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Engineering Thursdays hosted by NBPL

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NEW BRAINTREE – Throughout the summer, the New Braintree Public Library, has hosted fun activities as part of their summer reading program including Engineering Thursdays.

This drop-in event is available for guests who arrive during library hours. If they couldn't stay, guests could bring the supplies home to build later.

Throughout July, the library has done many cool engineering projects. Kids got to make rackets to play balloon tennis.

TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO
Jubilee, age 6, held a kinetic orb that was made during Engineering Thursdays at the New Braintree Public Library.

After building, kids went out to the library lawn to play balloon tennis.

Another Engineering Thursday had kids making their own kinetic orbs. Jubilee and Shiloh got to make their own kinetic orbs and learned about what kinetic means. The kids also learned about what a sphere is, which is a shape that is formed when rotating the kinetic orb.

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Ed Popielarczyk is shown alongside his audience of kids after performing a magic show at the East Brookfield Public Library.

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Library welcomed magician

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EAST BROOKFIELD – There was magic waiting to happen at the East Brookfield Public Library this past week.

The magician for this special event was Ed Popielarczyk of Florence. To kick off the magic show Popielarczyk started with balloon sculpting.

He has a background in balloon sculpting, comedy magic, and is also the ring master of a flea circus.

The library was filled with kids who were excited about seeing some magic. According to Popielarczyk, the kids are the stars because they make the magic happen.

His show consists of many great tricks but can't be done without the help of some friends and volunteers. "I need lots of friends to

help with some tricks," Popielarczyk said at the start of the show.

There is a lot of comedy that is rolled into the show. He said he loves to make kids laugh and the laughter gets them into the show.

The first friend to help Popielarczyk was Anderson, who did a card trick with balloons. Being a balloon sculpture, it was only appropriate to feature balloons in magic. Anderson picked a

card, and Popielarczyk had to find out if any of the three colored balloons had Anderson's card.

With the help of the magic wand, Anderson's card appeared in one of the balloons.

Popielarczyk loves doing different magic tricks and loves the help of kids. One unique trick during this magic show was a water trick.

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Local artist Louise Douglas shared mixed media art workshop

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Merriam-Gilbert Public Library offered a Mixed Media Art Workshop this past week.

Sharing some insight on this unique art medium is local artist, Louise Douglas. As of now, Douglas has a beautiful art exhibit displayed at the library with several of her art pieces focusing on mixed media art.

This art form combines two or more different materials or mediums in a single artwork.

Douglas picks out recycled magazines and cuts out images and uses them

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TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO
Louise Douglas of West Brookfield offered a mixed media art workshop at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library.

Redcoats and Rebels

One of largest Revolutionary War reenactments returned to OSV

authentic Revolutionary War camps and engaged with costumed historians to learn about everyday life in early New England. Reenac-

tors demonstrated traditional cooking methods, baking, and the crafting of everyday

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STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village hosted Redcoats and Rebels, one of New England's largest Revolutionary War reenactments, this past weekend.

The event featured nearly 600 costumed reenactors from across the region portraying both soldiers and civilians from the Revolutionary War era.

Guests had the chance to witness dramatic reenactments of historic battles and skirmishes between Colonial and British troops, complete with cannon and musket demonstrations and cavalry displays. The event featured live fife and drum music and special presentations that bring the Revolutionary War to life.

In addition to the reenactments, visitors explored



Fife and drums kept spirits high as the militia members prepared to face the British troops on the battlefield.

TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

Survey about Senior Center to be mailed to North Brookfield senior citizens

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Council on Aging member Judy Manning, Council on Aging Director Courtenay Rivera and Selectman Ralph Kay provided an update about happenings at the Senior Center.

"It appears that the Senior Center is at a crossroads," Kay said at the July 29 Board of Selectmen's meeting. "One way is to be positive and find ways to better serve the seniors in town and investigate what that would be. The other is that we just stop...I don't think anybody wants that."

Kay said about a third of

the town's population is made up of senior citizens (approximately 1,500 residents) and there are only about a dozen or more that utilize the Senior Center regularly. Some days there are more than 20 senior citizens that attend the center.

Kay said a survey will be mailed to all residents over the age of 60 to determine their needs and how the Se-

nior Center can serve them. He said the survey will include a self-addressed envelope to be returned to the Board of Selectmen.

"Hopefully we get some good ideas; we get some good thoughts," Kay said. "What we want, is to be able to service more people...we want to find out what we can do better."

Kay said he knows the limited hours of the Senior Center can pose a challenge to many senior citizens, especially those who are still working or provide childcare to family members.

"Let's be out there and lead the charge to make this a senior center that we all can be proud of," Kay said.

Kay said the Senior Cen-

ter also needs volunteers to help with meals and activities.

"The more people volunteer, the more vibrant it becomes," he said.

Grant policy and procedure Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said

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Board continues hearing on proposed manufacturing building

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STURBRIDGE – The Planning Board held a public hearing to review an application for site plan approval for Old Road Realty LLC, located at 660 Main St.

The applicant is looking to construct a 40,150 square foot manufacturing building with ancillary office space with associated site improvements. The applicant also requested a special permit due to the increase in lot coverage.

At the July 28 meeting, Town Planner Jean Bubon said the proposed manufacturing building (being built for an unknown tenant) would be located in the Sturbridge Business Park. She said the property owner is confident the building will be filled quickly.

She said the building would be located in the General Industrial zoned district, and it is also in a groundwater protection district.

Bubon said the applicant, the property owner and the review team have met sever-

al times with the town's land use staff.

"The project has gone out for peer review; for stormwater review and groundwater protection district as well as the wetland delineation," Bubon said.

Bubon said she has partnered with Conservation Agent Lauren Vivier on this project. She said the first set of peer review comments have been returned to Bubon and they are minimal.

Bubon said she still needs information on the traffic analysis and the landscape plan requires a stamp of approval by a landscape architect.

"I think the project is shaping very well," Bubon said. "Not a lot of significant staff concerns were noted."

Design Professional Dan Sheehan of Haley Ward, Inc. said the project is not expected to bring a big increase in traffic to the location, and there is ample parking available. Handicapped accessible parking spaces will be located near the building.

Sheehan said a firetruck turnaround has been added to the revised plan.

Sheehan said they will be improving the existing stormwater basin to bring it more into compliance with the groundwater protection district.

The board voted to continue the public hearing until Aug. 11 at 6:35 p.m. in order to review revised plans and stormwater calculations.

Special permit for sign

The Planning Board held a public hearing on a special permit for Dollar Tree, 178 Main St. The applicant requested the special permit in order to put up a sign that is in excess of what is allowed by town bylaws.

The store will be located where Anytime Fitness and Walgreens used to be. It is expected to be open for business after Labor Day.

The proposed wall-mounted sign is 89.57 square feet instead of the 30 square feet allowed in the bylaws. Bubon said the larger sign is being requested due to how far back the building is set from the road.

Bubon said the project has been through the Design Review Committee and the façade improvements and

the design of the sign were both approved. The size of the sign is pending approval by the Planning Board.

She said the proposed sign is consistent with other signs in the plaza, including Planet Fitness (87.25 square feet), AutoZone (84.5 square feet), PickleballU (80 square feet) and Ocean State Job Lot (87.5 square feet).

"I think it's consistent with the rest of the plaza and I would recommend you approve the special permit," Bubon said.

The board voted in favor of granting the special permit for the sign.

Town Planner update

Bubon said the draft of the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan was submitted to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and she received a letter of support back. She has now sent the plan and the letter of support to the state for approval.

She said there is re-striping occurring in the parking lot of Dunkin Donuts at 469 Main St. The existing parking lot spaces were not compliant with Americans

with Disabilities Act requirements.

"The parking lot really wasn't in compliance," Bubon said. "A customer had filed a complaint about the width of the ADA parking spaces...they don't comply with today's standards."

Bubon said the owner of the Dunkin Donuts offered to seal and re-stripe the parking lot to ensure ADA compliance. She said one parking space was lost due to the adjustment, but now the lot meets current accessibility requirements.

Bubon said this past November, Governor Maura Healey signed an act promoting a clean energy grid, which aims to expedite and simplify the permitting process for solar and wind facilities and energy infrastructure, including battery storage systems.

"What that means, is they're trying to basically expedite a permitting for large-scale solar arrays and battery storage systems, wind farms...and setting up a state review process and a local expedited review process," Bubon said.

She said the state defines a "small" solar array as 24

megawatt, or about 100 acres.

Bubon said the town's regional coordinator who was appointed by the state covers a total of 80 towns in the commonwealth. She said the regional coordinator has attended a land use meeting and met with town staff.

She said the Planning Board should be prepared to change their bylaws to meet the new requirements. The commonwealth is preparing to release a model of the bylaws soon.

Bubon said there are large battery storage systems being proposed in several towns, including Oakham, Agawam and Southbridge. Concerns for the environment include the risk of fire and contamination of groundwater.

CMRPC delegate

Planning Board Chair Charles Blanchard was appointed to serve as the delegate to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission for fiscal year 2026. The board members and Bubon thanked previous delegate Taylor Stedman for his years serving in that position.

QCB ends with 'Dixieland Night'

BARRE – This Sunday marks the ninth and final concert this summer presented by the Quabbin Community Band.

As has been tradition for many summers gone by, this final concert on the Barre Common is known as, "Dixieland Night". Every single selection comes from the Dixieland tradition and features small combos of musicians playing solo parts in front of the larger concert band.

There will be so many favorites for the crowd in-

cluding, "Original Dixieland Concerto", "Hey Mr. Banjo!", "Dixieland Encore", "Bill Bailey", "When the Saints Go Marching In", "Canal Street Strut", "Dixieland Jamboree" and many more.

As the QCB season comes to a close the band would like to specifically thank their new librarian, Sarah Cox, who did an outstanding job with all of the folders this summer. Thanks also to Toni Brown and family for their handling of the equipment trailer, and many

thanks to Anne Gobi, Sue Musnicki and Dee Houle for making the weekly 50/50 raffle such a success.

The band thanks the community for a wonderful 52nd season and looks forward to playing for them again next summer starting on Father's Day.

Concerts begin at 6 p.m. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Town Hall which has plenty of cushioned seating, air conditioning and two handicap accessible bathrooms.

Feline Fun Day to be held Aug. 9

MONSON – Feline Fun Day returns for its fourth year on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Road.

The event is hosted by Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, a Brimfield-based cat shelter, and features over 50 local craft vendors, upbeat music, great food,

and a chance to enjoy a "purrfect" summer day.

This year's theme, "Purrfect Moments," celebrates joyful little snapshots of life – whether it's a sweet treat, a furry face, or a photo-worthy memory. HTAT will bring adorable kittens, themed selfie stations, and all the cuteness you need to fill your camera roll.

Admission is free. For more info, visit heretoday-sanctuary.org/feline-fun-day

Feline Fun Day is made possible thanks to the generous support of Suppur Hero Sponsors: Australian Natural Soap (www.wa-vertreeandlondon-us.com) and B'leaf Wellness Centre (www.bleafma.com).

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Thrift Store at Methodist Church open on select Saturdays

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Thrift Store of the George Whitefield United Methodist Church is open the first and third Saturdays of each month, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 33 West Main St.

Many lovely summer wardrobe selections are now available for women, men and children, as well as other seasonal updates to inventory. The Thrift Store

offers quality used clothing, shoes, accessories, household goods, décor, picture frames, children's toys, books and DVDs at bargain prices.

Donations of gently used items are appreciated and may be arranged by contacting Jane Dolan at 508-867-5571. Proceeds from sales support the church's ministries and missions.

West Brookfield Farmers Market is held on Wednesdays

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

The market is held on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m., rain or shine, throughout the spring, summer and early fall. The 2025

season the market will feature 17 vendors with a wide array of locally grown and made goods including three new vendors sure to please the palate. The West Brookfield Farmers Market is held every Wednesday

afternoon from 3-6 p.m. on the common starting on June 4 through Oct. 8, rain or shine.

Library hosts Summer Eats food program for children

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Summer Eats breakfast and lunch program will be available at the East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Drive, Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon beginning Monday, June 30 and running through Aug. 14.

All children are welcome to pick up a free bagged breakfast and lunch.

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Concerts on the Common closing

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Concerts on the Common will be held on select Saturdays on the town common from 6-8 p.m.

The final concert of the season will be held on Aug. 30 and features the Superchargers.

These concerts are free, but tips for the band and free will donations toward future events are appreciated. Food trucks will be available, or people are welcome to bring their own.

Chairs, blankets or something to sit on are encouraged, as well as insect, sun and weather protection.

The Concerts on the Common series is made possible by the North Brookfield Parks and Recreation and the North Brookfield Cultural Council.

Love Dogs featured this Sunday

SPENCER – The Spencer Parks & Recreation Commission 2025 Summer Concert Series continues from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Powder Mill Park, corner Smithville and Meadow Roads, with the Love Dogs.

Take one red-hot horn section, add liberal amounts of barrelhouse boogie-woogie piano, stinging Fender guitar, a funky and swinging rhythm section that Blues Review magazine called “the best in the business”, and top it all off with a crazy and charismatic front man with one of the biggest blues voices around and you’ve got the Love Dogs.

The band is seasoned with years on the road tearing up juke joints, concert halls and festivals, while releasing four critically acclaimed CDs.

It’s a recipe for music, mayhem, intensity and irreverence. It’s the Love Dogs.



Love Dogs will perform at the Summer Concert Series on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Powder Mill Park.

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Next up in this series that runs through Aug. 24 will be Chuck & Mud and The Hole in the Dam Band on Aug. 17.

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Summer Eats food program offered at middle/high school

BARRE – This summer, all kids and teens get free meals at Quabbin Regional Middle High School through the Summer Eats program, no ID or registration required.

Summer Eats is open to

all kids 18 and under. Kids and teens must be present to receive a meal and are required to eat on-site.

The summer feeding program at the Middle High School will be offered July 8-Aug. 7. Hours of opera-

tion are Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Can I switch to a taxi driver job without hurting my Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I opted to draw my Social Security retirement benefit early and work part time. The company I work for has decided to pull me from field work due to my age and health. Although they are great keeping me at 20 hours per week running for parts and doing office work, I'm not sure how much longer it will last. I'm thinking of taking a taxi driving job to keep my income enough to live on. The way it would work, I would lease the cab for some amount of dollars per day, set my own hours to work and collect anywhere from \$1.40 to \$4.00 per mile, depending on what type of fare. My question is: how does Social Security look at that type of employment? Would I be held to the 15 - 45 hours a month standard? I could never come close to making the \$1,200 to \$1,300 a month I need by working so little. Any advice is greatly appreciated.

Signed: Seeking Advice

Dear Seeking:

If you go ahead with your plan to lease a taxicab instead of continuing your current employment, you would, in effect, be considered "self-employed" and would submit your income tax return to the IRS accordingly. Social Security would get your earnings information as reported to the IRS and it would be your net earnings from self-employment after deducting all your business expenses that is reported to SSA by IRS.

There is, however, a special rule which would apply to you in your first calendar year of self-employment while collecting early Social Security benefits. Since, in your first year, some of your earnings would be as a part-time employee paying SS FICA payroll taxes, Social Security would first look at your earnings as an employee to see if you exceeded the annual earnings limit (\$23,400 for 2025).

Then, upon starting your self-employment, So-

cial Security would look at the hours you spent performing "substantial gainful activity" (e.g., driving your taxi) each month and, if you spent more than 45 hours per month in that capacity, you would not be considered "retired," and thus, not eligible for Social Security in any month you exceeded that amount of hours.

If you earned less than the annual limit in total both as an employee and while self-employed, you would get benefits for all months of the year. But if you earn more than the annual limit, you will get no benefits for any month you exceeded 45 hours as a self-employed person. Again, this only applies during the first calendar year of self-employment - in the following year only your net earnings from self-employment would count toward the annual earnings limit.

In effect, SSA would use the hours-worked standard to see if you are truly retired or actually working. If the latter, they would withhold SS monthly benefits for any month you exceed 45 hours working while self-employed (up to and including December of your first calendar year of self-employment), and only if your total income (as an employee and while self-employed) exceeds the annual limit.

So, if your goal is to net \$1,200 - \$1,300 per month as a self-employed taxi driver, that would be well within the limits of the annual earnings test (\$23,400 for 2025 but changes yearly). But there may, or may not, be a reduction in your Social Security benefits during your first year of self-employment, depending on when you start as self-employed. Note that SSA will ask about your work plans when you apply, and if you expect to stay under the annual limit (working part time in both

SEE SECURITY PAGE 5

Maintenance will keep annuals going strong

The half dead pot of petunias on the rental house's steps got me thinking about the perfect column for this time of year! After all, we invest hard earned money in annual flowers and plants, and we expect that they will provide us with color through the first frost. What steps can we take now to ensure that they will?

Read on for some useful advice, straight from the archives.

Remove spent flowers

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed; seed that will grow future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease, and it will begin to decline. By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower!

When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best



by Roberta McQuaid

has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

Water, water, water

Be careful not to let your plants dry out. When you need to water the garden, remember to do so in the early morning, if possible, to avoid evaporation. Early evening is another good option, but try to get the job done with enough time for the foliage to dry before darkness sets in.

Deep waterings twice a week are far better than numerous quick showers. The former will promote deep, penetrating roots and future drought tolerance.

Well-watered, well-fed and well-groomed annuals will reward you with beautiful bountiful blossoms for another two months - well worth the effort indeed!

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throughout the growing season.

Shear them back to encourage new growth

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips.

These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks. Give them a good haircut.

Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragons back to that point. Alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they won't look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

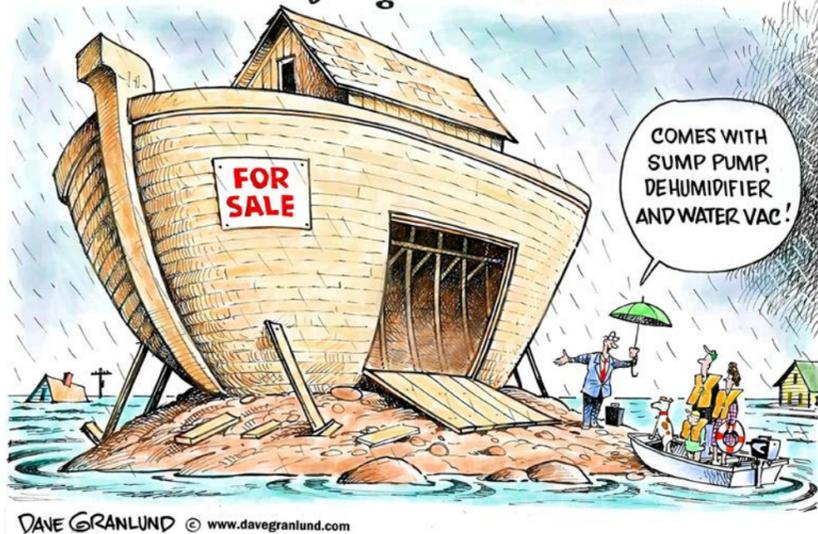
Feed your plants

Annuals that are well fertilized at planting time likely look a bit pale by now. If foliage is off-color and flower production is nil, pull back the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in a little bit. You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks.

If going natural is your cup of tea, make some! Compost or manure tea

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By Julie Midura
Guest Columnist

Last December, I got this harebrained idea to do something crazy for my birthday this June. It would be my way of proving to myself that 60 isn't as old as it sounds in my head.

The Pemi Loop - a "the second hardest day hike in the United States" by Backpacker Magazine - is a

The Pemi Loop at 60 years old

32-mile hike that encircles the largest wilderness area in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

With 10 summits and 10,500 feet of elevation gain along with technical climbs and descents-completing this rugged hike in one day would be the hardest endurance challenge I had ever attempted. As such, it would require significant training.

But in January, just one month after the idea took hold, life took a turn when our 1-year-old granddaughter, Charlotte, was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. Three months later, in April, our middle daughter's high risk pregnancy with twins became more serious when both babies were diagnosed with heart issues.

The nail in the coffin came in May, when our 160-mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail through New Jersey and New York - my one and final opportunity to train for the Pemi Loop

ended just six days in. Our youngest daughter had been rushed to the emergency room with a life-threatening pregnancy complication and was forced to deliver the baby five weeks early. (Mom and baby are now doing well.)

Over the last six months, our family has needed us, and my time has been better spent being there for the people I love, rather than spending my weekends training for an epic endurance hike.

So I shelved the idea of a solo, single-day Pemi Loop in favor of completing a 'leisurely' three-day Pemi Loop backpacking trip with my husband instead. After all, we wouldn't really need to train for it...would we?

The short answer, as we discovered last weekend, is "Yes, you did need to train for it, you fools!"

Although our bodies most definitely took a beating, weary legs and several falls were a small price to

pay for admission.

Because I have no desire to carefully preserve this now 60-year-old body, I prefer to use it up until there is nothing left. To wring out every last bit of my youth on adventures and experiences such as this.

You see, although our bodies most assuredly have a shelf life, there are parts of us that will forever remain ageless. And I plan to carry the best parts of my younger self into my older years.

I plan to worry less about "acting my age" and spend more time celebrating it. I plan to scramble up steep rock ledges. Watch the sun rise and set from mountaintops. Sleep in the wilderness. Slow dance on summits. Kiss...even when someone is watching.

I plan to slide into the next decade, battered, bruised and bandaged, all while yelling, "Dang, what



Julie Midura celebrated her 60th birthday on the Pemi Loop. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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MAGICIAN FROM PAGE 1

He called up one tall kid, who wore a sophisticated belt made of wood and rope. Somehow, Popielarczyk managed to transfer a cup of water from one side of the belt to the next. As a joke, he asked if anyone wanted some water.

There were some tricks that required more than one helper. One trick involved turning a caterpillar into a butterfly. Somehow, the trick kept getting messed up because the cloth with the caterpillar on it kept falling out of the magic bag. The kids kept telling Popielarczyk the magic trick didn't work, but he didn't believe them.

Finally, the caterpillar would turn into a butterfly as Popielarczyk's two friends held up the colorful cloth with the butterfly. Another animal related trick Popielarczyk did was changing the color of a rabbit from black to white.

Every helper Popielarczyk had got to use a magic wand. However, there was one magic wand that he was hiding from everyone.

This was a special magic wand Popielarczyk had with a sign tied to a string that reads, "Do not pull!"

Throughout the show, Popielarczyk would tease the audience by bringing out the giant magic wand. The kids would scream, cheer, and tell Popielarczyk to pull the string. He kept on insisting he is not supposed to, but at some point, he knew one of the kids was going to pull the string and party string popped out of the magic wand.

The culprit who pulled the string that said "Do not pull" didn't hesitate to reveal herself. Popielarczyk says he always tries to make the kids laugh during his magic shows. All the kids of the East Brookfield Public Library were laughing during the entire show and thanked Popielarczyk for the perfor-

mance. Popielarczyk is a full-time magician who has been providing magical shows for over 40 years. He enjoys performing magic for kids and adults and shows no signs of retirement.

"I have too much fun," Popielarczyk said.



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Left, these balloons were sculpted by Popielarczyk before the magic show. There is an alien, Spiderman and a butterfly. Above, Ed Popielarczyk is shown with his giant magic wand a string he is not allowed to pull.



Anderson helped Ed Popielarczyk with a card trick featuring balloons.



Two helpers are shown with Ed Popielarczyk during his butterfly trick.

HIKING FROM PAGE 4

an amazing ride!" So on our final day of the trip, I was disappointed to hear Tom say, "I hate to tell you this, but this will be my last Pemi Loop."

However, he said the same exact thing two years ago when we completed our fourth Pemi Loop. I'm

secretly hoping that hiker amnesia kicks in again in two years when he turns 70. Because don't you agree that there's no better place to become a septuagenarian than on a walk around the largest wilderness area in New Hampshire?

See you in the wild places, my friends!

SECURITY FROM PAGE 4

capacities), you should get full SS benefits. Just be careful to stay under the annual earnings limit for those collecting early Social Security benefits. FYI, earnings from before your SS benefits started don't count toward the earning limit.

Note, too, that your

monthly Social Security benefit will be actuarially reduced according to how far in advance of your full retirement age you claim SS. Whenever SS benefits are claimed prior to one's full retirement age, those benefits are permanently reduced.

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Federated Church's Family Fun Day and Open House on Aug. 9

STURBRIDGE – The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale invites the local community to attend its second annual Family Fun Day and Open House from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 on the church grounds at 8 Maple St.

The event is open to the general public free of charge and no advance registration is required. The event will include a cookout prepared by the church men's and women's groups, Crossroads and Koinonia.

All are welcome to attend the cookout with church members for conversation and fellowship. There will also be officers of the Police and Fire departments, K-9 comfort dog Rocky and K-9 search and rescue dog Raya.

Sturbridge Scout Troop

161, which meets at the church on Sunday evenings, will organize a variety of children's games on the church lawn, along with Sturbridge Girl Scout Troop 65092. Kathy Krikorian will offer face painting, and Judy LaVergne will be offering story time in Fellowship Hall.

Music director, Andrew Kosiba is pleased to welcome local musician Peter James L'Esperance to entertain guests. L'Esperance, who also goes by the name Morning Son, plays a mix of folk, rock, jazz and Americana originals and covers.

Parents and children in attendance will have an opportunity to attend a meet-and-greet in Fellowship Hall with CORI-certified Sunday School teachers.

Sunday School staff is

always available during the Sunday service to supervise up to 25 children, aged 6 months to 10 years of age while their parents attend church. The Sunday School encourages Christian morals and ethics, within their understanding and age level, through story time, videos, crafts, and other activities aligned with that Sunday's teachings and sermons."

The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. Community members are welcome and invited to join in worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Services are also live streamed on the church's Facebook page. For more information, call 774-304-1021 or visit sturfed.org.

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- The man
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Register for Rotary's annual TREK Halloween 5K, 1K & Fun Walk

STURBRIDGE – The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced that pre-registration is now open for its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk, which is slated to return on Sunday, Oct. 26, according to club president and race director Klaus Hachfeld.

"To pre-register for this year's event, just go to getmereregistered.com, and type 'Sturbridge' in the search field in the upper right-hand corner," said Hachfeld. Participants who pre-register by Oct. 21 will get a free 2025 TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K T-shirt.

All activities begin at the OSV Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road (not to be confused with Old Sturbridge Village Academy at the main entrance to

the village). Parking will be available in the Education Center lot.

The family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K Trail Run & Fun Walk, and a 1K Pre-Teen Run. In the spirit of the season, participants are encouraged to come in costume. The event also includes free children's game starting at 9 a.m. at the Education Center.

The timed 1K Pre-Teen Run (\$20 registration) starts at 9:15 a.m. This is for the 12 and under crowd, and the course is accessible for anyone with mobility challenges.

The timed 5K Trail Run (\$35 registration) & Fun Walk (\$30 registration) will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the

Leadmine Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.

An awards ceremony will follow at 11:15 a.m. starting with a competition for best Halloween costume for all registered runners and walkers. Judging will be by popular choice.

On-site registration will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the race.

The Trek Sturbridge Halloween 5K and Fun Walk is a Sturbridge Rotary Club fundraiser, with all profits going to the organization's community needs projects. For additional information, or to sign on as an event sponsor, email the race director at laserklaus@gmail.com. Or visit the Sturbridge Rotary Club website at <https://sturbridgerotary.com>.

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Central takes silver in field hockey

Western Mass. receives bronze in Bay State Games

FITCHBURG – Utilizing the turf fields at Game On Sports Complex, the Bay State Games for field hockey were held, featuring teams from Western and Central Massachusetts, both of which have had great success in the sport in past Bay State Games competitions. The games, which were held the weekend of July 11 to 13, started off with a strong 3-0 victory from Central over the Metro/Northeast team.

Western Mass. got into the action right after, taking on a Central team that has just played a few hours earlier. But Central was equal to the task and scored a 4-2 win over West.

West then had its second game of the day, facing off with the Coastal team, and

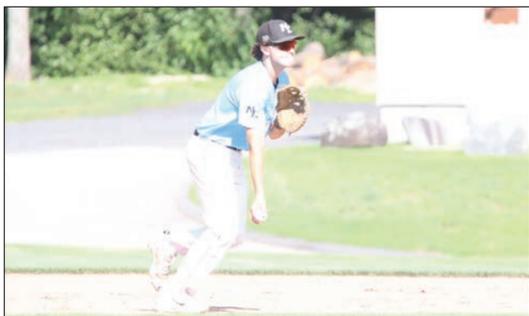
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North County advances in Legion playoffs

WILBRAHAM – The North County American Legion Baseball team defeated Belchertown for a second time in a double-elimination tournament last Monday. North County beat Post 239 10-5 after falling behind early

in the game. With the win, North County, which includes players from Quabbin Regional High School, moved into another matchup with Leominster.

Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.

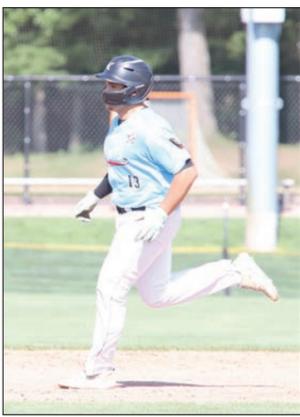


Benjamin Forbes feeds the pitch after making a play.

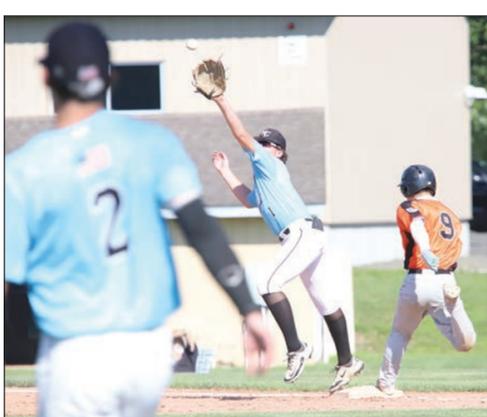


Logan Cormier sends a pitch home.

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William Gage heads into second with a double.



Anthony Girgenti reaches hit to catch a throw on a bunt play.



Aiden LaPointe swings and connects.

Rivalry renewed as PeoplesBank takes league title over St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – The Tri-County Baseball League will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2029.

PeoplesBank, who has been the best team in the league during the past thirty years, swept St. Joseph's in this year's best of three championship series.

"Feels great to win another championship. It's our goal every summer," said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. "We just enjoy playing baseball with each other. Our chemistry is a key to our success. I can't thank the players enough."

Ferry, who started both games against St. Joe's in left field, was aided by assistant coach Rey Rivera, who had three base hits and an RBI in game two.

PeoplesBank has cap-

tered the championship title in each of the past twelve seasons and a total of twenty times since 1995.

PeoplesBank and St. Joseph's both finished the 2025 regular season with ten victories.

"Our season was a success and great bonds were created," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes. "We had a team composed of mostly college players this year."

PeoplesBank, who was the top-seeded team, advanced into the finals after sweeping fourth-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas in the semifinals.

Second-seeded St. Joseph's needed three games to eliminate third-seeded bank-ESB in the semifinal round.

The Bankers scored seven runs on seven base hits in the bottom of the first inning enroute to a 10-0 victory in

game one of the championship series last Monday night. The contest ended after 4 1/2 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

It was also PeoplesBank last game of the season at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

"We just love playing games on this field," said Ferry following game one. "We played very well in tonight's, but as Kobe Bryant, who was my favorite athlete growing up once said, 'the jobs not finished'."

PeoplesBank finished the job twenty four hours later with a 10-7 win in an old fashion slugfest at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike.

The winning pitcher in game one was lefthander James Flahive, who's side-arms. He allowed only two base hits and issued two walks in his final start of the 2025 campaign.

"Jimmy has been the best pitcher in the league during the past four or five years," Ferry said. "I don't ever recall him losing a game since he put on a Peoplesbank jersey."

St. Joe's shortstop Devin Slattery, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School, drew a walk with one-out in the top of the first inning. After the next batter flied out to right, Slattery was thrown out trying to steal second base by catcher Pete Hogan.

Centerfielder Seth Allen hit a ground ball up the middle into centerfield for a single leading off the bottom of the first inning against St. Joe's righthander Jack Feltovic.

Then Hogan walked before second baseman Dave Clark launched a 3-run homer that landed beneath the giant scoreboard in left field.

Following back-to-back singles by first baseman Kyle Platner and right fielder Cam Rivest, DH Johnny Gegetska delivered an RBI single to left giving the home team a 4-0 advantage.

Another run crossed the plate following a sacrifice fly to left by shortstop Sam Allen.

After catching the ball, St. Joe's left fielder Jacob Petrin threw the ball to third baseman Brandon Magni, who tagged out the runner who was trying to advance to third base on the play.

Shortstop Seth Allen, who's Sam's twin brother, capped off the opening frame by hitting a two run double off the left field fence.

"We kept passing the bat and put a lot of pressure on them in the first inning," Ferry said. "We had some hard hits and a couple of walks in that inning. We also bat-

ted around in the first inning of last year's finals. I capped the inning off with a bases loaded triple in that game."

St. Joe's DH Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk leading off the second inning, but he was thrown out trying to steal by Hogan.

PeoplesBank scored three more runs in the third inning.

Clark, who was hit-by-a-pitch in the second inning, knocked home the first run of the frame with a double to left. Platner followed with a two-run double to right.

Trailing, 10-0, St. Joe's began the fourth inning with a line-drive single by Petrin, who was thrown out trying to steal second base. Slattery also singled, but the next batter grounded into a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

St. Joe's standard two

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Dave Clark gets the out at second.

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Nate Carrill makes an off-balance play.

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According to their mother, Chris, Jubilee and Shiloh love going to the library for arts, crafts and for books.

"They can spend hours here," Chris said.

The kids also got to make their own lava lamps and catapults. The catapults are made out of popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and a spoon serving as the catapult that will launch either cotton balls, beads or buttons.

Mary Lefevre is a coordinator at the library and was testing the activities this past Thursday by building a catapult of her own. There were cotton balls, beads and buttons flying in the library.

The New Braintree Public Library, also known as the L. H. Pollard Memorial Library, is located at 45 Memorial Drive.

The next engineering Thursday is on Aug. 7, and the kids will get to work on making kinetic sand.

The library will be hosting a Bingo for Books and Ice Cream Social on Monday, Aug. 11 at 4 p.m.



Top photo, Shiloh, age 4, held a kinetic orb. Above, Jubilee tested out a catapult made from popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and a spoon.

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along with watercolor and pencils. Douglas brought a lot of magazines for the guests of the workshop to use and cut out the images they like. Afterwards, the images can be glued on to watercolor paper and then artists will begin exploring on what color to add to their mixed media art.

For Douglas, magazines are recyclable art and can help artists choose from a wide range of elements like paint, paper, fabric, and found objects. Douglas has done all forms of art for 15 years and works a lot with watercolor.

Recently, Douglas decorated a cow for the cow parade at Old Sturbridge Village.

Douglas says she is a "experimental painter" and this workshop her first time teaching aspiring artists of all ages about mixed media art.

Library Director Amy Agro joined in on the creative fun and worked on her own mixed media art piece. Agro says she always enjoyed drawing horses and dogs. For her mixed media art, Agro picked out images in motion, including ones with horses.

Douglas was working on her own mixed media art during the workshop and featured images of city buildings. When it comes to images and magazine pictures, Douglas said she always liked old magazine pictures dating back to the 1970s and 1980s.



"West City" by Louise Douglas is also a mixed media art piece.



"East City" is a mixed media art piece designed by Louise Douglas, who has her art exhibited at the Merriam-Gilbert Library.

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Mixed Media Art featured watercolor and recycled magazine images.

Douglas also does a lot of sketching and keeps a few sketchbooks. Douglas also enjoys doing collages and has a notebook featuring collages. Mixed media art is very similar to a collage when you mix the art mediums.

Throughout the month of August, visit the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library at 3 West Main St. in West Brookfield to see Douglas' art exhibit. The exhibit will be in place until Aug. 30.

For more activities, visit www.westbrookfieldlibrary.org.

SURVEY FROM PAGE 1

one issue with applying for grants is whether or not the town is required to provide matching funds in order for the grant to be awarded.

"We don't always know that when we apply for the grant," he said of the match amount.

Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman read the policy draft during the meeting.

The policy notes that grants are "a very important lifeline to our community," and requires department heads to seek the Board of Selectmen's approval prior to applying for a grant.

"If the grant is straightforward and all elements are understandable, the board will render its decision, however, if the grant requires additional attention the board would then request the Finance Committee evaluate the merits of the grant application. Once the Finance Committee offers its opinion the board will then make its decision regarding this grant," Gilman read.

Gilman said the Town Accountant will maintain a log of all grant application requests.

"In the past the board has encouraged committees and department heads to go out and seek grants, and really what this is, is we've worked on a process, kind of guidelines, to kind of run those grants through and kind of put them all into one place so they can be managed, looked at," he said.

Gilman said the purpose of the policy is to help monitor existing grant awards and to help those seeking grants know which steps to take.

The board voted in favor of approving the grant management policy and procedure as written.

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Update from food collaborative

Karen Farrington of the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative said the free senior lunch on July 14 was well attended and enjoyed by over 40 senior citizens on the lawn of the First Congregational Church.

"It was really a good time," she said.

Farrington thanked all who helped out and participated in the event.

Farrington said the collaborative has also opened its own free food stand at the church, which was made using donated materials from Howe Lumber. John Tripp built the stand and Tina Floria and a local youth painted it.

She said there is a donation bin at the food stand where people can also donate nonperishable food items.

"Many people got together and made this happen," Farrington said.

Decorating and celebration committees

Kathleen Crevier said Lindsey Rockwood has volunteered to take over running the Decorate Our Town Committee. Rockwood works for the Water Department and has been on the committee since last year.

Crevier also brought up the need to start planning the town's activities for the country's 250th anniversary celebration of independence. She said the board should form a committee.

The board voted to form a 250th anniversary celebration committee. All interested residents should contact the board to be appointed.

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Holden Hospital trust request

The board approved a request from the Police Department to repair the breathalyzer machine in the amount of \$1,659 using the Holden Hospital trust fund. This year the town received \$9,518 from the trust fund.

The trust was formed after the hospital was closed and the money is used to benefit the surrounding towns.

"We're able to divide it up, as needed, to the different safety departments for certain things for public safety," Petraitis said.

This include police, fire, ambulance and the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency.

Annual appointments

The Board of Selectmen made the annual appointments for fiscal year 2026.

The following positions remain vacant: Town Administrator, Animal Control Officer, Assistant Animal Control Officer, Fence Viewers (two positions), Assistant Fire Chief, Harbormaster, Agricultural Commission (three positions), Capital Improvement Planning Committee (two positions and two alternate positions), Council on Aging (one position), Insurance Advisory Committee (one position), Local Public Access Committee (one position), Parks and Recreation Committee (two positions), Assistant Sewer Superintendent and Zoning Board of Appeals (one alternate position).



Sam Allen swings for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive delivers a pitch home in the championship series.

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runs on base in the top of the fifth, as PeoplesBank took a 1-0 lead in the series.

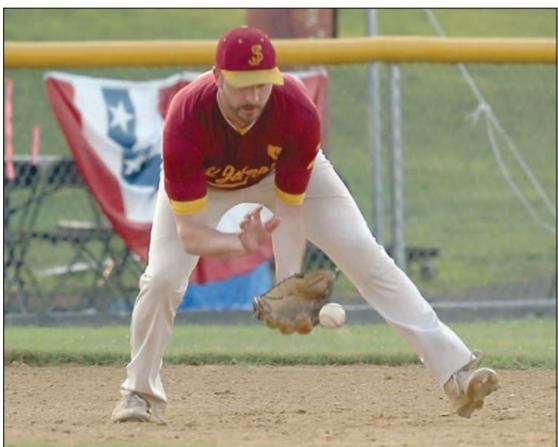
The Bankers jumped out a 7-0 lead in game two before St. Joe's battled with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Center fielder Aaron Little knocked home two runs with a double and right fielder Colby Harrington contributed with an RBI single. The other two runs crossed the plate following errors.

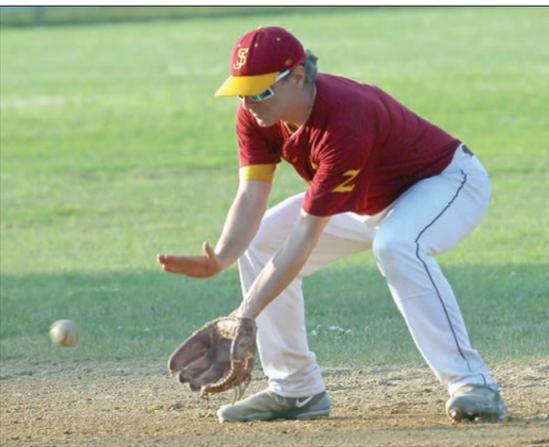
The Bankers, who were led offensively by third baseman Cam MacDonald with two hits and two RBIs, responded with three runs in the sixth inning giving the visitors a 10-5 advantage.

St. Joe's scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Danny Gaines was the winning pitcher in game two, which capped off another memorable season for PeoplesBank.



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.



Greg Vouros fields a grounder to second.

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rebounding with a 4-3 win.

On Saturday, July 12, West fell for a second time 4-1 against the Southeast team while Central also suffered a loss, falling 5-2 against Southeast.

Both teams would rebound with wins later in the day. Central beat Coastal 5-3 while West shut out Metro/Northeast with a 4-0 decision. That put the West team in the bronze medal game on Sunday, July 13.

West would defeat Coastal in a rematch of their second game of the tournament, winning 3-2. Central

made the gold medal game, but suffered a 2-0 shutout against the Southeast team.

This year, representing Central Mass. in the games were Quabbin High School's Makenzie Casey and Tantasqua's Sophia Bochicchio.

Tantasqua's Dessa Demears played for the Western Mass. team, while Anna Taylor and Kendall Placzek represented Minnechaug Regional.

Agawam High School placed four players on the team. Alyssa DaSilva, Finola Mahoney, Olivia Govoni, and Lily Charest represented the Brownies.

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items such as soap, brooms and muskets, offering a detailed look into the past.

“Redcoats and Rebels brings the Revolutionary War to life in a way that engages all the senses,” said Jim Donahue, President & CEO of Old Sturbridge Village in a press release. “This event offers a rare opportunity to experience history up close, from the intensity of the battle to the quiet moments of camp life. We invite everyone to join us next month and connect with history in

a way that is both powerful and unforgettable.”

Donahue added, “We also extend our gratitude to the family-owned American manufacturer Dexter-Russell, for their continued sponsorship of Redcoats and Rebels. Their generous support is vital in bringing this exciting event to life.”

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Officers rode in on their horses.



Militia groups marched through Old Sturbridge Village.

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Visitors and costumed historians watched the battle scene on Saturday afternoon.



Visitors were able to see many different militia groups from across New England represented at the reenactment.



The militia marched to the sounds of the fife and drum corps.



These French soldiers stopped to take a drink before entering the heat of battle.



Reenactors marched past the mill pond on their way to battle during the Redcoats and Rebels weekend.

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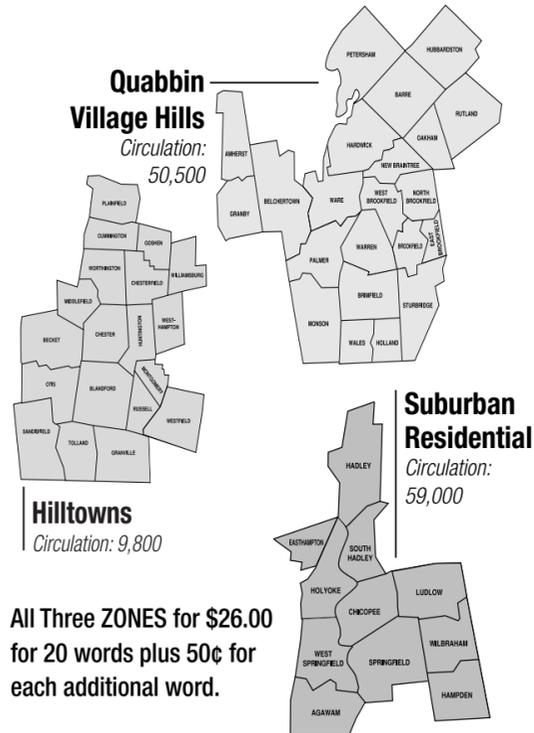
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During the week of July 21-25, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 74 building/property checks, 31 directed area patrols, six traffic controls, 11 radar assignments, 11 emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one assist other agency, one harassment, one complaint, two safety hazards, one scam, three thefts/larcenies, one motor vehicle accident, five animal calls and 48 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, July 21

12:18 a.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Spencer, Transported to Hospital
 12:20 a.m. Safety Hazard, East Main Street, Services Rendered
 5:50 a.m. Assist Other Agency, East Main Street, Officer Handled
 10 a.m. Harassment, Lashaway Drive, Services Rendered
 11:27 a.m. 911 Fire/Other, East Main Street, Services Rendered
 11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 1:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued
 2:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued
 3:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 8:09 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Spencer, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 22

8:41 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, East Main Street, Investigated
 10:07 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, East Main Street, Services Rendered
 10:29 a.m. 911 Open Line, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered
 2:45 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:32 p.m. Scam, West Main Street, Services Rendered
 3:40 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Spencer, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

4:15 p.m. Traffic Control, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Friday, July 25

3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued
 6:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued
 8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:32 p.m. Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Report Taken

Wednesday, July 23

4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Written Warning
 6:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled
 8:17 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Spencer, Services Rendered

Thursday, July 24

8:42 a.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Spencer, Transported to Hospital
 8:56 a.m. Safety Hazard, Podunk Road, Officer Handled
 10:46 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of July 21-Aug. 4, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 27 directed area patrols, 14 radar assignments, three traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one motor vehicle investigation, one threat, two complaints, five safety hazard, one animal call and 33 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, July 21

12:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 1:18 p.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 9:16 p.m. Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

Friday, July 25

12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning
 3:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, July 26

10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

Sunday, July 27

2:57 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, July 28

9:23 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, July 29

5:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Tucker Road, Voice Message Left
 6:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, July 30

7:30 p.m. Threat, Utley Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, July 31

6:31 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 6:50 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact

9:23 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Friday, Aug. 1

1:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 2

10:06 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Spoken To
 12:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Dispatch Handled
 2:21 p.m. Noise Complaint, Unitas Road, Officer Handled
 7:12 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Wine Road, Report Taken
 7:27 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 8:12 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Oakham Road, Officer Handled
 9:24 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered



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