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Barre Reservoir dam to be non-binding ballot question

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BARRE – About 20 people attended the Monday, Jan. 6 Select Board meeting on the Barre Reservoir dam.

Last year, the state determined the dam at the reservoir, located off Williamsville Road and on the Prince River, to be a hazard. They were unable to find out the present owner(s). The previous owners, Prince River Cooperation were all deceased and no descendants were known. By default, the land would return to the town.

The state had earmarked funds to mitigate the hazard by either removing the dam entirely and reverting back to the original state of the Prince River or replace the dam at its present level. The dam was lowered from its original level in 1987.

If the Select Board opted for the replacing of this dam, the town would need to acquire ownership of the dam, maintain it, pay for regular inspections and have liability insurance at cost to the town. If the Select Board opted to remove the dam and restore the site to its original condition before the dam, there would be no costs to the town.

One woman, an advocate for cleaner water, gave a presentation on what would happen if the dam was removed. She said the Prince River was a cold water stream and contained brook trout, a cold water species. She said the brook trout population would likely increase. A cold water stream is defined as one with an average summer temperature of below 64.9 degrees Fahrenheit and remains cold throughout the year.

She said beavers would move into the old dam area and create a beaver wetland there. She pointed out a yellow area on the map, which was home to an endangered species. She said if a new dam were built at some point the dam would become old and present a hazard again.

Lucy Allen, historian for the Historical Society and lifelong Barre resident, gave a presentation on the dam history. She said the dam burst during the 1938 hurricane and caused extension damage downstream including to the Chas. G. Allen Company, Loring Road and Barre Plains.

She said owners along the Prince River purchased the land and in 1851 to 1852, they built a dam that allowed their water wheel to power their mill in the summer when water level was low. In 1868, the dam burst and it wiped out all the mills along the river. This damage was not as severe as in 1938.

She said after the 1938 hurricane, someone supposedly rebuilt the dam. However, she could find no records of inspections or plans for this work.

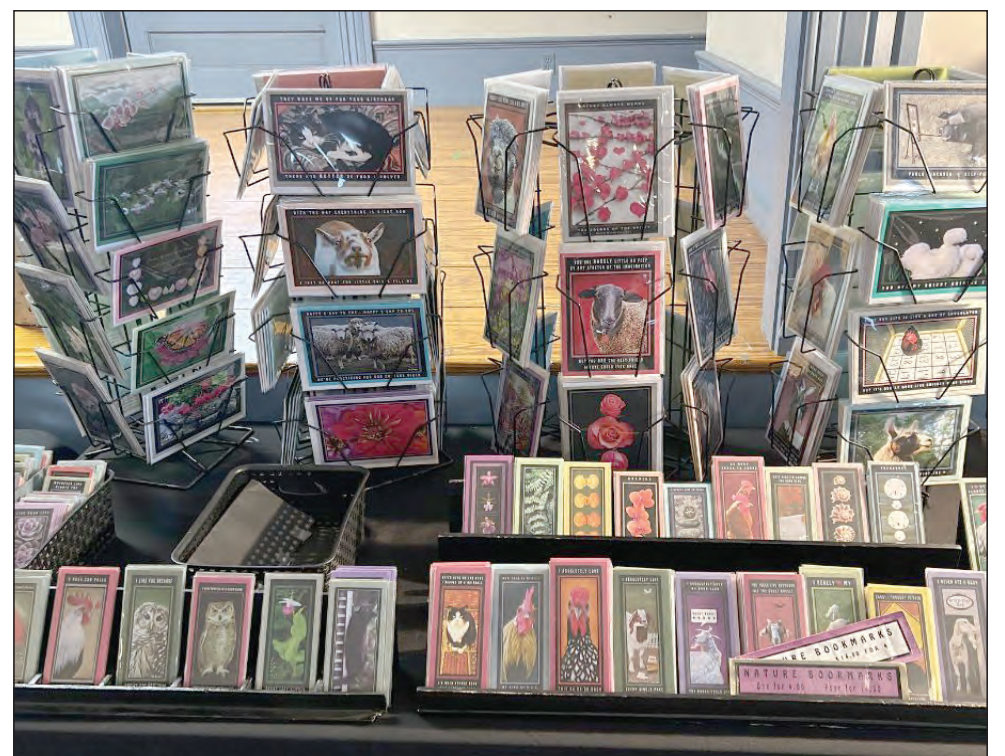
Lucy said the natural beauty of the area was the Prince River before the dam was built. She said the dam itself was “not a historical asset to the town.”

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon read a draft for a non-binding ballot question to be placed on the Annual Town Election ballot on Monday, April 7. The Office of Dam Safety offered the town a choice of building a new dam or removing the old one and let the river return back to its original state before the dam. The state would fund either option. He said either choice would protect down-

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Wreaths displayed and created by Hartman's Herb Farm in Barre.



Handmade cards and bookmarks featuring photographs and drawings by artist and teacher Mathilde Duffy.

Barre Winter Market returns for its third year

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BARRE – The Barre Town Hall welcomes back the annual Barre Winter Market that features local farmers and crafters.

It truly was a winter market this past weekend as shoppers got to stroll through the snow on their way to the Town Hall for some shopping. The snow flurry not only didn't stop the shoppers from arriving, but also didn't stop many local farmers, crafters and artisans from providing some of their finest products.

The winter market had a variety of products available including gifts you can't get during the regular season.

Celia Melvin, who coordinates the Barre Winter Market, was excited to be back inside the Town Hall for another year of the winter market. The vendors feature local vendors from Barre and surround-

ing towns.

The Winter Market has always been housed at the Barre Town Hall.

This year, according to Melvin, the Barre Winter Market continues to grow. The number of vendors has filled the Barre Winter Market with over 20 vendors in total.

The Market takes place one Saturday per month and runs until April. Melvin of Barre believes it is a great source for the farmers and crafters to help grow their business.

“Growing our regular farmers market as well as the winters market,” Melvin said.

Melvin is the owner of Rebel Bath & Body and is known as “the soap lady” in town. Melvin had a booth of her own for Rebel Bath & Body with a variety of handmade bath and beauty products.

The Barre Winter Market is a great way to shop locally and there are unique items that will catch your eye.



Curious Cravings Bakery had some delicious baked goods for sale.

For plant lovers, Tiny's World of Hubbardston was at the Barre Winter Market and had a table of plants. Tiny's World offers houseplants, potted plants, perennial

plants, produce, fresh eggs, fresh flowers, paintings, and handmade décor and accessories. Owner of Tiny's World is Katie Young, who is an artist, crafter and gardener

and was excited to be part of the Barre Winter Market along with local farmers, bakers, & artists.

Over by the stage inside the Town Hall were homemade cards, bookmarks and photographs by Mathilde Duffy of Barre. Duffy's bookmarks and cards feature drawings and photographs of wild birds, unusual roosters, hens, sea-shells, orchids, ferns, trilliums, cats, dogs and much more. There were also magnets for sale featuring some of the many great photos and drawings by Duffy, herself.

Duffy also provides colored pencil lessons and workshops.

There were some cool crafts to check out at Kitty's Kreations booth. From handmade hats with interesting sayings along to neatly crafted animals and emotional support pickles, Kitty's Kreations had them during the Winter Market. According to Kitty, when it comes

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Pictured below from left to right is Warren Fire Lieutenant Kyle Sledziewski, Dispatcher Emily DeFosse, Dispatcher Rachel Crompton, Dispatcher Phyllis Chartier, Supervisor Mike Parker, Oakham Police Sergeant Kevin Marderosian.

Local police and fire personnel receive RECC awards

RUTLAND – On Jan. 13, the Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center joined Rutland Fire and Rutland Police at Ladd's Restaurant to celebrate a Public Safety Awards Night.

This year, the Exceptional Service Award was presented to Warren Fire Lieutenant Kyle Sledziewski and Oakham Police Sergeant Kevin Marderosian.

This award is presented by the RRECC to an officer and/or firefighter who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication beyond typical duties. The criteria for this recognition include effective com-

munication, supportive collaboration with dispatch, problem-solving under pressure, positive community impact, teamwork, respect for the dispatch role, and a commitment to promoting safety and professionalism.

Sledziewski has consistently gone above and beyond to support dispatch operations, particularly during high-pressure situations such as severe storms.

In these challenging moments, he has proactively monitored IMC to assist with dispatching the fire department for incidents like downed power lines and trees. His

proactive approach has not only improved response times but also alleviated the burden on dispatch staff managing overwhelming call volumes.

Marderosian has shown exceptional and continuous support for the dispatch team. Over the years, he has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the RRECC, ensuring that the team receives the assistance, updates, and resources needed to perform at the highest standard. His consistent collaboration and support exemplify the true spirit of partnership in public safety.

Annual Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner is Jan. 25

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The 16th Annual North Brookfield Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5-7 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria.

The dinner is \$12 per person with a cap of \$36 for a family of four or more. Takeout available. Tickets are only available at the door. Sponsored with the Hayden Masonic Lodge and supported by Hannaford Supermarket, this is truly community helping community.

Big ticket raffles include: Celtics team signed basketball and a pair of home game tickets, WooSox tickets for four, Boston Bruins signed puck, Springfield Thunderbird Hockey tickets. Local gift certificates donated so far include: Angel Nails, Bemis Farms, Brookfield Orchards, City of Smoke, Connect Restaurant, Inishowen Farms, JARS Cafe, Jim's Pizza, Marks of Asgard, NB Liquors, Red Robin, Salem Cross Inn, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Shaman's Closet, Subway, and Whitco.



The Otters will provide musical ambiance all evening. Students from the North Brookfield High School National Honor Society and Valley View School will assist.

The dinner's snow date is the following Saturday, Feb. 1.

NB Hearts for Heat is a 501(c)3 charitable organization to help North Brookfield residents in need of emergency home heating assistance for Oil, Propane, Natural Gas, Electric, Pellets, or Cord Wood. 100% of donations are used for fuel purchases. We have assisted 158 families since 2009.

Donations can be mailed to NB Hearts for Heat, P.O. Box 44, North Brookfield, MA 01535. To access the printable 2024-25 application, visit <http://www.heartsforheat.org/NorthBrookfield/assistance.html>

Barre Food Pantry distribution

BARRE - Barre Food Pantry Distribution takes place Thursday, Jan. 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients 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.



News of the Towns



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Town Clerk announces nomination papers available

Nomination papers for the town of Barre's April 7 Annual Town Election will be available from the Town Clerk's Office located at 40 West Street beginning Thursday, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.

Positions on the ballot and current holders are: Select Board Member for three years – John David Dixon, 460 Worcester Road; Moderator for three years – Joshua E. Smith, 80 Pleasant St.; Town Clerk for three years – Ellen M. Glidden, 637 Cutler Road and three positions Constables for three years – Joseph T. Jalbert, 147 Valley Road; Michael A. LaRose, 196 Mechanic St. and Dennis G. Fleming, 140 Valley Road. Other positions are: Board of Assessors for three years – Christopher J. Jenkins, 788 Dana Road; Board of Health for three years – Anthony F. Mobilio, 414 North Brookfield Road; Water Commissioner for three years – Ronald C. Higgins, 101 Debra Lane; Sewer Commissioner for three years – Matthew R. LaPointe, 76 Union St.; Barre Housing Authority Member for five years – Suzanne M. Person, 951 Wauwinet Road; Felton Field Commissioner for three years – Margaret N. Petracone, 600 West St. and two positions Library Trustees for three years – Martha L. Pearson, 320 Oakham Road and Lisa Marselle, 100 Pleasant St. Other position are: Planning Board Member for five years – Karen Keegan, 168 Main St.; Planning Board Associate Member for one year – Michael A. LaRose, 196 Mechanic St. and two positions Quabbin Regional School Committee Members for three years – Richard G. Allan, 28 Kendall St. and Mark T. Brophy, 90 Ruggles Lane. All papers must be returned back for certification by the Board of Registrars on Monday, Feb. 17 no later than 5 p.m.

Circle of Song rehearsals

The spring session of Circle of Song will close out the 24th year with the beginning of the season on Thursday, Jan. 16, culminating with a concert on Saturday, May 17. Rehearsals take place each Thursday night, from 7-8:30 pm at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St. Annual dues range from \$25/year for students and includes a sliding scale of \$40-\$70 for adults. Circle of Song sings in 4-part harmony. Circle of Song is particularly looking for baritones and sopranos at the moment, but always is happy to welcome new tenors and altos too. The chorus, generally numbering in the teens, has swelled to numbers in the 20s of late.

American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary Barre Unit 2 will not hold meetings in January and February. Their next meeting will be in March.

Food Pantry distribution

The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Jan. 16 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, 30 Park St. 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 way-back of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. People should not arrive to volunteer on Thursday, Jan. 16 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Barre Winter Market

On Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. the Barre Winter Market located in the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., Barre will take place. Other dates are Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, April 12, all from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This is the third year of the market. Local crafters and farmers sell their crafts and products. For more information, people may call Celia at 978-355-0139 or email rebellbathandbeyond@gmail.

New Braintree library holds story time Jan. 27

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a Story Time program for preschoolers on Monday, Jan. 27 beginning at 9 a.m.

The program's focus is on the wonders of winter. The readings will include "No Two Alike" by Keith Baker and "Winter A Solstice Story" by Kelsey Gross. This reading and crafts program is held at the library.

Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.



Submitted Photo by Mary Warbasse
Friends of the Stone Church Valentine Dinner Auction volunteers are shown inside the Stone Church Cultural Center. They are from left: Paula Roberts, Clare Hendra and Kathy McCrohon

Valentine Gala to benefit Stone Church

Event featuring dinner, music and auction Feb. 8 at Hardwick Crossing

HARDWICK – Friends of the Stone Church welcomes all to a Valentine-themed benefit from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Hardwick Crossing Country Club, 262 Lower Road in Gilbertville.

All proceeds will benefit the preservation of the Stone Church Cultural Center, the iconic regional landmark located at 283 Main St., Gilbertville, and the programs of the Stone Church Cultural Center.

For tickets at \$65 per person, mail payment to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or order online through www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org. \$30 of the \$65 ticket price is a tax-deductible contribution to FOSC.

Advance purchase is required by Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025. For more information, call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552.

The Mason Tyler Duo: Lou Falcone and Mark Fontaine will entertain, offering a variety of music from oldies to contemporary dance tunes. Professional auctioneer Paul Varney will emcee and conduct a live auction of featured items.

The silent auction will include certificates for experiences, services and products, collectible items, and gift baskets, all donated by generous businesses and individuals. Hardwick Crossing will serve an entrée-choice dinner buffet style with vegetables, salad,

appetizer, desserts and beverages. There will be a full cash bar.

"The FOSC annual gala has become a feature of the community calendar and we look forward, once again, to gathering together new and old friends to support FOSC's mission," said FOSC president, Judy Edington.

The Friends formed as a non-profit corporation in 2015. Aided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, a state agency which provided several matching grants, the Friends re-opened the shuttered building in 2016.

Since then, the group has simultaneously invested in preservation construction while offering the building to serve the public, providing family arts programs, rehearsal space for community music groups, fine classical music concerts, and an elegant rental venue for community events.

Now owners and stewards of the cultural center and its original pipe organ, FOSC completed interior stabilization of the stone tower in 2024 with community support and a major grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, administered through a collaborative agreement between MassDevelopment and the Mass Cultural Council.

Project Architect and FOSC Board member Phillip Warbasse reports that, "FOSC's goal of securing the building for the future still requires major masonry repairs to the lantern level of the tower, above the belfry and the spire. Significant capital support will be needed to complete this proj-

ect, which we hope to initiate in 2026."

Warbasse has also created plans to increase access to the Center via a second ramp in 2025, this one to the north entrance. The FOSC have received partial funding for this endeavor through a generous grant from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.

In 2024, FOSC received funding from The Greater Worcester Community Foundation to initiate programming focused on Gilbertville history.

Support for classical and community music concerts in 2024 was provided by Country Bank, Monson Savings Bank, the Salvadore Family of Automotive Dealerships, the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and Cultural Councils of Barre, Oakham, and Petersham, local agencies which receive support from the Mass Cultural Council. FOSC makes all of its ticketed programs free to youth under 18 and accessible based on income through the Mass Cultural Council's "Card to Culture" program.

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a community-focused, charitable organization. They require ongoing financial and volunteer support in the areas of preservation, programs, maintenance and organizational development to carry out their mission.

To volunteer, contact the organization through its website www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org. Donations are welcome online through the website or by mail to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

St. Aloysius Catholic School to hold open house

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville is hosting an Open House at the school on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Prospective parents are cordially invited to visit the classrooms and meet the faculty of our growing school. 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 school's website (www.staloyuscs.com) under the "Join our Family" tab.

Congregational Church to hold game night

RUTLAND – The First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., will host a game night, no electronics, for all ages on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 6-8 p.m.

There is no admission charge. Free pizza and drinks will be served. Babysitting will be provided by the Rutland Library Teen Advisory Board and church teens at no charge.

Hubbardston

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Library plans to re-establish Friends Group

People are needed to help re-establish the Friends of the Hubbardston Public Library. There will be an exploratory meeting at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., on Monday Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. to explore re-establishing the Friends Group for the library. Light refreshments will be served.

Helpsy Bins

The Hubbardston Board of Health have Helpsy Bins in the Recycling driveway just south of the Hubbardston Department of Public Works. Accepted items are footwear, clothing, linens, accessories, luggage and stuffed animals. All items must be placed in the bins and not left outside the bin. Footwear includes shoes, heels, flats, sandals, flip flops, boots (all varieties), sneaker, cleats and slippers. Clothing includes tops (t-shirt, blouses, shirts, tank tops), sweaters, sweatshirts, dresses, outerwear (coats, jackets, blazers), bottoms (pants, slacks, jeans, sweatpants, skirts, shorts), suits, pajamas, intimates (slips, bras, underwear, socks) and baby clothing. Linens include sheets/pillowcases, blankets, comforters, curtains/drapes, aprons, dish cloths, cloth napkins, table linens and quilts. Accessories include hats, bags (pocket-books, backpacks, duffle bags, totes), belts, gloves, ties, scarves, bathrobes, and jewelry. Items are accepted in any condition for all ages and genders so long as they are clean, dry and odorless. Everything should be kept dry in a closed, plastic bag.

Annual Report photo contest deadline Jan. 30

Attention Hubbardston photographers there is a photo contest to feature images in the 2024 Annual Town Report.

This is your chance to shine and highlight the unique charm, beauty, and spirit of our town through your lens. Hubbardston photos of a breathtaking sunrise, a festive community gathering or a peaceful snowy scene or what makes Hubbardston special to you are welcome. The deadline to submit photos is Thursday, Jan. 30. Your photo could be the centerpiece of this year's report. People should visit <https://forms.gle/eZJvg17psX1bHjiE7> for a form to accompany the photo.

Taxes due

Real Estate taxes are due Monday, Feb. 3.

Senior Center

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.

Local restaurant collects socks for Christmas



Submitted photo

Wanda and her staff at Star and Stripes Restaurant in Hubbardston collected and sent 100 stockings along with over 100 pairs of white socks to local veterans this past holiday.



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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Select Board – Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Jan. 23 at 11 a.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Feb. 10 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Council – Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Feb. 13 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK

Select Board – Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Jan. 28 at 3 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Feb. 12 at 4 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Memorial Day Committee – Jan. 17 at 11 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Jan. 21 at 4 p.m.
 Planning Board Hearing Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Fire/Highway Building Committee – Jan. 16 at 4 p.m.
 School Committee Special Meeting – Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.
 By-Law Committee – Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.
 Post Owner/Architect/Contractor Meeting – Jan. 30 at 3 p.m.

OAKHAM

Library Trustees – Jan. 16 at 5 p.m.
 Select Board – Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 14 at noon

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 6, March 13 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Jan. 17 at 9 a.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board Public Hearing – Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

Local organizations partner to provide cold weather items



Erika and Susan from the Recovery Center of HOPE are thankful for all the donations already received during the first week of the cold weather items drive.

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WARE – As the cold weather is finally upon us, many in the community are feeling the need for warm, outdoor apparel such as coats, hats, gloves and more.

Emily Kirby, in partnership with other members of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together, and the Recovery Center of HOPE worked together to put together a cold weather drive for the first time.

“It kind of just came about in conversations with Julie Lutz, the director of the Recovery Center of HOPE, and we partnered together on it,” said Kirby. “We talk a lot about the community and its needs, and how the Quaboag Hills Substance Alliance can help.”

Donations accepted at various drop-off locations include gently used or new gloves, mittens, scarves, sweaters, blankets, base-layers, jackets and coats and new beanies and socks.

Kirby works closely with the Recovery Center of HOPE, and oversees the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance in order to help with outreach to the community, as well as Healthy Quaboag.

You can find more information about QHSUA at <https://qhsua.org>, and Healthy Quaboag at <https://healthyquaboag.org>.

The QHSUA, like BOAT in Belchertown, operates under a Drug-Free Communities grant, and works through Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield mostly, and other areas in the Quaboag Hills area in order to provide community outreach.

“There are many coat drives in the community, but we wanted to make it as accessible as possible with providing a lot of different drop-off locations,” said Kirby.

Kirby got in touch with BOAT on this project by attending their meetings and worked with Kris Hoag to work alongside BOAT with the donations.

“We try to make sure that Belchertown is involved because they’re so close. We want to get them involved so that we can build a better sense of community,” said Kirby.

The donations collected at the drop-off days and locations will be put together, and sorted, then brought to the various community spaces to be distributed, like the local churches and the Recovery Center.

“I think just seeing the community come together and work toward something, it’s nice to see that people want to come together and help each other out. I think that’s really powerful,” said Kirby.

The town truly came together, like during the walk in the fall, and town clean-up. “Just seeing the desire to make the community better is really great,” Kirby said.

Each of the organizations worked hard to provide support for this new drive, and their efforts are paying off as the community brings in donations.

“Seeing how committed they are to their cause is really nice. I’m newer to this position, so I’ve been able to work a lot with Kris,” said Kirby of BOAT. “Partnering with them and bouncing ideas off of them has been really nice.”

“Everyone a part of QHSUA was super welcoming and wants to get things done and they’re really passionate about the work,” said Kirby, sharing her work with the organization.

“The Recovery Center of HOPE has so many different programs, and they’re always talking about how to make it better for the community that utilizes it. They’re really compassionate and empathetic to what people have gone through and they really



Donation bins are located at the Ware Town Hall, Recovery on Main, the Ware Library, and Recovery Center of HOPE until spring.

want to help,” said Kirby.

Hundreds of donations of these cold weather essentials have already been brought to the drop-off locations by the community, but there is still time to donate even more.

“Since this is the first year, we got a lot of donations, and I really hope to see this become an annual thing, especially in the winter because winter clothes can be expensive,” she said.

If you have donations, you can still bring them in now through the springtime, finding the drop-off spots at different locations and times through the week.

On Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., drop-offs will be collected at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main St.; Wednesdays at Recovery on Main, 78 Main St. from 1-3 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Ware Library, 37 Main St.; and Fridays at Recovery Center of HOPE from 2-4 p.m.

Lucy Allen to present program on Prince Walker

BELCHERTOWN – Barre Historian, Lucy Allen, who also serves the town of Barre as the Chair of the Barre Historical Commission, will present a program on Prince Walker, the younger brother of Quock Walker.

This event will be held in-person and via Zoom on Sunday, Jan. 19 from 2-3 p.m. If interested in attending in-person, this event is being held at the Quabbin Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Dam Road. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited.

This program will highlight the life of Prince Walker, who lived on a remote hillside in Barre, which is now part of the Ware River Watershed. His interesting and long life (1774 – 1858)

included being born enslaved, being sold into slavery to a new enslaver in Connecticut about 1783 when he was nine years old and escaping back to Barre on foot when he was 21 years old.

He became a landowner who maintained his large family on the farm he scratched out of the hillside. The Barre Historical Society has led walks to his Burial Ground and old homestead and hopes to schedule another when the weather gets a bit warmer later this year.

Although known mainly as the much younger brother of Quock Walker, whose suit to attain personal freedom was instrumental in freeing all enslaved people in Massachusetts, Prince Walker led

a remarkable life. Lucy Allen will talk on his trek to freedom and financial independence.

To register visit Sunday January 19, 2-3pm Prince Walker of Barre- From Enslaved to Landowner for in person and/or Zoom attendance.

In person seating is limited to 45 people. People must register to attend either in-person or via zoom where a Zoom link will be sent out via email on the Friday before the presentation. In case of bad weather on Sunday, Jan. 19, the program will convert to a 100% virtual program and registered attendees will be notified by email. People may email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov for more information.

Oakham

Ellenor Downer
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Podiatry nurse adds new dates

Podiatry clinic with podiatry nurse Allison Williams added dates for the next few months. Due to a waiting list or appointments, she has scheduled two clinics every other month in the hope of reducing the wait times for our clients. The clinic services Oakham residents with a reduced rate, due to a grant for Oakham. Out of town clients can be seen at full cost if additional spots are available. Dates are Mondays, Jan 27, Feb. 10, Feb. 24 March 17 April 14 and April 28. The wrong dates were printed last week it is Feb. 24 not Feb. 29 and April 14 and April 21 and not April 29.

Library events

Introduction to Dungeons and Dragons, Junior Guild ages 8 to 12 will be held Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 4-6 p.m. at the Fobes Memorial Library, 21 Maple St. Registration is required as space is limited. People may register online by visiting the town website at www.oakham-ma.gov and click on library. Read and play meets Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration is not required. Dungeons and Dragons Fobes Guild for ages 13-17 meets Wednesday, Jan. 22. Kids’ Robotics meets Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 from 3:15-4 p.m. Registration is required.

Senior Center activities

Senior Center, located in lower level of Town Hall, include Monday, Jan. 27 Podiatry from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m. reservations are required; Mondays through Thursdays at 9 a.m. Walking Group (meet at Senior Center and Tuesdays through Thursdays at 11 a.m. Walking Group meet at Senior Center. On cold days, the walking groups will walk to tapes inside the Senior Center.

Other activities are fourth Tuesday of the month is blood pressure/glucose testing from 11 a.m.-noon; Wednesdays Zumba Gold at 9 a.m. in the Rutland Senior Center (\$2 donation per class); second Thursday of the month Blood Pressure at 11 a.m.; third Thursday of the month SHINE from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. reservations are required; Thursdays at noon for the Courageous Weigh in support weight loss group and Fridays Functional Fitness at 10.30 a.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall \$2 donation per class.

On Friday, Jan. 17 Lunch Bunch will meet at the Empire Buffet in Southbridge at 12.30 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the main room of the Senior Center for the Lunch Bunch.

Hot Lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

If people can’t get to the Senior Center to Sign Up for the Lunch Bunch or to make required reservations or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

DCR offers February vacation program on tracks and scat

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation will host a February Vacation Program “Tracks and Scat” on Monday, Feb. 17 from 10-11 a.m.

Although we may not see them often, our native wildlife is all around us. Come learn to recognize some signs of wildlife through a fun and informative indoor activity.

Meet at the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center in Belchertown. Great for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 413-323 - 7221. To register visit <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/250b6dc-beefc4f30a4da5b0f86abc4f3>.

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. 20. 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 – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Garlic herbed chicken, apple cornbread stuffing, roasted California blend vegetables, pear crisp, diet = pears, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Egg Frittata, red bliss potatoes, green peas, birthday cake, diet = half piece cake, whole wheat bread

FRIDAY – Lentil stew with cheddar cheese, steamed white rice, peas and carrots, fruited ambrosia, pumpernickel 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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Opinion

Guest Column



Should Social Security money be invested in the Stock Market

Dear Rusty
For most folks collecting Social Security, you get back what you put in within 3-5 years, so for those that scream - "SS is not an entitlement, it is my money"- that is not entirely accurate beyond 3-5 years. For me personally 4.4 years is the number. But had I been able to invest that money over the 43 years I worked at a modest 6% interest, I expect the amount would have been a lot more. And of course, the stock market averaged 9.5% over that time. Perhaps Social Security should invest in the stock market instead of U.S. Government treasury bonds.
SignedInterested Observer

Dear Observer
You bring up a point we frequently hear that if, instead of paying into Social Security, I had invested the same money in the stock market I would have gotten more.

That, of course, might be the case if you had the unwavering discipline to religiously invest the equivalent amount in the market, avoiding the temptation to use that investment for any other reason. And life is full of good reasons, financial emergencies, for example or the simple temptation to buy something desperately needed, or just occasionally skipping a month to pay bills. Also, the stock market is notoriously volatile, which can create substantial angst for investors, who are faint of heart.

The fact is that Social Security provides guaranteed financial growth from the age of eligibility normally 62, up to age 70 when the maximum benefit is attained. Benefits claimed at one's full retirement age are about 24% - 32% more than if taken at age 62 depending on Full Retirement Age and benefits taken at age 70 are about 75% more than benefits taken at age 62. And that is guaranteed growth for those with the patience to wait longer to claim.

You may recall that the idea of investing Social Security reserves in the stock market has been floated a few times in previous years, but accompanying risks made Congress essentially unwilling to even entertain the idea. It has always been a political "hot potato" and those who suggest it are usually castigating for wanting to "give SS money to Wall Street," so I expect it is unlikely to happen.

Guess we'll need to be satisfied with the interest on those Special Issue Government Bonds, which, by the way, returned about \$67 billion to the Social Security Trust Fund in 2023. FYI, average interest rate for new deposits to the Trust Fund in 2023 was 4.1%, and the overall effective rate of return on all Trust Fund assets was 2.4%.

Social Security has some issues and will face some financial difficulty in less than a decade unless Congress enacts program reform soon. But it is a program, which most seniors rely on for a major part of their retirement income and one which keeps over 22 million Americans out of poverty. Here at the AMAC Foundation, we strongly advocate for sensible Social Security reform and we're very optimistic about the program's future. But Congress needs to act soon to avoid a cut to everyone's Social Security amount in about 2033.

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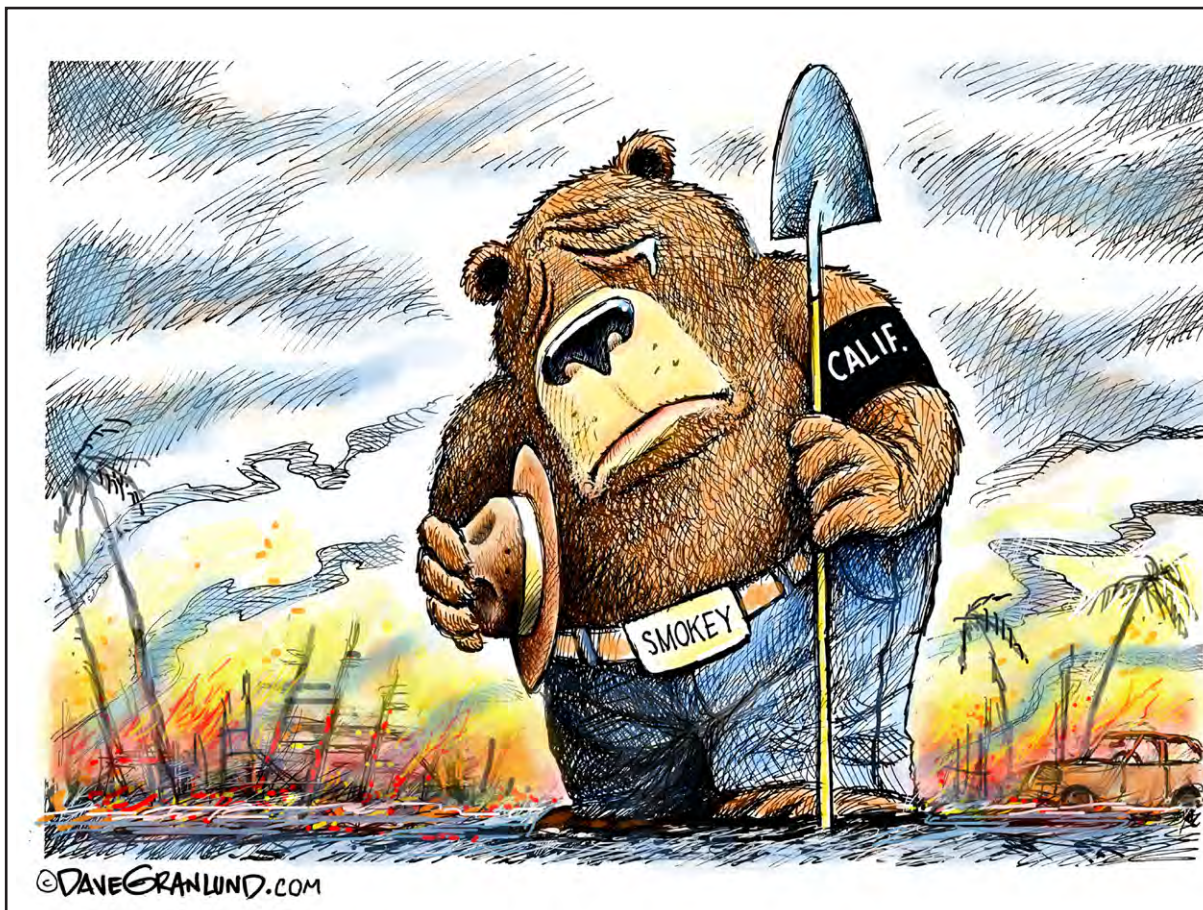
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Letter to Editor

Ballot question to decide fate of Old Reservoir dam



Submitted photo

The Old Reservoir on the Prince River, taken from the dam in November 2024. It's next to the Prince River Reserve, off Williamsville Road and Flaherty Road.

The state has been inspecting old dams. The dam at the Old Reservoir was inspected and failed the inspection. It is designated a high hazard dam because of the large number of properties downstream on the Prince River that would be flooded if the dam failed.

The state offered three alternatives to the town; doing nothing is not an option. 1) the dam can be repaired if the town takes ownership of the dam; 2) the dam can be partially removed or 3) the dam can be completely removed and the Prince River restored to its natural flow. The state will pay for the construction or demolition in all three cases.

There will be a question on the town ballot in April to help resolve the issue. The question is whether the town should take ownership of this un-owned dam in order to preserve the reservoir at its present level.

If the town declines to take ownership, the dam must be torn down. If the town is willing to take permanent ownership, the dam can be repaired, with the town then taking responsibility for regular maintenance, inspections, additional repairs, securing of public access and liability insurance.

This dam was built for the purpose of recreation by the Prince River Association. It was never a power dam nor a flood control dam. There is no infrastructure for water use. It is three quarters of a mile from any public road.

There have been catastrophic floods when dams there have failed in the past, most recently in 1938 when the Charles Allen Foundry was flooded. All the members of the Prince River Association have died a long time ago. That is why there is no owner, requiring the town to take ownership in order to repair and keep the dam.

I have gone to the meetings where the state and the engineers have presented the alternatives. I have listened to friends on both sides of the question. I can sympathize with the people who are very attached to the reservoir. I'm aware of the positive ecological reasons for dam removal and river restoration.

My conclusion is a simple and practical one: that it would be financially irresponsible for the town of Barre to become the owner of a dam with all its attendant costs and liabilities.

Elizabeth Martin
Barre

In Past Pages

5 years (Jan. 23, 2020)

The town of Barre was one of 24 communities in the state to become an age and dementia friendly community. Patty Sullivan of the Massachusetts Council on Aging attended the Tuesday night Barre Selectman's meeting to present the town with a certificate of recognition. Eileen Clarkson, senior center director and members of the Age and Dementia Friendly Community Committee were also on hand for the presentation. Sullivan said that all of the 24 communities were not clustered in the eastern part of the state, but in central and western Massachusetts as well.

Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m., Ken Ethier, historian from Auburn, will present a program on ice harvesting at the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road. Either will describe ice harvesting methods and the tools used during America's booming ice business, which thrived from the early 19th century well into the 20th, when New England ice was shipped to the U.S. southern states, Martinique, Europe and as far away as India. He will explain how the frozen blocks of ice were transported from the pond or lake to the icehouse, where they remained frozen up to two years and one rare occasions up to five years.

Standing up for something you believe in that's exactly what 11 year old Lola Howard of Barre did when she saw a need for sidewalks in her hometown. After sending a request to the Barre selectmen in October, Howard was invited as a special guest to an award ceremony in Brockton at their City Hall on Jan. 9 where Barre was awarded a \$100,000 Small Town Housing Choice Grant for the engineering and the design of sidewalks. "It was exciting," Howard said of the afternoon. Barre was one of ten small towns to receive a portion of \$900,000 to support high-impact, smaller scale local capitol improvement projects.

10 years (Jan. 23, 2015)

A little bit of celebrity visited the halls of the Oakham Center School last Wednesday night. It was an exciting occasion as several members of the Worcester Sharks Hockey team along with their mascot, Finz, delighted members of Oakham Cub Scout Pack#144 and their families to a memorable evening of education and play. "It was a lot of fun," Webelos Arrow of Light Scout, Raymond Duffy, III said.

John Couture presented his report regarding heat loss at the municipal building. He said the metal building was built when energy and heat loss were not the issue as heating oil was cheap. He explained that some of the heat loss can be addressed easily and the town would regroup the cost of insulation in about two years. He stated that the light of day was visible at the

LOOK BACK Barre Antiques Show and Sale - 1979



File photo

Helen Connington, Elisabeth Gariepy and Viola Belcher are shown on Oct. 25, 1979 at the Barre Antiques Show and Sale.

soffit. Spray foam would seal the leaks at the soffits. He said there was air leakage by the garage doors and weather stripping would help that issue. He estimated the cost at about \$10,000.

In one of his final acts as he winds up a 36 year career in government, Sen. Stephen Brewer presented a symbolic cardboard check to the town of Hubbardston at a gathering of seniors and town officials in the Hubbardston Senior Center on Dec. 31. Council on Aging Director Claudia Provencal accepted the check for \$497,765, which was specifically allocated for the building of a new senior center. The funds were being sent via wire transfer to the Hubbardston Town Treasurer.

25 years (Jan. 27, 2000)

The internal search for a replacement for Donald Raffier, Director of Administrative Services for the Quabbin Regional School District, resulted in two candidates applying. After the interview process was completed, middle school teacher, Bernard Audette, was offered the position. Audette holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Massachusetts and a Master's Degree in business administration from Suffolk University. He was chosen not only for his educational criteria, but for

his background as a cash manager and a financial analyst.

Hubbardston voters will decide on 48 articles at the Special Town Meeting to be held in the Hubbardston Center School cafeteria on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. There are 11 proposed changes to the town's zoning bylaws, two to the general bylaws and one to the personnel by laws. An important zoning change would extend the range of uses permitted by right in commercial districts.

Built in 1964 to house four older fire trucks, the 40 foot by 40 foot Hubbardston Fire Station no longer meets the needs of today's fire department and in fact, doesn't meet state and federal regulations. Fire trucks used in the 1960s were smaller and lighter than the fire trucks required today. Currently, the Hubbardston Fire Department has nine vehicles not counting the Fire Chief's vehicle, which also serves as Rescue Two. Common sense will tell you that you can't place nine vehicles in a station that was built to hold only four. Because of the building that is on six of the vehicles, they must be housed inside a building. Water will freeze and equipment will be stolen.

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Barre Gazette welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the Barre Gazette care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to edowner@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters will be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It sure has been a cold week and with four inches of snow coming on the weekend we were enjoying the warmth of the inside.

It is always nice to know you don't have to go out and the oil man delivered our oil before the storm. I spent one day taking down the Old Sturbridge Village and making an apple pie.

I had two different helpers come this week. I helped her make her first apple pie. On Sunday I made a pumpkin pie as the apple pie was just a memory by then.

My dryer was not drying the clothes like it used to so our handyman crawled under the deck and took two large balls of lint out of the vent pipe. It had not been cleaned out for a long time. I do empty the lint filter on the dryer each time I use it, but some lint seems to get by it. I made a batch of holders with some fabric squares.

One of the favorite treats we used to like to get at The Old Mill in Westminster were their corn fritters. Here is a recipe that you can make.

CORN FRITTERS

1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs, separated
2 cups corn kernels
1/4 cup milk
1 cup maple syrup
Mix flour, baking powder and salt together. In a medium bowl, beat the egg yolks until light. Alternately, stir the corn, milk and flour mixture into

the egg yolks and the batter will be somewhat dry. In another bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form. Fold egg whites into corn batter.

Heat about 1/2 inch of vegetable oil in a skillet for about 365 degrees and drop batter into the oil and fry until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and serve with maple syrup. Makes 18 to 20 fritters.

Note: If you don't have fresh corn on the cob, you can use canned corn.

This and That

I just finished a book that my Penpal from Oakham gave me. It was by Debbie Macomber, "A Christmas Spirit." I have enjoyed her books over the years. I read it in two days and it was large print.

I still have the snowmen and angels out from Christmas and added a few more Valentines to the Valentine tree.

One of the problems we have had this week was having some helpers come to the house for the first time. It seems they could not find our house on the GPS as they were directed to the neighbors instead of 75 Ragged Hill Road. They finally called and said they were outside of our house but that was not the case. The information needs to be corrected.

You can not see our house from the main road and the mail box is on the opposite side of the road so that makes it confusing also. If they call ahead I usually let them know, but three workers did not call ahead.

I'm praying for the residents of California. I wonder where they will all go?

Have a healthy week.



Supplemental heat and light aid seed starting efforts

Last week we looked at the supplies needed to start seeds indoors. This week we will dive deeper.

If you have never tried indoor seed starting, it is a worthwhile endeavor for sure. You can grow exactly what you want instead of being dependant on what lines the shelves of local nurseries each May.

Furthermore, there is great satisfaction in having a part of the "miracle." No matter how many times I have witnessed the germination process, it still amazed me that a tiny seed has what it takes within to grow into a plant. All that is needed is heat, moisture and light.

Almost all bedding plants, as well as some vegetables and herbs need warmth to germinate. We provide bottom heat through the use of heating cables or mats set at temperatures between 70-75 degrees.

This poses the question of whether or not seeds will germinate at regular household temperatures of close to seventy degrees. Probably, but not to their fullest potential since ideal temperature is measured not by air temps but by the temperature of the growing medium.

A room set at 70 degrees is likely to have temperatures within the germinating flat five to 10 degrees cooler, due to evaporation at its surface. Invest in a heat mat - if used for a few weeks each season it will

likely last a decade or two.

There are many types available to suit your own specific growing needs, even mini mats that are about the size of a standard flat. Perfect if all you are growing indoors are a pack or two of peppers and tomatoes!

Supplemental lighting comes into play at the instant your seeds have sprouted. Bottom heat is not necessary henceforth (it is even discouraged!).

Seedlings are removed from heat and placed within 3-6 inches of the light source. For short-term use, a shop light affixed with two cool fluorescent bulbs has worked fine for me, although one cool and one warm bulb was recommended "back in the day" to better simulate the full spectrum of the sun's rays.

Now, LEDs are an energy conscious replacement; one I will make when my fluorescent bulbs give out. If you are using fluorescent bulbs, be sure to keep your seedlings away from the ends of the bulb where the lights wanes.

If you plan to use lights for long-term growth a "grow-light" may be a good, albeit more costly investment. Many duplicate the sun quite well, and some are tailored to meet the needs of specific plant types.

For example, some contain more orange and red hues to promote fruiting and budding. They are priced by life expectancy, output and light spectrum.

Installing the lights of your choice with reflectors or "mirrors" will maximize intensity, and suspending the whole system with chains from the ceiling will make for easy raising as your seedlings grow.

If you plan to grow just a few seedlings and don't want to invest in lights, try positioning them in front of an unshaded south window. Turn the seedling flats numerous times during the day to promote straight, stocky growth. Plants that are tall and spindly indicate light intensity is too low.

Please give heat mats and supplemental lights a try, especially if you haven't been successful with indoor seed sowing in the past. This could turn the page of a new chapter of growing for you!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.

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stream property.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said the board wants feed back from the townspeople. A yes vote would maintain the current level of the Old Reservoir dam and would direct the town to obtain ownership. A no vote would return the river to its previous state.

Several residents expressed concern that by removing the reservoir it would impact the town wells and private wells adversely. Select Board Chair Marshall said the town would have a hydrology study done.

Other resident comments included the need for better access to the reservoir. If the town acquired the land, a road would be

needed to maintain the dam and give the public better access to the area. Kayaking required carrying the craft about 1/2 mile to the site. The East Quabbin Land Trust provided access with a walking trail to the reservoir with an agreement with property owners.

Town Administrator report

Town Administrator Tammy Martin said the town received a grant of \$70,000 to purchase a pick up truck for the Fire Department. She said she was working with the Fire Chief on the pickup truck purchase and they had one in mind.

Select Board report

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said the railings on North Common were in bad shape. Some have broken and they are rotted. She said there were still funds in left from the Town Common project and she would speak to Paul

Cranston, chair of Town Common project committee about replacing them. They are an odd size 6x6. Robert Kane said white oak was durable like cedar and would last longer. The present railings are ten years old.

Other business

The two Select Board members present approved the use of the Town Hall, Nornay Park and Center Common by the Quabbin Community Band for summer concerts and rehearsals. They also appointed Gary Brigham to the Open Space Committee.

The town received two checks for payment in lieu of taxes. East Quabbin Land Trust donated \$100 and Insight Meditation Society, Barre Center for Buddhist Studies and Dharma Vihara Foundation gave \$30,500. The board accepted the donations.

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38 years (Jan. 29, 1987)

The Barre Department of Veterans' Services received a \$2,250 grant to upgrade Veterans' Memorials according to Director Michael C. Kowal. The funds from the grant can be used "to raise sunken flush grave makers, to right headstones, to generally improve the condition of the veterans' plots or to perform necessary repair to a Veteran's Memorial according to the award letter. The grant was received through the Office of Commissioners of Veterans

Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is a cost reimbursement grant.

Local Girl Scouts and Brownies were honored by the Barre Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 25. Several Girl Scouts and Brownies attended the meeting to witness the signing of a proclamation denoting March 8-14 Girl Scout Week in Barre. Jennifer Higgins presented Selectman Chair Earl Sample with a plaque on behalf of all the Girl Scouts. "We would like to take this opportunity to thank the selectmen for all their help that they have given us in the last 52 years we

have had scouting in Barre," said Natalie Ackert, town coordinator. Ackert noted there are approximately 100 registered Girl Scouts in Barre.

Lt. Frank M. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Kennedy of Rutland, graduated from Ranger Class 2-87 at Fort Benning, Georgia on Jan. 22. His Ranger Tabs were pinned on by his father, who made the trip to Fort Benning to attend the ceremony. After a short leave, Lt. Kennedy plans to drive from his home in Rutland to his new assignment, Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska. He is a graduate of West Point.



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House plants and potted plants from Tiny's World.



Sea glass, driftwood and other features put together inside these beautiful picture frames.

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to emotional support pickles, "everybody needs one."

For herbs, perennials, flowers and wreaths the booth to visit was Hartman's Herb Farm. Lynn Hartman was running the booth and had many items available from her family-owned herb farm, which also provides a bed and breakfast, gift shop, retail and wholesale greenhouses. Hartman's Herb Farm also offers a private dining room for functions and weddings.

The Winter Market will return to Town Hall on the following Saturday dates: Feb. 8, March 8, and April 8. The hours will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



Soaps and beauty products by Rebel Bath and Body were displayed at the Barre Winter Market this past weekend.



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Emotional support pickles crafted by Kitty.



Gnomes and Birds displayed next to Kitty's Kreations booth.



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Got Resolutions? Part 1

'Tis the season for heartfelt resolutions.

Have you contemplated your resolutions for 2025? Beginning with this edition, let us consider a passage packed with mandates that would make fantastic aims for the new year and more. The following was penned by the apostle Paul to the ancient Christians at Thessalonica. May this text speak to us as we move into 2025.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 (NIV)

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

If you feel a bit overwhelmed after reading this text, I completely understand. This relatively short selection touches upon a dizzying number of topics worthy of prayerful consideration.

Thus said, it is my intent to touch upon each command of the apostle in future publications, that we might heed his wisdom for the new year. As we wind to a close, let me note that 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 breaks down into three distinct sections:

1) 5:12-15. This touches upon how we are to relate one to another. God has great concern for interpersonal connections.

2) 5:16-22. This touches upon how we relate to the Lord Himself. God has great concern for our connection with Him.

3) 5:23-24. This text touches upon how we might effectively fulfill the will of God. We need His empowerment!

For homework, review 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24. We will begin to explore this passage one segment at a time next week. Until then, thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

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Got Resolutions? Part 2

We are in the midst of an ongoing series on 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24.

I posit that the mandates put forth in this passage make wonderful resolutions to live for in the new year. Let us continue our exploration of this text, one seg-

ment at a time:

1) Honoring Leaders
What is the opening mandate of the apostle Paul to the ancient Christians at Thessalonica?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a (NIV)

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.

Paul begins with a call to properly reverence spiritual leadership. The following excerpt touches upon this call and beyond:

"Paul gave two exhortations to the church regarding their proper attitude toward their spiritual leaders. First, they were to respect them. This term indicates an appreciation for the workers and their labor. The need to regard leaders highly is further stressed in the second exhortation. Church members are to esteem, value, and respect their leaders for their works' sake. The Greek is strong: 'hold them in the highest regard.' This should be a continuing attitude. Some church leaders do not command as much personal respect as others, but Paul taught that all should be held in esteem because of the nature of their responsibilities before God. Not just some respect, but the highest respect is due these leaders, and it is to come from an attitude of affection (in love) for them, again, because of their work, if for no personal reason."

Does this passage mean that ministers and church officials are beyond honest critique? By no means. There is a place for healthy and constructive feedback! In fact, the church-local and universal-falls prey to the wiles of Satan when leadership is overly elevated and beyond sanction. Yet God works through human leaders, called and empowered by Him.

2) Peaceful Connections
Paul continues with the following mandate:

1 Thessalonians 5:13b

13 . . . Live in peace with each other.

We're called to be at peace with one another. Christians are called to be a people known for peace and the pursuit thereof. Christ often spoke to matters of interpersonal peace. In fact, note this text from His "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt. 5:9): "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

The following illustration speaks to the power that one individual can have if they are willing to pursue and call for peace:

Telemachus was a monk who lived in the 4th Century. He felt God saying to him, "Go to Rome." Thus, he put his possessions in a sack and set out for Rome. When he arrived in the city, people were thronging in the streets. He asked why all the excitement and was told that this was the day that the gladiators would be fighting and killing each other in the coliseum, the day of the games, the circus.

He thought to himself, "Four centuries after Christ and they are still killing each other, for enjoyment?" He ran to the coliseum and heard the gladiators saying, "Hail to Caesar, we die for Caesar" and he thought, "this isn't right." He jumped over the railing and went out into the middle of the field, got between two gladiators, held up his hands and said "In the name of Christ, forbear."

The crowd protested and began to shout, "Run him through, Run him through." A gladiator came over and hit him in the stomach with the back of his sword. It sent him sprawling in the sand. He got up and ran back and again said, "In the name of Christ, forbear." The crowd continued to chant, "Run him through." One gladiator came over and plunged his sword through the little monk's stomach and he fell into the sand, which began to turn crimson with his blood. One last time he gasped out, "In the name of Christ, forbear." A hush came over the 80,000 people in the coliseum. Soon a man stood and left, then another and more, and within minutes all 80,000 had emptied out of the arena. It was the last known gladiatorial contest in the history of Rome.

3) "Keeping the Ranks"

What is the next call of the apostle?

1 Thessalonians 5:14a

14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive . . .

What does it mean to be idle and disruptive? What is Paul warning against in this text? These two terms come from an underlying Greek term which means "not keeping the ranks." The image is one of soldiers who have broken formation, becoming irregular, neglectful of duty and disorderly. In an army, when soldiers get out of line or abandon their place in rank, little can be accomplished. The application here is of church members who are irregular in their Christian walks and duties thereof. When the people of God fail to "keep the ranks," little can be accomplished for God and for His kingdom. This is not the only time Paul had to deal with such issues in the church at Thessalonica. Let us note the following in kind:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-11

6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies.

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Obituaries

Irene Emilia Caruso, 66

BARRE – Irene Emilia Caruso of Barre, it is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Irene Emilia Caruso on Jan. 11, 2025, at the age of 66.

Born on April 22, 1958, in Worcester, Irene was the cherished daughter of John S. Caruso and Helene (Sonia) Caruso of Pompano Beach, Florida

She is survived by her loving siblings: John and sister-in-law, Betsy Caruso (her "Guardian Angel") and James Caruso, both of Barre; Peter and sister-in-law, Lilly Caruso of West Boylston and her sister, Ann Caruso of New York City. Irene was predeceased by her father, John, and her brother, Stephen. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews: John Caruso, Katie Wick, Stephanie Wiktor, Nicole Caruso, Stephen Caruso, Ava Caruso, Joseph Caruso, Michael Caruso and Daniel Caruso, as well as a grandnephew, Noah Wiktor.

A graduate of Quabbin Regional High School, Irene attended Westfield State College. She grew up in South Barre, moved to Florida then lived in Oakham, South Barre and Hardwick.

Irene was a lifelong lover of

animals. Her passion for horses was unmatched; she owned and proudly rode in horse shows and holiday parades. She cared for horses at Long View Farm in North Brookfield and during her time in Florida, she worked at the Jacksonville Zoo. Irene was also a devoted dog owner throughout her life.

Her career reflected her passion for caretaking and excellence. Irene managed an estate in South Florida, maintaining the property and preparing food for special events and for the owner. She was an accomplished cook, supporting the family restaurant when there was a need, helping her Aunt Sarah who was running the family business.

Irene's love for physical activity was evident through her work in martial arts, becoming a teacher at her brother Jim's karate studio. She also loved being out in nature and staying active.

A woman of many talents, Irene had a knack for languages. She traveled to Italy with her family as a child and effortlessly picked up Italian, amazing every-



one with her fluency despite having no formal education in the language. Her creativity extended to jewelry making, crafting unique gifts to brighten the lives of those she cared for.

Above all, Irene was a kind, generous soul with a tender heart. At one point in her life she dedicated time to helping disadvantaged individuals in her local community, always striving to make a difference. Her last act of kindness was donating her organs after death in a final act of kindness that can save and improve the lives of others.

A celebration of Irene's life will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025 with a Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas a Becket Church, 398 Vernon Ave. South Barre. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA.01515

Irene's warmth, generosity and passion for life will forever be cherished. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

DEATH NOTICES

Caruso, Irene Emilia

Died Jan. 11, 2025
Celebration of Life
Jan. 24 at 11 a.m.
St. Thomas-a-Becket Church,
398 Vernon Avenue,
South Barre

Robinson, William Jr.

Died Jan. 7, 2025
Funeral Mass Saturday,
Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi Parish
Church, 29 South St., Barre.
Burial will be private with the
family and held at a later date

St. Barre. Following the Mass, the church collation will hold a luncheon in the church hall for those who would like to attend. Bill's wishes were to be cremated and a burial will be held at a later date privately with the family.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

William Robinson, Jr. 63

BARRE- William Robinson, Jr. 63, of Barre, passed away on Jan. 7, 2025 at Tufts Medical Center in Boston surrounded by family.



William, son of William and Anna (Celona) Robinson was born on April 11, 1961. Bill graduated from Quabbin Regional High School and made his home in Barre. He was co-owner of W.R. Robinson Lumber Co. with his brother, Ken.

He leaves his wife, Betsy and her two sons, Derek and Devin; his loving mom and dad; his two sons, Steve and his wife Kasie, Ryan and his wife Colleen; his daughter, Karen and her husband Mike. Bill also leaves his brother, Ken and his wife Valerie and his nieces Rebecca and Rachel and his nephew, Bill. He also leaves granddaughters Avery, Macie, Mackenzie, Madelyn, Raegan, Emersyn and Kylie and

grandsons, Colt and Jackson.

When Bill's children were young he devoted his free time to coaching and helping with their sports and other activities. He spent endless hours behind the plate at his daughters pitching lessons and coached many softball

games. His boys were always with him on the golf course along with his brother and father. In Bills later years he enjoyed camping with his family, riding his Harley with friends, going to Nascar races with his brother-in-law Tom and built barn after barn. These are all cherished memories we will all keep in our hearts of Bill, he was an amazing man with many talents and will be missed by all who knew him.

The funeral for Bill will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025 with a Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church 29 South

Vigil marks two years since the disappearance of Brittany Tee



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

A Candlelight Vigil took place on the common and at the Brookfield Congregational Church for missing community member Brittany Tee. This event took place exactly two years after Brittany's unexplained disappearance.

By Ryan Drago
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BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church welcomed the community to hold a Candlelight Vigil with the family of Brittany Tee this past Friday night, on Jan. 10.

This event took place exactly two years after the unexplained disappearance of Brittany and the community came out to express their love and support for her

family and friends during the Candlelight Vigil.

Many community members joined Brittany's family at the Brookfield Congregational Church where Pastor Brian Oxman gave a heartwarming speech and would lead everyone in a prayer. The vigil was held inside the church with lights, music and prayers shared.

Oxman would then gather with many community members and Brittany's family with candles and meet at the gazebo on the town

common for a moment of prayer and candlelight.

"The whole community came to support," Oxman said as he expressed some words of hope as residents rose their candles on the common. The front of the gazebo had luminaries displayed as the candlelight took place and featured a supportive community gathering.

"It's really important to have the awareness," said Amie Vogel, chair of the Brookfield Cultural Council.

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Barre Police Log

Wednesday, Jan. 1
 12:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:38 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Circle Road, Investigated
 12:30 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
 3:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Winter Street, Mutual Aid Transport

Thursday, Jan. 2
 6:48 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Walnut Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:59 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency
 10:01 a.m. Fire – Power Lined Down/Arcing, Summer Street, Referred to Other Agency
 10:23 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, South Street, Removed Hazard
 10:27 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), South Street, Removed Hazard
 10:44 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Phillipston Road, Investigated
 11:57 a.m. Larceny or Theft, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:12 p.m. Speak to the Chief/ Officer, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 Summons Doyle, George A., 58, Cherry Valley
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense, Attempted Larceny
 12:50 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pleasant Street, Referred to Other Agency
 5:57 p.m. Fire – Water Rescues, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:10 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Mechanic Street, Referred to Other Agency
 6:52 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Hubbardston Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Friday, Jan. 3
 4:24 p.m. Harassment, South Street, Information Given
 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Dana Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Public Assist

Saturday, Jan. 4
 8:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Burns, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:19 a.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Investigated
 12:32 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Gauthier Road, Investigated
 8:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

Sunday, Jan. 5
 12:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Phillipston Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, Jan. 6
 1:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Lane Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 9:20 a.m. Property Damage, Mechanic Street, Investigated

Tuesday, Jan. 7
 8:09 a.m. Tree incidents (No Wires), Old Dana Road, Referred to Other Agency
 2:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Fruitland Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 6:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Nelson Way, Transported to Hospital
 7:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Barre Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 7:26 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Valley Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:37 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Clem Court, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:29 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Stetson Home South Street, Officer/ Chief Advised
 6:31 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Jan. 9
 7:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unattended Death, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed
 2:22 p.m. Complaint, Stetson Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Jan. 10
 12:34 p.m. ACO Lost and Found, Williamsville Road, Information Taken
 1:21 p.m. Illegal Dumping, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

Saturday, Jan. 11
 9:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), West Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:30 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, South Street, Investigated
 7:49 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Exchange Street, Report Filed

Wednesday, Jan. 1
 10:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:16 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Charnock Hill Road, Vehicle Towed
 3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Jan. 2
 12:14 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:23 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Walnut Street, Referred to Other Agency
 11:44 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Birchwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:41 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Rail Trail, Information Given
 3:10 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), River Road, Message Delivered
 5:57 p.m. Fire – Water Rescues, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:05 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Maple Avenue, Removed Hazard

Friday, Jan. 3
 2:38 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Woodside Avenue, Written Warning
 4:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 5:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 5:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
 7:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 12:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prouty Lane, Criminal Complaint
 1:10 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Message Delivered
 5:08 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Paulino, Samantha Ann, 54, Rutland
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation

Saturday, Jan. 4
 2:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 12:19 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Emerald Road, In Custody of ACO
 12:57 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Charnock Hill Road, Message Delivered
 1:21 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Cameron Drive, Returned to Family/ Guardian
 4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:46 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Emerald Road, Investigated
 7:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wildbrook Drive, Transported to Hospital
 8:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Jan. 5
 12:49 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pleasantdale Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
 1:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 12:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:06 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Report Filed
 1:07 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Wachusett Street, Vehicle Towed

Monday, Jan. 6
 4:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 11:02 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Shrewsbury, Mutual Aid Assist

Tuesday, Jan. 7
 2:23 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed without Incidents
 2:44 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Alcivar, Julibeth, 34, Bellingham
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 2:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:14 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:35 a.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist
 10:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Laurelwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Wachusett Street, Report Filed
 4:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:52 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Maple Avenue, Removed Hazard
 6:07 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, West Brookfield, Mutual Aid Assist
 6:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Peters Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Jan. 9
 1:44 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle

Collision, Charnock Hill Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Shehu, Fjolla, 27, Rutland
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 8:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 11:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:06 p.m. Fire – Structures Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:32 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Returned to Family/Guardian

Friday, Jan. 10
 2:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 7:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 Summons Amaya Sosa, Jose Mauricio, 32, Athol
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 9:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Dizziness, Nancy Drive, Transported to Hospital
 12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 3:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Carvalho, Adriano, 52, Westborough
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:53 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Watson Lane, Officer Took Call
 5:10 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Blueberry Lane, Investigated
 5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Kenwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, River Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 9:48 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital
 11 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pommogussett Road, Returned to Family/Guardian

Saturday, Jan. 11
 12:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 8:19 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Happy Hollow Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Kosta Avenue, Mutual Aid Transported
 11:46 a.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished
 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:05 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Kenwood Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:35 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:54 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Given
 5:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Soucy Drive, Mutual Aid Transport

Hubbardston Police Log

Wednesday, Jan. 1
 12:03 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Jan. 2
 1:52 a.m. Notification, Ragged Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:15 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Williamsville Road, Removed Hazard
 10:50 a.m. Safety Concern, Williamsville Road, Message Delivered
 12:26 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Princeton Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
 3:40 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Old Boston Turnpike, Removed Hazard
 3:44 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Elm Street, Report Filed

Friday, Jan. 3
 6:09 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 2:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, High Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:08 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Paulino, Samantha Ann, 54, Rutland
 Charges Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation
 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Streeter Road, Transported

to Hospital

Saturday, Jan. 4
 2:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 9:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unattended Death, Brigham Street, Investigation (On-going)
 6:10 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Brigham Street, Report Filed
 6:46 p.m. High Fever, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Jan. 5
 2:18 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Plum Tree Lane, Officer Took Call
 7:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, High Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Jan. 6
 4:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, New Templeton Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:09 Fraud or Forgery, Halfrey Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Jan. 7
 4:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 4:02 p.m. Notification, New Westminster Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, Jan. 9
 4:15 a.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Breathing Difficulty, Birches Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Abdominal/Back Pain, Transported to Hospital
 9:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Underwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:30 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Information Taken
 8:43 p.m. Safety Concern, New Templeton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:47 p.m. Safety Concern, Pitcherville Road, Report Filed

Friday, Jan. 10
 2:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Boston Turnpike, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:35 a.m. Court Duty, Main Street, Court Duty
 11:24 a.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute,, Bemis Road, Report Filed
 12:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Transported to Hospital
 9:08 p.m. Safety Concern, Burnshirt Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, Jan. 11
 6:45 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken
 11:48 a.m. Unwanted Party, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 5:01 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Mt. Jefferson Road, Vehicle Towed
 7:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service, Natty Pond Drive, No Fire Service Necessary

Thursday, Jan. 2
 6:39 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Turnpike Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:57 p.m. Fire – Water Rescues, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Jan. 4
 7:56 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Spencer Road, Area Search Negative

Sunday, Jan. 5
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 8:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Monday, Jan. 6
 11:17 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Crocker Nye Road, Information Given

12:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:24 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Sanders Road, Negative Contact
 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:36 p.m. Harassment, Adams Road, Officer Took all
 5:58 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Jan. 9
 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 8:59 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Jan. 10
 8 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Jan. 11
 8:19 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Happy Hollow Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:53 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Ware Corner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Jan. 6-13, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 34 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, six traffic controls, eight emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, three assist other agencies, one safety hazard, two motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle investigation, one scam and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Tuesday, Jan. 7
 1:28 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:12 a.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Spoken To
 12:15 p.m. Scam, Upper Church Street, Spoken To
 1:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered
 2:19 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Greenwich Road, Services

Rendered

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:32 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Jackson Road, Arrest(s) Made

Thursday, Jan. 9
 9:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:52 a.m. Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Peace Restored

Friday, Jan. 10
 1:14 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:25 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer

Handled
 4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Jan. 11
 7:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 9:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Criminal Complaint
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:39 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:58 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Center, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, Jan. 12
 2:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Ruggles Hill Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Jan. 2
 6:39 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Turnpike Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:57 p.m. Fire – Water Rescues, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Jan. 4
 7:56 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Spencer Road, Area Search Negative

Sunday, Jan. 5
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 8:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Monday, Jan. 6
 11:17 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Crocker Nye Road, Information Given

12:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:24 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Sanders Road, Negative Contact
 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:36 p.m. Harassment, Adams Road, Officer Took all
 5:58 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Jan. 9
 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 8:59 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Jan. 10
 8 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Jan. 11
 8:19 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Happy Hollow Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:53 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Ware Corner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Jan. 6-13, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, one emergency 911 call, one assist other agency, one citizen assist, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, Jan. 9
 5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Wine Road, Vehicle Towed

Friday, Jan. 10
 10:51 a.m. Assist Citizen, Wine Road, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, Jan. 11
 10:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Sunday, Jan. 12
 11:24 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact

Monday, Jan. 13
 3:43 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Oakham Police Log

Thursday, Jan. 2
 6:39 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Turnpike Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:57 p.m. Fire – Water Rescues, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Jan. 4
 7:56 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Spencer Road, Area Search Negative

Sunday, Jan. 5
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 8:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Monday, Jan. 6
 11:17 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Crocker Nye Road, Information Given

12:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:24 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Sanders Road, Negative Contact
 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:36 p.m. Harassment, Adams Road, Officer Took all
 5:58 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Jan. 9
 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 8:59 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Jan. 10
 8 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

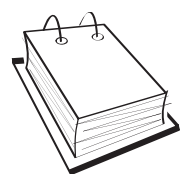
Saturday, Jan. 11
 8:19 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Happy Hollow Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:53 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Ware Corner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

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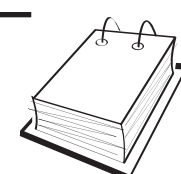
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, JAN. 16

BARRE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION takes place today from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Jan. 16 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.

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS begin today from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., Barre. They meet Thursday nights and the season culminates with a concert on Saturday, May 17. Annual dues range from \$25/year for students and includes a sliding scale of \$40-\$70 for adults. Circle of Song sings in 4-part harmony. The spring session with a program that is not totally firmed up, will include spirituals, madrigals, show tunes and some newer music, with not only Julie Rawson directing, but also featuring Cailan McClure, Nancy Afonso and perhaps others. Circle of Song is particularly looking for baritones and sopranos at the moment, but always is happy to welcome new tenors and altos too. The chorus, generally numbering in the teens, has swelled to numbers in the 20s of late. People interested in joining by come to the first rehearsal on the Jan. 16 or Julie in advance at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192. All singers of all ages are welcome. People may visit <https://circleofsong.net/> for more information.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

PROGRAM ON PRINCE WALKER will be presented by Lucy Allen, Barre historian and Chair of the Barre Historical Commission. This event will be held in-person and via Zoom today from 2-3 p.m. If interested in attending in-person, this event is being held at the Quabbin Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Dam Road, Belchertown. This program will highlight the life of Prince Walker, who lived on a remote hillside in Barre, which is now part of the Ware River Watershed. The Barre Historical Society has led walks to his Burial Ground and old homestead and hopes to schedule another when the weather gets a bit warmer later this year. Although known mainly as the much younger brother

Where is this?

This week’s mystery photo is from Petersham. 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. 20. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of Quail Hollow Golf Course, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.**



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MONDAY, JAN. 27

LIBRARY STORY TIME, a program for preschoolers, will be held at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree today beginning at 9 a.m. The program’s focus is on the wonders of winter. The readings will include “No Two Alike” by Keith Baker and “Winter A Solstice Story” by Kelsey Gross. This reading and crafts program is held at the library. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

GAME NIGHT FOR ALL AGES with no electronics will take place at the First Congregational Church, 264 Main St., Rutland today from 6-8 p.m. There is no admission charge. Free pizza and drinks will be served. Babysitting will be provided by the Rutland Library Teen Advisory Board and church teens at no charge.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

THEATRE AT MOUNT AUDITIONS for “Curious George, the Golden Meatball” will be held today by appointment only for ages 8 to 12 at 11:30 a.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 2 p.m. at Mount Wachusett Community College, room A110 (formerly 182), 444 Green St., Gardner. People should call the Theatre at the Mount Box Office at 978-630-9388 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or email an appointment request to box-office@mwcc.mass.edu. Auditioners will be asked to sing a short vocal selection, which will be

taught at the audition and there will be a dance audition, combination also taught at audition, for all roles and chorus. They should wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Some performers will be asked to do cold readings from the script. Performance dates are April 12 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the general public; April 8 and April 9 at 10 a.m. and April 10 and April 11 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. for school groups. Performances are held during school hours, so all cast members must be willing and able to take four days off from school/work. Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sundays from 2-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning mid-February.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

ST. OLAF CHOIR will be at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester today at 7:30 p.m. The choir has 75 mixed voices and is one of the nation’s premier a cappella ensembles. Dr. Anton Armstrong is the conductor. Tickets are \$10 to \$45 and available by visiting www.mechanicshall.org.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

BARRE WINTER MARKET located in the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., Barre will take place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Other dates are Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This is the third year of the market. Local crafters and farmers sell their crafts and products. For more information, people may email rebellbathandbeyond@gmail.com or call Celia at 978-355-0139.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

THEATRE AT THE MOUNT, located at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Gardner, presents “Into the Woods” today; Saturday, Feb. 22; Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. People may visit box-office@mwc.mass.edu or call 978-630-9388 for tickets or show information.

Calendar Policy

POLICY: Our calendar section is intended to promote “free” events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public to enter are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation and contact information.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

MAKING CONNECTIONS MEMORY CAFE will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Worcester Senior Center, 128 Providence St., Worcester on the first floor in the front of the lunch room. This is an in person gathering. RSVP is not required.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

OSTEOPOROSIS WORKSHOP will be held at the Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., Barre today from 5:30-7 p.m. with Rhonda Hamer, an osteoporosis fitness specialists as well as nutrition coach. Cost is \$35. People may register by visiting www.listeningwellness.org or call 978-355-3501.

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State officials urge fire safety during open burning season

STOW—After an unprecedented fall fire season in Massachusetts and as wildfires rage in California, state officials are urging residents to protect themselves and their communities by following local and state restrictions on open burning.

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bonnie Heiple, and Chief Fire Warden David Celino of the Department of Conservation and Recreation said restrictions on open burning are imposed at the state and local levels.

“Open burning season begins January 15 in communities where it’s allowed,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Even where burning is authorized, a permit from your local fire department is always required in advance and it’s your responsibility to be able to extinguish the fire on a moment’s notice. For two years in a row, Massachusetts residents have lost their lives when they couldn’t contain their fires – please make safety your priority when burning.”

“Open burning is limited to protect public health and public safety,” said MassDEP Commissioner Heiple. “The governing laws and regulations are in place to reduce air pollution, property damage, and personal injury. If open burning is allowed in your community, please follow the local and state guidance to keep yourself, your neighbors, and our environment safe.”

“This fall, residents across Massachusetts saw just how quickly outdoor fires can grow out of control,” said Chief Fire Warden Celino. “Right now, California is facing an even worse crisis with devastating fires consuming entire neighborhoods. Please don’t risk a fire that puts you, your home or your community at risk. Burn only approved materials and always get a permit from your local fire department first.”

These restrictions are authorized by 310 CMR 7.07, which sets baseline requirements based on air quality and allows for “no burn” days; MGL chapter 48, section 13, which prohibits any open air fire unless a permit is issued and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, which gives local fire chiefs the authority to impose

additional limits.

Open burning is prohibited year-round in the cities and towns of Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Watertown, West Springfield and Worcester.

In the remaining communities, open burning season runs from Wednesday, Jan. 15 through Thursday, May 1 with the following limitations. Local fire departments may deny a permit or set additional limitations if circumstances make open burning hazardous. Only certain agricultural waste may be burned. This includes brush, cane, driftwood, residential forestry debris, fruit tree and bush prunings, raspberry stalks, infected bee hives, trees and brush from agricultural land clearing and fungus-infected elm wood if no other acceptable means of disposal is available. It is unlawful to burn leaves, grass, hay, stumps, tires, household trash, construction materials, demolition debris or brush, trees, cane or driftwood from commercial or industrial land clearing.

Open burning may only be conducted with a permit issued in advance by the local fire department between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; at least 75 feet from all dwellings and without causing a nuisance; as close as possible to the source of material being burned and when it will not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution. Persons, who burn unlawfully or allow a fire to grow out of control, could be held liable for firefighting costs or face fines or even jail time.

Open Burning Safety

An adult should tend to the fire at all times and keep tools to extinguish it close by.

Burn small amounts at a time.

Never use gasoline, kerosene or other accelerants to start the fire.

Don’t wait for the fire department to tell you that it has become unsafe to burn: put the fire out if winds pick up or the weather changes. Most fires get out of control during sudden wind changes.

If the fire gets out of control, call the local fire department right away.

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Kyle Clark goes for a put-back.

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Panthers beat Gardner for second time

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The seniors listed on the 2024-25 Quabbin boys' varsity basketball roster were freshmen the last time that the Panthers swept the season series against the Gardner Wildcats.

The first meeting of this winter between the two rivals took place at the Gardner Holiday Tournament on December 28. The Panthers built a

large first half lead in the first round game and coasted to a 53-34 victory.

The Wildcats made the trip south to Barre last Friday night. Following a very close opening half, the Panthers pulled away in the second half en route to a 67-49 win in front of a large home crowd, which included the school's outstanding pep band.

"It's always a hard fought battle whenever we face Gardner,"

said Dennis Dextrateur, who's approaching his 400th career win as the Panthers boys' varsity basketball coach. "We're very fortunate to be able to beat them twice this season. They're an extremely well coached team and they have a couple of outstanding players. It was a festive atmosphere here tonight with the pep band and this was a very big win for us. It was a great night for Quabbin basketball."

The last time that the Panthers (6-2) won both games against the Wildcats (5-4) was during the 2021-22 regular season. The two squads have split during the past couple of years.

Four of the five Quabbin starters reached double digits in scoring in the home victory against the Wildcats.

The senior duo of Kyle Clark and Quinn Geary posted double-doubles.

Geary scored eight of his 13 points during the first half, and he pulled down 12 rebounds. Eleven of those rebounds came at the defensive end of the court.

Clark finished the game with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Sophomore Jacoby Dilling led the way offensively for the home team with 19 points. He scored nine points in the first half and added ten more after halftime. He was also credited with six rebounds, four assists, and one steal.

Freshman Brady Patchen con-



Jacoby Dilling looks for a path to the hoop.

tributed with 17 points. He scored seven of his points during the Panthers impressive 16-2 third quarter run.

"We're a much better basketball team this year than we were last year," said Patchen, who was a member of the varsity basketball team last year as an eighth grader. "We have won six games after

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Jaxon Warburton makes his way down the court.



Brooke Austin attempts a free throw.

Offense struggles in loss for Quabbin girls basketball

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—After losing to the Gardner Lady Wildcats by 14 points in the championship game of the Gardner Holiday Tournament on December 30, Quabbin girls varsity basketball coach Evan Barringer was hoping for a different outcome in the second meeting of the regular season between the two squads.

Things just didn't go the Lady Panthers way during last Friday night's non-league game as the Lady Wildcats posted a 38-22 victory before a large crowd inside the Quabbin Regional gymnasium.

"I thought the girls played hard in tonight's game, but we just didn't execute our game plan very well," said Barringer following his team's second home game of the regular season. "Gardner got off to a fast start and we just could never catch up."

The Lady Panthers had a 4-5 overall record following their second loss to Gardner. They were looking to get over the .500 mark for the first time since they were 3-2 following a victory against South Lancaster Academy in the first round of the Gardner Holiday Tournament.

Quabbin split their first two games of 2025, which were both played on the road. The Lady Panthers kicked off the new year with a 52-47 victory against



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Christiana Dunn takes a long jump shot.

Lunenburg before losing Tyngsboro by eight points.

"Seven of our first eight games were on the road," Barringer said.

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Lianna Leger tries to pass out of pressure.



Makaylah Kingsburg goes around an opponent and drives to the hoop.



Greenly Lagimoniere attempts a three-pointer.



Taylor Allen starts her way down the court.



Megan Clark goes for the free throw.

Pioneers cruising toward state tournament slot

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder girls basketball tacked on two more victories, scoring wins over St. Mary's and Hampden Charter School of Science. The Pioneers defeated St. Mary's at home 49-37 last Tuesday, then went on the road to Chicopee and beat Hampden Charter soundly 50-24. With the wins, Pathfinder is now 6-1 on the season and look to continue the momentum on Jan. 16 when they play at Westfield Technical Academy at 6 p.m.

Mia Ducos goes for a three-pointer.

Ciara Green keeps her dribble away from the opponent.



Quabbin wrestling falls to Nashoba

BARRE – Last Wednesday night, Quabbin Regional wrestling had tough matchup against Nashoba, falling to the hosts 67-6. The Panthers were only able to capture one match win in the dual meet. The Panthers would move

on to host several dual meets on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Quabbin Duals. Highlights from that event will be in next week's edition. After traveling to Marlborough for a Wednesday meet, Quabbin is headed to Western Mass.

For the second time this season for an even at Duggan Academy in Springfield beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, Jan. 18. Following that, the Panthers host Shepherd Hill in another dual meet on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.

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Sports

Candlepin League News

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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The Commercial Elks League is more than halfway through their second round of the 2024-2025 candlepin league season.

As of Jan. 7, The Daft Kings are reigning in first place with 16.5 wins and 7.5 losses. Last in Line is in second place with a record of 14-10. Team BK are in third place with 13.5 wins. Compression is in fourth place with a record of 11-13. The Mailmen are in fifth place at 10-14 and the Gutter Mounds are at 7-17.

This past Tuesday night at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes, Last in Line bowled against The

Mailmen. In game one, Last in Line defeated the Mailmen by a score of 330-323. In game two, the Mailmen got a win of their own by winning 342-323.

In game three, Last in Line won the last game by a score of 355-328. The high game of the match was tied between Dave Chambers of Last in Line and Bryan Surprise of Mailmen with a 99. Total pinfall was in favor of Last in Line with a final score of 1008-988. Last in Line wins three points to get closer to the #1 seed.

The #1 seed Daft Kings bowled against Compression. In game one, Compression defeated Daft Kings by a score of 376-370. In game two, Compression was victorious again by a score of 422-371. Jason Dominick of Compression scored big in game two by bowling a 123. In game three, Compression

and Daft Kings tied at 354. As a result, each team receives half a point. Compression won total pinfall by a final score of 1152-1095 and receive 3.5 points.

The Gutter Mounds bowled against the three seed Team BK. In game one, Gutter Mounds dominated and won 376-344. In game two, Team BK bounced back with a win of their own, 360-356. Stephen Manolakis of Gutter Mounds had the highest individual score in game two with a 107.

In game three, Team BK won the last game by a score of 374-330. Paul Nothe of Team BK had a strong finish in the match with a single game of 121. Team BK won three points, and the final score was 1078-1052 in favor of BK.

The winning team of round two will be determined in a few weeks.

T-Birds reach .500 with road win

HARTFORD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (15-15-2-1) rode spectacular performances by Simon Robertsson and Colten Ellis to a 3-1 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack (16-16-2-1) on Sunday inside the XL Center.

The opening period yielded a scarce amount of chances for the two squads, as Ellis and Dylan Garand were each a perfect 8-for-8 in save opportunities. Dalibor Dvorsky came the closest of the two teams to breaking the scoreless tie when he wristed a forehand off the post on the stick side.

The Wolf Pack, which scored only once in their last three games on home ice, broke the ice at 3:37 of the second as Ryder Korczak cashed a 3-on-2 rush with his third

of the season to give the visitors a 1-0 advantage. That Hartford lead lasted less than three minutes as Robertsson evened the slate at 6:20 with a backhand rebound after Garand denied an initial shot from Corey Schueneman.

With the 1-1 score carrying into the period's final minute, Springfield got a tie-breaking goal from a rookie for the second straight evening. Robertsson was nearing the end of a shift but gutted it out with an incredible individual effort to split between two Wolf Pack defenseman before drubbing a forehand shot through Garand's legs at 19:08. The rookie's first career multi-goal game in the AHL gave the T-Birds the 2-1 lead heading into the third.

Ellis was the star of the show

in a final period that saw the Wolf Pack relentlessly attack the Springfield goal. Time after time, the young backstop had an answer, racking up 19 third period saves, with a little help from his post along the way on a near-tying goal from Jaroslav Chmelar.

With Garand at the bench with just under two minutes remaining, Hugh McGing darted up the ice to cancel an icing and pound a loose puck into an empty net to end a 29-game goal-scoring drought.

With four points in their pockets out of the weekend, the T-Birds look to build on their momentum on Wednesday night as they make their first visit to Bridgeport to take on the Islanders at 7 p.m. at Total Mortgage Arena.

Railers scored win over Wheeling Nailers

WORCESTER — The Worcester Railers HC (14-17-1-4 33pts) took down the Wheeling Nailers (25-7-2-0, 52pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 2-1 in front of a crowd of 1,875 at WesBanco Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at the DCU Center taking on the Adirondack Thunder on Friday, January 17th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

It was the Railers who struck first tonight as Justin Gill (1-1-2) scored 10:18 into the first period giving Worcester the 1-0 lead. The Railers extended their lead to 2-0 in the second period with a goal from Anthony Callin (1-0-1). Wheeling notched their first goal of the night 40 seconds into

the third period as Logan Pietila (1-0-1) cut the Wheeling deficit to one. The Railers held off Wheeling for the remainder of the third period, leading to a 2-1 final score.

Worcester logged the first goal of the night as Justin Gill (3rd) scored on a wraparound goal 10:18 into the first period giving Worcester the 1-0 lead. Gill would be the only goal scorer through the first 20 minutes. Shots favored Wichita 13-9 in the first period.

Worcester extended their lead in the second period when Anthony Callin (9th) tapped Justin Gill's pass into the back of the net extended the Worcester lead to 2-0. Wheeling got the first power play opportunity of the game following a

slashing call on Worcester's Anthony Repaci, but the Railers penalty kill successfully killed the penalty off and kept the score at 2-0 heading into the third period. Shots favored Worcester in the second 17-10.

It didn't take long in the third period for Wheeling to cut into the Worcester lead, as Logan Pietila (4th) scored just 40 seconds into the third period. The Railers held Wheeling off the scoreboard for the remainder of the third period, including a late barrage of shots in which Michael Bullion made a flurry of saves to give Worcester the 2-1 win in regulation. Shots favored Wheeling in the third 11-3 and 34-29 in the game.

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Education

St. Aloysius Catholic School starts Annual Fund Drive

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville is the recipient of a pledge of \$40,000 in matching funds toward the school's 2025/2026 Annual Fund Drive.

The benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has supported the school with matching gifts since its inception in 2016. The Annual Fund Drive runs now through March 30.

Last year, the school's Scholarship Drive raised just over \$48,000 including matching funds. The scholarship monies reduced the tuition for each of the school's students by about \$450 and created a crisis fund for families finding themselves in financial difficulty.

Likewise, donations from foundations also assist families with tuition payments. The School Board implemented the Annual Fund in place of the Scholarship Drive to be able to diversify the use of the money, and thereby keep tuition affordable for families.

"The cost of nearly everything it takes to run a school has increased, from utilities to insurance, to books and salaries. It is no small feat to make ends meet. We are so entirely grateful for those who support our mission," said Roberta McQuaid, finance manager and enrollment coordinator for the school. "Catholic Schools provide a foundation of faith for the students we serve, and their families benefit

too. As well, our students work hard academically and contribute to the local community. When they leave St. Aloysius for high school they are prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. It's a worthwhile goal to try and keep our tuitions prices stable so that families can continue to afford a private, Catholic education."

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Annual Fund please visit www.staloyuscs.com/support/. Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting "Annual Fund" on the memo line.

Colleges announce Dean's and President's Lists

Lasell University announces fall Dean's list

NEWTON – Lasell University announces the fall 2024 Dean's list.

Local students making the Dean's list are Bianca Chaves of Hubbardston and Sophie Borbone of Barre.

To be named to the Dean's list, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

WNE University announces Dean's list

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University announces the fall 2024 semester Dean's list.

Local students making Dean's list are: Colton Wells of Barre, Nicholas Warburton of Hardwick, Shyra McWhorter of North Brookfield and Conor Dillon of Rutland. Students are named to the Dean's list for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

WNE University announces President's list

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University announces the President's list for the fall 2024 semester.

Local students making the President's list are: Isaac Josti of Rutland and Janelle Mensah of Rutland.

Students are named to the President's list for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

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winning only four games last year. We just want to give the seniors the best year that they can have."

The Panthers' other starter against Gardner was senior Jaxon Warburton, who filled out the stat sheet with seven points, three rebounds, four assists, and two steals.

Junior Camden Camache, who's the son of the Wildcats head coach, led his team with 19 points with the help of five 3-pointers. Junior Zach Swan scored ten of his 16 points in the first quarter, which forced the long time Panthers head coach to make some adjustments.

"We never want just one player to beat us," Dextrateur said. "We did make some adjustments and were able to hold Swan scoreless in the second half. We switched three different players on him."

The trio of Warburton, Dilling,

and Patchen took turns guarding against Swan.

At the beginning of the regular season Patchen was a reserve player and senior Bryce Venne was a starter.

Dextrateur recently made a change and Venne is now the Panthers sixth man.

"Bryce is now our sixth man, and he seems very comfortable in that role," Dextrateur added. "He can play several positions and gives us valuable minutes. He's also one of our fastest players."

The other Quabbin senior is Zeke Santoro, who didn't play against Gardner.

The Panthers took the lead for the first time at 8-7 with 3:30 left in the first quarter when Geary buried a 3-pointer from the left side. Geary made three of Quabbin's seven three-point shots in the game.

Twenty five seconds later, Patchen scored a lay-up basket giving the home team a three point advantage, which didn't last very

long. The Wildcats closed out the opening quarter with a 9-2 run. A Gamache 3-pointer from the right corner gave the visiting team a 16-12 lead entering the second quarter.

The Panthers outscored the Wildcats, 21-16, during the second stanza.

In the middle of the second quarter, a Clark lay-up and a Geary base-line lay-up gave Quabbin a 24-22 lead.

After the Wildcats retook the lead again, the Panthers battled back with a 9-2 run. A Dilling inside hoop gave Quabbin a 33-29 lead with 30 seconds left in the opening half.

Swan ended the half with a jumper making it a two point game at the break.

Gardner held a 36-34 lead two minutes into the third quarter before Quabbin took full control of the contest.

Clark tied the score with an inside basket. Then Dilling made a driving lay-up before Patchen made a pair of inside hoops and a 3-pointer increasing the Panthers lead to 45-38 with 3:45 left in the quarter.

A little more than a minute later, Geary made a 3-pointer from the top of the key giving the home team a double digit lead (50-38) for the first time.

Holding a 53-44 advantage entering the final eight minutes of the contest, the Panthers outscored the Wildcats, 14-5, during the final quarter. The trio of Dilling, Warburton, and Patchen each scored four points during the fourth quarter. Geary also added a fast-break lay-up, as the Panthers scored the final eight points of the contest.



Brady Patchen uses his body to carve a path in the paint.

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"I'm happy that we were able to win the four road games, but tonight's game was a tough one."

Because Quabbin was ranked 41st in the initial Division 3 power rankings, they most likely will need to win at least ten games to qualify for the state tournament. The top 32 teams in each division automatically qualify for the state tournament. The Lady Panthers are also hoping to qualify for the Clark Tournament for the first time.

"We've played in the Central Mass Athletic Directors Tournament during the past several years. If we're able to qualify, we'll be playing in the Clark Tournament for the first time this year," Barringer said. "We would've been the number two seed at the Clark last year. It's one of the best high school tournaments around."

Only three Lady Panthers players scored in the home loss to Gardner (7-1).

Junior Mia Ducos finished with a team-high 13 points, while senior Brooke Austin scored all seven of her points during the second half, and senior Makaylah Kingsbury scored the other two points.

It was the fewest points that

Quabbin scored in a game since they suffered a 39-19 road loss to Tyngsboro during the 2022-23 regular season.

The Lady Wildcats scored the first four points of the contest before Ducos, who's the Lady Panthers only returning starter, broke the ice by hitting a jumper in the lane with 2:37 remaining in the opening quarter.

Gardner senior Tati Vazquez, who finished with a game-high 17 points, made a pair of free throws and a lay-up giving the visitors from the Chair City an 8-2 lead entering the second quarter.

The Lady Wildcats were leading, 15-2, with 5:39 left in the first half before the Lady Panthers put-together a 6-0 run.

Ducos scored the first four points of the spurt. Then Kingsbury buried a jumper from the left corner closing the gap to 15-8 with less than a minute remaining on the scoreboard clock.



Bella Smith makes a no-look pass out of the paint.

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CLUES ACROSS


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- People of northern Vietnam
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Regions
- The center of a city
- Hindu serpentine deity
- Roared
- Sun up in New York
- "Sir" in Malaysian
- Shrimp dish
- Muckraker Tarbell
- Apex
- Harmonic effects
- One of Babe Ruth's nicknames
- Groups in organic chemistry
- More pleasant-tasting
- Spring forward

CLUES DOWN

- Partner to "oohs"
- Scaly water dweller
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Music producer Teo
- Greek mythological goddess
- Got together to discuss
- Acquires
- Involve
- Some are tomatobased
- Old Irish alphabets
- A sheet of glass in a window or door
- Blood poisoning
- A moon of Saturn
- Neither
- Sums
- They follow "A"
- Satisfaction
- People of southeastern Burma
- Small amount

CLUES DOWN

- Noted writer
- Building occupied by monks
- "The world's most famous arena"
- Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- Long or fast speech
- Things you can eat
- Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- Actor Idris
- 1 (German)
- Taxes
- Indonesian island
- Nuisance (slang)
- Shawl
- Digits
- Moved on foot quickly
- "For goodness ___"
- Facial body part
- Russian river
- Urinates



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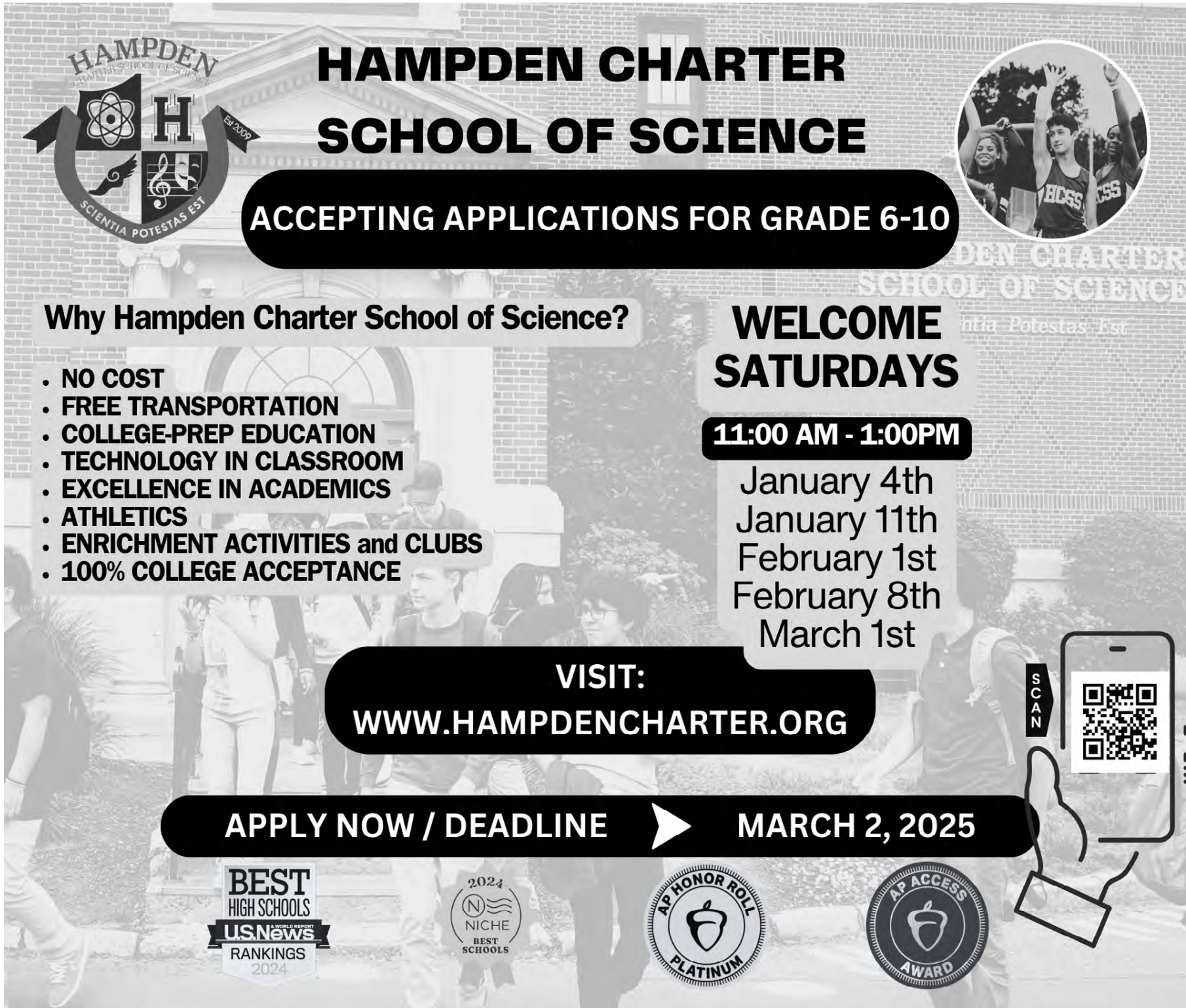
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Dress for interview success

In his masterpiece "Crime and Punishment," author Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote, "We sometimes encounter people, even perfect strangers, who begin to interest us at first sight, somehow suddenly, all at once, before a word has been spoken." The great Russian novelist is referring to the fact that impressions can be made even before conversations begin. This is an important notion to grasp and can do a job seeker a world of good in every interaction during the hiring process, including the interview.

Recruiters may have an understanding of you as an applicant from your résumé and other correspondences, but it is during the interview — whether it's in person or remote — that a hiring manager can really get a sense of your energy and professionalism. While no one wants to be judged on appearance alone, what you look like and how you dress affect others' first impression of you. Doing all you can to tip the scales in your favor may lead to favorable job outcomes. The best outfit to wear on an interview varies depending on the company and the job, according to The Balance: Money. But there are some guidelines for dressing to make the best impression.

- Follow the employer's dress code. If you can gauge dress code in advance, dress to mirror what others are wearing and then take it up a slight notch. For example, while you wouldn't wear a suit if you're interviewing as a park ranger, you may eschew work boots and faded jeans for a collared polo shirt and khaki pants. For a tech start-up or creative company that favors casual wear, something that is more business casual may be appropriate for the interview.

- Err on the side of caution. If you do not know the company dress code, it is always better to be overdressed than underdressed. A sports jacket and a button-down shirt for gentlemen and tailored pants and blouse for women may fit the bill.

- Less is more. Distractions can derail an interview, and wearing too many accessories can be distracting to the interviewer and even candidates during the interview. Keep jewelry to a minimum and mute all alerts on a smartwatch and smartphone. If you have piercings, you may want to remove them until you learn more about which types of body art are acceptable at the company, which you should be able to discern when visiting the office. Distractions also can include heavy or drastic makeup and hair styles. Tone things down until you have a firm understanding of dress policies.

- Choose neutral colors. Wear neutral or classic colors over more flashy options. You want to be judged on your qualifications, and neon shirts or a busy print dress could cause an interviewer to lose focus. During a remote interview, choose a high-contrast interview outfit so that you don't blend in with your background.

- Wear clean, tidy clothes. No matter how formal or informal the attire, it should be freshly laundered, free from wrinkles or damage, and fit properly.

Interview attire can make or break first impressions, so attention should be placed on what to wear.

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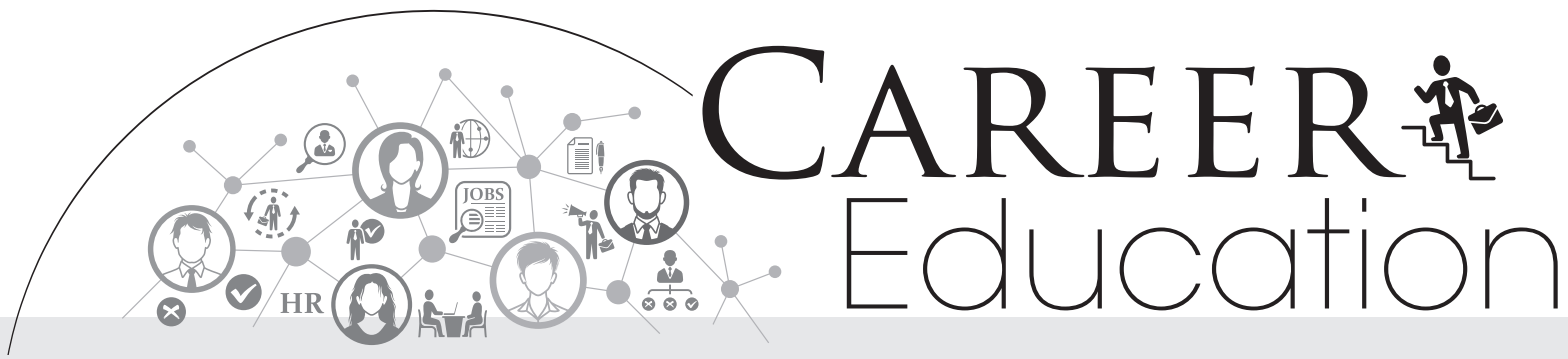
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have participated in this year were: collection of canned goods for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, for which our students collected 3,800 canned goods; and recently we

collected toiletries, diapers, and other personal items to support the wish lists of both The Gray House and Christina's House in Springfield. The Works of Mercy which have been covered are - Feeding the Hungry and Working for Peace.

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, Feb. 2 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.

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Gateway Raises the Bar(r) for Students

The Gateway Regional School District is making significant advancements in student engagement and staff development, thanks to funding from the Barr Foundation and enthusiastic commitment from students and staff. These funds are being used to support a variety of initiatives that align with the district's instructional vision, emphasizing real-world learning, collaboration, and innovation.

At Gateway Regional, a comprehensive plan has been developed for grades 6-12 to help students prepare for life beyond high school. This plan includes tailored learning experiences for each grade level, such as team-building activities for sixth graders, community exploration in seventh grade, and visits to community colleges for eighth graders. Ninth-grade students will engage in career exploration workshops led by industry experts, while tenth graders will visit four-year colleges. Eleventh-grade students will attend a local college fair and participate in life skills workshops, and seniors will celebrate their achievements with a banquet and lead activities for younger students. While some of these initiatives will be piloted this year, others will launch in the next school year, ensuring students are equipped with knowledge and skills for future success. The high school offers two Chapter 74 programs for students interested in welding and early childhood education. Graduates of these programs will complete a full comprehensive internship and be equipped to enter the workforce with the skills obtained.


Littleville Elementary is incorporating the Barr Foundation funds into engaging, hands-on projects and school-wide events. For example, students in grades three through five recently attended the Hartford Wolf Pack School Learning Day, where they applied physical science concepts like force and motion to a live hockey game. Kindergarten students participated in a String Instrument Workshop led by members of the Springfield Orchestra, while all grade levels are eagerly anticipating an interactive "Author's Experience" with writer Daryl Cobb in March.

Plans are in the works to create a Schoolyard Habitat for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Littleville is also planning a mentoring program that will pair high school students with elementary students for long-term support. The school recently hosted a successful Holiday Craft Fair, showcasing student-made goods and fostering creativity.

At Chester Elementary, the focus is on sustainability, creativity, and environmental awareness. For the third year in a row, students are engaged with hydroponic agriculture, growing healthy food for their own school lunches and community. Students are participating in the Teaching with Trout program, where they raise brook trout from eggs to adulthood while learning about ecology and conservation. A composting initiative led by fifth graders is teaching students how to sort waste and reduce their environmental impact. The Student Media Club provides third graders with opportunities to develop and produce their own videos, promoting teamwork and innovation. Chester is also preparing for a school-wide production of Willy Wonka Jr., with fifth graders in lead roles and younger students in supporting roles. Additionally, an in-school field trip featured the Whalemobile, a life-sized inflatable whale that taught students about marine biology and conservation.

District-wide, the Barr Foundation funds are also being used to enhance staff development and collaboration. Teachers are participating in study tours to locations such as Kentucky, Maine, Providence, Boston, and New York City to explore innovative educational practices. An internal instructional vision board encourages staff members to share ideas for projects that utilize the funds to further educational transformation.


Through these initiatives, the Gateway Regional School District is fostering creativity, collaboration, and real-world learning for students while empowering educators with new ideas and strategies. These efforts are preparing students for success both in school and beyond while creating a culture of innovation and engagement throughout the district.





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CAREER Education

Come and see what's new at St. Joan of Arc School

Physical Education Teacher Larry Moore and SJA students are enjoying a new basketball hoop funded by generous donations from our Annual Campaign.

A schoolyard basketball hoop is so important in creating not only a healthy environment, but helps with critical thinking, resilience, perseverance & teamwork.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded St. Joan of Arc School a \$500 grant to support its youth literacy program. A Book Club was formed for third and fourth grade students to encourage reading and literacy at a young age. This Book Club helps our students gain a deeper understanding of their reading, of other people through conversations, and provides an opportunity to safely fail and celebrate success. The club meets monthly to discuss the book, work on a fun activity, and share their findings.

The school will be holding an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon (no appointment needed). Appointment only tours for families will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28 and Thursday, Jan. 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. Please call Chris or Janine in the Business Office at 413-276-4608 for registration information or to make an appointment.

St. Joan of Arc School is a welcoming, safe & secure school community providing social, physical, spiritual & intellectual wellness for students in Pre-K 3 to Grade 8. SJA has innovative offerings that include affordable tuition and extended care, free breakfast and lunch, extracurricular programs, technology, music, library, and Duolingo language classes. Easy access to I391 & I90. Financial Aid and tuition assistance is available. To learn more visit www.sjachicopee.org.

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HCC gearing up for spring semester

Registration is open for spring 2025 semester classes at Holyoke Community College.

The HCC spring 2025 semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 21, for full 15-week spring semester classes begin. HCC will also be running three accelerated spring flex start sessions: Flex Start I classes begin Jan. 21 and run for seven weeks. Flex Start II classes begin Monday, Feb. 3, and run for 12 weeks; Flex Start III classes begin Monday, March 24, and run for seven weeks.

Thanks to the state-funded MassEducate program, a community college education is now free for all Massachusetts residents who have yet to earn a bachelor's degree.

"MassEducate provides an exciting opportunity for eligible students to attend college without the concern or weight of how to pay for it," said Mark Hudgik, HCC dean of strategic recruitment initiatives, admissions, and financial aid. "There has never been a better time to enroll.

Eligible students who want to earn a certificate or degree need only to complete the standard HCC application, complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2024-2025 school year, and register for at least six credits (typically two classes).

"Our admissions counselors, academic advisers, and financial aid staff are available to make sure prospective students get all the assistance they need," said Hudgik.

Class schedules and information about MassEducate can be found on the HCC website: hcc.edu.

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A New Year a New Career

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program they are better prepared for kindergarten and beyond. Staff and parents work together, learning from one another, to create the best early educational experience both at home and at preschool. This is possible because when parents are involved and engaged in their child's education, children have better outcomes.

In addition to teaching, Head Start also has various career opportunities in the areas of health, nutrition, human services, administration, mental health, and

special education. Professional development opportunities and career ladders are built within the Head Start model to promote growth and advancement.

Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Inc. offers programs in several cities and towns in Western Massachusetts working with over 1,000 children each year. If you are interested in a rewarding Head Start career please visit www.hcsheadstart.org/employment/ or call 413-788-6522.

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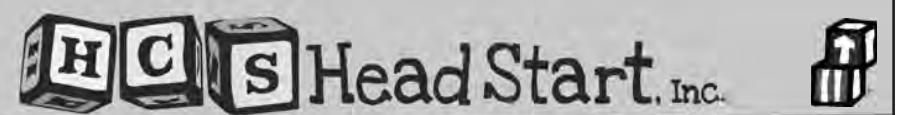
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SALE OF REAL ESTATE

UNDER M.G.L.c.183A:6

By virtue of Judgment and Order of the East Brookfield District Court (Docket No. 2469CV000100), in favor of TRUSTEES OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES CONDOMINIUM TRUST against KATHRYN L. LEMIEUX establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L.c.183A:6 on the real estate known as UNIT #27-1, 176 MAPLE AVENUE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES CONDOMINIUM for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction at 11:00 O'CLOCK AM ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2025, AT UNIT 27-1, 176 MAPLE AVENUE, RUTLAND, MASSACHUSETTS. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

Unit 27-1 (the "Unit") in the condominium known as the Countryside Estates Condominium (the "Condominium"),

Rutland, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a Condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A by Master Deed dated November 8, 1985 and recorded on November 13, 1985, with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry"), at Book 9055, Page 1, ("The Master Deed").

The post office address of the Unit is: 176 Maple Avenue, Unit 27-1, Rutland, MA 01543.

Unit 27-1, also referred to as Unit 27 of Building 1 of said Condominium, in said Rutland, is being conveyed together with the 0.60% undivided percent interest appertaining to the said Unit in the Common Areas and Facilities of the said Condominium, and together with the rights and easements appurtenant to the said Unit as set forth in the said Master Deed.

Said Unit is also conveyed subject to and with the benefit of: (a) rights, easements, and restrictions referred to in the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A; (b) said Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust of The Countryside Estates

Condominium Trust dated November 8, 1985, recorded with said Registry in Book 9055, Page 40, the By-Laws set forth in said Declaration of Trust and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (c) the obligations thereunder to pay the proportionate share attributable to said Unit of the common expenses, all of which the Grantee by acceptance hereof agrees to perform and assume and pay.

Said Unit is intended only for residential use and for no other purpose except as may be expressly permitted by the Trustee of the Condominium in accordance with the provisions of the Master Deed and the Declaration of Trust.

For Grantor's title see deed to KATHRYN L. LEMIEUX dated May 25, 2022 and recorded with the Worcester South County Registry of Deeds in Book 67680, Page 265.

In the event of a typographical error or omission contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control.

TERMS OF SALE:
1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certi-

fied or bank check in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.

2. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.

3. An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

4. Additionally, and not by way of limitation, the sale shall be subject to and with the benefit of any and all tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any.

5. No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding.

6. The successful bidder shall pay the future condominium common charges commencing with the date of the auction.

7. No representation is or shall be made as to any other mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record.

8. No representation is or shall be made as to the condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold "as is".

9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.

10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney William F. Thompson, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, PC, 45 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 107, Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000.

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Diane M. Hedstrom and James J. Courchesne to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated January 30, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40625, Page 57, subsequently assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE COWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-OA4 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OA4

by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47919, Page 245 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on January 23, 2025 at 334 Wheelwright Road, Barre, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Barre Plains, Massachusetts and being Lot #1 on Theodore Drazek Plan of Lots and recorded in Plan Book 346, Plan 51.

Beginning at an iron pipe at the southeast corner of premises which is the southwest corner of land of Lester and Charlotte Davis on the north side of Old Furnace Road in Barre Plains

Thence S 43° 35' W, 110.38' along north side of Old Furnace Road to a point; Thence N 46° 25' W, 198' +/- to a point in a wire fence at land of Petrila;

Thence N 43° 08' E, 131.86' along fence to a wire fence;

Thence S 40° 22' E., 200 feet along fence and by land of Davis to the place of beginning.

For title reference see Deed recorded February 15, 1989 in Book 11930, Page 177 The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form

of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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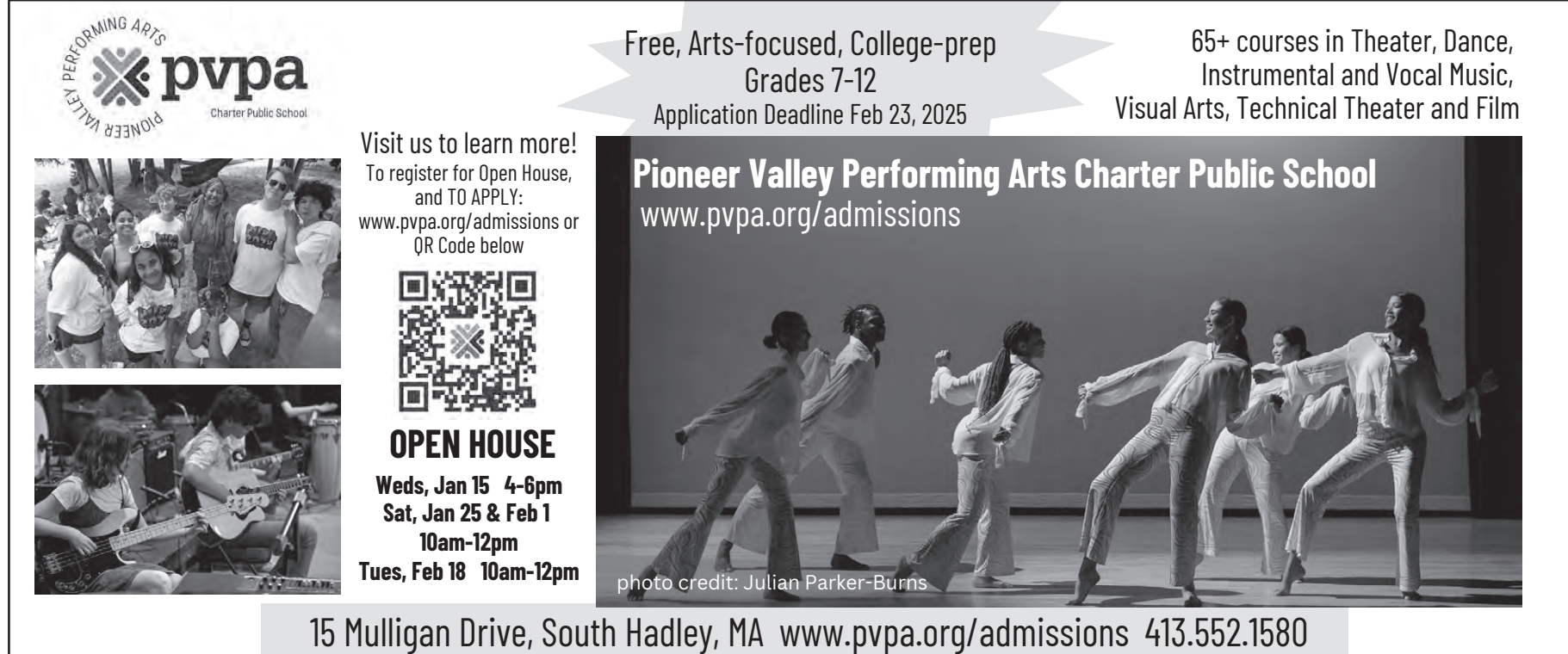
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Cornerstone Bank named one of America's best regional banks

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has been named to Newsweek magazine's annual list of America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions 2025. "We are so proud to be recognized in this way," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "We strive to be more than just a financial institution; we want to be an actively supportive partner, strengthening our community and neighborhoods."

Newsweek and Plant-A Insights Group put out the list every year to recognize banks and credit unions positively impacting their communities, and help people identify the most trusted financial institutions. The methodology is based on the bank's credit quality, as well as profitability, net loans and leases, press coverage and a customer survey of more than 71,000 U.S. citizens, 1.9 million social media reviews and 129 million app store reviews. The list includes the top 500 regional banks and top 500 credit unions.

Cornerstone Bank is committed to uplifting communities throughout Central Massachusetts, regularly donating to charity organizations, contributing to fund-raising events and granting scholarships to local students.

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Second Chance Animal Services announces 2024 achievements

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services announces its 2024 achievements, providing life-changing assistance to 56,828 pets.

This year brought extraordinary challenges including the temporary closure of the Worcester Community Veterinary Hospital following a series of electrical fires stemming from outside the building last month. Despite this setback, the organization remained unwavering in its mission to help pets and their families.

"2024 was a year defined by resilience," said Sheryl Blancato, CEO and founder of Second Chance. "The temporary closure of our Worcester hospital has been a significant hurdle, but we're working tirelessly to reopen by the end of January. The dedication of our team and the generosity of our supporters have been vital in allowing us to continue meeting the needs of pets in our community."

Among the thousands of pets helped this year was Ribbet, a Labrador Retriever puppy whose story exemplifies resilience and hope. After being rehomed outside of Second Chance's adoption process, Ribbet returned to the organization with life-threatening injuries, including a crushed skull that resulted in the loss of both eyes. Thanks to emergency surgery and follow-up care provided by the Second Chance team, along with the generosity of supporters, Ribbet made an incredible recovery. Now adopted by his foster family, Ribbet is thriving, learning to navigate the world and even playing fetch with a jingle ball.

Second Chance also responded to crisis situations as an emergency partner in 2024. In one instance, the organization took in 27 small dogs surrendered by an overwhelmed owner. Some of the dogs required extensive care before being placed in loving homes, a testament to the organization's commitment to pets in crisis.

Through its full-service veterinary hospitals, Second Chance provided affordable care accessible to everyone, with additional discounted pricing available for those who qualify. These efforts help keep pets in their homes whenever possible. The pet food pantry program also experienced record demand, with distributions to local human food pantries ensuring no pet went hungry.

Blancato emphasized that while the Worcester hospital remains closed, significant progress is being made toward reopening. "We're thoroughly checking



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Naomie and Anyla are a sweet, bonded pair who are waiting for their forever home.

all equipment and systems to ensure we can provide the highest level of care when the hospital reopens later this month," she said.

Looking to the future, Second Chance welcomed 14 additional veterinarians to their hospital staff in 2024 to meet the growing demand for services. "The need for assistance continues to rise, and we're committed to help even more pets and families in 2025," Blancato added.

Those wishing to support Second Chance Animal Services can donate online at www.secondchanceanimals.org/help or by mail to Second Chance, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

For more information about Second Chance's programs and impact, people may visit www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need. Today Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need. Last year Second Chance helped over 56,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community and educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry.

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OPEI offers snow thrower safety tips

Clearing snow and ice from driveways, sidewalks and parking lots is no small job.

People rely on their outdoor power equipment to do the heavy lifting and it's important to keep safety in mind. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute reminds home and business owners to use snow throwers, often referred to as snow blowers, safely and offers tips to help.

"Weather today is unpredictable. You need to have your snow thrower serviced and ready to power up," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Review

your owner's manual so you can use your equipment safely."

Kiser says preparation is key and that home and business owners should consider the following: Review the owner's manual. Check the owner's manual for safe handling procedures. If the manual cannot be found, look it up online and store a copy on a computer so it's available to reference in the future. Review how to operate controls. Be able to shut off equipment quickly.

Check equipment. The snow thrower should be powered off when being checked over. Adjust

any cables and check the auger. Charge batteries. Locate the batteries for your snow thrower and charge them fully before it snows. Purchase fuel. Be sure to use the correct fuel recommended by the equipment's manufacturer. For most gasoline-powered snow throwers, that is E10 or less. Often fuel stations are closed after a storm so buy gasoline in advance of storms. Fuel that is more than 30 days old can phase separate and cause operating problems. For more information on fueling properly, people should visit www.opei.org/programs/ethanolwarning.

Store and use fuel properly. Place gasoline in a proper fuel container and label it with the date purchased and the ethanol content. Store fuel safely and out of the reach of children. Fill the fuel tank outside before starting the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Clear the area. Snow can sometimes hide objects. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from areas you intend to clear. When run over by a snow thrower, these objects may harm

the machine or people. Dress for winter weather. Locate safety gear now and place it in an accessible closet or location. Wear safety glasses, gloves and footwear that can handle cold and slippery surfaces when operating the snow thrower.

A key safety tip is never put hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool to unclog snow or debris from the snow thrower. Hands should never go inside the auger or chute. Turn off the snow thrower to clear a clog and wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before

clearing any clogs or debris.

Operate in visible conditions. Never operate the snow thrower without good visibility or light.

Aim with care. Never throw snow toward people or cars. Keep children or pets inside and away from your snow thrower when it is operating.

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