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Les Silliman rang the bell from St. John's Church, which was dedicated this past week at its original location.

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St. John's Bell dedicated at its original home

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EAST BROOKFIELD – Many residents gathered on the sidewalk of Connie Mack Drive to witness the

dedication of the St. John's Church Bell, which was installed on the original property of the church.

The dedication began with an announcement from Amanda Lambert of the East Brookfield Histor-

ical Commission.

Lambert shared the history behind the bell's journey throughout East Brookfield and how it made its way back to its original home. The bell originally came from a train and was

placed at the schoolhouse that was built on the site back in 1849.

In 1891, the schoolhouse building was sold and transformed into the St. John's

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Inaugural Kids Market held on common

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STURBRIDGE – The inaugural Kids Market took place this past Sunday on common during the Sturbridge Farmer's Market.

The town and the Recreation Department intro-

duced the first Kids Market, which featured 10 vendors. This program was open to children in grades three-eight.

These young entrepreneurs got to interact with customers, learn basic busi-

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Riley of The Painted Raven shared some of her nature art during the Kids Market.

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Let's Get Local

Annual event showcases the best of the region

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Brookfield Orchards hosted its 7th Let's Get Local event on Aug. 29, with a vendor's market, local food and beverages and live music by The East Hill Band.

There were over 20 vendors, as well as wagon rides, face painting, corn hole games and much more.

TURLEY PHOTO BY CAMREN ROBERTSON
Lori LeBlanc offered gourmet sauces and jams See more photos on page 12.



Select Board approves plans for Chase Road and Stoddard Court

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen approved another paving project last week following the approval of more paving on North Main Street and Gilbert Street earlier this month.

This project will improve both Chase Road and Stoddard Court, and will cost a total of \$78,025 from 2026 Chapter 90 funds.

The project was presented on the town website to

give residents an opportunity to comment, and there were no inquiries or phone calls, according to Executive Assistant Mary Beth Kularski.

The cost of Chase Road is \$55,885 and Stoddard Court will cost \$18,424, and there is a 5% overage added on to the end.

The Highway Department will send letters to residents when work begins so they have a chance to move their cars. The work is being done by Mass Brokenstone.

The board gave updates

on other paving projects including Hillside Avenue and Bradshaw Street, with Chair Jamie Gilman saying they have put rocks between the sidewalks and streets because of apron concerns, and there will be no loam or grass because it would be cut up in the winter.

Gilman said bids closed for a sidewalk improvement on School Street and they are awaiting the lowest bidder.

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QQLA announces 14th annual Paddle Poker Run on Sept. 12

BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association will hold its 14th Annual Paddle Poker Run on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Lake Quaboag (North Pond) boat ramp on Quaboag Street.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with paddling from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 per hand.

Participants may play more than one hand, and more than one person may play from the same watercraft, with each participant registering and playing a separate hand. The event will be held rain or shine.

“Most folks know about poker runs. Usually done on motorcycles, they involve cruising to various points on a map and picking up a poker card at stations along the route. The best hands win prizes,” said event chair Randy Weiss.

“We do the same thing, only we do it in kayaks, canoes, rowboats, paddleboards – any watercraft powered by



Participants at a previous Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association Paddle Poker Run prepared to launch.

one or more persons with a paddle.”

After registering and signing a release form, paddlers will receive event information, including the rules, player sheet and course map.

Participants paddle the 3.5-mile course and visit four designated stops, which may be completed in any order. At each stop, they receive a playing card. Upon returning to the

North Pond boat ramp, paddlers receive a fifth card to complete their poker hand. Players who want to improve their hand may purchase up to two replacement cards for \$5 each.

Winning hands will be announced after the last registered player returns to the North Pond boat ramp and all hands have been ranked.

A \$250 cash grand prize will be awarded for the best poker hand, with more than \$600 in additional prizes donated by area businesses.

“With these odds, we expect nearly one in three participants to win a prize,” said Weiss. “In addition, every paddler will receive a buy-one-get-one-free ice cream coupon from The Clam Box Restaurant in East Brookfield.”

A special prize of four Worcester Red Sox (WooSox) tickets for a game of the winner’s choice will also be awarded to the participant with the worst poker hand.

Prizes have been donated by area merchants including 308 Lakeside Restaurant, A-1 Parts, Inc., Bogey Lanes, Central Package Store, The Clam Box, Howe Lumber, Ken’s Pit Stop at Country Corner, Klem’s, Oakholm Brewing Company, Parsons Auto, Teddy G’s Pub & Grille, TipTop Country Store, Tree House Brewing Company, Uncle Sam’s Pizza and the Worcester Red Sox (WooSox).

Proceeds from the 2026 Paddle Poker Run benefit the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association’s mission to preserve and protect the quality of Quaboag and Quacumquasit lakes – better known as North and South ponds – and the surrounding watershed through the promotion of responsible and effective environmental policies.

For additional information, visit qqla.org, email QQLakeAssociation@gmail.com, or email event chair Randy Weiss at RandyWiz@aol.com.

Select Board discusses highway items

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BROOKFIELD – The Select Board met last Wednesday where they discussed various Highway Department related items including staffing and road repairs.

The department is currently without a highway superintendent and there is limited full-time staff on the department as of Aug. 26, and the board implemented a highway search committee to seek out all positions for the department.

Bruce Clark, Herb Chaffee, the acting town administrator, Police Chief Michael Blanchard and Richard Mundell were appointed to serve.

Catch basins

Select Board member Beth Coughlin said since the town is in the beginning stages of getting new highway staff, it could be beneficial to

contract out to address the cleaning, mapping and GPS location of catch basins in Brookfield.

She said they have not been cleaned in a while, and there is not a true map, so it could lead to problems if there is a rainy spring next year.

According to member Richard Chaffee, there was some catch basin work done last year and the year prior using equipment from East Brookfield, and he said a member of that town would be willing to help with mapping.

Chaffee said he’d reach out to East Brookfield. He also said it might be less of a problem in certain areas where the town is using less sand in the winters.

Water Commissioner Don Taft said the town may already have a mapping contract.

Gay Road

The board discussed the closing portions of the Gay

Road project, which is applying a top coat from the electrical wires to the town line. Chaffee said that he met with Mass Brokenstone, who the town has under contract as the lowest bidder for paving contracts.

According to Chaffee, there is a quote, and the town has to ratify and vote on it.

Coughlin said that project is eligible under Chapter 90, but it requires paperwork, which Chaffee said the person from East Brookfield would help with. Coughlin also suggested getting the edges of the road painted because people are losing track of where the road ends on either side.

Highway fleet

The board discussed the condition of the highway trucks, including four heavies and two one-ton trucks.

Chaffee said he is in contact with Hilltop Repair, who have offered to do work on vehicles.

He said the first step that needs repair is the chains on spreaders. He said that the repair shop could come on

site to look at the equipment and give some estimates, as Coughlin and Robinson pointed out depending on the price, the town may have to go into procurement.

Robinson also said they did work on a town truck last fiscal year and sent an invoice without a date of service, so the accountant will not process that payment until the date is provided. Chaffee said he would reach out.

Water operations

The board approved a bid package for water operations.

Taft said the Water Commissioners ran it by Robinson, and it was also reviewed by counsel. It is the same contract as the company the town is using currently for water operations.

Administrative

The board accepted the meeting minutes of April 8 and May 5, and acknowledged the Police Department’s monthly report from July.

Kate Simpson was appointed as an election worker as well.

Ecumenical Service on the West Brookfield common

WEST BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC, and the George Whitefield United Methodist Church will hold an ecumenical Sunday morning worship service on the West Brookfield town common on

Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m.

The public is warmly invited to attend. Extra chairs will be available but bringing your own is encouraged.

Instead of a collection, it is asked that items for the Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry be brought for donation.

In case of rain, the service will be inside the church at 36 North Main St.

Please call the Congregational Church for more information at 508-867-7078.

Community TV is live in West Brookfield

WEST BROOKFIELD – After many years, WBCTV is broadcasting again.

Announcing Jacob Conway as the Station Coordinator, the Cable Advisory Committee and the Select Board are happy to welcome Conway into the important role.

Coming on board just a few months ago from graduating from Keene State, Conway brings forward his studies and field training to fruition here in West Brookfield. He brings with him some job experiences from Rutland, Spencer and Brookfield, and under the tutelage of CAC member Ryan Shepard, he is coming into his own.

Channel 191 is now offering a live bulletin board of town events and activities, live and recorded broadcasts of Select Board and Advisory Committee meetings, Historical Commission archive videos, as well as services from The First Congregational Church.

Live streaming is also available for internet users as well as recordings available on the town’s YouTube feed.

WBCTV could use more help. There are openings for paid on-call video staff to assist in fulfilling scheduled needs for routine meetings of town government meetings.

Interested individuals would be trained in the use of studio and meeting room equipment that would need to be monitored for such meetings in situations where scheduling conflicts arose. There are no specific requirements, but experience and/or interest in videography and camera switching in live meetings is a must. Local residency, reliable transportation and availability on short notice are necessary.

Funding for the positions comes from PEG funds provided by franchise fees from the local cable provider. Email: WBCTV@wbrookfield.com.

The Cable Advisory Committee is a three-member, volunteer town committee charged with maintaining a current licensing contract with Spectrum and supervising the operations of the West Brookfield Community TV Station and Studio.

The committee is currently seeking to fill an opening, and anyone interested may respond to WBCTV@wbrookfield.com or visit town of West Brookfield, wbrookfield.com.

Meetings are typically on weekday evenings, about once a month, and are conducted in the third-floor studio.

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EQLT to hosts celebrations for new accessible trails on Sept. 16

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust will celebrate the completion and formal opening of two new all-persons accessible trails with two public-access ribbon-cutting events, in Ware and New Braintree, on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

The first event, starting at noon, will mark the formal opening of the Grenville Park Connector Trail between Grenville Park and the Mass Central Rail Trail Church Street segment in Ware. Officials from the Town of Ware and representatives from EQLT will host the event.

“This new accessible trail linking Grenville Park with the MCRT creates a seamless path for Ware residents and visitors to enjoy a nearly five-mile contiguous nature corridor and all that the park and rail trail have to offer,” said Stuart B. Beckley, Town Manager for the Town of Ware. “We are grateful to everyone who helped make this possible, including the Ware Parks and Highway Departments, folks who responded to EQLT’s call for volunteers to help build the bridge, and the Edward and Barbara Urban Foundation and Mass. Trails Grant program, which funded this project.”

The ribbon-cutting will take place at the Connector Trail entrance located adjacent to the main park loop road at the northeast end of the park past the baseball field. Due to limited parking,



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A ribbon cutting will be held to celebrate the new 1.5 mile segment of the Mass Central Rail Trail in New Braintree.

ing, attendees are encouraged to park at the primary parking lot near the main entrance to Grenville Park and walk or roll to the trail entrance at the other end of the park or carpool to the smaller parking area near the baseball field.

The second event, starting at 2 p.m., will take place at the end of McEvoy Road in New Braintree, which marks the start of the newest segment of the MCRT. Representatives of EQLT will host the ribbon-cutting celebration, and guests and members of the public are invited to continue on a group walk on this new 1.5-mile section following the ribbon-cutting and welcoming remarks. Parking will be marked near the trailhead off of McEvoy Road.

“Rail trails offer safe,

accessible recreational opportunities for public enjoyment. EQLT is proud to have been able to conserve this land and create another segment of rail trail for the benefit of our neighbors and visitors to the East Quabbin area,” said Cynthia Henshaw, Executive Director of the East Quabbin Land Trust. “This new section of completed rail trail builds on the existing 6.5 miles of rail trail owned and maintained by EQLT, further linking our communities and creating additional opportunities for individuals and families to experience nature and the rural character of Central Massachusetts.”

Grenville Park Connector Trail
This accessible trail connects Ware’s Grenville Park

with the Church Street section of the MCRT. The Connector Trail runs for 1,500 feet along the Ware River and is composed of hard-packed stone dust.

The trail passes through hemlock groves and hardwoods and features stone walls, a new bridge crossing, and benches.

McEvoy Road – Barre Plains Rail Trail
This section of the Mass Central Rail Trail is a 1.5-mile stretch of all-persons accessible trail that extends from McEvoy Road in New Braintree to Station Road in Barre Plains.

This section is composed of hard-packed stone dust and passes through a mixed pine and hardwood forest with scenic water views of the Ware River. Benches are

located along the trail.

The trail is open for passive recreation, including cycling, walking/hiking and horseback riding.

About EQLT
The East Quabbin Land Trust fosters a meaningful relationship with the natural world by conserving, connecting with, and caring for the farmlands, woodlands, and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts. EQLT works closely with community members to foster vibrant communities through engagement with the outdoors.

EQLT was formed in 1994 out of concern for the loss of farmland and wildlife habitat in and around Hardwick.

Since 1998, EQLT has expanded its land protection efforts to include Barre, Petersham, New Braintree, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Hubbardston, Ware and other nearby towns. By working cooperatively with property owners, government agencies, conservation groups, and other land trust organizations, EQLT has been able to protect over 7,000 acres in the region; purchased and leases the historic Country Store in Petersham, revitalizing the heart of the town; and has purchased and opened eight miles of former railroad corridor as part of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Hardwick, New Braintree, Ware and Barre.

For more information about EQLT, visit www.eqtl.org.



Steven Hawk is shown on the new bridge at the Connector Trail in Grenville Park in Ware.

Parish hosts annual chicken BBQ and family fair

NORTH BROOKFIELD – St. Carlo Acutis Parish will host its annual Chicken BBQ & Family Fair Sept. 12-13 at Saint Joseph’s Church 296 North Main St.

Come join the parish for plenty of fair style food on Saturday evening and a delicious Chicken BBQ dinner served on Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Chicken BBQ are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children age 12 and under. Chicken BBQ tickets can be purchased at the parish office.

There will be karaoke music on both days. They will also have assorted raffles including a scratch ticket raffle which features

the grand prize of a book (50) \$30 lottery scratch tickets, and a bake sale.

The Family Picnic begins on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. on the church lawn after the 4 p.m. Mass. From 5-7 p.m., there will be karaoke music, fair style food and raffles. On Sunday, Sept. 13 from noon-3 p.m. there will be karaoke music, fair style food, bake sale and raffles. From 12:30-1:30 p.m. the Chicken BBQ will be served, either eat in or takeout.

For Chicken BBQ tickets and more information, please call the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 508-867-6469.

North Brookfield Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Cultural Council has set an Oct. 15 deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants supporting community cultural activities.

According to LCC spokesperson Nancy Waldron these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in or around North Brookfield, including exhibits, festivals, field trips,

short-term artist residencies, performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The North Brookfield Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the nation’s largest grassroots cultural funding network, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences every year.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency that allocates funds to each community.

This year, the North Brookfield Cultural Council will distribute about \$7,200 in grants.

Previously funded projects include: production of “Legally Blonde 2”, programs Birds of Prey, Water-

color Painting at the Haston Library; and Hip Hop Square Dance at the Senior Center.

For local guidelines and complete information on the North Brookfield Cultural Council, contact Nancy Waldron at nancy.rachel@comcast.net. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org.

North Brookfield Senior Center announces upcoming events in September

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St., will offer the following programs during the month of September.

Activities and events include: tech help with Alex on Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.;

SHINE counselor on Sept. 9 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. by appointment; a blood pressure clinic on Sept. 9 from 11 a.m.-noon; Strength and Flexibility on Sept. 14 and 28 from 10-11 a.m.; Veteran’s Agent on Sept. 16 from 10-11 a.m.; Accessible Home Health info session

on Sept. 16 at 11 a.m.; Bingo night on Sept. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Music Bingo on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m.; Greendale Friends Retiree Chorus on Sept. 23 at 1 p.m.; Ed Spater (Medicare Counselor) on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. by appointment; art class on Sept. 24

at 11 a.m.; coffee and crafts on Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. (registration required); Registry of Deeds on Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.; and a blood pressure/glucose clinic will be held on Sept. 30 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.ongoing activities include Interactive Games on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Library to host story time

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, restarts their monthly preschool story hour on Monday, Sept. 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Children enjoy a story, craft and independent playtime. All are welcome

and parental supervision is required.

The library will host the CFCE MOC coordinated science playgroup on Monday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m.. The target age group is 6 and under. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.

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Open poetry series will start on Sept. 17

WEST BROOKFIELD – An open poetry reading series meant to provide a venue for writers to share their work as well as the work of established writers they admire will be held at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, 3 West Main St., in the upstairs Library Meeting Room.

This room is elevator accessible.

The series will be held on select Thursdays from

4-6 p.m. Generally, readings will occur on the third Thursday of every month, though some schedule adjustments may have to be made around holidays.

Dates include Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15 and May 20. The series is open to the central Massachusetts community at large.

For every original poem a person reads they will be

asked to compliment that poem by reading a poem of their choosing by another established and published writer: From Shakespeare to Stern, Bradstreet to Bukowski, Yeats to Young, Rumi to Rich and any and all between.

If you have no original work to read but want to offer poems from writers you love, please join us.

The reading will be held in round robin fashion

(two poems maximum each time) and the number of turns allowed for each person will be determined by the number of willing participants.

The host ask those who read to be sensitive to other attendees and not present overly long poems that will delay another's turn. One may also participate by attending and simply listening, not reading, if they so choose.

Family Fall Festival Oct. 3

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, 144 Main St., will host its annual Family Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 3 from noon-2:30 p.m. The annual Family Fall Festival has activities for all members of your family.

There will also be free hamburgers/cheeseburgers, chips, lemonade and apple cider (served hot and cold) for all. There will be a silent auction and cake/pie sale. A

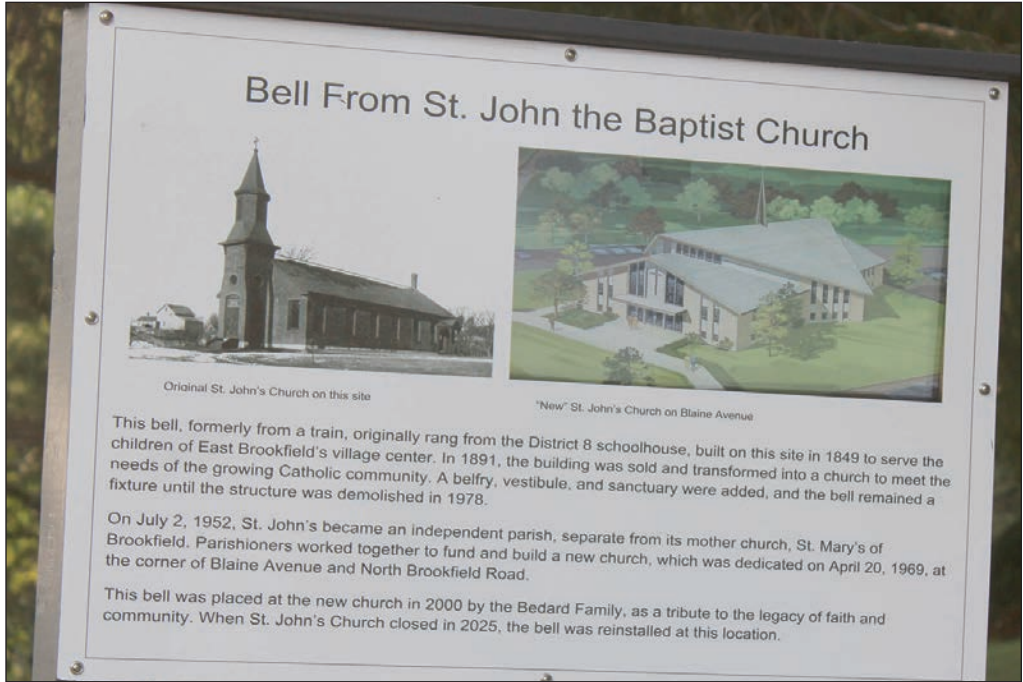
bouncy house, cotton candy machine, popcorn and games for the whole family, including the famous (or infamous) tug of war between the adults and the children.

Other activities include horse rides, corn hole, Zumba with Melanie, and the North Brookfield Fire Department Fire Prevention team.

This event is free and open to all. Call the church office with any questions at 508-867-8428



Shown standing left to right in between the new sign and St. John's Bell is Amanda Lambert, Dan Lambert and Brian Blood.



A new sign was installed next to the St. John's Bell explaining the history of where the bell was housed over the years.

ST. JOHN'S BELL
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Catholic Church to meet the needs of the growing Catholic community. The bell remained at the church until the structure was demolished in 1978.

In 1952, St. John's separated itself from its mother church, St. Mary's of Brookfield, and the parish worked together to raise funds to build a new church. The new St. John's Church was dedicated on April 20, 1969, which was built on the corner of Blaine Avenue and North Brookfield Road in East Brookfield.

The bell was moved to

the new church and was housed there until 2025.

With St. John's closing last year, the East Brookfield Historical Commission thought it was important to get the bell as it was considered an important piece of East Brookfield's history.

"The Historical Society had to get the bell," Lambert said, who's grandfather, Bill Bedard, brought the bell to the new church back in 2000.

The East Brookfield Historical Commission was able to get the bell after drafting a letter to the bishop and the commission kept the bell in the museum



The historic St. John's Bell was placed off Connie Mack Drive in East Brookfield where it's original home, the original St. John's Church, was located.

building over the winter. The idea of installing a sign with the bell came to be and was revealed during the dedication ceremony on Connie Mack Drive.

Brian Blood built the frame for the sign, Dan Lambert and Chris Messier took the post out for the bell, Ed Gablaski installed the bell back onto the post, and the Highway Department installed a hole for the bell to be placed on the site where the original St. John's Church was placed.

"The importance of saving these connections," Lambert said. "The bell has come home."

Lambert's grandparents attended the church when it was open and now a symbol of that history has finally come home and will be remembered in the community. As part of the celebration, Les Silliman came up to ring the bell.

The bell can be seen off Connie Mack Drive, on the sidewalk heading towards the police station and East Brookfield Public Library.

To explore East Brookfield's history, visit the museum at the Hodgkins Building on the second Saturday of the month from noon-2 p.m., located at 108 School St.

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He said the town has a \$200,000 grant with a Shared Streets program.

Gilman said an improvement project on Mount Pleasant Street is overseen by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, and the town has no control over it. He said it went out to bid twice, and the most recent bid closed on Aug. 25, the date of the meeting.

The estimate is about \$710,000 for drainage, catch basins and paving, and is being done through the Community Development Block Grant.

Landfill RFP

Kularski said there is an area of about 15 acres near the landfill that is not very useful for the town, and suggested putting out a request for proposal for a potential solar system, with minimal battery energy storage systems.

Gilman noted all solar sites have at least some battery storage. Kularski said it could create revenue for the town.

The board approved the RFP release.

North Main Street parking

The board gave an update on the parking situation on North Main Street, with Gilman saying signs have been ordered, but the town is not satisfied with the line painting including spots in front of the Town House and Town Offices.

Gilman said the town talked to the Massachusetts

Department of Transportation and have a new layout drawing for the vendor to reference.

COA business

A member of the Council On Aging said the Senior Center is starting to introduce a new program of game show days, drawing on shows like Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, and is scheduled to run after food distribution. She said

the plan is to collaborate for competitions with other area senior centers and the COA is looking for the public's help to donate small prizes.

The board also appointed Patricia Zegarra to the COA board. According to her resume, she has a background in education and a bachelor's in psychology. Zegarra said she served on the friends of the COA

group as well, working as treasurer.

"That place saved my life," she said about the senior center, saying it was a place she would go following the passing of her husband.

Spending request

The board approved a request from the Highway Department to spend \$1,597 to vendor Ballard Diesel for work on a 2017 Ford F450.

Donation

The board accepted a donation of \$190 toward the Walnut Grove Cemetery from the trust of Robert Salem.

Administrative items

One day liquor licenses were issued to Brookfield Orchards for weekends from Aug. 29 to Oct. 12, where they invite local breweries to

sell their products.

Bennett's Hill Events had two licenses issued for Oct. 10 and Sept. 26 for weddings. The minutes from Aug. 11 were approved as well.

For announcements, the town is seeking snow plow drivers for the winter, and the Conservation Commission and Planning Board are looking for members.

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Scarlett, 11, is the creator of Doodle and Bow and she designs T-shirts, bags and cards.

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ness and financial skills and show what they had to offer. Many of the Kids Market vendors produced handmade crafts, artwork, jewelry, games, and decorations.

Recreation Director Andrew St. George was excited to witness the turnout during both the Sturbridge Farmers Market and the Kids Market. After this first year, the department is planning on doing more Kids Markets in the future.

These Kids Markets would be held during the summer months.

St. George said the parents of these youth vendors have been very supportive and have observed their children taking the reins and learning business skills as they go. Many of these youth vendors were attending their very first market.



Representing Shore Shop 4 was Evan, Teagan, Brooklynn and Lexie, who were running their shell shop during the Kids Market on Sturbridge Common.

Parker Leonardo, age 9, is the creator behind Parker's Patchwork. Her crafts consist of jar openers, hand warmers and rice bags.

This was Parker's first market as a vendor and she

plans on doing more in the future.

Representing The Painted Raven was 10-year-old Riley, who designs nature art. Samples of her work were displayed at her booth during

her first market.

Mere, 10, and Norah, 13, the Stern sisters were at the Kids Market who started a brand-new business together. Their work is in scented candles, pottery and ceramic clays.

Zoey Delaney, age 10, has been crocheting since she was in first grade. She learned how to crochet from one of her teachers at school and has been making her own creations ever since.

Eleven-year-old Scarlett is the creator of Doodle and Bow. She started her work in June and had it available at the Kids Market, which included T-shirts, bags and cards.

Shore Shop 4 is made possible thanks to four young neighbors. Evan, Lexie, Brooklynn, and Teagan who started a shell shop together in their neighborhood and have brought it to the Kids Market. The business was inspired by their grandparents who gave them shells over the years.

The four young entrepreneurs also introduced new items to their shop, including jewelry, necklaces, wooden products, boxes and coasters; all with a seashell and beach theme tied to it.

Shore Shop 4 have been offering seashells for the last three years in their neighborhood. Many of the shells they collected come from several places, including Cape Cod and Virginia.

The four founders plan to continue running Shore Shop 4 during markets when they're adults.

Close by was the popular Starr Sea Treasures booth with founder Sam Starr, age 8, selling ornaments and frames featuring sea glass. He was joined by his sister, Abigail.

Many of the sea glass he collected over the last few summers was from Bailey Is-



Norah and Mere brought scented candles and painted clay pieces to the Kids Market.



Zoey Delaney of Sturbridge had crochet items.



Starr Sea Treasures is run by 8-year-old entrepreneur Sam Starr, right. Alongside Sam is his sister Abigail



Autumn and Piper Decoteau are the youth artisans that brought Mischief Makers to the Kids Market.



Representing Little Ladies Creations were Lydia, Kaylynn, Ella and Alena (not pictured). Little Ladies Creations made keychains, hair pins, earrings, bracelets and pipe cleaner art.

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 - Turkish river
 - Something to read
 - In a way, initiated
 - Popular Apple TV series
 - King Charles is part of it
 - Earlier
 - Foot (Latin)
 - Zodiac sign
 - A browning of the skin
 - Remain as is
 - Turfs
 - It's used to slaughter animals
 - Volcanic crater
 - The mother of Jesus
 - One's life story
 - One-time Liverpool coach Slot
 - Counterparts
 - Jacob __, American journalist
 - Digital audiotape
- CLUES DOWN**

 - Swedish rock group
 - "Friday Night Lights" director Peter
 - Currency exchange fee
- CLUES ACROSS**

 - River in South Africa
 - Kimono sashes
 - Rooting somewhere
 - American spy Aldrich
 - A way to call for
 - Taxi
 - Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
 - Swiss river
 - Popular type of video game (abbr.)
 - Have surgery
 - Formal withdrawal from a union
 - Performs spoken improv
 - Greek war god
 - 2,000 lbs.
 - Helps to evade capture
- CLUES DOWN**

 - Feline
 - Folk singer DiFranco
 - Ghastly pale from distress
 - Rapid eye movements
 - Monetary unit of Macao
 - Lawmakers
 - Colorless mineral
 - At some prior time
 - American protest singer
 - Opener
 - Seldom
 - Relaxing places
 - Touchdown
 - From end to end
 - Kids love him
 - Metal-bearing solid
 - Skin care product manufacturer
 - Thirteen
 - Angry
 - Member of a Semitic people
 - One-thousandth of an inch
- CLUES ACROSS**

 - Former CIA
 - Most lemony
 - Engage in
 - Mass of fish eggs
 - Food supplies
 - Backbones
 - American real estate investment firm
 - Megabyte
 - "Three Coins in the Fountain" songwriter
 - Dutch colonist
 - Full-grown pike fish
 - Emergency prep expert Edwards
 - Flute
 - Dismissive sound
 - Slang term for marijuana
 - Young women's association
 - Cosmopolitan city
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Quabbin Soccer Academy has successful session

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—During the past 15 summers, the Quabbin Soccer Academy has held clinics in Ware and Belchertown.

The two soccer clinics this summer were held at the Chestnut Hill Community School in Belchertown.

“We held our first clinic in Ware in 2011,” said Matt Schiffer, who’s the Director of the Quabbin Soccer

Academy. “We moved the clinics to Belchertown in 2014. The clinic has grown substantially since 2021. We had over 100 kids sign up for the clinics that year. I thought it was going to be a one-time thing, but we’ve had between 80 and 100 kids sign up each year since.”

A total of 85 kids, who are between the ages of 4 and 13, attended the second soccer clinic, which took place from August 10-14. Most of the campers were

from Belchertown.

“Originally, we only had one clinic each summer,” Schiffer said. “The parents suggested that we do two clinics each summer and it has worked out very well during the past few years.”

Schiffer described the typical day at the clinic.

“It’s a six-hour camp and we just want to make it fun for the kids,” he said. “We do some skill development, but we also play some fun games. We also play scrim-

mages.” The kids are split up into four groups depending on their age.”

The full day soccer clinic went from 9am to 3pm each of the five days. There were also two other time options from 9am to 10:30am and 9am to 12:30pm.

“All of the kids have the options to attend the clinic during the three time periods,” Schiffer said. “The parents like it very much.”

Schiffer was aided at the second soccer clinic by 18

coaches. The members of the coaching staff are Briana Haley, Jill DeBarge, Timmy Haley, Adam Stahl, Amalie Martins, Ashlynn Brunell, Austin Raymer, Gianna Boisjolie, Jacob Rose, Kylie Rose, Lily Mann, Mackenzie Bowers, Mason Pobiegllo, Matthew Almeida, Reese Avgoustakis, Reid Fortier, Ryan Longe, Ellie Mazzaferro, Aubrey Klingensmith, Jake Thurber, Emily Durham and Sawyer Thurber.

“We have 18 coaches and most of the coaches are former campers. They’re an outstanding group,” Schiffer said. “The ratio between campers and coaches is 5 to 1, which is very good. Many of the coaches played soccer at Belchertown High School. The campers love learning the different skills from the coaches.”

Haley has been working

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Summer season concludes for Quabbin Cagers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG—Christian Horton scored 1,208 career points as the point guard of the Quabbin boys’ varsity basketball team 15 years ago.

Horton also played basketball at Nichols College in Dudley and was inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame in 2024. He’s currently living in Maryland and returned to Central Massachusetts last week.

One of the things that Horton did on vacation was attend his alma mater’s summer league semifinal basketball game against the Oakmont Spartans, which took place at Game On in Fitchburg, early last month.

Without the services of starting point guard Jacoby Dilling, who was at home sick, the second-seeded Panthers could’ve used Horton’s help, as they suffered a 42-30 loss to the third-seeded Spartans.

“We didn’t have our starting point guard, and had to make a couple of adjustments,” said Quabbin’s summer league coach Alan Crane, who also played basketball at Quabbin between 1999-2003. “Jacoby is our floor leader, and we really missed him in tonight’s game. We were also missing a couple of other players.”

The Panthers entered the Game On Boys Varsity Division Summer League playoffs with a perfect 6-0 record. They finished the regular season tied with Lunenburg, who earned the top-seed in the four team playoff due to a tiebreaker.

A year ago, Quabbin competed in the Auburn Summer League, which wasn’t held this summer.

Two years ago, the Pan-



Quabbin forward Collin Leclair receives a post pass from teammate Brady Patchen during summer basketball action.

thers were one of the six boys’ basketball teams that played in the inaugural summer league at Game On, which has ten indoor basketball courts. There are now 14 teams playing in that summer league.

Quabbin’s six regular season victories at Game On this summer league were against Gardner (50-43), Bromfield (62-30), Tahanto Regional (66-58), Assabet (55-46), Fitchburg (54-39), and Nashoba Regional (52-33).

In their semifinal setback, Quabbin failed to reach 50 points for the first time this summer.

“Without Jacoby on the court, we wanted to make it a low scoring game,” Crane said. “Everything went well until the final five minutes of the game. We had around 25 turnovers, which hurt us. You need to commit fewer than twelve turnovers to win a game at this level.”

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Aiden Crane searches out teammates Matt Wade and Jacoby for a pass.

Umpires Association awards scholarship



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Western Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association Board Member Chris Anderson awards a \$500 scholarship earlier this summer Sean Krol. The umpires’ association funds the scholarship through dues paid by its members. Anderson hopes in the future to fund more scholarships either through fundraising or donations, saying it’s important to give back to the sport they love, and promote education for high school seniors who play. Applications for next year’s scholarship will open up early in 2027.

Thompson Speedway adds new event to calendar

THOMPSON, CT – In an exciting addition to the Thompson Speedway calendar, the Monaco Modified Tri-Track Series has been added to the 64th Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing to headline the Saturday portion of the three-day extravaganza.

2026 will mark the first time in series history that the Monaco Modifieds have visited Thompson Speedway three times, this coming at a crucial point in the championship chase! While the championship will certainly be on the forefront of the driver’s minds, the addition completes three-straight days of Tour-type Modified Racing at the Sunoco World Series.

It all starts Friday, Oct. 9 with the Modified Racing Series headlining the opening night with a 50-lap finale to crown their 2026 champion. The Monaco Modified Tri-Track Series now headlines the Saturday, Oct. 10 show-case while the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will crown their 2026 champion following the World Series 150 on Sunday, Oct. 11.

“We are glad we got to add the Monaco Modifieds to this year’s Sunoco World

Series,” said American-Canadian Tour managing partner Cris Michaud. “They always put on a great show at Thompson and the fans are sure to get their Modified fix before the snow starts to fall!”

Thompson Speedway roars back to life on Wednesday, September 16 for the Eden Raftery Attorneys Fall Showdown Late Model Special! The Late Models take center stage in their extra-distance showdown alongside the Thompson Sunoco Modifieds, SK Light Modifieds, Street Stocks and Crown Vics with a 6:00pm Post Time.

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Bay State Games inducts three to Hall of Fame

WALTHAM – Representative Patricia Haddad (legislative leadership), Representative John Barrett (legislative leadership), and Ryan McCarthy (baseball coach) have been selected for induction into the 2026 Bay State Games’ Hall of Fame. The inductees will receive their award at a pre-game ceremony at Fenway Park on Sunday, June 14 prior to the Red Sox game against Texas. The Bay State Games Hall of Fame was created to recognize past participants who have gone on to prestigious and successful athletic careers, as well as former and current coaches, officials,

sports organizers, and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization throughout its 38-year history. Past inductees among the over 60 previous honorees include the NBA’s Dana Barros (’06), Pat Connaughton (’25) and the late Reggie Lewis (’02); WNBA’s Rebecca Lobo (’03); Major League Baseball’s Rich Hill (’13); Olympians Nancy Kerrigan (’07), Ada Korkhin (’25) and Samantha Livingstone (’18) and US Paralympic Gold Medalist Joe Lemar (’15).

“The Bay State Games is proud of the many athletes who have participated in the program and gone

on to achieve success at the collegiate, professional, and Olympic levels. We are equally proud of the coaches, sport organizers, community leaders, and supporters whose dedication, expertise, and generosity have helped make the Bay State Games possible.” Said Kevin Cummings, the Bay State Games Executive Director. “We are honored to recognize this year’s Hall of Fame class and celebrate the significant contributions each inductee has made to the Bay State Games. Their commitment, leadership, and lasting impact have strengthened the organization and enriched the experience of

countless athletes throughout the Commonwealth.” Rep. Patricia Haddad - Legislative Leadership

Massachusetts State Representative Patricia Haddad championed state support for the Bay State Games for over two decades. She has supported the recreation, health, and education-based programs of the organization that benefit thousands of Massachusetts participants each year. A former teacher for 14 years, Rep. Haddad represented the 5th Bristol District for 25 years and served

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East Brookfield Police Log

During the week of July 27-Aug. 2, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 131 building/property checks, 126 directed area patrols, 24 radar assignments, five traffic controls, eight emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, four assist other agencies, two complaints, two investigations, two motor vehicle investigations, two safety hazards, one trespass, one property damage, one scam, two animal calls and 33 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, July 27
6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued
8:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:06 a.m. Trespass, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled
9:15 a.m. Assist Citizen, East Main Street, No Action Required
10:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Howe Street, Transported to Hospital
10:06 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled
11:33 a.m. Investigation, West Main Street, Spoken To
12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, East Main Street, Officer Handled
8:35 p.m. Property Damage, North Street, Report Taken
9:03 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pleasant Street, Patient Refusal

Tuesday, July 28
5:44 a.m. Motor Vehi-

cle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:34 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled
10:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, East Main Street, Officer Handled
2:05 p.m. Complaint, East Main Street, Services Rendered
4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued
5:31 p.m. Safety Hazard, East Main Street, Officer Handled
7:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Main Street, Transported to Hospital
11:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, July 29
8:26 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Sturbridge Road, Negative Contact
8:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, East Main Street, Spoken To
9:49 a.m. Scam, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken
10:30 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Podunk Road, Services Rendered
4:16 p.m. Investigation, East Main Street, Investigation
5:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Drake Lane, Transported to Hospital
5:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, East Main Street, Officer Handled
7:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, July 30
11:51 a.m. Motor Vehi-

cle Stop, East Main Street, Written Warning
12:42 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, South Pond Road, Transported to Hospital
2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued
5:27 p.m. Directed/Area Patrol, East Main Street, Citation Issued
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
6:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, North Street, Officer Handled
10:40 p.m. Medical Emergency, West Main Street, Patient Refusal

Friday, July 31
5:42 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Main Street, Transported to Hospital
8:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Out of Town, Citation Issued
9:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Written Warning
12:08 p.m. Complaint, West Sturbridge Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, Aug. 1
8:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued
9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Criminal Complaint
12:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
7:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Sunday, Aug. 2
12:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Harrington Street, Spoken To
8:30 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Connie Mack Drive, Spoken To
8:54 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Negative Contact

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Aug. 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 20 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, three traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle investigation, one property damage, one suspicious activity, one motor vehicle accident and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Aug. 24
11:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
1:27 p.m. Assist Other

Agency, Moore Road, Officer Handled
1:55 p.m. Assist Citizen Ravine Road, Officer Handled
7:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Aug. 25
4:32 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bernard Whitney Road, Patient Refusal
2:45 p.m. Property Damage, Padre Road, Services Rendered
4:02 p.m. Welfare Check, West Brookfield Road, Spoken To
5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Aug. 26
9:18 a.m. Fire/Alarm, North Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 27
6:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Wine Road, Officer Handled

Friday, Aug. 28
7:22 p.m. Alarm, Dennis Whitney Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 29
3:41 a.m. Fire/Alarm, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Monday, Aug. 31
6:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Oakham Road, Services Rendered

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at the clinic for the past six years.
“I never came to this clinic when I was younger, but I do love working here,” said Haley, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2024. “I always look forward to coming back and working at this camp each year.”
Schiffer, who graduat-

ed from Belchertown High School in 2000, was a member of the Orioles boys’ soccer team.
“I’ve always loved soccer. I’ve been a soccer coach and referee for many years,” Schiffer said. “My dad, Tilo, was my first soccer coach. My dad and Ron Constantino began the Belchertown youth soccer program in 1988.”
Matt’s son, Nathan, was a member of the Orioles

2019 squad, which defeated Medway High School, 1-0, in overtime in the Division 3 State championship match.
“I didn’t win a state title in high school, but it was a lot of fun watching my son win it,” Schiffer said. “Belchertown is one of the top soccer communities in the area, along with Monson and Ludlow.”
It was another successful summer for the Quabbin Soccer Academy.

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The other members of the Panthers boys’ summer basketball team are Matt Wade, Evan Sherblom, Owen Twarog, Brady Patchen, Aiden Crane, Collin LeClair, Adrein Hein, Isaac Patchen, Jack LeClair, and Fordyce Ruggles.
The Panthers were also invited to play in a tournament at Assumption University in Worcester and at the 15th annual Wally Seaver High School Invitational Tournament.
“We’ve only lost three games all summer,” Coach Crane said. “We went 3-0 during first day at the Assumption tournament before losing to Doherty in a winner’s bracket game. Doherty won the championship game. We also went 3-1 at the Wally Seaver Tournament. We got beat by Arlington Catholic, who also won the championship game. There are a lot of talented players on this team.

Playing basketball in the summertime is very important for the players’ development.”
The Quabbin boys’ basketball players also take part in clinics, which are held throughout the year.
Dilling, who’s a rising senior, Patchen, who’s a rising junior, were the co-captains of the Panthers varsity hoop squad last winter.
Patchen led the way offensively against Oakmont in the semifinal game with 19 points. He made a total of three 3-pointers.
“Brady is the heart and soul of our basketball team,” Coach Crane said. “He played very well this summer.”
Aiden Crane, who’s the son of the Panthers summer league coach, chipped in with seven points against the Spartans (6-1).
Rounding out the scoring for the Panthers were Collin LeClair and Isaac Patchen with two points each.
The Panthers, who were trailing, 10-8, at the end of

the opening quarter, took the lead for the first time following a Brady Patchen 3-pointer from the right corner late in the first half.
The Spartans outscored the Panthers, 9-5, in the third quarter and they entered the final ten minutes of the contest holding a slim 25-23 advantage.
A fastbreak lay-up by Collin LeClair and Aiden Crane made a pair of free throws giving the Panthers the lead for the final time at 27-26 three minutes into the fourth quarter, which was ten minutes running time.
Oakmont outscored Quabbin 16-3 down the stretch.
The Panthers summer league coach is looking forward to watching the Panthers varsity basketball team play this winter.
“I can’t wait to sit in the stands and watch these guys play basketball,” Coach Crane said. “I’m expecting them to have a winning season, and it should be a lot of fun.”

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as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for ten years. Rep. John Barrett - Legislative Leadership
Massachusetts State Representative John Barrett from Berkshire County has been a strong supporter of the Bay State Games since the mid-1980s. Rep. Barrett was instrumental in bringing the Winter Games

to Berkshire County, where they have been held for over 35 years. He has served as State Representative for Berkshire County since 2017 and was formerly Mayor of North Adams for 26 years. Rep. Barrett is also a leading advocate of the statewide Summer Games. Ryan McCarthy - Baseball Coach
Ryan McCarthy from Portsmouth has served as volunteer baseball coach

at the Bay State Games for over two decades. He has led the Northeast team to numerous championship medals. Ryan has devoted more than 25 years to coaching high school student-athletes in both baseball and football at Triton Regional High School, Newburyport High School, and Dighton-Rehoboth High School. He has had a positive impact on countless Massachusetts high school student-athletes.



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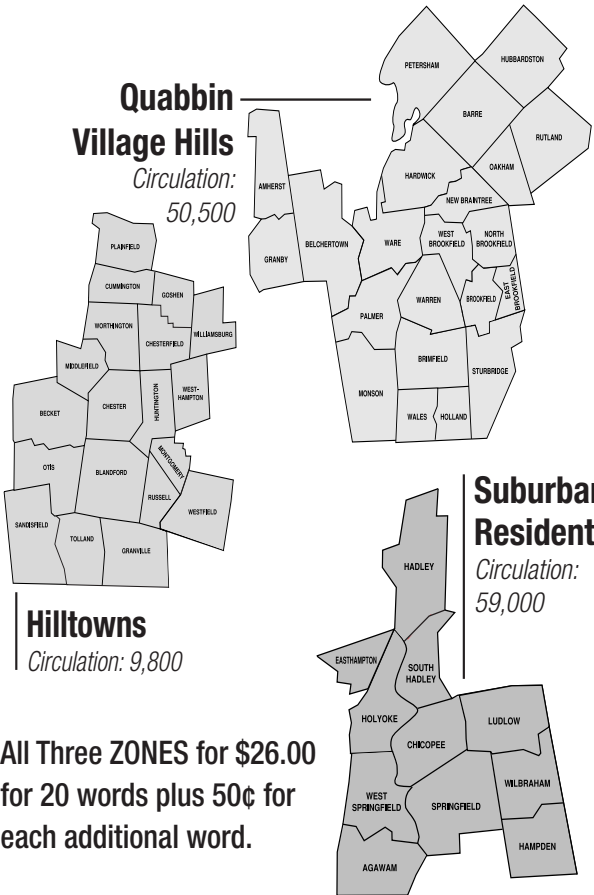
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