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Paul Revere rode through town on the Rapsallion HOPS Foundation's float during Sturbridge's America250 parade held on June 27.

America250

Sturbridge celebrates semiquincentennial with parade

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STURBRIDGE – Over 70 participants joined the town's America250 celebration parade last Saturday, marching from Old Sturbridge Village to the common. The June 27 event also featured a festival and a Memorial Day remembrance.

Following the parade, all were invited to join Grand Marshal

Bob Briere and Veterans' Services Officer Garrett Skinner at Old Burial Ground to honor the fallen. They were joined by Scott Tourtellot and Christopher Tourtellot of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Col. Henry Knox Color Guard, for a toast to the flag and a musket salute. Rev. Alan St. George said prayers during the ceremony.

Briere said the soldiers of the Revolutionary War are often forgotten, and he talked about the challenges they faced to defend freedom. Including walking from Sturbridge to Boston.

"They walked and they tried their very best to get to Lexington and Concord – but they did and they didn't question it," Briere said. "They gave their time...their lives."

Briere recalled being in the first grade at Burgess Elementary School, and visiting the Old Burial Ground to place geraniums on the soldiers' graves. A tradition

that he brought back eight years ago.

"I remember that like it was yesterday," he said.

Following the ceremony, the festivities continued on the common, with Jeneé Lacey singing the National Anthem.

State Rep. Todd Smola and state Sen. Ryan Fattman spoke about America250, and Sturbridge's role in the Revolutionary War.

"Sons and daughters of Sturbridge played such an important part," Smola said.

Smola and Fattman read a joint resolution they filed to recognize this day, and presented it to Wally Hersee, thanking him for his efforts to preserve and honor the town's history.

Fattman also recognized the late Richard Volpe, who passed away earlier this year. Volpe was dedicated to his family and his town, and understood the importance of building strong

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Board discusses municipal complex repairs

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EAST BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen discussed failures of cooling and heating systems at the municipal complex at their meeting last Monday.

Chair Andrew Lynch said there was a failure of the air conditioning unit in the police station found, along with heating elements that need to be fixed in the center of the building.

At the June 22 meeting, Lynch said the town would be eligible for a grant to address any failures in the library or the police station, but the town needs to

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Officials present roundabout plan

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STURBRIDGE – Officials from the Department of Transportation along with representatives from Howard Stein Hudson engineering presented a plan to implement a roundabout at the intersection of Route 20 and Route 131.

Greg Frazier, a supervising project manager with MassDOT said this project is still in the early design

phase, at the 25% completion level as of the June 16 public hearing. He said the entire scope of the roundabout project stretches from west of the Burger King on Route 20 to the State Police jug handle, and also extends south down Route 131 to the Hampton Inn.

Frazier said this project was initiated because there is a lack of pedestrian and cycling connectivity, as there are no pedestrian crossings or accommodations.

He also said there was a

commercial tourist district improvement plan done by the town in 2014, which recommended enhancements to the Route 20 corridor.

Chris Lyman, project manager with Howard Stein Hudson, said there were 148 collisions on the Route 20 corridor between 2015-2021, with 133 of the collisions causing injury. He said there are recurring rear end crashes, and crashes as a result of high speeds and

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY
Pete, Michele and Kelly were ready to answer questions about ham radio.

Amateur Radio Field Day held on common

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – It was the last Saturday in June, and several tents had been set up on the West Brookfield common.

It was not an invasion. Rather members of the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club were observing Field Day 2026.

Amateur Radio is licensed non-commercial radio communication service

on radio frequencies assigned by the Federal Communications Commission in the US. Worldwide, The International Telecommunication Union assigns frequencies.

Amateur radio licensees answer to the term "Ham." Why are they called that? Originally, professional telegraph operators called amateurs "hams" as sort of an insult, amateurs embraced it, "transforming it into a badge of pride."

Field Day is held the fourth weekend in June; thus, it was on the common on June 27 and will continue Sunday, June 28 though not on the common.

Why have a field day at all? The goal was to set up temporary stations using off-grid power to demonstrate ham radio's ability to provide vital communications during natural disasters, power outages, and

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE
Celia Daniels picked up her complimentary lunch from Long Branch Hot Dogs, courtesy of the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative.

Seniors enjoy picnic lunch

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – For the second year in a row, the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative hosted a free picnic for seniors at

the First Congregational Church.

Over 60 seniors signed up for the event held on June 22.

Complimentary hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and more were donated and served by Long Branch Hot Dogs, which is local-

ly owned and operated by Nan and John Wilbur. Hannaford Supermarket donated beverages, and volunteers from the collaborative served side dishes.

DJ Brian provided mu-

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Public hearing held regarding dog attack

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Select Board held a public hearing on June 23 to hear testimony and evidence regarding a dog attack.

The attack took place off Cottage Street and involved a German shepherd dog owned by Glen and Heather Peterson. The board held the hearing to determine if the dog is considered a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog.

Select Board Chair Ro-

land Sickenberger began by letting the victims of the dog attack share their statement and explain what happened the day of the incident.

The victims said the dog got out of its owner's yard and approached the couple in the middle of the street. The attack resulted in the husband getting bit in the left hand.

The Petersons attended the meeting during the public hearing and provided photographs of their yard with gates and fences included.

The owners said their dog is not vicious and there

have been no prior incidents with the dog. They said the dog returned to its home when called, and they tried speaking with the victims and apologized for the incident.

Peterson said the wife of the victim only responded with "sorry is not good enough" and then left.

The Police Department arrived at the scene of the attack and spoke with the dog owners following the incident and EMS treated the victim. The victim said he had to undergo medical

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Town House puts nation’s history on display

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Patriotic window panels have joined the banners and buntings already adorning the National Register building. This completes the plans of the Town House decorating committee members who were looking to use the windows facing Main Street as a canvas for proudly celebrating the country’s 250th anniversary. The panels were designed by Sheila Orsi and donated by Anne Ramsey.

During her first year as Town Moderator, Orsi began reading Temple’s History of North Brookfield. She has learned that, even though North Brookfield was not yet a separate town in 1776, the residents who lived here at that time were passionate about their freedom and independence.

Orsi wanted to pay homage in some way to those people who heatedly debated and fought with their lives to create this United States. After speaking to fellow members of the Friends decorating committee about



The North Brookfield Town House is decorated in patriotic window panels, banners and buntings.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

her ideas, Orsi got to work creating the informational panels for the front of the building.

Thankful that we live in such a beautiful, diverse and friendly community, Orsi also was motivated

to bring attention to what she calls “our silent, lovely Town House waiting patiently to be restored to her former glory and host the community again, hoping to hear her filled with the sound of people

and music!!”

It is Orsi’s wish that decorating the Town House with the patriotic panels “will help to inspire someone’s passion in town to bring the restoration to fruition!”

Stop by the Town House in the center of North Brookfield, read the patriotic panels, and enjoy the work of the Friends of the Town House decorating committee. Happy 250th anniversary everyone.

Advisory Committee approves fire department transfers

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Financial Advisory Committee met to discuss end of year transfers.

At the June 17 meeting, the committee discussed and approved transfers for the Fire Department.

One transfer was to support the purchase of one set of turnout gear, 20 hoods and five helmets. Another was for Fire Department equipment, out of Fire Department wages.

The committee voted to support the purchase of standardized drafting equipment.

The Advisory Committee voted unanimously to have the amount of \$8,422 to be transferred to the Fire Department’s uniform account. The Committee also approved \$4,853 to be transferred to the Fire Department’s equipment account in addition to an amount transferred from the department training wages account.

The committee decided to table the Recreation

Department’s motions for transfers.

At the next meeting, the Financial Advisory Committee will discuss the possibility of shifting to electronic voting using clickers at town meetings.

Members of the Financial Advisory Committee said they have tried to get clickers in a previous year but they did not pass the budget. Residents spoke up and said they should try again.

Electronic voting “gives people more comfortability in voting,” one resident said.

Reservations for DCR’s campgrounds open

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation announced that reservations for the 2026 state park camping season are open through October.

“Camping at a DCR park is a cherished tradition for families and friends from all over – many of whom return to the same campground year after year, and in some cases for decades,” said DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle. “Spending time together outdoors strengthens relationships, creates lasting memories, and helps foster the vital connection between people and nature, along with a shared responsibility to care for these special places.”

Campers should note the following prior to booking a reservation:

Reservations are available up to four months in advance of arrival. Same-day reservations are available until 2 p.m. daily through ReserveAmerica.

Campers should fill out all required fields of the reservation application at the time of booking to ensure a smooth arrival. Visitors without a reservation are not allowed in campsites; however, day-use areas are available for gathering and outdoor activities.

All pets must have physical proof of valid rabies vaccination. Entry may be denied at check-in if paper verification cannot be provided.

Campground-specific updates

Fans of camping at Mount Greylock State Reservation and the Boston Harbor Islands are encouraged to monitor DCR’s website and social media accounts for updates on the camping schedule.

Savoy Mountain State Forest’s campground will close July 31, to accommodate the construction of a new bathroom.

This season, Washburn Island will be available for camping on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The campground at Washburn Island is accessible by private boat only.

Please note that there is no on-site parking at the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve or at the Town of Falmouth parking lot at White’s Landing. Campers are responsible for finding suitable parking arrangements.

Since last season, DCR has made several improvements to its campsites including the new yurts at both Clarksburg State Park and Nickerson State Park.

A list of DCR campsites can be found at DCR’s camping webpage. Campsites vary in offered accommodations, including showers, flush toilets, and R.V. water and power hook-ups.

Yurts can be reserved at

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U.S. Air Force band to perform on July 5

NEW BRAINTREE – The U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band will perform under the newly built pavilion on the town green on Sunday, July 5 at 2:30 p.m.

This free event is part of the town’s 275th and nation’s 250th anniversary celebrations organized by the 275th Anniversary Committee.

People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks.

Lake Wickaboag ‘Lights Up’ for nation’s 250th

WEST BROOKFIELD – To celebrate our nation’s 250th birthday, the Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association is sponsoring a 4th of July weekend spectacular in the theme of “The Spirit of America – Light Up Lake Wickaboag.”

Cash prizes will be earned by several, bragging rights will be claimed by many, and lots of fun will be had by all.

Starting on Friday, July 3, the weekend will include displays of patriotic and themed docks, boats and decorated cottages.

On Saturday, July 4, at approximately 6:30 p.m., a massive boat tie up center lake is planned to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the Star Spangled Banner. Following at 7 p.m., a full “Light Up Lake Wickaboag” parade will start at the Boat Club and continue cruising into the night.

If you can’t get out on the lake in a boat, kayak or canoe, no worries. Pack your beach chairs and picnic baskets or relax on a floatie within the town beach area.

Whether an active participant or spectator, you won’t want to miss it.

For more details, check the LWPA Facebook page, visit lakewickaboag.com, or email LWPA01585@gmail.com.



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Auburn Fire Department's retired Engine 3 was featured in the parade.



Stilt walkers performed during the parade.



Mrs. Claus (and her husband Santa Claus) joined Silver Bell Farm's float in the parade.



Lillian Donahue, age 14, sang "America the Beautiful".



Burgess Elementary School fifth grader William Norton read his winning essay about "What America Means to You."



Jeneé Lacey sang the National Anthem.

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connections, Fattman said. "He had a deep sense of civic responsibility," he said. Burgess Elementary School students William Norton and Elizabeth Beaupre each read their winning essays. Norton, a fifth grader, had the top essay in the school-wide prompt, "What America Means to Me." "America means liberty to me, and freedom," he said. Beaupre, a sixth grader, was the second place winner in the National Essay Contest. Beaupre said to her, America means more than sacrifice, and she listed the freedoms she enjoys, including riding her bicycle in the summer, or sipping hot chocolate on a winter's day. Both students were presented with citations from the House and the Senate to recognize their accomplishments. Lillian Donahue, age 14, sang a moving rendition of "America the Beautiful". This was followed by a performance from the re-

nowned 215th Army Band of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Throughout the afternoon-long event, there were various booths, activities and demonstrations. These included a militia encampment and military uniforms display, historical activities, a display of Model A cars, axe throwing, a bounce house, yard games, a photo booth and food trucks from BT's Smokehouse, Thai Place, Chic-fil-A and Suzy Q's Ice Cream. The Publick House and Oakholm Brewery served beer, and Deep Roots Distillery served lemonade and cocktails. Performers from Mass Motion Dance Academy danced to patriotic music. Veolia and Stop & Shop sponsored the first-ever cherry-pie-eating contest. A ceremonial cutting of the special America250 cake created by the Publick House was held after the pie-eating contest. Interpreters were also stationed in the Old Burial Ground to engage visitors in a self-guided tour and discuss the Revolutionary War veterans buried there.



A Dalmatian looked out the window from the back of one of the fire vehicles.



A child waved a flag from a school bus.

One of the parade participants prepared to cartwheel.



The Minions stopped to pose for a photo with a fan.



The 215th Army Band of the Massachusetts Army National Guard sang the National Anthem.



Scouting America Troops 161 and 163 marched in the parade.



Guest of Honor Virginia Jalbert, the town's oldest resident, rode alongside parade Grand Marshal Bob Briere.



The Ancient Mariners of Connecticut fired a cannon during the parade.



Rev. Alan St. George said a prayer in recognition of the fallen.



Scott Tourtellot and Christopher Tourtellot fired a salute to the Revolutionary War soldiers.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUMETTE
Veterans' Services Officer Garrett Skinner helped Christopher Tourtellot fold the flag.



Parade Grand Marshal Bob Briere talked about the Revolutionary War and its fallen outside Old Burial Ground. He is shown with Town Administrator Robin Grimm.



Burgess Elementary School sixth grader Elizabeth Beaupre received recognition from state Rep. Todd Smola and state Sen. Ryan Fattman for her second place win in the National Essay Contest.



Area fire departments, including Southbridge, joined the parade.



Parade participants waved from the Publick House float.



State Sen. Ryan Fattman honored the life of the late Richard Volpe alongside Volpe's daughters, Jessica and Amanda, and his wife, MaryLou.



This parade participant enjoyed the view from the EXI Electrical, Inc. truck.



The State Police's mounted unit joined the parade.



Children participated in a patriotic bike parade.



The Sturbridge Community Parade Band performed.



Motorcycles from Leicester Police, the State Police and Sturbridge Police led the parade.



A young boy went in for a loved one as representatives from Old Sturbridge Village marched by.

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Reminiscing brings butterflies to mind

My husband and I were sitting on the porch reminiscing.

To be honest I felt a bit melancholy. Where has time gone?

With empty nesting feeling like it's right around the corner, it's easy to drift back in time and wish just for a moment that the kids were little again.

Boy, did we read lots of books. I remember one of the girls' favorites was "Butterfly Count" by Sneed B. Collard III.

In honor of "days gone by," enjoy this column right out of the archives.

The basic premise of the book highlights the North American Butterfly Association's Fourth of July butterfly count with a simple story of a mother and daughter counting butterflies at a prairie restoration site named after the girl's great great-grandmother Nora Belle.

When Nora traveled west as a child, "regal fritillaries by the thousands danced over the bluestem grasses, setting the prairie afire with butterfly wings" yet today they are gone, "their prairie homes are farms and houses now." The story ends with mother and daughter finding the rare butterfly in an undisturbed area of the preserve, the tiny cemetery in which her great great-grandparents are buried.

Reading the book got me thinking about what we could do as gardeners to encourage healthy butterfly populations. According to the North American Butterfly Association it isn't enough to simply choose specific flowering "nectar" plants to attract butterflies, we must also choose plants that will feed caterpillars—that way we are providing for the entire life cycle of the insect.

Some of the best nectar plants for our area include native wildflowers such as boneset, Joe-pye-weed, milkweed, black-eyed Susan and purple coneflower. Other common wildflowers like hawkweed, ox-eye daisy and Queen Anne's Lace make good nectar plants as well.

Top caterpillar food plants for our region include carrot, dill, parsley, fennel, milkweed, nasturtium and verbena.

The largest number of butterfly species will be drawn to our yards if we imitate how plants grow in the wild. To do so, we should install a diverse

mixture of trees, shrubs, perennial and annual flowers and herbs that bloom throughout the growing season.

Trees such as aspens, willows, poplars, and wild cherry make great host plants for caterpillars. In addition, they give butterflies shelter from the wind, protection from predators and spots to roost at night.

A good habitat should also include some form of water source that will provide butterflies with additional moisture when dew and rain are scarce. "The Family Butterfly Book" by Rick Mikula (Storey Publishing, \$29.95) offers a fun project to make with your kids called a waterless pond.

Line a shallow hole in the garden with a trash bag, fill it with stones and add water. Dew will collect on the rocks in the morning and slide down the cracks.

Butterflies can land on the rocks and sip water from the crevices. Put a narrow band of sand around your pond and this area will serve double-duty as a "puddling station," a place for male butterflies to imbibe salts and minerals in preparation for mating.

Another important feature in a butterfly garden is a basking station. To be able to fly, these solar powered creatures must warm up.

In fact, Mikula reports that their flight muscles must achieve 83 degrees before lift-off!

Light colored stepping stones placed about the garden will reflect the sun, allowing the insects upper and lower wing surfaces to heat up at the same time.

After researching this article I realize just how little I know about butterflies. Luckily, some of the plants mentioned above already grow on my property, and butterflies often frequent the premises.

For more information on or to participate in the North American Butterfly Association's butterfly count consult their website at www.naba.org.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.



PHOTO BY JOHN KUNHARDT

Northern yellow warbler

John Kunhardt of Belchertown took this photo of a northern yellow warbler near Lake Wallace in Belchertown.

Northern yellow warblers are small, evenly proportioned songbirds with medium-length tails and rounded heads. They are 4.7 to 5.1 inches long. For a warbler, the straight, thin bill is relatively large.

Northern yellow warblers are uniformly yellow birds. Males are a bright, egg-yolk yellow with reddish streaks on the underparts. Females are also yellow but appear slightly duller.

Both sexes flash yellow patches in the tail. The face is unmarked, accentuating the large black eye.

People may look for these warblers near the tops of tall shrubs and small trees.

They forage restlessly, with quick hops along small branches and twigs to glean caterpillars and other insects. Males sing their sweet, whistled songs from high perches.

Northern yellow warblers breed in shrubby thickets and woods, particularly along watercourses and in wetlands. Common trees include willows, alders and cottonwoods across North America

In winter these warblers inhabit a variety of wooded habitats including mangroves, deciduous forests and tropical evergreen forests, as well as gardens, town plazas, second growth, brushy pastures, hedgerows, agricultural lands and plantations.

Their song sounds like "sweet-sweet-sweet, I'm so sweet."

Yellow warblers usually build their nests in shrubs or small trees, typically 3 to 10 feet above the ground. The nest is often placed in dense foliage, making it difficult for predators to spot.

They commonly select willows, alders or other shrubs near water. The surrounding leaves provide camouflage and protection from harsh weather.

A typical yellow warbler clutch contains about three to five pale greenish or bluish white eggs with small brown or gray speckles.

The female incubates the eggs for roughly 11 to 12 days, rarely leaving the nest except to feed. Once the chicks hatch, both parents help feed them.

Feeding mealworms

After seeing a pair of bluebirds, I started putting out mealworms on the picnic table every day. I figured black bears would not bother with mealworms.

I was right and the birds ate them up quickly. Yes, the bluebirds came for the mealworms, but so did two catbirds and a male robin.

The other day the pair of catbirds landed on the table as I spread out the mealworms. I've noticed them check the table for mealworms before I put them out.

Red-shouldered hawk

A woman in Montgomery reported a red-shouldered hawk in her yard. It's one of the most distinctively marked common hawks with barred reddish-peachy underparts and a strongly banded tail.

Wild turkey encounter

My daughter, Paula, was walking her dog, JoJo on the rail trail in Gilbertville along the river. A hen turkey was hidden on the side of the trail. She states, "When

JoJo and I ran by, she flew up. One of the babies panicked and started running after mom flew off, which caused mom to charge at us making a bunch of noise."

She states, "JoJo and I sprinted a good 20 feet before she decided we weren't a threat anymore."

She continues, "But this was definitely the closes encounter we've ever had. JoJo now ranks turkeys in the 'scary' category along with Canada geese."

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident emailed, "A pair of yellow-bellied sapsuckers spent a few days visiting a native dogwood tree in the yard awhile back. And we have seen a few warblers, a common yellowthroat checked me out when I was working in the garden yesterday. We have at least two male hummingbirds visiting the yard and feeders and at least one female."

He stated, "I saw a female rose-breasted grosbeak collecting nesting material so I'm going to look for a nest. Several years ago I found a grosbeak nest near our shed."

Osprey

The Brimfield resident stated in his email, "The Osprey nest in Warren looks like the chicks have hatched based on the behavior of an adult at the nest yesterday. In the past it is usually mid June before I see chicks in the nest. When they are very young osprey chicks mostly lay down in the nest waiting to be fed."

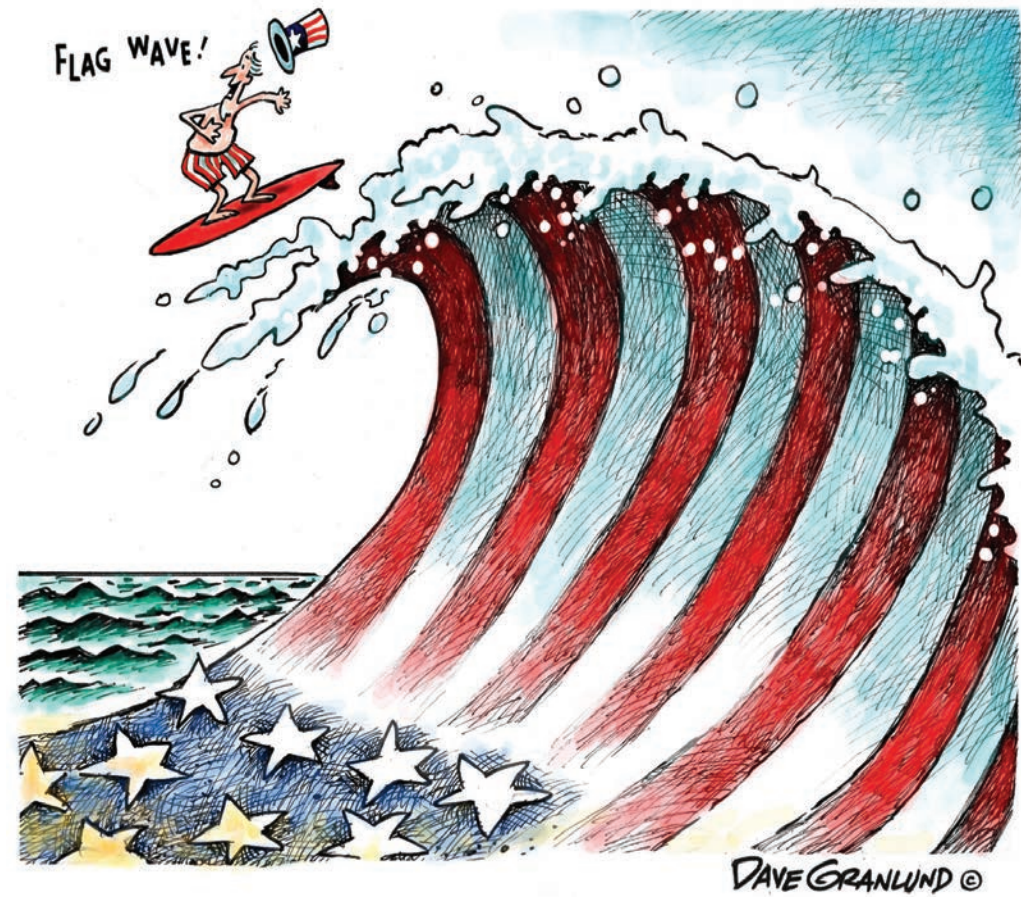
He reported four great blue heron nests at the pond I visit in Warren where the Ospreys nest.

Bird count

The Brimfield resident also stated, "The Allen Bird Club of Springfield does a spring bird count each year in mid May. We use the Christmas Bird Count count circle, I have covered Ludlow since 1989. I only managed 50 species this year, partly because my hearing isn't what it use to be."

He stated, "I did manage to find a Tennessee and Parula warbler, about a dozen yellow-rumped warblers, two common loons, one each solitary and spotted sandpiper and a black-billed cuckoo. I hadn't seen a cuckoo in a few years."

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edownner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



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Monson Legion Post 241 falls at home to Aldenville

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER – The final American Legion baseball game of the regular season at historic Legion Field in Palmer was a vintage pitcher’s duel.

Aldenville (Chicopee) Post 337, who only had nine players available for the road game, snapped its four-game losing streak by edging Monson Post 241, 1-0, last Wednesday night.

“We battled the entire game,” said Matt Sutton, who was the winning pitcher for Aldenville. “I focused on staying calm on the mound, pitch to pitch, and this is a huge win for us.”

Aldenville had a 2-4-1 record following the shutout victory, while Monson fell to 2-4.

The two squads were scheduled to face each other for the second time this summer at St. Joe’s Park in Thorndike on Wednesday night.

Monson is also scheduled to face Longmeadow Post 175 in another home game at St. Joe’s Park on Thursday night, and West Springfield Post 207 at Veteran’s Field in Monson on Monday night.

Last Wednesday’s contest marked Sutton’s first career



Kyle Kaczuwka tries to check a swing.

victory as a member of the Aldenville Post 337 baseball team.

Sutton, who was a junior member of the Chicopee Comp’s varsity baseball team this past spring, gave up only three base hits while striking out eight in his performance against Monson. The righthander issued four walks and hit a pair of batters in six innings. He threw a total of 102 pitches.

“I thought Matt pitched a great game,” said Aldenville manager Nate Carillon.



Liam McGrath sends a grounder to third base.

“We’ve been mostly using him as a relief pitcher so far this season. He stepped up in tonight’s game.”

Sutton, who earned a save in Aldenville’s season opening road victory against Westfield Post 124, made his second start of the Legion season. His first start came against Northampton Post 28, which was a home loss a couple of weeks ago.

Memphis Huertas, who’s normally Aldenville’s starting catcher, didn’t attend last Wednesday’s game at Le-

gion Field. Noah Carillon, who’s Nate’s younger brother, strapped on the catcher’s gear for just the second time during his Legion career.

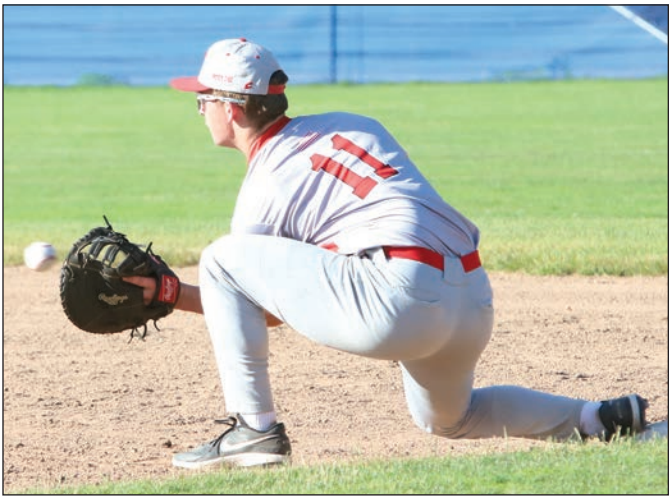
“Noah used to be a catcher in little league. He also caught a Legion game at North Adams last year,” Nate Carillon said. “He played very well back there.”

Noah Carillon made a diving catch on a foul pop-up in the first inning and

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Theo Haley takes a lead off first.



Liam McGrath gets low to make a catch at first base.

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Mutiny shut out by Vermont Green FC

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Even though the New England Mutiny had already been eliminated from the USL W playoffs, they still had a chance to influence the race for first place in the Northeast Division entering the regular-season finale.

Had the Mutiny pulled off an upset victory against Vermont Green FC, the Hudson Valley Crusaders would have finished at the top of the Northeast Division table.

However, it was Vermont Green FC players and their rowdy supporters doing all the celebrating following a 3-0 shutout win over the Mutiny at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday night.

“We wanted to play the spoiler role in today’s match,” said New England Mutiny midfielder Avery Klingensmith, who’s from Belchertown. “We were hoping to make the playoffs in our first season playing in this league, but it’s always a lot of fun trying to impact another team’s season.”

Vermont Green FC captured the inaugural USL W League Northeast title with a 6-0-4 overall record.

They’re scheduled to host the Eastern Conference playoffs this weekend

One of the Vermont Green’s ties came at Lusitano Stadium against the Mutiny (1-1) on May 26.

Vermont Green squeaked out a 2-1 home win in the second meeting between the two squads at the beginning of June.

The Mutiny finished their season with a 2-6-2 overall record.

“We lost a couple of close games this season,” Klingensmith said. “We also had a lot of new players, and it



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM
Trinity Clark collects a pass.

was a rebuilding year for us. We always tried to do our best in every game.”

Kate Howarth and Megan Cunningham made their first starts of the season in last Saturday’s match.

“I played with both of them in the past and it was a lot of fun having them back on the field again today,” Klingensmith said. “They’re a big part of this organization.”

Howarth, who also played for the Orlando Pride of the National Women’s Soccer League, is the Mutiny’s all-time leading goalscorer and point-scorer.

Klingensmith is also one of the Mutiny’s veteran players. She joined the squad after graduating from Belchertown High School in 2022.

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Avery Klingensmith is closely pressured by an opponent.

Playoffs hopes still alive after Pioneers shutout

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Had the Western Mass. Pioneers failed to secure a victory in last Friday night’s match against AC Connecticut, their playoff hopes would have vanished for the first time since they entered USL League Two in 2019.

The Pioneers kept their postseason dreams alive a little bit longer thanks to a hard-earned 1-0 shutout win at Lusitano Stadium.

“We didn’t get the result that we wanted in our last match on Tuesday night, and we had a tie here last week,” said Pioneers assistant coach Tomas Duben. “It was very important for us to get the three points and the win in tonight’s game. We’re still battling for a postseason berth.”

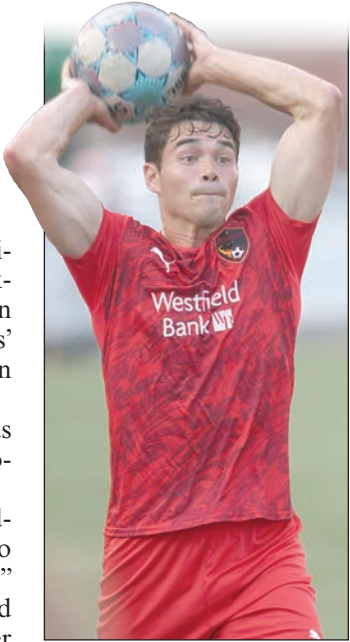
Duben took over the

head coaching duties from longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari, who spent last weekend coaching a Western United Pioneers U-16 girls’ team at a tournament in Virginia.

Since 2024, Duben has a 3-0-1 record as the Pioneers interim head coach.

“My playing career ended a couple of years ago because of a knee injury,” he said. “I really enjoyed playing for this soccer team. I’m very grateful that Federico gave me this coaching opportunity and I’m still learning.”

The Pioneers improved to 6-2-2 (20 points) following the home shutout victory, solidifying their hold on third place in the Northeast Division. They trail first place Vermont Green FC (10-0-1, 31 points) and second place NEC (10-1-



Jaiden Williams goes for the throw-in.

1, 30 points). Only the top two teams in the Northeast Division qualify for the league playoffs.

Western Mass. finished at the top of the Northeast table in both 2019 and 2021. They made it all the way to the National Semifinals in 2021. They’ve finished in second place during the past four seasons.

Between 2010 and 2018, the Pioneers only qualified for the USL PDL playoffs once.

AC Connecticut (1-10-0) had several scoring chances during the first twenty five minutes of the opening half, but Pioneers goalie Ben Alexander made the saves which kept the match scoreless.

“Ben played very well in tonight’s match,” Duben said. “The defense also gave him a lot of support back there.”

Alexander returned to action after missing a couple of games due to an injury.

It was the Pioneers’ fourth 1-0 win of the regu-



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Matiwos Rumley goes to meet the ball.

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Liam McGrath sends a grounder to third base.

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threw out a runner trying to steal third base in the third inning.

“It was Noah’s first time as a starting catcher and he did a great job behind the plate,” Sutton said. “I’m very proud of him.”

Monson righthander Brayden Mega, graduated from Pathfinder Tech in 2025 and is currently a member of the Monroe University baseball team, also pitched very well. He went the distance in his start against Alden-



Matthew Santos fires a throw to first from deep short.

ville, allowing a run on two hits with four walks and nine strikeouts.

“It was another outstanding performance by Brayden,” said Monson manager Steve Tripp. “He only had two hits and a couple of walks. We’ve just been struggling offensively. We had guys on base in every inning and couldn’t score a run.”

Aldenville centerfielder Justin Rivera led off the top of the first inning with a line-drive single to the gap in right center. Rivera advanced to second base fol-



Brayden Mega sends a pitch away for Post 241.

lowing a fielding error. After the next two struck out and grounded out, Noah Carillon drew a walk extending the inning.

Mega escaped the jam with a pop-up caught by shortstop Matt Santos, who recently received the Karl Oliveira Memorial Scholarship Award.

Then Mega retired the next ten Post 337 batters.

Meanwhile, Monson left six runners on base, including five in scoring position, during the first five innings.

With two outs in the bottom of the second, Monson

second baseman Grayson Griswold, who singled to left leading off the frame, was tagged out by Carillon trying to steal home.

Two innings later, Monson first baseman Liam McGrath hit a leadoff single and left fielder Josiel Ortiz was safe at first base with two outs following a throwing error. Ortiz stole second before Sutton ended the threat with a strikeout.

Aldenville leftfielder Adam Ozga lined a single into left field before being thrown out trying to steal second base by Monson catcher Kyle Kaczuwka.

The visitors would then break the scoreless deadlock with a run in the following frame without the benefit of a base hit.

Rivera drew a one-out walk before stealing both second and third. Shortstop Charlie Maxwell also walked, putting runners at the corners. Then Ryan Netkovick, who was Aldenville’s starting second baseman, hit a ground ball to Santos. His throw to the plate was dropped and Rivera scored what turned out to be the only run of the ballgame.

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“It has been a great journey playing for this team,” said Klingensmith, who graduated from American University in May. “I only live about 15 minutes away and this place is very special to me. I’m hoping to play for this soccer team again next year.”

Klingensmith is planning to play for a professional soccer team in Greece beginning in August.

The other players from Western Mass. listed on the Mutiny roster are Mila Dillard (Chicopee), Hope Santiniello (Agawam), and Tennessee Murphy (Monson). None of those players played in the final match of the regular season.

During the opening half of last Saturday’s match, the Mutiny had two free



Brigid Moore winds up for a free kick.

kicks, but both attempts were saved by Vermont Green goalie Olivia Shippee.

The visitors from Burlington took a 1-0 lead

during the 28th minute following a goal from Georgina Clark.

Emily Mara, who assisted on Clark’s goal, booted the ball into the net three

minutes later.

The score remained 2-0 until the 73rd minute when Lauren DeGroot netted another goal for Vermont Green.



Sadie Mathis brings in a pass while on the run.



Addyson Earl tries to outrun an opponent.



William Fauth watches his pass move away.

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lar season. They also played a scoreless draw in a road match against Black Rock FC at the beginning of June.

The Pioneers, who have a 3-1-1 home record, took advantage of a mistake made by AC Connecticut goalie Asger Hemmer-Hansen to take a 1-0 late in the first half.

Alfred Baafi put a shot into the back of the net giving the Pioneers a 1-0 lead at the end of the first half.

“The goalie attempted to clear the ball, but I stole it away from him,” said Baafi, who scored his third goal of the season. “Then I put a shot into the wide open net, which felt really good. We’re still hoping to make the playoffs”

Baafi, who’s from Techiman, Ghana, is a first-year member of the Pioneers.

“The atmosphere at this stadium is always outstanding,” he said. “We get plenty of support at our home games.”

Baafi is also a member of the men’s soccer team at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina.

Two years ago, Baafi was a member of the Seacoast United Phantoms, which captured the USL-League Two National Championship title.

“It was an amazing feeling after my team won the championship game two



years ago,” said Baafi, who’s going to be a senior in the fall. “I just needed a change and decided to play for the Pioneers this year. I’m also hoping to be drafted by a MLS team.”

The Pioneers had an opportunity to score another goal at the start of the second half.

Martin Echarren sent a pass into the box to Juan Galindrez, whose shot attempt skipped wide of the goal.

The Western Mass. squad also had several more chances to score, but the score remained 1-0.

The Pioneers are scheduled to host Black Rock FC at 7:30pm on Friday night.

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Long Branch Hot Dogs owners Nan and John Wilbur donated hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and more to the senior picnic.

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nic, and credited North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative founder Karen Farrington for continuing to give back to the residents in town.

“Karen does a wonderful job,” resident Celia Daniels said.

Farrington thanked her fellow volunteers for their

ty have somewhere to turn when they need help.

The collaborative’s food pantry is open daily, and there is also a food stand in front of the First Congregational Church and weekly distribution to senior housing.

Each Thanksgiving, the collaborative distributes turkeys with all the fixings to over 200 people locally and across the region, to ensure



TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE

Volunteers with the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative served side dishes at the free picnic for seniors held at the First Congregational Church.

they are able to celebrate the holiday.

The collaborative has gained support from its partnerships with local farmers, business and organizations.

For more information, visit the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative on Facebook, email nbfoodcollaborative@gmail.com or call 774-289-9832.

Bruce Ernest enjoyed the senior picnic hosted by the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative on June 22.



Seniors enjoyed a free lunch of hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, chili and various sides.

FIELD DAY
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other emergencies.

As an aside, it is worth noting that during Superstorm Sandy that devastated much of the East Coast, Ham Radio was crucial when digital conveniences weren’t.

Field Day is itself fun, and though a useful exercise, the members enjoyed the day of getting on the air and conversing with amateurs at various distances and on different bands, as well as the company of local members.

The first tent closest to the sidewalk was the welcome tent. The tent had a banner with the legend *Ask me about Ham Radio*. It was staffed by Michele whose call sign is KC1TIW

A call sign is how stations, amateur or commercial, are identified.

With Michele was Fay, the wife of a member. Together, they were ready to answer inquiries about Amateur Radio. The table was laden with an array of subject information. One would have had to make an effort

not to find something of value.

Michele is QVARC club secretary and her husband Ken, WB1DX is club president. They are a great team.

Michele informed us what was at each tent, and we proceeded to visit them. First was the GOTA tent.

GOTA stands for Get On The Air. At that tent the uninitiated could experience amateur radio contact with hams at a distance. At that helm was Dan Spencer W1DPM.

Turning left and walking to the edge of the common, we came to what may or may not have been unique among amateurs across the country this field day: a mother and son team of Hams staffing a tent.

Mom Kelly attained a General license, and Son Kris earned an Amateur Extra class.

Kris attends Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and participates in the school radio club. He is an ambitious young man who wishes to design planes. No doubt his fellow hams wish him all success.

Even Hams must eat and



TURLEY PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY

ris and Kelly are mother and son hams.

there was a food tent with Dennis, KC1LNL, firing up the grill.

At the orange tent, Hams were making contacts using a couple of specialized aspects.

CW or Continuous Wave is radio transmission that facilitates use of Morse Code. In more primitive ages, Morse Code was the method of radio transmission. Many hams still prefer to use it. Working that was Larry W1AST.

Howie W5LNX was communicating via Side

Band. Side Band is effective for long-distance and international communications. When we approached, Alabama had been contacted. Earlier in the day, even before the event, contact had been made with Europe.

Other Hams were active on other bands. The aforementioned Dan was making contacts on 40 meters and Steve KC1SZP was working the 80 meter band which would not be that active until evening.

Other Hams were serving where needed. The



Get on the air with Dan, W1DPM.

husband, and wife team, Ken, KB1HXO and Deb, KC1RDH, longtime members were there as were other veteran members such as Tim KC1RZE answering questions. Pete KC1TDO and Mert KC1KVA were also in attendance.

If you did not get to the field day but think you might be interested in learning more about Ham Radio, the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club QVARC

maintains an excellent website at qvarc.com/. There is information on what the hobby is and how to become one.

Periodically, the club hosts examination sessions so one can pass a test and get on the air.

Meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month at the West Brookfield Senior Center at 6:30 p.m., other than July and August. All are welcome.

ROUNDBOUT
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turning conflicts.

Lyman said construction is expected to begin in 2028, and be completed in four phases, which will take two construction seasons, the entirety of the spring, summer and fall of 2028 and 2029, with occasional work in the winter. He said hours are expected to be 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

He said the goal is to keep two lanes of traffic during construction, and there will be access to the businesses on the corridor and Americans with Disability Act considerations.

According to a presentation shown with the hearing, this design has fewer conflict points than a four-way intersection, a 75% reduction, and a 67% reduction in vehicle to pedestrian conflicts. There would be a 90% reduction in fatalities, a 76% reduction in injury crashes, a 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes and a 10%

reduction in cycling crashes with this design, according to the presentation.

Lyman said crashes in roundabouts are usually sideswipes, which are less dangerous than head on collisions, T-bones and left turns.

Frazier said some of the suggestions in that plan were enhancing traffic flow, access for pedestrians and cyclists, safety, and visual imagery. He said the plan recommended the roundabout.

He said another goal of the project is to provide a gateway into the town.

Frazier also gave a timeline of events, saying in June 2022, Howard Stein Hudson received a notice to proceed, MassDOT did an intersection control evaluation in 2022-2023, there was an alternative analysis and selected preferred concept in 2024, and they reached the 25% design in 2025, which is what was presented.

Lyman said there were 15 alternatives analyzed,

including signaled intersections, roundabouts in other areas, and center island medians around the intersections of Route 20 and Fairground Road and Route 20 and New Boston Road.

Lyman said only three of the alternatives were suitable to analyze further, including a signaled intersection at Route 20 and Route 131 but a roundabout at the intersection of Route 20 and New Boston Road, but they determined it would not improve safety or make a gateway into town.

Another alternative was two roundabouts, one in the proposed site and another at the intersection with New Boston Road, but they determined back-to-back roundabouts might not be preferred.

He said the preferred alternative was a roundabout at the proposed site and a right turn only out of New Boston Road.

Lyman said some features of the project will be a right turn only out of a

hotel on Route 20, removing a left turn and requiring usage of the roundabout to get around, and there are also shared use lanes and bike ramps.

He said there would be a pedestrian hybrid beacon at the intersection of Fairground Road and a right turn only onto Route 20. He said there would also be a pedestrian hybrid beacon at the intersection with Route 131, and no left turns out of New Boston Road.

Lyman said there would be no adverse impacts to environmental, cultural or historical resources as a result of this project, but there are some impacts to the 100-foot buffer zone for wetlands, and no impacts to Cedar Pond.

Michael Ruderman, who is a right of way coordinator with MassDOT said the state will use eminent domain or temporary easements to make room for the project if needed, and there are federal laws to protect property owners in place.

He said the state has to keep owners informed, and contact them if there will be a taking.

He said there are assessments for damages and compensation, and if the state and owner cannot agree on a number, there is a way for owners to take the state to court.

Lyman said following the hearing, they will review feedback, advance the progress to 75%, and aim to advertise the project for bid in the winter of 2028.

There were some public comments at the meeting, including from Louis Fazen, a member of the Board of Health, who said they should consider another roundabout at New Boston Road because of the risks of a turn, and said there have been at least two deaths from crashes in the corridor.

Mary Dowling from the Select Board asked how they would handle commuters at 7 a.m.

Jamie Goodwin, chair of

the Select Board, said there needs to be speed control westbound on Route 20 toward Brimfield.

Lyman said as part of the scope of the proposed project, there will be a weaving scenario, and narrow shoulders to make the road feel constrained, to force drivers to slow down without changing the speed limit. Members of the engineer group and MassDOT said if a speed study was done and it was determined the speed limit is too low, they would have to increase it.

Another resident was concerned about the radius of the roundabout, and making sure buses and fire trucks can get through. Lyman said it was measured, and there is room for large trucks to drive side by side in the roundabout.

Multiple residents also said the intersection of Route 20 and Cracker Barrel needs to be addressed. Another resident said the construction team should make landscaping a priority.

- **legals** -

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- **public safety** -

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of
June 22-29, the Hardwick/
New Braintree Police De-
partment responded to 17
building/property checks,
19 directed/area patrols,
eight radar assignments, five
emergency 911 calls, two cit-
izen assists, one assist other
agency, one motor vehicle
accident, two complaints,
three animal calls and four
motor vehicle stops in the
town of New Braintree.

Monday, June 22
10:55 a.m. Assist Citizen,
Memorial Drive, Officer
Handled
11:33 a.m. Serve War-
rant, Wine Road, Arrest(s)
Made

Tuesday, June 23
10:04 a.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, West Brookfield
Road, Transported to Hos-
pital

11:22 a.m. Parking Com-
plaint, Worcester Road,
Spoken To
12:07 p.m. Assist Other
Agency, Memorial Drive,
Officer Handled

Wednesday, June 24
9:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Crash, Oakham Road, Ser-
vices Rendered

Thursday, June 25
2:59 a.m. Medical Emer-
gency, West Brookfield
Road, Patient Refusal
9:08 a.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, West Brookfield
Road, Transported to Hos-
pital
10:42 a.m. Assist Citizen,
Memorial Drive, Officer
Handled

Friday, June 26
11:47 a.m. Complaint,
Worcester Road, Negative
Contact

Sunday, June 28
4:15 a.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, West Road,
Transported to Hospital
Monday, June 29
7 a.m. Medical Emergen-
cy, Oakham Road, Trans-
ported to Hospital

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treatment after the incident.
After the incident, An-
imal Control ordered a 10-
day at-home quarantine on
the dog.
Selectmen Henry Brogna
asked if the owners had
made any improvements or
have added any restraints to
their property after the in-
cident. Brogna suggested that
the owners should make
sure the gate isn't open.

- **community** -

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set up a feasibility study,
with the help of the Cen-
tral Massachusetts Re-
gional Planning Commis-
sion.
Lynch also said he has
applied the town for a
\$25,000 earmark through
Sen. Peter Durant's office
for an Heating Ventila-
tion and Air Conditioning
study at the town hall, as
there are issues controlling
the temperature in the
building. He said he would
also look into a Mass Save
grant to see if it is eligible.
Lynch said right now,
the only study approved
for the building is an
Americans with Disabili-
ties Act study, which will
not start until the win-
ter, so any facilities study
would likely not begin un-
til next year. He said the
town should steer away
from split units because
they are inefficient.
Board of Selectmen
member Amber Kowal-
czyk said the town could
explore consultation com-
panies, exemplifying a
company called Vickers
Consulting Service, who

evaluate municipalities
and help them apply for
grants or loans.
Appointments
Police Chief Joseph
Lazarick presented Wil-
liam Penkala Jr. to the
board, requesting he be
appointed as a part-time
police officer. Lazarick
said he works as a police
officer in Brimfield, does
work with the Hampden
County Sherriff's Of-
fice, and is a firefighter in
Springfield.
Lazarick said he has
additional experience in
West Springfield and Had-
ley, and served in the U.S.
Army. Lazarick said his
work ethic, character and
commitment make him
highly qualified, and the
board voted to appoint
Penkala.
The board also voted
to appoint Troy Allen as
an alternate plumbing in-
spector.
Contracts and permits
The board signed a
contract with Republic
Services for a one-year
term for trash pickup at a
cost of \$176,342.77, with
the option to extend the
contract four years at the
end of the term on June

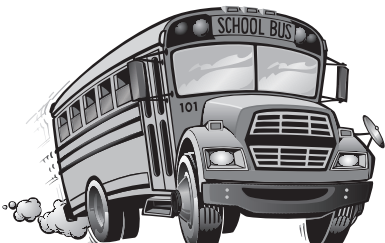
30, 2027. Lynch said when
the term ends, the town
will actually request a five
year extension.
The board also signed
a permit for Bercume
Equipment, located at 155
Adams Road for stockpil-
ing, crushing and other ac-
tivities with gravel, along
with cement manufactur-
ing.
Roadwork updates
Lynch said there will be
reclaiming, binding, top
coats and tack coats on
Draper Road, West Stur-
bridge Road, and Young
Road to Howe Street.
Minutes and next meeting
The board approved
the minutes of the June 15
meeting, and set up a next
meeting date of July 13,
where they will meet with
the Finance Committee.
Lynch said he heard
from department heads
that the Finance Commit-
tee did not meet with them
this year during the bud-
get creation, and said the
Board of Selectmen did
not see the budget until
the night of annual town
meeting on June 10. He
said the meeting would be
to discuss communication
between the boards.

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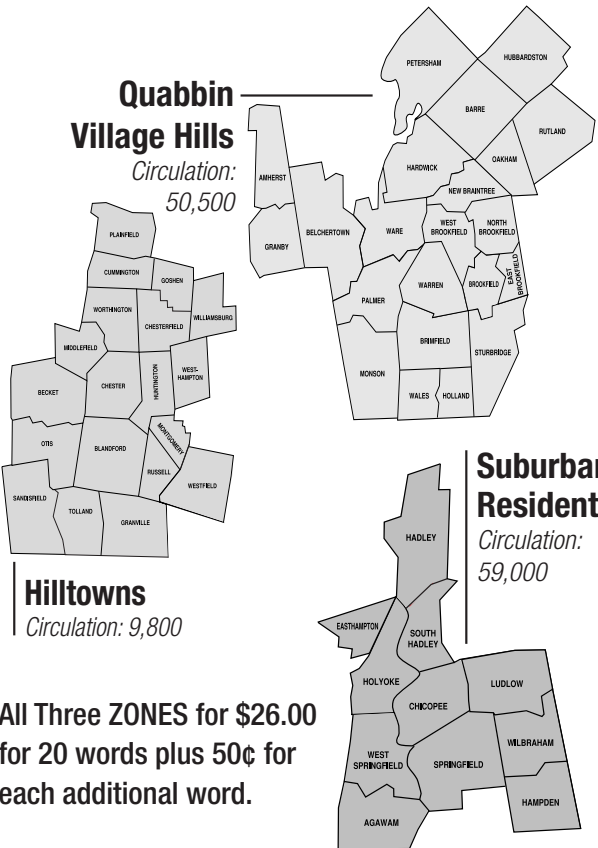
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