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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
A neon squad of baseball players were ready to participate in this year's Glow Ball event at Felton Field.

'Glow Ball' lights up the night

Fundraiser benefits cancer research and programs

By **Ryan Drago**
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BARRE – The fun and

bright event of Glow Ball returned to Felton Field this past weekend.

This annual fundraising event consists of youth

and adults participating, and many are part of the Quabbin Area Little League.

Chris Lance said this event was first introduced last year and had a good turnout of 54 players. Last year's event raised \$900 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

and the Jimmy Fund.

The idea was inspired four years ago during a vacation Lance took and was developed by him and his son Lukas. Lance did a preliminary game of glow ball back

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Board discusses beaver issues

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OAKHAM – At the Aug. 13 meeting of the Board of Health, a resident came to the board seeking clarification on how to apply for a beaver permit to trap them and reduce the size of their dams.

According to the board, the open trapping season runs from November to February, but if they are causing an emergency situation, residents can apply for an emergency permit.

Alex Thayer, the resident, said his home and some abutting properties are getting increased water levels as a result of beavers making dams near them. Thayer said parts of his property are underwater.

John Boucher, an abutting homeowner, said his neighbor's well has been contaminated because the water has gone over it, and is starting to flow into it. Thayer said the neighbor is unable to use their tap water safely.

Lucy Tessnau, a mem-

ber of the Conservation Commission, said the residents each need to fill out an application for an emergency permit and send it to the Board of Health. They will declare an emergency first, and then the Conservation Commission will grant permission to set up the traps.

Tessnau said each household can only trap beavers on their own property, but if they can come to a consensus as to who to hire, the trapper can set them up all the way from the dam to the affected properties.

She said the town does not have the responsibility of dismantling the dams, as that comes down to the homeowner. The Board of Health only comes in to do well testing, but the trapper or another licensed individual has to do the dismantling.

21 Coldbrook Road

The board discussed a property at Coldbrook Road, with member Lucy DiLeo saying it could

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Select Board approves plans for Chase Road and Stoddard Court

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen approved another paving project last week following the approval of more paving on North Main Street and Gilbert Street earlier this month.

This project will improve both Chase Road and Stoddard Court, and will cost a total of \$78,025 from 2026 Chapter 90 funds.

The project was presented on the town website to give residents an oppor-

tunity to comment, and there were no inquiries or phone calls, according to Executive Assistant Mary Beth Kularski.

The cost of Chase Road is \$55,885 and Stoddard Court will cost \$18,424, and there is a 5% overage added on to the end.

The Highway Department will send letters to residents when work begins so they have a chance to move their cars. The work is being done by Mass Brokenstone.

The board gave updates on other paving projects including Hillside Avenue and Bradshaw Street, with Chair Jamie Gilman saying they have put rocks between the sidewalks and streets because of apron concerns, and there will be

no loam or grass because it would be cut up in the winter.

Gilman said bids closed for a sidewalk improvement on School Street and they are awaiting the lowest bidder.

He said the town has a \$200,000 grant with a Shared Streets program.

Gilman said an improvement project on Mount Pleasant Street is overseen by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, and the town has no control over it. He said it went out to bid twice, and the most recent bid closed on Aug. 25, the date of the meeting.

The estimate is about

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Municipal Building Committee sets up meeting with architect

By **Zacharias Fragkiadakis**
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HUBBARDSTON – The Municipal Complex Building Committee met last Tuesday, where they discussed a response from Derek Rubinoff Architecture to questions they sent.

The committee sent these questions at a previous meeting because they were seeking clarification on pricing and allowances, among other portions of the designs.

Kari Sacramone, the chair of the committee, said she just got some of the pertinent information at the date of the meeting, and expressed that she was "not thrilled" about the lack of attention and answers they gave.

Police Chief Ryan

Couture, another member of the committee, read from their response to a question about allowances. He read that it was a mix of web searches, artificial intelligence and "educated guesses" from the team at the architectural business.

"AI pulls data from every source it can find," he said, noting that the sources are not always accurate.

The committee read further, to a part where the letter stated an exhaust mitigation system had not been accounted for in the estimates, since it can only be determined at a certain point in the design process, which is what the committee thought they were looking at during the previous meeting when they came up with the questions to send. Committee members

showed concern about how the process was going, with Sacramone saying they were supposed to have close numbers at this point, and they had already spent about \$60,000 on the design, and there is an estimated \$40,000 more to go.

According to committee members, the original price for this work was just under \$70,000.

During the previous meeting, the committee discussed the possibility of terminating their work with Rubinoff, but they wanted to give them an opportunity to answer the questions.

At the Aug. 25 meeting, Katie Young, committee member and Select Board

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ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer
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Quabbin Community Cares meets Sept. 3

Quabbin Community Cares has big hopes and plans for this school year and it involves amazing volunteers. This year, due to scheduling conflicts, they meet on Thursday evenings as 6 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle/High School, 800 South St, Barre in room C014. If people enter by the back door labeled “middle school,” they are right next to the door in room C014. People may attend online via googlemeets at <https://meet.google.com/pjd-vorj-wyb> or dial (US) +1 267-819-1617 PIN: 726 733 292#. This month we will be reviewing National Night Out event and planning for the 2026-27 school year. People may visit <https://www.quabbincommunitycares.org/>.

Designer Pancake Breakfast

Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star pancake breakfasts return Saturday, Sept. 12 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.at the Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children age 5 and under.

People can come for breakfast then enjoy the Lions Club Car Show on Barre Common. They may design their own pancake with lots of fun fillings as well as sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, waffles with real maple syrup and coffee and juice. No one leaves hungry

9/11 Remembrance Day event

The 9/11 Remembrance Day event hosted by the 9/11 Committee, Barre Veteran’s Services and American Legion Post 2 takes place on Friday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. on North Common, Barre.

Lions Club Car Show

The Barre Lions Club annual car show takes place Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine on the Barre Common. All types of vehicles are welcome. The entry fee is \$15 to show and spectators are free. They’ll be a DJ, a huge raffle table, T-shirts, a 50/50 and swag bags for all entrants. People’s Choice plaques will be awarded at the end of the show. For more information, people may email barremalionsclub@aol.com.

Barre Historical Society yard sale

The Barre Historical Society and Museum, Common Street, will hold a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 12. They organized areas of interest such as: a collectibles table of antique or slightly more valuable items, a jewelry table, kitchen wares including pots and pans, dishes, dish sets, serving platters, etc., smaller pieces of quality furniture, vintage stereo items, quality clothing, electronics and tools, Christmas and other holiday decorations and so much more. The Historical Society seeks both a coffee setup and a lunch sponsor to keep their hard-working volunteers energized at the upcoming fundraiser yard sale day on Sept. 12.

Life Saving Awards

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, the Barre Police Department will be awarding Life Saving Awards to multiple Barre Police, Barre Fire and a civilian, at the Select Board scheduled for that evening.

Eastern Star to hold designer pancake breakfast Sept, 12

BARRE – Designer pancake breakfast sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star returns on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. in the dining hall at the Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St.

People can come to breakfast then enjoy the Lions Club Car Show located on Barre Common.

They may design their own pancake with lots of fun fillings and also have sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, waffles, juice, coffee and real maple syrup.

No one leaves hungry. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children age 5 and under.

Library host program on Montauk Project

BARRE – Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., invites teens and adults to explore one of the most intriguing (and mysterious) legends of the Cold War at an upcoming program featuring paranormal researcher and television personality Dustin Pari on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.

The program will explore the enduring legend of the Montauk Project, an alleged series of secret Cold War-era experiments said to have involved mind control, psychic research, and even interdimensional phenomena. Blending documented history, conspiracy lore and popular culture, the presentation will examine how the Montauk Project became one of modern culture’s most compelling mysteries.

Fans of Stranger Things will have a particular reason to attend. Participants will learn how the original concept for the hit television series was rooted in the so-called “Montauk Project” before the story was ultimately relocated to the fictional town of Hawkins, Indiana. The program will explore how government secrecy, 1980s nostalgia, speculative science and paranormal legends came together to inspire a story that captured the imagination of audiences around the world.

Dustin Pari brings more than 30 years of experience researching the unknown to his engaging and thought-provoking lectures. He has traveled across the country sharing his research and perspectives on the paranormal.

Pari is known for

his work on television’s Ghost Hunters and Ghost Hunters International, as well as appearances on Destination Truth and Ghost Nation. Through his travels and investigations, he has explored locations around the world in search of answers and a greater understanding of the unseen.

Whether a fan of StrangerThings, fascinated by Cold War mysteries or simply curious about the intersection of history, conspiracy theories and the paranormal, this program offers an entertaining look at the origins of a modern legend.

Registration is requested but not required. For more information or to register, people may call the Woods Memorial Library at 978-355-2533 or visit www.barrelibrary.org.



OAKHAM

by Ellenor Downer
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Church holds breakfast Sept. 12

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, holds a breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes three kinds of pancakes: blueberry, chocolate chip and plain, sausage, scrambled eggs, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. A freewill donation will be taken. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday School

Sunday School Superintendent Heather Stewart announces the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Sunday School resumes Sunday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. All children are welcome to attend. There will be special refreshments following the Sunday worship service and Sunday School.

Senior Center news

In addition to their regular activities, the Oakham Council on Aging will hold an end of summer cookout on Friday, Sept. 4 at the Oakham Senior Center. People should call the senior center at 508-882-4073 and leave their name and number of people attending.

On Friday, Sept 11 at noon, the regular monthly Council on Aging meeting takes place in the voting room at Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road.

On Tuesday, Sept 15 at 1 p.m., there will be Bemis Farm workshop, “Everlasting Pumpkin” in the Oakham Fire Station, Barre Road. People should call 508-882-4073 to sign up by Friday, Sept. 11. Cost is \$10 and payable at the workshop.

On Friday, Sept 18, lunch Bunch will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Ronnie’s Seafood, Route 31 in Charlton Depot. People should call 508-882-4073 to sign up.

On Monday, Sept. 21 podiatry clinic is from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Appointment is required. People should call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 to request an appointment.

On Tuesday, Sept 29, there is blood pressure and glucose screening from 11a.m.-1 p.m. at the Senior Center. No appointment is needed.

On Wednesday, Nov. 4 at noon there will be a Healthcare Options presentation at the Senior Center. event we would like to publicize: Wed Nov 4th, at 12 noon, there will be a Healthcare Options. People should call 508-882-4073 to register.

Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Library Board of Trustees has vacancies

HUBBARDSTON – If people want to make a positive contribution to their town library, they can consider becoming a member of the Hubbardston Public Library Board of Trustees.

There are currently two vacancies on the town’s library Board of Trustees. The board would most benefit from individuals who can bring their transferrable leadership skills to creating policy, strategic planning and advocacy for the best interest of HPL library and its library staff.

They also should support fiscally responsible management, maintenance and restoration of the beautiful historic Hubbardston Public Library building and wish to serve as an ambassador for the library in the community and beyond.

Library Trustees meet monthly on the first Thursday at 7 p.m. Prospective trustees can be appointed by the Select Board for a one-year term.. Hubbardston residents interested in serving in this position are invited to experience the Board in action by attending the next board meeting.

For more information, people may email the Hubbardston Library Board of Trustees at hubbtrustees@gmail.com.

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 6. 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 – Chicken stir fry, steamed rice, roast broccoli, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Vegetable cheese

bake, O’Brien potatoes, stewed tomatoes, blueberry crisp, diet = applesauce, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Bahn Mi pork with barbecue sauce, carrots, Coleslaw, baked cinnamon pears, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Lentil stew, rice pilaf, roasted California vegetables, yogurt, Italian 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.

Food Pantry holds two distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Sept. 9 or in the evening on Thursday, Sept.17, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses.

Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors has considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but has decided

that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Sept. 9 and Sept. 17 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at edowner@turley.com or call 413-283-8393. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.



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Board of Registers – Sept. 3 at 6 p.m.
Select Board – Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.
Conservation Committee – Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Sept. 10 at 1 p.m.
Board of Health – Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Sept. 24 at 11 a.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – Sept. 3 at 6 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commissioners – Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Recycling Commission – Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library –Sept. 9 at 3 p.m.
Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 21 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Select Board – Sept. 3 and Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees – Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.
Memorial Day Committee – Sept. 8 at 2 p.m.
Agricultural Commission – Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.
Town Administrator Search Committee – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Preservation Committee – Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.
First Meeting House Preservation Committee – Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Preservation Committee – Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Rep. Donnie Berthiaume Office Hours – Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

OAKHAM

Finance Committee – Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – Sept.. 8 at 11 a.m.
Board of Health – Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 2 at 9 a.m.

Vendors needed for Senior Center craft fair

RUTLAND - Vendors are needed for the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Rutland Senior Center, Glenwood Road, Rutland. Those interested can get information at calling 508-886-7945.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Oakham Church held successful golf tournament

OAKHAM – It was a great day we had on Monday, Aug. 10 for the GABB Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church.

The weather was perfect and 94 golfers had a fantastic time playing scramble-format, best ball golf at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club. The banquet, provided by Scott Toupin Catering was delicious, as always, and the raffle-calling was controlled chaos.

First prize went to the foursome of Jim Sabachinski, Zachary Sabacinski, Tyler Kmon and Matt Gonyea. Mike Leal, Jim Sarkisan, Mike Harney and Tim Cummins placed second and third prize went to Jon Tyck, Tim Hanrahan, Dan Hanlan and Jack Gardner. Other prizes were “closest to the line:” James Laramee, “longest drive:” Tyler Kmon and Jenny Laramee, and “closest to the pin:” Joe Orszulak. Dave Bigelow and Bill Nichols won first and second prize, respectively, in the putting contest. Everyone walked away with at least a raffle table prize.

The tournament raised over \$15,000, which will be distributed to area charities and non-profits. Last

year’s tournament benefited Barre, Rutland and Wachusett Food Pantries, Camp Putnam, Oakham Opportunity Fund, Oakham Church Outreach, Dismas Family Farm, Oakham Fire Department Association, Quabbin Pro Musica, Oakham Historical Association, Fobes Memorial Library and Outdoor Classroom and this year they can do even more.

This wonderful result was made possible thanks to the contributions of the following individuals and organizations (not to mention all the golfers who purchased hundreds of raffle tickets).

Sponsors were Friends of the Oakham Church, Bigelow Family, Dean Moran Electrical, Melissa Gray Murphy, Lajoie Brothers Transport, Lajoie Family, Mike’s Mechanical, Jeffery Nahkala, George and Janet Paradis, Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club, Schooner Financial Associates, Rusty Savignac and Midge Wetzel, Dick and Gail Pryce, Miles Funeral Home, ColBro, Pine Acres Family Camping, Heather and Duncan Stewart, Executive Lawn Service, Moran Law, The ACORNS, Amidio Bros.,

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In addition to many of the individuals listed above, others included were: Linda Barringer, Abigail Bedard, Paul Brown, Barbara Crawford, Ellie Downer, Lisa Lajoie, Norma Mann, Sharon Onorato, Brett Ouimette, Jan and Bob Pierce, Pastor Carissa Rodriguez and Dawn Thistle.

It is impossible to thank all these people, organizations and golfers enough, but thank you all. And be sure to mark calendars for the 30th Annual G.A.B.B. Golf Tournament on Aug. 9, 2027.

HUBBARDSTON

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Field Day happens Sept. 19

The Hubbardston Lion’s Club Field Day takes place on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Curtis Field, 20 Gardner Road. The Baby Contest for children from infant to two years old begins at 10 a.m. Categories include: king, queen, biggest blue eyes, biggest brown eyes, biggest green eyes, rosiest cheeks, best smile, curliest hair, baldest, sleepest and shyest. There is no entry fee for the baby contes. Certificates will be awarded for each category. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 20.

There will be food, games, live music and vendors. For more information or to reserve a space, people may email sue.hubblions@gmail.com or text 603-361-1217.

Art Show

The Cultural Council of Hubbardston is holding an Art Show at the Meeting House, on the Common, on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The show will focus on local artisans and sponsors are the Council on Aging and the Cultural Council, both of Hubbardston. The theme is based on historical barns of Hubbardston. Those who wish to exhibit should call Cindy at 978-928-5526 for information or to reserve a spot at the event. All are welcome.

Historical Society

On Friday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. the Hubbardston Historical Society offers a History at Play presentation with Deborah Sampson, entitled “A Revolution of Her Own” at the Williamsville Chapel 4 Burnshirt Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.. People may RSVP to hubbhistory1767@gmail.com. This program is partially funded by the Hubbardston Cultural Council.

Fall boutique and yard sale

Hubbardston Seniors are collecting items for their fall boutique and yard sale. Items may be dropped off at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St. is now collecting items from now through Sept. 25 for their fall boutique to be held Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Gently used, clean clothing, shoes, pocket-books, and other items are welcomed. The seniors remind donors that the items should be in good condition; items they would buy for themselves. Key times to drop off items are Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. This annual fundraiser has been a big success and all the profits go toward upgrading and keeping the Senior Center in great condition. Some of the proceeds go toward special events for the town’s seniors; many programs are free of charge.

Also, on these dates there will be a huge Yard Sale that will include a bake sale, luncheon and other items for all ages such as toys, gifts, household goods and games. Electronics and large or fabric furniture will not be accepted.

Senior Center news

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.



People at this table played a card game at the First Meeting House 2 Main St., Hubbardston on Friday, Aug. 28.



These players opted to play chess. Game night was a fundraiser for the First Meeting House in Hubbardston.



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This group selected Scrabble as their game of choice

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Rooting cuttings is a great way to overwinter your favorite plants

Late summer is a great time to take cuttings of summer plants such as geranium, fuchsia, and coleus.

Oftentimes planters containing these beauties are too big to overwinter. Likewise, these plants may be growing in your yard and maybe you are fearful of trying to dig them up and move them inside before frost hits.

It's also fun to root herb plants like rosemary or mint, so that you can enjoy them as seasoning in your favorite dishes over the winter months.

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success.

First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the "stock plant," is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting.

A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season.

Spring is also a great time to take cuttings of plants that you've overwintered provided they are growing well.

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material.

Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem cuttings are taken just after a node.

Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three-four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant.

These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woody the further down you go.

Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem.

Sand, perlite, and soil-less potting mixes have all

been used with success. Water is not recommended as "watery roots" will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn't occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting.

If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container.

I have found that "less is more" when using these products. When you are ready to "stick" the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first- do not push in with the stem!

After the cutting is inserted firm around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location.

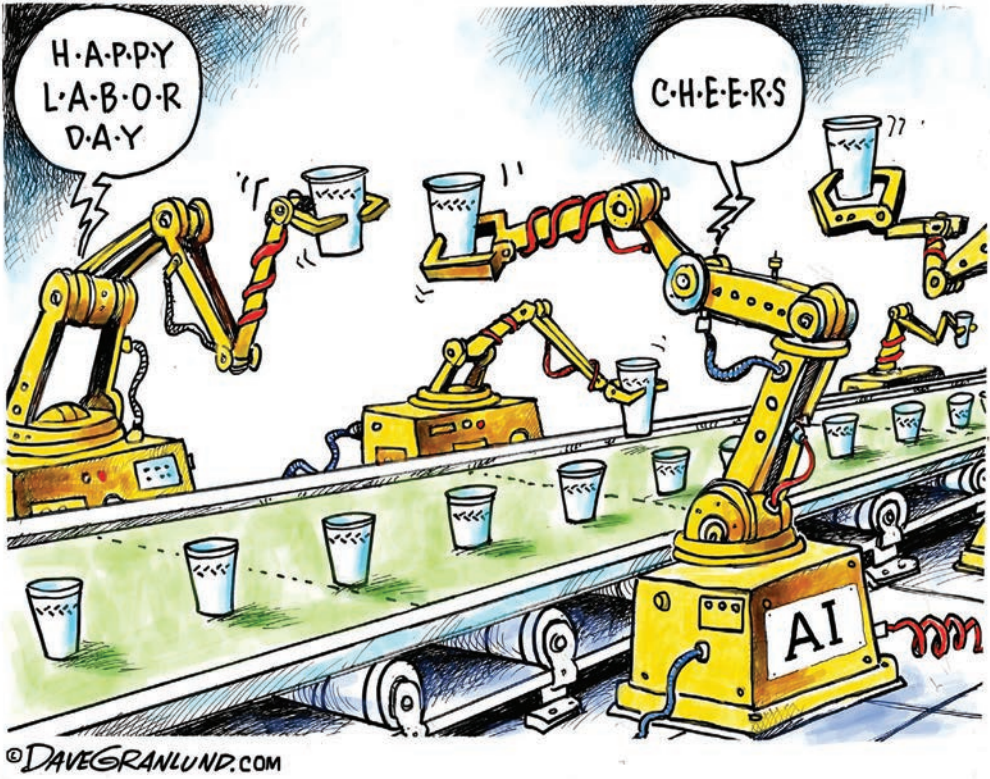
The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting.

Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so roots will begin to form on the scented geraniums; rosemary may take six weeks or more.

Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows.

The Ware Grange will be hosting workshop on this timely topic on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the hall on Route 9 in Ware. Bring a potted plant to share cutting material or use a selection of plants that I will bring to try your luck at this skill.

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



In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 9, 2021)

On Aug. 30, the Hubbardston Highway Department installed the base for the monument honoring those veterans of the Vietnam War era. Graves Cement of East Templeton donated the cement for memorial foundation and the Hubbardston Highway Department helped with the installation Monday, Aug. 30. Bill Shea Vietnam Memorial Committee chair said, "Today, Monday, Aug. 30, was an excellent example of community cooperation and patriotic spirit in accomplishing our goal to erect a fitting monument to our Vietnam Era Veterans." Shea said, "[The memorial will have] a total of 200 or more names on the front and back of the memorial. This will allow the font [for the names] to be 1 inch and therefore easy to read."The back will back will contain more names and read "All Gave Some, Some Gave All." The committee received four bids ranging in cost from a little over \$20,000 to a high bid of \$60,000.

Margaret Anderson of Barre, a French and Francophone studies and international studies major, has received the 2021 Bourgeois French Prize from College of the Holy Cross. The Bourgeois French Prize is awarded for the best essay on a subject relating to the culture of the French and their descendants in the United States.

The College of the Holy Cross congratulates 822 new Crusaders who will be starting at the college in fall 2021. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2025: Mattison Albano of Oakham and Zoe Yanco of Rutland. This year's incoming class is made up of 54% women and 46% men, with 23% of students coming from ethnically diverse backgrounds and 16% as proud first-generation college students. Fall classes are set to begin Monday, Sept. 6.

10 years (Sept. 11, 2016)
Not Available

25 years (Sept. 6, 2001)
As part of the grant requirement, a public hearing was held Tuesday night

Look Back – Reviewing Nomination Papers - 1994



File Photo

Town Clerk Ellen Glidden looks over nomination papers candidates have returned for the annual town election.

on the proposed senior center. About 25 people attended the hearing. Bill Scanlon of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission explained the grant process. The town of Barre is in the process of filing a Community Block Grant for the maximum allowed amount - \$600,000 to fund a senior center. Scanlon said Barre met two of the primary criteria that lower and moderate income people benefit (seniors fall into that income category) and that the town be unable to pay for the project on its own. He added that the deadline to file is Sept. 14.

Lori Prentiss of Peach Street in South Barre sent several letters and a petition regarding the issue of commercial vehicles using High Plains as a main route of travel. Her primary concern was the safety of children in the neighborhood. Selectmen received a copy of a letter Prentiss sent to the Planning Board with an attached petition. The petition contained 43 signatures of High Plain residents. Besides copies of the petition and letter to the Planning Board. Selectmen also received a letter from Prentiss. She wrote in that letter she attended a Planning Board meeting on Aug. 21 and they directed her to the selectmen.

H u b b a r d s t o n

Administrative Assistant Trudy O'Connell told selectmen at their meeting on Monday, Aug. 12 that according to research done by Town Counsel, the town can no longer plow roads that are designated as private ways. She was investigating this issue, as it has been a problem of long standing and found that according to Massachusetts General Laws, the town cannot spend public money for a private purpose such as this. The town must notify residents on a number of private ways that the town can no longer plow their roads and that they must fine other means of getting their road plowed during the coming winter.

38 years (Sept. 10, 1988)

Building Inspector Harold Nichols said he has issued 32 building permits for single family dwellings in Barre so far this year. Since Nichols was appointed of the post in 1981, this is the second highest year of new home construction.

The Barre Golden Agers are planning a trip to the Delaney House in Holyoke on Thursday, Nov. 12. The restaurant will serve a family-style feast that includes chicken Florentine, stuffed sole and sliced sirloin o f beef, fresh fruit, garden salad,

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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. 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.

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By Ellenor Downer

Doug Moore of Belchertown took this photo of an osprey protecting its young from a red winged blackbird at Lake Wallace on July 17.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk has the ability to dive into water to catch fish. It also has the ability to hover.

Ospreys are unusual among hawks in possessing a reversible outer toe that allows them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. Barbed pads on the soles of the birds’ feet help them grip slippery fish. When flying with prey, an osprey lines up its catch head first for less wind resistance.

These hawks are excellent anglers. Over several studies, ospreys caught fish on at least one in every four dives with success rates sometimes as high as 70%. The average time they spent hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

The osprey readily builds its stick nest on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, duck blinds and nest platforms designed especially



Photo by Doug Moore

Osprey at nest.

for it. Such platforms have become an important tool in reestablishing ospreys in areas where they had disappeared. In some areas nests are placed almost exclusively on artificial structures.

Osprey eggs do not hatch all at once. Rather, the first chick emerges up to five days before the last one. The older hatchling dominates its younger siblings and can monopolize the food brought by the parents.

If food is abundant, chicks share meals in relative harmony; in times of scarcity, younger ones may starve to death.

These birds may log more than 160,000 migration miles during its 15 to 20-year lifetime. Scientists track ospreys by strapping lightweight

satellite transmitters to the birds’ backs.

The devices pinpoint an osprey’s location to within a few hundred yards and last for two or three years. During 13 days in 2008, one osprey flew 2,700 miles from Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana, South America.

The oldest known osprey was at least 25 years, two months old and lived in Virginia. It was banded in 1973 and found in 1998.

Glossy ibis

On July 13 Doug Moore saw a glossy ibis at Lake Wallace. They expanded their range over the past century from the southeastern United States to include much of eastern North America.

At a distance the glossy ibis looks uniformly dark, but a closer look in sunlight reveals deep maroon, emerald, bronze and violet feathers.

Large flock of grackles

I saw a large flock of grackles in late August. I did not count them, but there were at least 50, probably more.

They flew from one side of the road to the other. I stopped the car and waited for them to safely pass. There were stragglers and some flew behind the car as well as in front of it. Seeing them reminded me that the fall migrations are happening or at least the birds are gathering in flocks to make their journeys south.

Some species of birds travel long distances to their winter habitat. Ospreys are just one of many that travel thousands of miles.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowne@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

natural gas to save some \$67 billion. Even Africa, which currently derives 80% of its power from fossil fuels, is expected to follow suit.

The war did not drive this alone, of course. Since 2025 75% of growth in global electrical demand has been met by solar. But according to energy analyst Dinita Setyawati: The oil crisis has “introduced a new paradigm of renewables being the center of energy security.”

The major nation benefiting from this transformation has, of course, been China. It produces over 80% of the world’s solar panels and in one month of the Iran war exported a record 68 gigawatts of them.

Its installed capacity already exceeds 600 gigawatts, compared to the U.S. with our 262 gigawatts. China has been encouraging renewable energy for a number of years, while the U.S. has been inconsistent in supporting its development.

The growth in solar power which the Iran war is driving will of course broaden production to more countries as panel technology develops and renewables gain market share. Eventually solar will become a vital industry here and free us from extracting and burning fossil fuels, which will seem so remarkably foolish.

and her company of seven dancers are funded by the New York State Arts Council. They have done numerous residences throughout New York and the Northeast. Her multi-cultural company is instrumental in the education of dance in New York.

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Where did August go?

The students are in school now and fall is about to begin. I am arranging to have some repairs to the driveway so hopefully traffic can get up here.

I have two new helpers coming to get the groceries and to do housekeeping. The handyman still does his chores, but mainly outside.

This week he trimmed the crab apple tree of dead branches and noticed the Sap Suckers have made holes around the trunks of the branches. I saw several of them drinking away from the holes on Sunday.

I was sorry to hear the news that a good friend of mine Patricia Woodward of High Street passed away on Aug. 19. Her husband Charles passed away in June.

They were a very nice couple who did many things for the community. Charles lived his whole life on High Street. His father ran Breezy Hill Dairy.

The closed Gentians are fully out. Because they are named closed Gentian they keep closed but their brilliant blue color is perfect.

My handyman planted them and is very proud that they came for another season. I have them in a front garden with hostas and fiddlehead ferns and I have to make sure they do not crowd out the closed Gentians.

I was intending on making stuffed peppers, but when I was parboiling them my helper came and I forgot they were on cooking.

They burned to a crisp so I made meat loaf with the

mixture instead. All is well that ends well, as the saying goes.

I have been enjoying the Muse Newsletters that the late Eugene Murdock wrote ten years ago. One told about the telephone service we have had in town and another one tells about songs they used to like to sing.

Each newsletter has a theme. I can remember when we had party lines on the telephone. One young teen ager used to play accordion solos to a friend when I picked up the phone to use it.

I also remember when the dial phones came to town. At one time, there was just one phone in town and it was at the Wheeler’s Store. Later the Wheeler sisters had the phone system in their bedroom.

Here is the easy recipe a dear friend sent me.

GRAHAM CRACKER MILKSHAKE

2 cups of vanilla ice cream

1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs, plus some for the topping

1 tablespoon milk

1/2 teaspoon sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Toppings for serving, whipped cream, chocolate syrup and maraschino cherries. Combine all but the toppings. Pour into tall chilled glasses and top with toppings including the crumbs.

This and That

My mother used to be a soda jerk at the Fowler’s

Drug Store in South Gardner and then later at the Ewell’s Spa in Hubbardston.

She used to make her children some fancy milk shakes and ice cream floats. We had a cow so we had plenty of whipping cream.

I had been given a gift of a garden clipper. I went to use it the other day and could not open the blades.

Come to find out there was a plastic tip on the end of the blades to keep anyone from getting cut. I finally was able to open them. I find packaging is hard to remove or is it I am getting too old.

I had the cataract in my right eye taken care of and have to put drops in three times a day. I will have the left eye done later.

I hope I will be able to see better. I have to close one eye now. There are so many appointments for each eye though.

I am glad I have daughters to help me. Of course, my son-in-laws are also helpful to take care of Ken.

I have been working on an embroidery pillow with wildflowers. I was not sure if my eyes would be able to thread the needle but I was able to.

I will be glad when I can sew again. I need things to do to keep me busy. I have too many watercolors.

Have a good week and beware of the school children.

I avoid going down to the center during the opening of school and the closing. It is like a circus on Main Street as so many parents pick up their students.

Senior Center lists upcoming events in September

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St., will offer the following programs during the month of September.

Activities and events include: tech help with Alex on Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.; SHINE counselor on Sept. 9 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. by appointment; a blood pressure clinic on Sept. 9 from 11 a.m.-noon; Strength

and Flexibility on Sept. 14 and 28 from 10-11 a.m.; Veteran’s Agent on Sept. 16 from 10-11 a.m.; Accessible Home Health info session on Sept. 16 at 11 a.m.; Bingo night on Sept. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Music Bingo on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m.; Greendale Friends Retiree Chorus on Sept. 23 at 1 p.m.; Ed Spater (Medicare Counselor) on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-1

p.m. by appointment; art class on Sept. 24 at 11 a.m.; coffee and crafts on Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. (registration required); Registry of Deeds on Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.; and a blood pressure/glucose clinic will be held on Sept. 30 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ongoing activities include Interactive Games on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.



The War’s Silver Lining

By Jack Kittredge

For most people the war in the Persian Gulf is an unmitigated disaster.

The battles and bombs are killing innocent people and devastating an important region of the globe. Drone and missile technology is rapidly developing and introducing a new form of warfare around the world.

Blocked shipping through the Strait of Hormuz is driving up fuel prices and limiting the availability of synthetic fertilizer, helium, aluminum and many other materials.

In one way, however, the war is causing a long overdue blessing. Renewable energy is becoming the cheapest and most widely adopted form of energy on the planet.

According to Politico the cost of utility scale solar has fallen 90% in the last

15 years and it is now 41% cheaper than the lowest fossil fuel alternative. A number of leaders seem to be recognizing solar’s advantages.

Countries that adopt solar power are better insulated from energy shocks, can rely on more decentralized energy sources and can free themselves from dependence on oil hegemony. This is true throughout the world, wherever the sun shines.

They also can net lots of money. Solar power saved the European Union over 100 million euros a day in just the first 17 days after the war began and more than 3 billion euros by the end of March.

Pakistan saved \$12 billion in fossil fuel imports by moving to solar in 2022 and is projected to net another \$6.3 billion by the end of 2026.

Southeast Asia is planning a regional replacement of

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wine and dessert. After the dinner, the Summer Squash Show will feature comedy, magic and more. Those attending will visit Yankee Candle company and stop for ice cream on the way home.

Phyllis Rose, director of the Phyllis Rose Dance Company of New York, will be guest teaching a master class and repertoire at the Central Massachusetts School of Ballet in Barre on Monday, Sept. 14. Miss Rose

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Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508)831-2200
Docket No. WO22P4180EA
Estate of:
Barbara Eva Cummings
Date of Death: 10/24/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by Robert William Cummings of Wilmer, AL requesting that Mark Cummings of Barre, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner 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 09/29/2026.

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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 26, 2026

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
09/03/2026

Town of Barre
NOTICE OF
CABLE TELEVISION
PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Select Board of the Town of Barre, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:15PM. The public hearing will be held in the Select Board meeting room of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., Barre, MA 01005. The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue a ca-

ble television license to Charter Communications. All applications, reports, statements and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently existing cable license; and (b) what are the Town’s future community cable-related needs.
09/03, 09/10/2026

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Docket Number: WO26E0063
Petition to Partition Citation (A.C.92A)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester Probate & Family Court

To: Constance M Mahan and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Stephanie M Mahan of Orange in the County of Franklin representing that he/she hold as tenant in common, undivided, part or share of, certain land lying in Barre in said County Worcester and briefly as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the northwesterly side of Barre Plains Park, so-called, in Barre Plains, in said Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Maple Lane, so-called, at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Camilla Puchalsky, said point being thirty-three (33) feet southerly from a line projected from the southerly foundation wall of the house now on the premises here- in conveyed; thence

Westerly along land now or formerly of Camilla Puchalsky, one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less, to land formerly of one Adams and now or formerly of one Dubinick; thence

Northerly one hundred sixty (160) feet, more or less, to the south side of the canal form the former T.E. Rich Company Sash and Blind Factory, so-called; thence

Easterly by the southerly side of said canal one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Maple Lane Extension; thence

Southerly by the westerly side of Maple Lane Extension and Maple Lane to the place of beginning.

Said premises are conveyed subject to sewer tile privileges reserved to Nellie A. Tilden, her

heirs, or assigns, in a deed from Austin F. Adams, dated April 28, 1905, if the same are applicable hereto.

Grantee, (sic), his heirs and assigns are to keep and maintain a suitable fence on the canal side, so-called, of said tract.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Robert T. Mahan, Sr. and Constance M. Mahan to Robert T. Mahan, Sr., Constance M. Mahan, and Stephanie M. Mahan, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, dated October 6, 2016, and recorded at the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 56096 Page 300. The said Robert T. Mahan, Sr., now deceased.

setting forth that he/she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale not less than Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) 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 29th day of September 2026 the return day of this citation.

Witness, Kathryn M. Bailey, Esq., First Judge of said Court, this 26th day of August 2026.

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
09/03, 09/10, 09/17/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508)831-2200
Docket No. WO22P4178EA
Estate of:
Scott Allan Cummings
Date of Death: 03/11/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL
To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Robert William Cummings of Wilmer, AL requesting that Mark Cummings of Barre, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner 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 09/29/2026.

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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 26, 2026

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
09/03/2026

**Barre
Conservation Commission**
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation requested by Peter Trifilo to confirm wetland resource area boundaries located at 51 Peach Street, Parcel G-355 and 0 Main Street, G-313.
From: Peter Trifilo
P.O. Box 1
So. Barre, MA 01074
To be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:35 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
09/03/2026



Paige Memorial Library announces upcoming September events

HARDWICK – Staff at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, thank all the volunteers and businesses who donated their time, items, or support that contributed to the Summer Reading success.

In particular, the Hardwick Co-op, Mimi’s Coffeshop of Hardwick, the Hardwick Winery and Hardwick Crossing Restaurant, who all provided gift cards as prizes

for adult summer reading.

Ongoing events
Wednesday morning Story Hour and activities begin at 11a.m. with “getting to know you time” at 10:30 a.m.
Homeschoolers can access books and materials through our library and through Interlibrary Loan. The Book Sale is also ongoing.
The Book Club and the Cookbook Club meet month-

ly. The Paige Writers meet every other week.

Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, the Movie Committee, the NEW Hardwick Gardening Club, and the PML Volunteers are open to new members.

The library would like to start a teen group where creative teens can come together and make art, discuss music and culture, and relax. Those interested should contact the

library.

If you have ideas for books, our library of things, programs, speakers, or more, please email, call or stop in.

September Scavenger Hunt

Experience the September Scavenger Hunt for school-themed items hidden throughout the library. Check off items on your scavenger sheet and pass it in to choose a school themed prize.

Knot Drawing

Knot Drawing, Celtic and Scandinavian on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

Learn to draw Celtic and Scandinavian Knots, simple or complex, for decorating and doodling. Materials provided.

Picnic at the Paige

Picnic at the Paige will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. Bring a snack or meal

for yourself or to share, and a picnic blanket.

The library will provide a treat and read a fun fall-themed book. Enjoy each other’s company and Goddard Park Playground next door.

Hot process soap making

A crockpot hot process soap making demonstration will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. This demo will go over the basics of making your own hot process soap and discuss tools, materials, oils, safety, recipes and resources.

All materials will be provided.

Drumming Circle
Wendell Warriors Drumming Circle with Jafar Manselle will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. Adults and teens and invited to join this joyous African drumming experience to learn to play different tones on the drum and make music together. This activity is funded by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council.
Rain date is Thursday, Sept. 24.

Book Hunt
On Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. take part in the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Day Book Hunt. Have fun in this friendly book hunt, where readers of all ages get to hunt outside and find books to keep.

For more information visit www.paigelibrary.com, follow the library on Facebook, email paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

See the full calendar of activities here: http://www.paigelibrary.com/calendar-of-events/

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Glowing brightly on the field was the Pink Panthers, captained by Jay Pimental.

GLOW BALL from page 1

in 2025 and soon the innovation became a six-team double-elimination tournament featuring everything that glows.

Glow Ball evolved into a highly engaging and distinctive adaptation of Wiffle Ball. The game is played under the night sky as the field was glowing in multiple colors. The team uniforms glowed and gear also glowed.

There were glow sticks, face paint, fluorescent colors, glow-in-the-dark wiffle balls and glowing wiffle ball bats. The baseballs they used were specifically for Glow Ball and can glow for almost eight hours.

Blacklights were installed on the baseball fields at Felton Field to capture the visual effect of the glowing lights during Glow Ball.

This fun event was all inclusive, with no age restrictions, no prior skill level required and all necessary equipment provided.

The youth participating were ball players from T-ball and older and they were prepared for a game of Glow Ball. This year, four captains were selected and picked players from each age group.

Each game played was five innings or 35 minutes.

Lance said this year's Glow Ball event was made possible thanks to the Little League parents coming together and for Foster Hill Transport donating all of the paint and many of the extension cords. Multiple people in the community also assisted by lending more extension cords for the event.

One of the games was between the Bad News



Shown is one of the glow balls that was used during the Glow Ball games at Felton Field.

Bananas, captained by Dean Bowen, who was in his first year playing Glow Ball, and the Pink Panthers, captained by Jay Pimental.

The Glow Ball tournament raised \$750 this year and will return next year. Funds came from player entries, donations, and concessions.

Lance's plan is to make



The fields were prepped and glowing in all colors.



Glow Ball was underway, an event supporting the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.

Glow Ball an annual event in the area.

"The goal is to make this grow," Lance said.

Many players also played wearing ball caps with the

logos of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, and a message on the hat that said, "Strike Out Cancer."

Glow Ball will return to

Felton Field in 2027 on Aug. 20, with a rain date of Aug. 21.

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\$710,000 for drainage, catch basins and paving, and is being done through the Community Development Block Grant.

Landfill RFP

Kularski said there is an area of about 15 acres near the landfill that is not very useful for the town, and suggested putting out a request for proposal for a potential solar system, with minimal battery energy storage sys-

tems.

Gilman noted all solar sites have at least some battery storage. Kularski said it could create revenue for the town.

The board approved the RFP release.

North Main Street parking The board gave an update on the parking situation on North Main Street, with Gilman saying signs have been ordered, but the town is not satisfied with the line painting including spots in front of the Town House and Town Offices.

Gilman said the town talked to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and have a new layout drawing for the vendor to reference.

COA business

A member of the Council On Aging said the Senior Center is starting to introduce a new program of game show days, drawing on shows like Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, and is scheduled to run after food distribution. She said the plan is to collaborate for competitions with

other area senior centers and the COA is looking for the public's help to donate small prizes.

The board also appointed Patricia Zegarra to the COA board. According to her resume, she has a background in education and a bachelor's in psychology. Zegarra said she served on the friends of the COA group as well, working as treasurer.

"That place saved my life," she said about the senior center, saying it was a place she would go following

the passing of her husband.

Spending request

The board approved a request from the Highway Department to spend \$1,597 to vendor Ballard Diesel for work on a 2017 Ford F450.

Donation

The board accepted a donation of \$190 toward the Walnut Grove Cemetery from the trust of Robert Salem.

Administrative items

One day liquor licenses were issued to Brookfield

Orchards for weekends from Aug. 29 to Oct. 12, where they invite local breweries to sell their products.

Bennett's Hill Events had two licenses issued for Oct. 10 and Sept. 26 for weddings. The minutes from Aug. 11 were approved as well.

For announcements, the town is seeking snow plow drivers for the winter, and the Conservation Commission and Planning Board are looking for members.

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potentially have a rodent infestation, but there was no proof as of the Aug. 13 meeting.

Mishel Caisapanta with the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition said they did an inspection and found there may be damage from rodents though.

According to DiLeo, the property was owned by a person who died in 2020, and has been vacant ever since,

and the person did not have a will when she died.

Some survivors from the family agreed to a settlement in probate court, which was accepted by the judge, but then one of them backed out on it and it was reversed by the same judge, per DiLeo.

She said no property taxes have been paid on the house since 2023, and a structure on the property is marked so the Fire Department does not have to go inside in the case of a fire.

Caisapanta said the health

inspectors could not go into the building because it was vacant, but they issued an order to correct in May. She said there is a receivership program through the Attorney General that the town may be able to use, which would help them rehabilitate and keep the property for potential future selling.

358 Coldbrook Road

The board gave an update on the cease and desist, saying it has been sent out to the appropriate parties and they were waiting on a response.

HUBBARDSTON from page 1

chair, raised the question again as to whether it is time to "cut bait" with Rubinoff, and potentially at least have some design paperwork that can be handed off to another architectural firm.

"I don't feel confident at all in this journey," Young said.

She said Building Commissioner Robert Garside might be able to help determine whether it is something another firm can add on, or if it is not usable.

Young said the designs were presented about a year ago, and there were some large problems like a lack of Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and almost a year later, those problems have still not been addressed. The committee also had concerns the initial plan was to present two designs at a fall town meeting, and they are not close to having those.

Committee member Mike Stoll said that he thought they did not receive two design concepts, but rather two very similar ones.

The committee did not

vote to terminate their agreement, but came to a consensus to either have Derek Rubinoff come out to Hubbardston for a meeting, or have certain members of the committee, or potentially post the meeting so they can have more than a quorum, go out to West Roxbury to talk to him.

The goal of the discussion, according to the committee, would be to better understand the design process and get a project timeline of high priority items, with between five and 10 specific questions.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

Barre Gazette ~ November 5, 2026

Barre Gazette will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to **Barre Gazette, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069**

All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 20, 2026.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

VENDORS FOR CRAFT FAIR are needed for the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Rutland Senior Center, Glenwood Road, Rutland. Those interested can get information at calling 508-886-7945.

CRAFTERS needed for the GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club is now accepting crafters’ applications for the 49th Annual Harvest Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Robert E. Mexican Middle School, 145 Lincoln St., Northboro. This is a juried show requiring that all items are handmade. Please visit NJWC’S website for applications and more show details at www.northborojuniors.org/craft-fair.html. The Northboro Junior Woman’s Club is a non-profit organization that has been active in Northboro for over 40 years. They support community projects in Northboro as well as internationally.

SEPT. 10

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS start up today from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. This four part chorus is always looking for singers who enjoy a good time and don’t mind working hard for a beautiful blend. This season’s picks are: “A Doc” arranged Christmas medley; “Come to the Woods” by Jake Runestad; “Feels Like Home;” “Carol of the Bells;” “Down in the River to Pray;” “Hallelujah Chorus” and Sign No More, Ladies,” an original from Tom Martin.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

GARDENING WORKSHOP entitled “Plant Propagation and Simple Stem Cuttings,” takes place today at 7 p.m. in the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road, Ware. The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly “In the Garden” column for Turley Publications. Attendees will learn about the various types of plant propagation. Seed sowing, simple stem cuttings and even grafting will be covered in a broad sense. This time of year people often take stem cuttings of tender plants to overwinter. Participants should bring their own potted plant (geranium, coleus, fuchsia, Rosemary, mint, etc.) to share cuttings with others or take cuttings from some of the plants provided. Everyone will leave with a cutting(s) in a pot that can be rooted at home. People may visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT hosted by the 9/11 Committee, Barre Veteran’s Services and American Legion Post 2 takes place today at 8:30 a.m. on North Common, Barre.



Where is this?

This week’s mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, Sept. 7. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Rosemary Horan and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the playground at Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street, Hubbardston.

Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

ANNUAL CAR SHOW sponsored by the Barre Lions Club takes place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. All types of vehicles are welcome. The entry fee is \$15 to show and spectators are free. They’ll be a D.J., a huge raffle table, tee-shirts, a 50/50 and swag bags for all entrants. People’s Choice plaques will be awarded at the end of the show. For more information, people may email barremalionsclub@aol.com.

BARBECUE AND FAMILY FAIR for St. Carlo Acutis Parish takes place today with a family picnic from 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept 12 at St. Joseph’s Church, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. There will be plenty of fair style food and a chicken barbecue on served on Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Cost for the chicken barbecue is \$15 per person for adults and \$8 for children age 12 and under. Barbecue tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office by calling 508-867-6469 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be Karaoke today from 5-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-3 p.m. There will be raffles. A bake sale will be held Sunday.

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star takes place today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. in the dining room of Masonic

Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre.

People can come to breakfast then enjoy the Lions Club Car Show on Barre Common. They may design their own pancake with lots of fun fillings plus sausage gravy with biscuits, waffles, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and real maple syrup. No one leaves hungry. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 5 and under.

STERLING FAIR takes place today and Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Sterling Airport Grounds, 121 Grenland Road, Sterling. The Sterling Grange will be serving a pancake breakfast during the Sterling Fair today and Sunday, Sept.13 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. Thanks to Severance Maple Products of Northfield for donating the maple syrup, Superior Plus Propane for fueling the grills and members from local chapters of Holden and Central Community Granges for helping to plan and serve. No reservations are needed. For more information, people may email sterlinggrange53@gmail.com or call 508-886-2341.

KID’S CORNER WORKSHOP takes place today at 10 a.m. in the Ware Grange, 297 Belchertown Road, Ware. Kids’ Corner

workshops are led by preschool teacher, Jen McNally, and teach children about nature and the environment through stories, songs and fun activities. This workshop will help children understand the connection between diet and health. They will discover how putting the right kinds of foods into their body can help keep them healthy. They will also explore the food groups and the importance of fruits and vegetables. Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY YARD SALE takes place today at the Barre Historical Society and Museum, Common Street, Barre. They organized areas of interest such as: a collectibles table of antique or slightly more valuable items, a jewelry table, kitchen wares including pots and pans, dishes, dish sets, serving platters, etc., smaller pieces of quality furniture, vintage stereo items, quality clothing, electronics and tools, Christmas and other holiday decorations and so much more. The Historical Society seeks both a coffee setup and a lunch sponsor to keep their hard-working volunteers energized at the upcoming fundraiser yard sale day.

ARCHITECTURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP takes place today. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Saturday, Sept. 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the Episcopal church, 499 Vernon Avenue, South Barre. People will learn all about the history and architecture of the stone church in South Barre and practice photography style and composition when shooting a church. People should bring their camera or phone. To sing up people should email koproav@gmail.com.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME takes place today at 11:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library. 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Children enjoy a story, craft and independent playtime. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

THE MONTAUK PROJECT PROGRAM featuring paranormal researcher and television personality Dustin Pari takes place today at 6 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre. This program for teens and adults explores the legend of the Montauk Project, an alleged series of secret Cold War-era experiments said to have involved mind control, psychic research and even interdimensional phenomena. Blending documented history, conspiracy lore and popular culture, the presentation will examine how the Montauk Project became one of modern culture’s most compelling mysteries.

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In its simplest form, saving can mean putting money into a jar, adding to it and letting it grow slowly. A 401(k), or other workplace retirement plan, is a step beyond that. It's more like a garden than a jar. Once you understand the basics of your 401(k), it becomes easier to feel confident in your decisions.

In a jar, your money only grows when you add more. In a garden, what you plant can begin to grow on its own. Your investments can earn returns, and those returns may in turn earn additional returns. That's called compounding, and it can have a meaningful impact over time. Like a garden, however, growth is not guaranteed. Markets can rise and fall, and investments can lose value.

Most workplace retirement plan contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, which lowers today's taxable income; you'll pay taxes when you withdraw it in retirement. Some plans also offer a Roth option: you contribute after-tax dollars and withdrawals in retirement can be tax free. Your plan administrator can provide more information.

Many 401(k) plans include an employer match, either up to a set dollar amount, perhaps \$500, or a percentage of your salary, typically 3%–5%. Contributions you make, as well as those from your employer, can grow over time. Try to contribute at least enough to capture the full match; anything less means you're leaving money on the table.

Now the question is how to invest your contributions inside your 401(k). The menu of investment options may seem complicated, but most fall into a few common categories.

• **Stock or equity funds** focus on stocks, which represent ownership in companies. Because they're tied to company performance, they have the potential for higher growth over time, but their value can go up and down in the short term. When you're decades from retirement, that short-term volatility matters less; you have time to ride out the swings.

• **Bond funds** invest in loans made to governments or corporations. These tend to be more stable than stock funds but typically grow more slowly. They can help balance the ups and downs.

• **Balanced or blended funds** hold a mix of stocks and bonds in a single investment.

• **Target-date funds** combine different types of investments in one fund. As you move toward a specified retirement year, the fund gradually adjusts to focus more on stability and less on growth.

The earlier you start planting, the more time your money has to grow. Even small contributions early in your career can end up as large amounts later, simply because they had more time to compound.

If you change jobs, keep in mind that your employer's contributions may not be fully yours immediately. It depends on your plan's vesting schedule, so it's worth checking before you go.

The most important steps in a retirement plan are getting started, contributing consistently and taking advantage of what your plan offers. With a little knowledge, you can feel more confident moving forward. The garden is yours. Start planting.



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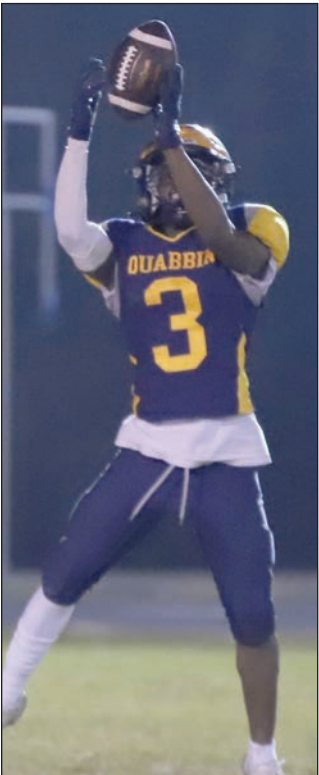
BARRE – Earlier this week, an exhibition scrimmage with Burncoat was canceled due to rain. The Quabbin Regional High School football team had a tough campaign, they finished with a strong Thanksgiving Eve matchup with Gardner. This year, the Panthers will be looking to improve on their record and qualify for the state tournament.

Quabbin's schedule features several of the same teams, including their first two games with Gardner and Quaboag.

Quabbin opens the regular season at home against Gardner on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. They face Quaboag on the road on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. The Panthers also had one final scrimmage scheduled at Blackstone-Milville on Sept. 4.



Chase Talbot returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown during Quabbin's final game last Thanksgiving Eve.



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Owura Ankoma-Mensah fields a punt.



Zak Mielnicki tries to get through the tacklers.



Owura Ankoma-Mensah attempts to intercept a pass.



Quarterback Adam Adams takes the keeper into the end zone.



Eric Serrano tries to get through a blocker.

Committee announces next Hall induction

BARRE – Tickets for the 11th Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Induction are now available for the Nov. 7 ceremony to be held at Teresa's Restaurant, 315 Palmer Road, Ware, MA. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the induction ceremony.

Seven individuals and a pair of championship teams will be honored. Dating back to the first induction in 2002, this will bring the total number of individual inductees to 72 in addition to 11 teams.

The induction class includes Louis Panaccione '75, Eugene Rich '95,

Matthew Brunelle '08, Stephany Halfrey '15, Thaddeus J. Gumula Contributor and Athletic Director, Coach Cheryl Adams, Coach Debra Spinelli, 1979 Field Hockey Team and 1998-99 Boys Varsity Basketball Team.

Tickets are \$50 and may be obtained by calling Hall

of Fame Chairman Ted Gumula at (413) 348-0414 or through the mail by contacting: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 874 Barre, MA 01005. The last date to purchase tickets will be Oct. 23.

All checks must be payable to Quabbin Regional School District.

Umpires Association awards scholarship



Submitted photo

Western Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association Board Member Chris Anderson awards a \$500 scholarship earlier this summer Sean Krol. The umpires' association funds the scholarship through dues paid by its members. Anderson hopes in the future to fund more scholarships either through fundraising or donations, saying its important to give back to the sport they love, and promote education for high school seniors who play. Applications for next year's scholarship will open up early in 2027.

Pioneers set to represent Palmer for 2026 season

PALMER – The Palmer High School football team is not fielding a varsity team this season due to lowering numbers.

The team hopes to have a JV team this year and rebuild its varsity roster for next season. Meanwhile, Pathfinder will be representing the town in the varsity ranks by itself this year. The Pioneers were scheduled to be in scrimmage action this week, but rain threatened that match-up. Pathfinder's schedule was

slightly changed by some of the matchups being moved around this year.

The season opener for the Pioneers will not be far away, however, as Pathfinder will make a very short trip to Ludlow to take on the Lions on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Their season opener will take place on Friday, Sept. 18 against Commerce. The Pioneers will be using Legion Field as their home field once again this season.



The Pathfinder defense comes up with a big stop during last year's final game with Belchertown on Thanksgiving.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibell
Cassian Kowalik lumbing through the crowd.



Trevor Alexander makes a carry for the Pioneers.



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Sports

Bay State Games inducts three to Hall

WALTHAM – Representative Patricia Haddad (legislative leadership), Representative John Barrett (legislative leadership), and Ryan McCarthy (baseball coach) have been selected for induction into the 2026 Bay State Games’ Hall of Fame. The inductees will receive their award at a pre-game ceremony at Fenway Park on Sunday, June 14 prior to the Red Sox game against Texas. The Bay State Games Hall of Fame was created to recognize past participants who have gone on to prestigious and successful athletic careers, as well as former and current coaches, officials, sports organizers, and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization throughout its 38-year history. Past inductees among the over 60 previous honorees include the NBA’s Dana Barros (’06), Pat Connaughton (’25) and the late Reggie Lewis (’02); WNBA’s Rebecca Lobo (’03); Major League Baseball’s Rich Hill (’13); Olympians Nancy Kerrigan (’07), Ada Korkhin (’25) and Samantha Livingstone (’18) and US Paralympic Gold Medalist Joe Lemar (’15).

“The Bay State Games is proud of the many athletes who have partici-

pated in the program and gone on to achieve success at the collegiate, professional, and Olympic levels. We are equally proud of the coaches, sport organizers, community leaders, and supporters whose dedication, expertise, and generosity have helped make the Bay State Games possible.” Said Kevin Cummings, the Bay State Games Executive Director. “We are honored to recognize this year’s Hall of Fame class and celebrate the significant contributions each inductee has made to the Bay State Games. Their commitment, leadership, and lasting impact have strengthened the organization and enriched the experience of countless athletes throughout the Commonwealth.” Rep. Patricia Haddad - Legislative Leadership

Massachusetts State Representative Patricia Haddad championed state support for the Bay State Games for over two decades. She has supported the recreation, health, and education-based programs of the organization that benefit thousands of Massachusetts participants each year. A former teacher for 14 years, Rep. Haddad represented the 5th Bristol District for 25 years and served as Speaker Pro Tempore of

the Massachusetts House of Representatives for ten years. Rep. John Barrett - Legislative Leadership

Massachusetts State Representative John Barrett from Berkshire County has been a strong supporter of the Bay State Games since the mid-1980s. Rep. Barrett was instrumental in bringing the Winter Games to Berkshire County, where they have been held for over 35 years. He has served as State Representative for Berkshire County since 2017 and was formerly Mayor of North Adams for 26 years. Rep. Barrett is also a leading advocate of the statewide Summer Games. Ryan McCarthy - Baseball Coach

Ryan McCarthy from Portsmouth has served as volunteer baseball coach at the Bay State Games for over two decades. He has led the Northeast team to numerous championship medals. Ryan has devoted more than 25 years to coaching high school student-athletes in both baseball and football at Triton Regional High School, Newburyport High School, and Dighton-Rehoboth High School. He has had a positive impact on countless Massachusetts high school student-athletes.

In the Classroom

Colleges and universities lists graduates

Belmont University
Nashville, Tennessee

Bachelor of Science in audio engineering technology
Layth Shehadeh of Hardwick

Nichols College
Dudley

Jessica Tower of Barre, Bachelor of Science in business administration
Colin Wallace of North Brookfield, Bachelor of Science in business administration
Ashley Ottman of North Brookfield, Master Degree in business administration
Joseph Collard of Rutland, Bachelor of Science in business administration
Sean Looney of Rutland, Bachelor of Science in business administration

Roger Williams University
Bristol, Rhode Island

Bachelor’s Degree
Benjamin Auger of Rutland
Dominic Mogavero of Rutland

Saint Anselm College
Manchester, New Hampshire

Bachelors in nursing and pinning ceremony
Anna Paulson of Rutland

University of Tampa
Tampa, Florida

Bachelor of Science cybersecurity and management information systems
Declan Cady of Rutland

Polus Center announces free paraprofessional training

A free training opportunity is opening the door to careers in Massachusetts schools for people who want to make a difference in students’ lives.

The Polus Center for Social and Economic Development is now recruiting Massachusetts residents for a free six-week virtual training program preparing participants for employment as school-based paraprofessionals beginning Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Paraprofessionals, also known as teacher’s aides, instructional assistants or paraeducators, play a vital role in helping teachers provide students with the individualized support they need to succeed. Working under the supervision of certified educators, they assist with lesson plans, provide one-on-one and small-group instruction and facilitate social integration, helping create inclusive and supportive learning environments where every student can thrive.

The training and job placement assistance are free for Massachusetts residents, who are unemployed or underemployed, through a Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grant funded by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and administered by Commonwealth Corporation through the state’s Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.

“These grants help job

seekers pursue meaningful careers in high-demand fields while also strengthening employers with a skilled and prepared workforce,” said Molly Jacobson, President and CEO of Commonwealth Corporation.

The Polus Center is offering the program in collaboration with Fitchburg State University and partnering with Fitchburg, Gardner, Worcester and Narragansett Regional Public Schools. Because the training is delivered virtually, applicants from throughout Massachusetts can participate and prepare to pursue paraprofessional positions in their own local school communities.

The program is particularly well suited for parents and recent high school graduates interested in working in an academic setting. No college degree is required. Participants with fewer than four semesters (60 credits) of higher education will receive guided preparation to take and pass the ParaPro Exam.

Participants who already hold an associate degree or higher can also enroll in an optional, free, in-person Registered Behavior Technician Certification program, preparing graduates for specialized, high-demand positions in local schools.

The program runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. via Zoom, beginning Nov. 3. Classes will be taught by

field professionals, industry leaders and Fitchburg State University faculty.

Participants will receive Fitchburg State University Paraprofessional Micro-Credential , Polus Center Paraprofessional Training Certificate of Completion , Crisis Prevention and Intervention Certification , Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Certification , Bloodborne Pathogen Certificate , Paraeducator Training Module Certificates from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Mandated Reporter Training Certificate of Completion.

In addition to classroom instruction, participants receive personalized career guidance and mentorship to strengthen their resumes, develop interview skills and prepare to secure employment in the education field.

Class size is limited and applications are being accepted now. For more information or to apply, people may call Katie Moura at 978-895-3285 or email kmoura@poluscenter.org or Roberta Richards at 978-894-5627 or email rrichards@poluscenter.org.

Learn more about the Polus Center and its workforce training programs and employment supports for people with disabilities by visiting www.poluscenter.org or email Executive Director Theresa Kane at tkane@poluscenter.org.

North Brookfield Cultural Council is seeking funding proposals

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Cultural Council has set an Oct. 15 deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants supporting community cultural activities.

According to LCC spokesperson Nancy Waldron these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in or around North Brookfield, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The North Brookfield Cultural Council is part

of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

The LCC Program is the nation’s largest grassroots cultural funding network, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences every year.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency that allocates funds to each community.

This year, the North Brookfield Cultural Council will distribute about \$7,200 in grants.

Previously funded projects include: production of “Legally Blonde 2”, programs Birds of Prey, Watercolor Painting at the Haston Library; and Hip Hop Square Dance at the Senior Center.

For local guidelines and complete information on the North Brookfield Cultural Council, contact Nancy Waldron at nancy.rachel@comcast.net.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.masscultural-council.org.

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‘Town Takeover’ benefits police station project



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The towns of Hardwick and New Braintree participated in Town Takeover night at a WooSox game on July 22 at Polar Park in Worcester. A portion of proceeds from tickets purchased that night will benefit the Hardwick-New Braintree Police Association, to raise money to renovate the police station on Lower Road in Hardwick. Shown from left are Police Lieutenant Robert Toupin, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, Fire Chief Nick Gaumont, Selectman Bill Tinker, Town Administrator Justine Caggiano, Police Chief Kevin Landine, Selectman Jeff Schaaf and Police Detective Patrick Almstrom. Both Gaumont and Almstrom were honored during the game for their exemplary work in public safety.

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Obituaries

Dorothy R. Hopkins-Holmes, 88

BARRE — Dorothy R. Hopkins-Holmes of Barre, died Aug. 4, 2026.

The wife of Herbert Holmes and the widow of the late David S. Hopkins, she was born June 16, 1938 in Arlington, the daughter of Philip and Esther Lamson Rose.

Mrs. Hopkins-Holmes received her education at Central Connecticut University and had been employed at numerous Connecticut manufacturing companies in their human resources departments.

She was also an employee of Boy Scouts of America as well as serving as a volunteer for more than 20 years, beginning as a den leader in Cub Scouting.

Most of her volunteer tenure was with Boy Scout Troop 4 of Wallingford, Connecticut..

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, in Yalesville, Connecticut and served in several leadership roles including Senior Warden.

Dorothy's interests included camping with her husband David. With close ties to Vermont, Dorothy and her family enjoyed camping on the family farm in Brookfield, Vermont where her mother was born. Later she and David spent 10 years volunteering as summer camp hosts at Allis State Park in Randolph, Vermont.

In 1998, they spent two months camping across the United States visiting many national parks. She traveled extensively to Mexico, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland and Italy.

September 2010 she married Herbert H. Holmes and moved to Barre, where she



enjoyed living in the country and taking part in local activities such as the Barre Historical Society and the Oakham Congregational Church.

Dorothy also enjoyed traveling, camping and having a garden with flowers.

She was a devoted grandmother, who cherished and always took great interest in the lives of her grandchildren. She also always shared her love with her dog companion.

She is survived by three sons, Christopher Hopkins of Torrington, Connecticut; Shawn Hopkins and his wife, Donna, of Seymour, Connecticut and Wayne Hopkins and his wife, Julia of Wallingford, Connecticut as well as her sister Norma Milkie and her husband Kenneth of Canaan, New Hampshire, her brother-in-law Robert Asman of Morris, Connecticut and her sister in law Diane Rose of Ipswich.

She is preceded in death by her brother, George Rose of Ipswich and her sister, Martha Asman of Morris, Connecticut.

She also leaves six grandchildren: Jessica, Stephen, Kimberly, Sarah, Kayla, and Corbin and three great grandchildren: Zoe, Caleb and Carson. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

With Herbert, she shared three step-children, seven step-grandchildren and nine step-great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road Oakham.

Donations may be made to Oakham Congregational Church 4 Coldbrook Road, Unit 12, Oakham, MA 01068.

John L. Schinnagel, 98



NEW BRAINTREE — John L. Schinnagel, 98, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 27 at home.

They say not all heroes wear capes. While the phrase may be overused, it remains profoundly true.

Sometimes heroes come from Brooklyn, New York, use their GI Bill to earn a college degree, become devoted husbands, loving fathers and magical grandfathers.

They are honest to a fault, judge others solely by the content of their character, possess an unquenchable thirst for knowledge



and remain endlessly fascinated by the grandeur of the natural world.

Such was the life of John "Pappy" Schinnagel, whose journey carried him from Brooklyn, New York, to Manalapan, New Jersey to Anderson, South Carolina and finally New Braintree, Massachusetts. Along the way, he built a life defined by integrity, curiosity, kindness and unwavering devotion to family.

On Aug. 27, 2026 John escaped the bonds of age and illness and entered the warm embrace of his beloved wife and true love,

Russell George Stannard, 69

BARRE — Russell George Stannard, 69, of Barre passed away in hospice care in the hospital on June 12, 2026.

He was predeceased by his beloved son, Kory Stewart Stannard and his loving parents, Professors George and Kay Stannard.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Jean Mantenuto Stannard; his sister, Reverend Barbara Jean Stannard of Paxton and his brother and his wife, Edward and Karen Stannard of Godfrey, Illinois and Jean's many extended family members.

Russell was born on May 10, 1957 in Boston. He graduated from Johnson and Wales University and had a



very successful culinary career for close to fifty years.

He was the top chef in several high-end restaurants in both Massachusetts and Vermont. He was nominated for the prestigious James Beard Foundation Award that honors exceptional talent, innovation and leadership in American cuisine.

One of Russell's great joys in life was mentoring many individuals in the culinary world. Another lifelong joy was his participation in and service to Camp Putnam in New Braintree.

He started as a camper, served several years as the camp cook, served on the Board of Directors and finally hosted three annual culi-

nary fundraising events for many years.

Russell was working on one of these fundraisers in his hospital bed right up to the time of his passing. In addition, Russell loved the outdoors, several sports and his ten-acre home- stead, which included horses, goats, dogs, and cats. He was extremely talented at construction and built barns, goat sheds, a riding rink and several decks on houses in both Massachusetts and Vermont.

He will be greatly missed by both his family and close friends. A private burial of his ashes will be held at Moreland Cemetery in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Putnam, 141 Rutherford Rd, New Braintree, MA 01531.

DEATH NOTICES

Holmes, Dorothy R.
Died Aug. 4, 2026
Celebration of Life
Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in
Oakham Congregational
Church, 4 Coldbrook
Road, Oakham

Stannard, Russell
Died June 12, 2026
A private burial of his
ashes will be held at
Moreland Cemetery,
Paxton.

Schinnagel, John L.
Died Aug. 27, 2026
Private funeral service
will be held at the con-
venience of the family.

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State Rep. Berthiaume Jr. receives Legislator of the Year award

State Representative Donnie Berthiaume, who proudly represents the 5th Worcester District in Massachusetts, has been named the 2026 Legislator of the Year by the Worcester County League of Sportsmen.

He received the award at the organization's annual banquet in recognition of his longstanding commitment to supporting sportsmen, conservation efforts, and outdoor traditions throughout Worcester County.

The Legislator of the Year Award is presented annually to a public official, who has demonstrated exceptional advocacy on behalf of hunting, fishing, wildlife conservation and the rights of outdoor enthusiasts.

Representative

Berthiaume's leadership and consistent support of policies important to the sporting community have earned him widespread respect among constituents and advocacy groups alike.

"I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from the Worcester County League of Sportsmen," said Representative Berthiaume. "Supporting our outdoor heritage and ensuring that future generations can enjoy Massachusetts' natural resources has always been a priority of mine."

The Worcester County League of Sportsmen is a longstanding organization dedicated to promoting responsible outdoor recreation, conservation and education across the region.

Family Fall Festival set for Oct. 3

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, 144 Main St., will host its annual Family Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3 from noon-2:30 p.m. The annual Family Fall Festival has activities for all members of your family.

There will also be free

hamburgers/cheeseburgers, chips, lemonade and apple cider (served hot and cold) for all.

There will be a silent auction and cake/pie sale. A bouncy house, cotton candy machine, popcorn and games for the whole family, including the famous (or infamous) tug of war

between the adults and the children.

Other activities include horse rides, corn hole, Zumba with Melanie, and the North Brookfield Fire Department Fire Prevention team. This event is free and open to all. Call the church office with any questions at 508-867-8428

Church hosts souper flannel supper

RUTLAND — A "souper flannel supper" takes place on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the First Congregation Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland.

People are invited to

dress in their favorite flannel shirt and enjoy a hearty, homemade fall meal of soup, chowder and chili. There will be bread and sweet treats: gluten free options will be available. They will be collecting new

or gently used men's and women's flannel shirts to donate to a Veterans organization. There is no charge for the supper and reservations are not required. Donations will be gratefully accepted. All are welcome.

Library hosts story time and playgroup

NEW BRAINTREE — The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, restarts their monthly preschool story hour on Monday, Sept. 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Children enjoy a story, craft and independent playtime. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.

The library will host the CFCE MOC coordinat-

ed science playgroup on Monday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m.. The target age group is 6 and under. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.



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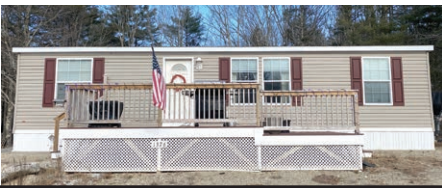
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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, July 26
7:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
1:13 p.m. Property Damage, Fir Street, Report Filed
1:32 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
3:52 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Written Warning
5:12 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Williamsville Road, Investigated
9:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

Monday, July 27
7:55 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, School North Street, Officer/Chief Advised
6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

Tuesday, July 28
11:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Wildwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
6:35 p.m. Be On the Lock Out Notification Wheelwright Road, Area Search Negative
9:42 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, July 29
9:37 a.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Office Spoke to Party
12:54 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, High South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

1:06 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Main Street, Investigated
1:57 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Old Dana Road, Investigated
2:40 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Old Turnpike Road, Fire Extinguished
4:04 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
6:25 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Report Filed

Thursday, July 30
6:26 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
8:35 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Walnut Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning

Friday, July 31
10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
10:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued

11:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, South Street, Mutual Aid Transport
12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
Summons Lelivre, Keith A., 52, South Barre
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sicker, No
1:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
3:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital
6:34 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Ruggles Lane, Report Filed
7:39 Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Aug. 1
10:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Burnshirt Road, Mutual Aid Transport
3:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Kruse Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:53 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Peach Street, Investigated
6:53 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Jewett Road, Negative Contact
8:04 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, School North Street, Officer/Chief Advise
10:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Headache, Peach Street, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 60 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, 11 radar assignments, seven traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, two assist other agencies, three safety hazards, one burglary, one disturbance, two animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Tuesday, Aug. 25
1:28 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
11:48 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, Aug. 26
1:20 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Unfounded
4:45 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
2:52 p.m. Vandalism, Main Street, Report Taken
4:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
9:10 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
9:50 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prouty Road, Patient Refusal

Thursday, Aug. 27
1:12 p.m. Safety Hazard,

Gaudet Road, Removed Hazard
3:10 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prouty Road, Transported to Hospital
5:43 p.m. Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Patient Refusal

Friday, Aug. 28
8:08 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Old Petersham Road, Spoken To
3:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, North Road, Services Rendered
10:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

Saturday, Aug. 29
11:19 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, Aug. 30
9:08 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered
5:25 p.m. Disturbance, Lower Road, Investigated

Monday, Aug. 31
6:20 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Call Canceled

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, July 26
2:56 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Lizzy Lane, Call Transferred
3:02 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Mutual Aid Assist
7:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
10:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Overlook Road, Transported to Hospital
12:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
1:49 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, River Road, Report Filed
1:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Thurston Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
2:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact
2:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
5:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Fernwood Drive, transported to Hospital
10:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
10:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Barre Paxton Road, No Transport Required

Monday, July 27
12:01 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, River Road, Negative Contact
10:18 a.m. Stroke, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
10:57 a.m. Property Damage, Wachusett Street, Officer/Chief Advised
11:39 a.m. Vandalism, Valleyview Pump House, Report Filed
11:47 a.m. Disturbance/

Disorderly, Miles Road, Report Field
12:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Miles Road, No Transport Required
7:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital
10:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Public Assist

Tuesday, July 28
2:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
2:21 p.m. Complaint, Bushy Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
3:35 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasantdale Road, Information Given
9:59 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Village Way, Investigated

Wednesday, July 29
1:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Carlson Way, Transported to Hospital
10:41 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, East Hill Road, Investigated
12:31 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pommogussett Road, Referred to Other Agency
2:40 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Old Turnpike Road, Fire Extinguished
6:40 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
8:59 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Irish Lane, Removed from Scene

Thursday, July 30
12:48 a.m. Erratic Operator, River Road, Area Search Negative
9:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road,

Officer Spoke to Party
9:53 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
4:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
11:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Glenwood Road, Negative Contact

Friday, July 31
12:11 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
10:22 a.m. Property Damage, Charnock Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, South Street, Mutual Aid Transport
12:04 p.m. Complaint, Brintnal Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
4:42 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Information Given
6:41 p.m. Noise Complaint, Clearview Road, Officer/Chief Advised
7:30 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Information Given
9:47 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Edson Avenue, Investigated

Saturday, Aug. 1
9:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crawford Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:20 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Information Taken
5:05 p.m. Missing Person, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
7:18 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Returned
10:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Burns, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Aug. 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 20 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, three traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle investigation, one property damage, one suspicious activity, one motor vehicle accident and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Aug. 24
11:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
1:27 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Moore Road, Officer Handled

1:55 p.m. Assist Citizen Ravine Road, Officer Handled
7:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Aug. 25
4:32 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bernard Whitney Road, Patient Refusal
2:45 p.m. Property Damage, Padre Road, Services Rendered
4:02 p.m. Welfare Check, West Brookfield Road, Spoken To
5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Aug. 26
9:18 a.m. Fire/Alarm, North Brookfield Road, Services

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, July 26
7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
7:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
8:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
11:11 a.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Evergreen Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:49 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, River Road, Report Filed
6:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:51 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Monday, July 27
1:43 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Negative Contact
10:58 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Gardner Road, Information
4:06 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Old Westminster Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, July 28
4:54 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Hale Road, Negative Contact
12:07 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Bemis Road, Investigated
7:48 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, July 29
3:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, New Westminster Road, Mutual Aid Transport
10:53 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Removed from Scene
2:14 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Flagg Road, Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, July 30
3:57 p.m. Property Damage, Old Westminster Road, Report Filed
6:02 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Princeton Road, Information Given

Friday, July 31
10:57 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Call Transferred
3:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Brigham Street, Mutual Aid Transport

Saturday, Aug. 1
10:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Burnshirt Road, Mutual Aid Transport
1:20 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Duffy Road, Officer/Chief Advised
1:44 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Root Road, Officer Spoke to Party
3:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Kruse Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, July 26
1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

Monday, July 27
11:01 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, No Action Required
11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Citation Issued
12:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Spencer Road, Written Warning
3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
7:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, July 28
11:04 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Report Filed
1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, July 29
2:40 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Old Turnpike Road, Fire Extinguished
5:40 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Ware Corner Road, Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, July 30
8:43 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hunt Road, Removed from Scene

10:41 a.m. Fire – Fuel Spill, Bechan Road, Mutual Aid Assist
12:47 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Farm Pond Road, Officer/Chief Advised
5:15 p.m. Complaint, Farm Pond Road, Officer/Chief Advised
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road Citation Issued
6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Aug. 1
10:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Burns, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

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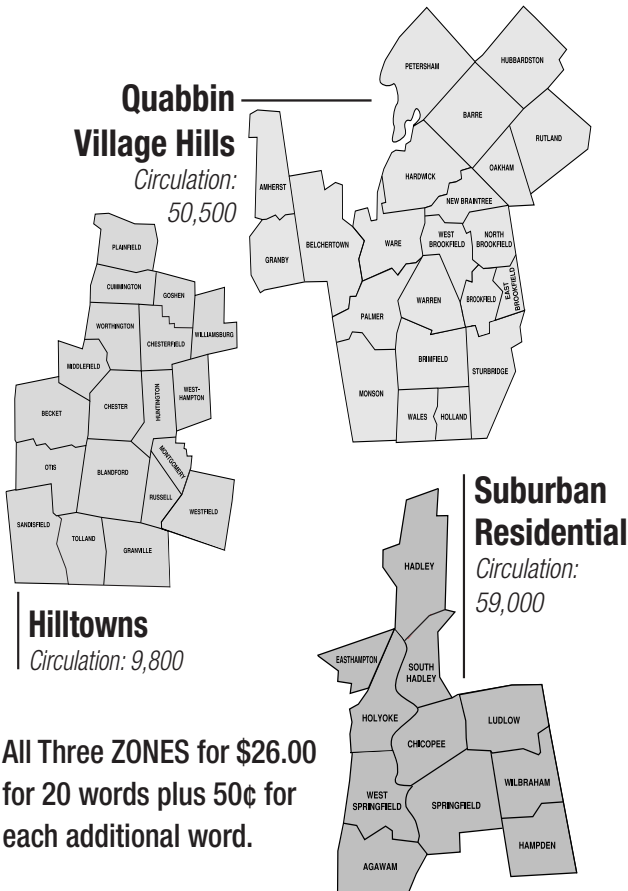
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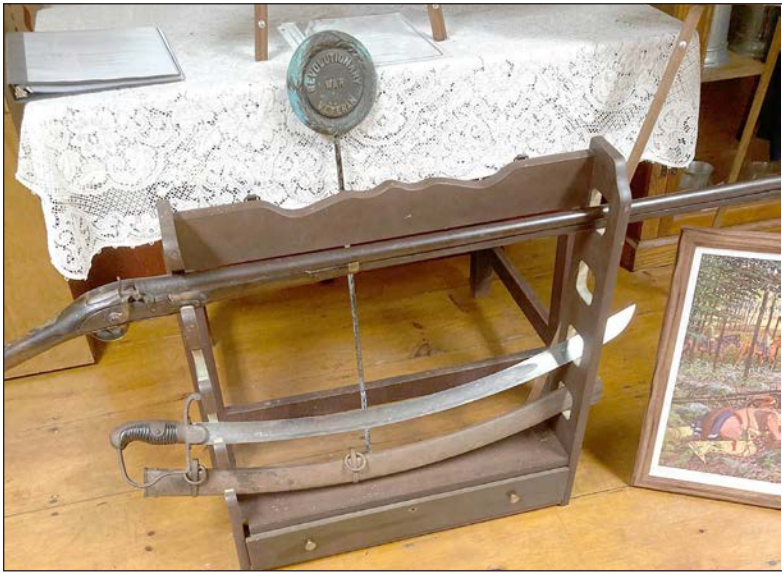
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