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Clowning for Kidz Foundation founder Jim Allard, right, as “Nitwit the Clown” in front of the foundation’s West Warren location.

– WEST WARREN –

By Eileen Kennedy  
Quaboag Current Editor

Jim Allard loves clowning a lot. He loves it so much that he has managed to create a cadre of volunteer clowns, who work together to help children. Clowning for Kidz, the West Warren-based nonprofit, is made up of about 30 volunteer clowns at any one time, and its members are hired out for parades and other events. The money is used to meet the needs

## CLOWNS help children in need



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Clowning for Kidz Foundation volunteers participate in a parade. The clowns volunteer their time for paid performances, and all the money is used by the foundation for children in need.

## Warren Youth Soccer golf tournament a success

WARREN — The Warren Community Youth Soccer Association Golf Tournament saw approximately 50 golfers participate in playing golf to benefit young soccer players on Aug. 8 at the Cold Springs Country Club in Belchertown. The event raised about \$4,000. Warren is a low-income town, with about 60 percent of its students qualifying for free and reduced lunch, according to Andrew Schwenker, who helps organize the event and is a WYS officer.

As such, WCYSA tries to keep its registration fees as low as possible. It holds one fund-raising event a year to offset the costs of equipment. Two years ago, it purchased all new uniforms for its travel program, he said. This year, it is using the money raised to purchase



COURTESY PHOTO

Andrew Schwenker, Warren Youth Soccer vice president, and his daughter Norah at the WCYSA's Golf Tournament, which raised \$4,000 to buy equipment for all entire program.

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## Selectmen approve light pole audit

– WARREN –

By Colleen Montague  
Quaboag Current Reporter

Selectmen, during their recent meeting on Aug. 11, approved an audit of the town’s light poles in preparation for possibly shifting the streetlights to more energy efficient and cost effective LED lights. They also voted to pay for the audit from the street lighting

budget. Before the vote, Selectman Dario Nardi told the board that he was approached by Greybar Associates last summer, while doing some LED light conversions at the senior center, and replacing light bulbs in other town buildings. They asked him to think about converting the streetlights to LED. At the time, Nardi said, it didn’t seem affordable, but

Greybar returned this year and met with the town planner and treasurer back in June with a proposal to change the streetlights. Nardi met with the treasurer to discuss a draft agreement that is in place, with how they would fund this project, and the possible savings to the town. “[But] in order to move forward with this and bring it before

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## 30,000 animals and still counting

– EAST BROOKFIELD –

Second Chance Animal Shelter is celebrating a milestone, and it was so busy this spring, they didn’t have a chance to stop and celebrate the moment. This spring they reached the 30,000th spay/neuter surgery that shelter veterinarians have

performed. Second Chance began offering spay/neuter surgery in 2004, and now performs about 5,000 spay/neuter surgeries a year, according to Sheryl Blancato, the shelter’s executive director. “We have actually been so busy that we hit this milestone a few months ago but haven’t

had time to stop and take note of it” she said. “The low cost spay/neuter program has helped to get the pet overpopulation in the area under control. We have continued to expand our reach for this service so that we can continue to save lives.”

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*COURTESY PHOTO*  
Daddy, a Chihuahua mix dog, is available for adoption through the Second Chance Animal Shelter in East Brookfield.

## Adopt Daddy, a Chichuhua mix

EAST BROOKFIELD — Daddy is an adorable Chihuahua mix who is a total joy to be around and he can adopted at Second Chance Animal Shelter at 111 Young Road. Daddy is a quiet, older boy who takes a short while to warm up, but once he does, watch out. He’s a snuggler who loves being around people. He has lived with and done well with other dogs, but would still need to meet any possible canine siblings.

Second Chance Animal Shelter is a nonprofit 501c3, no kill animal shelter that helps over 16,000 pets a year in the state of Massachusetts. They also have a Wellness and Education Center in North Brookfield. For more information, call the adoption center at 508-867-5525, email them at [info@secondchanceanimals.org](mailto:info@secondchanceanimals.org), or go online to [secondchanceanimals.org](http://secondchanceanimals.org).

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### CURRENT EVENTS

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### UPCOMING

**BRIMFIELD SENIOR CENTER MOVIE** The Brimfield Senior Center will be showing the movie “Woman in Gold” starring Academy Award winner Helen Mirren on Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria’s beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt’s “Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I.” With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, but it will not be easy, for Austria considers them national treasures. Suggested donation for the movie is \$2. Popcorn, snacks and beverages are free. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. For more information, call 413-245-7253.

**WEST BROOKFIELD CHICKEN DINNER** There will be a Friday Special—Chicken Dinner-to-go on Friday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 33 West Main Street in West Brookfield. The cost is \$9 per person. There will be baked chicken breast, stuffing, baked potato, glazed carrots, roll and apple cake. Stop and pick up dinner on the way home from work.

**LAKE WICKABOAG ANNUAL MEETING** The Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association will hold its annual membership meeting at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield on Thursday, Aug. 27. A social hour beginning at 7 p.m. will precede the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. During the social time, LWPA fundraising items will be available for sale. A brief business meeting will be held to review organizational reports and elect officers and directors. The theme for the program is “Public Lands in the Wickaboag Watershed.” Andrew Vitz, state ornithologist with the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and Cynthia Henshaw, executive director of the East Quabbin Land Trust, will speak about their respective properties. They will discuss activities available at these sites, and the wildlife that abounds in the area. There will be a drawing for a LWPA T-shirt and the evening will end with all in attendance eligible to win a Salem Cross gift certificate. The public is invited to attend.

**DEAN PARK CONCERT AND FUN** Warren Parks and Recreation and Spencer Savings Bank are sponsoring a free summer concert at Dean Park in West Warren on Saturday, Aug. 29, starting at 3 p.m. The featured entertainment is by Mic Finnerty and the Tinkers. There

will also be activities, games, a bounce house, Fire Department water activities and informational booths by the Warren Police Department and CERT. There will also be food available for purchase. For more information contact Sue Ramsey at 413-209-2476.

**EAST BROOKFIELD USO GOLF TOURNAMENT** The 12th annual USO Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5 at Bay Path Golf Course, 193 North Brookfield Road, East Brookfield. The format will be a four-person Callaway. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. For more information contact Mark Morin at [MarkAMorin@aol.com](mailto:MarkAMorin@aol.com) or at 508-867-9634, or call Bay Path Golf Course at 508-867-8161.

**STURBRIDGE SENIORS YARD SALE** The Friends of Sturbridge/Fiskdale Senior Citizens will be holding their annual yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Senior Center, 480 Main St., on Saturday, Sept. 12, with a rain date of Sept. 19. Spaces are available and an application may be picked up at the Senior Center. Deadline for rental is Sept. 1. For more information, please call the center at 508-347-7575.

**BRIMFIELD DOG WALK AND 5K** Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual Tails On The Trail Dog Walk and 1st annual 5K Run. Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary in Brimfield is hosting this fantastic fundraiser for the animals at the sanctuary. Here Today is a nonprofit, all volunteer, organization focused on reducing the number of homeless animals in Brimfield and surrounding communities. It is a cage-free, no kill shelter that operates on donations and grants. The walk and run will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Here Today Sanctuary at 180 Sturbridge Road in Brimfield. The 5K Race will be held at 8 a.m., and the Dog Walk at 10 a.m. An animal is not needed to take part in the walk or run. Everyone is welcome. Included in the registration is a free t-shirt and water on the day of the event. There will also be raffles and giveaways, and all children leave with a raffle prize. Toto the Tornado Kitten will also be present. Please visit [www.heretodaysanctuary.org](http://www.heretodaysanctuary.org) for more information and to register for this important event.

### ONGOING

**THE STURBRIDGE FIT CLUB WALKS** every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. starting on the town common. Contact Rec. Department Director Lynne Girouard at 508-347-2041 for more info.

**WEST WARREN LIBRARY MUSEUM PASSES** The West Warren Library is proud to announce its newest collection addition: Museum passes. These museum passes have been provided by a grant to the community by the Warren Cultural Council. With this grant, from the Warren Cultural Council, the West Warren Public Library was able to purchase museum passes to Old Sturbridge Village and the Worcester Ecotarium. Both passes provide 50 percent off admission prices. These passes are located at the West Warren Library and can be requested to be placed aside for an hour. Passes can only be checked out for a day and can only be returned inside the library by 7 p.m. The library isn’t liable for any changes of the museum and we recommend patrons to check the museum’s hours of operation prior to their visit. For more information feel free to visit the library’s website at [www.westwarrenlibrary.org](http://www.westwarrenlibrary.org) or give us a call at 413-436-9892.

**WARREN BREAKFAST LUNCH PROGRAM** The Warren Community Elementary School is participating in the Summer Food Service Program this year. Meals will be provided to all children under the age of 18 without charge. The program began on July 6, and goes through Aug. 14. The Warren Community Elementary School will serve break-

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**Where and When you ask?**

## Clowning For Kidz Foundation ANNUAL POKER RUN

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## Lake Wickaboag Annual Meeting, Aug. 27

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There will be a drawing for a LWPA T-shirt and the evening will end with all in attendance eligible to win a Salem Cross gift certificate. The public is invited to attend.

## Board of Health office closes for vacation

WARREN — The Board of Health office will be closed for vacation on Thursday, Aug. 20, through Monday Aug. 24. The office will re-open on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 9 a.m.

## A QHS first - take a bus tour of Quaboag Plantation towns

WEST BROOKFIELD — You know all about the six towns comprising the original Quaboag Plantation, or do you? You may answer the question for yourself in a free first-ever bus tour of the plantation's six towns on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The bus will leave the Quaboag Historical Society Museum, at the end of Central Street in West Brookfield, at 12:30 p.m. The tour, lasting about four hours, will include stops at sites in each of the the plantation towns of Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Warren and New Braintree. Historians from each town will enlighten and entertain with insights on the significance of each location in our collective history.

This free tour is limited to 40 people aged 10 or over; it is advisable that you register now by calling Ed Londergan, 413-436-7901 or Amy Dugas, 508-867-5428.

The society board, in planning the tour, has revisited the museum's archives and artifacts, with an eye to generating interest in the society's activities and offerings, and

in joining the society, and taking a place on the board.

“We’re hoping this bus trip will interest new residents, who often know we who live here are surrounded by a remarkable history, but never have found the time to explore what those places and names were inspired by,” said Londergan.

The local author, who has found inspiration in the Indian attack on Foster Hill in 1675, lived on Snow Road, West Brookfield, as a young man, left, and returned to the area a few years ago. The final book of the trilogy, now underway will, he said, complete the 350-year history of the Parker family. “I’ve never ceased to be inspired by the history found everywhere here; these were people like us, ordinary people, who did extraordinary things when the need was there,” he said.

Although there will be photo ops and brief explorative stops in each town, the narrative on historic sites along the way will continue throughout the trip, and no, there will not be a test at the end.

The society plans to make the tour an annual event, Londergan said.

## Finance Committee members needed

WARREN — The town of Warren is seeking Warren residents to fill three existing vacancies on the Finance Committee.

Those who are interested in becoming a member of the Committee

should submit a letter of interest to: Vincent McCaughey, Moderator, c/o Box 609, Warren, MA, 01083, or send email to warrenselectmen@comcast.net. Please address letters of interest to the moderator.

## Joshua Hyde Library offers August activities

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Library, at 306 Main St., offers a number of activities for young readers this summer including the following events.

**Aug. 25**

Back to School Story Time from 11 to 11:45 a.m.. Join us for special stories, songs, and a craft. All ages are welcome with caregiver. Pre-registration is necessary.

**Aug. 27**

Back to School Bingo from 3 to 4 p.m. Fun games and great prizes including school supplies. Children entering pre-K through grade 4 are welcome with caregiver. Pre-registration is required.

## Charter Review Committee members needed

STURBRIDGE — The town of Sturbridge is seeking five volunteers to serve on a Charter Review Committee to review various aspects of the town's charter and recommend changes deemed appropriate for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Interested residents should contact Town Administrator Leon A. Gaumond, Jr., 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA., 01566, or via email at Lgaumond@town.sturbridge.ma.us no later than Tuesday, Sept. 1.

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- opinion -

editorial

Thank a librarian

Librarians are more than the stereotypical bookworm they were once portrayed to be in pop culture. They do so much more than simply help cardholders find their favorite book. A little appreciation for their tireless efforts is deserved.

These days, librarians navigate public information resources, advise patrons on the use of technology, design programming and keep shelves – as well as online catalogues – stocked with the latest titles.

Over the years, even the last decade, our local libraries have had to change with the times – competing with tablets, smart phones, the Internet, eReaders and so much more.

The want for paper books has declined, but the demand for new services has skyrocketed.

Libraries have done a terrific job of bringing in unique services for the young and old alike, appealing to all tastes and needs.

With programming ranging from genealogy classes to storytimes to hula hooping to laughter classes – even a few visits from birds of prey – libraries haven’t lost their flare within the community.

Despite the shift in services, libraries remain the central hub for local townsfolk and information seekers and librarians, now more than ever, are the gatekeepers.

The library is a place to gather, no longer only for books, but also for social interaction. It’s a place to run into a friend or two, or even a place to meet someone new.

Libraries have persevered and continue to meet the demands of the ever-growing, technology-savvy generation. So many towns and cities continue to grow out of their space – needing a newer, more modern library. It is a testament to how important libraries are to communities.

The image of a librarian sitting behind the reference/check out counter with a bun in her hair, glasses on, peering out from behind a book, constantly putting her finger to her lips and giving a quick “shhhh” is gone.

Libraries now welcome a slight “buzzing” sound of patrons shuffling through the stacks or participating in activities and the giggles of children as they make their way through the aisles.

The statewide summer reading program, titled “Every Hero Has A Story” this year, has encouraged so many more people to go to the library, as well as changed the way reading is viewed by children across the board.

There’s still time to participate in the library’s program here in the city. Getting started is easy – simply pick up a book. Participation doesn’t have to end when the summer does. Keep dropping by your library because you never know what you’ll discover there.

Libraries have seen some especially terrific programs this summer and we should all be grateful and thankful to the staff that works tirelessly to make them happen.

They are the silent heroes that keep libraries in operation.

The next time you visit the library or attend a library program, be sure to say “thank you.”

Those two words can mean a lot these days.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Have you done this

By Loren Gould  
Guest columnist

I remember riding on Worcester trolleys from Tatnuck Square to the center of town, and from there to just beyond Webster Square when my mother had a summer Sunday School class to teach for a couple of weeks. I also remember rides on steam locomotives with a much more satisfactory whistle than modern diesel or electric trains. Some such trains are still around, such as the cog railroad up on Mt. Washington which I rode many years ago.

My father and I rode the Staten Island ferry long before the bridge was built when we went to the oil tanker anchored off the island before it delivered its load. Then in 1948 we drove to North Carolina on a photo job (my father was a commercial photographer). We drove down the Delmarva Peninsula and

took the ferry from Cape Charles, Virginia, to Norfolk, a trip of several hours. That has been replaced by the bridge/tunnel complex now.

Another common occurrence in the thirties and forties were covered bridges which main roads used. I remember going to Nashua frequently on photographic trips where we passed over three covered bridges.

Those are now a thing of the past, and many that are preserved are in controlled areas and often are available only for foot traffic. Hardwick/Ware shares the only one in the area that is still available to regular traffic.

In 1954, I was able to travel underneath the Atlantic Ocean in an iron mine in Newfoundland. That mine has long since closed and is flooded by the ocean. In 1957, my wife and I drove Route 101 on the California coast, and we stayed one night in a coast redwoods forest where we were allowed to camp at the base of one of those magnificent trees; that is no

longer allowed because of damage to the trees’ roots.

In 1973, my wife and I participated in two events that are no longer available. We took the Trans-Canada train from Montreal to Vancouver. The section across the Rocky Mountains is no longer part of the transcontinental trip, and is reserved only for tourist trips in the summer. Further on, we took the train from Skagway to Whitehorse. That trip runs now only from Skagway to Lake Bennett in the Yukon Territory and the return trip. When we took it, we had a lunch stop at Lake Bennett, and then a very slow trip as the train kept stopping and adding or getting rid of commercial cars used for transporting material to and from mines and logging camps.

In 1980, my wife and I went to Great Britain for our second trip.

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A midsummer day’s observations

The vegetable garden reached a turning point this past week. No longer does it look even remotely well-kept. Weeds that seemed harmless enough to dismiss before vacation are now full of ripe seed heads. Early blight has browned the lower leaves of the tomatoes, even though they looked as healthy as can be a month ago. The tips of the onion leaves are beginning to yellow, signaling to me that soon enough the tops will tumble and the harvest will begin. Read on to learn more about my garden...yes, there are some highlights too!

Perhaps the thing I am most proud of is a bed I sowed into fall crops just two weeks ago. Days prior to that the girls and I were on our way somewhere when a “free” sign popped out of the scenery. Always one to pull the car over for such a deal, we got out to take a look. Well, another man’s trash is this girl’s treasure. I picked up an old piece of mosquito netting, set it in the garden over some low metal hoops and voila, a perfect shady spot to plant those kale and lettuce seedlings that I had been nursing along, as well as enough room to sow some beets, collards and other winter greens. When the heat and bright sun has passed, I will remove



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# Zucchini Festival is a hit with judges

HOLLAND — The Holland Community Center Zucchini Festival was held on Aug. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road. There were over 100 people in attendance throughout the day. Events included a Zucchini Cook-off in three categories; the selectmen and select candidates were the judges for the very inventive recipes and did a fantastic job deciding the winners.

Devashree Shah won in the appetizer/salads category for her Indian Zucchini Bhajiya. Paula Bak won in the entrée/casserole category for her Vegetable Ribbon Zucchini dish. Nancy Riggs won in the desserts/breads category for her Blueberry Zucchini Buckle.

Several craft vendors were there, the HRA and Holland Fire Rescue gave away goodies, as did other nonprofits. Here Today Adopted Tomorrow brought the cutest kitten, Grace Community Church had a “Minute to Win It” table with tons of prizes; Holland Library had the new book mobile and were able to rent out books and movies, plus

they had face painting. The Fire Department brought their fire truck. Hot dogs and chips were also sold, and the Friends of the Seniors had a bake sale.

Ernie and Bonnie Fancy were asked to handle all of the arrangements for the antique cars and motorcycles and they did an outstanding job above and beyond what Paula Bak, director, and Brenda Palmer, evening activities director and kitchen manager, had asked of them.

They were able to get plaques from a car group that was disbanding and had special plates made to honor the winners at the Zucchini Festival. There were awards included for “Best in Show” and “Best Green Car.” The response to the car show was outstanding—they were hoping for at least a half-dozen cars, and they had close to 20.

They made sure some of the local businesses had fun too. The Holland Market allowed people to weigh their zucchinis there so they would have accurate weights for the winner, and some of the local businesses make their own Zucchini

Special for the day.

Holland’s Maine Attraction sold zucchini fritters with a spicy sauce, and they also sold fried zucchini sticks and a creamed zucchini soup. They said they had great sales for that day and encouraged others to show up at the festival. PJ’s Town Crier has a new manager named Cheryl, who was more than willing to participate on very little notice; they had a zucchini martini special, and said they look forward to participating with the locals in the coming months.

Last year the Holland Community Center had 53 people attend, but due to advertising through their Facebook page, evening programs and monthly newsletters, they increased the attendance to over 100 people and had close to 20 volunteers.

For more information about their many programs and events visit hcevenings@gmail.com or call 413-245-3162. They have programs Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. , and Monday through Thursday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

# Concert and summer fun at Dean Park

WARREN — Warren Parks and Recreation and Spencer Savings Bank are sponsoring a free summer concert at Dean Park in West Warren on Saturday, Aug. 29, starting at 3 p.m. The featured entertainment is by Mic Finnerty and the Tinkers. There will also be activities, games, a bounce house, Fire Department water activities and informational booths by the Warren Police Department and CERT. There will also be food available for purchase. For more information contact Sue Ramsey at 413-209-2476.

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the covering. As temperatures dip I will likely re-cover with reemay- the light spun poly that I normally use in early spring for frost protection. My goal is to not buy kale until December.

I have been watching the aforementioned onions mature with such delight all spring and summer in an unofficial experiment. They were started indoors from seed in late January, some I transplanted into tiny six-packs and others I left in the planting flat. Those in the six-packs really did look bigger with more developed roots when it came time to sink them into the ground, but I was wondering if in the long run it was really worth the work. You betcha! Those first two rows are softballs, no kidding. And while the others are nice size, these are almost beyond belief. Mental note for 2016: transplant all those onion seedlings into their own cell.

Another experiment was with my peppers. I love this particular

hybrid pepper by the name of ‘Carmen.’ She is a beauty. This type of pepper is known as a Corno di Toro, or Italian Bull’s Horn. They are typically a six inches long, tapering to a point from three to four inches wide at the top, and are sweet and abundant. Last year I had ripe red peppers in July that lasted through frost. Getting a sweet pepper to turn red in the Northeast is a feat unto itself, but to have them in late July was just amazing. Well, this year I had a pretty good collection of all of my seeds except Carmen. I got stubborn and didn’t want to pay shipping on just one item. Mid-March came and I had no Carmen seeds to sow. What I did have was an envelope of seeds marked “Carmen, to back-breed.” You see, there was one pepper last fall that was unbelievable- big and beautiful and perfectly shaped, so I did what the experts tell you never to do of a hybrid: Save and sow its seeds. I have about 10 plants growing in the garden. It is a good

example of genetics at work.

While all of the plants top off at the same height, and have about the same amount of leaf-cover, that is where their similarities end. Some of the fruit are blocky and some the typical “bull’s horn.” One plant has both types of fruit on it. Other plants have peppers that are skinny. Not so skinny to mistake them for a cayenne, but fairly close. None are ripe yet, and while the plants have a fair number of peppers on them, I would say they were not as abundant as dear old mom. As long as they are edible, I will be happy....I just hope the skins are thick enough to roast. Perhaps next year I’ll combine my order with a friend’s and get the real thing. It was a fun experiment nevertheless. Had I been thinking ahead, I’d have enclosed each plant in its own screen “cage.” By preventing cross pollination I could have saved the seeds of my favorite one year after year. Oh well.

What kind of observations are you making this midsummer day?

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She visited relatives while I took off to tour throughout the country, with one trip being to the hovercraft that traveled across the English Channel. This appealed to me, although I didn’t get to see much as the wake rode high enough to block the view from the porthole-size windows of the craft. We ran up on the beach in France and were dropped off very near a train station that had connection to Paris. Both that and the ferry I took back to England were replaced in the near term by the Chunnel.

Finally, in the late 1980s my wife booked us for a week at a B & B on Prince Edward Island, the last Canadian Province that I had not visited. We drove to one of the two ferries serving the island, got off and explored the island,. My wife was interested in the Anne of Green Gables area, while I was most interested in the variety of electricity-generating windmills located at the western end of the island. We left by taking the alternative ferry, thus being on both. Then along came modern technology, and now one drives to Prince Edward Island over a bridge!

Have you lived long enough to see the places where you have been disappear or drastically change? One local candidate would be the Old Man of the Mountain. I’ve been there several times and now it is gone.

As you travel through the rest of your life, enjoy what you see and realize that future generations may not.

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**KNITTERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES** are invited to join an ongoing knitting circle at the Warren Public Library. Knitters of all ages and abilities are invited to join an ongoing knitting circle at the Warren Public Library. The group will meet on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. Both experienced and beginning knitters are welcome, and crocheters, too. Basic materials and instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. Come and learn how to knit. Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks.

**THE WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY** is now open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 pm. For more information, call 413-436-7690.

**THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT OFFERS** support to families in the Ware/Warren area. Services include helping families find information on utility shut offs, food/clothing referrals, and fuel assistance. If you are in need of information and would like to make an appointment, call 413-277-5432.

**A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, for individuals caring for adults, will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Sturbridge Senior Center. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call Barbara at 508-347-7575.

**THE CLOWNING FOR KIDZ FOUNDATION** is seeking individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring a decorative balloon on their clown bus. For a \$50 tax deductible donation the balloon will feature the sponsor's name and contact information prominently displayed and seen by thousands of event spectators across New England. For more information, please contact Jim Allard at 413-454-7234.

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**THE NORTH BROOKFIELD SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB** is looking for new blood. If you'd like to help in any way, at any time, no long-term commitment necessary, please let them know. You can send an e-mail to ljr762@aol.com. All are welcome.

**THE QUABOAG CHORAL SOCIETY**, under the direction of Eric von Bleicken, (New York City Opera, Metropolitan Opera), is looking for new members. Experience is not necessary but enthusiasm essential. Come and share a love of music and a passion for performance. Rehearsals take place on Sunday evenings at West Brookfield Congregational Church, (on the Common) at 6:30 to 8:30p.m. A series of concerts featuring Broadway hits are scheduled locally for July. For further information, contact 774-230-0113 or e-mail dianenicusa@charter.net.

**THERE ARE FREE WEEKLY PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the North Brookfield Elementary School, New School Road, North Brookfield. The program runs on school calendar and closes for vacation and inclement weather according to North Brookfield School calendar. This free program is sponsored by the Spencer, Wachusett, North and East Brookfield Coordinated Family Grant in partnership with the North Brookfield Elementary School. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

**NORTH BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:** Line Dancing, Thursday mornings (\$5/session or \$25 for 6 sessions); "Easy, Easy Exercising", Tuesday mornings. The Queens Knitting Group spreads joy and comfort at Harrington Hospital. All yarn is supplied and all are welcome, Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. Do you like Pitch? We have a couple of people who are interested in playing and looking for others. Give us a call, we'll unfold the card tables and set up the chairs. Hope to see you soon!

**THE NORTH BROOKFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM** will be open from 9 a.m. to noon. on the first and third Saturdays of the month, through November. Please visit www.northbrookfield-historicalsociety.wordpress.com for details and updates.

**AA MEETINGS** are held at North Brookfield Congregational Church office building in North Brookfield every Thursday from 7-8 a.m. Call 413-477-8827 for more info.

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## RIVER WATCH

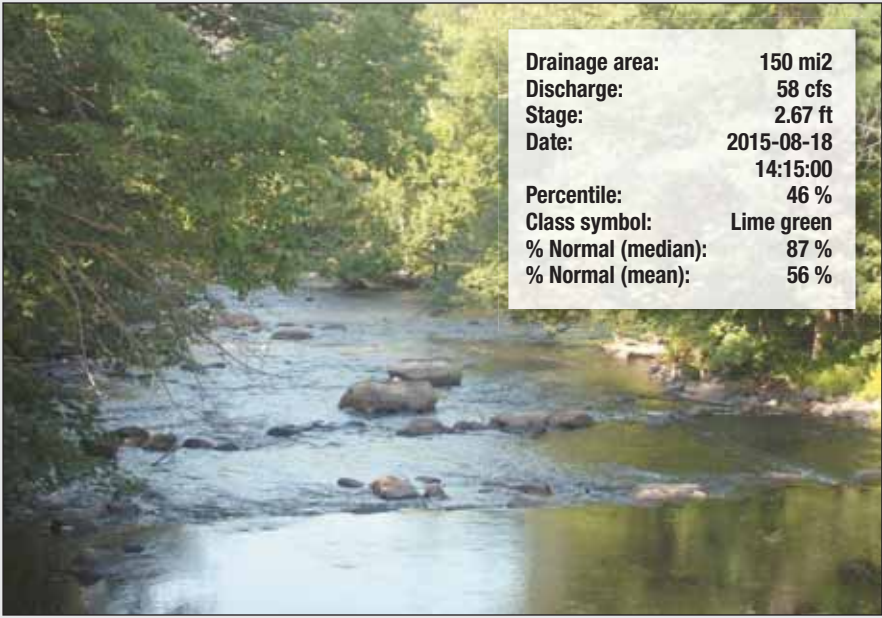
*Editor's Note:* "River Watch" tracks data provided by the US Geological Survey examining the Quaboag Current flow and flood records taken from a testing station in Brimfield over the past seven days. This information is provided to help fisherman, boaters, and residential abutters understand their local tributaries better. For more current daily data and more details, visit <http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/>.

**KEY:**

**Drainage area:** Also known as watershed area. The area of land that contributes water to a stream either as surface runoff or groundwater flow; usually measured as square miles.

**Discharge:** Also known as streamflow. The volume of water moving in a stream at any point in time; usually measured as cubic feet per second.

**Stage:** The water level of a stream compared to a fixed reference point at the location where the measurement is made; usually measured as feet. Water level measurements are always made at the same location so that comparisons can be made over time. Stage is not depth of water, because depth can vary significantly across a stream and upstream or downstream, but a higher stage means deeper water, and a lower stage means shallower water. Some streams have an



official flood stage designated by the National Weather Service, which is the level at which flooding will begin to occur.

**Date:** The date and time of the most recent update of the data map. When more than one data location is shown on a map, the most recent update time for individual locations may be up to an hour earlier than the update time for the map.

**Percentile:** Compares the most recent value of streamflow to the historical observations for the day. For example, if the most recent value is at the 25th percentile, it means that historically the streamflow for the day has been

at or less than this level 25 percent of the time, or on average 1 day out of every 4. If the most recent value is at the 75th percentile, it means that historically the streamflow for the day has been at or less than this level 75 percent of the time, or on average 3 days out of every 4. Conversely, at the 75th percentile it could also be said that the streamflow for the day has been at or higher than this level 25 percent of the time, or on average 1 day out of every 4. At the 50th percentile, there have been an equal number of historical observations higher and lower, and the 50th percentile is often referred to as the "normal". However, hydrologists consider percentiles between 25

and 75 to be relatively normal and within expected natural ups and downs, with less than 25 being unusually dry conditions and higher than 75 being unusually wet conditions.

**Class symbol:** Groups current water conditions into general categories of wet or dry compared to historical observations using percentiles of daily streamflow. Green indicates relatively normal conditions; "warm" colors yellow, orange, and red indicate drier than normal conditions; and "cool" colors light blue, blue, and black indicate wetter than normal conditions. Red and black indicate that new low or high streamflow records have been set for the day.

## POLICE LOGS

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### Brookfield Police Log

Between Aug. 3 and Aug. 17, Brookfield police made 49 building and property checks, 40 motor vehicle stops, one investigation, one welfare check, three motor vehicle investigations, served one warrant, served five summonses and assisted four citizens. Police responded to six alarms, one report of vandalism, seven safety hazards, two disabled motor vehicles, one mental health emergency, three disturbances, three complaints, one report of illegal dumping, two reports of suspicious activity, one parking complaint, one fire and one lockout. They appeared for court-related matters seven times and five officers were initiated.

There were 22 911 calls. Of these, 16 were for medical emergencies, one was for a safety hazard, two were for disturbances, one was an animal call, one was for a report of burglary or breaking and entering and one was for a motor vehicle accident. Brookfield police assisted one other agency.

### East Brookfield Police Log

Between Aug. 3 and Aug. 9, East Brookfield police made one arrest. Joshua Garneau of 6 Pine Hill

Road, South Hadley, was arrested on Aug. 8, and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

Police made 23 motor vehicle stops, five building and property checks, one motor vehicle investigation, one welfare check, one investigation, served one warrant, and assisted three citizens. They responded to four alarms, two motor vehicle accidents, one report of scam or fraud, one medical emergency, one complaint, two fire alarms, two complaints of motor vehicle operations, and one report of gunshots. They appeared for court-related matters once and two officers were initiated.

There were eight 911 calls. Of these, four were for medical emergencies, one was for a disturbance, one was for a motor vehicle accident, one was for a complaint of motor vehicle operations and one was for a report of burglary or breaking and entering. East Brookfield police assisted two other agencies.

### North Brookfield Police Log

Between Aug. 10 and Aug. 17, North Brookfield police made one arrest. Zachary Pierce, 24, was arrested on Aug. 15, for possessing a Class E drug, removing or altering a drug label, disturbing the peace, and larceny from a building.

Police made 29 building and property checks, 15 motor vehicle stops, two investigations, one notification, one welfare check and assisted five citizens. They responded to five animal calls, two disturbances, one complaint, one medical emergency, one safety hazard,

and one report of suspicious activity. They appeared for court-related matters three times and three officers were initiated.

There were 20 911 calls. Of these, nine were for medical emergencies, two were for complaints, one was for a report of vandalism, two were for fire alarms, one was for a report of larceny, theft, or shoplifting, two were animal calls, one was for a carbon monoxide alarm, one was for a safety hazard and one was for a report of property damage. North Brookfield police assisted one other agency.

### Warren Police Log

Between Aug. 9 and Aug. 15, Warren police made 19 motor vehicle stops, seven building checks, three investigations, three welfare checks, eight notifications, provided general information once, performed summons service once and assisted four citizens. Police responded to six animal complaints, two noise disturbances, one civil dispute, one fire, one report of an erratic operator, two traffic hazards, two disturbances, one report of harassment, one complaint about motor vehicle operations, one utility-related hazard, one report of suspicious activity, two reports of lost property, one report of larceny, one parking violation and one fire alarm.

There were 10 911 calls. Of these, four were for medical emergencies, one was for a neighbor disturbance, one was to assist a citizen, two were for family disturbances, one was for an investigation, and one was a hang-up or abandoned call. Warren police assisted three other police departments.

# STARGAZERS

## explore from stein to sky

Hitchcock, Hyland Orchards  
team up in fundraiser

- STURBRIDGE -

By Wyatt Aloisio  
Staff Writer

It was a clear and cool night at Hyland Orchards in Fiskdale on Wednesday, Aug. 5, for Hitchcock Free Academy’s first-ever Beer Tasting and Sky Gazing fundraising event.

Over 100 attendees came to have an unobstructed view of the night sky and the annual Perseid meteor shower at its peak, as well as grabbing a cold drink from resident brewery Rapsallion.

The event was organized by Hitchcock Academy Executive Director Sue Gregory and academy staff in partnership with Hyland Orchards, who donated the use of their newly renovated outdoor pavilion and facility.

The area in and around the orchard’s pavilion was packed with numerous families set up on blankets and lawn chairs looking towards the skies in hopes of catching a glimpse of an ever-elusive shooting star or two.

“We’ve been looking forward to this for weeks now,” said Steve BuCannon, who came out with his family to see the show. “You get to come in, have a nice cold beer and sit and watch one of the best shows around. It’s a much healthier change-of-pace than going out to a movie or staring at a screen for hours and an even better way for all of us to get out and spend time together.”

Peering eyes turned upwards with the darkness only being broken by the intermittent brilliant light of falling stars illuminating faces and forcing “oohs” and “aahs” and even the occasional triumphant cheer from the crowd for the particularly powerful displays. Along with



Groups of people begin to set-up their blankets and chairs just before dusk at the first ever Beer Tasting and Sky Gazing event hosted by Hitchcock Free Academy at Hyland Orchard on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

the shooting stars, other heavenly bodies such as Saturn and Neptune were also visible via telescope, and even a fly-by of the International Space Station could be seen at one point during the two-hour-long event.

“It’s been a thrilling turnout for this,” said Gregory who said that the event’s Facebook page had more than 100 RSVP’s during the first two weeks after being created. “I had one woman who came up to me and was practically jumping up and down saying ‘My daughter and I do this every year from home but having it here is so much better!’”

Gregory was inspired to start the fundraiser this past winter after researching local non-profit organization The Last Green Valley (TLGV), which works to protect and preserve the National Heritage Corridor, running from Connecticut up into Southern Massachusetts and seeing that they did several talks on astronomy.

Gregory kicked-off the evening with the Native American story from the Blackfoot and Cree about the sky curtain, a story of how the stars came to be within the sky.

This year’s Perseid meteor shower

was hailed as being one of the best for viewing as it fell during this month’s new moon offering little to no light pollution obstructing the view of the stars.

“It’s really spectacular how clear and wide-open everything is out here,” said Margaret Thoureugh, who came from Springfield for the event with her sons, Brian and John. “We’re really lucky to have gotten such good weather for something like this. I use to go stargazing a lot as a kid and I really wanted them to have some good memories of similar experiences.”

Hyland Orchards is a regular host of local events including live outdoor music on the weekends, weddings, and is home to an 18-hole disk golf course in addition to their apple orchard open in the late summer and fall.

“This is the perfect melding of two organizations,” said Hitchcock Academy Board of Trustees member Leila Glosel. “It’s been an amazing turnout for everyone involved with the event. This is one of the more fun things that we look forward to doing on our calendar and many of us have been waiting for this one in particular to come around.” Glosel along with several other members of Hitchcock handed

out red plastic wrap for those attending to wrap over their flashlights so as not to obscure anyone’s night vision.

In the orchard’s pavilion, Rapsallion, who uses the site for their brewery and taproom, had several of their trademark beers on tap for those over 21 and even had a homemade root beer on tap for those who weren’t.

Also in attendance during the evening was astronomer Geoff McLean and his wife, Kim, of the Thames Amatear Astronomical Society who was set-up to the far back of the field with his high power telescope offering viewings of various celestial bodies. McClean, a lifelong astronomer, regaled the crowd with several discussion about the meteors, stars, and other planetary bodies such as how the moon came to be formed and how the planet Jupiter acts as a “great solar vacuum cleaner” picking up wayward meteors and asteroids protecting Earth.

“You have to look up,” said McClean at one point to the crowd. “Astronomy is simply the act of looking up and that’s exactly what you have to do tonight. I almost hate to have to look through the telescope to tell you the truth because I know I will be missing the meteor shower.”

## Special fall trips lined up by local nonprofit

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter No. 12, Southbridge, is sponsoring “Celebrate Early Fall Season and More” with special excursions for 2015.

They are a nonprofit, family-oriented fraternal society, created in 1900, and are always pleased to have family groups join them in these activities. One does not have to be a member to participate in any sponsored event. All are welcome.

Gift certificates in any amount can be purchased and can be used at the discretion of the recipient for any scheduled excursion or event. They look forward to having people join them on one or more of the trips.

On Sept. 5, there will be a trip to King Richard’s Faire, the 34th season of a 16th-century English fun-filled marketplace village at festival time on 80 acres in Carver. A captivation in a fantasy realm with hundreds of

skilled costumed entertainers, tantalizing variety of foods, eight stages of free shows through the day, and a myriad of vendors hawking handmade wares and crafts from all over the country, some with demonstrations. The cost is \$49 for adults, \$16 for children ages 4 to 11, and free for children age three and under. The departure from Southbridge is at 9:15 a.m., location to be announced, and from the Faire at 5:30 p.m.

“A Day at the Big E” will be on Sept. 30. Departure is at 8:45 a.m. from Southbridge, and the return time will be about 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Reservation deadline is Sept. 23.

“A Day in New York City” to do as you wish will be on Nov. 14. Departure from the RMV parking lot, La Rochelle Way, Southbridge is at 6:30 a.m. Return time will be at

about 10:45 p.m. Cost is \$54 per person. Please reserve early to avoid disappointment.

On Dec. 12, will be the “Festival of Christmas Lights at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine,” preceded by a luncheon at Wright’s Farm Restaurant. The visit includes a Christmas concert in the chapel, the Museum of World Nativities, Gift and Book Shop, a new Bistro for refreshments, optional trolley ride and carousel. The cost is \$49 per person, \$39 for children ages 4 through 10, and free for children age 3 and under. Departure is at 10:45 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and return is at about 8 p.m. The reservation deadline is Dec. 8.

Please note: Registration and payment forms are available on request and are necessary for participation on the excursions. Please call for additional information at 508-764-7909.

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# SPORTS

## Warriors top Panthers in double OT



Ryan Bonia shoots a pullup jumper.



Will Piczynski (88) puts up a shot over the Palmer defense.

- WILBRAHAM -

By Nate Rosenthal  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

The Spec Pond Summer Basketball Championships got underway this week and Palmer, seeded second, took on Tantasqua, the number three in the semifinals. Tantasqua won it in double overtime getting the game-winner with 12 seconds to play.

This was a battle that befits a two/three matchup. Save for a seven-point lead by the Warriors with a 1:30 to go in the first half and a couple of three-point leads by the Panthers, this game was back and forth. With 1:40 left in the second overtime, Palmer grabbed a 27-24 lead on a three by Nathan Letendre. Ryan Bongia got two back 15 seconds later and scored the game-winner with 12 ticks on the clock.

The teams got to this game with wins in the quarter finals. Palmer, 9-0, beat number seven, East Longmeadow, 15-13, while Tantasqua, 8-2, was a 43-24 winner over Belchertown, the number six team. The teams had met earlier with Palmer winning, 34-21.

Brandon Rex scored 30 seconds in to give Tantasqua a 3-0 lead. Letendre scored a minute later and then with a three a minute after that, Palmer led 5-3. After some missed free

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Tantasqua's Troy Lee (34) goes up for a shot in the paint.

## Late rally falls short for Tantasqua

- WILBRAHAM -

By Dave Forbes  
Turley Publications  
Sports Staff Writer

The Tantasqua girls basketball team put up a valiant effort in their contest with the Springfield Lady Ballers in the semifinals of the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League, but came out on the short end of the contest.

Tantasqua held a couple of small leads early in the game, but the Lady Ballers were able to pull off the 28-23 victory.

The Lady Warriors jumped out to an early 7-4 as Abby Statterfield hit a jumper, as did Erin Parker before Bridget Bellezza banked home a jumper and Hannah Modig hit one of two free throws to put Tantasqua on top with 4:50 left in the first half.

The Lady Ballers would then go on to score the game's next five points to go on top 9-7 with 1:07 left in the first half before Erin Moreau converted a pair of free throws to even the score at 9-9 with 41 seconds remaining in the first half.

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## Lady Ballers stop tough Tantasqua

- WILBRAHAM -

By Dave Forbes  
Turley Publications  
Sports Staff Writer

Tantasqua and the Springfield Lady Ballers battled in the semifinals for the right to advance to the Girls 7-8 Division NCAA Tournament bracket championship game at the Spec Pond Basketball Courts on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Unfortunately for the Lady Warriors, it was them that came up on the short end in a 20-15 contest against the Lady Ballers.

Springfield jumped out to a 4-0 lead over the first 5:30 before Ainsley Way broke through for the Lady Warriors with a free throw to make it 4-1.

Springfield would then add on with four more points on a pair of free throws and a jumper to extend the lead to 8-1 before Tantasqua answered back with a foul line jumper by Jillian Beaudry and a pair of foul shots by Way to cut the Ballers advance



Ainsley Way (26) looks to get past her defender.

tage to 8-5 with 1:53 left in the first half.

The Lady Ballers would extend their lead out to six at 11-5 by the time the 14:00 mark hit in the second half before the Lady Warriors would once



Kara Corriveau (15) controls the ball with her dribble.

again answer back, this time with back-to-back hoops by Kendall Lavasseur and Way to slice the gap to two at 11-9 with 11:03 left in the second half, which also forced the Lady Ballers to call a

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## Warriors fall in semis to second-seeded Wolfpack

- WILBRAHAM -

By Tim Peterson  
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Sports Correspondent

At the start of the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League regular season, the Tantasqua Warriors 5/6 grade boys team lost to the C + S Wolfpack, who are from Springfield, by eight points.

The two teams faced each other for the second time in a NCAA Division semifinal game and the third-seeded Warriors suffered a 33-21 loss against the second-seeded Wolfpack played at the Spec Pond Courts, last Monday night, Aug. 10.

"We played well in the first half, but it slipped away from us in the second half," said Tantasqua summer league coach Jake Hill. "When we played against them during



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM  
Tantasqua's Dylan Thompson (7) shoots from the foul line.

the regular season, we were missing a couple of players. You have to give them a lot

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- sports -

Zonia qualifies for MGA Super Senior Amateur

SOUTHBRIDGE - Sturbridge resident David Zonia tied for 10th at the Massachusetts Golf Association Super Senior Amateur at Cohasse Country Club on Monday, Aug. 17.

Sonia, who shot an 84, qualified for the championship.

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That score would remain the same right through the end of the first half.

Springfield would started the second half with an 8-0 run to build up a 17-9 advantage with 13:00 left in the first half.

Tantasqua would close the gap back to five at 19-14 thanks to a Catherine Candelabra offensive putback of a teammate’s missed shot, a free throw by Shannon Dunn and a Shea Coleman jumper with just over 10:00 left in the second half.

The Lady Ballers would then push the lead out to its biggest margin of the night at 11 points with 7:20 left at 25-14 before the Lady Warriors closed out the game with a furious 9-3 rally where they came up just short before time expired.

Kelsey Wotton started the rally when she knocked down a long range jumper for the Lady Warriors. Stat-terfield then hit a short jumper in the paint off of a nice pass from Dunn. On the next possession, Sophie Law was fouled while shooting a 3-pointer. She made one of the following free throws to cut the deficit to eight at 27-19 with 3:42 left.

Parker made it a two-possession game at 27-21 on a short shot in the paint off of a pass from Bellezza and Law would cut the gap even further to 27-23 on an of-fensive outback with just under a minute left, but that is as close as the Lady Warriors would get.

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throws, Letendre hit a three and now Palmer led by five with just 4:30 played.

Tantasqua scored the next 12 points over 10:00. It started with a free throw by Bongia. With 6:30 to play, Rex hit a three to give the Warriors the lead. Bongia finished the scoring run with a basket at 1:40 and Tantasqua led 15-9. Harvey Venne hit a pair of free throws in the final minute and it was 15-11 at the break.

Over the first 5:00, the Panthers tied, it. Letendre and Nick Pappareno had the points. Bongia made it 17-15 and Tyler Placanaco with a three-point play put the Cougars ahead, 18-17. Shane Lawrence tied it with a free throw and Letendre untied it with a three. With 7:20 to play, it was 21-18

Lawrence got two back at 4:48 and Venne made it a two-point game with a free throw at 2:27. Will Piczynski tied it with 2:10 at 22-22. There it remained though the rest of regulation.

A 1:20 passed in the first overtime before Chad Bigos gave Palmer a two-point lead. Piczynski tied it with 23 seconds left.

In the second over time Letendre hit the three at 1:40. Bongia tied it 15 seconds later and won it with a putback in the final seconds.

Bongia led the Warriors with nine points, while Piczynski had eight. It was six for Rex and five for Lawrence. Roger Leland, Liam O’Brien, Try Lee, Logan Talbot and Brandon Rodriquez did not score.

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Miville takes over Quabbin athletics helm

- BARRE -

By Karen A. Lewis  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

As summer vacation for the students of Quabbin Regional Middle/High School comes to a close, many things have been hap-pening behind the scenes to prepare for the upcoming year, including the arrival of Quabbin’s new ath-letic director Mark Miville, who is a welcome addition to the highly regarded athletic staff at the school.

Replacing former athletics direc-tor Ted Gumula, who retired in June after a stellar career at Quabbin was not going to be an easy task, but according to Miville, he’s up for the challenge.

“I’ve known Ted for over 10 years,” Miville said. “I knew everything would be in order when I took over. He did a great job in this position. He and I met in June a couple of times to go over things in the transition.”

Miville comes to Quabbin with a variety of experience, most recently as the athletics director of Narragansett for three years. Before that Miville spent five years in the town of Amherst as their sports and recreation director and from 2001 to 2008 he was the ath-letics director of Mahar Regional High School.

So why leave Narragansett for Quabbin?

“Quabbin is a much bigger school and the opportunity to go to a Division 1 school was an oppor-tunity I didn’t want to pass up,” Miville said.

A resident of Phillipston, the commute from home is virtually

the same for Miville, another plus when making the decision to call himself a Panther.

“Quabbin also has a pretty strong commitment to their athletic program,” Miville said. “They have an unbeliev-able facility with their weight room and a great strength and condition-ing program offered to the athletes. That was a real selling point for me.”

Miville went on to explain how impressed he was with Quabbin’s Athletic Trainer, Renee Boucher, and Strength and Conditioning Coach Meg Matthews, and how they will prove to be such an asset for him, as they have the knowl-edge and expertise to deal with injuries athletes sometimes face.

“That’s huge to have the two of them on staff,” Miville said. “It really alleviates the stress of inju-ries and rehab where the kids can go to the athletic trainer directly. It takes a lot of the guess work out of things for the coach.”

Although Miville calls Central Mass his present home, his grew up in Danbury, Conn., playing varsity basketball and football for Danbury High. As a matter of fact, Miville was on the 1993 basketball team that went to the state finals and fell to Hartford High School when they sported the up and coming Marcus Camby on their roster.

Coincidentally Miville and Camby also found themselves at UMass Amherst at the same time, but by then Miville was playing intramural basketball as UMass was one of the top teams in the country during the golden Camby-Coach Calipari era.



Mark Miville

While at Mahar, Miville also gained coaching experience head-ing up the high school basketball program and the middle school football team. He also ran the trav-el basketball league while at Amherst.

One thing Miville hopes to see at Quabbin, is the athlete that plays more than one sport. In an age where so many young people are pres-sured to focus all year on their favorite sport, Miville spoke of that phi-losophy actually being detrimental to an athlete.

“I want to work on making stu-dents realize that if you want to play at the next level, colleges want to see you play two sports,” Miville said. “I think there’s an opportu-nity for anyone to play two or three sports.”

Most likely the first and big-gest change that student athletes and parents can expect to see is an adjustment in the registration process for athletics. Miville will be offering online registration for each sport moving forward. Paper registration forms will still be avail-able for those who prefer using that method, but Miville is looking to eventually make the registration process paperless.

Miville has also been working on a new website specifically for athletics and explained there would be ways for parents who signed up to get all updates on games and bus changes through texts.

“We had this at Narragansett and I’ve found once parents and stu-dents get used to it, it’s a great tool

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time out to try and stem the tide.

The idea worked as the Lady Ballers rebuilt the lead to seven points at 16-9 with a 5-0 spurt, but once again Tantasqua would find a way to get back into the game.

Bella Bigos started the push with a jumper. Way made 1-of-2 at the line and Kara Corriveau added a jumper to pull the Lady Warriors within two again at 16-14 with 3:25 left.

After a Lady Ballers basket and a Way free throw made the score 18-15 Springfield with 1:46 left.

After a couple of turnovers, Springfield had the ball back with 1:09 left and used a timeout to set up an offensive play. The timeout, which was 60 seconds in duration, got interesting on the Springfield side. The officials had already blown the whistle twice, once at the 45-second mark and again at the 60-second mark to signify it was time for the action to restart. Tantasqua came back out on the court to play defense, while Springfield stayed in its huddle. Springfield was told once again by an official that it was time to put the ball back in play. When they did not come out of the huddle, the official walked over towards the spot where the ball was supposed to be put back in play by Springfield and started to issue the

five-count for the ball to be passed inbound. Once the 5 seconds was reached, the Lady Ballers were called for a violation and Tantasqua was awarded the basketball.

The Lady Warriors then had a chance to tie the game that came up short. Springfield got the rebound and controlled the basketball until the Lady Warriors committed a foul, which sent Springfield to the line.

The Lady Ballers made both free throws and won the game, 20-15.

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Tantasqua's Brian Langevin (12) tries a mid-range jumper.

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of credit because they just played a great game against us tonight.”

The Warriors completed the summer league season with an 8-3 overall record. Their only other loss during the regular season came against the Pistons (11-0), who were scheduled to face the Wolfpack (10-1) in the NCAA Division championship game.

“It’s always disappointing when your team losses in the play-offs, but we just made a couple of costly mistakes in this game,” Hill said. “I thought the players played very well during the entire summer and the future looks very bright for them.”

The players listed on the Warriors roster are: Joe Groccia, Mavrick Rizy, Joe Pieczynski, Troy Phay, Ian Thompson, Taylor Phay, Hunter

Hill, Liam Hubacz, Jack Leland, Nate Winco and Brian Langevin.

Leading the way offensively for the Warriors in the semifinals loss was Rizy with a team-high seven points.

Neither team was able to make a basket in the opening 2:00 of the contest.

A couple of minutes later, the Warriors took a 5-0 lead with an inside hoop by Winco and a 3-pointer from the top of key by Groccia.

The Wolfpack answered right back with a layup and a 3-pointer tying the score with 11:10 remaining in the opening half.

The Wolfpack had several opportunities to take the lead, but they missed four straight free throw attempts. They would eventually take an 11-5 lead following back-to-back 3-

pointers from the left side by Raymond Carter and Patrick Crenshaw.

With 6:05 left in the half, the Warriors retook the lead at 12-11 when Rizy knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key, which followed his inside hoop and another jumper in the lane by Langevin.

The Wolfpack, who held a 15-13 halftime advantage, scored the first six points of the second half giving them a commanding 21-13 lead with 12:10 remaining.

Back-to-back baskets by Rizy and Winco closed the Warriors gap to 21-17, but the Wolfpack built a double-digit lead with the help of a 10-0 run.

The Warriors scored the final four points of the game, but they couldn’t get any closer than 12 points.



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Tantasqua's Taylor Phay (20) makes a run up the court.

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Project File No. 607524**

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Demolition of Bridge No. W-07-012, Old Boston Post Road over Naultaug Brook in Warren, MA.

**WHERE:** Board of Selectmen’s Meeting Room Shepard Municipal Building 48 High Street Warren, MA 01083

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 3, 2015, @ 7:00 PM

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Demolition of Bridge No. W-07-012, Old Boston Post Road over Naultaug Brook. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

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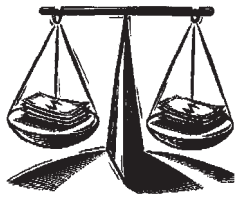
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for them,” Miville said.

In his final days of vacation, Miville looks forward to spending time with his wife and two children at the family camp at Lake Mattawa in Orange or shuttling his son back and forth to football practice.

The athletic community will have a chance to meet the new athletic director this Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Quabbin High School gym for a meeting going over the upcoming fall season and registration for fall sports for all middle and high school students.

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Public Hearing

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Current CDBG activities include improvements to Pleasant and Highland Streets and housing rehabilitation services. The town is also providing financial assistance for public socials services including the Warren Domestic Violence Task Force and Adult Learning services through the Ware Adult Learning Center at 23 West Main Street, Ware.

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