

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### Election letters to the editor welcome

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

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

#### Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in the Barre Gazette.

## Guest Column



### Next year I will not...

It's just about now when I feel, to some degree, embarrassed to be called the Garden Lady.

You see, my garden is not as well kept as I'd like it to be. I skimmed in a few areas that I shouldn't of.

As my oldest is about to enter her last year of high school I reflect back on the year of her birth, and how dismal my garden was that year. It was the first summer without a dog to keep critters at bay. We had a whole family of woodchucks eat pretty much everything in the garden.

I consoled myself by saying that I was growing a human that year and not a bunch of vegetables.

While responsibilities have changed in the fact I am no longer changing diapers or zipping up avocado and sweet potato in the blender, I'm still pretty busy with the kids and that has taken priority over a tidy garden. Usually it comes down to getting out what you put in and honestly, the garden has pretty much been on it's own since mid June. Gasp.

Maybe you can relate. So, the column today will be about what I plan to do better on next year, especially since I don't anticipate life slowing down anytime soon.

Next year I will not, absolutely not, skimp on fertilizer. My nature is to be frugal, but I will go back to the statement above of getting out what you put in.

I know that 12-foot squash vines probably need more sustenance than the few shovels of compost I put in their hills. This is evident by how pale the leaves are.

zMy soil test did indicate that nitrogen was low, and I did intend to go back when I bought that new bag of blood meal and amend it further but alas I did not. Next year I will not skimp on fertilizer.

Next year I will not, absolutely not, skimp on mulch. When I looked at what was left for mulch from the previous year I figured I had enough to get by.

Wrong. Part of the reason the yard looks like a jungle is because I should have mulched thicker. Mulch serves several purposes. It covers bare soil and prevents weed seeds in the soil from seeing the light of day, germinating and turning into a nuisance.

Mulch also breaks down over time into organic matter then humus, and feeds the soil. It also helps to conserve moisture.

Until this week we didn't really need help with that, but the abundance of rain, added to not nearly thick enough mulch, surely made for numerous weeds! Next year I will not skimp on mulch.

Next year I will not, absolutely not, let the weeds take over. The first two "will nots" relate to this paragraph entirely.

I prepped the garden and knew I should till in the old strawberry plants. I looked at a few sparse blossoms and thought, "I may get a few berries, I'll leave them in place and till them in later."

Well, the berries were few and far between but the surrounding weeds took over. Then the necrotic squash plants grew all over the weeds and the strawberry plants so I'm forced to wait until the first frost to

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Where did August go to and now the students are in school.

They used to start school after Labor Day, but not anymore. I was glad to see that the voters voted to acquire 48 Gardner Road property that is called Breezy Hill Corners. I wonder if they will keep the same name.

The mall was established in the 1990s by the late Kenneth C. Green Jr., who was on the school committee and town Assessor for years. I enjoyed meeting with him and discussing town affairs in his elderly years. When we were building our retirement home, we bought a lot of things from his hardware store at the mall.

It will be interesting to see what happens at the mall with the purchase by the town. Hubbardston sure is changing with the new set up on Main Street and changes that are being made. Having lived in Hubbardston for over 85 years, there have been many changes.

Recently, I was given a recipe book called North Central Mass. Senior Cookbook. My friend had a winning recipe in the book and this week I plan to try it. Here it is.

## CHICKEN AND BROCCOLI WITH ZITI

2 large boneless, skinless chicken breast cut into 1/2 inch strips

2 cups of broccoli heads

1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced

1/4 cup olive oil

2 cloves garlic, diced

salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup 2 percent milk

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

1/2 lb. Ziti or ziti pasta

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté chicken strips and garlic until lightly browned. Add broccoli to skillet and cook for an additional four

minutes.

Add milk and cheese to pan and turn burner to high. Stir until sauce forms. Remove from heat and keep warm. Cook Ziti or ziti pasta according to package directions and drain, but do not rinse. Toss Ziti with butter in a large bowl and add chicken mixture. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and serve.

## This and That

My helper comes on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday we made a blueberry pie. On Friday, I got groceries while she made pancakes to put in the freezer.

I wanted to resupply the muffins in the freezer so I made three kinds of muffins, banana, blueberry and toll bits. I use a package mix and add additional fruit or toll bits.

I did plant the four mum plants in the planters that had the broccoli plants and hope the slugs don't like mum plants. I'm getting some tomatoes off the potted ones.

The Handyman found two plums that the animals didn't eat off the plum trees. It is hard to harvest fruit in the woods.

I have been cutting back the day lilies and weeding them. When I am done this job, I will be removing them as they need to be divided. I have been given some aged manure, which I will put in the bed and replant the day lilies.

There is not much happening on Serenity Hill, but I'm getting ready for fall. Some of the bushes need to be cut back as there was a lot of growth this year. I noticed that the hydrangeas that were blue are now pink. I have been picking some to dry.

I made a set of placemats and a table runner for my oldest daughter with hens and chickens on them. She has a few chickens that supply them with eggs.

Have a good week and soon the foliage will be changing. I noticed some acorns are dropping now.

## HARDWICK, continued from page 1

Korzec said there are 14 specific brands identified to support these activities. Identifying a building to house these services is essential to moving forward.

She said a request has been submitted to the Health Resources and Services Administration to add Hardwick and surrounding communities to the "healthcare desert" designation in 2025.

"Anybody that's in this, in general, over the last five years, has gotten \$10 million to their town to support these," she said.

Korzec said she will return to the Select Board each month to give its members an update.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano proposed forming a healthcare task force, comprised of one member each from the Select Board, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Physician's Advisory Board of Health and Korzec. She will reach out to each board and committee to seek interested members to join the task force.

"There's a lot to oversee here," Caggiano said. "We really need to be watching this and looking out for Hardwick."

Korzec said staying on top of this project to bring healthcare to Hardwick is essential to the wellness of the community at large.

"If we don't have healthcare, we don't have anything," she said.

## Town Administrator's report

Caggiano said she had a meeting with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission along with the Highway Superintendent to discuss grants the town was awarded.

She also went over the possible grants the town could apply for with members of the Capital Planning Committee.

"We can be strategic about the grants we go for," she said.

Caggiano said she also met with both the Fire Chief and Highway Superintendent about using the two earmarks the town received from the state. She said the earmarks are for the Municipal Office Building and to replace three of the town's fire hydrants.

She said there are three vacancies on the Highway Department and applications have been coming in. She said the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant Chief Operator is still vacant and she encouraged people to apply.

Caggiano said town officials looked at a used

firetruck from the town of Wales, but it would not meet the town's needs. She said the Capital Planning Committee did approve the purchase of a demo truck, and the information will now be forwarded to the Select Board and Finance Committee.

"We really did our due diligence," she said. She said they need to be fiscally responsible, while still being responsible to its residents.

Caggiano said she meets weekly with the Assessor and Building Inspector regarding the three vacant town-owned properties.

## Recognitions

Caggiano recognized Devon Ruud, Director of Facilities at Eagle Hill School for mowing the grounds in preparation for the Hardwick Community Fair.

She said Police Officer Patrick Almstrom, Deputy Fire Chief Nicholas Gaumont and Firefighter Louie Gaumont will be recognized for saving a person's life back in January. They will be honored by the Worcester District Attorney's office on Sept. 23 in New Braintree.

Caggiano also recognized Treasurer/Collector Jess Crawford for taking classes toward earning her Massachusetts Treasurer's certification. She will be eligible to take the exam next August.

## Special event policy

Board members reviewed and approved an amended special event policy and application that was drafted by Caggiano.

This new application will help applicants and town departments ensure that all requirements have been met.

"Everyone has a section where they'll be kind of responsible for," Select Board Chair Kelly Kemp said. "Which I think is really good so that everyone's on board with the event that's happening."

Caggiano said the policy and application will help keep the special event process equitable and fair for all.

## Appointment

The board approved the appointment of Robert Guevin to the Hardwick Recycling Center.

## EMS contract

The board approved and signed an ambulance contract with the town of Barre after it was reviewed by town counsel.

## Upcoming holiday events

The Trail of Treats will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5:30-8 p.m., with a rain date of Oct. 27.

Christmas on the Common will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 3-5:30 p.m. with the tree lighting at 5 p.m.

provide—not just the fire and police departments but the library and senior center, too.

The town has 3,706 registered voters and 372 registered voters attended the meeting that night. To pass Phase One, a 2/3 vote was needed. 339 voted yes, and 33 voted no. The article passed. Phase II and III will be talked about and decided on as needed.

Town Administrator Boudreau thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that everything going forward on the plan will be available to all interested. As usual, the video of the entire meeting that night and all monthly committed meetings will be posted on the Town's YouTube channel and are available by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAT3xLOX2lg>.

The specific plans outlining the project, including comprehensive FAQs, are asked and answered on the town website at <https://www.hubbardstonma.us>.

occasions and hopefully will have another chance at it and maybe I'll get a few butternuts to eat.

I know for sure I'll get some nice decorative squash, thanks to the composted chicken manure. Live and learn I guess.

*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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*



## Virginia rail



The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a Virginia rail in Hampshire County at Lake Wallace in Belchertown.

The Virginia rail is a small rail of nine inches. It has a long bill, which can be reddish at the base. Its back has dark feathers with reddish brown edges. The face is gray. It summers on freshwater and brackish marshes and winters in salt marshes.

It feeds on mud flats in search of worms, snails and aquatic insects. The rail is heard more than seen. Calls are given mostly at dawn and dusk, but may occur at other times of the day or night. The male's territorial call is a metallic "kit kidit kidit kidit," It also gives a "kikikikeer" and a series of descending grunts. The female lays five to 12 buff eggs with dark marks in a loose, canopied, cup like nest of coarse grasses, reeds and sedges placed on the ground.

## Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident frequently visits ponds in his area. He said in an email, "On Aug. 17 I saw five great egrets at the no named pond on New Reed Street in Warren. Great egrets have shown up there starting in August most years, usually one or two. I had never seen more than three at that location previously."

He said, "A few days before that sighting I had seen a great egret at the osprey pond on South Street that is about half a mile from the pond on New Reed Street. I had never seen a great egret at that pond before."

## Belted kingfishers

He observed interesting behavior between two belted kingfishers at the pond in Warren. He said, "A female was chased all around the pond for over half an hour by a male. I saw brief begging behavior from the male so think it might have been a juvenile looking to be fed. The male would fly towards the perch where the female was sitting. Sometime the female flew off the perch before the male got close and other times the female sat for a bit before flying away. This continued, around and around, back and forth, all

around the pond. I never saw either bird hover like it was attempting to catch a fish. Occasionally the male would land on the same branch as the female and she would fly away immediately."

## Wild turkeys

The Brimfield resident has a wildlife camera in his yard. On Aug. 17 he checked the camera and it showed two adult turkeys and three poults had visited the yard. He said, "We knew turkeys had

been about because my wife found a feather in the driveway. We haven't seen turkeys much the last few years and it has been some time since we have seen poults."

Earlier this week, I saw a large flock of wild turkeys consisting of a few adults and many poults in Hubbardston. After I took the where is photo for the paper, I returned home the same way. The flock was still there.

## Massachusetts Audubon sightings

Massachusetts Audubon Society reported in Berkshire County a Baird's sandpiper on Bridgeview Lane in Sheffield, two Caspian terns at the Cheshire Reservoir in Cheshire, a Bonaparte's gull on Lake Onata in Pittsfield and a black-crowned night heron in Dalton.

In Franklin County there were a modest number of red crossbills at the Montague Sandplains Wildlife Area in Montague where at least 33 were tallied, a summing ring-necked duck also continued to be seen at the Turners Falls Power Canal.

At the East Meadows in Northampton in Hampshire County there was a northern shoveler, four sandhill cranes, four short-billed dowitchers, nine stilt sandpipers and a dickcissel. Elsewhere in the county there was a Virginia rail and a marsh wren at Lake Wallace in Belchertown, four sandhill cranes in the fields off Old Post Road in Worthington and two blue grosbeaks at the Honey Pot in Hadley.

Hampden County had two blue-winged teal and a red-necked phalarope at the Longmeadow Flats in Longmeadow and two Caspian terns at the Ranch Golf Course in Southwick.

In Worcester County four sandhill cranes were seen on Hall Road in Hardwick and eight red crossbills at gate 43 at Quabbin Reservoir in Hardwick. At Birch Hill Wildlife Area in Winchendon three Acadian flycatchers and 28 red crossbills were counted. Five evening grosbeaks were present in Royalston. A sanderingling was spotted at Quaboag Pond in Brookfield, and two blue-winged teal and a Louisiana waterthrush were seen at Bolton Flats Wildlife Area in Lancaster.

## Another pond visit

The Brimfield resident and his wife, who regularly visits local ponds, saw two great egrets, six mallards, a belted kingfisher and a male goldfinch at the New Reed Street pond in Warren.

At South Street in Warren, the couple saw a great egret, two male wood ducks in eclipse plumage, two osprey, a juvenile and an adult, who brought a fish for the juvenile. At Sherman Pond in Brimfield there were no birds just a lone fisherman and at Wheeler Pond three wood ducks and a green heron.

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

# Saint Joseph's hosts 42nd BBQ and parish picnic Sept. 7 and 8

NORTH BROOKFIELD – All are welcome to attend the 42nd annual Chicken BBQ and parish picnic at Saint Joseph's Church, 296 North Main St., on Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sunday, Sept. 8.

There will be plenty of fair food on Saturday evening and a delicious BBQ chicken dinner served on Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The cost of the chicken dinner is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 12 and under.

Music will be provided by DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc on Saturday and Sunday. The parish will also have assorted raffles including a scratch ticket raffle which features the grand prize of a book (50) \$30 lottery scratch tickets, and lastly a delicious bake sale.

Events begin on Saturday with a parish picnic at 5 p.m. on the church lawn after a special 4 p.m. Mass at the church. From 5-7 p.m. music will be provided by DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc and there will also be assorted fair-style food and raffles.

On Sunday from noon-3 p.m. DJ Richard "Tabby"

LeBlanc returns to provide music. There will also be a bake sale and assorted raffles.

The chicken BBQ dinner will be served (eat in and take out) from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

For chicken dinner tickets and more information, please call the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 508-867-6469.

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deal with the whole mess.

I'm not sure who said it first, but it's a smart diatribe: "Do not put off until tomorrow what can be done today."

With all this said I must cut myself some slack, and if you failed anywhere along the line with your garden, you should as well. Our gardens are a work in progress and although I wish I had done a better job, I did OK.

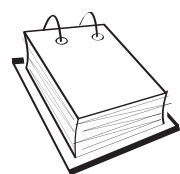
We enjoyed some yummy green beans and I froze some kale. I did make tomato sauce on a couple of

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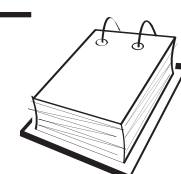
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# Calendar of Events



## THURSDAY, AUG. 29

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

## FRIDAY, AUG. 30

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

## SATURDAY, AUG. 31

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

LAST SATURDAY CONCERT will be held tonight from 5:30-7 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. The Otters will perform on Saturday, Aug. 31. The Barre Lions Club runs a concession stand during the concert.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

13TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW sponsored by the

## Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. 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. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Corinna LaPorte, Evelyn Luukko and Philip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the electric vehicle charging station next to the Hardwick Farmer's Cooperative in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

Barre Lions Club will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Common in Barre. There will be fun for all

STERLING GRANGE BOOTH will sell tasty desserts to rom 5-8 p.m. and breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sunday, Sept. 8 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Sterling Fair, located at the Sterling Airport, 121 Greenland Road, Sterling. On opening day, Friday, Sept. 6, attendees can enjoy strawberry or peach shortcake from 5-8 p.m. for \$7. Breakfast will be served on Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sept. 8 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. Sterling Grange, a non-profit organization, has been in existence continually for 150 years. Proceeds from these events will benefit the Grange Hall Renovation Fund and community service projects. For more information on these events or other activities, people may visit grange.org/sterlingma53/ or email sterling-grange53@gmail.com.

DESIGN PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Cradle Rock Order Eastern Star will sponsor a design pancake breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per person and \$5 for children 8 and under. People may design their own pancake. Breakfast menu includes pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 9

STORY TIME will be held today at 9 a.m. in the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The program will include the reading of two children's books: "Splish Splash Flappy Ducks" by Ann Tobias and "The Watermelon Seed" by Greg Pizzoli. This reading and crafts program is held at the library. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

TOWN GROUP PHOTO AND CRAFT FAIR sponsored by the Barre 250th Anniversary Committee will take place today at 10 a.m. for the photo and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for the craft fair. The committee invites all Barre residents and friends to gather for a special town-wide photo by the bandstand on Barre Common at 10 a.m. This unique photograph will capture the spirit of the community and be added to a time capsule as a cherished memento for future generations. After the photo, the Barre Craft Fair, will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the common and in the town hall building. The fair will feature a variety of local artisans, crafts, and delicious food, making it a fun-filled day for everyone.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

TOUROPACUM, a bike ride for land conservation, sponsored by the Southbridge Credit Union will take place today at the Brimfield Winery, 35 Main St., Brimfield. There are four supported routes from 20 to 100 miles. All routes are marked and paved. The 99.6 mile has a 6:30 a.m. start and the 62 mile an 8:30 a.m. start. The 30.6 mile starts at 10 a.m. and the 10.1 at 11 a.m. People that register early will save on the registration fee. There will be live music, food, beer and wine. People may visit TourOpacum.org for more information.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

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

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

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

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### STM warrant

The board approved the warrant for the special town meeting to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Police Department. The warrant contains two articles, including article 1, an amendment to the general bylaws regarding downtown unloading for businesses.

The amendment states: "No person shall stand or park a vehicle, either for purposes of loading or unloading, or any other purpose, in such a way that it occupies two or more public parking spaces or portions thereof. Loading and unloading of vehicles shall take place in areas designated for that purpose. Violation of this bylaw shall result in a fine to the vehicle owner of \$50. This section will be enforced by any town police officer or take any action relative thereto."

Article 2 will ask voters to transfer \$176.68 from the Collector Postage Machine account to prior year unpaid bills.

### Electrical aggregate program

Resident John Tripp said he has heard from many residents with questions about the electrical aggregate program the town is taking part in.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said any residents with questions about the program and how it works, can contact the Selectmen's office at 508-867-0200. Vice-Chair Elizabeth "Brooke" Canada said there is additional contact information on the letter that was mailed to all residents.

Petraitis said residents can also view meetings on the town's public access YouTube channel in which the program was discussed. Recent meeting dates include June 4 and June 18.

"We have been talking about this for a long time," Petraitis said.

Canada said the town and residents will see a savings by participating in the program over time, as electrical costs fluctuate. Tripp said he will save about three and a half cents per kilowatt hour by participating in the program.

Residents can opt out of the program at any time without penalty.

### One-day liquor licenses

The board approved a one-day liquor license for Still Hart's Cafe's annual playground fundraiser on Sept. 7 from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. There will be outdoor music, karaoke, a food truck and cornhole.

"They do this pretty much every year," Petraitis said.

Canada said the event benefits the town's playground and Parks and Recreation Committee and is a fun event.

The board also approved two one-day liquor licenses for Stars & Stripes, with one on Sept. 1 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and the other on Sept. 28.

### CMRPC extension

The board approved an extension request from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Committee for grant rounds from fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

The FY 21 grant includes the Mt. Pleasant Street improvement project, and is likely to be extended until June 2025, Barre said. FY 20 will be extended until Dec. 31 and includes the several housing rehabilitation projects and the Senior Center roof replacement.

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ing math, reading and Project Lead the Way. He said he is making sure the teachers have support in the first two days of school prior to students returning.

Interviews are being conducted to fill a shared STEM position between the two schools.

Student Services Director Amy Emory said she has been settling into her new role and meeting staff while learning processes and procedures.

Emory said the extended school year program was "very well attended" by students and she thanked families for their efforts to support their students and attend the program.

"The teachers and the staff who worked during the ESY program worked very hard to provide engaging, supportive programming for students," she said.

Emory said the school district's Circuit Breaker submission for special education reimbursement was completed in mid-July and they are waiting for it to be reviewed.

A kickoff meeting was held with a company that is assisting the school district in implementing a new IEP system.

### Recognitions

McCormick recognized the school district's custodian staff, for their work to keep the schools clean. He also credited the grounds crew, saying he was very impressed with their work.

"They really did a fantastic job this summer," he said. "It was a team effort."

McCormick thanked the ESY team, including teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff who worked with students over the summer; and the leadership team.

"Schools don't just open up on their own, it takes a lot of work behind the scenes," McCormick said. "The summer months is when you prep for that school opening... we're going to have a very successful opening because of their hard work."

### Regionalization update

School Committee Vice-Chair Tim Canada said there is no update about regionalization with the Quaboag Regional School District. He said Regional Agreement Amendment Committee member Shiela LeBlanc sent an email to the other committee members but has not heard a response yet.

"There's been no movement," he said.

### Policy and handbook updates

McCormick presented a draft

use of facility policy for the committee to review. He said the current policy requires School Committee approval for facility use, which can be challenging with only monthly meetings.

He said the school district received over 100 facility use forms last school year.

McCormick said the draft is broken down into subsections to add clarity.

McCormick said there were changes to Title IX regulations earlier this month and he will present a draft version of the policy to reflect this at next month's committee meeting.

The student handbooks have also been updated to include the new portrait of a graduate, attendance policy, grade changes, mission/vision and core values, schedules and more. The committee voted to approve the updated handbooks.

The School Committee also approved the curriculum for Valley View School.

### EV charging

Canada said the committee addressed a resident's concern about an electric vehicle being plugged in behind the school.

He said it would be good for the committee to look into providing an EV charging station sometime in the future.

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vulnerable children. The event was held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel. It was hosted by DSS Interim Commissioner Jeffrey A. Locke and emceed by Dave Madsen of WGGW News 40, who narrated the heart-warming stories of the honorees as they were presented with awards. The Feminos have been foster parents for 10 years. They have cared for some 45 foster children including siblings and currently have six teen-age girls.

The Trustees of the Hubbardston

Public Library met on Aug. 18 with Max Ferro, the architect for the building renovation project and learned the bids opened Aug. 12 came in much higher than were expected. Bids for the project ranged from \$233,000 to over \$350,000. The amount set aside for the work is the \$100,000 approved by the town in October 1998 and a matching \$100,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The town also voted \$15,000 for architectural fees. Ferro told the Trustees that the bids were way too high and told the contractors that the project would be re-bid. The bids have been re-ad-

tised this week in the state's Central Register, with a deadline of Sept. 8 at 2 p.m.

### 38 years (Sept. 4, 1986)

At the Aug. 14 meeting, the Quabbin Regional School District Committee elected Roberta M. Taylor to the position of high school principal at the Quabbin Regional Junior Senior High School. Taylor is a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida and comes to Quabbin from the West Boylston public school system. While there, she served as system's instructional planning coordinator. Taylor has strong professional and instruction-

al experience in curriculum and instructional development.

Maureen M. Marshall was chosen earlier this year to be the new Superintendent of the Quabbin Regional School District. Marshall had previously been the principal of Quabbin High. Marshall, who is replacing Corridon F. Trask, assumed her duties last July 1. She was chosen among two other candidates for the job. They were Edward Malvery, Superintendent-Principal of the West Brookfield Elementary School and Robert Marquis, Superintendent of the Orange East Supervisor Union

in Bradford, Vermont. Marshall received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from Wittenburg College in Springfield, Ohio; a Master's of Science from Anna Maria College in Paxton; is a current candidate for a Doctor's in Philosophy at Clark University in Worcester and holds a certificate of advanced graduate studies in education administration from Worcester State College.

Groundbreaking for the Barre Municipal Wastewater Treatment plant and sewer system has been scheduled to take place during the first week of December, said Katy

Inman, chairperson of the Sewer Commissioners. State Director of the Farmer's Home Administration, Everett Paluska notified Barre Selectmen last Monday that \$2,375,500 was approved for construction of the treatment plant and sewer line construction. The loan is one of three loans or grants given to the town to help pay its share of the \$11 million project. Federal and State governments will pick up the remainder of the town's \$3.4 million share. Inman said that the town is still looking for additional grants to lower the amount the town will have to contribute to the project.



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## Larger Panthers team looks to take gridiron by storm



Anthony Quartarone blocks as Jacoby Dilling tries to steal during a November game last year.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Wayne Page was named as the varsity football coach at Quabbin Regional High School prior to the start of the 2021 regular season.

The Quabbin football team only had 19 players in uniform for the final game of the 2021 campaign, which was a home loss to rival Gardner on the night before Thanksgiving.

When the Panthers kick off the 2024 regular season against the Gardner Wildcats at home on September 12, they'll have more than 40 players standing on the sideline.

"We finished the 2021 season with only 19 players, and we now have 43 players," said Page following a recent preseason practice. "The players have worked very hard during the offseason, and I'm really excited about this season."

The Panthers return a total of 19 starters from last year's squad, which finished with a 5-6 overall record.

"A lot of the seniors were forced to play key roles for us when they were freshmen, so they took their lumps," said Page, who was previously an assistant football coach at both Grafton High School, which is his alma mater, and at Hudson High

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Mike Tobin and Colin Harmon watch as Jacoby Dilling's corner kick scores for Quabbin.



Jenkins Miller passes to Colin Harmon during action last season.

## Central Mass. takes field hockey gold



Submitted photo

The Central Mass. Bay State Games Field Hockey team won the Gold Medal, which included Quabbin player, shown here, sophomore Makenzie Casey. The Bay State Games were held from Thursday, July 12 to Sunday July 14. The field hockey showcase consisted of five regions: Metro; Northeast; Southeast; Coastal; West and Central. The Central team went 3-0-1 in tournament play, and played in the gold medal round against the 3-1 Southeast team, beating them 2-1. Some of the local field hockey players were Makenzie Casey, Quabbin Regional HS; Kaitlynn Swistak, Quaboag Regional HS; Alyssa Drapuck, Tantasqua HS.

## Central Mass. wins Bay State Games

West team falls in bronze medal game

WALTHAM – The Central and West field hockey teams well-represented their regions in the Bay State Games held over the summer. The Central team won the gold while the West team made it to bronze game. Here are some highlights of the tournament.

Central won an early round game against Metro/Northeast 3-1. Central goals scored by

juniors Katelynn Swistak (6) and Emma Huslander (2) as well as sophomore Elly Schofer (8). Metro/Northeast's lone goal was scored by sophomore Lia Arevalo (10) assisted by freshman Addison Aufiero (8).

West had a wild tie with Coastal 5-5. Sophomore Adeline Finlaw (3) scored 2 goals and had one assist for Coastal. Sophomore Paige Moreau (8) had both a goal and an assist.

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## Former Red Sox prospect leads new baseball camp



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Alex Nunlist fields a grounder.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—Many sports camps were held throughout Western Massachusetts during the past several months.

The Summer Sendoff Baseball Camp took place on the baseball fields at Spec Pond in Wilbraham from August 19-22. The camp was run by Dustin Brisson, who played Minor League Baseball for the Boston Red Sox.

"I held a couple of private baseball clinics with Doug Clark, who's the WooSox hitting coach, during the offseason," Brisson said. "I spoke with the Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department about holding a baseball camp during the summertime. All these kids just love playing the game of baseball. I really wanted them to have high quality instruction and the resources to be successful."

Brisson was aided at the four day camp by Bryan Barnowski, Ace Adams, Gary Burnham, who was an All-American baseball player at Clemson University, and Dan Gomez, who's the head baseball coach at Western New England University. Minnechaug Regional varsity baseball coach Mike Netkovich worked at the camp for one day. Ray Fagnant,

who's the Boston Red Sox Northeast Regional Scouting Supervisor, also attended the camp for a day. Fagnant grew up in Chicopee.

About 40 baseball players between the ages of 6-16 from Wilbraham and the surrounding communities attended the inaugural baseball camp.

"We have a few kids from South Hadley, Agawam, and East Longmeadow at this camp," Brisson added. "This is a very good group of kids to work with. All of them listen to us and they're having a lot of fun."

The players were split up into two groups.

"We play a lot more games with the younger kids, who are in grades 1-5," Brisson said. "We do more skills with the older kids."

Brisson, who was born in Florida, played college baseball at the University of Central Florida from 1997-2000. He also played baseball in the prestigious Cape Cod League and is a member of PeoplesBank, which captured another Tri-County League championship title this summer.

He was drafted by the New York Mets and the Miami Marlins before signing with the Red Sox.

He advanced to Double A before his professional baseball



Parker Duquette dives for a barehanded catch.



Wesley Beer lunges for a catch.

career came to an end due to an injury.

"I was blessed to have the opportunity to play professional baseball," Brisson said. "I'm now doing what I can to give back."

Brisson also owns Forge Athletics.

"I started Forge Athletics back in May," he said. "I want to run more baseball clinics in the future. I'm also looking forward to running this baseball camp again next year."

Barnowski, who lives in Southwick, was one of Brisson's

teammates at the Single A level.

Bryan and I were teammates on a Single A team," Brisson said. "His sister and my wife have been friends for 40 years. I met my wife when I went to visit him during the offseason, and we've been married for 22 years. My wife's family is from Wilbraham, and we moved here in 2005. We love living in this community."

Because it rained on the first day, the camp was held indoors down the street at the Soccer City

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# Sports

## T-Birds announce series of front office promotions

SPRINGFIELD – With Opening Night less than two months away, the Springfield Thunderbirds proudly announced that six veteran front office staff members will take on promotions to their roles for the 2024-25 season.

Last season, the team achieved multiple franchise milestones, including all-time Springfield hockey records in average attendance per game (6,321), sellout games (20), season ticket members, and group sales revenue. The team ended the 2023-24 season by posting an incredible 14 consecutive sellouts.

Jessica Hansen has been promoted to Senior Director of Finance and Human Resources. Hansen, an alumna of Western New England University and a native of Feeding Hills, Mass., has been on the Thunderbirds staff since 2017. In addition to her finance and HR responsibilities, she has been integral in growing the team's in-game charitable presence through 50/50, jersey raffle, and Chuck-a-Puck sales. She has also served a supervisory role in the club's charitable foundation matters and merchandise.

Drew Supenor has been promoted to Senior Manager of Brand Development & Merchandise. A Springfield native and Springfield College alumnus, Supenor has grown the Thunderbirds' merchandise revenues each season since the club's inception in 2016 through many unique product lines, such as the team's various specialty night rebrands throughout the year. In 2023-24, the team generated six times greater revenue in merchandise when compared to the final season of the Springfield Falcons in 2015-16. In recognition of his customer service and dedication, Supenor was honored with a 2024 Howdy Award for hospitality excellence this past May.

Lauren Blanchard has been promoted to Senior Account Executive, Groups and Experiences. An Agawam, Mass. native, Blanchard joined the Thunderbirds in 2021 and has set multiple team records for group tickets, including the most sold for a sin-

gle game. Thanks to Blanchard's efforts and the entirety of the ticket sales department, the Thunderbirds' group sales revenue has grown 77% over the last six years. The department spearheaded the franchise to the 2021-22 President's Award for AHL Team of the Year. Blanchard was also nominated for a 2024 Howdy Award for hospitality excellence.

Shae Koharski has been promoted to Manager of Social Media & Digital Marketing. A Russell, Mass. native, Koharski has been with the Thunderbirds since 2021. She has exponentially grown Thunderbirds' social media accounts, as the club has eclipsed 80,000 followers across X, Facebook, and Instagram. Her acumen for social media trends has allowed the Thunderbirds' social media to not only provide fun content for fans, but grow the brand in the marketplace while evolving to current trends.

Lucas Armstrong has been promoted to Art Director. An East Amherst, N.Y. native, Armstrong has been instrumental in creating and implementing the Thunderbirds' graphic design as a "keeper of the brand" since joining the organization in 2019. An industry veteran with over 20 years of experience across professional sports and nationally acclaimed brands, Armstrong's work alongside his creative colleagues was recognized with the AHL's Marketing Campaign of the Year award in 2022 for the club's "We Are 413" tagline.

Steve Brousseau has been promoted to Account Executive, Membership Sales & Service. A Springfield College alumnus and a native of Freeport, Maine, Brousseau joined the team full-time in 2021 after interning for the organization previously. An exemplary builder of relationships with his ticket members, Brousseau will specialize in servicing the Thunderbirds' season ticket members throughout the 2024-25 season as the organization looks to break its season ticket holder record for a ninth consecutive season.

## WSU to hold swimming clinics

WESTFIELD – Westfield State swimming and diving coach Matt Nodell will host a Nike Swim Clinic at the Ely Pool on campus on Sept. 7 and 8.

Saturday, Sept. 7 is for co-ed athletes aged 8-12 years old, while Sunday, Sept. 8 is for athletes in the 13-18 year old age groups.

"Participants can expect to learn and practice drills to help them swim easier and faster," said Nodell. "All is done in a fun and engaging environment with contests and competitions."

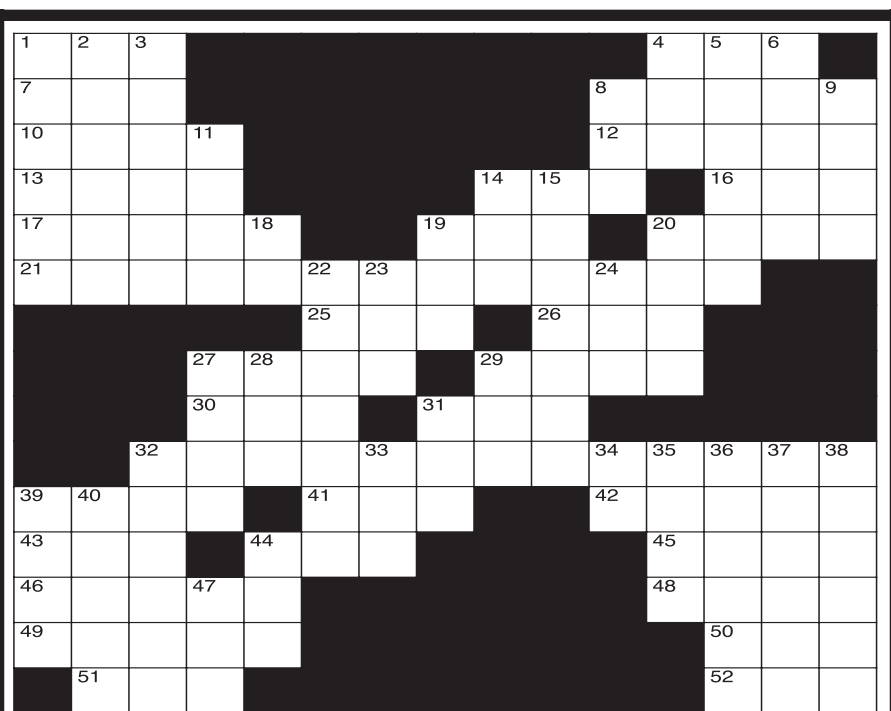
The clinics last from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day, with check in at 8:45 a.m.

The fee for the clinic is \$125 and

includes the morning training session, a camp t-shirt and prizes.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.usports-camps.com/swim/nike/westfield-state-swim-clinic>

Ely Pool is the home of the Westfield State University Owls women's swimming and diving team. The pool has recently seen upgrades with new starting blocks, an updated team locker room and records board, and features 1 and 3 meter diving boards. Nodell is starting his second season as the head coach of the Owls. He led the team to a fifth-place finish at the Little East Conference championships and a 3-3 mark in dual meets.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram
4. After B
7. Everything
8. An unfortunate development
10. Coat with sticky substance
12. Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
13. Minimum interval take off
14. Yuck!
16. NBA sensation Jeremy
17. Where some rockers work
19. Midway between northeast and east
20. Snake-like fishes
21. Groups of homes
25. Swiss river
26. Useful towel
27. "The Wire"

### character

29. Oafish creature
30. A major division of geological time
31. Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
32. Sporting events
39. Body part
41. Clerical vestment
42. Shows data
43. Some are "special"
44. Expression of disappointment
45. Students' rights document (abbr.)
46. Vacation locale Costa \_\_\_\_\_
48. Pop singer
49. Distract outside a city
50. Mark Wahlberg comedy
51. Coniferous tree
52. Midway between

### south and southeast

23. Wood
24. Paddle
27. Past participle of be
28. Tall, rounded vase
29. Device manufacturers
31. Financial institution (abbr.)
32. Paper product
33. A type
34. Atomic #43
35. Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer
36. Behaviors
37. Decays
38. Walked confidently
39. Voice (Italian)
40. Class of adhesives
44. Bar bill
47. One-time aerospace firm

### CLUES DOWN

1. Lunatic
2. Actress Danes
3. Buttock muscles
4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
5. Popular 70s rockers
6. Electronic communication
8. Trigraph
9. Sea eagles
11. Low-pitched, resonant sound
14. Northeastern US university (abbr.)
15. Home of the Bulldogs
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. Make a mistake
20. Advantage
22. Monkeys love

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# Education

## LaunchSpace celebrates CSPP graduation and announces fall enrollment

ORANGE – LaunchSpace announces the successful graduation of students from the Creative Sector Pathway Program, which concluded on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

This intensive program, designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge to excel in creative industries, saw remarkable achievements by its graduates, who are now poised to make significant contributions to the creative sector as they move into their apprenticeships with creative sector mentors.

Call for Fall Enrollment LaunchSpace is excited to open enrollment for the 36 week session of the Creative Sector Pathway Program, beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 18 for youth ages 16-24. This program offers a unique opportunity for individuals to develop their creative talents, gain industry-specific skills and network with professionals in the field. In partnership with Greenfield Community College, NewVue Communities and Workers Credit Union, the curriculum is developed to provide hands-on experience and real-world applications, ensuring that participants are well-prepared for careers in the creative sector and as entrepreneurs.

Students meet on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for educational programming and will have open access during studio hours to work in our 13,000 sq. ft. facility including, 2D to 3D design, pottery, woodshop, leather, textiles, jewelry, stained glass, electronics and digital fabrication.

During the training and dis-



Submitted photos

Textiles are just one of the many programs offered to students in the Creative Sector Pathway Program.

covery phase, students work to master specific shops, are encouraged to pursue their passion, deepen their technique, and find their unique voice. Woven into each session are the practical skills needed to forge a path from idea to action including entrepreneurial thinking, developing a vision, recognizing opportunities, financial literacy, lean canvas, building a brand and the importance of community.

CSPP includes a badge and certificate system, in which once certification is obtained, our innovative model provides students with apprenticeship opportunities to learn and work independently outside of class time in the space with their mentor. Certification and badges can be shared with employers or on college applications and will provide evidence that students have worked to develop their entrepreneurial mindset and have

mastered important tool training. At LSI, students work intentionally to create their own path in a warm community of mentors dedicated to uplifting youth. People interested in learning more about the program, may email Program and Membership Director, Sid Nordstrom at [sid@launchspace-orange.com](mailto:sid@launchspace-orange.com) or visit their website at <https://launchspace-orange.com/creative-sector-pathway/>.

Apply Now Apply to CSPP by visiting <https://forms.gle/8F-Gkj7natDVQdiN9J>.

RSVP for CSPP Info Session by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/815707762877aff=oddt-dtcreator>.

In addition to the program, LaunchSpace is currently seeking youth ages 16-24 for paid apprenticeships in their makerspace. These apprenticeships offer a unique opportunity to



Pottery is another program offered. This student enjoys using a potters wheel.

work alongside experienced professionals, gain hands-on experience, and earn while learning. Apprentices will have access to state-of-the-art equipment and resources, enabling them to develop their skills in a supportive and innovative environment.

People interested in an apprenticeship may email Program Coordinator, Erica Goulding at [erica@launchspace-orange.com](mailto:erica@launchspace-orange.com).

LaunchSpace is a 501c3 nonprofit located in the North Quabbin dedicated to supporting innovative economic development in the post-industrial, semi-rural community by providing opportunities to explore and develop hands-on skills in support of enhanced personal satisfaction, increased employment value and business incubation to benefit individuals, schools, businesses and the broader community.

## PANTHERS, continued from page 7

School. "We're a very experienced team on both sides of the ball this year. We just need to keep working hard at practice."

During Page's first two years coaching at Quabbin, he was a physical education teacher at Hudson High School. He's now teaching physical education at Quabbin, which has made things a lot easier for him.

"I was a teacher in another school district during the first two years that I was coaching here, which was very difficult," Page said. "I didn't see the players during the school day, and you can't keep tabs on their grades. Being in the same school building has really helped a lot."

Because Quabbin and Gardner are both members of the Mid-Wach E, they'll be playing each other twice for the third year in a row. The Panthers won both games in 2021 and 2022, but the Wildcats didn't have very much trouble sweeping the season series a year ago.

"We've built a very good relationship with Gardner during the past couple of years. It has been a lot of fun beginning and ending our season against them. The kids love it," Page said. "Gardner is our biggest rival and

they're going to be a very good team again this year. Playing them in the season opener will be a huge test for us."

The Panthers and Wildcats are also scheduled to meet on Thanksgiving morning.

The other football teams in Mid-Wach E are Ayer-Shirley, Littleton, Murdock, and Narragansett Regional.

The Panthers homecoming game will be against Narragansett on October 25.

"I don't believe the Quabbin football team has ever beaten Narragansett," Page said. "We'll be playing them in our homecoming game this year. It should be a very good game."

While all the other Mid-Wach E teams are either in Division 7 or 8, the Panthers are one of the 30 teams in Division 6. They'll need to finish the regular season in the top 16 to qualify for the state tournament for the first time.

"We don't play any of the Division 6 teams during the regular season," Page said. "The ranking system does hurt us a little bit, but it's something we can't control. We just want to keep building our football program."

Quabbin's non-league opponents are David Prouty, Quaboag, and Oxford. All three

of those games will be on the road.

The only three players that the Panthers lost to graduation are Jake Leazott, Jaxon Kelley, and Ed Guertin.

"Those three guys were our captains last year," Page said. "We're going to miss them a lot this season."

Guertin, who's a freshman member of the Nichols College football team, is the second Quabbin player that Page has coached to play at the collegiate level. Colton Wells is a sophomore on the Western New England University football team.

The Panthers six senior captains this year are Jaxon Warburton, Luke Salvadore, Bryce Venne, Cole Wilson, Travis Wells, and Adam Faulha.

"Our senior captains are hard workers and they're awesome kids," Page said. "They're also very good leaders. I'm hoping their final season playing football for this team is very successful."

Warburton has been the Panthers starting quarterback since the middle of his sophomore year.

Salvadore and Venne are both running backs. Faulha is a fullback and offensive lineman. Wilson is a tight end, and Wells

is also an offensive lineman.

The captains are also starters on defense.

Junior Quin Reynolds and senior Ryan Wreschinsky are also tight ends.

The other offensive linemen are sophomore Carter Bassett, senior Zach Zajac, senior Zeke Santoro, and junior Trace Davin.

"It's always very important to have a strong offensive line," said Page, who calls the offensive plays. "If you don't have a good line, you won't be a very successful team."

The Panthers have used the I-formation on offense during the past three seasons, but they'll be using the double wing formation this fall.

"I was waiting for the right personnel to switch to the double wing," Page said. "It was the same formation that I used when I was the quarterback at Grafton High School. It's not a very easy offense to defend against."

A few of the key defense players are junior Chase Talbot, junior Wes Sanderson, and Bassett.

Sanderson will also be handling the punting duties.

The Panthers assistant coaches are Mike Besaw, Jay Bergman, Jeyson Sanchez, Shawn Costello, and Steve Tremblay.

## BAY STATE GAMES, continued from page 7

Other Coastal goals scored were from juniors Lilly Cook (9) and Summer Silverman (11). Junior Ellia Delisle (15) and sophomore Kelsey McCleary (5) each had an assist. Central goals scored by juniors Emma Huslander (2) and Katelynn Swistak (6), sophomore Elly Schofer (8), freshman Makenzie Casey (1), and 8th grader Isabelle Stanley (4).

West then lost the bronze game 3-1. West's lone goal scored by junior Grace

Rajpold (13). Coastal's Goals scored by 8th grader Breanna Aveiro (6), sophomore Paige Moreau (8), and junior Ellia Delisle (15). Freshman Maura Kennedy (2) and sophomore Adeline Finlaw (3) each had an assist. Coastal won the bronze medal.

Central defeated Southeast for the gold 2-1. Southeast's lone goal was scored by freshman Ella Marzullo (8). Central's sophomore Elly Swistak (6), sophomore Elly Schofer (8), freshman Makenzie Casey (1), and 8th grader Isabelle Stanley (4).

Central took home the gold while Southeast settled for the silver.

## CAMP, continued from page 7

Sportscenter.

"Soccer City isn't really designed for baseball, but we made the best of it on the first day of the camp," Brisson said. "The people there were very accommodating. We were able to use both of their soccer fields. We were able to have a full workout. The only thing that we didn't do was to have a live batting practice. The baseball fields here at Spec Pond is one of the best in the area."

Brisson main goal was to teach the players the fundamentals of baseball. He and his staff also held a meeting each morning to map out the schedule for that day.

"My main goal is to teach the players the basic fundamentals of the game," he said. "I also want to keep the kids active. I really don't want them standing around

doing nothing. We also talked to the kids about mental health."

Brayden Pacifico, who lives in Wilbraham, had a lot of fun at the baseball camp.

"It's awesome being here with my friends at this baseball camp," said Pacifico, who's a centerfielder. "I've learned a lot about baseball from the coaches, who have a lot of experience. Baseball is my favorite sport."

Baseball was also Brisson's favorite sport growing up. He was also a swimmer and a wrestler.

"I always tell kids to play multiple sports," Brisson said. "My daughter, Natalie, who's six years old, plays soccer and is a swimmer. We want her to experience everything. A lot of kids who only play one sport get burned out very quickly."

Brisson and his staff are already looking forward to holding the baseball camp again next summer.



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# Obituaries

## Richard H. Clark, 84

BARRE – Richard H. Clark, 84, of Barre, passed away peacefully on Aug. 24, 2024 at Heywood Hospital in Gardner with his family by his side. Born in Ware, son of the late Clarence and Ruth (Smith) Clark and was a lifelong resident of Barre.

He graduated from Barre High School with the Class of 1958. While in school, he played baseball and basketball and was part of the Tri-State Tournament Championship team in 1957. He went on to Worcester Jr. College where he earned an Associates Degree in Business.

Dick made his career as an Automotive Service Manager. First starting in the auto business at the age of 15 at Beard Chevrolet Pontiac in Barre and then to Ragsdale Chevrolet in Spencer and Salvadore Automotive in Gardner. In his retirement he worked part-time for Higgins Energy Alternatives.

He was also a former member of the Barre Fire Department for 27 years. He joined the Fire Department at the age of 19 and worked his way up the ranks to Chief, a position he was most proud of. The Fire Dept received a letter of commendation under his leadership in saving the Barre Town Hall from fire on Jan. 6, 1981. He could spend hours reminiscing about his time on the

Fire Department and his service to the town of Barre.

He enjoyed gardening and supporting New England sports teams, especially the Red Sox. He especially cherished any activity with his family, whether that be coaching his son in Little League, time in his boat on Lower Naukeag Lake or family vacations in Wells, Maine. He was also present at his grandchildren's activities for soccer, basketball, baseball, horse shows, dance recitals, concerts and school functions. In 1991 Dick arranged to have Emergency Vehicles from the towns of the Quabbin Regional School District meet his daughter's State Championship Field Hockey team at the Barre town line and escort them back to Quabbin High School with sirens blaring. A tradition that is still followed today.

Dick and Diane also enjoyed going on many bus trips over the years to places such as Branson, Missouri, Hershey Pennsylvania, White Mountains New Hampshire and Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania. They also travelled to Bermuda and Aruba to celebrate their anniversary.



Dick is survived by the love of his life, wife of 61 years, Diana (Gulino) Clark; their four children, Cindy (Stephen) Jerge of Stratham, N.H., Kim Clark of Barre, Kevin (Shelly) Clark of Oakham and Crystal (David) Marsh of Barre; grandchildren Joshua (Kim Fenner) Jerge, Kaitlyn (Raleigh Martin) Jerge, Abigail, Matthew and Kelsey Marsh, Emma Clark, Stefanie Tretheway, Carlene Mandeville and Meagan Mandeville; great-grandchildren, Raleigh Athena Martin, Madilyn and Brooklyn Tretheway and Elizabeth Lucier. He is also survived by his only sister, Margaret Marshall, brother-in-law George Marshall and sister-in-law, Carol Sullivan all of Barre.

The funeral for Dick will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 at 11 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. A calling hour will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Barre. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dick's memory may be made to the Barre Fire Dept., P.O. Box 430, Barre MA 01005-0430. For an online tribute please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com.

## Dany W. Ringgard, 62

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Dany W. Ringgard, 62, of North Brookfield, passed away peacefully doing what he loved: working on his truck.

He leaves his life partner of twenty-three years, Keri-Lyn Saarinen Montgomery; his daughter, Katrina Barnes (Chad); his son, Nicholas Ringgard (Logan); his grandchildren, Shyla, Carly and Russell; Keri's children, Morgan Montgomery (Chris Markunas), Bryan Montgomery (Casey) and their son Theo, Jake Montgomery and Mackenzie Benedict (Jason); and his beloved bulldog, Chibs. He was predeceased by his parents George Ringgard and Sieglinde "Linda" Einsiedler Carrasco and his siblings, Donald Ringgard, Dean Ringgard and Doren Wales.

Dan graduated from the Worcester Boys Trade sheet metal program in 1980. While brief, Dan truly enjoyed his

time serving in the Air Force. In 2004, he completed the MMI motorcycle school in Orlando. Throughout his career, he worked for various organizations, including Howard Products, Quail Hollow Country Club, F. Carrier, Custom Hawg, Sisters of the Assumption in Petersham, The Mill Store in Yarmouth and most recently, Waterworks Worcester.

Aside from spending time with his friends and family, Dan enjoyed all things outdoors: hunting, fishing and gardening. He knew how to fix everything, and was a master problem solver when it came to anything mechanical. He had a passion for teaching others, while always willing to lend a helping hand. We'll always remember him in his nearly trademarked sunglasses and bandanna



saying "see you around like a donut, don't let the holes get you."

There will be no services. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Dan's honor to Camp Putnam 141 Rutherford Road New Braintree, MA 01531.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

### DEATH NOTICES

**Clark, Richard H.**  
Date of Death Aug. 24, 2024  
Calling hour Sept. 7, 2024  
9:30-11 a.m.  
Funeral Sept. 7 11 a.m.  
Pillsbury Funeral Home, Barre

**Ringgard, Dany W.**  
No services  
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# Church News

## Local pastor offers sermon

### Said the Robin to the Sparrow

I love old books. In fact, the shelves in my church office abound with aged volumes. Delicately written on the inside cover of one such work is the following poem, likely jotted down by a previous owner in the mid-1930s:

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,  
"I should really like to know  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush around and worry so?"  
Said the Sparrow to the Robin,  
"Friend I think that it must be  
That they have no heavenly  
Father

Such as cares for you and me."  
I do not know who originally authored this poem. I do know that their words pierce my heart with a sense of conviction. You see, like many I have wasted precious time trafficking in fear over faith, given to a spirit of worry.

I know what it is like to suffer sleepless nights, riddled with anxious concern over some pressing issue or area of need, e.g., a late bill, a lost job or the start of the school year. I also know that the countless hours I have wasted on worry have failed to produce a suitable return on investment. Rather, the whole enterprise has proven an exercise in futility.

Can you relate to these experiences and the sentiments thereof?

Are you given to a spirit of worry?

Have you known similar sleepless nights?

Has unceasing anxiety ever proven beneficial?

The above mentioned poem reminds us to cast aside the burden of doubt, that we might cast our cares upon the One who cares for

us (1 Pet. 5:7). It calls us to trust that the God who provides for the birds of the air will provide for us, as He has so promised. Perhaps the Robin and the Sparrow were on to a reality we often neglect.

Namely, that God loves us and has pledged to meet our needs. Thus said, I invite you to prayerfully reflect upon these seminal words of Christ-words which touch upon His unceasing faithfulness:

**Luke 12:22-34**  
22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds. 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

27 Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such

things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.

32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

# Public Notices

### Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTH BARRE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

TAKE NOTICE that Joe Ferguson, Principal Planner, Community Development, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) will conduct a Public Hearing on South Barre Infrastructure Planning on **Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre MA** to discuss the South Barre Infrastructure Planning project including updates from planners and engineers along with opportunities for residents to provide input on the infrastructure of South Barre. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. Mr. Ferguson, will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.

For the Select Board:  
Tammy Martin  
Town Administrator  
08/22, 08/29/2024

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO24P2838PO In the matter of: Barre Sportsman Club TRUST CITATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Michael D. Wood** of Barre, MA requesting appointment of a Successor Trustee.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 09/17/2024.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
August 16, 2024  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
08/29/2024

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court



**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

### Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO24C0405CA In the matter of: Stefanie Liane Leite CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Stefanie Liane Leite of Oakham, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Stefanie Liane Hallberg** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Worcester Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **09/17/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. **WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 14, 2024  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**,  
Register of Probate  
08/29/2024

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester Probate & Family Court Docket Number: WO24E0066PP A.C.92A Petition to Partition

To: **Kathie Moran**, **Robert Cummings**, **Wendy Cummings** and to all other persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by **Mark Cummings**, **Richard Cummings**, **Susan LaForce of Barre**, **Warwick, Oxford** in the County of Worcester, Franklin representing that **they** hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Barre in said County Worcester and briefly as follows:

**\*\*SEE ATTACHED** setting forth that he/she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land **may** be sold at private sale not less than five hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$525,000.000) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private

sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **seventeenth day of September, 2024** the return day of this citation.

Witness, **Leilah A. Keamy, Esq.**, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of August, 2024.

**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
**\*\*ATTACHED\*\***

### DEED

WE, **Mark E. Cummings**, **Susan A. Cummings a/k/a Susan A. LaForce**, **Scott A. Cummings**, **Richard F. Cummings**, & **Kathie C. Martel k/n/a Kathie C. Moran** of Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts

For consideration of Less than One Hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) Dollars

Grant to **Mark E. Cummings**, **Susan A. LaForce**, **Scott A. Cummings**, **Richard F. Cummings**, **Kathie C. Moran**, **Wendy A. Cummings**, **Robert W. Cummings**, all as Tenants in Common of 252 Phillipston Road, Barre, MA.

With quitclaim covenants:

The land in said Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts. A certain tract of land situated in the northeasterly part of said Barre with the buildings and other structures and fixtures thereon and all the privileges and appurtenances belonging thereto, bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northwesterly corner of the granted premises in the line of the Old Templeton Road, so called;

THENCE N. 55 degs. E. 78 rods and 13 links to a line fence on or near the Hubbardston town line;

THENCE S. 41 degs. E. 96 rods to the south line of the Old Petersham Road, so-called but now discontinued;

THENCE westerly by the south line of said Old Petersham Road 71 rods and 10 links to the north-easterly corner of a line wall;

THENCE southwesterly by land now or formerly of the heirs of **Lovering A. Cheyney** and by land formerly of **Willard E. Hemenway**, 45 rods to the corner of line wall;

THENCE N. 10 degs,

W. 7 rods and 1 link to the northerly corner of the line wall last mentioned;

THENCE S. 74 1/4 degs. W. 20 rods, more or less, to the westerly line of the said Old Templeton Road;

THENCE by the westerly line of said Old Templeton Road 42 rods and 5 links to the point of beginning.

Reserving and excepting from the aforesaid premises whatever rights the public may have in the highway westerly and northerly of the dwelling house on the granted premises.

Being the same premises conveyed to **Frank S. Cummings, Jr.** et ux by deed of **Alice C. Cummings** Dated April 17, 1853, and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, in Book 3496, Page 5.

Excepting from this conveyance a portion of the above described premises previously conveyed by a deed of said **Frank S. Cummings, Jr.** et ux to **Mark E. Cummings** et ux dated April 6, 1976 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 5915, page 96. Said excepted parcel of land consists of 3.3 acres, more or less, and is shown on a Plan of Land to be conveyed by **Frank S. Cummings, Jr.** et ux, Barre, MA. Dated September 22, 1975 by **Michael Szoc**, recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 423, Plan 35.

\*No Title Search has been performed for this transfer of real estate.

Being the same premises recorded in Book 7427, Page 196 on 3/9/86. Witness my/our hands and seals this 28th day of January, 2001.

**Mark E. Cummings**  
**Scott A. Cummings**  
**Kathie C. Martel n/k/a Kathie C. Moran**  
**Susan A. Cummings a/k/a Susan A. LaForce**  
**Richard F. Cummings**  
08/22, 08/29, 09/05/2024

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Thursday, Aug. 8**  
 10:09 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Sunrise Avenue, Referred to Other Agency  
 5:13 p.m. Safety Concern, Winship Road, Investigated  
 5:57 p.m. Safety Concern, Exchange Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 8:58 p.m. Warrant Check/Information, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Collins, Damien, 26, West Boylston  
 Charges: Warrant  
 11:49 p.m. Escort/Transport, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest: Collins, Damien, 26, West Boylston  
 Charges: Warrant

**Friday, Aug. 9**  
 10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest: Barnicle, Stephen Jon, 33, Barre  
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Drugs, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 10:37 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Bentley Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 1:59 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Pleasant Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 6:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 8:14 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Vehicle Towed

**Saturday, Aug. 10**  
 12:52 p.m. Threats, South Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Hughes, Connor Mitchell, 23, Barre  
 Charges: Extortion by Threat of Injury, Threat to Commit Crime  
 1:21 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, School North Street, Information Taken

**Sunday, Aug. 11**  
 5:13 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Hubbardston Road, Removed Hazard  
 2:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, West Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Common Street, Transported to Hospital  
 8:50 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Dover, Vermont, Public Assist

**Monday, Aug. 12**  
 11:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Lane South Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Jackson Lane, Report Filed  
 7:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
 1:56 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital  
 8:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Gone on Arrival  
 1:27 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Maynard Police Department, Negative Contact  
 9:51 p.m. Noise Complaint, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**  
 8:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Williamsville Road, No Fire Service Necessary  
 9:08 a.m. Property – Lost and

Found, Summer Street, Information Taken  
 9:10 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 9:16 a.m. Harassment, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:09 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:28 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:24 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Lane Road, Report Filed  
 6:35 p.m. Serve Warrant, Old Coldbrook Road, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest: Yatko, Derek, 49, Hubbardston  
 Charges: Warrant  
 Summons: Yatko, Derek, 49, Hubbardston  
 Charges: Assault and Battery on Police Officer  
 7:05 p.m. Property Damage, Church Street, Report Filed

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
 7:17 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:30 a.m. Threats, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:37 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Old Coldbrook Road, Fire Extinguished  
 1:49 p.m. Swollen Foot, Gautier Road, Mutual Aid Transported  
 3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
 4:41 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Valley Road, Removed Hazard  
 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, South Street, Transported to Hospital

## Rutland Police Log

**Thursday, Aug. 8**  
 6:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 7:43 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:12 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pommogussett Road, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 9:59 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:54 a.m. Landlord/Neighbor Dispute, Moulton Hill Road, Report Filed  
 11:10 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Locke Road, Report Filed  
 11:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital  
 1:39 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning  
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued  
 4:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Village Way, Transported to Hospital  
 8:58 p.m. Warrant Check/Information, Worcester Road, Arrest(s)  
 Arrest: Collins, Damien, 26, West Boylston  
 Charges: Warrant

**Friday, Aug. 9**  
 7:15 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained  
 7:31 a.m. ACO Lost and Found Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Area Search Negative  
 10:21 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed  
 11:46 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Sassawanna Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 3:05 p.m. Gunshots, Main Street, Investigated  
 3:46 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), East County Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 6:54 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, Aug. 10**  
 6:51 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Irish Lane, Negative Contact  
 8:43 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kenwood Drive, Negative Contact  
 9:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Village Way, Signed Refusal  
 11:03 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Barre Paxton Road, Removed Hazard  
 6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Monday, Aug. 12**  
 9:54 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Miner Road, Transported to Hospital  
 2:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Spoken To  
 7:22 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
 1:56 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Ruggles Hill Road, Officer Handled  
 2:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Highland Terrace, Officer Handled  
 9:39 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Aug. 8**  
 8:58 p.m. Warrant Check/Information, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Collins, Damien, 26, West Boylston  
 Charges: Warrant

**Saturday, Aug. 10**  
 6:09 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Rutland Road, Removed Hazard  
 11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Shore Drive, Citation Issued  
 3:15 p.m. Property Damage, Bechan Road, Officer Took Call

6:54 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, Aug. 11**  
 8:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 9:37 a.m. Erratic Operator, Sassawanna Road, Negative Contact  
 11:29 a.m. Be On the Lookout Notification, Carly Circle, Message Delivered  
 12:41 p.m. Harassment, Turkey Hill Road, Report Filed  
 2:17 p.m. Noise Complaint, Walnut Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:29 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Glenwood Road, Investigated  
 6:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
 8:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Information Taken  
 8:38 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, William Circle, Fire Extinguished  
 8:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Bushy Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 9:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated

**Monday, Aug. 12**  
 12:41 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Investigated  
 2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sassawanna Road, Citation Issued  
 7:17 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained  
 9:20 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
 10:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 12:30 p.m. Serve Warrant, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Duquette, Colin Kenneth, 30, Stafford, Connecticut  
 Charges: Warrant  
 7:15 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Thurston Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
 5:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 8 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
 8:33 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Paddock Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 1:09 p.m. Lift Assist, Stevens Way, Transported to Hospital  
 1:22 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Maynard Police Department, Negative Contact  
 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**  
 8:59 a.m. Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled  
 10:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Merge  
 11:46 a.m. Assist Citizen, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
 12:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 1:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Officer Handled  
 2:04 p.m. 911 Misdial, Greenwich Road, Dispatch Handled  
 2:17 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 32, Could Not Locate  
 2:26 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Call Canceled.  
 3:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 6:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
 2:32 a.m. 911 Misdial, High Street, Services Rendered  
 6:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

**Friday, Aug. 16**  
 12:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 3:32 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital  
 5:08 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
 5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled

**Saturday, Aug. 17**  
 9:03 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Negative Contact

**Sunday, Aug. 18**  
 5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Summons Issued  
 7:08 p.m. Fire Alarm, Hardwick Road, Extinguished  
 8:26 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Friday, Aug. 9**  
 12:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Mt. Jefferson Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
 8:55 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest: Barnicle, Stephen Jon, 22, Barre  
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Drugs, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 6:19 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Williamsville Road, Removed Hazard

**Saturday, Aug. 10**  
 10:24 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Mt. Jefferson Road, Removed Hazard  
 10:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Morgan Road, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, Aug. 11**  
 12:51 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Root Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:46 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

**Monday, Aug. 12**  
 12:57 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:06 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Report Filed

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
 12:02 p.m. Court Duty, Main Street, Court Duty  
 3:22 p.m. Property Damage, Williamsville Road, Investigated  
 4:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Morgan Road, Mutual Aid Transported

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**  
 11:22 a.m. Gunshots, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:37 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Cheyenne Drive, Officer Took Call  
 2:58 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 6:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 10:35 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Old Princeton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, New Templeton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
 12:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ragged Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transported

**Friday, Aug. 16**  
 5:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:26 p.m. Harassment, Pond View Way, Report Filed  
 6 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Information Taken

7:52 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike Road, Officer/Chief Advised

**Saturday, Aug. 17**  
 12:54 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Removed Hazard  
 5:04 p.m. Fire – Lost Person/Search and Rescue, Barre Road, Returned to Family/Guardian  
 5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Drury, Harry E. Jr., 90, Hubbardston  
 Charges: Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Subsequent Offense, Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Stop for Police, Fail

**Sunday, Aug. 18**  
 12:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Public Assist  
 5:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:37 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:52 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:25 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre Police Department, Mutual Aid Assist

**Monday, Aug. 19**  
 8:26 p.m. Welfare Check, McEvoy Road, Investigated

**Saturday, Aug. 24**  
 4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 4:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
 4:57 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled  
 8:41 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Brookfield Road, Negative Contact  
 8:49 p.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Officer Handled

**Sunday, Aug. 25**  
 8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Investigated

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Aug. 19-26, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 38 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, one traffic control, three emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, two complaints, one scam, one motor vehicle investigation and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, Aug. 19**  
 9:07 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Gilbertville Road, No Action Required  
 8:08 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Aug. 20**  
 2:24 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, North Brookfield Road, No Action Required

**Wednesday, Aug. 21**  
 7:31 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To  
 8:44 a.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
 3:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Oakham Road, Services Rendered

**Friday, Aug. 23**  
 4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
 4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 6:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, West Road, Officer Handled

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 12-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 72 building/property checks, 34 directed/area patrols, one radar assignment, nine traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, five assist other agencies, one investigation, two motor vehicle investigations, three complaints, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Aug. 12**  
 9:54 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Miner Road, Transported to Hospital  
 2:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Spoken To  
 7:22 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
 1:56 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Ruggles Hill Road, Officer Handled  
 2:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Highland Terrace, Officer Handled  
 9:39 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Aug. 8**  
 8:58 p.m. Warrant Check/Information, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Collins, Damien, 26, West Boylston  
 Charges: Warrant

**Saturday, Aug. 10**  
 6:09 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Rutland Road, Removed Hazard  
 11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Shore Drive, Citation Issued  
 3:15 p.m. Property Damage, Bechan Road, Officer Took Call

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**  
 8:59 a.m. Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled  
 10:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Merge  
 11:46 a.m. Assist Citizen, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
 12:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 1:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Officer Handled  
 2:04 p.m. 911 Misdial, Greenwich Road, Dispatch Handled  
 2:17 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 32, Could Not Locate  
 2:26 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Call Canceled.  
 3:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 6:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
 2:32 a.m. 911 Misdial, High Street, Services Rendered  
 6:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

## Oakham Police Log

Old Coldbrook Road, Fire Extinguished

**Friday, Aug. 16**  
 10:05 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Spencer Road, Investigated

**Saturday, Aug. 17**  
 1:11 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick Police Department, Property Picked Up

**Sunday, Aug. 18**  
 7:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick Unknown, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

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## Toys for Tots partners with Drive for Hope

TRIANGLE, VA – Earlier this year, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation entered into a multi-year partnership with Richard Childress Racing to highlight the year-round efforts to assist underprivileged children, at Christmastime and beyond.

Austin Dillon's No. 3 Toys for Tots Chevrolet will take to the track and #Drive for Hope at the NASCAR Cup Series race at Darlington Raceway on Sept. 1. "We couldn't be more excited and honored to partner with the RCR team and display the Toys for Tots' official logo on the iconic No. 3 car with Austin Dillon in the driver's seat. This partnership will allow us to be an even stronger force for good for disadvantaged children who so desperately need a reason to believe in a brighter tomorrow," said LtGen Laster, USMC (Retired), CEO of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

Toys for Tots' mission is to provide hope and emotional support to

economically disadvantaged children through toys, books and other gifts at Christmastime and throughout the year. Because needs aren't seasonal, Toys for Tots has evolved into a year-round force for good, ensuring that no child is forgotten any day of the year.

"With a new year comes new resolve to be an even stronger force for good—because children growing up in poverty deserve nothing less," said LtGen Laster. "The partnership with RCR will open an entirely new avenue of exposure and support for the Toys for Tots Program to ensure that children living in poverty are provided with the hope that they so desperately need."

People may follow Marine Toys for Tots on social media to stay up to date as we countdown to #DriveforHope.

Toys for Tots, a 77-year National charitable Program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides year-round joy, comfort, and hope to economically disadvantaged chil-

dren across the Nation through the gift of a new toy or book. Providing toys, books, and other gifts to disadvantaged children offers recognition, confidence, and a positive memory for a lifetime. Since 1947, the Program has evolved and grown exponentially, having delivered hope and the magic of Christmas to over 301 million children in need. Because the need isn't just at Christmastime, the Marine Toys for Tots Program also provides support year-round to families experiencing challenges and exceptional circumstances, thus fulfilling the hopes and dreams of millions of disadvantaged children beyond the holidays. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a not-for-profit organization authorized by the U.S. Marine Corps and the Department of Defense to provide fundraising and other necessary support for the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. For more information, people may visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

## Girl Scouts receive grant from Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts announces the continued investment by the Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation through a \$15,000 grant in support of "It's A Girls World," one of the community based programs it offers.

The after-school program engages Hampden County girls in grades K-6 in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, financial literacy and health and personal wellness topics.

"We are extraordinarily grateful to be recognized by the Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation as an organization seeking to improve the quality of lives of girls in our community," said Theresa Lynn, GSCWM CEO. "Introducing middle school girls to STEM careers they might not have known existed or showing them what a bud-

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