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Town waives future application fees for cannabis retailers

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STURBRIDGE — Town Administrator Robin Grimm said every community in the commonwealth was required by law to provide some relief for incoming cannabis businesses by July 1.

She told the Board of Selectmen at their Aug. 7 meeting,

that the town does not have any new cannabis businesses, as all available licenses have been used.

“The law has been in flux for the past year,” she said, related to cannabis control.

Grimm said KP Law’s attorney suggested waiving application fees for new businesses in the future if anyone applied for a new license.

“It doesn’t impact anybody

currently now,” she said, as all licenses are claimed.

The Board voted to waive the \$300 application fee for new cannabis businesses.

Tower rental

Grimm said the town was approached by Dish Network for a license to use of one of the town’s water towers for signal on Fiske Hill Road.

Grimm said according to the town’s charter, she has the

authority to approve the tower rental without going through procurement or signing a lease with Dish Network, which was confirmed by KP Law. Grimm said the town does not have a policy for this matter.

Grimm said she would negotiate a price and there would be a monthly cost. The town already has a similar agreement with T-Mobile, which generates about \$3,000-3,500 a month

in revenue for the town.

Appointments

Kerry-Ann Warren was appointed to the position of Center Office Building Pool Receptionist and Administrative Assistant, effective Aug. 21.

“I’m really excited about her background,” Grimm said. Warren was selected from seven candidates.

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Redcoats and Rebels



TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE
The British soldiers prepared to enter the battlefield against the rebel militia during a reenactment at “Redcoats and Rebels” at Old Sturbridge Village.

Reenactors lead the charge at OSV

STURBRIDGE – Visitors to Old Sturbridge Village earlier this month stepped back into the Revolutionary War time period as reenactors set up

camp on the Common.

Officer’s meetings, drills, country dances, music, marching and epic battles on the fields of the Freeman Farm filled the weekend of Aug. 5-6 during the annual Redcoats and Rebels event.



“Last Man Standing” tested the soldiers’ abilities to reload and fire with swiftness and accuracy. More photos on page 7.

School committee appoints interim superintendent for Quabbin School district

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BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School Committee unanimously appointed Colleen Mucha interim superintendent at their June 8 meeting.

Following an interview with

Mucha, the School Committee made the appointment for one year from July 1 of this year to June 30, 2024. Dr. Richard Allan said she answered the questions posed by Committee Chair Mark Brophy and Vice-Chair Debra Chamberlain well.

He said the better indicator

than her interview was what she did in the five years she worked for the district.

Chamberlain said Mucha’s “work ethic was second to none.” Other committee members agreed.

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Food policy council drafts vision/mission statements

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WARE – Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council continued discussion about the nutritional needs of the communities it serves.

At the July 19 meeting, members of the QVFC talked about how flooding from heavy rainfalls, as well a recent tornado in North Brookfield could affect crops; possibly limiting future access to fresh local produce.

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Selfless commitment to public service

State Police Academy's 88th Recruit Training Troop graduates

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SPRINGFIELD – Earlier this month, the State Police Academy graduated its 88th Recruit Training Troop, which featured 165 men and women from cities and towns across the commonwealth.

The State Police Pipes & Drums Band ushered dignitaries into the Mass Mutual Center on Aug. 3, where Sgt. Mike Goonan, Director of Training at the State Police Academy acted as master of ceremonies.

The 88th RTT began training at the State Police Academy in New Braintree earlier this year, passing through an intensive

16-hour day program, five days a week.

Following a moment of silence for police and military personnel who have given their lives defending the nation and a prayer by State Police Chaplain Rev. Dr. Johnny Wilson, the 88th RTT demonstrated Troop drill under the command of Senior Drill Instructor Trooper Alicia Amaral.

“Since 1921, your uniformed State Troopers have been subject to demands of strict discipline that only paramilitary training can provide,” Goonan said. “Troop drill helps develop the core qualities of pride, professionalism, respect, attention to detail and esprit de corps. Troop drill inspires the common spirit necessary to become a Massachusetts State Trooper.”

Captain Jon Provost, Commandant of the State Police

Academy, thanked all for attending the ceremony in Springfield, which he described as a “resilient city of firsts.”

“Today, they add another first to that list, as they for the first time, host the Massachusetts State Police in our graduation ceremony,” Provost said. “Our friends in Springfield selflessly rolled out the red carpet in support of our 88th Recruit Training Troop and your Massachusetts State Police.”

Provost said the 88th RTT is full of strong men and women who, “selflessly and humbly persevered to reach this proud moment.”

He addressed the family and friends of the Recruits in the audience, thanking them for their sacrifices as their loved ones dedicated themselves to the training program.

“At orientation, a true lifetime ago, we promised you we’d

eventually give them back,” he said. “Today, we make good on that promise.”

Provost spoke about the training the Recruits received since they started at the State Police Academy on Feb. 27 in a class that started with 249 eager members. The only “easy day” at the State Police Academy, he said, was a day that had already gone by.

He addressed the Recruits, “88th RTT, together we embarked on an incredibly challenging and humbling journey. Together, we have persevered. It has been one of the great honors of my career to share in this accomplishment with all of you. We are the 88th RTT.”

Provost welcomed the new Troopers to the State Police family, saying it opened up a “world of opportunity” to do justice, to show kindness, to walk humbly, to selflessly serve their communities and to persevere.

“Persevere 88th... be safe, and congratulations,” Provost said.

The newly graduated Troopers received a shield-shaped badge, which was pinned on their uniforms.

“It represents allegiance to justice, service, sacrifice, and an honor to all those who wear it,” Goonan said. The badge is considered the most recognizable symbol of policing around the world, he said.

“The badge is not a gift; it’s not awarded lightly...it must be earned,” he said, which the 88th RTT has done.

Following the pinning, the 88th RTT received its final inspection by Governor Maura Healey before being officially sworn in. Healey administered the Oath of Office to the 88th RTT, having them swear allegiance to the commonwealth and its constitution.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be with you here today, for what is a most joyful and meaningful occasion,” she said. This was Healey’s first graduation ceremony in her role as Governor.

“Public safety remains the most important function of government,” she said. “We can’t do anything without a safe and secure commonwealth.”

Public safety takes investment and collaboration, she said, as well as community engagement, focus, commitment and dedication at “every

level.”

“Ultimately, it rests on the ability, the character, the courage and the professionalism of our law enforcement officers... the men and women on the front lines. In other words, it depends on all of you,” Healey said. “Your training...has prepared you so well.”

State Rep. Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield), Chair of the Committee of Public Safety and Homeland Security, addressed the new Troopers.

“You have chosen a noble path, to serve the residents of Massachusetts,” he said. “Policing is a profession that demands courage, compassion, and unwavering dedication.”

Gonzalez urged Troopers to remember the importance of community.

“Policing is not merely a job; it is a calling to serve and protect the people who rely on you for safety and security,” he said.

State Police Superintendent Col. John E. Mawn Jr. said this was an important day for the department.

“We welcome to our ranks, and to our mission, a large group of highly skilled, deeply motivated and expertly trained new members. I stand here today...and look out over the future of the Massachusetts State Police,” Mawn said.

Mawn said it took many to make this day possible, including State Police Academy staff, drill staff, civilian work force, legislators and many more. He also thanked former Governor Charlie Baker, who attended the graduation ceremony.

“You are among the best trained recruit classes in the nation,” Mawn said. “Congratulations 88th Recruit Training Troop; you earned it.”

“Earned” Mawn said, is an important distinction the Troopers should remember.

“Your achievement was not given to you; you had to earn it...you’ll have to continue to earn your way forward,” he said.

Several members of the 88th RTT, hail from communities covered by *Turley Publications’* newspapers, including Charles P. Oberg of Barre, Jonah C. Vaclavicek of Granby, Stephen M. Houle of Ware, Matthew R. Pingitore of Rutland, John M. Sarnacki of Chicopee, Jacob F. Crevier of Ware, Nicholas R. Brooks of Oakham, Brandon M. Aviles of Rutland, Ryan E. Monteiro of Wilbraham, Matthew S. Pepin of Sturbridge, David Soto of Holyoke and Zuzu Y. Demetrius of Warren.

Representing the 88th RTT was Trooper Ryan L. Ruef of Lee, who said it was “truly an honor” to stand before everyone at the graduation ceremony.

“Our once dream has now become a reality,” Ruef said. “On behalf of the 88th to all friends and family who helped us get to this point in our journeys, a thank you is simply not enough.”

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Full service hair salon gets ready to open Aug. 26

WEST BROOKFIELD – Jennifa Frediani has spent much of her life in hair salons, starting with sweeping floors and helping anyway she could at just 13 years old.

“I just loved it,” she said.

Frediani went on to attend Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School in Wakefield. Frediani also received hair color training with Goldwell in New York.

Now licensed in cosmetology for close to 20 years, with many more years of that spent watching other hairstylists in salons around her hometown of Boston, Frediani is set to embark on a new adventure, and she is ready to bring her work home.

Two years ago, Frediani and her husband Anthony and their daughter Autumn, moved to the historic 1780 home that once belonged to printer Isaiah Thomas. The couple has repurposed a section of the large home, to serve as Jennifa Styles Hair Salon & Lounge.

“Anthony has been doing most of the work,” Frediani said. “It was a complete demo, but we made it pretty.”

An avid thrifter, Frediani said they gave new life to as many old items as possible, including a shelf she found on the property while they were renovating.

“I marked it ‘keep’ then attached it to this dry sink I found,” she said. Now it serves to hold Frediani’s hairstyling tools.

Frediani said Anthony was able to use reclaimed wood from other parts of the house to add trim around the doors of the salon, keeping its 18th century charm.

The hair washing sink is also built out of an old hutch, and a leather chair came from a church in Ware.

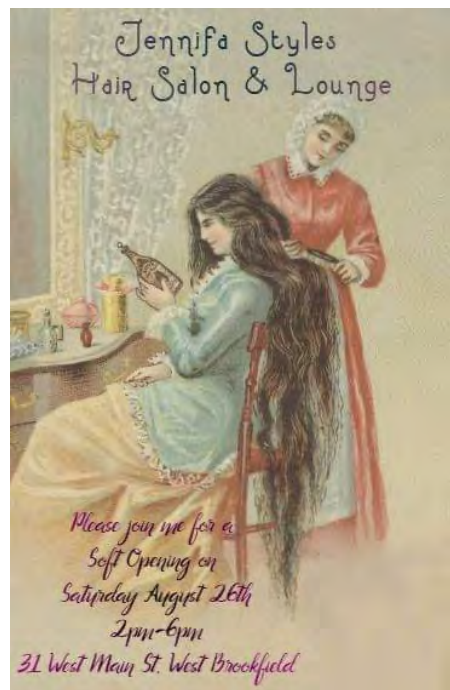
“She designed all of this,” Anthony said.

The design also features personal touches that reflect the relationships Frediani has built with her clients over the years giving haircuts to elderly and disabled people in the comfort of their

homes, including flowers from longtime client Cookie, who died earlier this spring.

“Cookie’s been a huge part of my life,” Frediani said. “She would be so happy to know I got my salon open.”

Frediani said her clients become like



Jennifa Styles Hair Salon & Lounge

family and she reflects that by offering a family-friendly salon experience, stocked with board games and toys to keep children occupied while the adults get pampered.

“I want it to feel like home,” she said. “I want kids to be able to stay and play while you get your nails done.”

She prides herself in being able to offer “Boston style at West Brookfield prices,” and said she is always willing to work with clients if cost is an issue.

She wants her clients to have a positive salon experience that is custom fit to each



TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

Jennifa Styles Hair Salon & Lounge, 31 West Main St., West Brookfield, will have a soft opening on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 2-6 p.m. The full service hair salon will be open by appointment only.

individual’s unique needs.

Frediani offers wet and dry haircuts for women, men and children; as well as hair color (including balayage, ombre, hand painting and partial and full foils) perms and keratin treatments.

She is not afraid to take on a color correcting challenge, adding that she loves chemistry.

“She’s into the art of it,” Anthony said of his wife’s hair color skills.

“I have two main goals,” Frediani said as a hairstylist. “Client satisfaction and the health of the hair...I won’t do something that will damage the hair.”

Jennifa Styles Hair Salon & Lounge also offers waxing services for face and body, as well as manicures and pedicures. Frediani said she has a budding teenage nail artist who will be offering free manicures to go with any hair service.

Autumn also has a selection of child-friendly nail polishes with decorative stickers.

Frediani will have a soft opening of her hair salon on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 2-6 p.m., offering music by DJ Majestic Beatz, food and drinks, games, prizes, coupons and a free consultation. Prizes include toys for children, small purses filled with hair or nail products, and coupons offering discounted services.

About Jennifa Styles Hair Salon & Lounge

For more information about the hair salon located at 31 West Main St., or to book a service, visit facebook.com/Hair.4.JennifaStyles or call or text 781-835-9785. Ample on-street parking is available in front of the salon.

“I’m always just a text away,” Frediani said.

East Brookfield Public Library lists events

EAST BROOKFIELD – The East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Drive, thanks everyone who took part in the Summer Reading Program, and invites the community to take part in upcoming programs and events.

Interested crafters are welcome to reserve a spot to sell from.

You can find more information in the pinned post on the Library’s Facebook page or by calling 508-867-7928 or emailing ebplibrary@gmail.com.

Craft fair

The Library is hosting a craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Recurring programs

The Library is more than just a place to find books – check out its regular programs. You can find full details on any programs on the Library’s printed newsletter, available at the Library.

People interested in starting a group should contact the Library.

Story Time will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.; Knitting

Group on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.; Technology Help Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Library Book Talk Group on the first Tuesday of the month at noon; Pokémon Go Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m.; and a Drop In Craft is available every Monday, while supplies last.

Library hours

The Library is open Monday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



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Why is Social Security withholding my monthly payments?

Dear Rusty: I have been working since I started collecting Social Security when I turned 62.

Last year I was apparently overpaid because of my job. I made \$37,000 and now the Social Security Administration says I owe them \$8,800 dollars because I made too much and they have withheld my \$2,000 monthly SS payment.

I am close to the maximum allowable again already this year. So, I am looking at quitting my job so I don't go over, but they are holding my payments so then I would have no money.

Any help would be appreciated.

Signed: Frustrated by Social Security

Dear Frustrated: You are being affected by Social Security's "earnings test," which applies to everyone who collects early Social Security and also works before reaching their Full Retirement Age. If your earned income exceeds the annual limit, which was \$19,560 for 2022, Social Security will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit.

If you earned \$37,000 in 2022 you were more than \$17,000 over the limit and owe half of that back to Social Security. They usually recover what you owe by withholding your future benefit payments, so they won't pay you benefits until they have recovered that \$8,800, after which your benefits will resume, but only for a while.

If you are working full time and also collecting early Social Security benefits, the earnings test lasts until you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 8 months. The earnings limit goes up a bit each year for 2023 it is \$21,240, but if you continue to work full time, you'll receive another overpayment notice and have more benefits withheld.

A better approach might be to contact Social Security in advance and tell them what your 2023 earnings are expected to be, thus permitting them to suspend your benefits in advance and avoid overpaying you. I'm afraid there is no way around this - collecting early benefits while working full time means the "earnings test" will affect your benefit payments.

The "good news" in all of this is that when you reach your Full Retirement Age, you will get time-credit for all months your benefits were withheld. By that I mean they will, at your FRA, recalculate your benefit entitlement as though you had claimed later (later by the number of months you had benefits withheld), which will result in a higher monthly payment after your FRA.

In that way, you may eventually recover some or all of the benefits withheld by receiving a higher monthly amount for the rest of your life, starting at your full retirement age.

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or at your local office and tell them you want to provide them with an estimate of your 2023 earnings because you are working and collecting early Social Security

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Soil test this fall and beat the rush

A dear friend of mine sent me a picture of her pepper; her one pepper.

Granted, the fruit was picked a wee-bit prematurely by her 3-year-old granddaughter Genevieve, but still, one single fruit measuring 2 inches by 2 inches for all of her many pepper plants is nothing to brag about.

If I'm not mistaken, she used the word "pathetic" to describe said plants. Along with "stunted" and "pale."

Alas, what is a friend to do, but recommend a soil test.

I finally got the soil in two of my gardens tested last fall and I am so very happy that I did. With the necessary amendments added to bring up sub-par soil, I am enjoying bush beans and happy flowers in those areas.

Many of us garden for years before we have our soil tested. It is likely that we get fixed on our own routine of liming and fertilizing.

Perhaps too, we live with the same insect and disease problems each season and think that little can be done to remedy our situation. Maybe with a better understanding of our soil through testing, we will be able to create and maintain a fertile soil that supports healthy, optimal plant growth.

Rather than waiting until spring, beat the rush and send your sample off this fall. Here is a refresher on the nuts and bolts of soil testing.

We test the soil for many reasons. Perhaps the most important reason is to learn its pH.

Here in New England soil tends to be on the acidic side. Vital soil nutrients are unavailable to plants in an overly acid soil, even if they are in great supply.

Optimum pH for most plants is close to neutral, in the range of 6.2-6.8. Before you head for the garage to dust off the spreader, be forewarned that all limes are not the same!

Test results will indicate whether calcitic lime, hi mag lime, or dolomitic lime is best for your soil, and at what rates.

The test will also give you recommendations for boosting necessary soil nutrients, the most common of which are phosphorous, and potassium, magnesium, calcium and more. Let the soil testing laboratory know what crops you grow and what kind of gardener

you are, that way their advice can be specific to your needs.

Organic gardeners will want to use natural fertilizer sources such as blood meal, bone meal, bone char, wood ash, rock phosphate and greensand among others to feed the soil.

The standard soil test will also give you the levels of lead in your soil. As we all know, lead poisoning is a particular concern to children under the age of 6.

Produce grown in soils high in lead can accumulate enough lead in their tissue to be hazardous when eaten. The most likely cause of soil contamination is from particles of lead based paint that have been removed from nearby structures.

To reduce the risk of contamination, locate gardens away from old painted structures and keep pH and organic matter contents at optimal ranges.

For just a few dollars more, the percentage of organic matter in the soil can be determined. Organic matter is very important because it encourages a healthy population of soil microbes that solubilize stored nutrients, making them more available for plant uptake.

As organic material decomposes, humus results. Humus binds sandy soils and improves their water holding capacity; alternately, it aerates heavy clay soils and promotes better drainage.

If the percentage of organic matter in your garden comes in low, add compost, aged animal manure, or cover crops to bring levels up. Established shrub or perennial borders benefit from an application of bark mulch for the same reason.

It is very easy to gather soil for testing. First, remove a 6-8-inch core of soil from your garden with a stainless steel trowel. Remove surface debris and air dry.

If your garden is large, mix about a dozen cores together to end up with about a cup of soil for testing. The different microclimates of your landscape should be tested separately.

Official directions and an order form are available at <http://soiltest.umass.edu>. The stan-



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Quabbin Visitor Center hosts late summer hike

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offer several free programs this spring.

Enjoy a later summer hike at Quabbin Park on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This hike will meet at

the parking area at the Middle Entrance and walk along the Spillway Road to a small meadow across from the Boat Cove.

The approximately 1-mile walk is easy, but the road along the Spillway is heavily trafficked, so caution is advised. Please wear appropriate clothing and

footwear, bring water, and come prepared for insects.

Meet at the Middle Entrance parking lot (<https://goo.gl/maps/2xHhXUW-cU7H8fmae8>).

All ages are welcome. Email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov with questions or to be added to the mailing list

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the Quabbin Watershed.

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WARREN – The four members of the Veterans Council appeared before the Board of Selectmen, asking the Board to reconsider its decision to deny them “special municipal employee” designation.

At the Aug. 3 meeting, Veterans Council Co-Chair Rebecca Acerra questioned why the Board wouldn't reconsider the decision, when 11 boards and committees have the designation, which covers 99 town employees.

“Ninety-nine...what is four more?” she asked.

Acerra said she believes the Council is being targeted, following a disagreement between the Board and her Veterans Council Co-Chair Richard Demetrius, regarding renewal of his permit for a gravel pit.

The Board had previously sought Town Counsel's opinion about Demetrius representing his one-person business, as he is also a member of the Conservation Commission. Town Counsel told the Board that Demetrius could be given special municipal employee designation to avoid a conflict of interest.

According to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A, special municipal employee designation “can be assigned to certain municipal positions by a vote of the board of selectmen, board of aldermen, town council or city council. Several specific

municipal positions are automatically designated as ‘special’ under the law...it is the municipal position that is designated as having ‘special’ status, not the individual. Therefore, all employees holding the same office or position must have the same classification as ‘special municipal employees’...once a position is designated as having ‘special’ status, it remains a ‘special municipal employee’ position unless and until the classification is rescinded.”

The Law also states that in towns with a less than 10,000 population, the selectmen are automatically considered special municipal employees, while other positions must still be designated by the board of selectmen.

Joining the Council at the meeting were many veterans and their families who credited Acerra and Demetrius for ensuring the town's servicemembers were honored, respected and given a voice. Veterans came from Warren, Ware, West Brookfield and North Brookfield, to support the Council members.

Jeff Nickerson, a Marine veteran who grew up in Warren and now lives in North Brookfield, spoke on his father Don Nickerson's behalf.

“My dad wanted to be here so bad. His name is on the plaque that Rich [Demetrius] donated,” Nickerson said, adding that this situation was a “travesty.”

“Shame on you...shame on the town of Warren,” Nickerson said to the Board.

Acerra read a letter from a mother who was mourning the death of her veteran son. Her son had died out of state, and she reached out to the Veterans Council to help bring his remains home to Warren.

“They are both a crucial component to our veterans in town,” the mother wrote in her letter, which she had asked to be shared with the Board.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said the number of boards and committees with the designation is an issue that needs to be remedied, and he was unaware of how many had it until recently.

“A lot of departments should not be on this list,” he said, adding that “blanket amnesty” should be removed. “The focus of these boards is on the best interest of the community.”

Dufresne said most of these designations were given in the 1990s, and the list was most recently revised in 2010.

Demetrius questioned if having this designation was actually an issue, since boards and committees have had it for 30 years and the Board hasn't had any problems arising from it yet.

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker said the designation “skirts the ethics laws.”

Several people attending the meeting argued that this law was created for this very reason.

“This is common in small towns with limited personnel,” Demetrius said, adding that he

believed it was the Board and Town Administrator James Ferrera trying to “skirt the law.”

Dufresne said the only focus all of the involved parties should have is on how they can work to improve the community.

Demetrius said he has dedicated 16 years to serving on the Conservation Commission, and he's “not once taken a job in this town or even taken a bid” that went before it. Demetrius said he's just trying to renew his permit and continue making a living.

Dufresne said the Board is not making Demetrius resign. “We want you to say,” he said to both Demetrius and Acerra.

Acerra said if the Board feels this designation shouldn't be applied, then they should remove it entirely from all boards and committees.

“I hope you negate all of these designations...don't pick and choose,” she said.

Kathy Odiorne spoke on the Veterans Council's behalf, asking the Board to reconsider its decision.

“These two people are vital,” she said. “We owe it to the veterans in this town to keep this Council intact.”

Dufresne said the only item on the agenda for this meeting was accepting Demetrius and Acerra's resignations; not reconsidering the Board's decision, but he said the topic was “definitely going to be coming up in the future.”

Dufresne asked Acerra to

reconsider resigning from the Council, saying she's done a lot for the community.

“Becky, you have no dog in this fight at all...you're a great person and this town needs you. We want you to stay,” Dufresne said.

Acerra said she would not continue to serve on the Council without Demetrius and said, “Regrettably, I'm resigning.”

Demetrius, who at a previous meeting offered to resign from the Conservation Commission and the Community Emergency Response Team in order to limit the special municipal employee designation to the four people on the Veterans Council, gave his resignation for all three positions.

“We know it's a thankless job from the public,” Demetrius said. “But you expect the people you work with to have your back.”

Judith Rice and Lloyd Rice, the other two members of the Council, also submitted letters of resignation. This would leave the entire Veterans Council vacant.

The Board voted to accept the resignations from Acerra and Demetrius, but did not accept those from Judy Rice and Lloyd Rice, as they were not on the agenda.

Further discussion about the Veterans Council will be added to the Board of Selectmen's Aug. 24 meeting agenda.

Big Band concert rescheduled to Aug. 24

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Lions, Rotary and Parks & Recreation concert on the Common scheduled for July 27 was postponed due to heavy rain.

The new date will be Thursday, Aug. 24, from 6-8 p.m.

Folks, please consider this conversation held somewhere above heavenly clouds. Frank Sinatra has met musician Tommy Dorsey of the Big Band era.

“There is going to be a concert on the Sturbridge Common, Tommy, and they are going to play our music. Most of the young peo-

ple today, never knew our music,” Frank said.

Tommy added, “No, and not only that, they do not know how to dance to it. Remember the huge ballrooms filled with people? The couples dancing cheek to cheek and once in a while the guy would steal a kiss from his girl?” Frank replied, “Ah, those were the good old days. That turned into courting, then and sometime, a happy marriage with children. Today, it's loud, the guys and girls dance by themselves hardly paying attention to their partner. They do not know

the joy of dancing close together. Oh well. So be it.”

This concert in Sturbridge will be playing their music, from the original scores too. Leading the event will be Dan Gabel and his Orchestra, the Abletones from Boston and Worcester.

Added will be the Moon Maids whose singing brings back the close harmony of the Big Bands.

“Frank, We will sit on a cloud and will wish we could be there.”

The audience wishes both of Frank and Tommy could be there, too. Thanks for the memories.

St. Joseph's hosts annual BBQ and family fair Sept. 9-10

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Saint Joseph's Parish will host the 41st annual Chicken Barbecue and Family Fair on Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10 on the Rectory Grounds, 28 Mt. Pleasant St.

The weekend starts with a mass at 3 p.m. on Saturday, followed by the Family Fair from 4-7 p.m. The Fair will continue on Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

All are welcome to join them for a delicious chicken dinner, served

on Sunday from 1-2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children aged 12 and under and take-out is available.

Other food is available all weekend: hamburgers, hot dogs, fried dough, French fries, pizza, chili, ice cream sundaes and more.

There will be a variety of fun events for the whole family including music by DJ Richard “Tabby” LeBlanc on both days. There will also be the ever-popular flea mar-

ket, children's games, baked goods, crafts, assorted raffles as well as a basket raffle and a scratch ticket raffle which includes a book of 50 \$30 lottery scratch tickets and much more.

Food, games, raffles and fun are available all weekend. For chicken dinner tickets and more information, please call the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 pm. at 508-867-6469.

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benefits.

They will work with you to suspend your benefits for an appropriate number of (additional) months to avoid another overpayment situation. Note, you'll likely need to do this each year you continue to work full time, until the year you reach your full retirement age when the earnings limit more than doubles. The earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

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standard soil test is \$20, add an additional \$6 for the standard test including organic matter.

Test results could initiate some revisions to our fertilization and liming routine this fall, preparing the way for a healthier, more productive garden next spring and summer, and maybe even a few more peppers for Genevieve to enjoy!

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The Common was filled with canvas tents for soldiers.



Each soldier had to successfully fire a shot to continue to the next round.



Back at the encampment, a militia member splits wood.

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Militia members worked to recruit fresh soldiers to help them fight British oppression.



The British ladies sang songs and cheered on their troops while enjoying libations; decked in elegant fashion.



British troops prepare for battle.



The Black Watch aided the British in their fight against a rebel uprising in America.



British soldiers capture a rebel prisoner.



A British soldier reassures the crowd that they will be saved from the rebels.



British soldiers charge the rebel militia.

- schools -

Tantasqua Regional Jr. High School lists honor roll

STURBRIDGE – Tantasqua Regional Jr. High School announced the fourth quarter honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year.

Grade 8, Highest Honors

Owen Ashe, Shery Ataalla, Alexis Baker, Sophia Bochicchio, Bryn Carey, Brady Chisholm, Dessa Demears, Elora Devlin, Jacob Fernandes, Lillian Fuller, Lila Grant, Brielle Hanlan, Ella Herrick, Eliza Jaeger, Radisson Jumawan, Stephanie Krog, Aalana Mazzzone-Gourley, Gavin McGuinness, Jeremy Mrotek, Sora Ng, Annaleise Olander, Abigail Parent, Emma Pesaturo, Lily Recknagel, Kelsey Rodas, Keenan Scherer, Edith Simpson, Noah Smith, Leslie Stromberg, Aliyah Velasco, and Andrew Weeden.

Grade 8, Honor Roll

Abdul-Aziz, Sean Allen, Gabriella Antczak, Sophia Azevedo, Santino Azua, Cian Babcock, Colin Bailey, Mateo Barboza, Trevor Blair, Chase Blanchard, Connor Boivin, Brody Bouchard, Valeria Brambila, Madelyn Brigham, Jenna Brown, Jax Buday, Aidan Butler, Aidan Carmel, Jasmine Cartier, Madison Casey, Kali Coburn, Kendra Coburn, Sam Conroy, Hailey Cooper, Anya Couture, Tyler Culverwell, Graydon Curboy, Haven Dalton, Maya Deltoro, Lillian Dugas, Hayley English, Gavin Espinoza, Gwynth Fairbanks, Nicholas Fazzuoli, Bralynn Fenneuff, Jordan Field, Connor Fitzgerald, Emma Fitzgerald, Brayden Fitzgibbons, Keira Fitzpatrick, Carly Goodwin, Morgan Goody, Stella Guerraz, Madeline Guertin, Owen Gustafson, Emma Haffty, Rory Herrick, Madison Hirsch, Megan Holm, Jace Inthirath, Kasey Jones, Kaydence Kindberg, Abigail Korenda, Colin Kowal, Sophia Kozyra, Benjamin Landine, Emma Lavalley, Yixuan Lin, Patrick Linton, Shelly Ly, Juliette MacDonald, Colin Marquis, Sienna Martelli, Liana McCarthy, Maddison McCarthy, Elizabeth McGlinchy, Shannon McGrath, Emmett Miranda, Ella Mizikar,

Ana Morley, Jane Mumford, Michelle Nansasi, Tyler Neely, Adalyse Nolan, Jewels Normandin, Maggie O'Gara, Justin Olden, Jake Oxman, Aylah Patraw, Lilliana Perreault, Gavin Perron, Griffin Potvin, Emme Powell, Alise Quinn, Isabel Raczkowski, Samuel Raymond, Brayden Reidy, Tayvia Reissner, Katrina Robbins, Abigail Robidoux, Leah Roderick, Kiley Ryan, Sara Savard, Jeremy Shea, Tessa Sheldon, Jacob Smith, Donovan Smith Robbins, Jack St Laurent, Lillian Sturges, Louise Terwilliger, Carly Thomas, Benjamin Thompson, Lucas Vilandre, Foster Vosnakis, Liam Vosnakis, Morgan Vosnakis, Adeline Walder, Nia Warren, Cody Wass, Jaylin Wassmer, Madison Weetman, Sara Wexler, Deven Wheeling, and Sean Wickens.

Grade 7, Highest Honors

Nadine Ankin, Madeleine Bachand, Tess Baker, Cameron Ciandella, Kayley English, Summer Ferreira, Emilio Fiorucci, Kylie Formigal, Joseph Gomes, Teagan Gunnerson, Mason Julian, Liv Kearns, Isabella LaFlamme, Samuel Lamas, Thomas Moore, Dane Mullin, Tyler Neifert, Westley Nemet, Maeve O'Neil, Miles Oprica, Jon Orquiola, Tyler Phillips, Trevor Resener, Kaleigh Sabelis, Tyler Scanlon, Katelyn Spillane, Violet Spooner, Matilda St Clair, Elway St George, Arianna Starr, Madalyn Strause, Roman Whitcomb, and Olivia White.

Grade 7, Honor Roll

Ella Achi, Fraser Aldenberg, Nathan Alicea, Dylan Barrows, Benjamin Beaudry, Bret Bond, Peter Briggs, Leanna Caouette, Finley Carlisle, Logan Cavaliere, Paige Chick, Mia Cohen, Reese Collette, Elijah Colon-Orengo, Nathan Cutler, Zachary Dalton, Paisley Daniels, Lily David, Jacob DeLong, Alynah Desmarais, Olivia Donovan, Elizabeth Dunn, Matthew Ehrhard, Pandora Faugno, Olivia Fiske, Chad Fonseca, Alexander Green, Allison Gregory, Dominic Grillo, Austin Guinta, Emmaline Gumlaw, John Gunagan, Brody Havalotti-Lussier, Leah Hill, Moira Hill, Catelyn Holm, Connor Howe, Nathaniel Jacques, Vivian Jaeger, Andrew John, Kaitlyn Kenney, Mark Kenton, Kara Langlois, Austin Layton, Alexis LeClair, Gabriel Lent, Theodore Leveille, Travis Lloyd, William Marker, Augustin Mbouadeu, Keira McCord, Grant Meacham, Andrew Miller, Nora Miller, Ainsley Mills, Ryan Mount, William Neulsan, Olivia Neuenschwander, Jack Nichols, Noah Olszta, Jane Panek, Harrison Parks, Issac Perez, Gibson Pettis, Leah Phaneuf, Patrick Pope, Nathan Regan, Sofia Rovezzi, Paul Savage, Finley Shryock-Taylor, Ellie Shute, Wyatt Smith, Jonathan Solari, Wyatt Springer, Parker Starr, Elliot Strasheim, Samantha Szczypien, Trysten Thor, Callie Toro, Eli Treitman, Lucas Tully, Kahlan Vilandre, Mairenn VonHold, Kayla Weidler, Roselyn Whyte, and Easton Zeleznok.

Quaboag Regional Middle High School lists honor roll

WARREN – Quaboag Regional Middle High School announced the fourth quarter honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year.

Grade 12, 1st Honors

Ryan Curtis, Olivia Bagg, Preston Clowes, Elizabeth Czaja, Paige Dion, Madelynn Huard, Josephine Landon, Adrik Matys, Kade Osgood, Bryan Para, Angelina Paradis, Cody Perron, Jolie Pytel, Isabelle Russell, Lucy Sanelli and Hayley-Marie Southwick.

Grade 12, 2nd Honors

Brandon Allen, Veronica Beaugard, Arianna Belen, Cadel Courtney, Katelyn Fountain, Kiara Gauthier, Madison Gray, Grace Hannah, Summer Mageau, Hannah Manzano, Lynoshka Martell Martinez, Rebecca Martin, Kadin Milligan, Lee Morse, Chase Potvin, Charles Schwenker, Megan Shea, Margaret Stevens, Riley Vuelta and Ryan Wilson.

Grade 12, 3rd Honors

Luisa Feeney, Victoria Morgan, Mika Quintin and Owen Ryan.

Grade 11, 1st Honors

Camrin Bolduc, Isabelle Burgess, Zachary Carlson, Matthew Carter, Antonio Congelos, Ryan Fernandez, Chloe Fredette, Lily Gianfriddo, Cameron Giroux, Jason Houle, Ayla Iwaniec, Christian Judd, Dawson Kelly, Paige Leach, Abigail Long, Rachel McGrath, Hanna Nemeroff, Laura Orne, Hunter Regan, Thomas Robidoux, Kenady Sloan, Riley Sloan, Owen Stevens, Alina Taro and Matthew Tiberii.

Grade 11, 2nd Honors

Ethan Araujo, Evelyn Doe, Bryce Douglas, Olivia Dumas, Aidan Flood, Amber Gagnon, Bella Grover, Laine Hatstat, Emma LaFleche, Kendall LaRiviere, Evan Long, Aiden McMannan, Ryan Miner, Selina Mohamed, Asya Osei-Opoku, Dennis Pease, Lily Potvin, Aurora Powers, Jacob Routhier, Alexander Russo, Haileigh Swistak and Patrick Toomey.

Grade 11, 3rd Honors

Emily Cieslak, Rowan Flood, Dillon Watt and Allen Winders.

Grade 10, 1st Honors

Isabelle Aberle, MacKenzie Archambault, Juliette Boos, Lila Broadley, Samuel Carrasco, Skylar Cook, Dylan Cummings, Allison Duszlak, Michael Enetzels, Elise Kopec, Dante Martino, Norah McElroy, Erin McGrath, Matthew Miller, Corah Neilsen, Madison Neilsen, Nora Pennington-Russell, Norah Schwenker, Richard Tracy, Sebastian Veliz-Baldizon and Makenna Williams.

Grade 10, 2nd Honors

Aviendha Andreoli, Jacque Boulais, Parker Chaffee, Izaiah Flores, Hailey Hennessey, Abigail Jolin, Joshua Leaming, Sadie May, Blake Merrill, Alessa Parks, Caydence Tetreault, Parker Tunley and Kandace Wilcox.

Grade 10, 3rd Honors

Casyn Carpenter, Emily Ford, Emily Hubbel and Cristyna Tambollo.

Grade 9, 1st Honors

Madic Andreoli, Juliana Augusto, Kadin Dufault, Gianna Lindsey, William Lopes, Olive Moulton, Jacob Planete and Genevieve Regan.

Grade 9, 2nd Honors

Emma Astrella, Madelyn Bagg, Jeffrey Bouchard, Shelby Bridges, Jacob Cacace, Gretchen Conn, Emma Dion, Brennan Doe, Serenitee Gagnon, Evangeline Iwaniec, Morgan Lakota, Jackson McGarry, Reece Miner, Kaitlyn Nault, Madeline Potvin, Jason Read, Gabrielle Riendeau, Makayla Savoie, Madison Sears, Grace Smart, Jack Stevens, Elijah Wilhelm and Kyle Withers.

Grade 9, 3rd Honors

Jaylin Bailey, Rylie Barton, Isabelle Bellizzi, Isaac Cowher, Gabriela Feeney, Alison Jones, Mia Letendre, Brayden Lopato, Lilly Nimtz, Ava Ostrout, Kaleb VanKleef and Camden Williams.

Grade 8, 1st Honors

Jennifer Adams, Logan Baldwin, Cameron Bennett, Devlyn Bridges, Sierra Brote, Ava Cassavant, Hunter Dodson, Haylee Dumont, Brielle Gerulaitis, Josephine Hescoco, Lexi Kelly, Lucian Kerkow, Emma Landine, Lyndie Miller, Kasey Narov, Persephone Piermarini, Caden Prinsen, Asher Sargent, Brea Sauriol, Hunter Sherman, Jasmine White, Gavin Williams and Connor Yurkunas.

Grade 8, 2nd Honors

Riley Black, Kira Bouchard, Megan Clark, Grace Demars, Jade Fontaine, Scott Garrand, Cole Giroux, Amarie Martino, Patrick Needham, Olivia Petersen, Mallory Piazza, Amber Sullivan and Brielle Sullivan.

Grade 8, 3rd Honors

Riley Douglas, Eric McAnuff, Sophia Paolucci, Logan Schoff, Brooke Swistak and Kristian White.

Grade 7, 1st Honors

Anthony Araujo, Violet Atwood, Jack Beall, Cadence Cieslak, Olivia Iwaniec, Alyssa Lussier, Bryann Lussier, Isabelle Manzano, Liliana McIsaac, Emma Nault, Emily Robidoux, Maeve Smith, Connor Snay, Caroline Stevens and Natalia Veliz-Baldizon.

Grade 7, 2nd Honors

Maci Astrella, Mackenzie Bennett, Elizabeth Bennington, Andrew Boudreau, Harper Bradley, Yesenia Carrasco, Julie Chenier, Allie Choquette, Olivia Hebert, Austin Letourneau, Evelyn Lyon, Aydan Marsh, Victoria Paradis, Theodore Sexton and Logan Spring.

Grade 7, 3rd Honors

Travis Bigda, Lincoln Brown, Riley Corder, Rolando Galvan, Brayden Jones, Woodman Moulton and Maggie Taro.

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Local students earn bachelor's degrees from UMass Amherst

AMHERST – Approximately 5,500 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 26, at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Local students earning degrees include Aras Patrick Bellahcene, Anduin Meadow DeVos, Juliana Marie Gorham, Christina Ruth Izbicki, Cailyn Ko-

perniak, Evan J. Krause, Cassie Marie Lavallee, Lucas Todd Lornell, Hunter Augustus Lynch, Angele Noel, Hayden Christopher Peterson and Nikola O Zaniwski, all of Brookfield; Aidan Buck, Thomas Roger Goodwin, Roman Gabriel Krochmalnyckyj, Kaspar John Mazeika, Alexander Michael Pratt and Connor M. Rich, all of Sturbridge.

SPORTS

Quabbin summer field hockey wins league



The Quabbin summer field hockey team celebrates after Kylie Casey's winning goal in a matchup.



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This year's summer team participants. They were: Olivia Breault, Farrah Wojcik, Makenzie Casey, Haley Ayer, Gracie Talbot, Kylie Casey, Violet Kelley; Alyssa Ebert; Abigail Rogowski, Annabelle Magill, Camryn Orsini, Abbey Ramsey, and Kylie George.

WORCESTER – The Quabbin summer field hockey team wrapped up their summer league play at Assumption College this past Tuesday, Aug. 8. They ended up winning the entire league for the second year in a row. They ended their summer season 9-1 overall. They played Notre Dame Academy and won

in a shoot out 4-3. The game was tied 3-3 and then went into a shoot-out, and they won in sudden victory in the second set of three shooters. Scorers were: Senior Annabelle Magill, Sophomore Farrah Wojcik; Junior Haley Ayer; and Senior Captain Kylie Casey.

Westside Sports Shop takes women's summer soccer title

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—While the Monson girls and the Ludlow boys soccer teams captured the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League A-Division titles for the third consecutive year, Westside Sports Shop also took home the women's championship trophy for the third year in a row.

The second-seeded Westside Sports Shop outshot the sixth-seeded Celtic Grey for almost the entire match, but goalie Brianna Kubik, who's from Agawam, managed to keep the contest scoreless until the penalty shootout.

Westside goalie Emily Letendre made a couple of outstanding saves during the shootout and her team celebrated a 0-0 (3-1 PK's) win at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow on Aug. 5.

"I never expected this game to be so close," said Westside Sports Shop coach Chris Andre. "Their goalie was outstanding. She kept her team in the game during regulation and in overtime. Emily made a couple of saves in PK's. We were finally able to score a couple of goals during the penalty shootout."

Westside Sports Shop (9-2), which is also known as Andres, joined the prestigious summer league in 2021. They posted a 4-0 shutout victory over fifth-seeded Here for Beer in last year's championship match. They defeated the



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Jennifer Galindo sends a free kick away for Celtic Gray.

Lusitano Women, 2-1, in the 2021 finals.

For her outstanding performance during the shootout, Letendre received the MVP Award following this year's championship match.

"It just feels amazing to win our third championship title in this summer league," said Letendre, who's from West Springfield. "We did beat Celtic during the regular season, but they wanted it as much as we did in tonight's match."

Six of the Westside Sports Shop players played high school soccer for longtime head coach Nundi Goncalves at Minnechaug Regional. They are Emily Howard,

Chapin Jeannotte, Rhianna Ryan, Madison Sanborn, Katie Shea, and Gabby Williams.

Several of the other players are from Ludlow, South Hadley, and Chicopee.

"Most of the players on this team played on the same youth soccer teams," Andre said. "Then they went their separate ways in high school and it's very nice having them back together again. It has been a lot of fun coaching them and I'm already looking forward to next season."

It was a history making day for Celtic Grey (4-6-1). They have been a member of the summer league for

Chapin picks up Modified win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Brian Chapin guided his fabled "Studebaker" Modified to victory Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway and, on the same card, Milton Duran topped the points-rich Late Model 50-lap main event.

Bob Williams made it two in a row on the high banks in Mini Stock action, while Chelsea, VT's Andrea St. Amour scored her first career Monadnock victory in the Pure Stocks. Young Gun Owen Zilinski made it a hat trick season with his third youth division feature win of the summer.

In support card action, Doug Meservey held off a storming Rob Richardi in the Pro 4 Modified feature, and Jason Pomfry romped to victory in a North East Mini Cup Series 15-lapper.

Chapin and last week's winner Tyler Leary led the NHSTRA Modifieds to the green to get their 40-lap main underway, with Chapin jumping all over the lead. And while the popular Palmer, Mass. pilot would lead all the way; he'd never in all 40 laps had an inch of breathing room.

Both Nate Wenzel and JT Cloutier had All Star runs at Chapin's back bumper but he ran a perfect line the entire distance to earn the win. Wenzel, a two-time 2023 winner and the current points leader finished second, with Cloutier impressive in his second straight podium finish.

With a boatload of points and cash on the line, Saturday's Late Model 50-lapper drew an All Star cast. Teddy Bear Pools 2023 Triple Crown, NHSTRA Battle for The Belt, and Monadnock Speedway seasonal champ points were all up for grabs, with leaders Geoff Rollins, Milton Duran, and Tim Wenzel, respectively, all in the house.

Wenzel set fast time atop the 23-car field, but Du-

- sports -

West showcased in boys soccer

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a boys soccer team showcased. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 6-9: The West would win the gold medal in the showcase.

In the gold medal match, the West won 3-2. The Gold medal match saw powerhouse West face off against Central in what would be an exhilarating and heated match. West opened the scoring within the first minute of the match with a blast from Cole Bamford (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). West then went up 2-0 with help from a penalty kick, expertly taken by Mateo Balbino (Ludlow, Ludlow HS). Swiftly followed by another goal to give them a commanding 3-0 lead. Central was able to crawl back within one with a strike

from Jovuan Mensah (Worcester, Burncoat HS) and Kingston Megee (Sutton, Sutton HS). West ended the showcase with a dominant 5-0 record. Central ended with a 3-1-1 record.

The West started out the showcase with a 5-2 win over the Metro team.

West got on board first with a sensational strike from forward Brayden Marta (Ludlow, Suffield Academy). Followed by a hat trick of goals from Balbino. Down 4-0, Metro was able to get on the board with a tremendous effort from Oscar Martinez (Boston, East Boston HS) who scored both Metro goals to bring them within two. West then scored to make it 5-2 to capitalize on a dominant win in their first match.

The West would go a perfect 6-0 in the showcase.

T-Birds name new operations manager

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Thunderbirds general manager Kevin Maxwell announced today that Jeff Jordan has been promoted to Manager of Hockey Operations.

Previously the Thunderbirds' Video Coach and Team Services Coordinator, Jordan will continue his work with the coaching staff in the video department during the 2023-24 season.

"Jeff has deservedly earned this promotion through hard work, loyalty, and his dedication to the Thunderbirds on both the hockey and business side," said Maxwell. "He is a tireless worker with a wonderful personality, making him a terrific conduit between players, management, and the front office. We look forward to seeing him continue to excel in the future."

Jordan joined the St. Louis Blues' AHL affiliate in 2019 when he was hired by the San Antonio Rampage as the team's video coach. Before starting his professional career, Jordan served as an assistant coach with the OHL's Ottawa 67's in 2014-15 and 2015-16.



Nicole Callini makes a throw-in.



Emily Howard, of Wilbraham, takes a shot on goal.



Olivia Crespo, of Ludlow, corrals the ball.



Madison Sanborn chases down a loose ball.



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Katie Shea makes a quick pass.

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the past twenty years, but it was their first appearance in the women's finals.

"We just wanted to keep this game close as long as we could," said Celtic Grey coach Rob Galazka. "We played very well defensively in tonight's game. We're hoping to make it back here again next year."

One of the key defenders for Celtic Grey is Jennifer Galindo, who's from Chicopee.

Galazka has also been the women's soccer coach at Holyoke Community College for the past 19 years.

"I coached most of these players at HCC," Galazka said. "It's awesome coaching them again in this league. It's a lot of fun."

Celtic Grey peaked at the right time of the season.

"We ended the regular season with a shutout," Galazka said. "Then we played the top three seeds in the playoffs, and they were all shutouts. The players just stepped up."

Celtic Grey posted a 1-0 shutout versus the third-seeded Heat in the quarterfinals. They also posted a 1-0 win against the top-seeded W. Mass Extremes.

The first shot of the shootout was taken by Westside's Jocelyn Trajkovski, who's from Ludlow. She fired a low shot into the right corner to give her team a 1-0 lead.

Then Letendre made a save on the Celtic Grey's first

shot.

After both teams hit the post in the second round, Jeannotte stepped up to the line and fired a shot into the left corner giving her team a 2-1 lead.

Galindo managed to put her team on the scoreboard, which sliced the deficit in half. It wound up being the only shot made by the Celtic Grey.

Following a goal by Olivia Crespo (Ludlow), Letendre made a diving save giving the Westside Sports Shop another championship title.

The Westside players will be looking to four-peat next summer.

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ran drew the pole. Rollins started sixth. Duran led the first 15 laps, then giving way to Chris Buffone on the third of what would become eight total restarts. Duran would then drift back to seventh.

Rollins, aboard probably the fastest car in the field, took charge on lap 33. Wenzel was whacked out of the top three on the 41st go-round, with Rollins then railed from the lead just moments later, the second time he'd been taken out. And who was patiently waiting in the wings? Duran.

He took charge again on lap 41, bringing potent Matt Sonnhalter with him, and held strong to score his third consecutive Battle for The Belt series victory. Sonnhalter finished at his bumper in second, with strong and steady Billy Clement Jr. third on the night.

Andrew Brousseau came home fourth, with Rollins' second charge through the field netting him fifth, while Wenzel stormed back for sixth.

Kevin Clayton, from row two, led the first 15 laps of the Mini Stock main, but rocket man Bob Williams then sailed past him in turn two and sped off to his second Monadnock victory in as many weeks. Clayton held strong in second, with top points man Louie Maher coming home third on the night, just ahead of the Sontag siblings, Cameron and Chris.

Hot shoe Jimmy Zellman took the lead from Dominick Stafford on lap two of the Pure Stock 25, holding the point until Andrea St. Amour took over on a lap 18 restart. A lap later, Zach Zilinski moved up to second but came up one spot shy of duplicating his younger brother Owen's earlier Young Gun win.

Zellman, strong all night, joined St. Amour and Zilinski on the podium, with Chris Davis and Colton Martin rounding out the top five. Davis' one position advantage left he and Martin deadlocked atop the points parade at the end of the night.

Owen Zilinski led all the way in the Young Guns 15-lapper, earning his third victory lap of the summer. Markus O'Neil was solid in second, and Kailyn Hubbard earned the third-place trophy just ahead of her sister Cambri.

Pro 4 super star Rob Richardi was bounced off the frontchute wall at the drop of the green and then made a rock star effort to charge back to the winner's circle, coming up just short of winner Doug Meserve, who'd taken the lead from Jack Dumas on lap five.

With Meserve victorious, Richardi, Dumas, Justin Faford and Kurt Lester made up the top five in the fast-paced event.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, August 19, when a large field of NHSTRA Modifieds will square off in twin feature events atop a full card of racing on the high-banked speedplant.

Monadnock Speedway August 12 Unofficial Top Tens
NHSTRA MODIFIED: Brian Chapin, Nate Wenzel, JT Cloutier, Scott Zilinski, Tyler Leary, Joel Belanger, Andy Major, Kimmy Rivet, Kyle Boniface, Adam Lapoint.

NHSTRA LATE MODEL, 50-LAP: Milton Duran, Matt Sonnhalter, Billy Clement Jr., Andrew Brousseau, Geoff Rollins, Tim Wenzel, JD Stockwell, Robert Hagar, Chris Buffone, Hillary Renaud.

MINI STOCK: Bob Williams, Kevin Clayton, Louie Maher, Cameron Sontag, Chris Sontag, Erin Aiken, Nolan McClay, Jake Puchalski, David Pratt, Skyler Shippee, Pat Houle.

PURE STOCK: Andrea St. Amour, Zach Zilinski, Jimmy Zellman, Chris Davis, Colton Martin, Chris Chambers, Teagan Edson, Dominick Stafford, Tim Taft, Aaliyah Tacy.

YOUNG GUN: Owen Zilinski, Markus O'Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Cambri Hubbard, Sofia Rego, Addison Brooks, Madison Cousino, Hunter Duquette.

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Wild Bill Swim includes 'Floatilla' on Aug. 20

BROOKFIELD — What do Hawaii, Paris, New York City, and Brookfield have in common?

They've all hosted a "Floatilla," which is a gathering of fun-loving people and their colorful, splashy floaties, tubes and other inflatables.

"You get your craziest float, put it in the swimming area, you get on it — maybe with your friends — and it's a Floatilla!" said Jennifer Yorzyk-Triger, organizer of the upcoming Wild Bill Swim at South Pond Beach on Aug. 20, which includes a Floatilla.

Just like the Wild Bill Swim's 3-mile, 2-mile, 1-mile and 400-year swims and the 1-mile paddle, the Floatilla is in keeping Wild Bill Swim's "Just Get in the Water" theme.

The theme also applies to the Wild Bill Swim goal: to finance "Just Get in the Water" swimming and water-safety lessons for 200 local third graders this fall.

The Wild Bill Swim honors South Pond's own Olympic Gold Medalist, the late William Yorzyk, who invented the but-

terfly stroke as it is swum today and took the Gold Medal at the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia — just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. Yorzyk passed away three years ago.

Last year's inaugural Swim raised funds for treatment of South Pond (Lake Quacumquasit).

With the funds raised at that event surpassing organizers' reach-for-the-sky goal, organizers this year set an even loftier of goal: paying for swimsuits, goggles, transportation and a series of "Just Get in the Water" swim and safety lessons at the Southbridge YMCA. The lessons will take place during the school year and through the school systems, but at no cost to parents or the schools.

The "fun, fitness and philanthropy" event also offers prizes, raffles, family fun and games on the beach as well as a special menu at nearby Oakholm Brewery, which is donating a percent of proceeds from their "Wild Bill Beer," "Wild Carrol

Seltzer" and "Wild Bill Pizza (with everything on it)" at various times throughout the summer — including the weekend of the event.

The Floatilla, which is new this year and unlike the swim events requires no registration, will certainly up the level of fun, said Yorzyk-Triger, Yorzyk's daughter and event creator.

"The Floatilla is just the right kind of Wild Bill excitement. You just need to have a float, show up, and you're good to go," Yorzyk-Triger said, adding that a \$5 cash donation per float to cover insurance and lifeguard services is requested.

For information and registration (no registration is required for the Floatilla), go to WildBillSwim.org. For information about swim lessons, contact your school principal.

Information is also available through emailing Yorzyk-Triger at jenn@wildbillswim.org, through YouTube and Instagram @wildbillswim, and through the Facebook page, The Wild Bill Swim & Paddle



Submitted Photo
This Wild Bill Swim enthusiast is ready for the "Floatilla" that will be part of the Wild Bill Swim at South Pond Beach Sunday, Aug. 20.

Challenge. Donations can be made to [gofundme.com/wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge](https://www.gofundme.com/wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge).

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Wells State Park lists ongoing August events

STURBRIDGE – Wells State Park, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 159 Walker Pond Road, is hosting free ongoing events for the month of August.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Bring water, wear sunscreen/bug spray, and dress for the outdoors. Sturdy footwear is strongly recommended for hiking events.

An adult must accompany all children. Inclement weather cancels hiking programs. For more information call 508-347-9257 or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/wells-state-park>.

Adventure to Beaver Lodge

Meet nature's engineers on Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. and Saturdays from 5-6 p.m. Take a walk to a beaver lodge and find out how beavers shape the environment to their needs.

With some luck participants will even see beavers out swimming. This program is appropriate for ages 6 and above.

The terrain is generally level, approximately 1/3 mile each way. Meet at the Nature Center.

Nature Center Open House

Stop by the Nature Center for open houses on Thursdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m., Saturdays from 3-4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m.-noon to find out more about Wells State Park and the plants, animals, and birds that live here.

Check out the wildlife display and learn a little (or a lot) about the local history. Games, books, and activities are available for the kids.

Appropriate for all ages. Meet at the Nature Center.

Night Hike

Explore Wells State Park at night on

Fridays from 7-8 p.m. With your sight limited, see how your other senses kick in.

This is a chance to see or hear some of the park residents coming out for the evening. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About two miles over moderate terrain.

Meet at the Nature Center.

Off the Beaten Path Hike

Hiking trails are the heart of the park system and getting outdoors is a great way to exercise. Join DCR staff on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for this recreational hike with other like-minded people. Appropriate for ages 8 and above.

About one mile over easy terrain. Meet at the Nature Center.

Stone Walls Speak to Us

We see them all over New England, but what can stone walls tell us about the past? We will look for clues about how people worked and transformed the resources nature provided to build a rural New England way of life on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. and Sundays from 4-5 p.m.

Appropriate for ages 6 and up.

Approximately one mile with modest terrain changes. Meet at the Nature Center.

Welcome Campfire

Join DCR staff at the Nature Center for a welcome campfire on Saturdays from 7-8 p.m. Meet some of your fellow campers as we tell stories and sing songs.

DCR staff will provide the fire, bring your s'mores supplies.

Appropriate for all ages. Meet at the Nature Center.

Local author releases genealogical thriller/memoir

A genealogical thriller/memoir, "The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash", by local author Paula Grandpre Wood, has elements of suspense, adventure, joy, and grief.

Her story is a testament to the endurance of faith, family, and traditions. A Barre resident who grew up in Central Falls, Rhode Island and Northboro, Grandpre Wood tracks down her ancestors, pieces together their stories, and wraps herself in the cloth Arrow Sash, a tradition that has been passed down in her family for generations.

Travel back in time to La Rochelle, France, in the 1600s, where Grandpre Wood's ancestors survived the siege of La Rochelle. Learn of their immigration to New France in the 1658 to begin a new life there.

Some of her ancestors, subjected to colonial empires' politics, survived the Acadian dispersal, and later returned

to Quebec. Grandpre Wood's family left Quebec in the 1920s to start anew in the U.S.

Grandpre Wood carries her lessons learned onto the Long Trail in Vermont.

Throughout her travels the family Sash and its enduring tradition have helped bind together her family. The connecting theme throughout the book is finding her way home-home with the Arrow Sash-the Ceinture Fléchée.

Grandpre Wood is available for interviews by email, phone, Zoom or in person. She is also available for in-person presentations, including slide shows documenting her travels and research discovering ancestors who had been lost to her family.

For more information about Grandpre Wood's book, visit paulagrandprewoodsash.com, email info@paulagrandprewoodsash.com or call/text 978-434-1246. The book is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

N.E. Jazz BanjoFest is Sept. 8-10

STURBRIDGE – The New England Jazz BanjoFest for 2023 will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St., from Sept. 8-10 and is free and open to the public.

Allen Padwa, the festival organizer, said the festival features 4-string banjo music ranging from 1920s Dixieland jazz to 1970s pop. Performers include the Good Tymes Banjo Band from Swansea, co-sponsors of this festival; and Glenn Hankle and friends from upstate New York.

In addition to the banjo players who attend, the festival will have a range of musicians playing piano,

ukulele, mandolin, tuba, horns, reeds, and even a gut-bucket bass. All musicians are welcome.

The opening concert will kick off the festival on Friday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. A workshop will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 and the festival show will be from 2-4 p.m. (15 minute time slots).

A Sunday morning Gospel+ jam will be held on Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. There are continuous jam sessions from Friday at 3 p.m. until Sunday at noon.

For more information, visit www.nejbf.com.

Smola selected for Building Advancement Externship

WELLESLEY – The Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts announces the educators and academic leaders who will participate in the third annual AGC MA Building Advancement Externship.

The externship will be conducted from Aug. 14-18.

Madeline Smola of the Quaboag Regional School District was among the educators and administrators announced for third annual paid, weeklong Building Advancement Extern-

ship program focusing on construction career tracks for students

AGC MA's week-long externship program provides comprehensive exposure to the multi-faceted regional commercial construction industry to Massachusetts-based high school and trade school leaders.

Participating externs will take part in informative meetings with leadership at local firms, tour active job sites, and visit the North Atlantic States Carpenters Train-

ing Facility. They will receive an overview of field training and safety programs and detailed instruction regarding project management and industry innovations.

Over the course of the externship, externs will establish mutually helpful partnerships between their schools and students and the construction leaders seeking to bring talented young people into their workforce.

This year's externs also include Molly Brewster, Brighton

High School; Crystal Cartwright, Amherst Pelham Regional High School; Jeanne Downey, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School; Maki Faria, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School; Roger Forget, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School; Brooke Johnson, Blackstone Valley Technical High School; Justin Kratz, McCann Technical School; Brian O'Connell, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute; LaTrelle Pinkney-Chase, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School; Nathan Polk, YouthBuild Boston; Kayla Schutte, Somerville High School; and Bruce Secor, Northeast Metro Tech.

40 Professional Development Points towards continuing education requirements.

"Our annual Building Advancement Externship is one of the most rewarding events on the AGC MA calendar," said Marion Jones, AGC MA Director of Workforce Development and Industry Inclusion in a press release. "Every year, we look forward to promoting the many fulfilling career opportunities in the modern construction industry to the caring guidance professionals who will help our young people build their futures."

To learn more about the AGC Building Advancement Externship program, please visit: www.constructingma.org/agc-ma-building-advancement-externship/.

About AGC MA

AGC MA is a chapter of the national Associated General Contractors of America, which began in 1918 with the goal to assist the government in building up the nation, an objective that AGC has been fulfilling since that time.

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Annual Zucchini Festival and car show Sunday

HOLLAND—The Friends of the Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, will host their annual Zucchini Festival and Car Show on Sunday, Aug. 20, from noon-4 p.m.

Admission to the festival is free.

Vehicles of any makes and models, including motorcycles, small campers, and tractors are encouraged to enter the car show. This year there will be no judging, but it will be a fun opportunity to show off what you have. Vehicles can start parking at 11:30 a.m.

The Zucchini Cookoff is happening this year after a pandemic hiatus. There is no charge to enter. The categories are appetizers/salads, entrees/casseroles, breads/desserts.

There will be no access to the

kitchen so the contestants must maintain their own temperatures (think crockpots or icepacks). Participants must have their dishes at the Center by 12:30 p.m.

Participants can bring their biggest zucchini to the Festival to see if they win the biggest zucchini.

Crafters will display their handmade crafts, and there will be nonprofit vendors there, like The Last Green Valley, the Trails Committee, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, The Friends of HRA, and Open Spaces.

For some relaxation try out the giant chess board and cornhole. For family fun try the bubble foam machine for adults and kids to romp through.

Ryan from “Out of the Ark Educational Animal Shows” will

inspire with up-close educational encounters from a variety of his exotic pets. Scouts from Troop 163 and Troop 161 from Sturbridge will be selling hot dogs, bottled waters and chips.

The Friends will have a baked goods table, and the Center will be passing out sliced zucchini and ranch dressing (it’s delicious).

If you would like to donate baked goods you can do that the night before or the morning of the festival. Drop off times for baked goods at the community center: Saturday, Aug. 19, from 4-6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 20, from 11-11:45 a.m.

For more information, email Activities@HollandMA.org or call 413-245-3163.

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duce.

Homelessness continues to be a concern, as well as the inability to both prepare and preserve food received from food pantries.

Members suggested having a soup kitchen, where people could receive a hot, nutritious meal without needing a kitchen or cooking utensils. Another suggestion was having a mobile food truck that could act as a soup kitchen to address homeless hunger and food insecurities.

The QVFPC is also working to compile a list of food pantries across the region.

Vision and mission statements

The members also continued to develop the Council’s vision and mission statements.

Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan explained that the Council’s vision statement is what they would like to achieve in a “perfect world,” adding that it is usually very ambitious and broad.

Geaghan said the vision statement would be broad enough to include a diverse variety of local perspectives, be easy to communicate, and be understood and shared by members of the community. The vision statement would also be inspiring and uplifting to all involved in the Council’s efforts.

The vision statement the Council discussed was: “Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council will make healthy local food easily accessible for all community members.”

Quabbin Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger said this vision encompasses many of the things members were talking about in a broad way.

Geaghan said the mission statement is the “why” the Council exists, and is more concise than the vision statement.

“They explain the fundamental outcomes your organization is trying to achieve. A good mission statement is not limiting in the strategies or sectors of the community that may become involved in the project,” she said.

The mission statement suggested to members was: “Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council’s mission is to connect local resources, provide education surrounding food, promote local food availability, and improve the local food system for everyone.”

Krieger and Project Coordinator for Community Health Emily Coderre suggested adding language about nutritious food. Krieger also suggested adding “promote” and “advocate” for local food availability.

Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance said the Council should also include advocating with policymakers as part of the mission statement.

“That advocacy could be really helpful in a mission statement,” she said.

Council member Howard Trietsch said the mission statement should also focus on bringing awareness to food and nutritional problems the Quaboag Valley faces.

“One of the first things your need to do about a problem, is make people aware of it, and define it,” he said.

Coderre said herself and Geaghan will draft different versions of the mission statement for Council members to decide on.

The QVFPC will resume monthly hybrid meetings in September at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

For more information, people may email Geaghan at cgeaghan@townofware.com or Coderre at ecoderre@townofware.com.

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In a second motion, the Committee unanimously approved the Chair and Vice-Chair to enter into negotiations with Mucha for the interim superintendent position. Brophy said the School Committee could do an external search for full-time superintendent working with the consultants they hired, an internal search or hire the interim superintendent as full-time superintendent.

Before the candidate arrived, Brophy said he and Chamberlain would ask Mucha five questions each. The school committee members ranked questions from a list provided and selected ten of them.

At the beginning of the interview, Mucha gave an opening statement. She said, “I love what I do, professional development and grant writing.”

Mucha said, “it was one of the reasons she didn’t apply initially for the position.”

She came to Quabbin five years ago and served as a principal in a neighboring school district before

that position.

When asked by Brophy what were her core values that drive her as an administrator, she responded, “treating others as you want to be treated.” She said it was important to understand “our people” are the greatest asset.

Mucha said another core value she had was to “work hard and work until you succeed.”

Her response to the question of how she would develop a plan to prepare for role of interim superintendent in the first 90 days, she said it was essential to meet with school committee, parents, students.

She said in her current role she had not reached out to the community, and she would do that as interim. Mucha also said she would rely on mentors, one who was a former superintendent.

She said in response to a question on how she would reach out to the community. She said she would send out district wide newsletters, attend evening events such

as select board meetings and hold drop in office hours.

Mucha said it was important to be visible.

Chamberlain asked her what her visions and thoughts for Quabbin were. Mucha answered to continue to offer robust programs and to find any opportunities for efficiency and look for lots of grants.

In answer to a question about greatest challenges, Mucha said Quabbin was a rural area and spread out. Budget and funding was a concern as well as challenges around emotional well being.

Mucha said if she served as interim superintendent for one year and did not get the full-time superintendent position, she would like to go back to the position she currently holds.

Mucha in her closing statement said, “I think I am good at handling conflict in time of stress, I know what I know really well and learned how to accept and embrace help”

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“I think Kerry is a tremendous addition...she has the dynamic and understanding and experience to handle some of the challenges that are going to come with working for multiple departments,” Grimm said.

The Board appointed Bailey Applegate to the Cable Advisory Committee.

“We’ve had a lot of problems with cable in our neighborhood,” she said, which motivated her to want to join the Committee.

Dealing with the cable provider was an “unpleasant experience,” when she tried to cancel services and return equipment.

Bruce Gran was re-appointed to the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee as the Big Alum Lake representative until July 17, 2025.

Resignations

The Board accepted the resignation of full-time Dispatcher James Warner, effective July 24.

Chair Jamie Goodwin said the Board appreciated Warner’s service to the town.

Kim Welton submitted her resignation from the Department of Public Works to take a posi-

tion with Veolia, the company that oversees the town’s water department. The Board accepted her resignation.

Mutual aid agreements

The Board signed mutual aid agreements for emergency services with the towns of Union, Stafford, Thompson and Woodstock, Connecticut.

Grimm said the agreements were reviewed by KP Law.

Leachate transport and disposal

The Board authorized Grimm to execute a contract with Jim Baird, Waste Water Services, Inc. for the leachate collection transport and disposal.

Recognition

Board of Selectmen Clerk Mary Dowling thanked all involved with the Pan-Mass Challenge, especially first responders and Community Emergency Response Team members.

WooSox game

Grimm said the Planning Board’s Administrative Assistant Jeneé Lacy will be singing the

National Anthem at the Sturbridge Town Takeover Night at the WooSox game on Aug. 15.

Donations

The Board accepted two \$25 gift cards to Micknuck’s/Big Bunny and two \$25 gift cards to Shaws Market from the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale.

The gift cards can be used to purchase food for people in need, or for the Senior Center.

Block party request

The Board approved a request from Mary Bridget Burns to block off Stonybrook Drive on Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for a block part. Goodwin said the Police Chief was comfortable with the request.

Football jamboree

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Chase Kaitbenski said the football jamboree will be held Aug. 19-20 at the high school. He said it’s expected to bring in over \$50,000 for the town’s football program.

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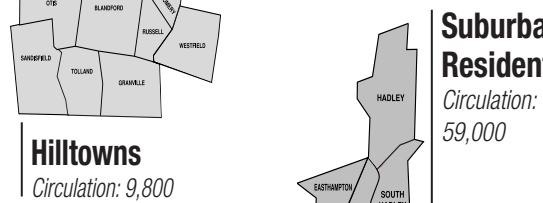
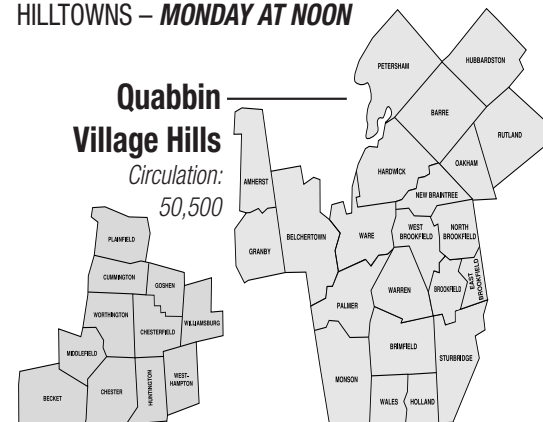
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Celebrating New Fleet of F-35A Aircraft at Barnes

WESTFIELD – Con. Richard E. Neal joined Maj. Gen. Gary W. Keefe, adjutant general for the Massachusetts National Guard, Colonel David L. Halasi-Kun, base commander for the 104th Fighter Wing, and State Senator John Velis to celebrate the recent announcement that Barnes Air National Guard Base will be receiving a new fleet of F-35A Lighting II aircraft beginning in 2026.

“Today is a good day not just for Barnes Air National Guard Base, but for the entire western Massachusetts community and the Commonwealth for that matter. The announcement on April 18 that the 104th Fighter Wing will be receiving a new fleet of F-35A aircraft comes after years of advocacy by the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, state leadership, and the Adjutant General for the Massachusetts National Guard Gary Keefe. Most importantly, this announcement is a testament to the dedicated service of the brave airmen and women of Barnes, whose integrity has upheld the superb reputation at Barnes, an integral factor in this decision-making process,” said Neal.

This announcement comes after a rigorous selection process by the U.S. Air Force that reviewed F-15C units throughout the U.S. and considered a multitude of factors, including community support, environmental factors, and cost. The review process also included an assessment of the location’s ability to facilitate the mission and infrastructure capacity. The assignment of a new fleet of F-35A aircraft at Barnes ANG guarantees the long-term viability of the base, ensuring the 104th Fighter Wing can continue its vital mission for years to come.

“This is just a good fit,” said Keefe, adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard. “The 104th has years

of experience with the fighter mission at home and abroad, the community is used to fighter operations and provides tremendous support, and the base is perfectly located for defense of the homeland.»

“This decision validates the Wing’s exceptional performance,” said Air Force Col. David L. “Moon” Halasi-Kun, Commander of the 104th Fighter Wing. «We’ve provided air defense for 40 million Americans in New England and New York, a population that produces roughly 30% of the nation’s Gross Domestic Product, through the 24/7/365 no-fail Aerospace Control Alert mission, and our stellar performance was a big factor.»

“The significance of the F-35A fighter jets coming to the 104th Fighter Wing simply cannot be overstated. This decision from the Pentagon not only solidifies the future of Barnes in our national defense strategy, but it will also bring transformative new economic investments to Westfield and our entire region,» said Velis. «From Congressman Neal and our federal delegations’ zealous advocacy at the Pentagon, to our work at the state level with the SPEED Act to help Massachusetts meet Department of Defense criteria, so many individuals played a role in making this happen. Most of all though, this announcement is a testament to the incredible men and women serving in the 104th Fighter Wing and throughout our commonwealth.”

The basing decision becomes final after favorable completion of an ongoing Environmental Impact Statement on the proposal, upon which the Secretary of the Air Force will sign a Record of Decision. The signing of an ROD is expected by the summer of 2024, putting in motion the stationing of 18 new F-35A Lightning II aircraft at Barnes ANG.

NBSB names Borawski as new president and CEO

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank announced that Kaz Borawski has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of North Brookfield Savings Bank effective Aug. 1.

“The Board and I have been impressed by Kaz’s extensive and varied banking experience and we look forward to continuing to work with Kaz to grow North Brookfield Savings Bank” said Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees Donna L. Boulanger in a press release. “The Board of Directors has been impressed by his commitment to the Bank, our employees, and the community.”

Borawski, a resident of Wilbraham, holds more than 26 years of experience in industries including retail banking, investment banking, wealth management, and technology and operations at organizations such as JPMorgan Chase and Mass Mutual Financial.

He has spent the last 13 years in community banking with United Bank, Merchants Bank, and Holyoke Credit Union before joining North Brookfield Savings Bank in February 2022 as Chief Financial Officer. Kaz’s depth of financial industry expertise and his community involvement will serve the Bank

well. Kaz shares NBSB’s value of continued learning and goes the extra mile to stay in front of industry trends and concepts. Kaz holds a certificate from The New England School for the Financial Studies at Babson College, a Master of Business Administration, with a major in Finance, from Manhattan College in New York City and a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a major in Accounting, from Baruch College also in New York City.

“I would like to thank the Board of Directors for this opportunity to lead North Brookfield Savings Bank,” said Borawski. “Our bank has a valued team of employees who are dedicated to helping our customers with their financial needs and I am proud to be the leader of this team. I look forward to building lasting relationships with our customers. North Brookfield Savings Bank is important to the communities we serve, and it has a long-standing tradition of excellence in customer service. The Bank has enjoyed strong growth over the years and has a very strong capital position. I’m committed to continuing that legacy.”

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of July 31-Aug. 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 19 building/property checks, 31 directed/area patrols, seven traffic controls, four radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, one safety hazard, one investigation, two complaints, one fraud, one motor vehicle accident and three animal calls in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, July 31

11:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Report Taken
11:39 a.m. Fraud, Memorial Drive, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
4:50 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
5:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Tuesday, Aug. 1

6 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Thursday, Aug. 3

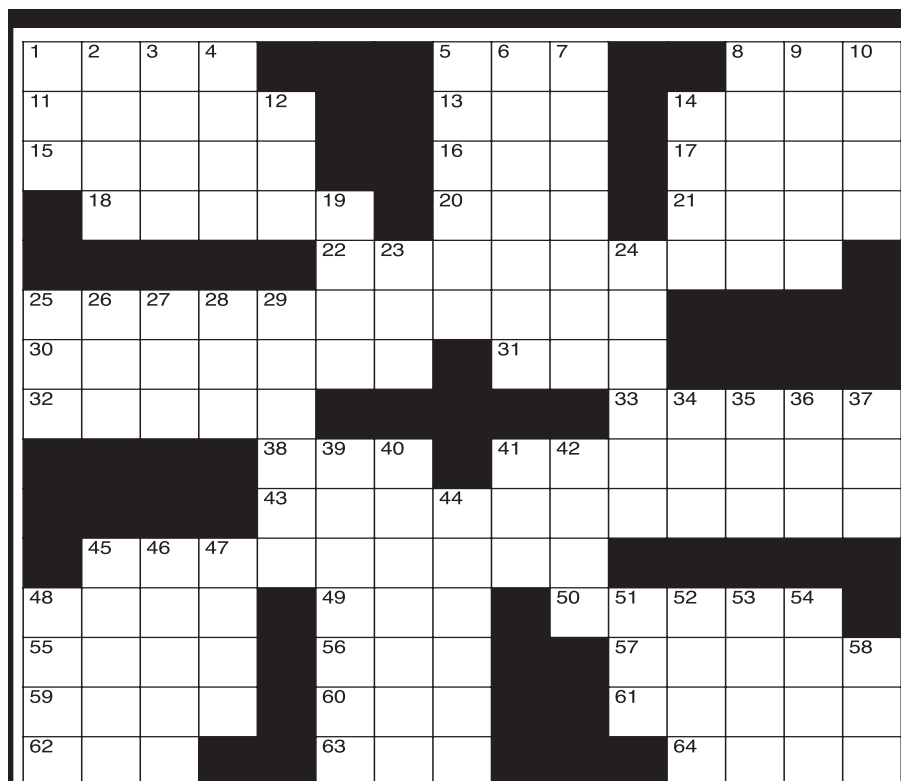
7:17 a.m. 911 Misdeal, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, Aug. 5

4:15 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Spoken To
5:03 p.m. Disturbance, Ravine Road, Peace Restored
5:04 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, No Action Required
8:26 p.m. Neighbor Disturbance, Ravine Road, Dispatch Handled
9:10 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Ravine Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Aug. 6

10:13 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
11:36 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Services Rendered
11:43 a.m. 911 Need Transfer, Barr Road, Investigated
1:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
2:43 p.m. Investigation, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
3:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
8:19 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Unitas Road, Negative Contact



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Civil rights organization
- 5. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 8. Monetary unit of Burma
- 11. Twyla __, US dancer
- 13. Everything included
- 14. “Antman” actor Rudd
- 15. Italian city
- 16. Nowhere to be found
- 17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 18. Turkish officer
- 20. Perform on stage
- 21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 22. Canadian coastal provinces
- 25. Furnishes anew
- 30. Edible mollusk
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Garden figurine
- 33. Two-legged support
- 38. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 41. In a silly way
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Native religion in parts of China
- 49. Dickens character
- 50. Broadway actress
- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Undivided
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 60. Rusty
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Patti Hearst’s captors
- 63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Defunct US energy company
- 2. Fellow
- 3. It’s issued from

- 4. Type of acid
- 5. Winged nut
- 6. Arouses
- 7. Things are served on it
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- 10. __ mater, one’s school
- 12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 14. Hairstyle
- 19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- 23. They __
- 24. Connecting line on a map
- 25. Mock
- 26. One point north of due east
- 27. Chinese philosophical principle
- 28. Type of tree
- 29. Persuade to do
- 34. A place for travelers to rest
- 35. National Gallery of Art designer
- 36. Panamanian province
- 37. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 39. Whalers’ tool
- 40. Simply
- 41. Nigerian City
- 42. Not one
- 44. Obstruct
- 45. Political plot
- 46. Manila hemp plant
- 47. Dough made from corn flour
- 48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

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