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Select Board meeting has standing room only

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BARRE – The Select Board meeting room filled to capacity at the Sept. 2 meeting.

Most of the residents present came over concern about the proposed Battery Energy Storage System for a 148 parcel of land on Wauwinet Road. The land currently is

in Chapter 61, an agricultural property tax exemption. Michael Collins, a Barre resident, read a statement recommending the Select Board exercise their right of first refusal on the land. The town via the Select Board has the right to either purchase the land for the town or assign the right to a non-profit land trust such as East Quabbin Land Trust. He also recommended the Planning Board

draft a by law to protect the town against future battery storage systems.

Residents in attendance were all against this project. They cited its proximity to an aquifer, the high school and a residential area and the danger from fires associated with many of these systems.

Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said there was nothing that could be done tonight and it was in

the hands of the Planning Board, who are the permitting authority. She said the Select Board would be working with the Planning Board as well as the town of Oakham and other towns that face similar projects in their towns.

She said the town was looking for the “best legal advice” and may need to hire another lawyer with expertise in this area. She said, “[We]

may have to spend more, but can’t afford not to.”

DPW Commission and Select Board

The Department of Public Works Commission, having a quorum, opened their meeting with the Select Board to respond to the Office of the Inspector General’s recommendations.

Based on its investigative findings, the OIG recommends that the town and

the town’s DPW Commission take the following actions within 30 days.

1. Execute a memorandum of understanding with the DPW Commission, recognizing that town time reporting policies apply to employees of the DPW Commission. The DPW Commission should review and approve

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National Grid substation expansion

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Representatives from National Grid gave a presentation to the Board of Selectmen about a proposed expansion of the Lashaway substation located at 39 East Brookfield Road.

At the Aug. 26 meeting, the representatives said the town has a 16.5 foot sewer easement that bifurcates the substation parcel, and National Grid is requesting the release of the easement to allow for the construction of the expanded substation.

The 12-foot clay sewer pipe within the easement was cut and abandoned about 30 years ago. There is currently no plan to install a new sewer pipe within the easement.

The existing substation was built in the 1960s and the proposed expansion would increase the load capacity from 21 megavolt amperes via three feeders to 110 MVA with five feeders installed and also the provision of three additional feeders to support future growth, system reliability and redundancy.

With the release of the easement, the construction of the expansion could begin in late 2026 with a completion date of October 2028.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said even through the easement is not being used currently, it is still a town asset. National Grid representatives said it could be feasible to swap the location of the easement so the town would still retain it as an asset, without it cutting through the expansion area.

“It’s still a taxpayer-owned asset...I think that’s got to be worth something,” he said.

The board members discussed whether this decision could be made during a future Selectmen’s meeting or if a special town meeting would need to be held. The board members will revisit the discussion at a future meeting.

Online auction

Starting on Monday, Sept. 15, the town will host an online auction through GovDeals. The auction will run through Monday, Sept. 29.

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Library glowed with apothecary floral lights

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., had another fun craft night this past week.

Guests signed up to make their own apothecary floral lights and the turnout was exceptional. There were two separate floors of the library to offer the same class.

Helping out during the craft on the top floor was Laura Biro, a volunteer at the library.

This was the first time Biro instructed a class at the library, where she’s been volunteering for the last seven years. Biro was asked to help during this craft, which featured lots of creativity. Materials for these apothecary floral lights include dry flowers, mod podge, and small jars.

The result the crafters were looking for was to make frosted looking glass. This helps the light reflect more out of the jars and have the dry flowers and leaves stand out. Each crafter got to make two apothecary floral lights.

Biro says she enjoys



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Apothecary floral lights were made during craft night at the Haston Free Public Library. These examples were made by Library Director Lia Tulip.

“supporting the library” and there will be more classes in the future.

On the bottom floor was the other group creating these beautiful apothecary floral lights. Library Director Lia Tulip was teaching this group on the bottom floor.

Tulip said the idea of creating these lights came from her and said the last few

turnouts for craft night have been fantastic.

Last month, the library’s craft night featured the creation of sea glass windchimes. The turnout was so big, the library had to use two floors. Tulip showed an example of the windchimes as crafters began creating their own floral lights.

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Gloria is shown working on two apothecary floral lights, which featured mod podge, dry flowers and leaves, all pasted on a small jar.

Selectmen interviewed Town Administrator candidate

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen interviewed candidate Adam Lamontagne for the Town Administrator position.

At the Aug. 25 interview, Lamontagne spoke about his many years in municipal government, including working for the city of Chicopee for almost a decade, and with the town of Templeton since 2018.

Lamontagne said he worked his way up to Town Administrator in Templeton in 2020 where he remained until March of this year. He said he decided to leave that position after issues related to the school budget.

Lamontagne then took his current position as Chief Administrative Officer in the town of Phillipston.

Prior to his career in municipal government, Lamontagne attended the police academy but did not continue. He said this was one of his failures, but it was an experience that encouraged him to go back and earn his master’s degree in munic-

ipal government.

“It’s taking those failures and moving on how you can succeed in other areas,” Lamontagne said.

He spoke about challenges he is working to address in his current position, including the reuse of a vacant school building and advocating for the town to have its own post office and zip code.

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Adam Lamontagne

“At this point, I was working to make sure that building’s staying in compliance, look at various options for the select board to reutilize the building,” he said.

Lamontagne said in his previous role in Templeton, he was responsible for putting the former Baldwinville Elementary School out to bid, which he did twice. The building sold for \$400,000

and is now back on the town’s tax roll.

“We were very successful getting MPC Development after the bidding process...the select board awarded it to them,” he said. “It’s a \$30 million investment in the community over there...I’m really proud of that project.”

Lamontagne said he also worked to secure Community Development Block Grant funding to redo all of the roads in that area.

“That project I was very proud to accomplish...with all of the town departments. They worked collaboratively with me,” Lamontagne said. “I’m a very project-oriented town administrator.”

He said the reason he wants to work for North Brookfield is to “expand his horizons.” He said he learned a lot about the town during his interview process with the search committee.

“I think you have established a good thing here,” he said. “I want to just be able to take that and take the next step.”

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Special permit for Lost Towns approved

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WARE – A public hearing was held for Lost Towns Brewing Company regarding a special permit at the location of 44 East Main St.

The hearing was opened during the Aug. 21 planning board meeting as the applicants, Pam and Jim Spurrell of Lost Towns Brewing, came in to tell their story and their plan to come to town.

Vice Chair of the Planning Board, Chris Dimarzio, reminded everyone that the Chairman Ken Crosby was absent and if the board were to move to a vote on the special permit, it would require a unanimous vote of four.

Lost Towns Brewing was opened in Gilbertville back in 2018 and is considered a nano-brewery. The brewing is done on site and features a taproom and an outdoor seating area.

In addition to on-site service, Lost Towns Brewing also sources out local ingredients and brews with local

grains.

The brewery also hosts live music and open mics to connect with the community. Lost Towns Brewing has also helped raise money for charity organizations, including Homefront Strong.

“We’ve really enjoyed what we’ve done in our community,” Pam Spurrell said.

The brewery owners are looking to set up an operation in Ware but said they will continue production operations in Gilbertville. For food, they have small snacks and also partnered with Farmer Matt in New Braintree to deliver food that is ordered by customers of the brewery.

The Planning Board took comments from the public to see if there were any concerns. The Spurrells confirmed that the brewing will be conducted at the Gilbertville location. The board wanted to review the hours of operation the applicant was seeking to have on

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Lions Club holds car show

The Barre Lions Club annual car show will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 beginning at 9 a.m. on the Common, in Barre. In addition to the car show, there will be a 50/50 raffle, raffle items and kiddie corral. Everyone is welcome. There are plaques donated by businesses and individuals to be awarded to select cars.

Designer pancake breakfast

A designer pancake breakfast sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mount Zion Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. People may create their own designer pancakes. The menu also includes pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee and always real maple syrup. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 6 and under. People can come for breakfast then enjoy the Barre Lions Club Car Show on the Barre Common.

Yard sale

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

Information Fair

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

Chicken barbecue

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

Joining hands community walk

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

9/11 ceremony takes place on Barre Common



Submitted photo

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



OAKHAM

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Friend of Library lists events

The fall Friends of Library meeting takes place on Saturday, Sept. 13 at noon in the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St.

The library staff thanks Susan Turnbull for representing the Friends of the Library at the Oakham Town-wide Yard Sale this past Saturday. The yard sale was well attended and \$714 was made for the Friends of the Library. It will go a long way to help pay for upcoming programs at the library so many thanks to her and all who donated and shopped. The Friends of the Library decided to send out a town-wide mailing with the new Friends of the Library brochure and September programs bookmark. They should be mailed the first week of September. The Friends of Library Halloween party will be Oct 31 from 5-7 p.m. The library is prime stop for many during Trick or Treating and the library staff loves to come up with new ideas each year to make this event special. People may donate a bag or two of wrapped Halloween candy or non-candy prizes for the little ghosts and ghouls by dropping it off at the library.

Sunday School

Sunday School at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, begins Sunday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. with Rally Sunday. All children ages preschool through high school are welcome to participate.

COA events

The Oakham Council on Aging list September events. Friday, Sept. 5 from 9-11 a.m. lawn games – croquet and corn hole will take place on Oakham common followed by cookout from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Oakham Senior Center. Thursday, Sept. 11 is blood pressure from 11:15 a.m.-noon. Thursday, Friday Sept. 12 the COA meeting is at noon. Sept. 18 a representative from Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.:reservations are required. Lunch brunch meets the third Friday. Friday, Sept. 19 the location is the Sandwich Company Bar and Grill, Main Street, Holden at 12:30 pm Sign up sheet is in the main room of the Senior Center Tuesday, Sept. 23 is blood pressure and glucose testing from 11 a.m.-noon. Monday, Sept. 22 the podiatry clinic takes place from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m.; reservations are required.

Tuesday, Sept. 23: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; there are no age restrictions. People may stop in at the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up, call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

Ongoing senior events

Ongoing activities Monday through Thursday include puzzling from 9 a.m.-noon and walking group meet at Senior Center at 9 a.m. Tuesday through Thursdays the walking group meets at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. To be added to the walking groups text MSG Group, people should call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave their name and cell phone number. Starting Tuesday, Sept 16 Yoga class will begin in Senior Center multipurpose room. Classes are \$40 for eight classes; registration is required. Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center. Donation is \$3 per class. Thursdays at 12 noon is weigh in at the Senior Center, support weight loss group

Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness is held at the New Braintree Town Hall. Donation is \$3 per class. Hot Lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. at 508-882-4072.

Barre Food Pantry holds distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Sept.10 or in the evening on Thursday, Sept. 18, 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 we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Sept. 10 and Sept. 18 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.

On Tuesday night, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m., the Barre

Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning.

If people can help pitch in for an hour on the Sept. 9, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

Volunteers should not arrive on Sept. 9, 10 or 18 without first calling either Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should visit the Barre Food Pantry website at

<http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

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. 8. 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 – Burger with chili and cheese, herbed potatoes, green beans, Jello, sandwich roll

TUESDAY – Braised beef, Gemelli pasta, broccoli, pear crisp, diet = pears, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Jambalaya, rice pilaf, green peas, pineapple, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding, diet = chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread

FRIDAY – Ranch chicken, cornbread stuffing, spinach, fresh fruit, pumpernickel 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.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Barre Common Oversight Committee – Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Sept. 11 at 1 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Sept. 25 at 11 a.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 9, Sept. 23 and Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Sept. 10 at 3 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 15 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Pubic Safety Building Committee – Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.
 Board of Parks Commissioners – Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Sewer Committee – Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m.
 School Committee Executive Session – Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Sept. 11 at 11 a.m.-noon
 Planning Board – Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Cemetery Commission – Sept. 6 at 9 a.m.

PETERSHAM

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

RUTLAND

Library Board of Trustees – Sept. 9 at 7:30 a.m.
 Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board Hearing – Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.

Circle of Song starts season Sept. 4

BARRE – Circle of Song will be starting its 25th season on Thursday, Sept. 4 with rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Hal, corner of Exchange and Mechanic Streets.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary, original co-director Elisabeth Bryant is guest conducting two of the pieces for the concert. Mozart's Regina Coeill will be the centerpiece of this Dec. 20 concert at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, which Beth will conduct. She will also conduct Java Jive, Ben Oakland and Milton Drake's enjoyable "ode to coffee." Additionally, Beth will solo

on clarinet with the chorus in Rene Clausen's arrangement of "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair."

Jeff Williams will direct Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," Nancy Afonso will lead "Mary Did You Know" arranged by the Pentatonix, and Scott Bryant will direct Morten Lauridson's "O Magnum Mysterium."

Julie Rawosn, COS director will lead, "At the River" by Aaron Copland, "The Irish Prayer" arranged by Doug Andrews and finally, "The Seal Lullaby" by Eric Whitacre.

Circle of Song, a choral group of approximately 20 members, is always look-

ing for new members. The chorus sings in four-part harmony, pieces that are somewhat a reach musically. Support is given to all singers as desired, with learning tapes and sectionals for those who are interested. New and experienced singers are invited to join. Circle of Song is a no-nonsense, down-to-earth chorus that includes singers of all ages and experience.

People interested in joining the Circle of Song may call Julie Rawson at 978-257-1192 or email julie@mhof.net. They also may just show up at the first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

HUBBARDSTON

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Dottie Rock Trail opens

The recently completed accessible trail at the Malone Conservation Area in Hubbardston has recently been completed and is officially open. The Dottie Rock Trail traverses open meadow and woodlands, rising to a spectacular cliffside vista with views of Mt. Wachusett. The wide, firm gravel surface and gentle winding slope of this accessible trail conform to ADA guidelines to offer a unique outdoor experience for all hikers, those with impaired mobility, strollers and self-powered bicyclers. Off road vehicles are prohibited on Hubbardston Conservation land. ATVs threaten destruction of trails and are a nuisance to visitors using the trails. The trail's ribbon cutting ceremony is on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. and join us as we meander to Dottie Rock to enjoy the view. In the event of rain, the ribbon cutting will be postponed to the following Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. and post the notification on the Hubbardston town website: www.HubbardstonMA.us. The trail at Malone Conservation Area is located 2.5 miles from Hubbardston center at the end of Malone Road (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/4kK-SPSR4G26LE12CA>) and was created with support from Mass Trails and Hubbardston Community Preservation Act and ARPA funds.

Nonesuch Fest

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

Field Day

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

Library 5K

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

Senior Center

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

Information Fair to be held at Senior Center

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Doctor of Optometry discusses the macula

By Dr. Kelly Bado, O.D.

People have heard of macular degeneration and how devastating the disease can be.

Why is that? There is only one very small region of the retina with which we can see 20/20.

It's called the macula.

Our field of vision is very wide. The rods are prevalent in the peripheral retina which helps with night vision and recognizing movement.

The central part of the retina includes the exit of neurons that are sent to the back of the brain. It also includes a specialized version of the retina called the macula. It looks different.

Because it is like a concave mirror. In some people I can see a sparkle of light

because of this

Once you look directly at an object your eyes move to centralize the image on the macula.

This image is then sent through the brain where in the occipital cortex the brain lights up to create an image we see.

Generally most maculas stay healthy, but as we age the macula can start to degenerate. Depending on the type of degeneration there are different medical approaches. Keeping the macula healthy includes sunglasses and a retinal support supplement called Macuhealth. People may purchase Macuhealth through Amazon.

Be well.

Note: Dr Bado practices in Barre at 395 Main St., Barre.

'Fill the Pantry' golf scramble happens Sept. 14

OAKHAM – The seventh annual Wachusett area "Fill the Pantry" golf scramble will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14 at Quail Hollow Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road.

Cost to play golf is \$150 single, \$300 twosome and \$600 foursome. Dinner only is \$40. They should include number of golfers and their names as well as contact information with name, address, phone and email. Check should be payable to St. Mary's Council #14298 and mailed to Matt Kelley, 37 Nottingham Drive, Jefferson, MA 01522 or register online at www.FillThePantry.golf

Registration is at noon and a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Sponsors are St. Mary's #14298, St.

Patrick's #16001 and St. Cleophas #15756 Knights of Columbus. Net proceeds raised will benefit families in need supporting Rutland Food Pantry, Barre Food Pantry, Joseph's Project Food Pantry and Knights of Columbus Charities.

Contests include putting, straightest drive and closest to the pin. Mulligans are \$5 each. Businesses or people in memory of a loved one may sponsor a hole for \$100. This includes a sign. If businesses want to use their company logo on their hole sponsor sign, they should send it in pdf format.

For contact information, people may call 508-981-6976 or email flaganelli@gmail.com or Matt Kelley at 508-596-8660 or email kelley084@gmail.com.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

I'm in poor health and need to know my Social Security options

Dear Rusty:
I plan to stop working very soon.

My health is not good. I am 66 years old, born in June 1959, so my full retirement age is 66 years and 10 months. My wife passed away in March 2024 and she was collecting SS benefits when she died. I have no dependent children. In general, what benefits am I entitled to?

Signed: Unhealthy and Struggling

Dear Unhealthy and Struggling:

Sorry to hear that your health is failing and that you will need to stop working soon. But do not fear, Social Security will be there for you. Here is some info to help you decide your next possible steps:

Since you will not reach your full retirement age until next year in April 2026, your earnings limit from working for this year is \$23,400 or \$1,950/month. The earnings limit will apply only if you decide to claim Social Security early (this year).

If you decide to take Social Security this year, your earnings from before you take SS won't count, but your monthly earnings for the remaining months of this year will be subject to the 2025 monthly limit (\$1,950). If your monthly earnings exceed that amount, you won't be entitled to SS benefits for that month, unless your total earnings for 2025 are less than \$23,400. If you don't exceed the annual limit, your 2025 Social Security benefits won't be affected by your work earnings.

Next year, the year you attain your Full Retirement Age, your earnings limit will be much higher about 2.5 times more or something more than about \$63,000. If your 2026 earnings up through March do not exceed that limit, then you can claim your SS benefits a bit earlier in 2026 before your FRA and your benefits won't be affected, except that your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each month you claim before your FRA.

For example, if you were to claim for your SS to start in January 2026, you would get 98.3% of your FRA amount. So, provided your work earnings won't exceed about \$63,000 between January and March 2026, you could claim effective January 2026 without worrying about Social Security's earnings test.

So, depending upon your health, you could claim SS to start in January 2026, likely without worry about the earnings test and would get about 98.3% of your FRA benefit. Or, health permitting, you could wait to claim SS starting in April 2026 to get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a life-

time of working. Point is, you just need to be careful not to exceed Social Security's earnings tests prior to reaching your Full Retirement Age or SS will take away some of your benefits.

They "take away" by withholding future monthly payments as long as needed to recover what you owe. Worse case penalty for exceeding the 2026 monthly limit would be no benefits for any month you exceed about \$5,300 or a penalty of \$1 for every \$3 over the limit if you exceed the 2026 annual limit before your FRA.

You do, however, have another option as your wife's surviving spouse: You can claim your benefit as a surviving spouse prior to claiming your own SS retirement amount. But the earnings test described above (if you claim before your FRA) would also apply to your survivor benefits. So, again, your plans for working enter this decision. If you decide to stop working this year, you could, for example, decide to claim your survivor benefit this year and collect that until you reach your FRA in April 2026 when you would get 100% of your personal SS retirement amount. In fact, you might even decide to collect your survivor benefit longer, allowing your own SS benefit to grow until you are 70, at which time you would get about 25% more than your FRA amount. Indeed, if your survivor benefit is higher than your personal age 70 amount, you can just continue to claim the higher amount.

I suggest that when you decide that you must stop working full time, you contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to discuss whether it is best to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first and delay claiming your own until a later time to get a higher amount. You can make an appointment to discuss your options with SS over the phone, before deciding when (and what) to claim. And, of course, if you have any further questions, we are always here to assist you with your decision.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 10, 2020)

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

Gavin Majoy, a Project 351 Ambassador, is holding a product drive for Hope & Comfort, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing hygiene products to those in need. Hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, floss and menstrual products are all items that are in great need. All donations can be dropped off and collected in a bin at the Oakham town common on the following Sundays from the hours of 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. during outdoor church service on Sunday, Sept. 13. People may also send donations directly to Gavin Majoy using Hope & Comfort's Amazon Wish List. The link is as follows: <http://a.co/9OuDiqm>.

The town of Barre requests that residents (age

Look Back Troop 26 Scouts – 1963



File photo

Troop 26 members are shown in their booth at the Cavalcade of Scouting held in Gardner on May 18, 1963. From left, front row, are Robert Lindsey, Brian Miner and George Robbins; back row, David Spinney, Joe Gerulaitis, Dana Clark, Trescott Robbins, Dale Sheldon and Drew Clark

55 and older) of Barre and nearby towns share their views in order to assess the needs of the community's population and improve programs and services. According to AARP, an age-friendly community "aims to maximize the contribution of older people in the communities and improve quality of life for all people as they age." All responses will be kept confidential. The survey will be available for the month of September. All responses must be received by Oct. 1. Paper copies will be

available at all senior centers, in addition to being on each town's website. Completed surveys can be returned to any senior center, or the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005. The town of Barre is hoping for 300 responses by the Oct. 1 deadline. Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) provided the outline for the survey. The multiple choice survey has

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Guest Column

The Fledge on Independence Day

By Jeffrey Landry

As I began to write the first line or two of the story about the Eastern Phoebe on the night of July 3, I knew I had a tale to tell about these wonderful birds.

The words came tumbling out of what seemed like a pregnant void amid the ambience of explosions in the surrounding environment. It can't be told that the soon to transpire events took place in a Fort Sumter setting, but they were to follow closely on the heels of a night sky, illuminated in dazzling colors, helping me to better see the flow of the story.

Little did the neighborhood youth know that their fireworks were to be in celebration of the following day's escape. The fledge, which is always impetuous, would occur just a few hours after writing these words.

At dawn, like on D Day, the two raggedy phoebes with nervous but expectant eyes would propel themselves beyond the safe confines of their disheveled nest into life's battle. The bravest of the phoebe would tumble



Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Landry

The Phoebes shortly before they fledged.

out first and with their helmets of fluff on they would successfully fly only a few feet away with their stubby wings barely capable of flight and into the back garden, which provided well needed cover and safety. The fledglings would remain there during the early morning hours hopping about, doing flight checks and practicing their takeoffs and landings.

Not missing a beat Ma and Pa Phoebe were right there with the precious little ones quickly responding

to their calls of hunger and trepidation, protecting and feeding them throughout the day. And the fledglings were right on schedule, on time not witnessed or experienced from a jewel imbedded Swiss watch, but rather on Mother Nature's well oiled precision clock.

Her time piece is so old, so respected, it could make Father Time shiver. On the morning of July 4th the fledge, with its celebration of independence, was to be in perfect synchrony with America's.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It feels like fall some mornings.

It went down to 49 one morning. I am starting to think of what house plants I need to bring in. Usually I put the Amaryllis bulbs down in the basement until they start sending up a flower bud. The rest will have to go into the living room on plant stands. I also have two big planters that I have my handyman bring in and put in the den. I keep two pots of coleus and one of geraniums that I winter over.

I bought some mums that I put on the front deck and some smaller ones on the back deck. I also changed the clothing on my scarecrow as his outfit was beginning to fade. I don't have any corn stalks. I'm looking for a donation and will buy some real pumpkins when they come available in the stores.

I have the house decorated with fall items so that part is done. I love fall with the gourds, pumpkins and Indian

corn.

I was happy to entertain the White family from Oklahoma. They also went on the cruise up the east shore to Nova Scotia. We had a nice visit as we always do each fall.

I decided to make one of our favorite meals the other night and was lacking mushrooms so decided to add a can of mushroom soup to the recipe at the end. I made zucchini and sausage.

ZUCCHINI SAUSAGE

1 small zucchini
two sweet Italian sausages
one small onion, sliced
olive oil for cooking
can of cream of mushroom soup

In the traditional recipe they use scrambled eggs at the end, but I did not I fried the vegetables and when they were tender I added a can of cream of mushroom soup and it was delicious.

This and That

The gardens are mostly brown-eyed Susan and phlox.

The closed gentian that our Handyman planted is in full bloom and will have about 15 blossoms when they all come out. I will take a photo of it. He is very proud of it. He also has some on his property and will bring a group of seniors to view it at its peak.

The local town committee has been working on Dottie's Trail on Malone Road. I have not been there, but I understand it has been made for those with disability and wheel chairs.

I am anxious to see the results of the Dingy Dash that was held at Brigham Pond.

Have a nice week and remember our children are back in school. Drive safely especially near the school area. When they are entering and coming out it is a dangerous situation especially on Main Street in Hubbardston. I avoid going down street at those times. So many parents pick up their students now.

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67 questions related to the town people live in Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, Oakham, Petersham or other, personal background, senior housing, community services and information, finances, transportation and more.

10 years (Sept. 10, 2015)

Barre Selectmen meet with Jacunski Himes Architect LLC of Berlin, Connecticut to review the proposed plan for a public safety complex. The firm had some good news. The architect explained that in June he was instructed to concentrate on a building to house police and ambulance with a plan to accommodate the fire department at a later date. The town received a \$3 million dollar grant from the state and the selectmen wanted to stay within the grant amount rather than seeking additional funds from the taxpayers. He stated a two-story building did not make sense for the South Street site as it was relatively flat. The building would access sewer from Stetson Road.

The state agrees with Hardwick residents that the Gilbertville Stone Church should be saved and to that end recently awarded \$50,000 to stabilize the building, which is suffering from roof leaks, stonework issues and moisture damage. That's good news from the recently created group, Friends of the Stone Church and the Hardwick Historical Society, which is the recipient of the grant. It must be matched by locally-raised funds and the groups have three years to raise the same amount of money. "We really want to save this building and restore it to community life," said Judith G.H. Edington, a Hardwick resident and president of the Friends group. The church, built in 1872, is a classic example of Tudor Gothic architecture made of Monson granite.

Barry Nadon III shares a grin with his dad, Barry Nadon Jr. as they discuss the fine points of grooming a heifer, named Way, for showing. The father grew up on the family farm in West Brookfield and both father and son belonged to the local 4-H Club. The elder Nadon used his 4-H prize

money to finance his first truck. Now his son shows at fairs and also earns prize money.

25 years (Sept. 7, 2000)

Theodore Curtis meet with Hubbardston selectmen on Aug. 26 and asked permission to go forward with a plan for a proposed second baseball field. A Babe Ruth sized baseball field was the memorial of choice chosen by the family of Roy Handy and Curtis plans, with the help of some local contractors to make the field a reality. A spot in the southeast corner of the field has been unusable since its construction, s the Army Corps of engineers, who built the field, set the area aside as a watering hole and drainage area for surface water. However, Curtis said the huge drainage pipes installed around the field's perimeter have done an excellent job at channeling any runoff and the area has remained dry. It will be need to be filled in with sand and fill and loam and then seeded. Curtis said he would be looking donations of help in the form of fill, gravel, loam and seed from local contractors. He said it is his intention the field be constructed at no cost to the town. Selectmen voted to allow Curtis to go forward with his plans.

Making a first class cake or a successful Old Home Day, both require just the right recipe, put together with skilled hands and baked in a warm oven or the warm sunshine, in the latter case. Such it was for the 22nd annual Old Home Day celebration under the leadership of the Petersham Lion's Club, which from ballgame to final concert entertained, educated and fed the community and its many visitors. The cooperation of other town organizations and bodies exemplified by the police and firemen softball teams, the DARE exhibit, the pancake breakfast by the Congregational Church and the fine post season concert by the Petersham Brass Band all blended to make a busy weekend.

Administrative Assistant Lorraine Leno told the Barre Board of Selectmen the new police cruiser was damaged in an accident Sept. 4. Leno said Police Officer Dreck Lewis was respond-

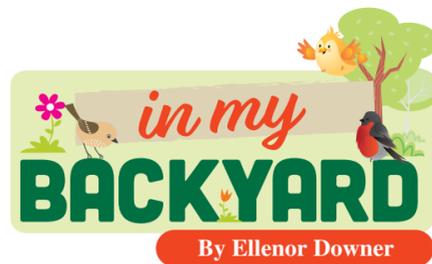
ing to a call when he got lost in the Sheldon Road area. The accident occurred in the evening in Hardwick. The cruiser left the road, went down an embankment and hit a tree. Officer Lewis was taken to the hospital and released the next day. His injuries were not known. The cruiser was towed by P and F motors in Barre where the damages will be appraised. It was not known if the new vehicle, which was in service for only about two weeks, is a total loss.

38 years (Sept. 10, 1987)

High levels of mercury in Quabbin Reservoir fish, the proposed Ground Wave Emergency Network tower at Barre Falls Dam and Metropolitan District Commission proposed land acquisition at the Quabbin watershed were all issues of concern at a press conference held Tuesday, Sept. 1 in the Quabbin Administration building at the Windsor Dam in Belchertown. The conference was presided over by James Hoyte, secretary of Environmental Affairs and William Geary, the commissioner of the MDC. In response to the high levels of mercury found in Quabbin Reservoir fish in August, the Commonwealth has initiated an intensive one-month study of the reservoir to determine an action plan for the various agencies, which oversee and protect the Quabbin Reservoir.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, this nation will celebrate the bicentennial of one of the true marvels of the modern world the Constitution. Barre will have a public reading of the Constitution section by section. Just before 4 p.m. they shall gather at the bandstand and after the bells have rung for 20 seconds and 20 red, white and blue balloons have ascended to the sky, the group will stand around for a few minutes and talk about the Constitution.

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals hearing regarding James Ward of Pleasant Street originally scheduled to be heard tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 11 has been rescheduled to Sept. 25. Mr. Ward, proprietor of the Olde Jenkins Bed and Breakfast Guest House is seeking a dimensional variance to install an advertising sign on his premises.



By Ellenor Downer

Male Eastern towhee



A Brimfield resident has a wildlife camera in his yard. In a recent email he said, "Surprisingly an adult male Eastern Towhee was seen on the wildlife cam, images quite often even though I don't see him often in the yard. I haven't seen a female or juveniles this summer."

The male Eastern towhee has a black body, rufous sides, white belly and long tail with white spots. The female has a brown body. Juveniles are brown with heavy streaking.

They like dense brush, forest edges and overgrown areas; hence, why it is not always seen. This large sparrow, 7 to 8 inches long, forages on the ground, scratching through leaf litter for seeds and insects. In my first sighting of a towhee, the scratching sound alerted me to its presence.

The towhee is a ground nesting bird that can be attracted to gardens with untamed vegetation. They build an open cup nest hidden under a shrub or in

dense vegetation. Its song is a "drink your tea" and a sharp "che-wink" call. They are short distance migrant, wintering in the southeastern United States, but some may linger in northern areas.

Other Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident and his wife saw a Northern flicker probing around plants in their flower bed. Coming to his birdbath are gray catbirds, adults and at least one juvenile, as well as blue jays, who come for a drink. Since he stopped feeding peanuts due to black bears, he has not seen tufted titmice, red-bellied woodpeckers, Northern cardinals or as many blue jays. Other birds that show up at the bath include chipping sparrow, female or immature; scarlet tanager, female or immature; common yellowthroat warbler; male American goldfinch; American robin and mourning dove.

Common nighthawks

The Brimfield resident said, "I sat out front for three nights recently looking for migrating common nighthawks, but was skunked, didn't see any. However two members of the Allen Bird Club reported large flights last week and this weekend. Both live west of the Connecticut River.

Helping birds

A previous column mentioned the poisoning of birds of prey when they eat rodents that ingested anti-co-

agulant rodenticide bait. Birds can get stuck on glue traps when used outdoors to kill rodents. The birds die or end up horribly injured. The lucky ones are taken to wildlife rehabilitators, who can often save the bird. However, they then need to spend months in care growing back feathers.

South Hadley resident

A South Hadley resident said in an email, "Cedar waxwings sound like delightful birds, I hope I can see one or more some day. I'm in the process of removing non-native and invasive plant species from my property and intend to plant berry bushes, among other things. Maybe that will entice them. Though I do have tons of pokeberry on the perimeters of my yard."

Eagles, ravens and more

My daughter, Paula, saw a bald eagle circling the Ware River by the Church Street rail trail. It was flying very low so either it was landing or just took off. She also heard a raven calling by the covered bridge and then saw it in a tree. She and her daughters saw an osprey while driving over a bridge in Rhode Island. She also had a Carolina wren on her back deck recently.

Canada geese

Two of my grandchildren and I saw a huge flock of Canada geese in a field in North Brookfield last Friday. I stopped to look at them and my granddaughter, Lizzie, took a photo of the geese.

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

2nd annual Friends of the Poor Walk Sept. 13

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

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

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward sup-

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

The Fiskdale conference raises funds through parish poor boxes, public

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

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

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BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will continue the public hearing on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall, 2 Exchange Street, Barre, MA requested Rotokawa Estates, LLC for Preliminary Subdivision Plan approval relative to property located on the Southerly side of Wauwinet Road, Parcels D-71 and E-59 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 45829, Page 319. The purpose of such filing is to freeze the zoning currently in effect in accordance with MGL c.40A, 6.

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

Floyd Kelley,
Chairman

08/28, 09/04/2025

Barre

Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public meeting will be held on a **Request for Determination of Applicability** requested by Richard Hopkins to clear cut trees, brush, remove stumps and plant grass to establish lawn for property located at 423 Old Dana Road, Assessors Map A, Lot 133A.

From: Richard Hopkins
423 Old Dana Road
Barre, MA 01005

To be held on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office, Third Floor, of the Henry

Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.

Ronald Rich, Chairman
08/28/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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WO25C0435CA
In the matter of:
Ocean K Thistle
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TO CHANGE NAME**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Ocean K Thistle of New Braintree, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Desiree Aalysya Garcia
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/16/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 12, 2025

Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate

09/04/2025

Sale of Motor Vehicle Under MGL Ch 255 Sec 39A

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DPW employees' timecards consistent with town policies.

2. Ensure that all DPW employees' timecards accurately reflect their start and end times. Ensure that leave time is properly documented.

3. Formalize a policy regarding out-of-office working hours, including a requirement that all town employees, including DPW employees, document tasks completed during out-of-office working hours.

4. Enact written policies regarding positions that have 24/7 responsibilities, including provisions related to expected work hours, documenting schedules, and approving schedule changes.

5. Discontinue the use of comp time until the town enacts policies concerning its approval, use, and tracking as other time balances are tracked.

6. Implement controls so that the town does not process for payment any time that is not properly recorded and approved by a supervisor with knowledge of its accuracy.

7. Adopt a town policy that forbids town employees from supervising and approving the work time of

family members.

8. Ensure that the DPW and its employees comply with all town policies and procedures enacted by the Select Board and town administrator.

9. Require all town employees, including DPW employees and commissioners, to disclose all outside employment and activity to the town. Review outside employment and activities to ensure that they do not conflict with the employee's duties or state ethics laws.

10. Ensure that all town employees, including DPW employees and commissioners, take annual ethics training and comply with state ethics laws.

In the medium term within 60 days:

11. If the MOU under Recommendation 1 cannot be finalized within 30 days, the DPW Commission must, within 60 days, promulgate its own written procedures concerning employee time reporting, approval, and leave time, consistent with town policies and subject to outside audit by the OIG.

In the long term:

12. Enact a change in the structure of the town's DPW. Consider proposing legislation that would eliminate the DPW Commission and place the DPW and the

DPW superintendent under the authority of the Select Board or town administrator.

In addition to these recommendations, the OIG suggests that all public agencies (municipal and state) redouble efforts to verify whether new hires are simultaneously employed by municipalities, state agencies or other public entities and, if so, whether and under what conditions such employment is allowed.

Both the Select Board and DPW Commission approved the response to be sent to the Officer of the Inspector General. Select Board Chairman Marshall said the Inspector General's Office would review the document and respond within a few weeks. She said that office may request additional action on the town's part. The OIG investigated allegations of misconduct and failure of the DPW Commission to oversee the department. They submitted a report to the town in late July. The full report is available by visiting the town website at <https://www.townofbarre.com>.

Pole hearings

The Select Board approved two National Grid pole hearings, one for Springhill Road and the other for Spooner Road.

National Grid is upgrading the poles at those locations. The Select Board unanimously approved both petitions.

Introduced new Town Administrator

Select Board Chairman Marshall introduced the new Town Administrator Melanie Jackson. She began her duties five days ago. She will give a Town Administrator report at the next Select Board meeting.

Other business

The Select Board appointed Chad Wells as animal inspector, Dave St. Germain to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Lucy Allen and Carmelo Coppolino to the Historical Commission.

Select Board member Richard Stevens proposed increasing the cost of 24/7 ambulance service to part of town of Hardwick. Currently, Hardwick pays about \$40,000 per year. The proposal would provide paramedic service to the Wheelwright section of Hardwick for \$83,907. The figure included \$74,407 paramedic salary and \$9,500 in benefits. They will send the proposal to the town of Hardwick.

They also approved the use of the Barre Plains ball field for a birthday party by Stefanie Mahan on Sept. 14.

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The link to the online auction is www.govdeals.com/northbrookfield. Items will be available to bid on starting at 8 a.m. and the live auction will end at 8 p.m. with 5 minute staggering end times between auction items.

Items to be auctioned include a 1947 Buffalo fire engine, a 1996 pump truck, two Ford Crown Victorias, a 1995 International with sander, 76 lengths of fire-hose and more.

Special Town Meeting

Voters unanimously approved the sole article on the Special Town Meeting warrant, to pay a prior year's electricity bill. The amount of \$846.47 was transferred from the Highway prior year 2025 account to Highway prior year 2024.

Spending request

The board approved a spending request in the amount of \$1,200 to cover the cost of tree removal from the southeast corner of the Maple Street cemetery. The tree being removed overhangs North Street and has

several dead limbs.

Petratis said this is a tree the Cemetery Commission has been looking to remove for some time.

"Before it becomes a hazard, they want to take it down," he said.

Resignations

The board accepted the resignation of Tax Collector Clerk Brianna Walters. They also accepted the resignation of Michelle Petratis from the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Public comment and events
Parks & Recreation

Committee Chair Brandon Avery reminded residents that the hours of use on the common are from dawn to dusk. He also asked people to refrain from removing or relocating items and equipment from the common.

"The common is for everybody to enjoy," he said.

Avery said there will be a picnic in the park with the band Tequila Mockingbird from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. He said on Saturday, Sept. 13, Still Hart's Café will host its annual fundraiser to benefit the common.

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These next steps include looking at the best way to provide education for the town's students.

"I think that you have a good team, and I can make

positive improvements here for the town of North Brookfield," Lamontagne said.

Lamontagne said he believes the key issues the town is facing includes the school district and the possibility of regionalizing with

another school district.

"I think that is the challenge not just here, but across the commonwealth," he said.

Lamontagne said he would like to be able to continue in his position in Phillipston in addition to being the Town Administrator

in North Brookfield. He said his schedule would commit Monday, Tuesday and Thursday to North Brookfield and Wednesday and Friday to Phillipston.

"I believe I can make it work," he said. "I'm up for that challenge."

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Flameless candles provided the glow of the apothecary floral lights.

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Tulip also made examples of the apothecary floral lights for guests to see. Flameless candles were provided as the light source to be put inside the jars. It was getting a bit dark over by the craft table Tulip was using and the lights were sitting by themselves with no light. Someone turned on the lights to let her three floral lights

glow.

“They looked so lonesome by themselves,” Tulip said

The dry flowers and leaves were glued on the outside of the jars and the mod podge helped add a frosted look to the glass. The Haston Free Public Library was shining during craft night.

The next craft night will be on Sept. 18 from 2-6 p.m. This will feature a variety of crafts and historical crafts with Castle Nitor.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Dry flowers and leaves were part of the decoration and were provided by the library.

Quabbin Days: Celebrating the Beauty and Heritage of the Quabbin Region

BELCHERTOWN – This fall, the Friends of the Quabbin invite residents and visitors alike to discover the beauty, history and importance of the Quabbin Reservoir during Quabbin Days the weekend of Oct. 10-13.

This is a celebration of the region’s role as both a critical drinking water supply and one of New England’s most scenic outdoor destinations. Taking place in the Quabbin Region, which is made up of the dozen towns in the Quabbin Watershed, Quabbin Days is a community-driven initiative designed to raise awareness about the Quabbin as the primary water source for 2.7 million Massachusetts residents and a breathtaking landscape that offers world-class hiking, fishing, bird-watching and photography opportunities.

“Most people don’t realize that one of the most pristine and carefully protected water supplies in the country is also an incredible place to explore,” said Ed Comeau of the Friends of the Quabbin. “Quabbin Days is about encouraging people to connect with this resource as a



The sun rises on the Quabbin Reservoir.

Photo Courtesy Ed Comeau

place of remarkable natural beauty and cultural history by exploring the Quabbin Trail that connects these towns.”

Held during the peak of fall foliage season, Oct. 10-13, Quabbin Days encourages towns, businesses and organizations within the Quabbin Region to host events, walks, tours and open houses that spotlight what this area has to offer. Participation is informal and flexible: anyone can contribute an event and visitors can plan their own adventures through www.QuabbinDays.org, which offers a growing

calendar and interactive map of the region.

The Quabbin Reservoir, created in the 1930s, is one of the largest man-made public water supplies in the United States. Managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the reservoir and surrounding lands form a protected ecosystem that supports wildlife and clean water while offering miles of trails and stunning vistas.

Whether a hiker, angler, nature photographer or his-

tory enthusiast, Quabbin Days is an invitation to rediscover or discover for the first time, this extraordinary region. To learn more, plan a visit or submit an event, people may visit www.QuabbinDays.org.

The Friends of the Quabbin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the natural, cultural and historical significance of the Quabbin Region. Through advocacy, education, and community partnerships, the organization works to protect the watershed and share its stories with future generations.

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the site and reviewed a floor plan of the building.

“It seems like a good space,” said Richard Starodj of the planning board.

Building Commissioner Anna Marques had some concerns about the space regarding the entrance and future concerns such as signage and lighting on the property. Marques believes the entrances might have to be altered so they’re accessible.

Dimarzio asked if the brewery were to be placed in the building, would it have to be changed structurally. The

board mentioned that signage and lighting would be a separate process. The board wanted to look more into the use and not so much signage and lighting.

A representative of the owner of the building described the structure of the building and first floor access. Lost Towns Brewing does intend to continue to offer music and mostly has acoustic music with single or duet performers. On the floor plan, there is a description of a corner in the building where the musician space would be.

One resident asked if there would be any impact to the

infrastructure of the building if the brewery would enter. The board didn’t see any issues and didn’t see a huge issue of the water or sewer being impacted.

With no more issues addressed, a motion was made to approve the special permit for Lost Towns Brewing Company. The board quickly reviewed the findings to see if the applicant meets the criteria for a special permit. They also discussed any conditions that should be put in place.

The board feels the applicant is compatible with the existing use and has proven to be a good establishment

based off its operation in Gilbertville.

“It’s a well-run establishment,” Dimarzio said.

There is one condition Dimarzio brought up that may be appropriate for this special permit. The condition is for noise and other nuisances associated with the sale of alcohol on the premise.

The board went to vote and unanimously approved the special permit for Lost Towns Brewing. The special permit will go to the Town Clerk and has to sit for 20 days. The permit won’t be viable until the end of the 20-day period.

West Brookfield Farmers Market on Wednesdays

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Farmers Market has returned on the beautiful West Brookfield Common for its 15th consecutive season.

The market is held on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m., rain or shine, throughout the spring, summer and early fall.

The 2025 season the

market will feature 17 vendors with a wide array of locally grown and made goods including three new vendors sure to please the palate.

The West Brookfield Farmers Market is held every Wednesday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. on the common starting on June 4 through Oct. 8, rain or shine.

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Planning your business exit: Start with the end in mind

If you own a business, you’ve probably spent countless hours thinking about how to grow it, manage daily operations and serve your customers. But have you thought about how you’ll eventually step away from it? While it might seem premature, planning your successful exit from your business is one of the smartest moves you can make as an owner.

The reality is that most business owners have 80% to 90% of their net worth tied up in their companies, according to the Exit Planning Institute. That’s a significant investment that deserves careful planning to protect. Unfortunately, 70% to 80% of businesses put on the market don’t sell, and about half of all business exits are involuntary due to unexpected circumstances like health issues, family emergencies management disputes or economic downturns.

Exit planning is more than preparing for retirement. It’s taking control of your future and ensuring you can transition away from your business when and how you choose. You can start with the end in mind – a proactive approach that can inform your current business decisions and help increase your company’s value and marketability.

Begin by articulating your personal goals for both the transaction and your life afterward. Maybe you want to sell only a portion of your business, stay on as a paid consultant or use the proceeds to start your next venture. Understanding your vision helps shape everything else.

You’ll need to calculate how much money you’ll need to fund your desired retirement lifestyle, accounting for expenses that may be currently covered by the business, like your cellphone, vehicles, travel and health care. Don’t forget about your legacy goals too – what you want to leave for your family or charitable causes.

Getting started requires building a strong professional team. At the center should be a financial advisor who can help you through the planning, execution and post-sale phases. You’ll likely also need a tax professional, legal advisor, commercial banker and business valuation expert. Depending on your exit strategy, you might later add specialists like business brokers, investment bankers or employee stock ownership plan advisors.

Understanding your business’s current value is crucial. It’s a good idea to get a calculation of value at least three to five years before your planned exit. This isn’t as formal or expensive as a qualified appraisal, but it gives you a realistic range of what your business might be worth.

This step may reveal a gap between what you need financially and what your business could sell for. If so, don’t panic. You have several options: work longer, adjust your spending expectations, save more outside the business or focus on increasing your company’s value. You can boost value by increasing profits through higher market share, new products, better pricing or reduced costs. You can also improve intangible assets like employee expertise, operational systems and customer relationships.

Finally, consider who your successor might be. Selling your interest to family members, business partners or employees often provide more control over timing and lower transaction costs, though they may result in lower sale prices. Selling the business to third parties typically bring higher proceeds but less control over the process.

The key message is simple: it’s never too early to start planning your exit. Whether you’re thinking about stepping away next year or in the next decade, taking proactive steps now puts you in control of your business’s future and your own financial security.



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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

PICNIC IN THE PAWK ADOPTION EVENT sponsored by The Rescue Effect will take place today from 3-6 p.m. at Klems, 117 West Main St., Rte 9, Spencer. Thanks to the generous support of The Rescue Effect, all adoption fees at the event will be waived. The Rescue Effect is a national ASPCA initiative launched this year to help increase adoptions and reduce shelter crowding at a time when shelters across the country are full. Many of Second Chance's long term residents will be visiting on a rotating basis throughout the three hour event and the mobile unit will also be onsite with more pets hoping to meet their forever families. Guests can also enjoy picnic provisions from Savage Wraps, Timberyard Brewing, and Uhlman's Ice Cream, along with fun activities including the Klem's prize wheel and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to relax and enjoy the event. For the comfort and safety of the shelter pets, visitors are asked to leave their own pets at home.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

STERLING GRANGE FOOD BOOTHS will be open today through Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Sterling Fair held on the grounds of the Sterling Airport, 121 Greenland Road, Sterling. Grange members welcome all to stop by their booths. On opening day, Sept. 5 attendees can enjoy strawberry or peach shortcake from 6-9 p.m. for \$7. Breakfast will be served on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Two pancakes, two sausage links and two beverages (coffee, orange juice, milk, or water) make up a full stack for \$10. If a short stack is preferred, the meal consists of one of each item for \$7. Severance Maple Products of Northfield donated the maple syrup. Proceeds from these events will benefit the Grange Hall Renovation Fund and community service projects. For more information on these events or other activities, grange.org/sterling-ma53/ or email sterlinggrange53@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

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

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

EVENING WITH DOUG WAUGH presented by the New Braintree Historical Society will take place today at 7 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Doug will give a historical overview and appreciation of his family farm, from its early beginnings in 1780, to the Waugh purchase in 1927 when his grandparents moved from Prescott, to the evolution from a dairy farm to "Kip's Christmas Tree



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This week's mystery photo is from Rutland. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Sept. 8. Bill Bowles, Paul Carlson, Peggy Civilik and Doreen Elliott correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the old well pump on the Petersham Common, Rte. 32, Petersham.

Farm" business. He will share his knowledge of the early tavern on the property, barn fires in 1852 and 1927, as well as anecdotes, as only Doug can tell them. from generations of the Waugh family in New Braintree. Refreshments will be served.

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

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

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

and bath.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING will take place today at 7 p.m. at Barre American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. Refreshments will be served by Jean, Anne and Cindy.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

IMMIGRANTS: FACTS AND FICTION presentation will take today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Merriam-Gilbert Library, 3 West Main St., West Brookfield. This free presentation is sponsored by Grassroots Central Mass.. For more information on Grassroots Central Mass, people may visit the website at <https://grassrootscentralmass.org> or email us at info@grassrootscentralmass.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

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

SHARING HOPE SEMINAR SERIES offered by Miles Funeral Home in Holden will take place today from 1-3 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center, 25 Bascom Way, Holden. The seminar is free and open to the public. Present is Pamela Reidy, director of community education for miles Funeral Home Seating is limited. People should call 508-829-4434 to reserve a space. A light lunch will be served and attendees will receive a free complimentary copy of Joanne Cacciatore's best selling book "Bearing the Unbearable."

CHICKEN BARBECUE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #15657 will take place today at 2 p.m. on St Francis of Assisi Parish grounds at 398 Vernon Avenue,

South Barre. Tickets are \$15. and must be purchased ahead of time. Only 100 tickets will be sold. People may call Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 for tickets.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

FILL THE PANTRY GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held today at Quail Hollow Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham with registration at noon and shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost to play golf is \$150 single, \$300 twosome and \$600 foursome. Dinner only is \$40. They should include number of golfers and their names as well as contact information with name, address, phone and email. Check should be payable to St. Mary's Council #14298 and mailed to Matt Kelley, 37 Nottingham Drive, Jefferson, MA 01522 or register online at www.FillThePantry.golf. Sponsors are St. Mary's #14298, St. Patrick's #16001 and St. Cleophas #15756 Knights of Columbus. Net proceeds raised will benefit families in need supporting Rutland Food Pantry, Barre Food Pantry, Joseph's Project Food Pantry and Knights of Columbus Charities. Contests include putting, straightest drive and closes to the pin. Mulligans are \$5 each. Businesses or people in memory of a loved one may sponsor a hole for \$100. This includes a sign. If businesses want to use their company logo on their hole sponsor sign, they should send it in pdf format. For contact information, people may call 508-981-6976 or email flaganelli@gmail.com or Matt Kelley at 508-596-8660 or email kelly084@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19.

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

SWING DANCE EVENT will take place today from 7-9:30 p.m. at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Room A110, Gardner. The event includes instruction session, which will focus on teaching the basics of East Coast Swing followed by social dance to practice the dance moves. Instructors are Dawn and Mike Ross. The fee is \$20. People may register by visiting <https://mwcc.universitytickets.com/w/ev>.

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VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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

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Knights to host 8th annual memorial golf tournament September 13

OAKHAM – Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Brookfield/West Brookfield/Warren, is having their 8th Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with a Shotgun Start at 8 a.m.

As many of you are aware, Alex was an integral part of our West Brookfield community for many years.

In memory of his outstanding service to his community, his parish, and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit our Youth Activities Fund to support the youth in our local community, a cause that was very important to Alex.

The Knights were able to award two \$1,000 scholarships this past year from the proceeds of this event to two local high school seniors,

as well as fund many other youth activities. They ask that you please consider supporting this event by sponsoring or participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome.

Tournament raffle items and general donations to this event are always welcomed and appreciated. Registration and sponsorships are now available for this tournament.

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Panthers set to face Gardner in season opener

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Mike Besaw was an assistant football coach at several different high schools during the past 35 years. He had been the defensive coordinator at Quabbin Regional for the past two seasons.

Besaw will oversee his own football team for the first time this fall.

Last spring, Besaw was

named as the new Panthers varsity football coach. He replaced Wayne Page, who was hired as the new coach at Grafton High School, which is his alma mater. Page is still a physical education teacher at Quabbin.

“I’ve been dealing with a lot of different things that I never had to deal with when I was an assistant coach,” Besaw said. “I think the coaching part is going to be easy, but I just have to make

sure that I’m budgeting my time appropriately. Everything is going to be a new learning experience for me, but I’m really excited about this season. The players have been working very hard so far at practice.”

The Panthers are scheduled to open the 2025 regular season on the road against Mid-Wach C rival Gardner High School on September 11.

Jason Bergman replaced Page as the offensive coordi-

nator.

“Jason has worked with coach Page during the past couple of years,” Besaw added. “I’ll still be the defensive coordinator, but I’ll have some input on the offensive side. All the coaches work well together.”

Quabbin will be playing at Gardner in the season opener and they’ll also be hosting the Wildcats on the night before Thanksgiving.

The Panthers home open-

er will be a non-league game against Quaboag Regional on September 19.

The series between the two teams is currently tied 1-1.

Two years ago, Quaboag spoiled Quabbin’s home opener with a 14-6 win.

The Panthers posted a 34-0 shutout victory at Quaboag in week three last year.

“Quaboag has played very hard against us the past two years,” Besaw said. “We were able to win last year’s game,

but it was close until we broke it open in the second half.”

Quabbin’s other three non-league games are against Leicester, West Boylston, and Oxford.

West Boylston is the three-time defending Division 8 state champions. The Lions head coach is Mike Ross.

When Ross was the head football coach at Worcester North, Besaw was a member

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Bobby Tobin gets a foot on the ball.



Joseph Cook plays the ball off his chest.



Silas Barrieau heads up the field with possession.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Collin Lindley chases after the ball.



Logan Bruley makes a play on defense.

Fall season gets underway

BARRE – On a sun-splashed afternoon Tuesday, falls sports got underway with Quabbin boys soccer drawing the first action of the season. The Panthers hosted Uxbridge in their season opener. The boys were scheduled to head on the road after that and return to action on Monday, Sept. 8 against Quaboag on the road at 5 p.m.

Pioneers scrimmage as season nears



PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder Regional football had a scrimmage with Chicopee High School as the regular season approaches. The Pioneers are scheduled to open up the regular season against neighboring rival Palmer High School next week. Pathfinder did have one final scrimmage on Sept. 5 against Bishop Guertin before facing the Panthers at Legion Field on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

Pathfinder scrimmages against Chicopee last week.



Cassion Kowalik looks for an opening to go on a long rush.

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Dustyn Cook extends for a catch.



Trevor Alexander hugs the football as he goes on a run.



Anthony Arventos heads up the field.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Addison Doktor attempts a save.

Pioneers lock up with Panthers in scrimmage

PALMER – Last week, both Pathfinder and Palmer girls soccer got together for scrimmage action with both teams preparing for the regu-

lar season. Pathfinder faced off with Lee High School earlier this week in the season opener for both teams.

Coming up on Friday, Sept.

5, the Pioneers have their home opener on Commerce at 4 p.m. They will face Renaissance on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m.



Taylor Allen holds possession.



Makaela Tourville sends a pass away.



Megan Clark tries to clear the ball ahead of pressure.

Sports

Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Summer Retirees league concluded this past week at Bogey Lanes in East Brookfield.

After 14 weeks of league candlepin bowling a champion has been crowned. The CB's, consisting of Leo Doucette, Frank Kehir, Ron Moreau, and Dick Lindsay, finished in first place with a record of 67-45. In second place was the Army team, Nancy Landry, Elaine Lengowski, Carol Christiansen, and Tina Como, with a record of 65-47.

Air Force finished in third place with a record of 57-55. Coast Guard finished in fourth place with a record of 56-56. Green Berets finished in fifth with a record of 49-63 and Jar Heads finished in sixth with a record of 42-70.

This league took place

every Thursday afternoon for 14 weeks during the summer. The league enjoyed coffee every week provided by Bogey Lanes.

In the final week, Army bowled against Coast Guard. In game one, Army defeated Coast Guard by a score of 388-379. In game two, Coast Guard won by a score of 398-366. The final game of the season was won by Coast Guard, 401-357. The final score was 1178-1111 in favor of Coast Guard.

The next match was Air Force bowling against the CB's. In game one, C.B.'s won by a score of 415-366. In game two, it was a close match, but CB's won again by a score of 398-397. In game three, The CB's won again for a three-game sweep over Air Force, 409-400.

With eight points won in the final week, the CB's pull ahead and take first place to win the summer league. The final score was 1222-1163 in favor of CB's, the 2025 Summer Retirees league champions.

Green Berets bowled against the Jar Heads in the final week of league. In game one, Jar Heads were victorious by a score of 416-399. In game two, Jar Heads won again by a score of 432-382. Jim Messier of Jar Heads, who is supporting an 85 league average, broke the century mark with 100 in game two.

In game three, Green Berets won the last game by a score of 412-408. Jar Heads won total pinfall with a final score of 1256-1193.

Individual high scores

For the women, the top three high single games were Pat Bacon with 107, Linda Bonnayer with 105, and Doris Kingsley with a 104. For the men, Marc Vinciulla had the highest single game with a 144 and the highest series of 356.

Ron Moreau had the second highest single with a 123 and Dick Lindsay had the third highest single game with a 122. The high series for the women goes to Doris Kingsley with a 280.

Quabbin Fall League expands to six teams

SOUTH HADLEY – After successful recruiting, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League has reached a decision to expand this year's fall league to six teams.

With the expansion, there are still some open roster spots for players who are age 28 and older. The league is set to get underway with its Sunday schedule beginning on Sunday, Sept. 7.

All players in the league will get to experience an eight-game slate with the cost in the range of \$45 to \$60 depending on the number of players on the team. The cost reflects paying for

insurance, umpires, baseballs, and fields.

Primary fields being used this fall include Mittineague in West Springfield and Beachgrounds Park in South Hadley, with a third field being finalized this week.

Players potentially interested in participating in the league this year, don't wait to sign-up.

Go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org and click on the registration page. If you have more questions, you can contact the league's co-coordinators at gscibel-li22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com

The Quabbin Valley

Baseball League is an over-28 baseball league playing games during the spring and summer in Western Massachusetts. The league recently expanded to offer an over-28 fall league to allow players in the age range to face like competition during the fall months. There were four teams last year, and the league is expanding due to higher interest in its second year.

The tradition of fall league is to play with wood bats only. The league has nine-inning games and participants are guaranteed time in the field for at least four innings.

Education

Students return to school Aug. 27



Submitted photos

Elementary students gather around a brightly colored rug in their classroom.

From the desk of
Quabbin Regional
School District
Superintendent
Colleen Mucha

BARRE – On Wednesday Aug. 27, the Quabbin Regional School District opened their doors to approximately 2,000 students from preschool through post grad.

Classrooms were decorated to create warm, inviting learning spaces. Administrators, teachers, and staff eagerly awaited their arrival.

Students were seen giving high fives and quiet smiles to their beloved adults as they entered the buildings. Admittedly, some had that first day, "I'm not ready to be awake" look. Even those students were quick to share a smile when they were welcomed and acknowledged.

Buildings and classrooms were sparkling clean and welcoming. Teachers filled the learning environments with color and some even adopted themes to set the stage for learning. Elementary students were greeted with common expectations for how to be safe, respectful, responsible students. They are all familiar with the positive behavior programming and were excited to find out that this year there are some addition-



These students pair up for a math exercise.

al incentives.

Students at the middle high school level did a wonderful job arriving and navigating to their first block of the day. Staff was stationed everywhere. This made finding an adult very easy. The adults offered warm encouragement and directions when needed.

Students shared with one another what their "hopes and dreams" were for this school year. This allowed them to be thinking about what goals they may have for themselves, as well as what areas they'd like to learn more about. When I visited third grade, they were most excited about multiplication and division. While some of our older students wanted to "get better at writing," "read more" or "complete my homework."

The first few weeks of school are so very exciting

and they can set the stage for the year ahead. This is when relationships and habits are formed. Encourage your student to connect with others and their teachers. This makes it easier for them if they need to ask questions or seek help. Students of all ages do not always respond well to "What did you do in school today?" Instead ask a more specific question such as: What was something interesting that your teacher said today?

Please remember to reach out and connect with your child's building principal or teacher should you have any concerns or questions. It is best to communicate early with any concerns so that we can work together to solve them.

We truly appreciate your support and are truly thankful for the opportunity to work with your children.

Thomas Reardon completes Intensive Research Project at Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WORCESTER – Thomas Reardon of Rutland, a member of the class of 2026 majoring in Robotics Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of a student team that recently completed a professional-level research-driven project titled "Pedestrian Experience and Street Purpose in Venice."

Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project, this

project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the

world before they graduate. All WPI undergraduates are required to complete an IQP, usually in their junior year, through which they apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQP at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

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of his coaching staff.

"Mike and I have a very good relationship," Besaw said. "I'm really looking forward to that game, but their offense is very difficult to stop."

The Lions use the double-wing formation.

The Panthers like to spread things out offensively.

The Panthers' other league opponents are Groton-Dunstable, Narragansett Regional, and Tyngsborough.

"Because Grafton joined the Mid-Wach, they realigned the Divisions," Besaw said. "This will be the first time we'll be playing Tyngsborough since I've been coaching here. I just want to have a chance to win every game that we play. We do have a strong senior class."

The Panthers senior co-captains are Adam Adams and Wes Sanderson.

Adams, who was the Panthers back-up quarterback last season, is slated to be the

starting QB replacing Jaxon Warburton, who graduated in June. He was also a wide receiver and a defensive back.

"Adams started a couple of games last year because Jaxon was injured," Besaw said. "He's another year older and is an outstanding athlete. He's going to be a threat both running and passing."

Sanderson is a running back.

Another running back is senior Chase Talbot.

"Wes and Chase are returning running backs," Besaw said. "Luke Salvadore was another running back, but he graduated. We had a three-headed monster in the backfield."

Salvadore will be a member of the Union College football team, which is a Division 3 school located in Schenectady, New York.

Travis Wells was another senior listed on the Panthers 2024 football roster. He'll be playing football at Assumption University in Worcester, which is a Division 2 school.

"It's always nice to see

your players play football at the college level," Besaw said. "Both of those guys spent a lot of time in the weight room and are very good kids."

The other seniors listed on this year's Panthers football roster are Owura Ankoma-Mensah, Trevor Boissaneau, Trace Davin, Joe Flynn, Ian Haupt, Austin Holmes, Jaymeson Pina, Parker Proulx, Anthony Quartarone, Quin Reynolds, Eric Serrano, and Xavier Wade.

Reynolds, Holmes and Davin, along with Talbot and Adams are the Panthers leaders defensively.

The Panthers motto is BTL (Be the Leader).

"I just want my players to be the leader in the community, the classroom, and on the football field," Besaw said. "I want them to be outstanding citizens and positive role models wherever they might be. The kids are taking it to heart."

The Panthers' other assistant coaches are Jeyson Sanchez, Sean Costello, and Eddie Guertin.

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- Fairly large
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Cover the entirety of
- Leafy appetizer
- Showy ornament
- Norse personification of old age
- Athletes
- Closes tightly
- Attack via hurling items
- Where the reserves stand
- Sword
- Begat
- Damage another's reputation
- Northeast
- Turf
- For each
- Hours (Spanish)
- Western state
- One who offers help
- Flanks

- A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- Free from drink or drugs
- Tunnels
- Mature
- More dried-up
- News organization
- Steal something
- Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
- Female fish eggs
- Small petrel of southern seas
- Edible starches
- Historical
- In a place to sleep
- Horse grooms
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Chinese dynasty
- Resembling a wing
- Small projection on a bird's wing
- Of the Isle of Man
- Derived unit of force (abbr.)

- Plate for Eucharist
- Vaccine developer
- Not conforming
- Polite address for women
- 1970 U.S. environmental law
- Astronomical period of 18 years
- One who fights the government
- Center for Excellence in Education
- Watches discreetly
- An electrically charged atom
- Hymn
- Arabic given name
- Popular pie nut
- City in Zambia
- Species of cherry
- John __, British writer
- Be next to
- Make angry
- Give birth to a lamb or kid
- Unhappy

- #### CLUES DOWN
- Vipers
 - Ancient city in Syria
 - Slog
 - Emits coherent radiation
 - "Pollock" actor Harris
 - Bleated
 - Monetary units of Afghanistan
 - Tooth doctor
 - One who takes apart
 - Commoner
 - Beat poet Ginsberg
 - Cave deposit material
 - Home energy backup
 - Begets
 - Face part
 - Frocks
 - Hill or rocky peak
 - Giving the impression of dishonesty
 - About ear
 - Male parents
 - Popular grilled food

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Church

Local pastors offer sermons

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

“Let us offer God an acceptable worship. Let us show gratitude.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-17 and Hebrews 12:28

I. Introduction

For most people maintaining connection with loved ones means that we make the time to see them, to talk to them and to feel the love and joy flowing between and among us.

To be together and share the things that we care about is an amazing experience. It is equally important to create environments that facilitate these memorable experiences, whether within our homes or in other locations we consider meaningful. These are moments of joy and happiness, moments that build us up, and bring comfort and even heal, because we care for each other.

II. Let us worship God in reverence and awe

In the Letter to the Hebrews and in Luke’s account of Jesus healing the woman with a disability on the Sabbath, both texts articulate the profound significance of the assembly of God’s people in worship. Hebrews Chapter 12 v 28 describes how we must come together in worship, in gratitude, reverence and awe, because we have been given a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. The author of this letter refers to Deuteronomy 4 v 11 ff, where the mountain was so filled with the holiness of God, that no human being or animal could touch it, because that would mean death for them.

Even Moses was filled with fear and trembling. But now, they have not come to the mountain of old, but instead, they have come to Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the church of the first born, to the place of worship where Jesus is the mediator between God and humanity. They have been redeemed by the One who died on the cross, and Who came to bring a message of peace, of liberation for the oppressed and to heal the sick. The mountain of old could be shaken, but if they refuse now to listen to the One whom God sent, Jesus Christ, God will once again shake the heavens and the earth, removing that which can be shaken, and what is left is the beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is what matters to God, that the people of God will worship God in reverence and awe, and be at peace with one another.

The Sabbath, therefore, takes on a new meaning in the New Testament, when Jesus responds to the Synagogue ruler who was not pleased with Him healing the crippled woman on the Sabbath,

the Day of Rest. Jesus did not disregard the Law, and its rules but offered this man the deeper meaning of the miraculous healing of this woman, the liberation from bondage, from the works of Satan, even if it had to take place on the Sabbath.

This deliverance was not of His own doing and disregard for the Sabbath, but it demonstrated the divine work of God through Him. To have more concern, he said, for the animals that need to be untied on the Sabbath so they can go and drink and eat, (which is work in itself) must not be more important than the need of this woman who suffered for eighteen years with such an awful physical condition. What does the Sabbath really mean if they were to ignore someone who is in desperate need for healing?

III. Conclusion

According to Jesus, the Sabbath was not only a sacred period dedicated to worshipping God but also an opportunity to fulfill God’s purpose by alleviating human suffering caused by illness, poverty, and oppression. To worship God and see and address the needs of people is what pleases God. We are reminded today that to worship God in this sacred place is to honor God, as we offer our time away from our own personal joys, to experience the divine blessings that flow to us from God. It is also a time to share our joy of being with one another, and the deep spiritual experiences we had during the week with one another, the prayers we prayed, a new awareness from reading the scriptures, and the visit or call we made to those in need.

We come with our imperfections to the house of God, and then we receive forgiveness and healing, and then God sends us away to bear the fruit of the divine blessings we received. We must not neglect the act of worship, because it is when the power of God is unleashed within and among us as a community of faith, to bless, to heal and to forgive and to bind us together in peace and in joy. Through these blessings we then go and show care for those in need. May God help us to always offer God an acceptable worship and show gratitude for the daily blessings we have coming from God.

Amen.

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Boasting Part 5

Scripture roundly forbids much concerning human boastfulness.

For the last month we have demonstrated this at length. This week, let us touch upon a seminal text on the theme of boasting. Please note this

except from the Book of Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 9:23

23 This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches . . .”

This passage, penned by Jeremiah, warns us against boasting of human wisdom, strength and wealth. Why should we refrain from such boasting? Though many answers might be given, I will note this: each of these has an expiration date. You see, our wisdom, strength and riches, much like our homes, cars, careers, athletic abilities, attractiveness and beyond, will all fade with time. I have lived long enough to see the truly wise succumb to mental fatigue, memory loss or dementia. I have seen enough truly strong individuals lose their physical prowess and capacity. I have seen fortunes lost due to an economic downturn or job loss. All of these elements have definitive shelf-lives, so why do we boast of such things at all?

Yet this text is pivotal, for we come to see that not all boasting is forbidden. In fact, it commends boasting, so long as it is tethered to that which is truly worthy, transcendent and great! I offer the following passage and the continuation of the word of the Lord offered by Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 This is what the Lord says Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches,

24 but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.

Are you looking for something to boast about? Do you need an object to laud, celebrate and praise? Start with this passage! Celebrate the reality that you know and are known by the Lord, who is characterized by kindness, justice and righteousness. Can you think of something or someone better to revel in? I can’t! We will continue with the theme of healthful boasting in our next edition. Until then, thank you for taking the time to read this publication.

Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Take-Out church supper scheduled for Sept. 19

WEST BROOKFIELD – The George Whitefield United Methodist Church in West Brookfield will hold a Take-Out Chicken Dinner on Friday, Sept. 19.

Meals may be picked up curbside at 5 p.m. in front of the church at 33 West Main St., West Brookfield. The meal will include

chicken breast, baby potatoes, glazed carrots, roll and dessert for \$15 or two for \$25.

Reservations may be made by calling Elsa at 209-400-4429 or just come by and pick up dinner on your way home.

Proceeds will benefit the church and its missions.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.

Public Safety

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 10

11:30 a.m. Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party

11:56 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Unfounded
12:09 p.m. Public Assist, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

1:52 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Gardner Road, Report Filed
2:50 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Authority, Morgan Road, Investigated

4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Street, Written Warning
5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Street, Citation Issued
5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
5:39 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Officer/Chief Advised

6:02 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Streeter Road, Report Filed

Monday, Aug. 11

7:15 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Burnshirt Road, Negative Contact
7:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Flagg Road, Officer/Chief Advised

8:46 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Elm Street, Referred to Other Agency

12:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Flagg Road, Officer/Chief Advised

1:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Penobscott Avenue, Information Given

2:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Dehydration, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

8:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal-Back Pain, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

8:49 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, Aug. 12

1:42 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Streeter Road, Referred to Other Agency
3:11 Erratic Operator, East County Road, Verbal Warning

4 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Investigated

4:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

8:12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Penobscott Avenue, Investigated
9:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Boston Turnpike, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 13

10:07 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Underwood Road, Referred to Other Agency

12:35 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Information Given

12:54 p.m. Threats, Bemis Road, Report Filed

3:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Seminole Avenue, Transported to Hospital

9:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Charnock Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Aug. 14

7:04 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Officer Spoke to Party

2:10 p.m. Recovered/Confiscated Property, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Arrest: Cochran, Edward H., 35, Fitchburg

Charges: Drug, Possess Class B, Trespass

3:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Moosehorn Hill Circle, No Transport Required

4:03 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Removed from Scene

8:57 p.m. Noise Complaint, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Aug. 14

8:42 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Simond Hill Road, Investigated

9:09 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Central Tree Road, Fire Extinguished

9:14 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Penobscott Road, Officer/Chief Advised

10:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Twin Hill Road, Mutual Aid Assist

12:17 p.m. Public Assist, Streeter Road, Returned

2:56 p.m. Unwanted Party, Old Boston Turnpike, Report Filed

8:52 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Fernwoods Drive, Peace Restored

Saturday, Aug. 16

3:17 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Gardner Road, Entry Gained

6:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Old Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital

8:30 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital

8:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Area Search Negative

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 10

4:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Old Coach Road, Officer Spoke to Party

10:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

1:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact

2:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Coldbrook Road, Area Search Negative

3:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Nelson Way, Transported to Hospital

5:53 p.m. Larceny or Theft, West Street, Report Filed

Monday, Aug. 11

11:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Skelly Road, Officer Spoke to Party

12 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Wheelwright Road, Investigated

12:04 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party

12:47 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Call Transferred

1:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Petersham Road, Officer/Chief Advised

4:38 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Farrington Road, Gone on Arrival

7:32 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned

9:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

9:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, South Street, Returned to Hospital

11:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Skelley Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Aug. 12

10:34 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, West Street, Transported to Hospital

11:15 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

2:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Vernon Avenue, Transported to Hospital

3:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party

5:28 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Summer Street, Officer/Chief Advised

5:57 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Farrington Road, Negative Contact

Wednesday, Aug. 13

10:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

3:28 p.m. Larceny or Theft, South Street, Report Filed

3:51 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised

10:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Fir Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Aug. 14

12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

1:56 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party

2:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Old Coldbrook Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

9:23 a.m. Safety Concern, Pleasant Street, Officer Spoke to Party

3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

3:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Aug. 15

5:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Stage Road, Transported to Hospital

9:09 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Central Tree Road, Fire Extinguished

1:03 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Kendall Street, Removed from Scene

2:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Newton Street, Transported to Hospital

4:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Phillips ton Road, Transported to Hospital

6:41 p.m. Illegal Burn, Debra Lane, Fire Extinguished

Saturday, Aug. 16

9:12 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Returned

9:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, South Street, Removed from Scene

11:46 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Farrington Road, Officer/Chief Advised

2 p.m. Complaint, Old Dana Road, Area Search Negative

4:33 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

5:39 p.m. Complaint, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party

8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Peach Street, Transported to Hospital

8:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Coldbrook Road, Mutual Aid Transport

9:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, School North Street, Mutual Aid Transport

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Congregational church holds community supper Oct. 4

RUTLAND – Flannel and Faith Community Supper will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 5-7 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland.

All are welcome. People should come dressed in their finest flannel shirts. They will enjoy a meal of soups, stews, warm cider and sweet treats while sharing in the blessings of faith and fellowship. They will be collecting new or gently used men’s and women’s flannel shirts to donate to the Veterans Shelter in Worcester.

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Public Safety

Oakham Police Log

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 8:02 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Adams Road, Information Taken
 10:34 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Turnpike Road, Referred to Other Agency
 10:41 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Lincoln Road, Information Given
 2:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 3:44 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Hunt Road, Call Transferred
Monday, Aug. 11
 12:46 p.m. Complaint, New Braintree Road, Area Patrolled.
Tuesday, Aug. 12
 12:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

7:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Brintnal Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Wednesday, Aug. 13
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 3:50 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 6:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crocker Nye Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:08 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Report Filed
Thursday, Aug. 14
 1:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 1:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 3:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ware Corner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 6:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
Friday, Aug. 15
 9:09 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Central Tree Road, Fire Extinguished
 10:02 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Road, Unfounded
Saturday, Aug. 16
 6:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 10
 2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Cooley, Cedric Miller, 33, New Salem
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Subsequent Offenses
 7:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic) East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:52 a.m. Threats, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 11:56 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Unfounded
 2:20 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Paxton Road, Rescued
 2:49 p.m. Escort/Transport, Tufts Veterinary, Transported to Hospital
 3:33 p.m. Assault and Battery, Miles Road, Report Filed
 3:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 3:55 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Gone on Arrival
 4:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:17 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Call Transferred
 7:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 7:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 8:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 8:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:46 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Report Filed
 8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:45 p.m. Complaint, Brunelle Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

Warning
 11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 12:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 12:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 1:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Silva Correa, Viviana Carolina, 39, Worcester
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Camargo, Rizzia M., 58, Gardner
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 2:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Holdings LLC, Ean, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Charges Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 3:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital
 4 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Investigated
 6:33 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Turkey Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assist
 7:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Brintnal Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:21 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Jonnathan Steven, 29, Worcester
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 10:30 a.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
 10:46 a.m. Serve Warrant, Brunelle Drive, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest Johnson, Neil Joshua, 55, Rutland
 Charges Warrant
 12:43 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Arrowhead Way, Information Given
 1 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Fanion, Norman A. III, 34, Holden
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Number Plate Violation
 2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Cooley, Cedric Miller, 33, New Salem
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Subsequent Offense, Warrant Straight
 Summons Marte, Calvin, 33, Webster
 Charges Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 Summons Lovely, Alycia Marie, 34, New Salem
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 3:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ware Corner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Friday, Aug. 15
 8:43 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 9:09 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Central Tree Road, Fire Extinguished
 11 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Oxendine, Gordon WG Jr., 43, Worcester
 Charges Abandon Motor Vehicle
 1:39 p.m. Complaint, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:35 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Nancy Drive, Investigated
 9:01 p.m. Gunshots, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 25-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 85 building/property checks, 56 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, seven traffic controls, 10 emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, two assist other agencies, two investigations, four complaints, two fires, one harassment, four animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.
Monday, Aug. 25
 9:57 a.m. 911 Fire/Other, Ruggles Hill Road, Services Rendered
 10:04 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Taken to Family/Guardian
 11:30 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
 2:48 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Referred to Other Agency
 2:51 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Birch Street,

Patient Refusal
 8:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
Tuesday, Aug. 26
 8 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Thresher Road, Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, Aug. 27
 4:27 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 6:22 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
Thursday, Aug. 28
 2:24 a.m. Safety Hazard, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 6:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:28 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Negative Contact
 12:55 p.m. Disturbance, Main Street, Spoken To
 10:23 p.m. Complaint,

Barre Road, Referred to Other Agency
Friday, Aug. 29
 8:15 p.m. Harassment, Barre Road, Services Rendered
Saturday, Aug. 30
 8:29 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 4:19 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 8:20 p.m. Complaint, Lower Road, Officer Handled
Sunday, Aug. 31
 4:05 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Broad Street, Officer Handled
 11:50 a.m. Disturbance, Barre Road, Spoken To
 1:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 3:20 p.m. 911 Investigation, Brook Road, Report Taken
 3:44 p.m. 911 Lockout, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled
 6:48 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Greenwich Road, Negative Contact

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Aug. 18-25, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 11 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, two traffic controls, one emergency 911 call, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, three animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.
Monday, Aug. 18
 5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
Thursday, Aug. 21
 12:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Officer Handled
 5 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Common Street, Officer Handled
Saturday, Aug. 23
 4:23 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Sibley Road, Spoken To
 10:57 p.m. Medical

Emergency, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
Sunday, Aug. 24
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning
 4:43 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Unitas Road, Vehicle Towed
 During the week of Aug. 25-Sept. 1, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, 12 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, two traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one vandalism, one harassment, one safety hazard, one complaint, one motor vehicle investigation and four animal calls in the town of New

Braintree.
Monday, Aug. 25
 11:26 a.m. Vandalism, McEvoy Road, Report Taken
 5:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
Tuesday, Aug. 26
 5:09 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 6:55 p.m. Harassment, Gilbertville Road, Spoken To
Wednesday, Aug. 27
 11:21 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Moore Road, Services Rendered
Thursday, Aug. 28
 7:51 p.m. Complaint, Utley Road, Spoken To
Friday, Aug. 29
 8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Tanner Hill Airport, Investigated
Sunday, Aug. 31
 7:50 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ravine Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Aug. 11
 8:04 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 8:58 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Arrowhead Way, Entry Gained
 10:49 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Edson Avenue, Negative Contact
 11:29 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:21 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
 2:28 p.m. Complaint, Crestview Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:30 p.m. Complaint, Watson Lane, Area Search Negative
 6:11 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:28 p.m. Assault and Battery, River Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:57 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:28 p.m. Assault and Battery, Cheryl Ann Drive, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Phelan, Amey Ruth, 61, Rutland
 Charges Assault and Battery
 Summons Phelan, Robert William, 67, Rutland
 Charges Assault and Battery
 8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Cheryl Ann Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Tuesday, Aug. 12
 8:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 10:26 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Cheryl Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:03 a.m. Safety Concern, Kenwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:24 a.m. Safety Concern, Vista Circle, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written

Warning
 11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 12:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 12:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 1:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Silva Correa, Viviana Carolina, 39, Worcester
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Camargo, Rizzia M., 58, Gardner
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 2:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Holdings LLC, Ean, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Charges Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 3:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital
 4 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Investigated
 6:33 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Turkey Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assist
 7:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Brintnal Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:21 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Wednesday, Aug. 13
 12 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:30 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 2:31 p.m. Threats, Miles Road, Returned
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 4:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 9:08 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Report Filed
 9:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Charnock Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Campbell Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Miles Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:51 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Charnock Hill Road, Recovered
Thursday, Aug. 14
 9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 10:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Edson Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Urbina Uzeta,

1:39 p.m. Complaint, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:35 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Nancy Drive, Investigated
 9:01 p.m. Gunshots, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
Saturday, Aug. 16
 7:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 12:36 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Briarwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Highland Park Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:20 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Gone on Arrival
 6:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Whitehall Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Montoya, Juanita, 27, Worcester
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 7:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Laurelwood Road, Mutual Aid Assist
 8:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 9:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

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Gardening in small spaces explained at Ware Grange

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The Ware Grange welcomed Chris Messier to present about gardening in small spaces.

Messier is based out of North Brookfield and has been gardening her entire life. This was her first workshop in many years.

She was the lead gardener for the center village garden at Old Sturbridge

Village. When she used to do workshops regularly, they were focused on multiple types of gardening.

This workshop focused on small space and raised bed gardening. Messier encouraged gardeners to get creative and not feel limited just because they might have limited gardening space.

A book on Grow Bag Gardening was passed around the grange for gardeners to view tips on how

to garden with the use of eco-friendly fabric pots or bags. Grow bags, plastic plots, unusual containers are all good options when gardening.

Messier brought in several samples that are viable to serve as a safe structure for plants. As for grow bags, Messier said, “you can move them around.”

A hay feeder can be used for gardening and Messier also brought a board with a widemouth ring designed

to hold potted plants. Gardeners are encouraged to get creative and use organigary items for gardening.

For raised beds and container gardening, gardeners must decide if they want to use metal beds or wooden ones. There are advantages to either one. Wooden beds are more earth friendly, and gardeners should use ones that are pest and rot resistant.

Other pest controls in the

garden comes in the form of netting or scare balloons.

Messier did remind gardeners that sometimes your garden may have some company. In other words, animals, especially rabbits. Messier said she had one rabbit that was hanging out in her garden all summer.

Messier would share a checklist for gardeners to follow to help make their gardening experience better. Overall, Messier suggested every gardener enjoys what

they're doing. Gardening is possible in small spaces, including on patios, balconies, raised beds, grow bags and various small spaces.

The presentation ended with a raffle as guests had an opportunity to win some grow bags that Messier brought.

The next adult gardening workshop will be on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. and is about seed saving and food preservation.

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