Parish hosts annual chicken BBQ

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 take-out.

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.

St. Aloysius and St. Augustine Mission to host Mass, lunch and social

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Church in Gilbertville and St. Augustine Mission in Wheelwright will hold a Mass, lunch and social on Sunday, Sept. 20 with Mass at 11 a.m. and lunch at 11:45 a.m. at Hardwick Winery Pavilion, 3305 Greenwich Road.

Donation is $25 and benefits the Parish Renovation Funds.

There will be raffles as well. People may call Karen at 413-477-6452 for tickets.

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The committee discussed whether to separate the structural assessment, historical assessment and request for $150,000 leveraged from CPC for the grant into one article, or to make them all separate.

Committee member Rick Green said the town may not have an appetite for a longer article, and other committee member Jonathan Brinker said even if one were to fail, the structural assessment would give them something to work with in the future.

Young noted that it is important to propose this correctly on the town meeting floor, saying that they are doing two studies now, but can use the findings as a roadmap in the next decade, so the project does not stall or go backwards.

The committee voted to separate all three articles, and the plan is to put the structural study first on the list so it can be voted on first.

Upcoming events

The committee is hosting a game night on Friday, and there is a suggested donation with it. There is also an event on Oct. 24, where there will be pumpkin and scarecrow contests, which will each cost a fee, along with fees for voting slips, as another fundraiser.

Parking

The committee discussed plans to implement a temporary parking lot with asphalt millings so residents do not park on the side of the building because of some planned gutter extensions.

Committee member Mike Stoll noted that any major repairs that could disturb the building or drainage would not be beneficial, but the temporary lot should be okay.

Committee member Carol Whitney said that area had historically been used to park buggies or carriages, so it should not constitute a major change under the preservation restriction.

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ing a new website.

First day of school

Kindergarten open house will be held Monday, Sept. 1 and the first day of school for students in grades K-12 is Tuesday, Sept. 2. The first day of preschool is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Administrators' reports

High School Principal Brian Beck recognized senior Taylor Harris for cleaning and organizing the care closet at the school.

Beck said the high school daily bell schedule will run Monday through Friday, instead of on a rotating schedule. He said this change came from staff and student feedback.

He said Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are the same schedule and Tuesdays and Thursdays will have rotation.

Elementary Principal Arthur Murphy said the school library received an update over the summer. He said the books were organized and new furniture was added.

The library will also be home to the school's Star Bucks store, where students can receive rewards for positive behavior.

Director of Student Services Dr. Michael Baldassarre said the school district receives clinical services and social emotional support from clinicians through the Behavioral Health Network. He said a new memorandum of understanding has been signed and this should help to ensure more consistent staffing for the students.

Baldassarre said 34 staff members have now been trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools. He said Murphy will become a TCI trainer, authorized by Cornell University.

"It's not just a system of intervention, it's a system that was designed to create a culture in a school that provides staff with common language, common understanding and common methodology," he said.

Baldassarre said the first Special Education Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held virtually on Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. He said the SEPAC is now a member of the state organization, MassPAC.

The school district was awarded a 240 grant in the amount of $136,740. Other special education grants the school district is expected to receive include: Title I, $100,005; Title II, $14,308; Title III (in partnership with Tantasqua Regional School District), $2,055; and Title IV, $10,000.

Recognition

McCormick recognized Sophia Giangrande and Emily Litchfield, recent graduates from the high school, who worked as paraprofessionals with the school district this summer.

"It was a great opportunity for both of them," McCormick said. "We were very excited to have both of them involved in the programming."

McCormick also recognized Facilities Director Joe Holway for his leadership and building a "high-functioning team."

Public participation

Margaret Hanson recognized students who planted a tree on Aug. 5 in honor of late teacher, Damian Sarrette. The students organized the tree planting prior to leaving for college.

"I just want to thank them for making the time to do that and honor him that way," she said.

School Committee goals

The School Committee members shared ideas for the committee's goals for the 2026-2027 academic year. The committee will select its goals at its September meeting.

Ideas for goals included re-evaluating tuition agreements with other school districts, focusing on North Brookfield Public Schools as a standalone district, educational goals and superintendent/administrator goals.

Student handbook approval

The School Committee voted to accept the student handbook as presented.

Beck said changes to the handbook include the new bell schedule, new National Honor Society bylaws, alternatives to suspensions and more.

A new cell phone policy will be reviewed and adopted prior to the start of the school year.

Obituary

Earlene L. (Ferren) Lajoie, 92

OAKHAM – Earlene L. (Ferren) Lajoie, 92, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 17, 2026, with her children and grandchildren by her side.

She was born in Berlin, New Hampshire, raised in Worcester, Massachusetts and made her home in Oakham for the past 66 years with her husband, the love of her life, who she was married to for 69 years, the late Lionel A. Lajoie Jr. Earlene was the daughter of Jesse L. and Lorena A. (Chandler) Ferren.

She is survived by her children: Susan L. (Lajoie) Hutchinson and her husband Greg: Richard L. Lajoie and his longtime partner Pamela Shea and daughter-in-law Lisa (Brown) Lajoie, wife of the late Robert L. Lajoie, all of Oakham as well as 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lionel A. "Lee" Lajoie Jr., son, Robert Lajoie, and grandson, David G. Hutchinson.

Earlene was a graduate of North High School in Worcester and she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Worcester State Teacher's College, now Worcester State University and taught for several years at Thorndyke Elementary School in Worcester. Earlene was a very active member of the Oakham Congregational Church, where she served as Sunday School Director and substitute organist. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and 4-H Leader.

Earlene enjoyed traveling, vacationing in Maine, going to Disney World with her children and grandchildren, boating, gardening, spending time at her home on Cape Cod and most recently staying at Cocoa Beach, Florida for a few winter months each year. She was a very skilled quilter and belonged to the Gardner Quilt Club. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She loved having each grandchild, one at a time, come to her house to have a special day where she would teach them how to sew and make a special pillow for them to take home.

She would take them for a special back-to-school shopping day and out to lunch, all of the boys one day and all of the girls another in August every year. She never missed a horse show, ball game, recital or school function that her grandchildren were involved in.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather with Earlene's family during a Calling Hour on Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 10-11 a.m. at Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden.

A Funeral Service will immediately follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Earlene's name may be made to: Oakham Congregational Church 4 Coldbrook Road, Unit #12 Oakham, MA 01068.

Public Notices

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225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO26P2770EA
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Paul R Foucher
Date of Death: 06/30/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kaitlyn M Foucher of Oakham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Kaitlyn M Foucher of Oakham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/22/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Kathryn M. Bailey**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 24, 2026

Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate

08/27/2026

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Jules Fogue Souop

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Barre, numbered 118 Peach Street, given by Jules Fogue Souop to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc, dated October 16, 2023, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 69763, Page 202, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **October 5, 2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on August 19, 2026.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

08/27/2026

Ware Grange Fair program books available

WARE – The Ware Grange Fair program books are now available online at waregrange.org.

Program books are also available by mail by calling 413-284-1135 or emailing waregrange164@gmail.com.

Plan your exhibits by checking out the categories of exhibits in the fair program book. Exhibitors may enter in a variety of categories including vegetables, fruits, eggs, cut flowers, baked goods, fancywork, arts and crafts and photography.

The Ware Grange Fair will be held Plan your exhibits now for the fair which takes place Aug. 28 -29. See the Ware Grange website for schedule and details.

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