

Fourth grade student keeps promise to join band

BARRE – In August of 2022, Braiden Bowles and his brother, Jace, were invited onto the Harding Allen Bandstand to help lead the Quabbin Community Band as they played one of their final pieces of the season on “Dixieland Night.”

Both boys stood on chairs to conduct the band with their own batons, doing a great job assisting director Margaret Reidy, including a perfect cut-off at the end of, “Canal Street Strut.”

Braiden in particular made it clear he was going to take up the trumpet when he was old enough and would someday join the band. That day has come sooner than later, as Braiden has shown an advanced aptitude for a first-year player in the fourth grade.

He began rehearsals with the group in May and has already performed in two concerts. He plays in a section of more experienced but very supportive trumpeters who are amazed at the progress Braiden has already made.

Brother Jace is not old enough to begin an instrument yet, but he says he’ll be in the band too, either on trumpet or trombone. The band looks forward to



Submitted photo

Braiden Bowles and his brother, Jace helped lead the Quabbin Community Band in August 2022

welcoming Jace when he’s ready.

Next Sunday, July 5 at 6 p.m., the group will present, “Happy 250th America” at Nornay Park in South Barre featuring many patriotic and

uplifting selections, ending the evening with the rousing “1812 Overture” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Quabbin Pro Musica will once again be providing hotdogs, drinks & snacks

throughout the evening. All summer concerts begin at 6 p.m. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street.

Local residents participate in Pan-Mass Challenge

NEEDHAM – This Aug. 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on Aug. 1-2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC’s mission to fund life-saving cancer research and treatment.

They include: Pam Rockwood of North Brookfield (<https://profile.pmc.org/PR0153>), Sean Sullivan of Rutland (<https://profile.pmc.org/SS0662>),

Karen Sharpe of Rutland (<https://profile.pmc.org/KS0607>).

John Bubello of Rutland (<https://profile.pmc.org/JB1200>), Carol Benoit of Rutland (<https://profile.pmc.org/CB0140>), Charles Bateman of Rutland (<https://profile.pmc.org/CB0350>), Lisa Kelly of Rutland (<https://profile.pmc.org/LK0233>), Seth Cormier of North Brookfield (<https://profile.pmc.org/SC0377>), David Larson of Hardwick (<https://profile.pmc.org/DL0322>) and

Dena Brayson of Ware (<https://profile.pmc.org/DB0232>).

The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million.

This year’s PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100% of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation’s top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

Since its inception in

1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization’s largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber’s community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefiting patients across the world.

There is still time to participate in this year’s Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register by visiting PMC.org.

Orange Community Band offers patriotic events

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band will be providing two patriotic events on the bandstand in Butterfield park, first as part of the regular summer series and then as part of the town of Orange’s contribution to America’s 250th Birthday.

First is the band’s regular Friday evening concert on Friday, July 3 at 7 p.m. on the bandstand. This concert is themed: “A Nation’s Story in Song” and will feature

many of the band’s usual July 4 programming.

The concert is the third in the summer series of seven concerts. Sponsors for this season include Witty’s Funeral Home, Donald Hurtle American Legion Post 172, Susannah Whipps, The Lyman Family, New Salem Academy Trustees, Orange Lions Club (providing insurance), and in memory of John and Esther Smith, Nursie Perkins

Family, John Marsh Howe Family, and Dr. Robert and Jeanne Clark.

Partial sponsors include St. Mary’s Woman’s Club, Venture Community Services, Dean’s Beans, Edward Jones of Athol, and in memory of Gordon and Madena Kilhart.

Then, on Wednesday, July 8 the band will participate in the state’s Celebration of America’s 250th Birthday at 6 p.m. on

the Bandstand in Butterfield Park. This program is organized by the Town of Orange and Select Board member Kelli Bixby.

The program will include the Pledge of Allegiance, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and selections by the band, conducted by Steph Parker.

The Community Band’s summer series on the bandstand on Fridays extends through July 31.

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for the New York Islanders since beginning play in the 2017-18 season. The Railers have posted a .500 or better record in seven of their eight seasons, including a 35-30-7 record during the 2025-26 season, their second-best record in franchise history. The head coach and gener-

al manager of the Railers is Nick Tuzzolino.

The Railers play in the ECHL’s North Division in the Eastern Conference and have seen five former players make their NHL debut. A pillar of the Worcester, Massachusetts community, the Railers have received the ECHL’s league-wide Community Service

Award five times in their eight seasons.

The Blues helped introduce minor league hockey to Worcester from 1994-2005 when the Worcester IceCats were the team’s top AHL affiliate. In addition to a series of successful playoff runs, the IceCats produced several players that went on to play prominent

roles for the Blues, including Jim Campbell, Michal Handzus, Jamal Mayers, Tyson Nash, Darren Rumble, and Blues Hall of Famer Barret Jackman. After the IceCats were sold and relocated to become the Peoria Rivermen in 2005, the Worcester Sharks served as the AHL affiliate of the San Jose Sharks until 2015.

Library hosts two educational programs

BARRE – As part of its Summer Reading Program, Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., invites community members to attend two free educational programs celebrating the natural world and the importance of environmental stewardship.

Both events are free and open to all.

On Saturday, July 18 at 11 a.m., Master Gardener Gretel Anspach will present “New England Native Flora.” This engaging program explores the many benefits of choosing plants native to New England for home landscapes.

Attendees will learn how native trees, shrubs, and perennials are naturally adapted to the region’s climate, making them easier to maintain while providing valuable habitat for birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

The presentation will also

discuss how native plants can be more resistant to deer and rabbits, helping gardeners create beautiful, sustainable landscapes with less effort.

The following Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m., the library will host “Seeding the Future: Why Local Farms Matter” with Dave Reed, Executive Director of Central Mass Grown. This informative discussion examines the vital role local farms play in supporting healthy communities, protecting the environment and strengthening the local economy.

Participants will learn about modern farming practices, the benefits of purchasing locally grown food, the challenges facing today’s farmers and simple ways individuals can help support local agriculture.

For more information, people may call the library at 978-355-2533.

Public Notices

Town of Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals

The Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular business meeting on **Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Oakham Town Hall. There will be a public hearing for the following item:

VARIANCE: Owner/Applicant: Michael Russ

Location: 154 East Hill Rd., Oakham, MA. The applicant is requesting a Variance from Chapter 14 section 5.3 of the Oakham Zoning Bylaw. The applicant is seeking to extend the kitchen in the place of a deck and is seeking variance from the set back requirements from the abutting property line. The applicants may bring all pertinent information and plans with them and may bring a consultant/attorney to answer questions and to represent them at the hearing.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the public hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the meeting to the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham, MA 01068. Interested parties may review the application by calling the Town Hall (508)882-5549 and making an appointment to view the application at the Town Hall.

Carl W. Lindley Jr., Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
07/02, 07/09/2026

Notice of Public Hearing New Braintree Zoning Board of Appeals

The New Braintree Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm** in the Town Hall 20 Memorial Drive New Braintree, MA on the Application of Jonathan Wawrzonek (D A Twines LLC) Applicant, seeking a Special Permit under the provision of MGL 40A and Chapter 9 Section C.14 of the Town of New Braintree Zoning Bylaw to construct a 4,000 square foot metal building for the proposed use of storage and mechanics. Proposed building site is 278 Hardwick Rd. Town Assessor’s Map 404, Lot 23

The application is on file in the Town Hall Clerk’s Office. All those interested must be present, or send a representative, or send communication in advance of the hearing date.
06/25, 07/02/2026

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- 2010 BMW X5 Black 5UXFE4C57AL278760
- 2013 Volkswagen Jetta 3VW1K7AJ0DM207115
- 2011 Honda Accord 1HGCP2F60BA087901
- 2009 Ford E-Series 1FTNE24L49DA70825
- 2011 BMW 7 Series WBAK8C58B433487
- 2008 Ford Focus 1FAHP3N68W276492
- 2016 Mazda Mazda6 JM1GJ1W50G1467203
- 2010 Nissan Murano JN8AZ1MW1AW132556
- 2011 Hyundai SONATA 5NPEB4AC0BH095343
- 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee 1J4GW48S44C338347
- 2006 Honda CR-V JHLRD68516C024607
- 2006 GMC Savana 1GJHG39U061188214
- 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan 2C4RDGCGXR216135
- 2006 Ford Explorer 1FMEU-74816ZA02780
- 2008 Ford Explorer 1FMEU73EX8UA15857
- 2008 Honda Accord 1HGCP26888A051609
- 2019 Toyota RAV4 JTMP1RFV6KJ002044
- 2007 Toyota Prius JTDKB20U577576508
- 2010 Hyundai ACCENT KMHC3ACXAU174983
- 2009 Honda Civic 2HGFA16529H354404
- 2013 Subaru Impreza F1JGPA6L6XD2889969
- 2008 Honda CR-V JHLRE48588C069693

The sale will be held at Early’s on Park Ave. at 536 Park Ave., Worcester, MA 01603
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