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## Living donor needed for transplant survivor

By Paula Ouimette  
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STURBRIDGE – It's been 14 years since Robin Lataille received the gift of life, when she received a kidney from a deceased donor after spending seven years on dialysis.

Lataille went into kidney failure due to decades of struggling with high blood pressure, despite living a healthy lifestyle and being an athlete.

In February of 2022, Lataille's doctor told her she would need to start dialysis again, and start looking for a living donor. In April of this year, Lataille received news that she no longer qualified for the Organ Transplant Program at UMass Memorial Medical Center, due to vascular disease in her abdomen.

"I was just torn," Lataille said, after receiving the discouraging news while at dialysis. "It was really hard."

Lataille, who has celebrated her life to the fullest in the 14 years since she received her initial transplant, decided to explore other options at the encouragement of her doctor, reaching out to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

On May 24, Lataille got the call she was waiting for, notifying her that she had been added to the living donor list.

Lataille said a living donor organ is better, and eliminates the wait for a deceased donor. She said there is no actual "list"

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Robin Lataille, left, is shown with her partner Pam. Lataille is seeking a kidney from a living donor. TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

## North Brookfield farm hosts NOFA workshop

By Ryan Drago  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Nature's Way Farm hosted a Tools of the Trade Workshop from the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Massachusetts.

NOFA/Mass promotes organic agriculture to expand the production and availability of nutritious food from living soil for the health of individuals, communities and the planet.

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Nancy DiPilato, John Tetreault, and Wendy Perron with their shared tents filled with new treasures. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

## Flea markets and fudge for Father's Day weekend

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Brookfield Orchards hosted its first flea market of the summer season over Father's Day weekend, and also celebrated

National Fudge Day with 10 new flavors.

The orchard hosted a flea market with several people coming out to sell their treasures and get a chance to meet with the community.

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## Police and fire fighters collect food for the community

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
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EAST BROOKFIELD – The Fire Department and Police Department came together last weekend to hold their third food drive at the Fire Department.

The food and money raised goes to the East Brookfield Baptist Church where there is an open food bank for the community every Tuesday to those who need it.

"It's a way for the police and fire departments to give back to the community," Police Chief

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All of the donations spread out across two tables, ready to be loaded into the truck for the food pantry. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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## Second Chance's 25th Anniversary Block Party coming soon

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services' highly anticipated Anniversary Block Party, hosted by Klem's and Timberyard Brewing Company, is just two weeks away.

Set for Saturday, June 22, this milestone event celebrates 25 years of improving the lives of over 386,000 beloved pets.

Established in 1999, Second Chance has grown from a small, volunteer-run shelter into a vital community resource, now helping over 49,000 animals annually.

Founder and CEO Sheryl Blancato reflects on this incredible journey in a press release, saying, "Our accomplishments are a testament to the tremendous support from our community. This block party is a celebration of our shared commitment to animal welfare and all that we can achieve together in the future."

Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray emphasizes the significance of the event's cohosts, stating, "We are excited to celebrate alongside Klem's 75th Anniversary and Timberyard Brewing Company's 5th Anniversary. Our interconnected journeys highlight our dedication to supporting animals and their families."

Admission is free and the celebration begins at 10 a.m. with in-store demonstrations and raffles at Klem's and a vendor fair featuring local merchants and crafters in the adjacent field, offering a wide range of items for people and pets. At 11 a.m., authors Joe and Sheryl Blancato will kick off the festivities at Timberyard with a special signing of their book "Walking Off Leash".

Also at 11 a.m., a Reunion Yappy Hour will welcome pets and their adoptive families from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Timberyard beer garden, with a group photo at 11:30 a.m. The day will feature music by DJ BossC, engaging activities, including a feline photo



From 1-3 p.m., attendees are invited to enjoy some birthday cake and make a card to help a very special cat named Lion celebrate his 8th birthday at Second Chance Animals Services' Anniversary Block Party on Saturday, June 22. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

contest and a birthday celebration for Lion, a former Second Chance shelter cat who was born with a rare genetic condition called Mucopolysaccharidoses.

Lion's condition affected his growth and his ability to walk. Reaching his 8th birthday is remarkable for a cat with his condition and cause for celebration.

Visitors will be invited to make a card for Lion and enjoy some birthday cake. There will also be pet trivia, raffles, a silent auction, and opportunities to meet and adopt pets from the mobile adoption unit stationed in the Timberyard parking lot.

Tickets for the anniversary barbecue are available now and should be purchased soon. Enjoy a wood-fired grilled chicken dinner with house-made stout barbecue sauce, bacon-braised collard greens, and homestyle mac and cheese. A vegetarian option in-

cludes tahini smoked local carrots with honey, toasted sesame, sunflower, and pumpkin seeds, served with homestyle mac and cheese.

Dessert will be provided by Hannaford.

Advance ticket purchase is required for the barbecue, with seatings at noon and 6 p.m.

Local caricature artist Herve Leveille will be at Timberyard from 1:30-3:30 p.m., creating pet and people caricatures for a \$20 donation to Second Chance. Advance registration is required for a scheduled appointment.

For ticket purchases and a detailed schedule of events, visit [secondchanceanimals.org/anniversary](http://secondchanceanimals.org/anniversary).

The silent auction offering gift baskets, gift cards and more opens online on Friday, June 14 and closes at 6 p.m. on the day of the event.

There's still time for local businesses to



From 11 a.m.-noon, authors Joe and Sheryl Blancato will be signing copies of "Walking Off Leash" which tells the story of Second Chance Animal Services.



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### Fireworks show this Saturday at Quaboag

WARREN – The town’s annual fireworks show will be held at Quaboag Regional Middle High School, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, on Saturday, June 22 with a rain date of June 23.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Wonderland Mafia at 6:30 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at approxi-

mately 9 p.m. Refreshments will be for sale.

This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

### Knights host benefit spaghetti dinner June 22

WEST BROOKFIELD – Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, June 22 in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Dinner includes pasta fagioli, garden salad, meatballs and sausage, spaghetti and sauce, garlic bread, dessert, water, soda, and coffee. The cost is a \$15 donation and \$10 for children under 12 years old.

Take-out is available at 6 p.m. and

sit-down dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Admission tickets are also good for entry for a special door prize.

Raffle tickets for a 50/50 raffle and more will be available.

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated. Tickets are available from any Knight or by calling 508-612-1649 or 413-813-8100 or by emailing bobfalter@gmail.com or walynconnor122@gmail.com.

Tickets will only be available at the door while they last.

### Bluegrass Gospel Service to be held June 30

WEST BROOKFIELD – The George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St., will be hosting its popular Bluegrass Gospel Service on Sunday, June 30 at 10 a.m.

This quarterly event, which happens when there is a fifth Sunday in a month, will next bring together local musicians for an all music Bluegrass Gospel Service. The event is free, though a free will

offering will be taken and refreshments will be served after.

The services have drawn many from around the area and have been entertaining and spiritually uplifting. Mark your calendar and plan to join us to listen, sing, tap your toes and leave feeling good.

For more information, call Heidi Jeldres at 978-989-5736.



Family fun at the first Quabbin Community Band concert of the season. Pictured are Heather, Jeff, Alana, Chris and Roger Griffin and band members Patty Griffin and Marica Cummings. SUBMITTED PHOTO

### QCB prepares for Children’s Night concert

BARRE – Sunday, June 23 is “Children’s Theme Night” with the Quabbin Community Band at Nornay Park in South Barre from 6-8 p.m.

All elementary and junior high students are invited to join the band on one song, “Beyond the Frontier” to close the first half of the show. Sheet music for this song can be accessed ahead of time by emailing mereidy14@gmail.com to be sent the part for your instrument.

There will be a special booth set up by the Woods Memorial Library with games and books for children, as well as the Fidelity Bank Ice Cream truck providing free treats for all.

The music this week will include “The Pink Panther”, “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice”, “Music from Aladdin”, “The Bare Necessities” from The Jungle

Book, “Captain Marvel”, “Selections from the movie ‘UP’” and many more.

The band began the season last Sunday with a record 52 members overflowing the bandstand and a crowd of more than one hundred filling the park to enjoy the sounds of summer. Many thanks to the band’s sponsors who are listed in the printed program made available to all concert-goers for free, as well as thanks to the Mass Cultural Council for supporting this particular event.

The concerts next week and on June 30 are in South Barre, with all remaining shows on the Barre Bandstand through Aug. 11. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Barre Town Hall.

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# in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

## June companions worthy of admiration

I was chatting with a fellow gardener recently and she made a comment that really struck me. “Aren’t the flowers just beautiful this year?” I had to agree.

Everything that is blooming is blooming in abundance, in terms of biennials, perennials and flowering shrubs. Even the \$65 hydrangea bush I got suckered into two years ago on Mother’s Day weekend is loaded with flower buds.

I thought it would be fun to give you a few factoids about some of the plants in my yard that are blooming now. Ironically enough, they make a great companion planting. Here goes.

The apothecary’s rose (*Rosa gallica officinalis*) is so laden with flowers that I need to get a good support system in place and fast! This rose in particular is an excellent choice for the beginner heirloom rose enthusiast.

Known as the oldest rose in cultivation, it is easy to grow, survives the winter without protection, and blooms effortlessly for about a month each June. Bright crimson flowers have two rows of petals and attractive yellow stamens; rose hips form as the flowers fade providing a bit of winter interest.

Its compatible color and short stature, about three feet, make this bush rose an ideal choice for the perennial border or hedge, keeping in mind though that it sends up new shoots pretty relentlessly, even invading a think mat of bearded iris in my landscape.

Another great spot for the apothecary’s rose would be in a garden devoted to herbs. For centuries it has been used medicinally, as well as for a source of food and perfume.

Reportedly, it is also the only rose whose petals, when dried, retain their fragrance – some argue that it even increases! Potpourri anyone?

Another plant booming in abundance is the Pheasant Eye Pink (*Dianthus plumarius*).

*Dianthus* is the genus for a group of plants known as “pinks,” not because of their color, which ironically are usually shades of pink, but for the fact that their petals are finely “pinked.” Think of the funny scissors known as pinking shears.

Common names for this group of plants include Gilliflower and Sops in Wine, noting the age old use of steeping the clove scented flowers in cheap wine by tavern owners to end up with a drink that tasted far more expensive. The clove fragrance of these flowers is outstanding. Just a few of the two inch flowers will undoubtedly perfume a room.

The silver leaved plant prefers a dry, rock garden type situation in full sun. Soil must be well-drained and non-puddling over the winter months.

Do not mulch or the crown will rot. Few pests are known to bother it. The plant will stay in bloom up to three weeks. Deadheaded spent blooms will help it to stay tidy.

I can honestly not say enough about my foxgloves this year. It’s enjoyable just to stare at them in admiration.

Yes, I am serious. The spires are four-to-six feet tall with dozens of individual flowers lining the stems.

I cut one and brought it indoors and just asked my daughter to go count the flowers and buds yet to open; it’s no joke when she came back with the amount. Seventy five, and that’s just on one stem.

Native to Western Europe, the common

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## Letter-to-the-Editor

### DV task force looks at digital dating boundaries

To the editor,

As summer begins and young people increasingly rely on social media and phones to stay in touch, we’d like to ask parents and guardians to discuss digital dating boundaries with your teens and pre-teens.

A good way to start these conversations is by asking questions.

The idea is to get our teens thinking and to let them know they can talk to us. It helps to listen without judgment and to add our opinions carefully so that we can keep the conversation going.

Some questions that can help start a conversation are:

- How quickly do you think someone should respond to a partner’s text? What if two people disagree?
- Do you think it is okay for a partner to ask for passwords? What is a healthy way to handle this?
- Do you think it is okay for people in a relationship to look through each other’s phones?
- Do you think it is okay for people in a relationship to use each other’s devices, and if so when?
- Do you think it is okay for someone to tell their partner who they can or cannot follow or friend on social media?
- What might you do if you had a partner who demanded non-stop contact?
- What might you tell a friend to do if their partner asked for private pictures?
- If you were struggling with these issues, who would you talk to? (I hope you can talk to me....)

Digital abuse is hard to see, making it critical that we talk about it. It can include demanding constant texting, pressuring someone to share passwords, controlling someone’s social media behavior, humiliating someone on social media, pressuring someone for pictures, tracking someone’s movements with technology, and more.

Our goal is to make sure young people know that all communication in a healthy relationship is respectful, whether in person, on the phone, or online. Even if teens trust their partner completely, they do not need to share passwords, share devices, respond to messages right away, or do or send anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

To test your knowledge before taking to your teen, see <http://www.loveisrespect.org/#quizhome>. You (or your teen) can also call, text, or chat online with Love Is Respect (1-866-331-9474, Text: Loveis to 22522, Chat online: Visit [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) and click “Chat Online Now”).

For help locally, call Valley Human Services in Ware at 413-967-6241 or the Center for Women and Community in Amherst at 413-545-0883. For more information about the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force, call 413-758-0605, email [wrvd-taskforce@gmail.com](mailto:wrvd-taskforce@gmail.com), visit [www.waredv-taskforce.org](http://www.waredv-taskforce.org), or visit us on Facebook

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## Life Together

James Baldwin wrote: “I imagine the reason so many people cling to their hate, is because, if they had to let it go, they would have to deal with their pain.”

February is Black History Month. For some when reminded they say, “been there done that, they had their chance.” Some states erase Black History lest it offend others.

Hateful rhetoric and acts of violence are born in pain, a pain ignored, buried, not allowed to be processed or healed. This pain, this trauma, is not an excuse for bad behavior; we are held accountable.

But, if we could find a way to meet “the

other” whom we fear or fail to understand, we might break through the violence which creates fear and division. If we could break through the pain, we might find we have a lot in common.

When such pain dominates the thinking and feeling of a person, they will look for a scapegoat to blame and eliminate.

People of color, Jews, people of various sexual orientation, mentally ill people, and many developmentally delayed youth, are victims of this abuse born in pain.

What pain have you had which may have moved you to fear, judgment of others, and

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**GARDEN** | FROM PAGE 4

foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) has had a place in North American gardens since its introduction during colonial times. There has always been a secretive side to foxgloves, due in part to an unusual name and the potent medicine that is obtained from the plant.

Legend has it that foxglove was derived from “folk’s glove,” folks referring to the elves and fairies of country lore. Another legend tells that the fox needed magical gloves to steal a chicken or two.

A less fanciful explanation traces glove to gleow in Old English; a gleow was an ancient musical instrument made of bells suspended from a curved frame. In 1785 William Withering, an English physician, published a decade’s worth of studies devoted to the use of foxglove as a heart medicine.

Although far too dangerous to be used by amateur herbalists, the drug digitalis was studied at length in the early years of the 20th century and is still prescribed by doctors today for those suffering with certain types of heart disease. Caution should be taken when growing the plant in the company of young children as all parts are considered poisonous if ingested.

Foxglove are easy to grow in full sun or part shade as long as they are provided with fertile, well-drained soil rich in organic matter. Plant them as you would a hill of squash: with lots and lots of composted manure!

Most species tend to be biennials or short-lived perennials. In my garden all types self-sow; leave a few seed heads to ripen if you appreciate volunteers as much as I do.

These three beauties are in the same border planting and what a show! Pay off for all of the “work” it is to garden. If you call it work at all. Enjoy your own flowers in abundance this June.

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

## Kylie Bulger awarded CPA scholarship

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants announced that Kylie Bulger of North Brookfield was awarded the Women in Accounting Silver Scholarship by the MassCPAs Educational Foundation’s 2024 Scholarship Program.

Bulger, a student at UMAss Amherst, was one of 51 students selected to receive a scholarship. The students will be honored for their awards at MassCPAs’ annual, member-wide networking event, Connect 2024, on May 8.

“The dedication and talent of these scholarship recipients is truly inspiring,” said Zach Donah, CAE, president and CEO of MassCPAs in a press release. “Their commitment to the accounting profession fills us with confidence about the future of the industry in Massachusetts. We’re honored to support their academic journeys and play a role in their success. We extend our sincere gratitude to this year’s donors and volunteers for helping students achieve their dreams through our scholarship program.”

Scholarships are funded 100% through donations to the MassCPAs Educational Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to inspire and support the next generation of CPAs in Massachusetts, and since the program’s inception in 2006, the Foundation has awarded over 400 scholarships to aspiring CPAs, ranging from \$2,500-\$10,000 and



Kylie Bulger of North Brookfield was awarded the Women in Accounting Silver Scholarship by the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants. SUBMITTED PHOTO

totaling more than \$1,900,000.

MassCPAs scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate accounting students who are attending a college or university in Massachusetts or attending a college or university out-of-state with a permanent residence in Massachusetts. Scholarship funds are issued directly to the students and can be used for tuition, books, interviewing expenses or other needs.

For more information about the Educational Foundation, visit [www.masscpas.org/ed-foundation/scholarship-program](http://www.masscpas.org/ed-foundation/scholarship-program).

“MassCPAs is committed to fostering a diverse and talented accounting workforce,” said Allie Orlando, director of academic and career development at MassCPAs. “These scholarships address financial barriers and create opportunities for deserving students. We are

deeply grateful to our individual and firm donors who share our vision. Together, we are building a stronger future for the accounting profession in Massachusetts.”

### About the Massachusetts Society of CPAs

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc. is the state professional association of certified public accountants, representing over 11,500 members in public accounting practice, industry and business, government and education. The Society works to develop and maintain high professional standards and offers a wide array of legislative, technical and referral services to its members.

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## Venture Crew offers adventures for youth and young adults

Venturing BSA is a co-ed program of Scouts BSA for teens and young adults ages 14-21.

Venture crews operate similarly to Scout troops, but focus more on outdoor activities and high adventure. Using the A-L-P-S model, venturing leads youth in adventure, leadership, personal development, and service.

Venture Crew 204 is a youth-led unit chartered by West Boylston Legion Post 204 with members across Massachusetts.

Community service projects have included outdoor cleanups around West

Boylston, Eagle Lake, and Legion Post 204, as well as Memorial Day services throughout West Boylston. Past trips by Crew 204 include Florida Sea Base High Adventure Camp where members spent a week deep sea fishing, sailing, snorkeling, and even a day exploring Key West.

They have also done disc golf, over-nighted at the Albany Rock Gym, hiked local peaks, climbed 4,000 footers in the White Mountains, and visited historical museums. The crew recently embarked on a journey to New Hampshire where the youth had the opportunity

to cross-country ski and venture up the Mt. Washington Auto Road in a van to learn of the road's history.

Joining a crew is a great way to develop leadership skills and experience adventures you will never forget. Upcoming trips include hiking Mount Washington and Katahdin, two of New England's highest points, and white water rafting in Maine.

The members meet periodically over Zoom to plan upcoming trips and ser-

vice projects.

Learn more about VC204 on Facebook @Teen Young Adult Adventure Crew 204 New England (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/venturecrew204>) or Instagram @Venture\_Crew\_204 ([http://instagram.com/venture\\_crew\\_204](http://instagram.com/venture_crew_204)).

Interested in joining? Contact Jason Kunst by emailing [Jason.kunst@gmail.com](mailto:Jason.kunst@gmail.com) or calling 508-574-9494.



Venture Crew 204 is shown after climbing Mount Washington in a snow coach this past March. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Registration open for EQLT's Hills of East Quabbin Ride

**HARDWICK** – The East Quabbin Land Trust, a nonprofit land trust caring for the land that sustains the region, will host its first ever bike ride fundraiser, the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, on Saturday, June 22.

The ride is open to all ages and includes a 25-mile and 50-mile loop passing several EQLT properties. Registration is \$60, and riders may register online through June 21 and in-person on the day of the event until 9 a.m.

All proceeds will go to EQLT and support its mission of fostering the sustainable use and conservation of farmlands, woodlands and waters of central Massachusetts.

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For more information about the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, or to learn about EQLT, please visit [www.eqlt.org](http://www.eqlt.org).

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hate? How are you dealing with your pain?

Some self-medicate and live with addiction, which fosters anger and abuse. Some refuse to acknowledge their pain so are unavailable for a relationship. Some just say it is what it is and do not control their anger.

Many damaged individuals will find others with whom they can bond in their common pain and hate; remember the neo-Nazis in Charlottesville, Virginia, "Jews will not replace us".

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## Enchanted Garden Walk

# Fairy gardens decorate Powder Mill Park

SPENCER – This past Saturday, over a dozen fairy gardens decorated Powder Mill Park, creating an Enchanted Garden Walk.

Diane Johnson said the idea came to her after attending a similar event in Hopedale with her granddaughter, Haley. The Hopedale Fairy Walk features about 50 fairy gardens along a one-mile trail through the woods.

Johnson teamed up with the Richard Sugden Library to host workshops earlier this spring to make fairy gardens with 24 participants. The fairy gardens were built on top of dinner plates, for easy transportation.

This program was brought to the community by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council, local affiliate of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



Diane Johnson and her granddaughter Haley pose with some of their fairy gardens that were displayed along an Enchanted Garden Walk held at Powder Mill Park this past Saturday. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE



Natural and manufactured materials add flair to this fairy garden.



Tiny cottages decorate this fairy garden.



Seashells and sea creatures add whimsy to this under the sea themed fairy garden.



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## Concerts on the Common held Wednesday evenings

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Friends of the Bandstand will hold Concerts on the Common on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

The annual bonfire concert will be held Wednesday, June 26 with a special time of 6:30-9:30 p.m. featuring Wheelsmith.

Other concerts include July 10, Dan Gabel and the Abletones; July 17, David Keith & The Coalition; July 14, The Crop Dusters; July 31, The Deloreans; Aug. 7, The Midnight Riders; and Aug. 14, Trigger South.

Gold sponsor for this year's concert season is Country Bank. Silver sponsors are North Brookfield Savings Bank, Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Quirk Wire Co., Sherman Oil and Bonin's Wood Products & Landscape Supply.

## East Brookfield summer concert series starts July 11

EAST BROOKFIELD – The East Brookfield Summer Concert Series will be held on Thursday evenings starting at 6 p.m. at Connie Mack Field.

The first concert of the series will be held on Thursday, July 11 with Local Talent Night. Other concerts include July 18, The Otters; July 25, LeBeau Family Band; Aug. 1, Island Castaways; and Aug. 8, Fab Beatles Tribute Band.

Food and drinks will be available to purchase at all concerts.

This year's series is made possible by the East Brookfield Cultural Council, Howe Lumber, Audette's Towing, Lamoureux Ford and Lamothe and Associates.

## East Brookfield celebrates Independence Day on July 8

EAST BROOKFIELD – The town will celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 8, starting with a pancake breakfast at the East Brookfield Baptist Church from 9-11 a.m.

The celebration will continue at Connie Mack Field from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., with crafters and vendors and food trucks. Free kids activities will be offered from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

A kids wheel parade will begin at 11:15 a.m. with lineup at 11 a.m. The main parade will begin at noon with lineup at 11 a.m.

A Battle of the Bands will be held from 1-4 p.m. and Heartland Radio will perform from 7-9 p.m. Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. and admission is \$2 per person (starting at 5 p.m.).

### FLEA | FROM PAGE 1

"Hosting these flea markets are so much fun," Diana Nydam, the orchard's owner said. "We get to remind people that we are open all year long, and they can come and see what we have to offer, like all the local vendors that we have in store."

The flea markets will occur at the end of the summer this year, with two more coming up on the Saturdays of Aug. 10 and 31.

"I really hope our customers and people participating in the flea markets have a good time and enjoy doing it because it is something so close to home and it's a great family venue," Nydam said.

But the flea market wasn't the only exciting thing the orchard had to offer for the weekend. June 16 shares the day celebrating both fathers and eating fudge for National Fudge Day.

The orchard has its own fudge counter, and fudge is made fresh and deliciously sweet in 30 different flavors.

To commemorate National Fudge Day, there were 10 additional new flavors for customers to try including lemon meringue pie, peanut butter whoopie pie, caramel latte, a mystery flavor to try in-store, and many more.

"My favorite fudge flavor always changes because I am so lucky to always be around it," Nydam said. "At the moment, my favorite is the Peanuttiest Caramel Chocolate Fudge."

"I love hosting National Fudge Day at the orchard because it gives me a chance to open up my customers' point of view of fudge and get away from the traditional flavors of just chocolate and peanut butter," Nydam said.

The orchard has many delicious flavors of fudge to try and is preparing for apple picking season just around the corner. With the flea markets and more events, people can find something to enjoy for all occasions and age groups.



Naomi Ward smiling with her stack of movies and comfy sweaters- perfect for a movie night in. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS



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# SPORTS

## Quabbin to welcome new girls soccer coach

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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BARRE – This fall, there will be at least one new coach at Quabbin Regional High School.

Earlier this month, Athletic Director Mark Miville announced the addition of John Gillis.

He will take over the varsity girls soccer program this fall at Quabbin, replacing Jamie Cook.

“Jamie was our varsity coach for the past seven years and has now stepped down to watch her

boys play high school and middle school soccer,” Miville said.

Because boys and girls soccer teams play schedules where schools face each other same on the same day, but at opposite sites, Cook would not be able to watch her high school-aged son, who was a starter on varsity during his freshmen year. Miville said Cook did an great job during her time with the program, and is looking forward to having Gillis this fall.

Gillis comes with a great background in soccer as a coach with the FC Stars, a club

team. Gillis’ daughters Delaney and Emilia Gillis were both standout players under Cook during their time at Quabbin.

He was the Regional Director for Scorpion FC from 2016-19 and merged with FC Stars in 2019. Before Scorpion FC and FC Stars, John was the Co-Director for SCOR FC, that they established in 2010.

“We are thrilled that John is coming on board with our girls’ varsity program,” Miville said. “He brings with him a wealth of soccer background and coaching experience. John’s leadership, vision, expertise

and passion for the game are exactly what we need to continue to grow the program.”

Gillis is a resident of Hardwick.

Last year’s team went 4-9-4, having a tough time with the middle of its schedule. Quabbin found itself with several ties early in the season. The Panthers would rebound near the end of the season and had four straight wins to close out its regular campaign.

The preseason for Quabbin Regional sports will begin around Aug. 19 for girls soccer. From that point, Gillis will have

a little more than two weeks to prepare his team for the season, which is currently scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3 on the road at Oakmont Regional High School. Girls soccer will have its home opener on Tuesday, Sept. 10 against Maynard High School. Among new opponents this fall, Quabbin is currently scheduled to meet Tahanto High School twice this year. There are no scrimmages for preseason currently posted on the schedule.

## Post 241 outlasts North Adams for win



Hunter Griswold fires a throw over to first.

PALMER – Last Monday evening, Monson Post 241 scored a 10-9 win over North Adams Post 125 in the opener for American Legion baseball. Post 241 is based in Monson, but plays at Palmer’s Legion Field. Players on the team come from Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, and

Ware High Schools. Post 241 had its other game last week rained out due to heavy thunderstorms last Friday night against Longmeadow. Coming up, Monson faces Westfield on Sunday, June 23 at 7 p.m.



Kyle Kaczuwka makes the catch at first. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM

## Final year of current alignments set to take place

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The new state tournament format has brought with it a lot of complications, criticisms, and changes for teams, especially many of those in Western Massachusetts who never voted in favor of the tournament changing.

The format was widely pushed by the Eastern half of the state while Western Mass. teams lost their beloved sectional tournaments as they knew them.

But like any tournament or formula, it has its flaws and it is constantly evolving.

Western Massachusetts, which uses the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference to make its local leagues and now host a small Western Mass. tournament in most sports, is heading into its final school year of a four-year alignment agreement.

After this year, teams will be re-aligned, and power rankings could be a bigger factor in how leagues are created going forward.

Previously, leagues are typically compiled using previous years records as a measure, and teams are placed in leagues based on competition, often intermingling teams from different divisions.

This can help or hurt teams. Smaller schools benefit from



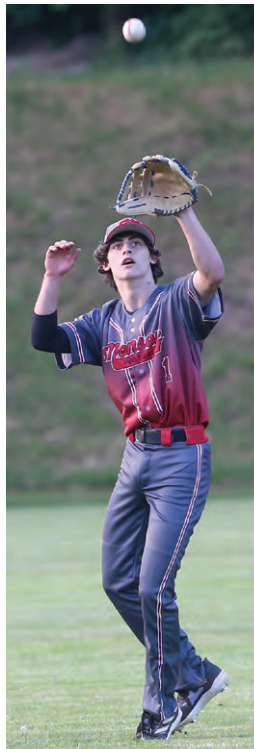
Pitcher Brayden Mega fires to the plate.



Nathan Kaczuwka makes a play for Post 241.



John Mumper fires a throw from shortstop.



Jarrett Skowyra makes a catch in left.

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# Pioneers score big shutout over AC Connecticut



Gianluca Cersosimo sends a long free kick away. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Lawrence Goddard winds up for a shot on goal.



Kerman Sukia gets ready to clear the ball.

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday evening, the Western Mass. Pioneers defeated AC Connecticut, a longtime rival, 5-0. The match brought the Pioneers record to 5-1-1 on the season. The Pioneers will have one more meeting later this season with AC Connecticut. The Pi-

oneers also battled to a scoreless draw against Vermont Green FC last Saturday evening in Vermont. Coming up, the Pioneers will host Boston City FC for the first time this season on Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m.



Austine Boadi starts a move up the field.



Leonel watches his kick away.

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playing larger schools in their league because the larger schools help the power rankings of small schools.

The opposite is often the result for larger schools, which sometimes need every point possible to qualify for the state tournament as part of the top 32 teams in its respective sports and division. While a .500 record will get you into the state tournament, if you are below .500, you will get a low seed and possibly a trip across the state depending on where you draw.

There have already been some interesting changes happening in some league since the last alignment. Among them, Longmeadow no longer competes in the PVIAC for boys and girls lacrosse. Longmeadow has been sectional champion almost every year for the past 25 years. Now, the Lancers play a completely independent schedule designed more for its competition level and to benefit its power rankings for the state tournament.

In football, there has been a push to

see the same happen to Central football, which has dominated schools like Minnechaug, Agawam, Holyoke, and Chicopee Comprehensive for the past decade. However, the challenge with an independent schedule for the Golden Eagles is that almost all teams in the state play a conference schedule in Week's 4 through 8, making it difficult to find games. Most football teams play independent games in Weeks 1 through 3.

Realignment work will start taking place following the fall season when committees begin meeting, and will continue following each season during the next school year.

In Central Massachusetts, alignments will be ending after this school year as well, and the schools will be looking at evaluating its own tournament as well. When the state tournament began in 2021, the Central Massachusetts Athletic Directors Association began holding its own tournament during the final week of the season like Western Mass.

## Candlepin League News

### Summer Edition

By Ryan Drago  
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EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes is nearing the halfway point of the season.

After five weeks of match play, the Split Smashers remain in first place at 33-7. Behind the Split Smashers is the #2 seed Rolling Stones at 27-13. Team Nine is in third place at 24-16. Team Seven and Clock Barn are tied for fourth place at 22-18. Team Swish is in sixth place at 20-20.

Gutter Snipes and Gutter Dolls both have a record of 16-24. Straight Shooters and Gutter Fingers are at 10-30.

The Split Smashers bowled against Team Seven on the league night of June 12. In game one, Split Smashers defeated Team Seven by a score of 449-416. Sophia Hearnlaye bowled her best game of the season with a 123.

In game two, Team Seven salvaged a win over Split Smashers by a score of 415-412. It came down to the final ball of the game where both anchor bowlers, AJ Gagner and Nate Fontaine were both working on spares. Fontaine got a light hit off the headpin and only got four and Gagner salvaged a higher count of eight.

In game three, Split Smashers won the last game by a score of 443-408. Fontaine finished strong with a 120.

Ryan Drago of Split Smashers had scores of 122, 114 and 118 for a series of 354. Hearnlaye bowled a series of 309.

Split Smashers won total pinfall by a final score of 1304-1239.

The Rolling Stones bowled against The Straight Shooters. In game one, The Rolling Stones won by a score of 442-441. In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 457-445. In game three, Rolling Stones won 460-443 for a three-game sweep.

The Stones won total pinfall by a final score of 1359-1329. Taking all eight points, Rolling Stones move into second place.

Team Swish bowled against Clock Barn. In game one Team Swish won by a score of 467-438. Pete Swistak of Team Swish started off strong by bowling 116. On Clock Barn, David Wentworth started off with 113.

In game two, Team Swish won again by a score of 446-391. In game three, Clock Barn bounced back and won the last game 452-431. Wentworth finished the match by scoring 105, the highest on his team in game three.

Team Swish won total pinfall by a final score of 1344-1281.

Gutter Dolls bowled against Gutter Snipes. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Gutter Snipes by a score of 474-426. In game two, Gutter Dolls won again by a score of 434-405. In game three, Gutter Dolls won again for a three-game sweep over Gutter Snipes, 464-446. Marc Vinciulla finished strong with a 114.

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## Concerts in the Park start June 28

WARREN – The Warren Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the annual Concerts in the Park at Dean Park, located at the end of Dean Street in West Warren on Friday evenings starting at 6 p.m. throughout the summer.

The first concert will be held on Friday, June 28, featuring Downright Country. Moonlight Run Farms will have a petting zoo, with pet food available to purchase.

Concerts continue on Friday, July 5 with a Neil Diamond Tribute by Charlie Lask. All veterans at the concert will receive a free hot dog, chips and a drink.

On Friday, July 12 Matt York will perform Willie Nelson songs and share stories during the Touch-A-Truck event.

Cruise Night will return on Friday, July 19 featuring the band Stomp N Holler. Bring your car, truck or bike for free.

The final concert of the season will be held on Friday, July 26 with Brookfield Rhythm. This will also be Vendor Night, featuring a variety of crafters, vendors and food trucks.

Concerts in the Park is sponsored in part by a grant from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Annual Strawberry Festival is June 22

NEW BRAINTREE – The annual Strawberry Festival will be sponsored by the New Braintree Congregational Church at the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Dr., at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday June 22.

The menu of baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and beverages will be followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. There will be one sitting.

Reservations must be made by calling 508-410-7424 or 508-477-6653. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$12 for children ages 5-10, children under 5 are free.

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for a living donor, and that donor recipients need to do the work themselves to find potential matches.

“I do the best I can,” Lataille said. She has shared her story with local media and social media, as well as with people throughout the community.

In the meantime, Lataille does all she can to stay healthy including receiving dialysis Monday, Wednesday and Friday for three and a half hours each time.

“I just want my quality of life back,” Lataille said.

Being a living donor is something that is hard, but also not, Lataille said, starting with testing to determine if the donor is a potential match. She said there is no age limit to be a living donor, and blood types don't have to match.

Potential donors will answer a series of questions about their lifestyle and medical history. Living donors cannot be overweight or diabetic.

Lataille is also preparing for a knee replacement, and she looks forward to getting her mobility back. From swimming at the YMCA where she taught swim lessons for many years, to competing alongside her friends at the Transplant Games of America, which she hasn't been able to attend since her health declined two years ago.

The Transplant Games are held in the United States on even years, and internationally on odd years. Lataille has traveled as far as Sweden, Argentina and South Africa to compete in the games, and has an impressive display of medals to commemorate each year.

“I'll be a new woman,” Lataille said, adding that the kidney transplant comes first. “I miss celebrating my life with my friends at the Transplant Games.”

“I need to get one sooner than later,” she said.

Lataille has been able to stay positive and motivated to find a living donor with the support of her partner, Pam, and her brother, Bill.

Pam, who has been with Lataille for five years, said there is no nicer person in the world.

“This is who she is. She really is this nice,” Pam said. “She is a special person.”

For more information about being a living donor or to learn more about Lataille's transplant journey, visit the National Kidney Registry at www.nkr.org/BDP546.



This photo shows the East Brookfield firefighters and police officers who worked hard to make the food drive a great success. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Joseph Lazarick said.

The police and fire departments started the food drives last spring, and will be hosting them twice a year- once in the late spring after school gets out, and one during the fall for the holiday season.

“It's grown every time,” Lazarick said. “Last fall, we had so much food the church needed to buy more shelves for the pantry.”

The food drive was able to fill the bed of one of the

firefighter's trucks, and \$179 in cash was donated to go to the church for purchasing food and other non-perishable items.

“Everybody's struggling right now, so we want to do what we can to ease that burden,” Lazarick said. “It's always nice to be able to give back to the community in this way.”

Both the police department and fire department want to show their support and appreciation for the community.

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At Nature's Way Farm is Education Director for NOFA/MASS Ruben Parilla.

Parilla said this workshop on farm microscopy and soil management practices is an introduction for farmers to understand the linking of soil to nutrient density. Parilla stated at the start of the workshop that the attendance is much appreciated.

The workshop was funded by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. The goal is to educate farmers and help increase their understanding of soil microbes as a part of a sustainable specialty crop production system and help them adopt new tools and practices to support the soil microbes and soil health.

There is no firm definition for soil health and Parilla believes it is up to everyone during the workshop to discover that definition.

"Its up to us to make that definition," Parilla said.

The workshop would then be passed down to organic farmer Dan Kittredge of Nature's Way Farm. Kittredge has been involved with farming is whole life and is the founder of the Bionutrient Food Association.

In 2010, Kittredge started this organization to help ignite a movement around food quality.

Kittredge is one of the leading proponents of "nutrient density". His presentation during the workshop at Nature's Way Farm was titled "Nutrient Density from the Ground Up".

Kittredge shared the history of the studies behind nutrient density dating back to 2010.

Kittredge's studies have built a framework for nutrient density as a market standard. There were several labs completed to help define nutrient variation across more than 25 different crops.

Kittredge said his organization has collected over 10,000 samples across the U.S. and Europe.

One example of studying nutrient variation is that Kittredge had a study done that would detect the amount of sulfur and phosphorus in a carrot based off the health of the soil used. The results were surprising to several farmers who attended the workshop.

Kittredge wants to provide this sort of evidence to as many farmers as possible who use different soils for their crops.

"Its about the soil life," Kittredge said.

Kittredge talked about a bionutrient meter they invented to help track soil life and their nutrient levels. By 2017, the Bionutrient Food Association developed the first prototype of what is now the Bionutrient Meter, a hand-held, non-invasive consumer-priced spectrometer that can be used to get relative nutritional scores off food at point of purchase with a flash of light.

This sort of tool can give folks the ability to test food before they purchase it. A second generation of the meter was released in 2021. The improved meter is calibrated to eight crops and shares conclusive evidence from the work done previously by the BFA.

In 2021, the BFA did a meat study to see how farms handle their meat processing. A lot of the quality of meat reflects on what the animals consume.



Members of NOFA alongside guests during the Tools of the Trade Presentation on Microscopy & Soil Management Practices. SUBMITTED PHOTO

"What animals eat connects to what you eat in meat," Kittredge said.

Farmers who attended the workshop did bring some soil samples to help test their nutrient levels. The BFA alongside NOFA/Mass are currently working on a research paper to help bring these studies to a global audience.

"This information is important for the global commons," Kittredge said.

The organizations have done many tests on farms all over the globe, including the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia

and South America.

The workshop would continue with a lunch provided by Nature's Way Farm. To learn more about the BFA, visit [www.bionutrient.org](http://www.bionutrient.org) for newsletters, courses, history, science and resources.

To learn more about the Northeast Organic Farm Association, visit [www.nofamass.org](http://www.nofamass.org). NOFA/Mass is a state-wide organization dedicated to promoting organic agriculture and expand the production of nutritious food from living soil.



Dan Kittredge is an organic farmer who provided a presentation for the event at his farm, Nature's Way Farm in North Brookfield. TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

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  - 13. Expression of understanding
  - 14. Have concern for
  - 15. Monetary units
  - 16. Congressman (abbr.)
  - 17. Iranian city
  - 18. Eating houses
  - 20. 2,000 lbs.
  - 21. Grandmother
  - 22. They include North, South and Central
  - 25. In an early way
  - 30. Foes
  - 31. Shuttered British entertainment magazine
  - 32. One who unloads cages
  - 33. Another term for sesame
  - 38. Formally forbid
  - 41. Make clear
  - 43. Inaccessible
  - 45. Get through
  - 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
  - 49. Decameter
  - 50. Type of sword
  - 55. Actor Idris
  - 56. Affirmative (slang)
  - 57. Afflicted
  - 59. One point north of northeast
  - 60. Born of
  - 61. Arabic name
  - 62. Traditional Hong Kong street food: \_\_\_ pai dong
  - 63. Termination point
  - 64. Email function
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Sign language
  - 2. In style
  - 3. Helsinki neighborhood
  - 4. Unable to hear
  - 5. More rapid
  - 6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
  - 7. In a cagy way
  - 8. Kate and Rooney are two
  - 9. Algerian port
  - 10. Community in Ladakh
  - 12. Midway between south and southeast
  - 14. Town in Galilee
  - 19. Satisfy
  - 23. Italian impressionist painter
  - 24. Brass instrument
  - 25. Chest muscle (slang)
  - 26. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
  - 27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
  - 28. Woman (French)
  - 29. Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
  - 34. Baseball stat
  - 35. Pointed end of a pen
  - 36. Popular sports league
  - 37. Body part
  - 39. Unlikely to provoke dissent
  - 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
  - 41. Domesticated house pet
  - 42. Untruths
  - 44. Set out to attract
  - 45. Spiritual leader
  - 46. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
  - 47. Repair
  - 48. Genus of flowering plants
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# - public safety -

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**Monday, June 3**  
 6:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 6:48 a.m. Parking Complaint, East Main Street, Officer Handled  
 8:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Merge  
 11:11 a.m. Property Dispute, Pleasant Street, Officer Handled  
 11:45 a.m. Officer Initiated, Podunk Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 12:22 p.m. Safety Hazard, Shore Road, Officer Handled

12:54 p.m. Trespass, Depot Square, Officer Handled  
 1:30 p.m. Complaint, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled  
 2:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Officer Handled  
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7:31 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, East Main Street, Peace Restored

**Tuesday, June 4**  
 5:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 6:34 a.m. 911 Traffic Control, Howe Street, Services Rendered  
 8:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 8:43 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Connie Mack Drive, Spoken To  
 11:34 a.m. Scam, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled




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1:33 p.m. Assist Citizen, Harrington Street, Services Rendered

5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation issued

### Wednesday, June 5

12:16 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 9, Unfounded

6:29 a.m. Assault, Wildwood Road, Officer Handled

7:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

7:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

8:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

10:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Podunk Road, Dispatch Handled

1:54 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Rail Yard, Dispatch Handled

8:16 p.m. Gunshots, Podunk Road, Investigated

### Thursday, June 6

3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Cottage Street, Citation Issued

4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Shore Road, Citation Issued

5:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital

5:37 p.m. Parking Complaint, East Main Street, Citation Issued

### Friday, June 7

5:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

9:35 a.m. Medical Emergency, Connie Mack Drive, Transported to Hospital

12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

12:58 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, East Main Street, Services Rendered

9:04 p.m. 911 Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, North Brookfield Road, Arrest(s) Made

### Saturday, June 8

7 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Podunk Road, Checked/Secured

9:09 a.m. Assist Citizen, North Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Blaine Avenue, Investigated

12:41 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Transported to Hospital

6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

### Sunday, June 9

7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Arrest(s) Made

10:20 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, East Main Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

## - legal notices -

### TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 9, and Section 11 Back Lot Permit, of the West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, the Planning Board will open a public hearing on **Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 2 East Main Street, for the following application:  
Wesley Slobody, representing T-C-P Enterprises, Inc

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Planning Board Chair  
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