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Members of the Petersham Curling Club gathering for practice on the ice.

Learn to Curl at Petersham Curling Club

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Petersham- A place to experience a unique sport sits off the side of Route 32 in Petersham.

The Petersham Curling Club has been offering the unique sport of curling to the town and neighboring communities since 1960. The curling club is a members club and the members make the club still operate strong thanks to their passion for participating in curling.

The founders of the Club were, for the most part, employees of the Union Twist Drill Company (UTD) in Athol, MA. The President of the UTD, Stanley L. Holland, was brought in to run the Athol UTD operations from a Butterfield plant in Rock Island, Quebec, Canada. After being invited to a curling club, Holland was determined to offer curling in the area.

In the late 1950's, a plan was made to purchase land from the Petersham Country Club and that land would be the location of the Curling Club. Property was carved out of the Country Club's land and was sold to the Curling Club on July 1, 1960. From that point on, construction of the club was underway.

According to club member, Ted Paul, once the ice was installed curling officially started at the Petersham Curling Club



Petersham Curling Club was founded back in 1960 and is one of four dedicated curling clubs in Massachusetts.

on New Years Eve, 1960. Curling is a known sport mostly popular during the winter Olympics. The sport dates back to Scotland in the early 16th century and grew in popularity over that period of time. Multiple styles of curling exist, with both a 4-person team and 2-person team (doubles) version now included in the Olympics and World Events.

The sport involves a 42 to 44 pound granite stone or curling rock being slid or delivered down a curling sheet towards a circular scoring zone known as the house. Team members sweep the ice surface in front of the curling rock to help the rock travel further in its direction of travel.

Ted Paul, a member of the Petersham Curling Club since 1982, comes from a family of curlers. Paul's parents were curlers and his two kids are also curlers. Paul has witnessed a lot of growth over the years in the curling club and always enjoys helping newcomers who want to learn the game.

"We're more interested in getting more people involved in curling", Paul said. "We're pleased to have people in the club."

Paul's point is valid as the club currently has over 100 members, 20 social members and about 20 youth curlers in their youth program. The youth curlers play on Saturday mornings and are known as the Ice Chips. Many partic-

ipants at the Petersham Curling Club have achieved success after their time in the club, including the youth players.

One of those success stories is local player originally from Leyden, Massachusetts, Rebecca Rodgers. While Paul was running the junior program, Rodgers, who has been curling since age 9, became a successful curler by achieving several junior national championships. Rodgers continued playing curling while attending college out in Wisconsin and now plays as a professional. Rodgers is part of the US women's curling team, Strouse and according

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QRSD committee member discusses school repairs

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OAKHAM – Quabbin Regional School District Committee member Walter Nutter said the Oakham Center School water heater needs to be replaced at the Monday, Jan. 8 meeting.

The electric water heater, which provides hot water for the kitchen and restrooms at the school, was leaking and needed to be replaced. He said he did not know the exact cost, but the Interim Superintendent and the Building and Facilities Director would be visiting the Select Board at a later date with more information on the cost of the water heater and the issues at the Oakham Center School.

Nutter said a wall in the school gymnasium needed to be replaced as it had mold and leaked at times through the bottom. He said the next step would be for an engineer to look at the wall.

The cinder block wall had a layer of insulation. When installing a generator, the contractor drilled holes into the wall to hold the con-

duit. The wall was not intended for that purpose.

The Select Board agreed with Nutter the water heater was the immediate concern and said possibly American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used for purchase and installation of a new water heater.

In addition to the gym wall, the parking area, driveway by the side of the building and circle section on Deacon Allen Drive needed repairs as well as an outdoor basketball court. Select Board Chair Don Haapakoski said the Highway Superintendent said he could do the school drive, but not the basketball court with Chapter 90 money. The front entrance to the school had problems with snow and ice accumulation, which also needed remedy.

COA requests

Council on Aging Chair Barbara Wreschinsky presented the Select Board with a list of repairs for the Senior Center located in the lower portion of Town Hall. One of the items on the list was an electrical system upgrade to include more

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High Road resident shares concern about sewer gases

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HARDWICK – A resident at 23 High Road shared concerns about sewer gases that are coming from her home's roof vent pipe.

At the Jan. 8 Select Board meeting, Bobbi-Jean Lanier said the issue at her family's home began when they rerouted their sewer system about two years ago.

The original sewer line to the property, which was constructed in the 1960s, crossed their neighbor's property to connect to Hardwick Road. Lanier hired a sewer company to run a line from their driveway to Hardwick Road.

"It is a direct line," she said. "With that direct line all of the sewer gases are coming directly up through our roof vent."

"It's unbearable," Lanier said of the odor. She said the odor is stronger when Eagle Hill School

is in session.

Lanier said Water Pollution Control Facilities Superintendent Scott Potter had given them different ideas to address the issue, but it was determined that the issue was not the town's responsibility.

"We are looking for some type of guidance or support or something, anything that can be done that is not our responsibility," she said. "We are just unaware of how we can mitigate this, and we can solve this problem."

Ruggles asked if the sewer company installed a check valve to prevent anything from coming in off that line. Lanier said after researching it with Potter, it was determined that the valve was not required and was not installed.

Town Administrator Nicole Parker said Potter and the plumbing inspector have been to the

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Vice-Chair Tripp resigns from Board of Selectmen

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair John Tripp announced his resignation from the board in a letter addressed to Chair Jason Petraitis on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Tripp's letter states: "Effective immediately at the reading of this letter, I John Tripp do hereby respectfully resign from the Board of Selectmen, this day, Jan. 9, 2024.

I hope my time on the board was beneficial to the town. I feel that a lot of projects got accomplished while I was on the board.

Due to some health issues, I can no longer give up my time as I have in the past few years. I thank my wife, family, friends and all the volunteers for their support."

Tripp has served five and half years on the Board of Selectmen,

starting when he was a write-in candidate in 2018. Tripp was then elected to serve on the board, with his term set to end in May of this year.

Tripp also serves on the Planning Board.

The town's 2021 annual report was dedicated to Tripp, citing the various community projects he has led and helped with, including clean up and painting of the Town House, converting the old railroad bed into a rail trail, manufacturing gate posts for rail trail crossings, clean up and renovation of the town park at the corner of School and North streets, work at Bates Observatory and efforts to remodel the Highway Department and Fire Station.

Following his resignation, Tripp said he had decided to serve the town as a Selectmen because he wanted to see it fair better, and that he will continue to help out when he can.

"I'm not going anywhere," Tripp said, adding that he has been a resident of town for almost 65 years.



Turley photo by Ellenor Downer

The first snowstorm of the year began the night of Jan. 6 and continued until evening on Sunday, Jan. 7. Temperatures stayed in the 20s. Most areas received at least a foot of fluffy, white snow. By Tuesday evening, it began to rain as temperatures rose above freezing.



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News of the Towns

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OES to hold pancake breakfast
Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold a Designer Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St.

Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 10 and under. People can create their own pancake. Compete breakfast choices include designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage links, coffee and juice. All are welcome.

Circle of Song
Circle of Song rehearsals resume Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street. The choral group of 23 years sings in four-part harmony and often in other languages. People may email julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 for more information. They perform several concerts during the year. The next concert will be Saturday, May 18 at the Barre Town Hall. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay. If people are interested in joining Circle of Song, they may email Julie Rawson, director, at julie@mhof.net, or call 978-257-1192 or show up at the Barre Town Hall, on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

Book signing
On Sunday, Jan. 14 from 2-5 p.m. there will be a book signing event at Barre Players Hall on Barre Common, 64 Common St. Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge will read from their new book, "Many Hands Make a Farm: 47 Years of Questioning Authority Feeding a Community, and Building an Organic Movement." In addition there will be music from groups they are part of and some special surprises. A potluck will follow. It's optional to bring something to share to eat. This special event will recognize the thousands of acts of thoughtfulness and learning that Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge have provided over the last 40 plus years through NOFA/Mass, the Barre Farmers Market, Circle of Song, Quabbin Community Band, annual plays at Quabbin Regional High School, Barre Players Theater, Many Hands Organic Farm, Many Hands Sustainability Center, meals at their table and more.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Jan. 15. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY — Martin Luther King Day No Meal Served

TUESDAY — Buttermilk chicken, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables, pears, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY — Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY — Beef with onions and peppers, potato wedges, Tuscan vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

FRIDAY — Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, fruited ambrosia, Italian bread

*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

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The 2023 Quabbin NJROTC Drill Team placed first overall at the NJROTC Area Four Drill Competition in Southold, New York

Quabbin NJROTC drill team brings home trophy

By Captain Daniel Brennock

On almost every school day through October, November and December, NJROTC instructor and drill team coach Lt. Kathleen Frydel greeted over 35 members of the Quabbin Regional High School Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp drill team at the doors of the high school at 6 a.m. for their daily practice.

This dedication to excellence and determination to succeed paid off in a big way when the drill team arrived home from the NJROTC Area Four Drill Competition in Southold, New York with a brand new first place trophy to add to a still growing collection.

On Dec. 16, the cadet drill team competed against 11 other schools from around the New England, New York and New Jersey area and placed first in six of nine competitive areas to earn

first place overall. This was the culmination of another outstanding season for the team. The first year cadets were just as impressive as the upperclassmen, a true team effort.

As a member of the New England All Navy Drill League, the cadet drill team regularly competes against five other high schools from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire. In the fall of 2023, there were four separate meets including the final meet of the season on Dec. 2 at Quabbin Regional High School.

The drill meets feature competitions in seven categories, including Color Guard, Armed Regulation, Unarmed Regulation, Personnel Inspection, New Cadet Squad Drill, Physical Fitness and Academics. The teams are judged by NJROTC instructors and are ranked first through third in each event.

This year the Quabbin NJROTC team swept all categories at two of the meets in

Coventry, Rhode Island and then at home in the Quabbin High gym. In fact, the entire team placed first in 26 of the 28 events overall.

At the final meet, Quabbin claimed the league championship with Dover High NJROTC and Oxford NJROTC coming in second and third respectively. It is no wonder, that this unit which has been nationally recognized as a Distinguished Unit with Honors 17 of the past 18 years for overall excellence, just won its 10th consecutive All Navy New England Drill League championship. And then they capped it off with their second Southold Championship in three years.

Congratulations to the cadets and their coach for their successes. Perhaps attributed to Aristotle, or not, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act but a habit." So it seems for the Cadets of Quabbin as the early morning practices and hours of hard work paid off.

Barre Town Clerk announces nomination papers available

BARRE — Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election on April 1 will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 West Street, starting on Thursday, Jan. 11 for any registered voter wishing to take out papers for any of the available seats.

The last day and time to take out nomination papers will be on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

All Nomination Papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office for certification of signatures by the Board of Registrars no later than Monday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. The last day to register to vote in this election will be on Friday, March 22 at 5 p.m.

Positions available and the current holder of the office

are Select Board member for three years and currently held by Maureen M. Marshall, 840 Pleasant St.; Board of Assessors for three years and currently held by Robert W. A. Leroux, 300 Main St. and Board of Health for three years and currently held by Michael B. Radesky, 33 Sibley Road. Other positions are Water Commissioner for three years and currently held by Ronald C. Hosley, 169 Dana Road; Sewer Commissioner for three years and currently held by John J. Chase, 120 Hardwick Road and Felton Field Commissioner for three years and currently held by Justin C. Pollard, 291 Loring Road.

Also two positions for

Library Trustees for three years and currently held by David A. Deschamps, 481 Britton Road East and Cherie E. Benoit, 49 Nelson Way and two positions for Quabbin Regional School Committee members for three years and currently held by Stanley "Lee" Wolanin, 1118 Old Hardwick Road and David A. Deschamps, 481 Britton Road East.

Other positions include Planning Board for five years and currently held by Edward Floyd Kelley, 685 Gilbert Road and Planning Board for one year and currently held by Karen Keegan, 168 Main St. A position for Planning Board Associate Member for one year is vacant.

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Open Space Committee holds winter walk

The Open Space Committee will hold a winter walk with a local forester through a grove of American beech on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. Registration is required and people may sign up for the hike by visiting <https://forms.gle/thMAyXubHGWT3CATA>. People will receive the meeting location via email after signing up. The hike will be held rain, snow or shine. This is a one-mile hike over moderate terrain at an easy pace suitable for all ages. Poles and microspikes may come in handy depending on trail conditions.

Annual census mailing

The Annual Town Census has been mailed to all households on Jan. 5. Households should complete the census or street listing form and return to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible. Residents may change their party enrollment, which is listed on the form, by changing the census form. It must be accompanied by their signature. The census form will not register anyone to vote. People can register to vote in person at the Clerk's Office, by mail or online. Party enrollment may also be done online. The information obtained from the census is used directly in preparing the street list, updating the voting list, as well as providing projections for public safety needs and school enrollment. An up-to-date census count is the basis for the allocation of State and Federal Funds and Grants. It also provides proof of residency, which is necessary for veterans' benefits. If a family member is in the service or away at school, they may be kept on the census as long as they are not a registered voter elsewhere. All members of the household must be listed including children, extended family and any others living at the address.

Frozen Assets

Frozen Assets is back. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, Feb 1. This event supports local businesses and raise money for the Special Events Fund to support future town events. People may pick up Frozen Assets forms at the following locations in town: Stars & Stripes Diner, Giacomo's Gourmet Foods, Hubbardston Pizza Palace, Plain View Farm and the Country Trail. There is a suggested donation of \$20 per form, but any and all donations are appreciated.

With the form, participants guess when the outhouse on the ice at The Country Hen Pond, 5 Williamsville Road will fall through the ice. Prizes include a \$300 gift card for the closest guess, \$150 gift card for second place, \$75 gift card for third place and one flat of eggs for eight weeks courtesy of The Country Hen for fourth place.

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eggs may be picked up on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Cribbage is played on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. Pitch is played the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Art group meets every Friday at 9 a.m.

Food Pantry holds distributions

BARRE — The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Jan. 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Jan. 10 or in the evening on Thursday, Jan. 18, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients.

To maintain safe and healthy physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients the distribution will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

EQLT offers micro grants

HARDWICK — East Quabbin Land Trust is accepting applications for East Quabbin Farm micro grants.

Request prioritizations will be farm succession planning and farmland conservation and regenerative farming practices focused on fruits, vegetables and meats directly consumed by resident so the regions.

This funding is to inspire local farmers to continue doing their great work in sustaining communities and improving the quality of life in the East Quabbin region including Barre, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham, Ware and West Brookfield.

People may visit <https://eqlt.org/east-quabbin-farm-microgrants/> for more information



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Barre Housing Authority – Jan. 11 at 3 p.m.
 QRSD School Committee – Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Jan. 16 and Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Jan. 25 at 1:30 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 7 at 1 p.m.
 Board of Health – Feb. 12 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – Jan. 11 at 6:45 p.m. and Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Jan. 16 and Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Jan. 22 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Jan. 22, Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Feb. 12 and March 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Board of Health – Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Jan. 16 at 4 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Board of Selectmen – Jan. 16 and 30, Feb. 13 and 27 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM.

Planning Board – Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board – Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Advisory Finance Committee – Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – Jan. 16, 23 and 30 at 1 p.m.
 Ad Hoc By-Law Committee Public Information Session – Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.
 Earthworks Board – Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 General and Zoning By-Law Proposed Amendments Public Information Sessions – Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 from 1-4 p.m.

Midnight Riders kick off 2024 at Stone Cow



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Midnight Riders are a classic rock band based out of Rutland and love performing at Stone Cow Brewery.

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BARRE- Live music returns to the Stone Cow Brewery in the year 2024 thanks to the Midnight Riders.

The brewery was flooded this past weekend with the Midnight Riders performing inside the dining hall. The Midnight Riders are a classic rock band based out of Rutland and plays original songs and covers. This show at Stone Cow Brewery was the first show of 2024 for the 4-person band and they have been a must-see band throughout central Massachusetts.

Some of the covers performed by the Midnight Riders at Stone Cow Brewery included "American Girl" and "Free Fallin'". This rock n roll band also plays favorites from the 1960's and 1970's. The four members of the Midnight Riders are Joseph Collard who is a guitarist and singer, Noah Haber the bassist and singer, Joseph Miele guitarist and singer and Eric Huard on drums.

Enjoying the atmosphere and entertainment the Midnight Riders brings to their brewery is Sean DuBois of Stone Cow Brewery. The brewery has been part of the Stone Cow restaurant for seven years and has always been a host to many music artists during that time. Music takes place on Saturdays and Sundays at the brewery and shows no signs of stopping. What makes having the Midnight Riders at Stone Cow Brewery so special is that they have delivered phenomenal performances in the past. In 2023, Stone Cow Brewery hosted its first ever music festival that



The band features four members and play both original songs and covers.

had over 1,000 people as an audience. According to DuBois, the Midnight Riders were a perfect fit for their music festival.

"People will someday say they saw the Midnight Riders at Stone Cow someday when they're famous", said DuBois.

DuBois is confident that the Midnight Riders will have a successful future in their music careers. In 2023, the Midnight Riders were the winners of the official Community Choice Award for the Best Live Performance in Central Mass. A great rock n roll band that Stone Cow Brewery always enjoys to have at their venue.

"We hope to explode the universe together with the Midnight Riders", said DuBois.

In addition to live music, guests can enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of Stone Cow Brewery. Featuring craft beer, restaurant and a dining hall that is part of a barn that is over 250 years old. The brewery is part of the Carter & Stevens Farm that still operates as a commercial dairy farm. It is one of the larg-

est milk producers in the state of Massachusetts. The farm has over 200 cows and covers 1300 acres of land in the town of Barre.

DuBois fell in love with crafting beer and wanted to add the brewery to the historic farm. DuBois' wife Molly Stevens runs the restaurant at Stone Cow Brewery and the majority of the food served is grown by the farm. You could say the brewery was built to complement the "farm-to-table" experience. Prior to the brewery being added, Stone Cow had the restaurant and has now been operating for 18 years.

Stone Cow Brewery also offers an outdoor BBQ from June to October and an indoor Barn Kitchen from November to May. From April to October, Stone Cow Brewery offers an ice cream stand.

In recent years, live music has grown in popularity at Stone Cow Brewery. DuBois has communicated with many local artists who expressed interest in performing at the brewery.

"A lot of musicians have asked to play here", said DuBois.

Many great performances have occurred at Stone Cow Brewery and the Midnight Riders are one of them. Live music is definitely in store at Stone Cow Brewery in 2024.

Next show for the Midnight Riders will be at Off the Rails in Worcester on Feb. 16. The band will be joining another band, Between the Waves. The Midnight Riders can be followed on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Visit Stone Cow Brewery at 500 West St. in Barre. For upcoming events and more information, visit www.stonecow-brewery.com.

New Braintree Library holds story times

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering the next Story Time program on Monday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m.

The stories are "The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Winter" by Eric Carle and "The Life of a Little Cardboard Box," by Igloo Books. Making Opportunities Count will be offering a Winter Play Group series in place of Story Time at the library on the first Monday. Dates are Feb. 5 and March 4 at 10 a.m.

MOC offers Coordinated Family and Community Engagement programs and is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

All of the events will be held at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.



The wonderful staff at Stone Cow Brewery had a great time serving hundreds of guests during the Midnight Riders show.

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Church to hold breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, homemade doughnut holes, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Free will donations are accepted. This breakfast is a fundraiser for the church.

Read and play

The Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St. hosts Read and Play on Wednesday for ages birth to five. Children will hear stories and rhymes and sing songs as well as an activity and playtime. No registration is required. Upcoming dates are Wednesdays, Jan. 17, Jan. 17, Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Clothing donation

People may donate warm clothing for the Quabbin Regional High School Q-Munity Closet. They are looking for new socks, shirts, sweatshirts, hats, gloves or any new or gently used clothing items. All donations and proceeds go directly to families through the Quabbin Regional High School's Q-Munity Closet. There is a donation bin located at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St. For more information, people may email Jason Bergman at jbergman@qrds.org.

Senior center activities

Ongoing activities include Zumba Gold Monday from 10:30-11:15 a.m., Wii Bowling Tuesdays: from 10-11 a.m., cards and cribbage on Tuesdays beginning at 1 p.m., coffee Wednesdays and social hour from 9-11:45 a.m. and BBC Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. which includes crafts and BBC miniseries. FUNctional Fitness Fridays is held at 10:30 a.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree.

Meal site

Elder Services of Worcester effective the first of January increased the suggested donation for meals served at the Back Door Cafe from \$2.50 to \$3 per meal.

Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming

HARDWICK – How can a Sash tie an extended family together?

On Saturday, Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Paula Grandpre Wood will tell us about tracking down ancestors, piecing together their stories and finding herself wrapped in an historic sash that creates an unbreakable bond, linking generations. Her book "The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash" is a genealogical adventure with suspense, joy, and grief, a testament to faith, family and traditions.

Space is limited so people should register by emailing director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6704.

Then... As we look forward to 2024, let's also look back at family history and memories. Register to join a group to write and share stories of your family and perhaps search your family tree, "We are History: Preserving Memories and Family Stories" at the Paige Memorial Library. Reminiscing is really just good old-fashioned communication.

Be it a funny story, an important life-changing story, or a tradition, let's write it to leave a record. Memories can provide comfort and help put our lives in perspective.

People may email the Paige Library director at director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704 for more information.

Editorial deadline reminder

Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday.

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Opinion

Guest Column



Will my friend's fiancée be entitled to a survivor benefit?

Dear Rusty
I have a very good friend who has cancer and will begin chemotherapy this week. He is 71 years old and is currently receiving Social Security benefits. He has been living with his fiancée for a little more than 2 years, but they have been a couple for about 15 years and will be married in the next few weeks. She is 60 years old.

I am naturally concerned about his and her, future so my questions are:

What, if anything, should he and his wife do to ensure that she gets his Social Security benefits?

What benefits will she be entitled to and how soon will she be able to begin receiving them after his death?

Signed: A Friend with Questions

Dear Friend

You are kind to be concerned about your friend and his fiancée. Here's what you need to know:

Social Security goes by state rules when it comes to what is often referred to as "common law marriage." That means that whether your friend's fiancée will receive any benefits as a surviving spouse in a "common law" relationship depends on whether they live in a state, which recognizes common law marriage.

Most states do not, but state laws have changed over the years and many states which once recognized such unions as "marriage" no longer do. Although they may have "been a couple" for 15 years, if your friend and his fiancée have been living together for only two it is likely only the last two years will count for Social Security benefit purposes. So, whether your friend's fiancée will get anything when your friend dies depends on where they live, unless they get married, in which case the rules are different.

In order for a married widow(er) to receive surviving spouse benefits, the couple must have been married for at least nine months. If they marry and your friend lives longer than nine months thereafter, then his wife will be entitled to a surviving spouse benefit from her husband. The amount of his wife's benefit will be based upon the amount your friend is receiving at his death, adjusted for her age when she claims her surviving spouse benefit.

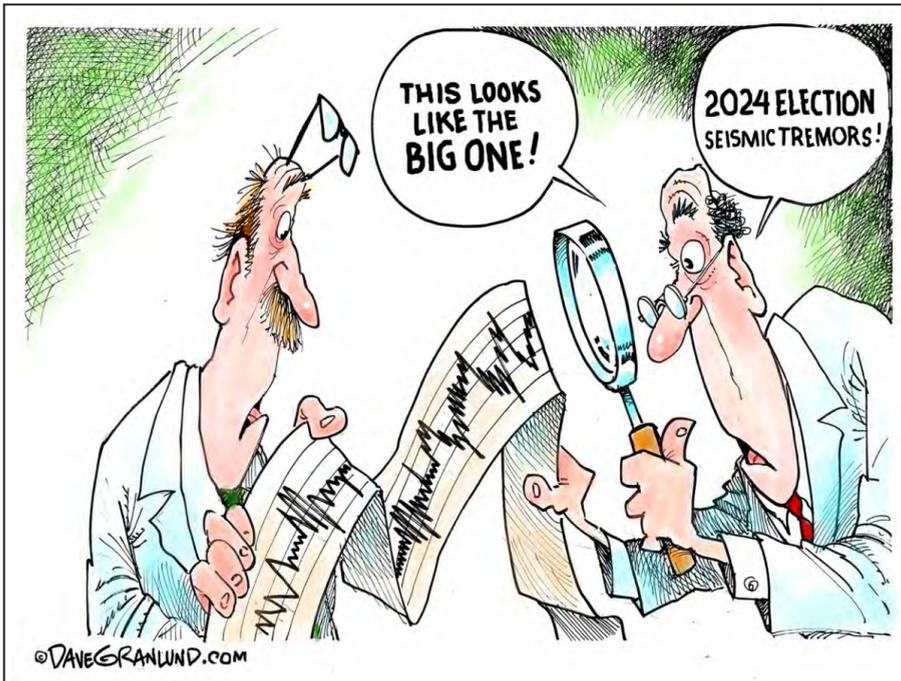
A surviving spouse can claim benefits from the deceased as early as age 60, but those benefits will be reduced for claiming before full retirement age (FRA). Taken at age 60, the wife's benefit would be 71.5% of your friend's SS benefit at his death. The wife need not claim the survivor benefit immediately; she could opt to delay claiming in order to get a higher percentage of the husband's amount. Survivor benefits reach maximum, 100% of the deceased's benefit amount, at the recipient's FRA.

So, if your friend and his fiancée now live in a state which currently recognizes common law marriage (Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Rhode Island or in the District of Columbia), then your friend's partner will be considered his "wife" and entitled to survivor benefits as normal (the fiancée would need to prove they cohabitate in a marriage-like relationship to claim benefits).

If they do not live in one of those states, but they get married and the marriage lasts for at least 9 months, then the wife will be entitled to normal benefits as a surviving spouse as described above.

But if the couple do not live in one of the above states which recognize "common law" relationships or if their soon-to-occur marriage doesn't last at least 9 months or if they do not get married, I'm afraid your friend's partner will not be entitled to any survivor benefits from your friend.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Jan. 17, 2019)

At the Jan. 10 Quabbin Regional School Committee meeting, Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said she heard back from legal counsel regarding a vote to close the New Braintree School taken on Dec. 13. He calculated the weighted vote and determined the 9.86 calculation was incorrect. One vote was not tallied due to a malfunction in the spread sheet. The weighted vote was 10.974 and met the 2/3 majority requirement. The committee will send a letter to the Town Clerk of New Braintree. Selectmen in the town now have a window of no earlier than three months from the voter or not later than six months from the voted to hold a Special Town Meeting.

State Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) announces the hiring of Lucas McDiarmid, to her staff as district director. McDiarmid, a Palmer resident, holds a Bachelor's Degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and is currently pursuing a Master's of public administration at Norwich University. He most recently worked as a developer coordinator at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute and currently serves on the town of Palmer's Conservation Commission. He replaces Tyler Wolanin, who accepted a new position as a research analyst for the New Jersey Office of Legislative Services last month.

The Frozen Assets fundraiser in Hubbardston is now underway. People can take five guesses on when the "outhouse" located on the Country Hen pond will fall through the ice. They are asking for a \$20 donation per Frozen Assets form. All donations collected will help fund future Town Special Events. All forms must be submitted by Feb. 1.

10 years (Jan. 9, 2014)

Once again former Quabbin Regional High School musicians joined with some current students and a few "guests" to present the third annual alumni band concert this past Sunday. The alumni band consisted of 50 musicians spanning over 35 years at Quabbin Regional High School. Of those alumni, ten are music educators.

Former Fire Chief L. Thomas McCaffrey III, spoke on behalf of the town remaining with the Rutland Regional Dispatch. Selectmen inquired about joining the dispatch center at the New Braintree State Police Academy. Selectman Chairman William Storie spoke with someone at the New Braintree facility, but he has not heard if Oakham would be eligible to join. The center in New

LOOK BACK Fashion Show - 2002



File photo
Mary Gould of Elizabeth's Fashions describes the jacket, top and capri pants worn by Bessie Difley at the Barre Woman's Club fashion show on April 11, 2002.

Braintree serves about ten towns in the area at no cost.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre from 2-7 p.m. Quabbin seniors, Hailey Scott and Emily Murray, have organized this blood drive campaign as part of the Bob's Furniture High School Heroes Scholarship program. If they meet the donation goal, Quabbin's seniors become eligible to win \$8,000 in scholarships.

25 years (Jan. 14, 1999)

For the past 25 years, the Strawberry Patch has been a solid member of the Barre business community. Ursula Rosen, the proprietor of the shop, has supplied Barre area residents with a delightful array of gifts and crafts since the shop opened on the Barre Common in the early 1970s. The Barre Business Association named Ursula the Business Person of the Year in 1997. Many of the items in the shop have been made by Ursula herself, but she is most known for her sterling silver jewelry. Ursula is closing the shop and going into semi-retirement.

Selectman Leo McCaffrey informed the other two members of the board about problems with the heating system at the new municipal building at the Monday, Jan. 11 meeting. The entire heating system is inadequate for the size of the building. The heating system was installed by the mechanical contractor, but the system was never approved by the architect, Reinhardt Associates. McCaffrey said the present system will be removed and a whole new system will be installed.

Daniel J. Flynn Co. announced it will be conducting an auction on 41 lots at Highland Woods in Barre on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at noon. The auction will take place on the premises. Located along South Barre, the acreage is divided into 41 individual lots. Lot sizes range from .9 to 2.3 acres.

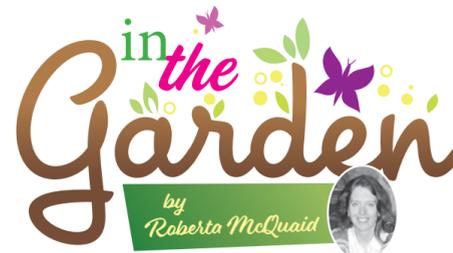
38 years (Jan. 16, 1986)

John Hirbour and Thomas Bergin representing the auditing firm of Bergin and Crotty gave the town of Barre a good overall report on their financial situation, as well as, methods and procedures used in keeping accounting records. In a 19 page report presented to the Barre Selectmen at their meeting Monday, Jan. 13. According to the auditors, Barre's bookkeeping methods are within 95% of the new standardized state guidelines. Also Barre's indebtedness is relatively small, placing the town in excellent standing compared to other towns of similar size.

A large building on Hubbardston's Main Street, owned by Edmund and Kay Rousseau of Gardner, suffered substantial damage in a late Sunday afternoon blaze. Fire Departments from Princeton, Sterling, Templeton, Gardner, Rutland, Barre, Westminster, Ashburnham and Meadowwood of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire assisted the Hubbardston Fire Department in controlling the fire, which officials believe started in Casey's Woodworking Shop, one of five business housed in the structure. The fire was a most difficult one to contain, according to Fire Chief Roger Knipe, since there was a lot of combustible materials such as sawdust and wood chips and the structure did not have any fire blocks.

Opening a small business is never easy, but in the five years since the Country Cupcake opened, customers and friends have always been wonderful. The owner said unfortunately due to circumstances beyond her control, she will close the shop located at Quabbin Plaza. The business will be closing on Jan. 31.

Guest Column



New questions for the New Year!

Jim, who gardens in Bridgewater, sent this question in to the Garden Lady.

"I liked your article on experimenting with holly seeds. I do some of my own propagating with trees and perennials, so the holly seeds thing was good. My question concerns being dioecious and at what point can one determine male or female? Is there some way to determine sex at an early stage or must I grow a dozen plants for years before I can weed out the males and keep the females? I have read that a single male will successfully pollinate all the females within a half mile radius so finding the females is my goal at the earliest possible stage of growth."

Sadly, the only way to figure out whether you have a male or female holly is by examining the flowers, so yes, that will require growing them on for some time; my research indicates about four to seven years.

The male flowers will have four petals and four stamens where you will see the pollen at the end. Female flowers look very similar except there is a green "bump" in the center of the petals - the ovary, where the berries will form from.

Garden centers usually propagate vegetatively from either male or female plants, so they are not playing the waiting game. Starting hollies from seed is still a fun experiment, time consuming nonetheless.

Dawn was worried that her amaryllis plant was dead. "My amaryllis was originally a Christmas gift. I've enjoyed it for a few years now, but its leaves yellowed, then they withered and died. I'm worried that I killed it!"

As soon as I heard from Dawn, my thoughts went to my own amaryllis, still in my bedroom window despite the fact that its leaves are brown and have fallen around the outside of its pot. I haven't watered it since it started to "decline."

It has sat there in this sorry state for a few weeks now. Never fear, it's likely our bulbs have gone dormant.

This timing is a little off if you think about all of those boxed sets of amaryllis bulbs sitting on store shelves just in time for Christmas giving and planting. Bulb companies can "time" growth stages a little more reliably that we can.

After a month or two of dormancy watering can resume and with good fortune, blooms should reappear in 6-8 weeks. Some experts recommend putting the dormant bulbs in a cool, dark room to rest.

I often move dormant pots of bulbs to my mudroom where temperatures are in the 50s this time of year and when I see green tips on the bulb I bring it back into the living area of my house. Usually regrowth comes, but a flower sometimes doesn't.

In this case, the bulb is likely depleted of nutrients and without enough reserves left for re-bloom.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Another year is here and at the time we are expecting a big snowstorm.

My handyman has filled the sand boxes and I have the shovels ready and handy. This area always gets the most snow predicted so I am sure we will get the 12 inches. I am writing my newsletter early in case we loose power as I do it on the computer.

This week has been very hard on our family as we lost my brother, Alden Adams of Adams Mt. on Jan. 2. He was a terrific brother, who loved to talk history of Hubbardston with me and was a wonderful photographer. He worked at Wain Roy for all the years it was in town first as a welder and then a manager.

He had a house built on the hill that my stepfather used to own and made it a saltbox like President John Quincy Adams as we are distantly related to him. His son was named Samuel and his grand daughter was named Abigail. Also, my other brother was named John Adams.

He took many photographs of houses of Hubbardston, ponds and rivers and presently I have as my wallpaper on my computer a beautiful photograph of a snow scene of the First Meeting House, presently the First Parish Unitarian Church.

He also had one of the largest collections of post-cards of Hubbardston. He made a booklet that he gave to several town people of town called Hubbardston 100 All-Stars. It included photographs of people he thought did the most for the town at the time he made the book, in 2012.

I have all the Christmas decorations packed away for another year. I made fabric bags to put a lot of the things in to keep them safe such as the Noah Ark pieces.

I have Valentines on the fireplace mantel and in the dough box of the dining room table. In earlier years I used to keep my artificial tree up and place felt home-made Valentines on it. Then I decorated it with St. Patricks day items and then Easter, but I did not put a

tree up this year.

Here is a recipe that the readers may like to make for a snack. I love pecans and with a honey glaze, they are even better.

HONEY GLAZED PECANS

- 1 1/2 cups pecans
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Place pecans in a medium non-stick skillet. Cook over medium heat for 6 minutes or until lightly toasted shaking pan frequently.

Combine the remaining ingredients in a glass bowl and microwave on high for 30 seconds. Add honey mixture to pecans and cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Arrange pecan mixture on prepared baking sheet in a single layer. Let stand 10 minutes. Break apart any clusters.

This and That

I have spent part of the week picking over papers in my office and filing things in folders. I have collected so much stuff for the Historical Society I have to keep up with the filing. Each year I make a notebook of articles that are in the newspaper about Hubbardston and that is used when they need to make a new Hubbardston History book. Leo Sullivan used the notebooks a lot when he wrote the last history of Hubbardston in 1983.

There are two histories of Hubbardston 1880 and 1983, two illustration books and a short history by Bennett. Gary Kangas published a book Images of Hubbardston with lots of pictures and he is working on a second edition.

In between I have made several items with crochet and penny rugs. I hope the new year is a better one.

Happy and healthy 2024.

CURLING, continued from page 1

to Paul, they are ranked #2 in the country.

Paul is a second generation curler and has always scene curling as a social game.

"We play to win, but the fun of the game is the highlight", said Paul.

The Petersham Curling Club has a seating area for spectators to sit and view the matches on the ice. In addition to seating, the curling club also offers a bar. For special events and tournaments, the curling club does provide food for players and spectators. One of those special events is the Spring Fling Curling tournament. This multi-day tournament features 18 teams and over 70 players with dozens of spectators rooting them on.

Other social events include curling classes, open house, leagues, and club rental experiences. For the leagues, doubles is one of the most popular events at the club. Curling regularly features four person teams. A curling match can take approximately two hours to complete.

Get involved with curling by visiting the Petersham Curling Club at 250 N. Main St. in Petersham. To learn more on how to join and become a member, visit petershamcurling.org.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Memorabilia highlighting curlers in the junior program who have won national championships.



The club offers two sheets of ice for participants along with a seating area for spectators and a bar.



Sweepers are part of the curling team guiding the stone to the center of the house, known as the tee.



Club player in position to release curling stone.



Club member Ted Paul giving instructions on the ice prior to curling match.

GARDEN, continued from page 4

I would recommend watering with an all-purpose plant fertilizer during active growth.

Seed production also diminishes the plant's reserves, so be sure

to deadhead the individual flowers as they go by, leaving the stem intact until it yellows. Hopefully these tips will give your amaryllis a few more good years of flowering.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of

Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Business

Main Street gets new look and a new place to eat

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – By now, Hubbardston residents have seen the attractive new look of Main Street (RT 68). The newly constructed wide sidewalks on Main Street have set the many beautiful historic homes off like never before.

Non-resident travelers using this popular north-south road for decades will immediately see Hubbardston in a new way, a positive way. In fact, I was inspired to take a closer look at the architecture of the homes. The owners of these residences seem to have put even more attention into beautifying their properties than ever before, in keeping with the improvements directly in their front yards.

I parked my car in front of the only restaurant in town in a cluster of stores opposite the Cigo station to get some breakfast before taking a walk. It was an unseasonably mild mid-December day and my first visit to the restaurant.

Formerly called the Hub Town Diner, it has undergone a positive transformation too. In April, 2023, Wanda Felton-Tucker, formerly a co-owner, became the sole owner of the newly christened Stars and Stripes Diner.

Wanda, has been an active supporting member of the Hubbardston community for years. Not just by serving delicious breakfasts, like my favorite fresh off the griddle waffles with genuine maple syrup; but lunches, fresh baked muffins, hot cocoa and coffee from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. every day of the week. In addition, she provides a private space for those, who wish to have catered events after closing time. People may call her at 978-820-1600 to learn more.

When you visit, be sure to look at the photos of current and past military service men and women on the walls. Because Wanda's



Photo by Eric Goodhart

This is the front glass window at Stars and Stripes, "Where Life is Better With Friends and Family."

rich local heritage includes many who have patriotically served our country going back before WW I, she has always had a very close connection and respect for those who have served and are presently serving in each of the military services.

In fact, when her daughter joined the Navy in 2018 and stationed in Japan, she made a decision to do something for service members. She launched "Project Stocking" in 2018! She learned of the extent of out-of-pocket expenses of the active-duty military had to pay for.

She decided to stuff a handful of stockings with necessary items to help alleviate the financial

pressure on the military around the holidays. A handful of stockings turned in to approximately 500 stockings, and through donations and volunteers it has been growing.

Donations were collected for weeks and then at least a dozen volunteers, got together to stuff, the stockings package them up and prepare them for shipping. The project started during the Christmas season, but she is also now doing it in the summer as well. Learn more about what she is doing and her vision for the future on Facebook. People can google Hubbardston EDC Facebook.



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Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

A 2024 Meditaiton Part 2

Last week we outlined the manner in which Paul began each of his inspired writings.

I can think of no better way to begin the New Year than by examining the introductions he penned, as such can inform our trajectory in 2024! What can we glean from said introductions? In this edition, let us consider Paul as a man who knew his identity in Christ. How did he define or describe himself?

1) Servant

Three times Paul presented himself as a servant of God (Rom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:1). What is the meaning of this term? The underlying Greek term *doúlos* is defined as one who belongs to another; a bond-slave, without any ownership rights of their own. In the New Testament, this term is used to describe believers who willingly live under the dominion of Christ as His follower.

2) Apostle

Nine times Paul presented himself as an apostle of Christ (Rom. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:1). The underlying Greek term is *apóstolos*, meaning one who is sent on a mission; an envoy commissioned by another to represent him; especially a man sent out by Christ to proclaim the gospel. It should be noted that Paul continually claimed his apostleship was of heavenly versus earthly origin. Consider the following as an example:

Galatians 1:1

I Paul, an apostle-sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father . . .

3) Member of the People of God

Paul knew himself to be a member of the people of God; a great community of faith composed of all who believe throughout space and time. He reveled in his connection with fellow believers in Christ, bound together by belief and love!

Romans 1:1, 7a

I Paul, a servant of Christ

Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God . . . 7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people . . .

1 Corinthians 1:1-2

I Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ-their Lord and ours . . .

4) Member of the Family of God

Similarly, Paul knew himself to be a member of the broader family of God. Thus, he was one of countless brethren who shared a common heavenly Father!

Colossians 1:1-2a

I Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ . . .

5) Spiritual Father

Paul knew himself to be a spiritual father to many in the Lord-a spiritual father to individuals and to entire congregations:

1 Timothy 1:1-2

I Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy my true son in the faith . . .

Titus 1:1, 4a

I Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness . . . 4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith . . .

1 Corinthians 4:14-16

14 I am writing this not to shame you [the congregation at Corinth] but to warn you as my dear children. 15 Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

6) Prisoner

Lastly, Paul perceived himself as a prisoner of Christ. Such was his claim in his Epistle to Philemon:

Philemon 1-3

I Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, 2 To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker-2 also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier-and to the church that meets in your home: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Why would Paul view himself in such a manner?

Simply put, he was quite literally imprisoned as he penned this letter, demonstrating a willingness to suffer for the Lord if necessary.

Ultimately, I find it interesting that Paul presents himself as a man who knew both who and what he was in Christ Jesus. However, this raises a series of vital questions worthy of prayerful consideration: Do you know who you are in Christ?

Do you live as His servant? Do you live as one who is called and sent to represent both Him and His ways, proclaiming His message to all who will listen? Do you live as one who is connected with the broader people and family of God?

Do you have spiritual children and is your life worthy of imitation? Are you one who is willing to suffer for your faith and face scorn, should such elements arise?

If you struggle in answering these questions, perhaps your first resolution should center upon discovering and walking in your identity in Him! Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

Pastor James Foley

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Christmas Cantata Concert postponed to Jan. 14

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Christian Community Choir, a local interfaith choir here, in East Brookfield, was scheduled to have a Christmas Cantata concert on Sunday, Jan. 7 at St. John the Baptist Church, 131 Blaine Avenue.

It has been postponed, due to the prediction of snow on Sunday, Jan. 7. The choir will now be performing the Christmas Cantata concert called "Christmas is Coming" on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. Dr. Kathleen Hosterman, director; Fr. Don Ouellette and the members of the choir invite everyone to attend this concert. The celebration of the Christmas season, has just been extended. A reception will follow in the church hall.

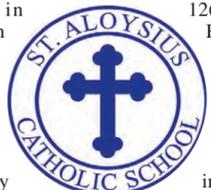
St. Aloysius Catholic School to hold open house

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School is hosting an open house at the school located at 52 Church St., in Gilbertville, on Monday, Jan. 29 from 3-5:30 p.m.

Prospective parents are cordially invited to visit the classrooms and meet the faculty of this growing school. The administration is also happy to tour families during the school day and provide shadow days for students presently in kindergarten through grade seven.

Please feel free to call the school 413-477-1268 or reach out to Roberta McQuaid, Enrollment Coordinator, to set up an appointment to visit.

Enrollment information and all the necessary paperwork is available on the website, www.staloyuscs.com, under the "Join our Family" tab.



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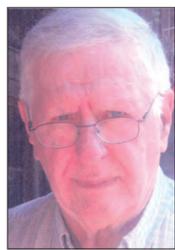
Alden "Aldie" Adams, 86

HUBBARDSTON – Alden "Aldie" Adams of Hubbardston, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024.

Born in Gardner on August 23, 1937, he was the son of George and Elizabeth (Parker) Adams. Alden was a lifelong resident of Hubbardston, who loved the town and spent his life in town building and improving his family's two homes, gardening, photography, spending time with his family and following in his mother's footsteps collecting and fostering Hubbardston history. Alden attended Worcester trade school for welding and worked for over forty years at Wain Roy Corporation in Hubbardston first as a young welder and retired as the production manager.

Alden was a loving and dedicated family man, who is survived by the love of his life of 58 years of marriage, Susan (Brodeur) Adams; his son, Samuel and his wife, Lydia Adams; his daughters, Alison and her husband, Edward Williams and Sarah and her husband, William McConnell. Alden had three grandchildren, Abigail, Erin and William and one great-grandchild, Elizabeth. His beloved sister, Jane (Adams) McCauley also of Hubbardston and her husband, Kenneth, and his brother, David Norberg of Worcester.

Alden is predeceased by his father, George Adams at a young



age and his mother and stepfather Elizabeth (Parker Adams) and Walter Norberg and his brother, John Adams.

Calling hours for Alden were held on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 from 4-6 p.m. at Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner.

There was a funeral service at the funeral home on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 at 6 p.m. directly following the calling hours.

To send an online condolence please visit www.mackfamilyfh.com.

Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner is directing arrangements.

Colleen P. (Sweeney) Guertin, 64

BARRE – Colleen P. (Sweeney) Guertin, 64, a lifelong resident of Barre, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 surrounded by her three children, after a year long battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Frontotemporal Dementia.

She is survived by her three loving children, Benjamin, Krystal and Brendan; her granddaughter, Emma; siblings, Michael Sweeney and Maureen Sweeney Bennett; and nieces, Emily and Elizabeth. She is predeceased by her parents, Edward Sweeney and Catherine (Brick) Sweeney.

Colleen dedicated her life to the service of others. After earning her Human Services degree, she went on to work for many years at the Nazareth Home for Boys in Leicester, serving youth, who had experienced emotional trauma, abuse and neglect. She also worked as a Special Education Aide for the Quabbin School District and as a driver for VanPool Transportation, providing transportation services for special needs children.

Her proudest contribution to human services was her 25 years of selfless dedication to the Barre Rescue Squad as an Emergency Medical Technician. During her time on the Squad, Colleen touched the lives of many with her compassionate care, saved countless lives and even delivered a baby. She

would drop anything she was doing to help a member of the Barre community. Colleen was a dedicated CPR instructor, often cancelling her own plans to teach members of the community when they reached out for training. She also enjoyed organizing the annual Teddy Bear Picnic; providing an opportunity for children to meet the Barre EMTs and see the ambulances.

Most people will remember Colleen as a wonderful artist and crafter. She enjoyed painting scenic landscapes and horses on old saw blades and canvases. She especially enjoyed drawing pictures of Great Danes, her favorite dog breed.

One of Colleen's most joyful hobbies included cooking up unique dishes for her family and friends and was frequently asked to share her recipes. Colleen also enjoyed sitting on her porch with friends, learning about local Native American history, hiking the Quabbin Reservoir and spending time with her children and grandchild.

Colleen spent numerous hours helping raise her granddaughter Emma, and even instilled in her a number of her artistic abilities, such as painting and drawing. Her loving and selfless contributions to her



family and community will be long remembered.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Sunday, Jan. 14 from 2-4 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. The funeral will be held on Monday, Jan. 15 with a Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas A Becket Church, Vernon Avenue, South Barre. Burial will follow in St. Josephs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Barre Fire Department – Ambulance Service. Pillsbury Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICES

Everett, Miles C.
Adams, Alden "Aldie"
Died Jan. 2, 2024

Guertin, Colleen P.
(Sweeney)
Died Jan. 8, 2024
Funeral Mass Monday,
Jan. 15 at 10 a.m.
St. Thomas A Becket Church
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Zonta Service Grants available for 2024

In keeping with Zonta's more-than-100-year tradition of improving the lives of women and girls, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is currently soliciting proposals from local non-profit organizations for projects that benefit women and/or youth.

Since its inception in 1991, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley has contributed over \$150 thousand in cash and in-kind donations to local non-profits.

The Zonta Service Grant Form application can be downloaded at www.zontaqv.org/service-grant/ or requested by contacting info@zontaqv.org.

Grants ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 will be awarded biannually, in May with a April 1 deadline and November with an Oct. 1 deadline. Proposals must include specific details of the project including the need that will be addressed with the funds.

In reviewing completed applications the committee will give

preference for a hands-on component that can involve Zontians and supporters, if appropriate. The club's efforts to raise funds for these grants included a Calendar Raffle, Golf Tournament and Poinsettia sales. Two-thirds of all profits are used to fund local initiatives; one-third goes to the Zonta Foundation for Women to fund global projects with partners including UNFPA, UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, Coalition to End Violence Against Women and Girls Globally and Women's Empowerment Principles.

2022-2023 grant recipients included:

Girl's Inc of the Valley received a grant to help build new programs at their new Holyoke location. YWCA of Western MA received a grant to purchase gift cards for individuals in their network to purchase essentials. Safe Passage of Northampton to offset printing of a program book-

let for Say Something - 8-hour skills-focused training program grounded in effective strategies of bystander intervention and empowerment self-defense. Food Share in Palmer in support of stocking personal hygiene products and other items in short supply for women and girls.

Second Time's a Charm in Palmer received a grant toward the purchase of different-sized gowns in short supply for teens in need. Alianza DV Services, Inc. (formerly Womenshelter/Companeros) in support of a fall showing of the Clothesline Project, a visual display of violence statistics that often go ignored. Each shirt is made by a survivor of violence or by someone who has lost a loved one to violence.

Inquiries can be directed to the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley, Mary Knight the Communications Chair by emailing info@zontaqv.org or calling 413-219-8260.

Red Cross faces blood shortage

MEDFORD – The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years.

The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels across the country and blood and platelet donors are urged to make a donation appointment to help alleviate the shortage and help ensure life-saving medical procedures are not put on hold. Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40%.

When fewer people donate blood, even small disruptions to blood donations such as the nearly 7,000-unit shortfall in blood donations the Red Cross experienced between Christmas and New Year's Day alone can have a huge impact on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion.

Blood products are currently

going to hospitals faster than blood donations are coming in and in recent weeks, the Red Cross has had to limit distributions of type O blood products among the most transfused blood types to hospitals.

To make an appointment, people may download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities at Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St., Worcester are: Thursday, Jan. 11 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 12 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 13 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 14 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 15 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 18 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 19 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 20 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 21 from

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 22 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 25 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 26 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 28 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 29 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 12:15-7:15 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 12:15-7:15 p.m.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, people may visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org.

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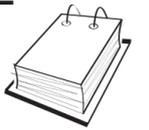
The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.



Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, JAN. 11

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS will resume tonight at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. The choral group of 23 years sings in four-part harmony and often in other languages. People may email julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 for more information. They perform several concerts during the year. The next concert will be Saturday, May 18 at the Barre Town Hall. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay. If people are interested in joining Circle of Song, they may email Julie Rawson, director, at julie@mhof.net, or call 978-257-1192 or show up at the Barre Town Hall, on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT FROM NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE will be at the Bigelow Free Public Library, 54 Walnut St., Clinton. The exhibit entitled "Outside/Inside: Immigration, Migration, and Health Care in the United States" will be there now through Friday, Jan. 26. The traveling exhibition and companion website trace the history of ideas about immigrant health, and immigrants' and migrants' changing experiences with U.S. health care since late 1800s. Immigration is an important part of the American story. Health care and medicine played a role in inclusion and exclusion, in "assimilation" and discrimination, in dividing communities and strengthening them. People may call 978-365-4160 for more information. Library hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, people may visit www.bigelowlibrary.org.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS will be held today from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre in the multipurpose room for school age children. Different activities are held each week ranging from arts and crafts to STEAM based challenges all meant to bring the community closer together. The program is held Fridays during January, February and March and is recommended for ages five plus.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

SATURDAY STORY TIME will be held today from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre in the multipurpose room at the library. The program is recommended for ages three to six. Each week Ms. Katie will read a story and pair it with a craft or related activity. To request sign language interpretation or other accommodation for special needs for any program, people should call the Library Director at least two weeks before the program date at 978-355-2533 extension 101 or email jhood@barrelibrary.org.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

BOOK SIGNING EVENT will take place today from 2-5 pm. at Barre Players Hall on Barre Common, 64 Common St. Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge will read from their new book, "Many Hands Make a Farm: 47 Years of Questioning Authority Feeding a Community, and Building an Organic Movement." In addition there will be music from groups they are part of and some special surprises. A potluck will follow. It's optional to bring something to share to eat. This special event will recognize the thousands of acts of thoughtfulness and learning that Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge have provided over the last 40 plus years through NOFA/Mass, the Barre Farmers Market, Circle of Song, Quabbin Community Band, annual plays at Quabbin Regional High School, Barre Players Theater, Many Hands Organic Farm, Many Hands Sustainability Center, meals at their table and more.

Quabbin Visitor Center lists free indoor/virtual events

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offer several free indoor/virtual programs in January and February.

Space is limited and registration is required. In-person seating will be limited to 45 people. All ages are welcome.

To register for any of these events, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events.

Presentations will be offered in-person and via Zoom. To register, follow the link in each program description and chose to attend in-person or to receive the Zoom link.

Construction of the Winsor Dam

On Sunday, Jan. 21 from 2-3 p.m. join staff from the DCR Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center to learn more about how the Winsor Dam and the Goodnough Dike were con-

structed and how they formed the Reservoir.

Quabbin Reservoir is so noted for its natural beauty and pure water that we often forget that it is a constructed landscape created by the Winsor Dam and Goodnough Dike.

Secrets Beneath the Trees

On Sunday, Jan. 28 from 2-3 p.m. join Dr. Becky Seifried, Geospatial Information Librarian at UMass Amherst to learn how we can use Lidar (Light

Detection and Ranging) to map the traces of historical settlements, like stone walls and road cuts - and you'll discover just how much built heritage is hidden beneath the forests of Quabbin in Secrets Beneath the Trees: Exploring the Quabbin's Hidden Historical Landscape with Lidar.

Lidar is a technology that lets researchers peek beneath the tree canopy to model the surface of the earth.

town" to read "All volunteers must be covered by their own insurance." He said several people did not volunteer because they thought it intrusive and did not want to provide their personnel information. The board approved the amendment.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting

The Select Board signed the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22 at the Fire Station. Constable Denise Collette signed the warrant and posted it.

Public Comment

During public comment Lucy Delillo of East Hill Road East said she sent an email to the Select Board on Dec. 12, but she had not heard back that it was received. The email was about the plowing by the town of Skyline Drive, which is a private way. She opposed spending taxpayer money on this.

Select Board Chair Haapakoski said there had been problems with contact tab on the website and the contact people were not receiving notification. He said there was not an issue using the emails on the Select Board page or any of the other town departments, boards and committee pages.

Haapakoski said there would be a conference call with Town Counsel, the Select Board and Planning Board tomorrow regarding Skyline Drive and getting it accepted as a town owned road. The conference call would be discussed at a future meeting.

Paul Rochette of Gaffney Road said with all the rain coming this week most likely Adams Pond would overflow onto Grace Lane. He said the water level should be lowered for the winter to prevent flooding of the town road.

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outlets, additional breakers and exit lighting. The Electrical Inspector estimated the cost for this upgrade would be about \$1,000.

The Board approved the electrical work upgrade and requested the COA obtain one or more additional quotes on the job. Other items listed were resurfacing of the floor in the foot care room, signage in the front of the building indicating the presence of the senior center in the lower level, new flooring in the senior center, painting of the senior center and a picnic table for outside.

Select Board Vice Chair Lucy Tessnau said the Back Door Cafe sign by the front door could be replaced by one saying Oakham Senior Center with an arrow pointing to the lower

level. She said the senior center floor tiles contained asbestos so removal would be costly and the center would be unable to be open for seniors use during the abatement process.

Select Board Chair Haapakoski said the painting of the senior center rooms could be done by the Worcester County Sheriff's Department, who did the painting in the past. Select Board member Aaron Langlois said the back of the town hall area was not level and lacked a spot to place a picnic table. Langlois said another issue was the lack of parking at the Senior Center.

Volunteer policy

Select Board member Langlois made a motion to amend the volunteer policy to change the wording from "All volunteers must be covered by their own insurance and provide evidence of insurance to the

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Jan 15. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Cheryl Paul correctly identified the photo. The photo last week shows part of the Barre Plains Fire Station and the baseball field in Barre Plains section of Barre.

ENGLISH SOCIAL TEA, the first 250th Anniversary event, will be held today from 2-4 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. Admission is free. Reservations are required by Friday, Jan. 5 by email at 250anniversary@town-of-barre.com or by signing up at either the Barre Senior Center or Grand View Terrace. Snow date is Sunday, Jan. 21.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA CONCERT by the Christmas Cantata Concert by the Christian Community Choir, a local interfaith choir here in East Brookfield, was scheduled to have a Christmas Cantata concert on Sunday, Jan. 7 at St. John the Baptist Church, 131 Blaine Avenue in East Brookfield. It has been postponed, due to the prediction of snow on Jan. 7 to this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Church. This choir will perform "Christmas is Coming." Dr. Kathleen Hosterman, director; Fr. Don Ouellette and the members of the choir are extending an invitation to everyone to attend. The celebration of the Christmas season has just been extended. A reception will follow in the church hall.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

MASS ADVANTAGE REPRESENTATIVE will be at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre today at 2 p.m. People in the special enrollment period may stop in and meet with the representative to ask questions.

THURSDAY, JAN.18

BREAKFAST WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT will take place today at 9 a.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. The menu includes scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast and coffee. Sign up is required by Monday, Jan. 11 as seating is limited.

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP DRIVE-THRU

SUPPER will be held today with pickup from 5:30-6:30 p.m. this is the same day as the Food Pantry distribution. The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

SUPPORT GROUP for grandparent raising grandchildren will be held today from 9:30-11 a.m. at Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday of every month. People should call 508-796-1411 or email yiwfrycyouice@sevenhills.org to register or for more information..

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

BREAKFAST will be served today from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Oakham Congregational church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes (plain, blueberry and chocolate chip), sausages, homemade doughnut holes, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. Free will donations will be accepted.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

WINTER HIKE QUABBIN RESERVOIR GATE 43 in Hardwick sponsored by the Ware River Nature Club will take place today at 10 a.m. This is a leisurely walk at this scenic section of the Quabbin Reservation. After exploring around a small beaver pond off Shaft 12 Road, the group will walk along Hell Huddle Road (plowed, but condition will depend on weather leading up to that date) into Fishing Area 3. This will give us a chance to look for eagles and listen and watch for red crossbills and other forest birds. We can expect to encounter some mammal sign/scat, and we'll look off-trail for tracks if conditions are suitable. Participants should plan to be

out for 3-4 hours and dress for the weather, bring snacks and beverages and don't forget camera and binoculars. People may sign-up at warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com The event will be rescheduled if the weather is frightful.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

STORY TIME will be held at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree today at 9 a.m. The stories are "The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Winter" by Eric Carle and "The Life of a Little Cardboard Box," by Igloo Books. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

SOUP BAR will be held today at 11:45 a.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. People, who bring their favorite soup, will eat free. Those, who do not bring a soup, the cost of \$4 is due at the time of signing up.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

SHARING NATURE PHOTOS sponsored by the Ware River Nature Club will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main Street, Rutland. People are invited to choose ten of their favorite nature and outdoor photographs, put them on a thumb drive and bring them to this casual evening of photo-sharing. The club will supply the screen, projector and technical help. The club invites people to supply some pictures and perhaps say a few words about each of them. The photographs must be taken by the person submitting them and taken within the last 25 years; they can be from anywhere in the world. An audience is needed as well so people may come to enjoy the show even if they have no pictures to share.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will be held today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 10 and under. People can design their own pancake. Compete breakfast choices include; designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage links, coffee and juice. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

VIRTUAL HEART AND VASCULAR HEALTH by Baystate Health cardiac surgeon Dr. Andrew Goldsweig will lead the first in the series entitled "Minimally Invasive, Maximally Effective New Technologies in the Cardia Cath Lab" today at noon followed by a question and answer period. Registration is required for each session. Dr. Goldsweig's presentation can also be attended in-person at the Baystate Health Education Center on 361 Whitney Ave., 2nd entrance to building, in Holyoke. This is the only lecture in the four-part series to also be held in-person.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

WINTER PLAY GROUP offered by Making Opportunities Count will be offered the first Monday of the month in place of Story Time. The play group will be held today and Monday, March 4 at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. MOC offers Coordinated Family and Community Engagement programs and is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.

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property and Potter determined that the odor was not a town-related issue.

Ruggles said the plumbing and building inspectors should take a look at the property, as this situation "isn't normal."

Ruggles said he wanted the town's inspectors to "make sure that it's not an internal issue with the house." Ruggles said they may need to consult with an engineer to determine the root of the issue.

Liquor license

The Select Board approved

amendments to the liquor license held by Mimi's Coffeehouse of Hardwick, from a wine and malt license to an all alcohol license. The manager of the restaurant was also changed on the license.

Mimi's Coffeehouse will be offering alcoholic beverages to accompany its dinner service, which will resume in a few weeks. The restaurant has also been hosting a number of different events, including parties and baby showers, and this amendment would be beneficial to them.

Town vehicle use

Parker said she looked into whether the town had a town vehi-

cle policy regarding operation on private time, and she said the town has an extensive policy.

She said the policy is included in the personnel plan and it's in all of the employee contracts when they were renegotiated.

"We have a pretty ironclad vehicle policy," Nicole said.

Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim said he instructed interim Fire Chief Joshua Pease to bring the Fire Department's pickup truck home with him, in order to respond to calls.

Certificate of appreciation

Vollheim read a certificate of appreciation to recognize retired

Fire Chief Raymond Walker for 55 years of service. Retired Deputy Chief Frank Hanson and Bob Bagdonas also received certificates to recognize their retirement.

Appointment

The Paige Memorial Library Trustees received a letter of interest from Stacey Hill to fill the remainder of Edward Kelly's term until the next election.

The Select Board and Trustees both voted in favor of appointing Hill to the position.

Donation

Parker said the town received its annual \$300 donation from

the East Quabbin Land Trust to use as the Select Board sees fit. The Select Board voted to have the donation go to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Matrix fiber service

Parker said she spoke with Chris Lynch from Matrix Connected Fiber about adding fiber broadband service from Spring Hill Road in Barre into Hardwick. She said there is a grant from Massachusetts Broadband Institute that could pay for the project.

She said the application for the grant is due in April.

Parker said she will have more

information at a future meeting after touring the area that Matrix is trying to service with Lynch.

Mayflower contract

The Select Board accepted the Mayflower Valuation proposal for new construction building permit measure and list for \$3,800 and personal property class 504 50/50 evaluation for \$5,000 for fiscal year 2025. Mayflower is the software used by the Assessors and this contract is renewed annually.

Interim Fire Chief salary

Select Board members will discuss the interim Fire Chief's salary at the Jan. 20 meeting.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic



Flu shot available!

Sunday January 21, 2024

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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The Rural Vaccine Equity Initiative**

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**Please direct any questions to Arianna Palano at
apalano@townofware.com, 413-478-2526.**



SPORTS

Bassett breaks out in Quabbin victory



Meg Doyle wins the opening tip off.

BARRE – Last Thursday night, Riley Bassett had a big game for Quabbin girls basketball with 22 points to lead all scorers in a 48-37 win over Lunenburg. Mia Ducos added 11 points in the win and Quabbin improved to an impressive 7-1 on the season. They are just a couple of wins away from qualifying for the state tournament once again.



Riley Bassett gets fouled while trying to take a shot.



Brooke Austin drives past the defender.



Hannah Baxter takes it to the hoop.

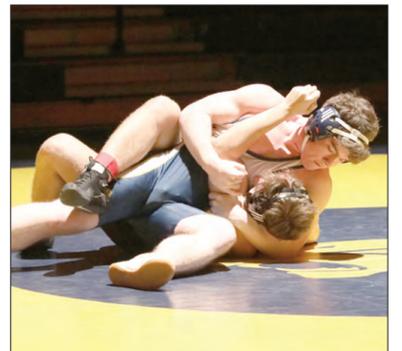
Turley photos by Ray Duffy



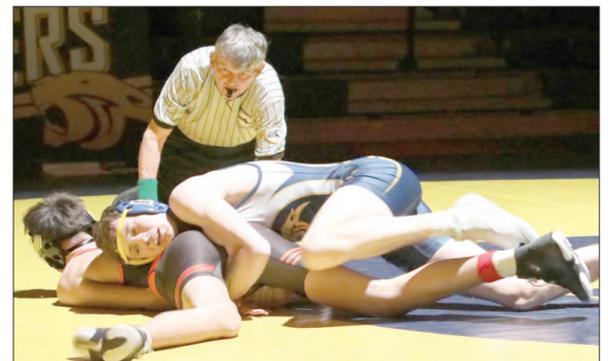
Abe Brown wins his match with a pin.

Panthers edged at home

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School wrestling team followed up competing at the Agawam Phil Tomkiel Tournament over the holiday with its first meet of 2024. The Panthers came up just a bit short, falling 34-31 against Marlborough last Wednesday night. The Panthers faced Algonquin earlier this week and next week travel to Nashoba.

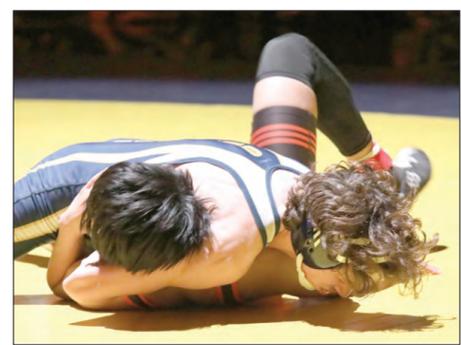


Matt Tolman earns a pin in the 190-pound match.



Team Captain Cole Wilson works for the pin.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy



Brent Benoit gets a pin in the 126-pound class.

Fernandez scores 20 in Quaboag win

MONSON – Last Friday night, North Brookfield boys basketball suffered a loss at Monson 66-51. The Indians were visiting a Western Mass. school for the first time this season. Anthony Sheard would lead the Indians with 18 points. Jose Rivera added 15 points and Colin Sukharev added 11 points. North Brookfield is 1-3 on the season.



Anthony Sheard runs for a layup.



Jose Rivera looks to go for the layup.



Kaden Corvese makes a jump shot.



Kaden Corvese makes a jump shot.

Quabbin to celebrate 1999 team

BARRE – Next month, Quabbin Regional High School is celebrating the 25th year reunion and recognition of its 1999 championship boys basketball team.

This team was special, having won 24 games, including the Central Massachusetts Championship, Clark Tournament and being a state finalist, having lost to East Boston at the Worcester Centrum in the state final game.

The reunion and celebration will take place Friday, Feb. 2 against Tyngsboro at home. Game time is set earlier at 6 p.m. There will be a social and school tour from 5 to 6 p.m. Members of the team attending will be recognized and honored at halftime of the game. Admission is free of charge to returning members of that championship team as well as their families.



Megan Clark makes a pass on the run.

Early lead paces Pioneers to win

PALMER – Last Friday evening, Pathfinder girls basketball jumped out to a 9-2 lead, then more than doubled that while holding Westfield Tech to just four points in the first half. The Pioneers would go on to get the win 34-24 and improve to 4-3 on the season. Greenly Lagimoniere would lead Pathfinder with 11 points.



Greenly Lagimoniere makes her way down the court.



Taylor Allen passes inside the arc.



Addison Doktor lunges for a shot.

Sports

Railers fall to Mariners on the road

PORTLAND, ME – The skate was on the other foot here Sunday afternoon, much to the Railers' dismay.

After spending a lot of the first part of this season crafting miraculous comebacks, Worcester had it happen in reverse, losing to the Maine Mariners, 4-2.

The Railers squandered a 2-1 lead as they allowed two goals by Alex Kile in the game's closing minutes, then an empty-netter by Curtis Hall at 19:59.

Kile's goals were his 19th and 20th of the season. The tying goal came with Maine on a power play at 17:09 of the third period. The winner was a 5 on 5 shot through a screen from about 55 feet at 19:33. It came after a Railers' mistake, an errant pass that led to an icing call and a faceoff in their own end.

Joey Cipollone and Anthony Callin scored the Worcester goals. Owen Pederson had the first Maine goal.

John Muse stopped 25 of 28 Maine shots. Brad Arvanitis was

excellent for the Mariners with 34 saves.

Worcester had a chance to put things out of reach earlier in the third period but could not capitalize on more than three straight minutes of power play time, much of it skating 5 on 3.

The first period was a real trip for the Railers, but in the worst way.

Referee Michael Zyla did not call a penalty and missed a blatant trip that took down a Worcester player and it cost the Railers a goal. It happened at 11:12, or just before that, as Riley Piercey controlled the puck along the right wing boards in the Worcester zone.

As Piercey began to move out he was tripped. The puck wound up on Pederson's stick. He carried it into the slot and popped a high backhand past Muse.

Otherwise, Muse and Arvanitis were equal to the task to make 18 combined saves.

It took Worcester a while to tie the game but Cipollone finally

did at 5:02 of the second period. He entered the Maine zone with Piercey on his right and one Maine defender between them. Cipollone took the puck in deep and his wrist shot broke through Arvanitis to make it 1-1.

Worcester made it 2-1 about seven minutes later on Callin's power play goal. He was set up by Blade Jenkins and zipped a 40-foot wrist shot just under the crossbar for the go ahead goal. The goal snapped an 11-game drought without one for Callin, although he had seven assists in that time.

Jenkins continued a very productive run of games with the assist. He is 2-9-11 in the last eight.

The Railers' next game is Friday night at the DCU Center, the first in a three-in-three versus the Norfolk Admirals. Worcester and Norfolk are likely to jockey for playoff position for the rest of the season and the Admirals have been leading the series to date, winning four of the five meetings.

T-Birds suffer loss against rival Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- The Springfield Thunderbirds (16-12-3-2) could not overcome an early blitz by the Providence Bruins (19-12-3-0) in a 6-3 loss on Sunday afternoon at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

It did not take the Bruins long to flex their offensive muscles, as John Farinacci slipped into an open area in front of the net, received a pass from Brett Harrison, and one-touched it past Vadim Zherenko to make it a 1-0 Bruins lead just 2:40 into the game.

Just 1:04 later, Justin Brazeau added to the advantage, taking a Georgii Merkulov pass and deking to the backhand past Zherenko on a point-blank opportunity. Anthony Richard added a third at 6:05, and before the T-Birds knew it, the home side had a 3-0 lead.

After a pair of matching minors

put the game at 4-on-4 for the first time, the Bruins found another seam in the defense, as Frederic Brunet made a perfect diagonal pass to the right post, where Ian Mitchell guided it into the twine, ending a potent first period for the Bruins with the 4-0 goal at 17:05.

Malcolm Subban entered in relief of Zherenko to start the second period, but the Bruins were not done on the attack, as Jayson Megna beat Subban on an odd-man rush from the slot, and the lead ballooned to 5-0 at 6:27 of the frame.

Despite the mountain of a deficit, the T-Birds showed tremendous character as Zach Bolduc and Adam Gaudette each found the back of the net behind Michael DiPietro in just a 2:12 span to bring the margin down to 5-2 at the 13:52 mark of the

period. Bolduc's fifth of the season broke a personal 11-game drought, and Gaudette scored for a third straight game, becoming the first AHL player to reach 20 goals this season.

The third period went 11 minutes with relatively minimal offensive chances for each team. Springfield would get another one as MacKenzie MacEachern roofed a shot from the right of the crease at 11:54 to cut the margin down to 5-3 off a slick set-up from Wyatt Kalynuk, but the comeback effort would not get any closer. Richard's second goal of the afternoon, a power play marker into an empty net, ended the scoring at the 17:54 mark of the third.

The T-Birds continued their four-game road swing on Wednesday night when they visited the Bridgeport Islanders.

HoopHall Classic to be broadcast nationwide

The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the broadcast schedule for the 2024 Spalding HoopHall Classic, an annual basketball showcase now in its 22nd year. Games will be played at Blake Arena from January 11-15 at Springfield College, the Birthplace of Basketball.

ESPN is returning as a broadcast partner, with 10 matchups broadcast nationally across Sunday and Monday's schedules. Coverage starts on Sunday with LaLumiere

School, KY, vs. Prolific Prep, CA, at 1:30 p.m. Two matchups will be broadcast on ESPN2, five on ESPN, and three on ESPN+.

Saturday's slate of eight games, which will tip off with Bishop Hendricken High School (RI) vs. Gulliver Prep (FL) at 9 a.m. and conclude with Grayson High School (GA) vs. Perry High School (AZ) at 9 p.m. will stream on the NBA App, with the first four games and last four games simulcast to NBA TV and NBA YouTube,

respectively. Additionally, content and highlights from Saturday's games will be featured on NBA Future Starts Now. This marks the first time that HoopHall Classic games and content will be featured on NBA platforms.

BallerTV continues as a broadcast partner for the event and will stream 14 games throughout the weekend.

18 of ESPN's Top 25 High School basketball programs will be participating in the event:

Montverde Academy (#1), Long Island Lutheran High School (#2), Paul VI High School (#3), Link Academy (#4), Christopher Columbus High School (#5), Prolific Prep (#7), Arizona Compass Prep (#8), Don Bosco Prep (#9), La Lumiere School (#11), Harvard-Westlake High School (#12), Brewster Academy (#13), IMG Academy (#14), Bishop O'Connell High School (#15), Gonzaga College High School (#16), Oak Hill Academy (#17), Archbishop Stepinac High School (#19), Grayson High School (#24), and McEachern High School (#25).

Ten of the last 12 No. 1 overall picks in the NBA Draft have played at the HoopHall Classic. This year, HoopHall Classic will feature 43 players in ESPN's Top 100 from the Class of 2024, 18 from the Class of 2025 Top 60, and five from the Class of 2026 Top 25. The tournament will feature four women's games this year. Eight of the Class of 2024's HoopGurlz WESPN Top 100 recruits will be featured, five from the Class of 2025's Super 60, and two from the Class of 2026's Terrific 25.

Education

News from the Quabbin Regional School District

From the desk of Colleen Mucha, Interim Superintendent of QRSD

Science learning has students at Quabbin Regional Middle School fired up.

Students in grades six-eight have been engaged in a new and exciting curriculum, Open Science Education. This curriculum is different from what students may have been exposed to in the past.

The phenomenon based approach allows students the opportunity to figure out what is happening in the scientific world with the teachers guiding them throughout the processes.

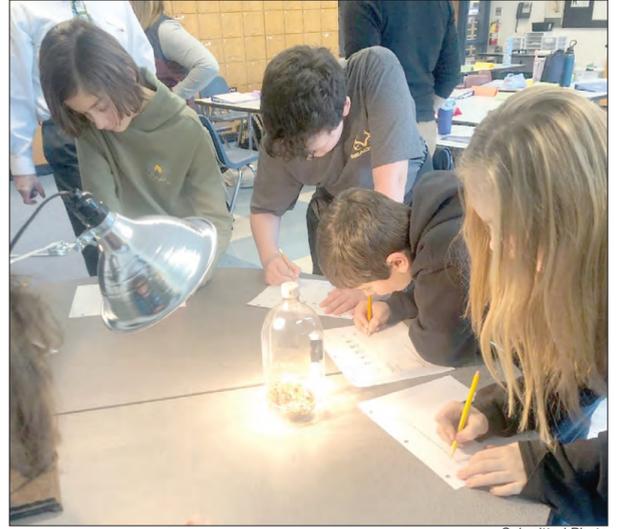
Students generate questions, explanations, and ideas for investigation so that they can test, explore and problem solve their own theories and hypotheses. Teachers have seen increased student engagement and excitement in our science classes and our students are clamoring for more.

Recently, I observed our sixth graders as they explored humidity. Students had previously read an article and they were excited to share their thoughts and they were tasked with creating an environment where they believed they could make the humidity rise over time.

They had access to a variety of materials and were encouraged to think about different environments such as a beach, desert, or grassy lawn.

As a team, students selected to recreate the environment that they thought would result in having an increased humidity in comparison to their classroom. They quickly gathered sand, water, grass, ice, whatever they needed.

Students went right to work.



Submitted Photo

Students in grades six through eight have been engaging in a new curriculum, Open Science Education. Sixth graders work on creating an environment where humanity would rise over time.

After gathering materials, they created mini environments and started recording their humidity levels at each one minute interval.

In between their data collection, I asked students how their learning in science was going this year.

Khaiden Deschenes said, "I'm more involved. It's more fun to do experiments and build." Emily DeMalia shared, "I also am more involved. We create our own ideas to work together to come up with our own conclusions."

Quabbin Regional Middle School Science Technology Engineering and Math Coach, Drew Giese, reported, "I'm seeing students work with more challenging scientific concepts at an earlier age. For example, I've seen our

middle schoolers work with concepts that I used to teach as a high school physics teacher. I know this is going to help them have greater understanding and to feel more prepared."

We are thrilled that our students at the middle school level are responding so well to the newly implemented science curriculum. We anticipate strong outcomes for our students.

In 2021, it was anticipated that the need for workers in the STEM field was going to increase at two times the rate of all other occupations by 2031. It is our plan to ensure that all Quabbin students, who seek a career in the STEM field, are ready and excited to take that on.

Quabbin Regional Middle School list honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional Middle School announces the first quarter honor roll.

Seventh Grade High Honors

Olivia Abbas-Peck, Kalina J. Bassett, Hazel R. Carter, Lauren E. Colleton, Adalyn B. Cranston, Olivia T. Gregory, Carson R. McConnaughey, Gemma A. Mullins, Whitney P. Reeves, Zoey M. Salvatore, Annabelle G. Silver, Launa E. Tran and John T. Tyler.

Eighth Grade students making Honors are Adeelya L. Andrade, Alison C. Baptiste, Joshua D. Caranci, Joseph H. Cook, Alexandra C. Cullen, Madison S. Cyr, Kalypso P. DeCologero, Fiona M. Derr, Landon R. Devine, Brynn E. Dunphy, Ryder R. Eagan, Tyler P. Ellis, Maya E. Faucher, Finian G. Fauteux, Silas L. Flint, Lindsay A. Fors, Nathan W. Gingras, Juliana C. Guilderson, Madison G. Haley, Sawyer D. Harmon, Hayston J. Hay, Madysyn E. Hill, Reese O. Jamieson, Aubrey M. Lawson, Brooklyn P. Lewis, Allie T. Lipiec, Sage M. McQueston, Lunabelle A.

Moore, Ryan A. Morin, Amelia E. Morrill, Greyson A. Mullins, Olivia M. O'Connor, William P. O'Neill, Joseph E. Perrone, Lukas J. Potter, Chloe A. Richardson, Kimberly A. Riendeau, Jillian M. Rigney, Ava M. Rogowski, Jacob J. Rosario, Madison E. Scanlon, Madysyn L. Shotwell, Devin J. Skinner, Brianna S. Souza, Rosalie M. Stark, Addison C. Surprenant, Tucker Talbot, Robert Q. Tobin, Mackenzie A. Toupin and Maxwell W. Wade.

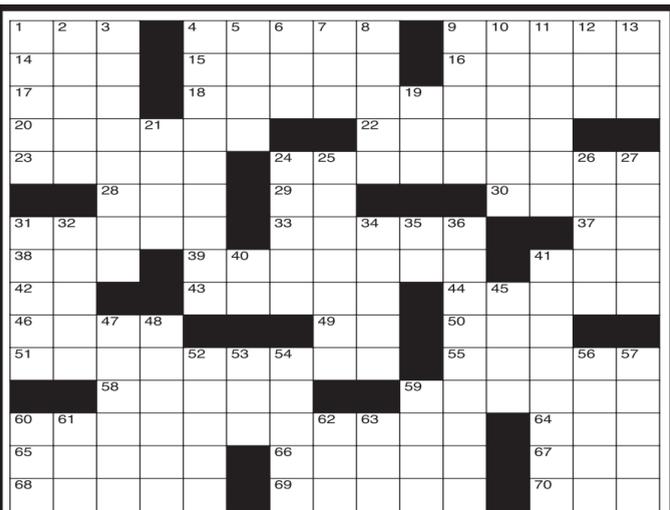
Eighth Grade High Honors

Nicolas G. Antonio, Brent J. Benoit, Abraham A. Brown, Vivien D. Burch, Alianna M. Casey, Kaylee M. Correia, Maya B. Edouard, Andrew P. Erickson, Ava H. Kinney, Matthew C. Labrousse, Kingston R. McKenzie, Angelina N. Orr, John A. Orsini, Stella M. Pears, Ellie L. Poulin, Moira M. Powers, Kristen A. Schur, Benjamin D. Thompson, Erin J. Trotter and Catherine E. Tucker.

Eighth Grade Honors

Haleigh E. Agurkis, Sophia I.

Bellerose, Mackenzie J. Black, Laine M. Bousquet, Josephine M. Buck, Carlmorisia K. Campbell, Eleanor L. Carroll, Wyatt E. Clark, Brian R. Colleton, Aiden A. Crane, Claudia W. DeLaRoche, Zoe M. Doherty, Lilliana R. Doyle, Olivia L. Drake, Aliyah B. Edouard, Arianna R. Fagnoli, Audrey J. Faucher, Samuel S. Feldman, Julian O. Forsyth, Sydney C. Freeman, Larrah B. Gagne, Daniella N. Gaudreault, Callahan C. Hardy, Chloe L. Howarth, Samuel E. Jamieson, Aamir M. Kamboh, Spencer T. Kokoski, Dylan C. Lantagne, Ahryana M. Laroche, Alison A. LaRoche, Emma R. Lindsey, Kayla A. McNee, Max B. Melad, Lynn Diarrah S. Michel, Gianna E. Montalvo, Zion R. Parks, Aubrie L. Phelps, Juliet K. Priestley, Lucas D. Proctor, Gwendolyn B. Ruis, Ava G. Sobol, Carter J. Stevenson, Hailey A. Stoll, Ryleigh I. Sullivan, Noah D. Toupense, Matthew J. VanScoy, Caleb P. Wnek and Shane T. Woodruff.



CLUES ACROSS

- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Moved back and forth
- One-time coach of the Cowboys
- Last letter
- Cause to become less intense
- Genus of tree bugs
- Body art
- Romance novelist
- Be filled with love for
- City
- Make vivid
- Horses
- Mauna _____, Hawaiian volcano
- Atomic #18
- Shortly
- A type of prejudice
- Whirls
- Six
- Old world, new
- _____ Hess, oil company

CLUES DOWN

- Indigenous people of Mexico
- Dietary supplement
- Having a particular sheen or luster
- Views
- Academic Bill of Rights
- Automobile
- When you anticipate arriving
- Beef or chicken intestine
- Conspiracy
- Blood disorder
- Long-time NBAer Shawn
- Time zone
- US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- Upton Sinclair novel
- What a cow does
- Cavalry-sword
- Ancient Greek war galley
- Stars

- Rebukes
- Billion year periods
- Some are in a bottle
- Tears down
- Lethal dose
- Humorists
- Midwestern US state (abbr.)
- Frameworks
- Rocker Billy
- More thin
- Dog
- Habitual repetitions
- State of fuss
- Uneasy
- Chemical compounds
- More cognizant of reality
- A place to build
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Supplement with difficulty
- Very slick
- Hill or rocky peak



CAREER Education

HCC announces healthy cooking series for new year

If you've made a New Year's resolution to eat healthier in 2024, Holyoke Community College might have just what you need.

The college is running a series of noncredit cooking classes this spring focused on diabetes but geared toward anyone interested in learning how to prepare healthier, more nutritious meals.

Classes in the "Nutrition for Diabetes" series run either on Tuesday or Wednesday nights beginning Feb. 7. All classes are held at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., and taught by Marissa Chiapperino, a registered dietician and instructor in HCC's Culinary Arts program.

"Certain foods can lower your risk

of heart disease and diabetes or help to manage it," Chiapperino said. "Making healthy adjustments to your daily meal plan does not have to be hard or boring. Oftentimes, adding in sources of healthy fats, whole grains, and high fiber fruits and vegetables can boost flavor and decrease the risk of chronic disease."

Each three-hour, stand-alone class will focus on a different theme. The first hour will be an education session with Chiapperino, followed by a two-hour hands-on cooking activity after which participants can take home leftovers and recipes that align with the nutritional topic of the evening.

Wed., Feb. 7, 6-9 p.m.: "What is a carbohydrate?" (white bean egg shakshuka, breakfast casserole, overnight oats, vanilla bean pancakes, salmon toast)

Tues., March 5, 6-9 p.m.: "What is a protein?" (grilled skirt steak with chickpea salad, fideo, raspberry chicken, tahini-baked cod)

Wed., March 20, 6-9 p.m.: "What is a fat?" (smoothie bar, zucchini fritters, roasted chickpeas, cheesy egg souffles, Vietnamese spring rolls with peanut sauce)

Wed., April 17, 6-9 p.m.: "How to read a food label" (grilled swordfish and pepper salad; chicken, lemon and olive bake; sweet potato berry muffins; easy breakfast salad; cheddar



and herb savory overnight oats)

Tues., April 30, 6-9 p.m.: "What is a carbohydrate?" (desserts for diabetes: chocolate date spread, oatmeal cookies, orange chamomile blondies, homemade popcorn four ways, caramelized spiced pears)

In addition, on Tues., April 2, from 6-9 p.m., Chiapperino will lead a similarly structured class on meal planning, "Building a balanced meal," featuring chilled avocado

and cucumber mint soup, eggplant and lentil meatballs, chili-stuffed spaghetti squash, kale and fava bean salad, and grain-free granola.

"Making dietary changes can feel overwhelming," she said. "In this class, we will talk about how meal planning can make or break your ability to lead a more nourishing life with food. The concepts discussed will be suitable for those with many different health concerns and also those who just want to get more comfortable in the kitchen."

Chiapperino holds a bachelor of science degree in dietetics from the State University of New York at Oneonta and a masters of public health from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She specialized in medical nutrition therapy for critical care and oncology at Westchester Medical Center in New York and was the first bariatric dietician at Holyoke Medical Center, where she helped build their nutrition program.

She is a past president of the Western Massachusetts Dietetic Association and currently serves as executive secretary.

Each session is \$84. For more information, or to register for classes, please go to hcc.edu/healthy-cooking

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The school will be holding an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (no appointment needed). Appointment only tours for families will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30 and Thursday, Feb. 1 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Please call Chris or Janine in the Business Office at 536-6038 for registration information or to make

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St. Michael's Academy to hold Open House



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St. Michael's Academy, located at 153 Eddywood Street in the East Forest Park section of Springfield, invites you to an Open House and Curriculum Fair on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024. There will be a special presentation for prospective students and their families that will begin at noon. The event will include an information session, followed by a panel of students, teachers and parents for questions and finish with a full school tour. The full school will be open to visitors with teachers in each of the classrooms to accommodate questions.

Attend the Open House and learn what St. Michael's Academy can offer your child. St. Michael's Academy is not just books and papers. The educational process strives to form the entire child academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally. The dedicated teaching faculty truly care about their students and want them to learn, grow and succeed. The final result is a graduate who is well prepared for high school, college and beyond. Each student takes with them a solid foundation for continued growth and achievement, having learned the value of respect, kindness and community service.

Unable to attend the Open House on January 28th? Simply call the Admissions Office at (413) 782-5246, ext. 1208 and schedule an informational session and tour.

St. Michael's Academy is located off of Plumtree Road in Springfield, directly behind Holy Cross Church. The Academy educates students from preschool 3 years old, through grade 8. It is the largest Catholic elementary school in Western Mass and the only Catholic elementary school in Springfield.

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CAREER Education

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Hampden Charter School of Science (HCSS) is a top-ranking free college-preparatory public school founded in 2009 and serving families with students in grades 6th-12th at two campuses in Western Massachusetts: HCSS-East (Chicopee Campus) and HCSS-West (West Springfield Campus).

HCSS proudly provides seven years of unparalleled college preparatory education for grades 6-12 students, paving the

way for college admissions and a wealth of scholarship opportunities. College and Career Readiness at HCSS is a tailored process forging the best possible alignment between each distinctively talented student and the most suitable college or university for them. Students collaborate closely with their counselors to delve into their manifold talents and interests, set aspirations based on these insights, and identify colleges that align with their am-

bitions.

- College Board AP Capstone Diploma Program: A prestigious program that enhances research, analysis, and presentation skills.

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- University Partnerships and Dual Enrollment: Engage in university out-

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- Early SAT and PSAT Preparation: To build a strong foundation, Rigorous SAT and PSAT training starting in 8th grade.

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Information aspiring nurses can include on their résumés

Regardless of what they chose to study, many students look forward to graduation and the next step, which typically involves finding work in their chosen professions. Nursing students are no exception to this, and many, upon completion of their studies, are excited to begin their careers.

A well-crafted résumé is essential for nurses throughout their careers, but especially important for those starting out. According to RegisteredNursing.org, nursing résumés typically include sections commonly found on résumés for professionals across all industries. These standard sections include objective, education and technical skills. But nurses also may want to expand their résumés to include information specific to the nursing profession.

Experience

Newly minted graduates with degrees in certain fields may not have much, if any, experience to list on their résumés. But some recent nursing school graduates may have relevant clinical experience that could help them land their first jobs. When applicable, this section should include the company name (such as the name of the hospital or clinic), the location of the job, the job title, the dates of employment, and a description of the tasks the applicant performed.

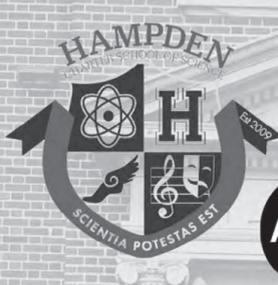
Licensure and certifications

RegisteredNursing.org advises aspiring nurses to include where they are now licensed as registered nurses as well as any information regarding certifications they earned during their nursing programs. Nurses who earned their Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification through their nursing program should note that on their résumés, as the RegisteredNursing.org notes that could make candidates appear more desirable in the eyes of prospective employers.

Education

Every résumé should include a section on an applicant's education history. But recent graduates from nursing school should include any relevant information about nursing programs they may have participated in while pursuing their degrees.

Résumés are vital when looking for work. Recent graduates from nursing school can use their résumés to highlight any unique experiences they might have that can help them stand out among crowded applicant pools.



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This year the school's theme is "For it is in giving that we receive", an inspirational quote from St. Francis about the value of giving back. Students are focusing on a different Corporal Work of Mercy each month. Some of the Corporal Works of Mercy that have been covered are - Feeding the Hungry and Working for Peace. The most recent Work of Mercy was Shelter the Homeless. Students and families collected 100 blankets, 50 hats, coats, and many undergarments that were donated to a local homeless shelter to help those in the community. Service projects are done throughout the year to help teach students the value of giving back.

The school will be holding an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (no appointment needed).

If you would like to schedule a private tour for another time, please call the school to schedule an appointment at (413) 592-5135.

St. Stanislaus School is a Roman Catholic, Franciscan, co-educational Pre-K through 8th grade school. Students are assisted in developing their potential spiritually, physically, and socially within a safe and diverse community. A foundation of academic excellence is created to prepare students to become contributing members of a global society. The school has a welcoming Franciscan environment, modern air-conditioned facility, strong core curriculum, enrichment classes, certified faculty, full-day preschool (PreK3 and 4) and Kindergarten, free breakfast and hot lunch, before & after school program, and one to one use and integration of iPads and Chromebooks into curriculum. Financial Aid is available. Interested students are invited to "spend a day with us". To learn more please visit www.saintstansschool.org.

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The direct care worker shortage is a global issue, stretching well beyond Massachusetts. In the U.S., 3 out of every 4 agency providers has a wait list for caregiving services. According to the Global Coalition on Aging Report, 70% of Americans who reach age 65 will need long-term services and support. If nothing changes, the report predicts there will be a national shortage of 151,000 care workers by 2030, and a 355,000-caregiver shortfall by 2040.

Pew Research states that one in four Americans live with a disability that interferes with activities of daily living and a recent national survey reports 90% of Americans age 50 and over want to 'age in place'.

To compound the situation, demand in the family caregiving market is increasing as well. Currently, 53 million Americans serve as family caregivers and the number is growing.

An Executive Order from the White House signed in April 2023 offers new resources to remedy the caregiver shortage crisis to meet increased need. It is the most sweeping set of executive actions to improve care in the nation's history and takes immediate action to enhance job quality for the direct care workforce. Like many of Apex's services, the Executive Order also provides resources for family caregivers that foster emotional well-being and stems the financial and health strain that caregiving has on a family.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Dec. 24
12:52 a.m. Threats, Barre Police Headquarters, Unfounded
9:30 a.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Officer Advised
1:47 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Granger Road, Referred to Other Agency
3:04 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Cathy Lane, Information Given

Monday, Dec. 25
9:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Broad Street, No Police Service Necessary
1:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Wheelwright Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:33 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Exchange Street, Officer Advised
7:32 p.m. Fire – Structure Fire, Pleasant Street, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, Dec. 26
9:15 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down – Arcing, Jewett Road, Referred to Other Agency
2:21 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Officer Took Call
4:17 p.m. Keep the Peace, Gauthier Road, Information Taken
4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
9:54 p.m. Harassment, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Dec. 27
4:54 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party

11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Information Taken
3:40 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Morin, William T., 60, Barre Charges: Harassment Prevention Order, Violation
4:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Worcester Road, Mutual Aid Transport
11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Jakubowski, Jason, 47, Killington, CT
Charges: Warrant
Summons: Jakubowski, Jason, 47, Willimantic, CT
Charges: Number Plate Violation To Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Thursday, Dec. 28
8:03 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Farrington Road, Message Delivered
10:42 a.m. Property Damage, Wheelwright Road, Officer Took Call
3:41 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to Party
3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
9:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Amber Lane, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Dec. 29
1:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficult, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital

Hospital
7:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Altered Mental Status, Mill Road, Transported to Hospital
7:35 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sunrise Avenue, Animal Returned to Owner
7:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Nausea, Farrington Road, Transported to Hospital
8:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Washburn Road, Mutual Aid Transport
2:28 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
4:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Dec. 30
9:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Pleasant Street, Transported to Hospital
10:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Written Warning
10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
2:56 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Ruggles Lane, Entry Gained
8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Written Warning
10:15 p.m. Fire – Lost/Disoriented Person, West Street, Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of Dec. 25-Jan. 8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 34 building/property checks, 67 directed/area patrols, 12 traffic controls, five radar assignments, three safety hazards, two citizen assists, one harassment, two motor vehicle investigations, five emergency 911 calls, four animal calls and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Dec. 26
7:09 a.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
8:03 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, Dec. 27
3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Barre Road, Written Warning

Thursday, Dec. 28
8:31 a.m. 911 Animal Call, West Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, Dec. 30
1:12 p.m. 911 Misdial, West Road, Officer Handled
2:15 p.m. Harassment, Pierce Road, Report Taken

Sunday, Dec. 31
12:40 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
1:31 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Jan. 1
10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Wine Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Jan. 2
10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
11:33 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
5:05 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Oakham Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Jan. 4
10:04 a.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, Jan. 6
5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Worcester Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Jan. 7
1:48 a.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Dec. 24
12:55 a.m. Threats, High Street, No Action Required
8:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Stroke (CVA), Old Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Dec. 25
2:37 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Report Filed
5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Worcester Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Dec. 26
6:17 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Williamsville Road, Message Delivered

Wednesday, Dec. 27
8:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Natty Pond Drive, Public Assist
12:34 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westminster, Mutual Aid Assist
11:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Evergreen Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Thursday, Dec. 28
10:52 a.m. Serve Warrant, 6 Plum Tree Lane, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Gagne, Alisha Armosa, 34, Hubbardston
Charges: Warrant of Apprehension
11:37 a.m. Serve Paperwork, Gardner Road, Paperwork Served
9:42 p.m. Emergency Medical

Services – Sick/Unknown, Amber Lane, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Dec. 29
4:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
7:43 a.m. Fluids from Vehicle on Sidewalk, Gardner Road, Investigated
9:01 a.m. Property Damage, Cheyenne Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Dec. 30
11:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Gynecology/Obstetrics/Pregnancy, Mayo Road, Transported to Hospital
1:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Halfrey Road, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of Dec. 25-Jan. 8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 148 building/property checks, 115 directed/area patrols, 15 traffic controls, 18 emergency 911 calls, 15 radar assignments, four safety hazards, nine citizen assists, one assist other agency, one burglary/breaking and entering, five complaints, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and 28 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Dec. 25
8:53 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Ruggles Hill Road, Spoken To
11:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:53 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, High Street, Spoken To

Tuesday, Dec. 26
6:46 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Handled
3:01 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Main Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Dec. 27
3:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, Dec. 28
3:43 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital
10:45 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
10:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Services Rendered
12:23 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
6:54 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, Investigated
9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, Dec. 29
7:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
9:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

Road, Written Warning
9:39 a.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Spoken To
1:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, Dec. 30
8:04 p.m.m. Complaint, East Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, Dec. 31
5:56 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
10:54 a.m. Complaint, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
12:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
2:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Merge
3:54 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, New Braintree Road, Spoken To
9:18 p.m. Complaint, Shunpike Road, Could Not Locate

Monday, Jan. 1
3:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
11:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, Jan. 2
8 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Officer Handled
8:53 a.m. Fire Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Investigated
11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
1:42 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
9:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, Jan. 3
9:39 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
10:55 a.m. 911 Complaint, Greenwich Road, Spoken To
2:03 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
3:09 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich

Road, Officer Handled
3:35 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Investigated
7:17 p.m. 911 Disturbance, North Road, Peace Restored
10:33 p.m.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Spoken To

Thursday, Jan. 4
8:53 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
10:41 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Investigated
11:41 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Dispatch Handled

Friday, Jan. 5
5:06 a.m. Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered
8 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Lower Road, Spoken To

Saturday, Jan. 6
1:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Delargy Road, Spoken To
9:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
9:07 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Spoken To
9:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Cleveland Road, Transported to Hospital
4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
10:21 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Jan. 7
8:37 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
4:27 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Officer Handled
9:42 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edwin R. Kilpatrick and Eileen M. Kilpatrick to Sherwood Mortgage Group Inc., dated February 5, 2000 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22297, Page 336 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 is the present holder by Assignment from Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Mortgage Amenities Corp. dated February 5, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22297, Page 352, and Corrective Assignment from Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Mortgage Amenities Corp. dated March 6, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58536, Page 381, and Assignment from Mortgage Amenities Corp. to Residential Funding

Corporation dated May 22, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22622, Page 77, and Assignment from Residential Funding Corporation to Bank One National Association as Trustee dated October 1, 2003 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 31880, Page 233, and Assignment from Bank One N. A. as Trustee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated April 24, 2008 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 42807, Page 357, and Confirmatory Assignment from Bank One, National Association f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 dated April 14, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52373, Page 369, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 2230 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, MA 01068 will be sold at a Public Auction

at 12:00 PM on January 19, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Land on the northerly side of Old Turnpike Road in Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot 5 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located in Oakham, Massachusetts owned by Cameron T. and Sarah E. Smith, Murray Engineering, North Brookfield, Massachusetts, Scale 1 inch=80 feet, February 18, 1997", which Lot 5 is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the northerly line of Old Turnpike Road at the southeast corner of the lot herein described and the southwest corner of land now or formerly of G. Wiersma; THENCE S. 80° 07' 10" W., 300.00 feet along the northerly line of Old Turnpike Road to an iron pin at the southeast corner of Lot 4 as shown on said plan; THENCE N. 09° 52' 50" W., 665.09 feet along Lot 4 to a stake in a stone wall at Wiersma land; THENCE S. 76° 06' 58" E., 95.31 feet along a stone wall to a point; THENCE S. 75° 19' 07" E., 300.12 feet along said stone wall to a stake; THENCE S. 02° 09' 20" E., 161.33 feet along a stone wall to a point; THENCE S. 03° 27' 24" E., 344.22 feet along a stone wall to the iron pin at the point beginning. Containing 4.47 acres, on

said plan recorded in Plan Book 720, Plan 46.

Being the same premises conveyed to Edwin R. Kilpatrick and Eileen M. Kilpatrick by deed of Eileen M. Kilpatrick, Trustee of the Turnpike Road Realty Trust, under declaration of trust dated June 1, 1999 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 21488, Page 27, deed dated February 5, 2000 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at instrument no. 14481.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22297, Page 334.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney,

Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. **Other terms to be announced at the sale.** Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Kilpatrick, Edwin R. & Eileen M. Kilpatrick, 16-027089 12/28/2023, 01/04, 01/11/2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 328 Old Dana Road, Barre, MA 01005 By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shane P Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, said mortgage dated March 31, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64821, Page 312, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Mortgage Research Center LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans to PennyMac Loan Services LLC by assignment dated September 24, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 66138, Page 303; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on February 29, 2024 at 03:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Closing Date: March 31, 2021
Borrower(s): Shane P. Smith
Property Address: 328 Old Dana Road, Barre, MA 01005

A certain parcel of real estate situated on the Northwesterly side of Old Dana Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot #1 on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, Prepared for Carol E. Burke, August 28, 1997, Berry Engineering, Inc." recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 719, Plan 117, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of said parcel at the Southeasterly corner of remaining land of Carol E. Burke as shown on said Plan; Thence along land of said Carol E. Burke North 32 degrees 46 minutes 31

seconds West, fifty-nine and 50/100 (59.50) feet to a point;

Thence continuing along land of said Carol E. Burke North 5 degrees 48 minutes 27 seconds East, three hundred thirty-one and 20/100 (331.20) feet to a corner of stone walls at land of Clark R. and Penelope A. Bordeaux;

Thence along land of said Bordeaux, running along stonewall South 65 degrees 34 minutes 03 seconds East, one hundred forty-five and 38/100 (145.38) feet to a point; Thence continuing along land of said Bordeaux South 75 degrees 02 minutes 39 seconds East, twenty and 43/100 (20.43) feet to a point;

Thence still continuing along land of said Bordeaux and stonewall South 87 degrees 50 minutes 44 seconds East, one hundred fourteen and 49/100 (114.49) feet to a point; Thence still continuing along land of said Bordeaux and portion of stonewall North 75 degrees 57 minutes 23 seconds East, fifty and 93/100 (50.93) feet to a point;

Thence still continuing along land of said Bordeaux and stonewall South 23 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West, fifty-three and 34/100 (53.34) feet to a point;

Thence still continuing along land of said Bordeaux and stonewall South 43 degrees 21 minutes 13 seconds East, ninety-six and 16/100 (96.16) feet to a point in the Northwesterly

side of Old Dana Road; Thence along said Old Dana Road South 64 degrees 27 minutes 57 seconds West, one hundred ninety-five and 97/100 (195.97) feet to a point;

Thence continuing along said Old Dana Road South 57 degrees 13 minutes 29 seconds West, two hundred nineteen and 82/100 (219.82) feet to the point of beginning.

For title, see deed recorded herewith. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated March 17, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64821, Page 308.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Dec. 24
 10:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Hart Problem, East Country Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:52 a.m. High Temperature, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:41 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 4:05 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Referred to Other Agency

Monday, Dec. 25
 10:50 a.m. Lift Assist, Main Street, No Transport Required
 3:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:36 p.m. Back Pain – Unable to Ambulate, Highland Park Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Dec. 26
 1:43 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Barre Paxton Road, Unfounded
 4:58 a.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Main Street, No Action Required
 8:47 a.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Area Patrolled
 12:11 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken
 3:08 p.m. Property Damage, Hillside Road, Investigated
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 5:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital

6:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Thurston Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:07 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist
 11:02 p.m. Recovered/Confiscated Property, Central Tree Road, Property Picked up

Wednesday, Dec. 27
 8:12 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 10 a.m. Court Duty, Rutland Police Department, Court Duty
 10:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Maple Brook Drive, Public Assist
 11:55 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Message Delivered
 2:40 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Officer Advised
 4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:50 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:38 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Dec. 28
 8:03 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Farrington Road, Message Delivered
 10:06 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Highland Park Road, Message Delivered
 10:10 a.m. Vandalism, Hillside Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:30 p.m. Complaint, Pleasantdale Road, Dispatch Handled
 3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:31 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Sick/Unknown, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:30 p.m. Threats, Main Street, Information Taken
 10:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Citation Issued

Friday, Dec. 29
 3:46 a.m. Escort/Transport, Chicopee Womens Correctional Facility, Removed to Court/Lock-up
 8:26 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 11:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Bleeding (Non Traumatic), Barre Paxton Road, Public Assist
 12:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Kenwood Court, Transported to Hospital
 7:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 8:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
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 9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 9:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 9:38 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
 9:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 10:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, Dec. 30
 12:48 a.m. Be On The Lookout, Main Street, Message Delivered
 11:40 a.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Maple Avenue, Property Picked Up
 12:25 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Paddock Road, Investigated
 12:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Welfare Check, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 3:06 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Advised
 3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Emerald Road, Negative Contact
 4:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Beechwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Oakham Police Log

Monday, Dec. 25
 8:08 a.m. Public Assist, Old Turnpike Road, Public Assist
 1:53 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, North Brookfield Road, Message Delivered

Wednesday, Dec. 27
 4:22 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist
 5:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Cancelled

Thursday, Dec. 28
 2:21 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Friday, Dec. 29
 9:32 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 1:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 10:10 p.m. Public Assist, Adams Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:29 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Adams Road, Negative Contact

State Fire Marshal warns people to check CO alarms and keep vents clear

STOW – With the season's first significant snow in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine reminds residents to test their carbon monoxide alarms and keep dryer, furnace and other exhaust vents clear of snow.
 "Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of fatal poisoning, and home heating equipment is the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "As part of your storm planning, check your CO alarms to be sure they're working properly, and if an alarm is past the manufacturer's recommended lifespan, replace it."
 Residents should also be sure to keep outside vents clear of falling, drifting or shoveled snow. In January 2005, 7-year-old Nicole Garofalo died when a heating vent

was blocked by snow drifts outside, allowing carbon monoxide to accumulate inside her Plymouth home. This tragedy led to Nicole's Law, which requires CO alarms on every habitable level of a Massachusetts residence.
 "Fuel-fired heating appliances like dryers, furnaces, boilers, and fireplaces are all sources of carbon monoxide," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "If the vent or flue is blocked, this poisonous gas can reach deadly levels inside the home. Know where the vents on your home are, be sure to clear them when shoveling and be careful not to blow snow onto them if using a snowblower."
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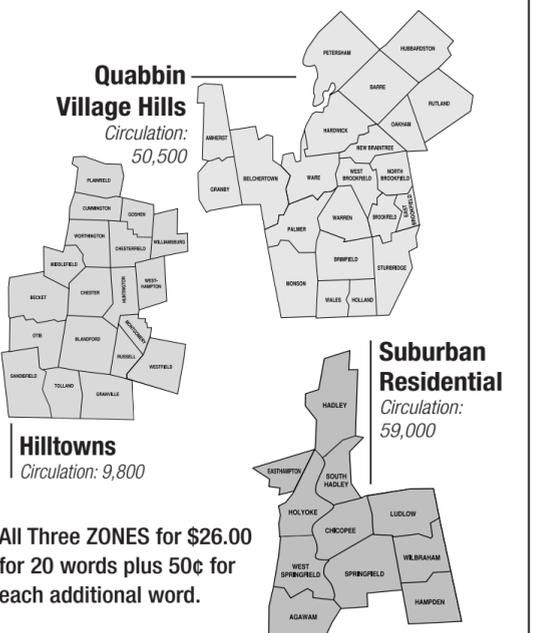
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