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## Barre library offers Board Game Creativity



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Eight children participated in the create your own board game activity at the Woods Memorial Library.

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BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library recently offered a fun activity to create their own board game.

Youth services librarian, Kayla Phillips was excited to get children more involved with their creativity and have them think of an idea for a new board game. The library provided all the tools for participants to use.

To get started, they were able to use colored pencils, markers, boards, spinners, gamecard holders, rulers, crayons and blank sheets of paper. The children started off by creating a rough draft of

their board game idea and used blank sheets of white paper.

After their rough drafts are final, the fun begins by putting their board game together.

In Phillips' guide to creating your own board game, the first idea to think of is a theme or mechanism. Figure out a method that works best for you in putting your board game together.

If you are stuck trying to find a mechanism to use in their game, Phillips suggested to work on the theme of the game.

Another important factor in this project is to find the fun in creating the board game.

"Once you have an idea, start

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Children started on rough drafts before moving on to their final drafts on the game boards.

## Barre organic farmers write book 'Many Hands Make a Farm'

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BARRE – Over 30 people came to the Barre Players Theater this past Sunday to a book signing for Barre organic farmers/authors, Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge.

The book, "Many Hands Make a Farm" begins with their meeting in Dorchester and finally purchasing acreage in Barre. In the introduction to the book, the authors write, "This book is our story of how we set out to create the life we envisioned. We tell our story jointly, but separately, passing the narration back and forth from one to the other, as we might well do while reminiscing with a group of friends or answering questions for a new visitor to our farm."

They also said in the introduction, "We describe how we found land in rural Massachusetts, designed and built a low fossil fuel using house, made a living through jobs we created and could do primarily from home, raised our children, created an organic farm, grew and preserved most of our food



Turley Photo by Ellenor Downer

People attending the book signing for "Many Hands Make a Farm" by Jack Kittredge and Julie Rawson were able to purchase a copy of their book and even get it signed by one or both of the authors. The event was held at the Barre Players Theater in Barre.

and helped build a lively community around us."

The afternoon event began with an introduction by the couple's son, Dan Kittredge. He said, "We are here for a celebration for two people" and a celebration it was.

Lew Flinifer, a friend from their time in Dorchester, emceed the program.

It began with a French horn performance by Lucy Colwell, Julie Rawson, Cailan McClure and Margaret Reidy. They played

selections from Schumann, Bach, Dvorzak, Mendelssohn and Shaw.

Congressman James McGovern presented them with a citation. State Sen. Peter Durand and state Rep. Donald Berthiaume stopped by briefly on their way to another engagement. They also presented the couple with citations as did Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll.

Circle of Song, which Julie founded and directs, also added their musical talent to the event. They sang selections by H.T. Burleigh, Randall Thompson and Billy Joel accompanied by Lucy Colwell on keyboard. Members of the choral group are Janet Dawson, Pat Lameroux, Minnie Isgro, Julie Rawson, Dan Kittredge, Jack Kittredge, Nancy Afonso, Gwen Boz, Anne Kneeland, Bob Aroian, Joan Bevers, Marcia Gusha and Cailan McClure.

The highlight of the afternoon was the short readings by Jack and Julie, who took turns reading with excerpts from each chapter of the book. It began with First Questions

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## Quabbin School District receives 'clean audit'

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BARRE – Once again, the Quabbin Regional School District received a "clean audit."

Craig Peacock of Powers and Sullivan said to the Quabbin Regional School District Committee at their Thursday, Dec. 14 meeting the district business office works hard and the district personnel were "almost second to none." He called them one of the best prepared clients.

He said the audit could not have gone any better and said the district received an unmodified opinion or a "clean" report, the best any client can get.

He also said the budget "looked great this year." With a budget of over \$37 million, they turned back \$106,000, which went into the Efficiency and Deficiency Account. This indicated the district did not over appropriate or under appropriate.

Cardiac Emergency Preparedness

Three high school students, Jahzara Tweedel, Jasmine Young

and Summer Young along with teacher, Robert Whitelaw gave a presentation about Automated External Defibrillators in the Quabbin Regional Middle School to the school committee. They wanted to make people more aware of the severity of cardiac arrest. In one year, 436,000 die from cardiac arrest and more than 7,000 are under the age of 18.

Only 24 out of 50 states require AED devices in school. The Quabbin District has four AEDs in the middle/high school, two each at Ruggles Lane Elementary School and Hubbardston Center School and one each at Hardwick Elementary School, New Braintree Grade School, Oakham Center School and the Central Office.

The students said they sent a survey to staff and teachers. Of those, 95% work directly with students and 43% of them do not have experience with an AED. They said 25% of teachers know where all the AEDs are in the building.

They also said only 1/3 of students take Health 2 with 90% not trained in the use of an AED

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Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Enjoying the tea together here are Cheryl Ricchiazzi, Mary Tomasello, Eileen Bohigian, and Cathy and Meghan Miknaitis.

## Barre begins 250th celebration with tea party

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BARRE – The town of Barre is celebrating 250 years this year, and every month will hold a new and exciting event for all to enjoy.

To kick off the year of events, the Barre 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee hosted an English Tea Party at the Senior Center Jan. 14 for all to come an enjoy featuring beautiful cups and saucers, finger foods, tasty desserts, and of course, many different kinds of tea.

Diana Tuttle, along with the other members of the Barre 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, worked hard in order to create a beautiful event. Considering the month of January is National Hot Tea Month,

the organizers thought that it would be witty and fun to have the first event be tea-related.

"We want to do events throughout the year that will attract different audiences," Diana said. "The 250<sup>th</sup> Commission has been working on a fundraiser over the past three years to fund events to celebrate Barre's anniversary."

Many people have been working together to create the events, and the tea party held a host of different people working on the many parts to make the event perfect for the upwards of sixty people in attendance.

Wholesome Farmers Market donated all of the delicious finger sandwiches, and the teacups, ket-

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## Historical Commission calls for demolition delay at MLH

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WARE – The Ware Historical Commission held a meeting to discuss a demolition request for the former Mary Lane Hospital at 85 South St. and the former Lewis Gilbert house at 89 South St.

"About 10 years ago, the town of Ware passed a demolition delay bylaw," Chair Lynn Lak said at the Jan. 3 meeting. "We're here to discuss that tonight. We're here to dis-

cuss buildings."

Lak said the commission's members are familiar with the properties in question, with three of the members having been born at Mary Lane Hospital and two working there.

Commission member Elena Palladino, who has written a book about the Lost Towns of the Quabbin Reservoir, shared some background about historic homes and buildings in town. Palladino also serves on the Hospital Review Committee.

"These residences along with other landmarks in the downtown area give Ware its distinct visual character and are central to the town's identity and history,"

Palladino said. "The hospital is one of those landmark buildings."

The Gilbert family, who funded the original hospital building, were woolen manufacturers and philanthropists whose influence "is still felt and seen today," Palladino said. This includes the funding of Mary Lane Hospital, Grenville Park, the library, Aspen Grove Cemetery and many landmarks in Gilbertville.

Palladino said that Lewis Gilbert left his home and property to the Ware Visiting Nurse's Association upon his death in 1919, in order to establish a hospital in memory of his wife, Mary Lane.

Gilbert also left \$500,000 in trust to provide affordable health-

care for the people of Ware and Gilbertville.

Palladino said in 1922, Ware builder H.P. Cummings (who constructed her house on Highland Street and other buildings) was hired to construct the original hospital building, the Wetherby Building.

"It's a beautiful landmark on South Street, and it stands as a reminder of the Gilbert's legacy in Ware," Palladino.

She said a lot of studying and consideration has already gone into finding potential use for the site and its buildings, and there are challenges and complications.

"Given the hospital's importance to the history of Ware, and

its significance as a historic building, it's important to give full and careful consideration to potential reuse," Palladino said. "It would be a shame to lose this piece of the town's history."

Lak said during her time living in town, she has seen many buildings deemed "hopeless" become something new, including senior housing on Church Street at the former school and Workshop13.

"We know these renovations can happen, and it's really our job to make sure that we make every effort to do so," Lak said.

Lak said the town enacted a demolition delay bylaw in 2014 for any building in town that is 75 years old or older (all or in part)

that meets any of the following criteria:

The building is listed on, or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places; or the building has been found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The building is importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of Ware or the commonwealth.

The building is historically or architecturally important (in terms of period, style, method of building construction or association with

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# News of the Towns

**Round Town**  
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**Flower arranging demonstration happens Jan. 25**  
Diane DiPietro of Tintagels Gate-Flowerland bring a Valentine's Day themed floral demonstration for adults on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 6-7 p.m. in Allen Hall at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St. In this workshop DiPietro will show attendees how to create two separate pieces. At the end of the demonstration, she will raffle off the arrangements to two of the lucky attendees. This is a demonstration and not a hands-on workshop. All attendees will walk away with the skills to create an arrangement on their own at home. People may register in person at the library.

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

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

**Make a Valentine**  
**Flower Arranging Demonstration**  
Preschool, school age and tweens can come anytime during open library hours and create a Valentine on Friday, Feb. 9, using supplies from the Valentine's Day station, at the Woods Memorial Library, located in the Children's Room.

**Nomination papers**  
Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election on April 1 are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 West St., for any registered voter wishing to take out papers for any of the available seats.

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

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

## 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. 22. 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** – Lentil stew with cheese, steamed white rice, green beans, mixed fruit, sandwich roll

**TUESDAY** – Chicken Nornay, vegetable couscous, Roman blend vegetables, butterscotch pudding, diet = sugar free tapioca pudding, marble rye bread

**WEDNESDAY** – Roast turkey with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, roasted broccoli, cinnamon pears, Italian bread

**THURSDAY** – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, birthday cake, diet = half piece, whole wheat bread

**FRIDAY** – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, fresh orange, hot dog roll

\*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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## Barre High Class of 1958 celebrates 65th reunion



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**BARRE** – The Barre High School Class of 1958 held their 65th class reunion at Hartman's Herb Farm and had a wonderful afternoon. Members of Barre High School Class of 1958 are shown front row from left, Irene (Higgins) Stevens, Diana (Gulino) Clark, Julianne (Mansueti) Rabschnuk, Virginia (Beckwith) Fanning and Urban Pacheco and back row from left, Mike Hudson, Reid Dahart, Barbara (Puchalsky) Narcisi, Peggy (Kukas) Pollack, Barbara Finan and David McQueston. Missing from photo is Richard Clark.



Submitted photo  
Gail Churchill of the Barre Food Pantry, from left Barre Lions Club President Jean Alman and Sonja Blaney Food Pantry stand by donations dropped off for the Food Pantry by the Barre Lions Club.

## Barre Lions Club donates to Food Pantry

BARRE – The President of the Barre Lions Club, Jean Alman, showed up at the Barre Food Pantry this past Tuesday with a substantial donation of Jiffy cornbread mix and bags loaded with food, groceries and canned goods.

The Barre Lions Club understands the importance of fighting food insecurity and collected the groceries during the holiday season at their annual Christmas tree sale on the Barre Town Common.

Several members of the Barre Lions Club crafted dozens of Christmas ornaments and gave them to customers, who either brought food donations for the Barre Food Pantry or purchased a Christmas Tree.

The ten cases of Jiffy cornbread mix was purchased with donations collected by the BLC during their tree sale and during the annual Christmas in Barre celebration. The BLC knows that the Barre Food Pantry will distribute these

items to those in need in a timely manner.

The BLC has a history of supporting the Barre Food Pantry through donations of food and dollars for the past several years. The Barre Lions Club has been serving the local community since 1964 and meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. For more information, people may call President Jean Alman at 978-355-2720.

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## Census forms mailed Jan. 5

The Annual Town Census has been mailed to all households on Friday, Jan. 5. The Annual Town Census has been mailed to all households on Jan. 5. Households should complete the census or street listing form and return to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible. Residents may change their party enrollment, which is listed on the form, by changing the census form. It must be accompanied by their signature. The census form will not register anyone to vote. People can register to vote in person at the Clerk's Office, by mail or online. Party enrollment may also be done online. The information obtained from the census is used directly in preparing the street list, updating the voting list, as well as providing projections for public safety needs and school enrollment. An up-to-date census count is the basis for the allocation of State and Federal Funds and Grants. It also provides proof of residency, which is necessary for veterans' benefits. If a family member is in the service or away at school, they may be kept on the census as long as they are not a registered voter elsewhere. All members of the household must be listed including children, extended family and any others living at the address. Anyone who did not receive their annual census mailing or have any questions may call the Town Clerk's Office at 978-928-1400, extension 202.

**Dog licenses**  
2024 Dog License applications are due by Sunday, March 31. Dog owners may fill out the application and return by mail with a check, pay in the office with cash/check or pay online

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

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

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

## Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – Paula Grandpre Wood will tell about tracking down ancestors, piecing together their stories, and finding herself wrapped in an historic sash that creates an unbreakable bond, linking generations.

Her book "The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash" is a genealogical adventure with suspense, joy and grief, a testament to faith, family, and traditions. Wood will speak on her genealogical adventure on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hardwick Town House, 32 Common St. Space is limited so people should register by emailing director. paigelibrary@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6704.

The beginning of 2024 is a good time to look back at family histories and memories. People are invited to register to join a group to write and share stories of their family and perhaps search their family tree at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road. The program, entitled "History: Preserving Memories and Family Stories" will meet monthly on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m., whichever works best for the participants. People should either email the Paige Library for more information to director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704. We are offering monthly meetings at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays or 6:00 pm on Tuesdays.

The Paige Memorial Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## New Braintree Library holds story times

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

The stories are "The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Winter" by Eric Carle and "The Life of a Little Cardboard Box" by Igloo Books.

Making Opportunities Count will be offering a Winter Play Group series in place of Story Time at the library on the first Monday. Dates are Feb. 5 and March 4 at 10 a.m. MOC offers Coordinated Family and Community Engagement programs and is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

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

**Editorial deadline reminder**  
Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday.



# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE.

Sewer Commission – Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – Jan. 23 and Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.  
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Jan. 25 at 1:30 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Feb. 6 and Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Feb. 7 at 1 p.m.  
 Barre Housing Authority – Feb. 8 at 3 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Feb. 12 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.  
 Library Trustees – Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Election Day – March 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – Jan. 22 and March 18 at 3 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – Jan. 22, Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Wheelwright Water District – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Feb. 12, March 11, May 13, June 10 and July 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Feb. 14 at 9 a.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals – Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Board of Registrars – Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – Jan. 30, Feb. 13 and 27 at 6 p.m.  
 ARPA Committee – Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM.

Select Board – Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Special Town Meeting – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Health Clerk Interview – Jan. 25 at 4 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Petersham Historic District – Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.  
 Core Planning Team – Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Earthworks Board – Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Ad Hoc By-Law Committee Public Information Session – Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.  
 General and Zoning By-Law Proposed Amendments Public Information Sessions – Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 from 1-4 p.m.  
 Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – Jan. 23 and 30 at 1 p.m.  
 Special Winter Town Meeting – Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

## Valentine Gala on Feb. 3 to benefit Stone Church

HARDWICK – Friends of the Stone Church welcomes all to a Valentine-themed benefit from 4-7 pm on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Hardwick Crossing Country Club, 262 Lower Road, 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.

Tickets are \$65 per person; mail payment to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or order online through [www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org](http://www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org) (\$35 dollars of the ticket price is a tax-deductible contribution to FOSC). Advance purchase is required by Jan. 26.

For information, call Kathy McCrohon at 404-813-8809.

Paul Provost, keyboard and vocalist, will entertain with lush songs, fun dance tunes and traditional melodies.

FOSC's Gala Committee has engaged professional auctioneer Paul Varney. The live auction will include sponsor donations of a year's membership at the Baglio Center at Eagle Hill School and a certificate for 75 gallons of heating oil from R. J. McDonald, Inc; certificates for experiences, services and products, as well as many attractive and collectible items.

"The FOSC Gala and auction has always been a joyful time to visit with old friends and to meet new ones – all while supporting a good cause – and we look forward to this year's event," said FOSC president, Judy Edington in a press release.

Hardwick Crossing Country Club will serve an entrée-choice dinner with vegetables and salad, served buffet style, plus appetizer, desserts and beverages, and a full cash bar.

The historic Stone Church Cultural Center serves as a community meeting space, a concert and arts program venue. The 1874 Victorian structure is a reminder of 19th-century Massachusetts, when mill villages sprang up as textile and other industry brought people from around the world, creating prosperity and enriching our region's cultural heritage.

The Friends formed as a non-profit corporation in 2015. Aided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, a state agency which provided sever-



Submitted Photos

This photo shows the scaffolding at the Stone Church for Phase 4 Lantern Level interior stabilization.

al 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.

In January 2023, the Friends received legal ownership of the building from the Gilbertville Trinitarian Congregational Church and inaugurated the Stone Church Cultural Center. Raising over \$188,000 in 2023 for capital preservation projects, FOSC contracted to reinforce the interior of the stone tower, replace over 500 tiles on the main roof, cap two unused chimneys, and install hand railings on the south entrance ramp.

Project Architect and FOSC Board member Phillip Warbasse reports that "FOSC's goal of securing the building for the future is coming closer, with elaborate steel reinforcing and new bonding grout going into the lantern level, above the belfry. This complex interior phase, the 4th of our staged tower stabilization projects, has paused



Here is the view while coring into stone (one of 32, three-inch cores to hold new steel reinforcements and bonding grout).

during the winter. It will resume in freeze-free spring months, when conditions allow full curing of the water-based grout and mortar. We are proud of the professional services that contractor Joseph Gnazzo Company is providing on this project."

FOSC's future plans include completing masonry repairs to the stone tower, installing a handicapped bathroom, landscaping to reduce threats from tree damage, driveway repairs, and interior improvements.

In addition to generous community support, major funding for FOSC's 2023 capital projects was provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, a program of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts administered through a collaborative agreement between MassDevelopment and the Mass Cultural Council.

Preservation Massachusetts, with support from the national 1772 Foundation, provided support for



Workers are shown sealing lantern level exterior, which is necessary to keep new grout from seeping out of deteriorated masonry.

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## Oakham

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### Census forms mailed

Interim Town Clerk Edna Holloway reminds residents the census forms have been mailed and they should signed and any corrections made. They are due within ten days of receipt of form. Failure to respond to this mailing may result in removal from the active voting list, along with any other family members, who are registered to vote.

### Dog licenses

Dog licenses are due by Sunday, March 31. All dogs six months of age or older must be licensed each year. In order to license a dog the following items must be presented to the Town Clerk, a copy of a valid rabies certificate, a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable for first time licensing the dog and a check made out to the Town of Oakham for the correct amount. No cash will be accepted. The license fee is \$11 for a male or female and \$7 for a neutered or spayed dog. People may mail the information and check to Town Clerk, 2 Coldbrook Road, Unit 4, Oakham, MA 01068 and include a stamped self-addressed stamped envelope. The information also may be dropped off at the Oakham Town Hall blue box located to the left of the Town Hall's side entrance. Town Clerk office hours are Monday from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-noon.

### Read and play

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

### Senior center activities

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

### Meal site

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

## The Center hosts Appalachian photography exhibit

HARDWICK – The Center at Eagle Hill is hosting photographer Vern McClish's Appalachian Exhibition, featuring 50 powerful images.

The exhibition specifically focuses on the Southeast Ohio Appalachian coal region, with images and text highlighting the people of this region of Appalachia.

McClish's lens captures the essence of Appalachia, presenting a visual narrative of the individuals and families who worked tirelessly in the coal mines, contributing significantly to America's insatiable need for energy.

Beyond the physical toll, the region has grappled with the ravages of poverty, family strife, and the devastating impact of the opioid crisis. Many of McClish's images are accompanied in this exhibition by written descriptions of the moment the image was captured.

The exhibition serves as a testament to the unwavering determination and commitment of those who have called Appalachia home.

The exhibit "Ode to a Forgotten People and Place: Faces and Families of Ohio's Appalachia 1971-1974" will run from January to March 2024, at The Center at Eagle Hill. There will be an opening reception, free and open to the public, on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 4-6 p.m.

For additional viewing hours, please contact The Center at Eagle Hill by calling 413-477-6746.

### About The Center

The Center at Eagle Hill is a performance venue in central Massachusetts presenting world class music, dance, theatre, and comedy. For more information about this, and other events please visit [www.thecenterateaglehill.org](http://www.thecenterateaglehill.org).

The Center at Eagle Hill is located at 242 Old Petersham Road.

## St. Aloysius Catholic School to hold open house on Jan. 29

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

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

Please feel free to call the school 413-477-1268 or reach out to Roberta McQuaid, Enrollment Coordinator, to set up an appointment to visit. Enrollment information and all the necessary paperwork is available on the website, [www.staloyusics.com](http://www.staloyusics.com), under the "Join our Family" tab.

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# Opinion

## Guest Column



### Can someone work while collecting Social Security Disability?

Dear Rusty  
If a person is collecting Social Security disability benefits, can they, at any point, work at all? If they can, what is the maximum they can earn and still keep the disability benefit? I am asking because my husband is still young, but his injuries will not allow him to go back to the job he had prior to his injuries and surgeries. He does not just want to sit at home doing nothing.  
Signed: Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned:  
Actually, the Social Security Administration encourages those collecting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits to attempt to go back to work and they provide considerable leeway for them to do so. The monthly earnings limit for those collecting SSDI benefits in 2024 is \$1,550 and as long as your husband earns less than the limit while working, his SSDI benefits will not be in jeopardy. Your husband should contact Social Security's Ticket to Work program directly to protect his disability status and discuss returning to work while collecting SSDI benefits.

The Ticket to Work program assists those now receiving SSDI benefits who wish to test their ability to return to work without putting their SSDI benefits at risk. The program provides considerable assistance, including new career training opportunities and connection to potential employers and it is voluntary and costs nothing. Here is a link to Social Security's information on the Ticket to Work program: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/>

It's not mandatory for your husband to enroll in the Ticket to Work program but, in addition to other available assistance, he can request a Trial Work Period, which would allow for nine months, over a rolling five year period, during which he can earn any amount even over the normal monthly limit mentioned above without risking his SSDI benefits.

Within the Trial Work Period, only those months he earns over the normal monthly SSDI limit would count as a Trial Work Month. So, for example, your husband could work part time regularly earning under the normal monthly limit and if, in some months (up to nine), he earned more it wouldn't affect his SSDI benefits.

So, your younger disabled husband can, indeed, work while on Social Security disability, for as long as he wishes while earning under the monthly SSDI limit, the SSDI earnings limit changes yearly. He may also wish to enroll in Social Security's Ticket to Work program for assistance with developing a new career. Plus, he can take advantage of using trial work months in the event his work earnings will, at times, exceed the monthly SSDI limit.

If your husband earns over the SSDI limit for more than the nine trial work months and his benefits are consequently stopped, he can within the five-year Trial Work Period have his benefits reinstated (without again going through the full application process) if his disability, once more, renders him unable to work full time.

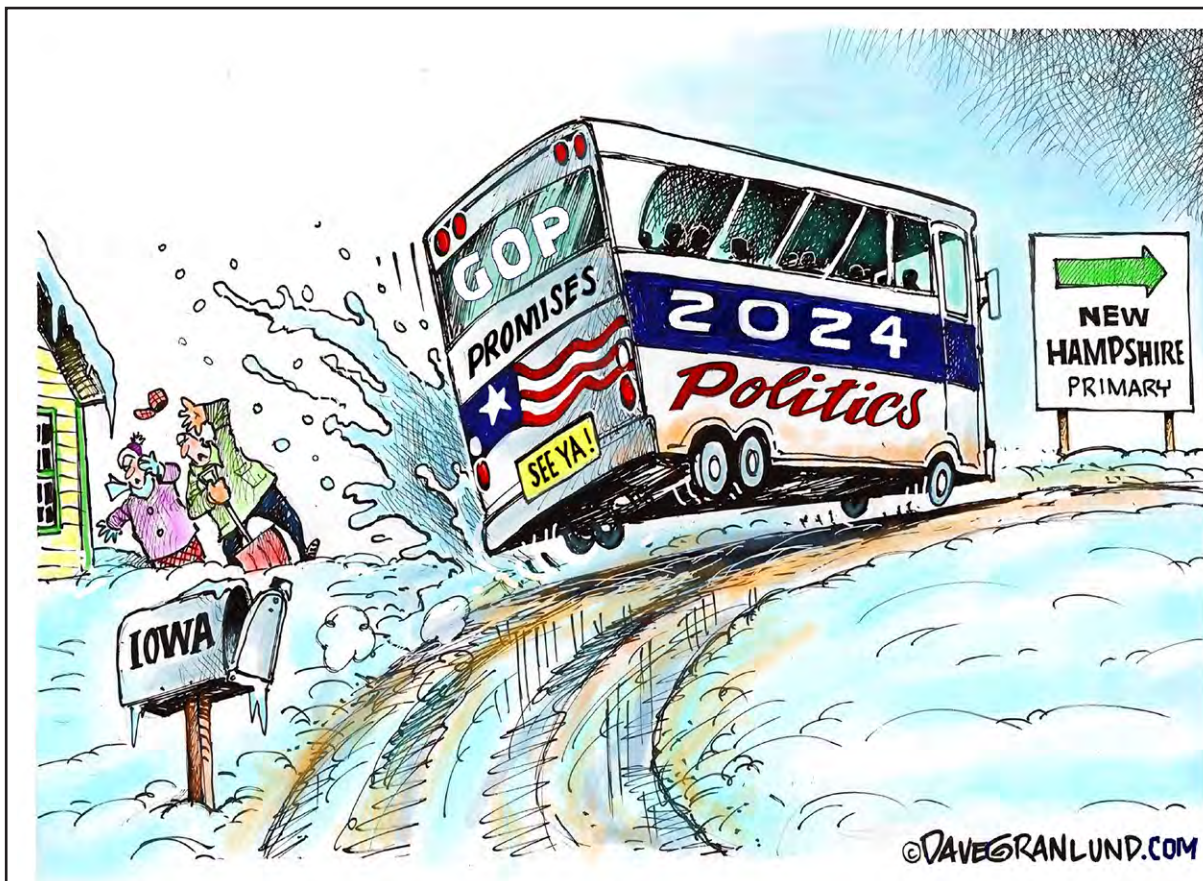
For starters, I suggest your husband contact Social Security's Ticket to Work program directly at 1.833-889-0108 to discuss returning to work part time. Social Security will guide him through the entire process.

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## In Past Pages

5 years (Jan. 24, 2019)

Barre Selectmen approved the charge for the Marijuana Bylaw Advisory Committee and made appointments to the new committee. Selectmen received nine applicants and decided to appoint all of them – seven as full members and two as alternates. Alternates would only have voting privileges to maintain a quorum, which is four members. However, they would be able to participate in discussions and review the bylaws in question, the marijuana licensing bylaws.

The first ever Barre Policeman's Ball is just the event to take away the winter doldrums. When Barre Police Chief John Carbone suggested holding a policeman's ball, his administrative assistant, Amy Reed, knew just the person to call, Irene Stevens. Reed said, "She (Stevens) took the ball and rain with it." Chief Carbone envisioned the policeman's ball as a night out for the community and an opportunity to interact with the town's police officers. The Chief commented that for a reasonable donation of \$35 per person, attendees get a chance to dress formal or semi-formal, have their meal served to them, listen to music by deejay Jonathan Spink of Fusion Entertainment and dance.

Helping others is the North Brookfield way and North Brookfield Hearts for Heat will be holding their annual fundraiser to help those in financial need to heat their homes. The 11th annual North Brookfield Hearts for Heat spaghetti supper will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 5-7 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria. Sponsored with the Hayden Masonic Lodge and supported by Hannaford Supermarket this is truly community helping community.

10 years (Jan. 16, 2014)

The Rutland Regional Dispatch received a 911 call on Friday, Jan. 3 at 7:08 p.m. concerning a fire at the home of Carolyn Smith of 147 Crocker Nye Road. The caller reported the fire across the street. Within eight minutes of the emergency call, Oakham's Engine 3 was at the fire and the tanker arrived just two minutes after the E3 at 7:18 p.m. Barre Fire Department advised that they were just clearing a call and would be en route to assist. Command requested the Rutland engine and ladder trucks and the tanker from New Braintree. In addition to mutual aid from Barre, Rutland and New Braintree, the towns of West Brookfield, Spencer and Holden responded to the scene and Paxton covered the Oakham Fire Station. Damage cost was approximately \$120,000. The state fire marshal, who was called to fire scene, determined the cause of the blaze to be spilled embers on the floor from a wood stove.

The Quabbin Education Foundation for Students and Teachers invites people to warm up with a wonderful bowl of piping hot soup at the annual QUEST Souper Bowl, together in the comfort of family and friends on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre

### LOOK BACK Barre Flea Market - 1995



File photo  
**Robin Bernard, left and Hazel Wyman of the Barre Congregational church sell chance tickets on Sept. 21, 1995 for a coverlet depicting buildings of Barre and a reversible quilt, two projects of the Women's Fellowship.**

Road. The evening's menu includes the Barre Mill's famous seafood chowder, tomato basil soup and chicken soup, paired with homemade bread and desserts. The event will include comedy by family friendly, stand up comedian Jim Dorsey and music by the Quabbin Jazz band.

The Oakham Board of Selectmen held a meeting Monday night for the purpose of opening and closing the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Selectmen voted to hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, an. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Oakham Center School. The warrant contained only a single article, a home rule petition request if approved would allow Tom Snay to continue his employment as Fire Chief beyond his 65th year until Dec. 31, 2016.

25 years (Jan. 21, 1999)

Abutters expressed objections to allowing patrons to use the back entrance at the Col. Isaac Barre Tavern during a hearing held Tuesday night at the Henry Woods Municipal Building. Owner Matt Donlin met with selectmen last month to answer complaints from abutters that he was violating terms of his license by letting customers use the back entrance, known as Cat Alley. The original license provided back door access only to the handicapped and in case of fire. At the December meeting, Donlin said the license was granted seven years ago and the restrictions are now outdated. The board told hi changes could only be made after a public hearing.

A Valentine's dance sponsored by Barre's 225th Anniversary Committee will be held Feb. 13, 1999 at Coldbrook Country Club. There will be a social hour, a carver's buffet and dancing to Perfect Gentlemen as well as a Chinese auction for various items and an auction held during one of the breaks by Barre's own Paul Varney.

The Barre Town Common Committee members invite the public to a meeting on Monday, Jan. 25 at the Barre Town Hall. This is an opportunity for these citizens of the town to express their concerns

and desires for the common area. Ideas for this project have circulated since 1948 with many committees studying the project.

38 years (Jan. 23, 1986)

Corridon F. Trask, Jr. Superintendent of the Quabbin Regional School District will retire effective August 1986. Trask submitted a plan for the recruitment and hiring of his successor to the school committee at their monthly business meeting on Jan. 16. The school committee voted to accept Trask's plan with the understanding that the committee would have flexibility with regard to scheduling interviews and the public hearing to be held prior to the selection of the final candidate. Trask has been active in the education field for 35 years and served the last 19 years as Superintendent of the Quabbin Regional School District.

From no candidates on Friday morning, the race for the three-year term on the Board of Selectmen has swelled to three in the town of Barre. According to Alice Orzulak, town clerk, the following have taken out papers for the selectmen's term: Duke J. Demetropoulos of North Brookfield Road; James E. Sullivan of Summer Street and Larry C. Thibault of Britton Road. The vacancy occurred on the board when Vernon M. Flynn announced at the selectmen's meeting on Jan. 13 that he would not seek reelection when his term expires in March. Flynn stated his work responsibilities in Boston demanded more of his time, reducing time he felt he could devote to his present selectman's position.

Over 100 firefighters from six towns battled a fire at one of the last, true neighborhood grocery stores on Sunday night, Jan. 19. Kardas Supper Market and Package Store, on Route 32A in Gilbertville suffered over \$150,000 in damage to the 170-year old structure. On Monday morning, firefighters were still wetting down the hot sports prior to sealing off the remains of the building. At that time, there was till no evidence as to what caused the fire.

## Guest Column



### Dreaming of roses, blueberries bushes and more? Get those orders in!

For me at least, a much needed break from the garden has given way to the return of other hobbies this winter.

Quilting for one. I've enjoyed working on a Christmas tree quilt and have plans to start a pumpkin quilt.

I guess when I can't garden, I take horticulture any way I can get it – even in cloth! Quilting is fun in that you can exercise your love of color by playing with different combinations.

I like to see what looks good together and stand back and admire. It seems very similar to the admiration of a thoughtfully planned out flower garden. Well, you didn't start reading to learn about my sewing fancy, so let's get to some garden talk.

Do you dream of expanding your mini orchard or berry patch? Maybe you have a particular rose you are interested in.

If you desire to shop by mail, place your orders early (yes, now) for home delivery in April and early May.

I will start my dreaming with the Nourse Farms catalog ([www.noursefarms.com](http://www.noursefarms.com) or 413-665-2658). Located not far away in South Deerfield, this company specializes in producing high quality berry plants (and asparagus roots plus).

It would be great to extend my blueberry picking season over a month or more, just like my parents did with their patch. I will plan to order early, mid at late season varieties to accomplish this.

Last year, Nourse switched from selling bareroot blueberry plants to selling them in one liter pots. According to the listing, plants are cut back to just over a foot. They will increase in top growth the first year.

They have found that selling potted plants eases transplant shock and reduces the chance of the roots drying out in shipment. Sounds great to me!

Take care to amend the soil to the proper pH and site the plants accordingly and you could enjoy blueberries for decades. My parents' bushes are still bearing some 70 years later.

Maybe you are in the market for apple trees this year. For well-rooted, hardy Maine grown plants, shop the Fedco Trees Catalog ([www.fedcoseeds.com](http://www.fedcoseeds.com)). Fedco Trees offers a great selection of heirloom apple trees, scionwood and rootstocks for home grafting, pears, plums and grapes among other types of nursery stock and ornamentals.

For heirloom apple enthusiasts or those interested in planting a cider orchard, this is an amazing resource. The final order deadline for trees is March 1.

The catalog changes a bit every year, so be sure to check back or reach out to them if you are looking for a specific variety and you don't see it listed in print.

It's been a few years since I've found a reputa-

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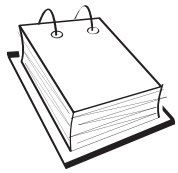
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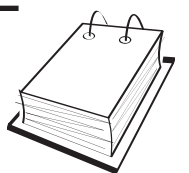


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# Calendar of Events



## THURSDAY, JAN. 18

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

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

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

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

## FRIDAY, JAN. 19

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

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

## SATURDAY, JAN. 20

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

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

## Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Jan 22. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephan Craven, Karen Dulude, Connor Geary, Quinn Geary and Evelyn Luukko** correctly identified the photo. The photo last week shows the Quabbin Little League Field on Route 32 in the Wheelwright section of Hardwick.

trail for tracks if conditions are suitable. Participants should plan to be out for 3-4 hours and dress for the weather, bring snacks and beverages and don't forget camera and binoculars. People may sign-up at [warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com](mailto:warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com) The event will be rescheduled if the weather is frightful.

## MONDAY, JAN. 22

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

**FUN TO FUND SILENT AUCTION** will benefit non-profits in Petersham today; Wednesday, Jan. 24, Friday, Jan. 26 from 3-7 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 23 and Thursday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Common St., Petersham. On Saturday, Jan. 27 from 3-6 p.m. at the hall of the U.U. Church, all are invited to a festive reception with refreshments and good cheer, as the final bids can be cast and the results will be announced. For any questions or donations, people may call Robin Koenig at 978-724-0213. The week of pre-auction bidding and the final event will take place at the U.U. Church. The event is non-denominational.

## MONDAY, JAN. 29

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

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

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

## SATURDAY, FEB. 3

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

## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I had some nice weather this week and a lot of the snow melted.

I spent one day picking over my recipes that I collect and filing them. I found so many that I want to try. Here is one that I plan to make this week as I have chicken and cabbage on hand.

### CHICKEN AND CABBAGE STIR FRY

- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 small head green cabbage
- 1 small onion
- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons low sodium or regular soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar

Cook the rice according to directions. Finely chop the garlic. Core the cabbage. Thinly slice cabbage and onion. Chop the chicken into 1/2 inch chunks.

In a large skillet heat the oil on medium high. Add the chicken. Cook 5 to 6 minutes, until browned, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a bowl. To same skillet, add onion. Cook 2 minutes, stirring often.

Reduce heat to medium. Add the cabbage, garlic, soy sauce and vinegar. Cook 3 to 4 minutes until cabbage is tender, stirring occasionally. Add chicken back to skillet and cook 2 minutes until chicken is cooked through, stirring often. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve over the cooked rice.

### This and That

I wish to thank all those who sent me sympathy cards for the loss of my dear brother, Alden Adams. He will be missed. His son and his wife are staying with his wife for a couple of weeks so that is good.

I hadn't been feeding the birds because of the bear, but this week I threw a lot of seed out on the decks and there have been a lot of ground feeders. Of course the

squirrels also found it. They take turns eating the seed. I had four turkeys come upon the deck also.

I did put up one suet cake in the crab apple tree and that needs to be replaced. I keep the suet cakes in the cellar freezer.

My problem is I have to be careful I don't fall going out to the feeder. My balance and legs are not that good. I did manage to get groceries this week by holding onto the food carriage. I used the large plastic bags and the cloth bags, my daughter gave me for veggies and fruit and that was a great help.

My biggest problem is bringing in the groceries. These large bags are a help.

Another problem we have living here is getting our mail. We have to cross the road to the mail box and the traffic goes by so fast sometimes I wonder if I am going to be hit. Our handyman is kind to get our mail whenever he comes here so I am grateful for that.

There are so many things that are not fun being a senior. Guess I never thought about it before.

I do have to congratulate the highway department for the good condition of the main road after the snowstorm. Also, my plow man did a wonderful job on our driveway and my handyman got sand for us. Every bite helps. Also, I want to thank my son-in-law for starting the two snowblowers in case they can be used.

I made bread pudding with raisin bread this week and served it with ice cream warm. It was very good. It was done in a double boiler but think I will bake it next time as it was a little soupy.

### Hint for the week

Have you sealed an envelope and then forgot to include something? Place the sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two and it unseals easily.

Have a healthy week.

## STONE CHURCH

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significant repairs to the slate roof by Skyline Engineers. The Barre Charitable Savings Foundation provided support to complete the south entrance access ramp.

FOSC received funding for the first time in 2023 from The Greater Worcester Community Foundation to strengthen its technology and organizational infrastructure.

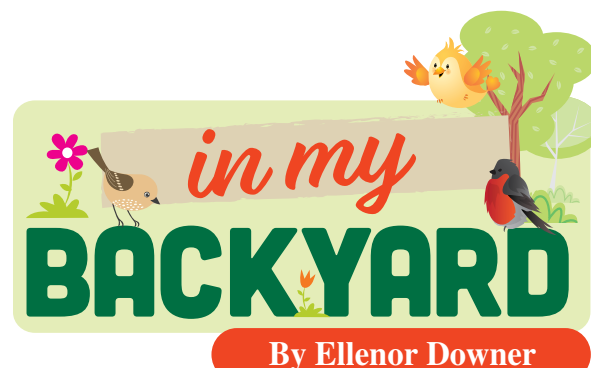
Partial support for classical and community music concerts

in 2023 was provided by Country Bank, Boston Financial Services, the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and Cultural Councils of Hardwick-New Braintree, Oakham, North Brookfield 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 public charitable corpora-

tion and community-focused organization. To preserve the historical Stone Church Cultural Center as a venue that is open to all, FOSC requires ongoing financial and volunteer support in the areas of preservation, programs, maintenance and organizational development.

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



By Ellenor Downer

### Bluebirds

I received an email from a West Brookfield resident, who included two photos of bluebirds at her feeder.

She took the photos on New Year's Day and had six or seven of them. She said last year she had bluebirds visit regularly in late winter arriving on Valentine's Day.

She said in the email, "We built a mealworm feeder (thanks to Mark Blazis instructions) and the outcome was a pair nesting in one of our nesting boxes and bringing their pair of fledglings to the feeder."

Bluebirds are migratory, but some stay around all winter just like some of the Canada geese and robins do. Bluebirds, along with other small birds, will use nesting boxes for shelter during storms or at night. The boxes provide a dry place and protection from the wind and cold.

The bluebird is about 6 1/2 inches long. The male has a brilliant blue head, back, wings and tail with a brick red throat and breast. The female is has a rich, buffy throat and breast. She has a grayish blue head and back with light blue wings and tail and a white eye ring.

Bluebirds may come to feeders for peanut butter mixes, berries, meal worms and raisins. The female lays three to six pale blue eggs in a nest in a tree cavity, abandoned woodpecker hole or birdhouse. The nest consists of grasses, plant stems, bane needles and is lined with hair, feathers and fine grasses.

They inhabit farmlands, open woodlands and rural yards.



Photo by Jane Higgins

### Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident said in an email, "Yesterday (Jan. 6) there were about a dozen robins in the yard feasting on the crab apples and they were joined by a few cedar wax-wings."

He said, "Today we awoke to about 8 inches of snow and all of the trees were covered with snow that was stuck to the branches. The crab apple trees were full of robins. One tree near the front of the house had over a dozen robins in the tree eating apples along with a wax-wing or two."

The robins and wax wings also finished off the last of the fruit from the mountain ash and gleaned a bush with red berries. He said there were about three dozen robins and a half dozen cedar wax-wings in his yard as well as the "regulars" and two white-throated sparrows.

### Grackles

I received an email from a woman, who had grackles at her feeder on Jan. 12. She also reported seeing some robins and a flock of about 30 to 40 juncos. She said she usually doesn't see grackles until spring.

### Christmas bird count

Results for some Christmas Bird Counts that took place in our area are now available by visiting the website at <http://www.warerivernatureclub.org/announcements.html>. Many new records were set, and many old ones broken, with high numbers of species and individuals recorded. An open, ice/snow-free landscape, unfrozen waterways, and an abundant wild food crop were combined factors that encouraged many species to linger longer than usual.

### Feeder activity

Birds at my feeder before the Jan. 7 storm consisted mainly of a few juncos, a white-throated sparrow or two and a few chickadees and downy woodpeckers. That all changed on Sunday, Jan. 7. I saw my cardinal pair, bluejays, lots of chickadees and tufted titmice. I also had mourning doves, white-breasted nuthatches, a downy woodpecker and a few goldfinches.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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### BOARD GAMES, continued from page 1

thinking through where the fun is. In other words, start defining the player experience," said Phillips.

The next step is to create a minimum viable product. In other words, the smallest and simplest version of your board game idea. For example, how do players move spaces, or will there be setbacks?

Finally, the biggest craft of the project is the board game structure. Many factors go into this portion of the project. For example, how do the players win? Do the players collect or accomplish something? What rules do players have to follow?

This fun activity featured eight children who got creative and came

up with interesting settings, themes and characters for their board games.

Phillips brought a cool example of a board game she is creating. The theme is a writer starting off with a manuscript and ultimately trying to get a story published.

Phillips was having a blast helping everyone out with their board game ideas and how to craft their board games on a rough draft or on the game boards. This youth activity had fantastic turnout and providing creative opportunities for kids at the local library.

"You get to be creative, help other people to be creative," said Phillips.

For future activities, Phillips thought it would be a fun idea if some of the youth wanted to bring

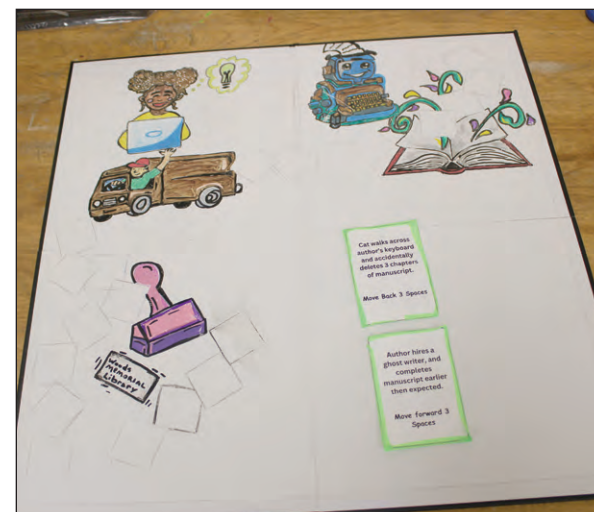
their board games in for game day. This would be a fun opportunity for kids to teach others how to play their games.

Once completed, the participants got to take their board games home with them.

For more activities, visit the Woods Memorial Library at 19 Pleasant St. Upcoming events are listed on the library's website, [www.barrelibrary.org](http://www.barrelibrary.org) and on Facebook.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

**Children got creative coming up with different themes and characters such as aliens and monsters.**



Kayla Phillips brought an example of her own board game she is currently working on. The theme is the path of author's thought to publishing.

# COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic



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**Please use QR Code or the link to pre-register:**

**<http://tinyurl.com/ms2zhh7p>**

**Please direct any questions to Arianna Palano at [apalano@townofware.com](mailto:apalano@townofware.com), 413-478-2526.**





# SPORTS

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## Wrestlers working toward tournament



Turley photos by Ray Duffy

Senior Matt Tolman gets a leg up on his opponent.

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School wrestling continues to work towards the Central Mass. and potentially the state tournament, both of which take place next month.

The Panthers faced Algonquin last Wednesday night, falling

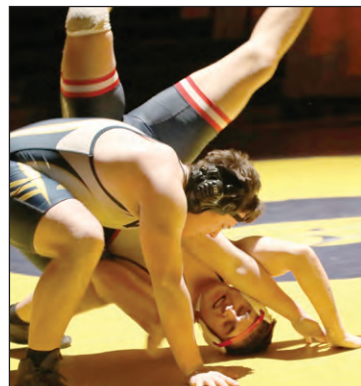
57-24. The Panthers were scheduled to face Nashoba earlier this week and this weekend, are set to engage in a set of dual meets at Granby High School against opponents from Western Mass. Coming up, the Panthers host Leominster Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.



Christian Stolgitis as a heavyweight in his varsity match.



Desmin Neak wrestles in the 106-pound class.



Noah Mielt flips his opponent head over heels.

## Panthers can't keep up with Tigers

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

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

final game.

The reunion and celebration will take place Friday, Feb. 2 against Tyngsboro at home. Game time is set earlier at 6 p.m. There will be a social and school tour from 5 to 6 p.m.

Members of the team attending will be recognized and honored at halftime of the game. Admission is free of charge to returning members of that championship team as well as their families.

## Quabbin to celebrate 1999 team

TYNGSBOROUGH – Last Tuesday night, Quabbin boys basketball fell to 2-6 on the year with a winless record in the Mid-Wach C as they lost to Tyngsborough High School 58-34. The game, played on the

road, was a tough one for the Panthers as they simply could not keep up with the Tigers' scoring, getting nearly doubled up in both halves.

The Panthers were led by Quinn Geary with 12 points.

## Quabbin girls take second loss



Riley Bassett puts up a shot.



Abby Rogowski wrestles for the ball.

BARRE – It was just their second loss of the regular season this year as Quabbin girls basketball fell to visiting Tyngsborough 43-36 last Tuesday evening. The Quabbin offense, which has been excellent for most of the season, suffered a bit of a power outage in this matchup. Riley Bassett and Mia Ducos managed double digits with 12 points each. The Panthers are 7-2 on the season with a 3-2 mark in the Mid-Wach C league.



Turley photos by Ray Duffy

Bri Whitelaw grabs a three-pointer.



Mia Ducos drives to the hoop.



Hannah Baxter gets an offensive rebound.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Victoria Stevens makes her way down the court.



Althea Jewell fakes before heading for the basket.



Hannah Mellor passes to her left

## Pioneers win again, defeat Cybercats



Megan Clark dribbles toward the hoop.

SPRINGFIELD

– The Pathfinder girls basketball team improved to 5-3 on the season as they defeated Sci-Tech on the road last Thursday night. The Pioneers got 14 points each from Victoria Stevens and Desiree Croteau. Pathfinder led throughout the matchup and went up 33-17 at halftime. Sci-Tech did make a run in the fourth quarter, but Pathfinder's big lead was too much to overcome.



Taylor Allen goes for the open layup.



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# Sports

## Railers falls at home to Admirals

WORCESTER – It wasn't that the Railers ran out gas Sunday afternoon so much as they never had any in their 3-0 loss to the Norfolk Admirals.

Both teams were on the last leg of one of those dreaded 3 in 3 weekends, but the Admirals played it smarter than Worcester. Norfolk followed the script by jumping out to an early lead and keeping things under control the rest of the way.

It helped that the Admirals got admirable goaltending from Kristian Stead. He made 25 saves to record his first career ECHL shutout in his 11th ECHL game. It was Norfolk's second shutout of the season over Worcester. Thomas Milic beat the Railers, 4-0, on October 29. The game marked the third time this season Worcester has been whitewashed.

Brandon Osmundson, Denis Smirnov and Andrew McLean scored the game's goals. McLean's went into an empty net at 19:15 of the third period.

It was a very good goaltending

game overall as Josh Boyko was excellent in the Railers net. He stopped 32 of 34 shots and kept it winnable.

"I thought he played really well," coach Jordan Smotherman said. "He made some great saves...I was really happy with his game."

"Playing from behind three nights in a row; you just can't do that to yourself," Smotherman said.

Although Norfolk had 34-25 edge in shots, the teams had about the same number of great chances. Worcester had two breakaways in the first period. Railers players hit iron twice later on. John Copeland hit a post, Anthony Callin a crossbar.

The breakaways were by Worcester's two top scorers, Ashton Calder and Anthony Repaci. Both players made good moves. Stead made two good saves.

In contrast, when Norfolk scored at 4:57 of the first period to

go ahead, 1-0, Osmundson's shot went post to post and in, hitting the right one first.

"Over the course of a three-game weekend," Smotherman said, "you're not always gonna get the bounces and you can't rely on them."

The Admirals finished that period with a 14-4 edge in shots on goal. For the weekend, Worcester was outshot by 38-17 in the three first periods.

Smirnov doubled his team's lead early in the second period, scoring at 2:29. Danny Katic set up his teammate with a great pass from the right boards. Smirnov was just outside left post and had an easy re-direct from there.

The Railers lineup included familiar face Blake Jenkins, back from his brief time on the Hartford roster, and unfamiliar face Ryan Dickinson. The rookie defenseman made his professional debut as Zsombor Garat got a break. He had played in 32 of the season's first 34 games.

## Divisional win streak ends in Utica

UTICA, N.Y. -- The Springfield Thunderbirds (18-13-3-2) saw their five-game win streak against North Division opponents come to an end on Saturday in a 6-3 loss to the Utica Comets (12-13-3-3) at Adirondack Bank Center.

The T-Birds quieted the notoriously noisy "Aud" just 49 seconds into the first period. In his first shift back with the T-Birds since being returned from St. Louis, Jakub Vrana gathered in a puck near the top of the right circle and whipped a pass toward the crease. Nikita Alexandrov deflected the first attempt off the pads of Utica goalie Isaac Poulter, but Alexandrov jammed his own rebound into the twine, giving Springfield a 1-0 lead for a second straight night.

After shutting out the Comets on Nov. 24, Vadim Zherenko had tougher sledding in the first period on this night, as the Comets evened the score, 1-1, at 9:50 on a well-placed wrist from Filip Engaras under the crossbar.

With time winding down, Comet defenseman Michael Vukojevic crept up into the high

slot and was given room to slap one along the ice past Zherenko at 17:51 to give Utica a 2-1 advantage.

With less than a minute to play in the period, the Comets added insurance after a lengthy stretch of zone pressure. It culminated in a funky goal at the 19:29 mark. Ryan Schmelzer arrived for a one-timer from the high slot. The Comets captain muffed the shot, as it badly missed wide of the goal, but glanced off a defender and careened behind Zherenko to give Utica a 3-1 lead into the intermission.

Things took another turn in Utica's favor when Chase Stillman drew a penalty shot when he was hooked on a breakaway chance just 1:21 into the second period. The rookie winger made no mistake from there, as he bested Zherenko with a backhand-to-forehand deke, giving the Comets a 4-1 advantage.

Springfield stopped the four-goal run at 9:25 shortly after the first of three power-play chances that eluded the visitors. After winning puck control in the left

corner, Alexandrov sauced a pass into the middle of the ice for Will Bitten. Bitten's backhander caromed off Poulter's chest and, in turn, found Zach Bolduc, who one-timed the rebound through the Comets goalie to cut the Utica lead down to 4-2, a score that stood to the end of the period.

Dylan Coghlan made things even more interesting when he one-timed his league-leading 11th goal from the blue line at 7:13 of the final period to cut the deficit down to 4-3. However, this time around, the T-Birds ran out of comeback magic. Graeme Clarke scored a momentum-killing goal at 10:02, using a screen to beat Zherenko over the glove from the left-wing circle.

Springfield's power play scuffled on the evening against the AHL's top PK unit, going 0-for-4 and leaving another chance on the table in the final period while trailing 5-3. In the end, the T-Birds ran out of time in this comeback try, and Justin Dowling rounded out the scoring with a tally into an empty net in the final minute.

## Bonsignore to do pre-season 'test' at Daytona

WADING RIVER, N.Y. -- Three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore will compete in the ARCA Menards Series pre-season test at Daytona International Speedway this weekend.

Bonsignore will drive a car prepared by Andy Hilenburg, the 1995

ARCA champion, who also has two Daytona ARCA wins to his credit. The cars are prepared by Fast Track High Performance Racing.

The pre-race test is in preparation for the upcoming ARCA Menards Series opener at Daytona during Speedweeks on Saturday, February 17. The weekend will

also include the opener for the NASCAR Xfinity Series and the NASCAR Cup Series Daytona 500.

Seven different drivers have earned the right to take laps around Daytona via the "Road to Daytona" program. Invites include the two regional series that are part of the ARCA Menards Series platform - the three ASA-branded touring super late model series, the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion and the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series front-runners. Although current 2023 champion for the Whelen Modified Tour Ron Silk isn't making the trip, Bonsignore is filling the seat to take laps around one of the fastest and iconic tracks in the world.

The trip will be his first laps on the Daytona high-banks of his career.

"Taking laps at Daytona is definitely something every race car driver dreams of when you start racing," Bonsignore said. "Appreciate the opportunity given by NASCAR, ARCA, Andy and his entire team to be able to get behind the wheel. Looking forward to soaking in the experience and showcasing the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour on this stage."

For more information on the ARCA Menards Series, visit ARCARacing.com. For the latest updates surrounding Justin Bonsignore, fans are encouraged to visit JustinBonsignore.com and also follow Bonsignore's Athlete page on Facebook for updates, including from the track on race day.

# Education



Submitted photo

MWCC recent practical nursing graduates attended a pinning ceremony Dec.15.

## MWCC holds Pinning Ceremony for practical nursing graduates

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College held the pinning ceremony for the Class of 2023 Practical Nursing Graduates on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023.

Kimberly Shea, DNP, RN, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences welcomed the students, faculty, staff and families to the event, which marks the entry of the students into the nursing profession. Joining Dean Shea were nursing faculty members Collene Thaxton, MSN, RN and Emily Turner, MSN, RN.

"You have faced challenges, and overcome them and I, along with the faculty and staff of MWCC, are extremely proud of you," Dean Shea told students. "Congratulations, we look forward to the great things you are destined to do in our communities."

MWCC's Practical Nursing Certificate program is a seven-course program, which prepares students to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination –

Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) to earn their license to practice as an LPN. All credits earned in the Practical Nursing program can be applied to the Associate Degree in Nursing.

Students who were pinned are: Sheena Marandino of Ashburnham; Jessica Jacques of Athol; Taylor-Lee Chick of Barre; Jessica Flanders of Boylston; Kartia Obelin of Clinton; Jennifer Bilodeau of Fitchburg; Emily Brassard-Otero of Fitchburg; Elizabeth Campbell of Fitchburg; Sara Madrid of Fitchburg; Nina McInnis-Ramos of Fitchburg; Amy Miln of Fitchburg; Phiona Nangendo of Fitchburg; Mildred Tamfuh of Fitchburg; Emma Terho of Fitchburg; Irene Claire Aceret of Hyannis; Elida Zepeda of Leominster; Brianne Aubin of Lunenburg; Sarah Cioffi of Lunenburg; Sabrina Peterson of Lunenburg; Michelle Pepin of New Braintree; Nikki Higgins

of Orange; Faith Mwaniki of Rutland; Tiffany Johnson-Young of Southbridge; Noella Maki of Templeton; Monique Mailet of Winchendon; Nana Essuman of Worcester; Tiffany Ofosuware of Worcester; Darean Gutierrez of Harrisville, N.H.; Renee LeFort of Rindge, N.H. and Kathryn Lima, Rindge, N.H.

Practical Nursing students gain clinical experience through placement at MWCC's clinical partners; Alliance Health at Baldwinville, Athol Hospital, Clearbrook Treatment Center, Gardner Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Heywood Hospital LaChance Maternity Center, Health Alliance Leominster, Jewish Health Care, Life Care Center of Leominster, The Highlands Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, Seven Hills Pediatric Center, St. Vincent Hospital, UMass Memorial Medical Center and Worcester Recovery Center & Hospital.

## FSU holds winter graduation ceremony

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University awarded more than 400 graduate and undergraduate degrees during the winter ceremony of its 127th commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 22.

Local graduates included: Kyrstin B. Mello of Barre, Bachelor of Science in early childhood education; Finleigh Rose Rienneau, Master of Education in arts education; Meghann E.

Foresman of Hubbardston, Master of Education in early childhood education; Debbie Ann Robillard of Hubbardston, Master of Business Administration; Joshua Curtis Frazier of Oakham, Bachelor of Science in engineering technology; Colleen Genevieve Dumart of Rutland, Master of Education in special education; Matthew Robert Pingitore of Rutland, Master of

Science in criminal justice; Erin Margaret Ross of Rutland, Master of Business Administration and Rebecca Marie Taylor of Rutland, Master of Business Administration.

In his keynote remarks, Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus highlighted several graduating students for embodying the university's motto of perseverance, meaning persistence.

## Colleges announce Dean's and President's Lists

### SNHU announces fall 2023 President's list

MANCHESTER, N.H. – Southern New Hampshire University announces the fall 2023 President's list. Local students making the President's list are: Kaylee Amons of Oakham, Christopher Cunningham of Oakham, William Melendez of Hardwick, Valeria Contreras of North Brookfield, Chelsea Sanders of North Brookfield, Francis Hynes of Rutland, Alexis Paquette of Rutland and James Hodgerner of Rutland.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-

week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

minimum credit hour requirement.

### Colin Richardson makes Husson University's Dean's List

BANGOR, MAINE – Colin Richardson of Rutland made the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester of the 2023-2024 academic year at Husson University.

Richardson is studying toward a degree in nursing. Full-time students who earn President's List, Dean's List and Honors List recognition must be enrolled as an undergraduate, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours over the course of 21 weeks, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted, and achieve a designated semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the

### Katherine McMenemy makes Washington College Dean's list

CHESTERTOWN, MD – Katherine McMenemy of Barre was named to Washington College fall 2023 Dean's list.

In order to earn this academic honor, a student must achieve at least a 3.50 GPA for the semester.

"Making Dean's List is the mark of academic excellence," said Kiho Kim, provost and dean of Washington College. "We celebrate these students and their dedication to greatness this past semester. Their efforts in the classroom will indeed set them on the path for a bright and successful future."

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and 56% have not been in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation or First Aid. The students made recommendations that link crew leaders receive a lesson on CPR and AEDs during their summer training and Health Class be mandatory.

The also recommended AEDs be in the middle school and sixth grade wing, which currently have none and the school nurses extension be written above the phones in the building. They said four or five more AEDs are needed in the middle/high school and signage such as an arrow with AED on it, pointing to all AED locations. In addition, the AED should be more visible with a flag or bright color.

Freshmen at orientation should be shown the location of all AEDs in the school. An AED costs about \$3,000.

School Committee member Dr. Richard Allan, said the Health 1 and 2 class got merged and will be mandatory for all students.

### Elementary student report

Three fifth grade students from Hubbardston Center School, Adrian, Analeigh and Jeri-Lynn, gave a presentation via Zoom to the School Committee about their trip to Nature's Classroom in Charlton in October. Adrian said his favorite thing were the field groups. Analeigh concurred with him and liked the animal dissection part. Jeri-Lynn said the night walk in the woods without lights was her favorite activity.

### Superintendent report

Superintendent Colleen Mucha said the Safety Team meets twice a month and recently held a Stop the Bleed training on how to apply a tourniquet. They also plan to hold CPR classes. She said she will present in the school calendar for 2024-2025 at the next school com-

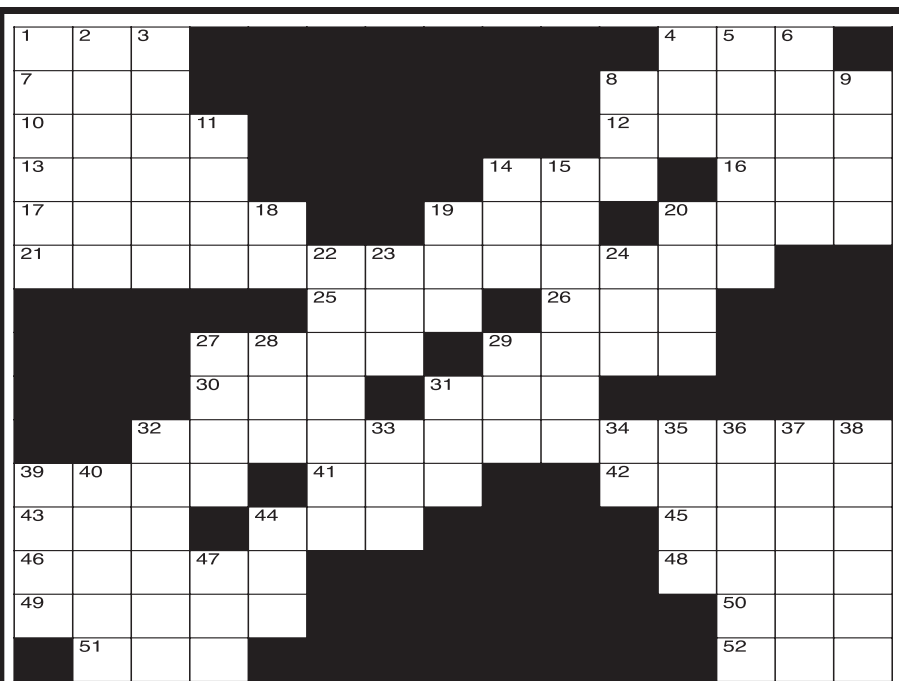
mittee meeting.

### Other business

Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, said the bids for excavation and concrete work for the building given to the district by the Mount Hermon School came in over the anticipated cost. The district cancelled the Information For Bid and will re-bid in the spring.

Building, Grounds and Security Director Kevin Clark was working on eliminating the communication dead spots in the building, which the police have with their radios when in the building. Part of the problem was towns police departments have different radio frequencies.

"Lee" Wolanin said members of the building and facilities sub committee toured Ruggles Lane Elementary and Hubbardston Center School. They will tour Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham at their next meeting.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin
- 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious

- community
- 29. Small shrill flute
- 30. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. They \_\_\_
- 32. College kid on vacation
- 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
- 41. Part of the human body
- 42. A progressive grading
- 43. Sound unit
- 44. Noise some birds make
- 45. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 46. Portuguese city
- 48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of
- 49. Resembling old Norse poems
- 50. Ask for out of extreme need
- 51. Sino-Soviet

- block (abbr.)
  - 52. Midway between south and southeast
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. An insane person
  - 2. \_\_ Boothe Luce, American author
  - 3. Buttock muscles
  - 4. Men's fashion accessory
  - 5. "Hotel California" rockers
  - 6. Electronic communication
  - 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
  - 9. Hostelrys
  - 11. A way to resound
  - 14. Exclamation: yuck!
  - 15. A resident of Indiana
  - 18. Exclamation of surprise

- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island
- 23. It's used to make furniture
- 24. Clod
- 27. They indicate where places are
- 28. Bobby \_\_, NHL champ
- 29. Prints money
- 31. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 32. Appetizers
- 33. Midway between north and northwest
- 34. Spanish be
- 35. Breezed through
- 36. Grilled dishes
- 37. In a way, excites
- 38. Change mind
- 39. A French abbot
- 40. Popular candy
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Wood or metal bolt



# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### A 2024 Meditation Part 3

In recent days we have explored the manner in which Paul began each of his inspired writings.

I can think of no better way to begin a new year than by examining the introductions he penned, as such can inform and impact our trajectory in 2024. What can we glean from said introductions? In this edition, let us consider Paul as a man who had a clear circle of spiritual friends and family in Christ.

Read the following texts and take note of the many individuals and assemblies who comprised the life of the apostle Paul:

#### Romans 1:1, 7 (NIV)

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God . . . 7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 2 Corinthians 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Galatians 1:1-3

1 Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—2 and all the brothers and sisters with me, To the churches in Galatia: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

#### Ephesians 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Philippians 1:1-2

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Colossians 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:1

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

#### 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 1 Timothy 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope. 2 To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 2 Timothy 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Titus 1:1, 4

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

#### Philemon 1-3

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

Lord Jesus Christ.

Who made up the circle of family and friends in the life of Paul? At the collective level, Paul addresses church fellowships located in the cities or regions of Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, and Thessalonica.

We cannot begin to imagine how many attendees of said fellowships were intimate associates of the apostle Paul. At the personal level, Paul addresses the following individuals—individuals he deems friends, fellow laborers and soldiers, brethren and spiritual children: Sosthenes, Silas, Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, Titus and Timothy.

I can tell you as a student of Scripture, this does not scratch the surface of figures Paul was connected with (e.g., Luke, Demas, John Mark, Barnabas and beyond). Those looking for further evidence of his many connections can review Romans 16, wherein some thirty people are directly addressed (i.e., of some eighty mentioned in the body of his writings)!

Ultimately, Paul knew his circle in life and living. There were people who served as mentor figures (e.g., Barnabas). There were people, like Silas, who could best be described as peers for the journey. Moreover, there were many, like Titus and Timothy, who served as spiritual sons and proteges in the faith. Paul was wise enough to surround himself with people who could offer edification, exhortation and comfort as necessary! He knew that no one can go it alone!

Yet what about you? As 2024 begins, do you know your circle? Is it composed of trustworthy and wise voices who can edify, exhort and comfort in the Lord?

Do you have spiritual mentors, peers for the journey and proteges, as did Paul? If not, let 2024 be the year you take your relationships in Christ seriously, seeking out those whom He might add! If someone like Paul did not go it alone, why would we even try?

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30am. We hope to see you soon.

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### Second Sunday of the Epiphany

*"You will see greater things than these."*

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#### Scripture Reading: John 1 v 43 – 51

##### I. Introduction

Most frequently, we are aware of the issues that matter to us personally. What we perceive about those issues makes sense to us since they affect our lives. It is only when someone else points out another way of seeing the same thing, that we realize our own perspective is but a small part of the bigger picture.

In addition, when we encounter things out of the ordinary, when we feel our prayers are being heard, or we receive good news about a job, or we recover from an illness that was debilitating, these are moments when we see and experience great things happening, and we want others to know about our miracles. But even then, there are greater miracles than the ones we experience or see happening. Let's see what this passage is revealing about Jesus and His encounter with Philip and Nathanael, especially His conversation with Nathanael.

##### II. Seeing is believing

Our passage here in John is a good example of the informal network and communication between and among those who met Jesus and how they shared their encounters with others, and how their lives changed as a result of their encounter with Christ. We see Jesus leaving Bethany in the South where John the Baptist was baptizing Him and others, to go north toward Galilee.

On His way He met Philip from Bethsaida

and invited him to follow Him. This was a call to be His disciple. Philip was an ordinary person, who once questioned Jesus' ability to feed the multitudes in John 6 v 7. His interaction here on the road with Jesus and what He saw was enough for Him though, to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Philip could not wait to share this news with Nathanael on the road. He told him about this Jesus, whom Moses and the prophets were talking about, Jesus of Nazareth.

Nathanael too was an ordinary person, and from among the fishermen in Cana, not too far from Bethsaida on the other side of the Jordan river. When Nathanael heard this, he was cynical about the fact that anything good or out of the ordinary could come from Nazareth, a small town in Galilee.

Who knows who else Philip had seen on the road. He wanted to make sure the message about Jesus got out to his friends in the area. "Come and see for yourself," he told Nathanael. Come and have a listen to the one person I think you need to see and hear. Upon his meeting with Jesus, who informed Nathanael that he had already seen him sitting under the fig tree, that was incredible evidence for him to declare Jesus was the Son of God, and the King of Israel.

III. You will see greater things than these  
Jesus knew who Nathanael was. He knew where he was sitting, what he was thinking. Jesus needed no introduction of the person whom He was about to reveal Himself to. Nathanael, he says, needed to see a miracle to believe that He, a person from Nazareth was something special, the Son of God. Jesus is turning the tables on him, though. That is nothing, He says. You are about to see much more about Me.

You will see the heavens open up and you will see angels going up and down from heaven to earth and back. I will reveal God to you, and I will reveal much more to you than a miracle you saw with your eyes. But, Nathanael, you needed to see a miracle before you would recognize me as the Son of God. That is ok, but not enough for Me, Jesus says. If you were to follow me, you will need to have the faith of Philip, who heard my voice and my message and followed me. He understood who I was, and recognized what was written about me by Moses and the Prophets. However, Nathanael, I will still reveal the fullness of Myself to you.

IV. Conclusion  
We are all called by God, and we all have our own personal responses to God's call. We know what we know, and we share our knowledge and experiences of God with one another. We question sometimes like Nathanael, and we see half of what is true about God through Christ. Each one of us have our own limited experience of God in our own lives, and therefore we need each other and must tell our stories of faith to enlarge our vision and our faith. Christ knows our lives, where we sit, what we think and how we believe.

We are called to be open toward Him, to have a faith that does not need a lot of signs and evidence of facts. Jesus' teaching here is for us to have faith in Him and God Who knows us so well. But more, He wants to reveal to us so much more about this life of faith. To Nathanael it was seeing the angels of God going up and down into heaven.

We don't know what that means for us, especially now in 2024, a new year, but we have a glimpse of what Jesus is demonstrating to Nathanael, that the fullness of God is revealed when we believe in God, when we believe God. At church, we are all connected, like Philip and Nathanael, and we have wonderful opportunities to share our God-given gifts with one another, in goodness and in support of one another.

We are here on this earth to be what God calls us to be, in peace, mutual respect, and to walk humbly with God and one another, recognizing God's gifts in one another, never full of pride, but always realizing God's gifts are given to us from the heart of God. May 2024 be a year where we will meet up with one another, tell our stories, listen, and go to the next one, tell it again and receive the fullness of the blessings from God, greater than the things we know and see.

Amen.  
Pastor Margaret Keyser  
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Members of the Lions Club sit together, including Maria Bosse, Dana Hardy, Brenda Wisniewski, Nancy Billings, and President Jean Alman and her husband, Barry Alman.



The Barre 250th Anniversary Committee: (left to right) Meg Peddle, Mark Clarkson, Amanda Clapham, Thomas Tuttle, Diana Tuttle, Nicole Ricchiazzi, Hillary Budreau (front), Bekki LaVenture, and Richard C. Stevens.

### TEA PARTY, continued from page 1

tles, and saucers were either donated or part of the Senior Center's collection.

Maryann Watson with the Senior Center helped to create the space, and Anne Tuttle baked peppermint crush cookies and tea biscuits.

Bekki LaVenture used her skills with the Cricut machine in order to enhance the beautiful favors for all to take home.

The band that came to play, The Evening Standard, was made possible by Rich Stevens and his

wife, Wendy, so that the party could enjoy classic jazz.

"These are the people who helped to make our tea party just a little more special, and I wanted to thank them," Tuttle said. "We have had several donations and sponsors in order to make these events possible."

Visit the committee's website, [www.barre250.com](http://www.barre250.com) or Facebook, for more events and updates for the coming year. Make sure to mark your calendars for Sept. 21 so you can get to the grand parade and fireworks display on the anniversary date.



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Low Flinker, front, a long time friend of Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge, emceed the book signing event. He makes some notes before the program began.

### BOOK SIGNING, continued from page 1

Arise by Jack and ending with The Last Word by Jack. In between were Using What You Are Given, First Tastes of Activism, Julie Finds Her Calling, On Raising Healthy Food, Taking Care of Little Kids, On Moving to the Country, Joining the Band, Living versus Dead Things, The Greenhouse, Storytime, Theater Adventures, Working the Kids,

Growth on the Farm, International Work and Restoring Soil Carbon.

Barrie Anderson sang "We Shall Not Be Moved." The program concluded with a duet by Jack and Julie, "Making Barre Home" based on a selection from "Fiddler on the Roof." The attendees enjoyed refreshments, which included deviled eggs – farm fresh and organic of course, veggies, desserts, iced spring water with lemon and oranges and iced tea.

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a recognized architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.

"Because of those reasons, the demolition delay will kick in," Lak said. "That is the law."

Lak said the Historical Commission wanted to hear concerns from the public regarding the buildings, adding that the focus must remain on the buildings.

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund questioned Baystate Health and the Westmass Area Development Corporation's concerns about asbestos in the former Mary Lane Hospital buildings, noting that some of the buildings were still in operation up until the end of this past year.

"There was no danger from those buildings," Granlund said. "The buildings, as they are, have been serving the needs of the communities that surround us for 100 years."

Granlund said the buildings can be renovated.

Granlund's wife, Barbara, said her great-grandfather was one of the first doctors to work at Mary Lane Hospital, and he lived on Church Street.

"How many more historic buildings does Ware have to lose?" she asked. "It's part of our history, it's got to stay."

Baystate Health's President of Regional Community Hospitals, Ronald Bryant, said that Baystate Health has solicited interest in the property from several major developers throughout New England, including leading walkthroughs of the buildings.

"None expressed a willingness to acquire or redevelop the property or the buildings, citing numerous challenges as they stand now, including the difficult layouts of the buildings, abatement and remediation needs, deteriorating market conditions and other factors," Bryant said. "Westmass concluded that demolition of the buildings on

the property is necessary due to the exorbitant costs of abating and retrofitting the buildings."

Hospital Review Committee member Terry Smith said if there is interest in rehabilitating the buildings, then residents need cost estimates to make that happen.

"My position as a resident in this town, is we can never take a title interest in this property, even if it's deemed clean or not clean," Smith said.

A former Mary Lane Hospital employee asked if the town could at least save the original brick building, which is a landmark on South Street.

Westmass Development's President and CEO Jeff Daley said they are considering saving a building, but it would most likely be the medical office building in the back of the property. He said there is a "significant investment" just to separate the building from the others and it would cost around \$400,000-500,000 to do that.

Daley said all of the buildings

are physically and utility connected to each other.

"They're structurally bound together," Daley said.

Daley said he respects the historical significance of the buildings, but the buildings in the front of the property are "floor to ceiling, wall-to-wall, loaded with asbestos," and he said redevelopment is almost impossible.

"Maybe you will find somebody...I've talked to many, many developers, I know Baystate has, nobody is interested, the finances just don't work," Daley said. "You will have to go wall by wall, floor by floor to redevelop those and its tens and hundreds of millions of dollars to do that."

Daley said his professional opinion is that the buildings are not reusable, and he didn't think a nine month moratorium would change that outcome.

"The market isn't there to support those types of buildings anymore, unfortunately," Daley said.

At the close of the meeting, Lak said the commission would have two weeks to notify Building Commissioner Anna Marques if they determine that the buildings are preferably preserved. If they

are, no demolition can occur for nine months unless agreed upon by the commission.

According to the bylaw, the applicant or owner of the property shall work with the commission to develop plans or locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate or restore the subject buildings.

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, Dec. 31**  
 9:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning  
 9:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, West Street, Transported to Hospital  
 1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Nichols Road, Public Assist  
 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Officer Advised  
 4:58 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Wauwinet Road, Property Returned  
 10:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Headache, School South Street, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, Jan. 1**  
 10 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Grove North Street, Negative Contact  
 9:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Dana Road, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Jan. 2**  
 1:21 a.m. Complaint, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:48 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, James

Street, Message Delivered

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**  
 6:48 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Common Street, Report Filed  
 10 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Sheldon Road, Information Taken  
 2:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Information Given  
 3:42 p.m. Keep the Peace, Trafalgar Square, Party Departed without Incident

**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 10:15 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Information Taken  
 10:31 a.m. Serve Warrant, Gauthier Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Gonzalez, Maria, 71, Barre  
 Charges: Warrant  
 6 p.m. Administration, South Street, Report Filed  
 Summons: Siwek, Nicholas Russell, 21, Athol  
 Charges: Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
 9:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Jan. 5**  
 12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Message Delivered  
 1:08 p.m. Public Assist, Oak Street, Dispatch Handled  
 Summons: Mograss, Eric W., 30, South Barre  
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspend, Operating Motor Vehicle with  
 3:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old State Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, south Street, Written Warning

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
 4:53 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Murphy Road, Peace Restored  
 6:10 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Farrington Road, Investigated  
 9:59 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Celona Square, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Cathy Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, Dec. 31**  
 10:51 a.m. Complaint, Lincoln Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:06 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, East Hill Road, Public Assist  
 11:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Convulsing and Bleed, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, Jan. 1**  
 6:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Scott Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

**Tuesday, Jan. 2**  
 10:54 a.m. Fire – Power Lines

Down/Arcing, New Braintree Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 5:55 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ware Corner Road, Officer Advised

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**  
 2:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Abdominal Pain, Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 11:10 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, North Brookfield Road, No Action Required  
 5:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Jan. 5**  
 7:13 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Message Delivered  
 6:24 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Maple Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
 10:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Flu Like Symptoms/Altered Mental State, Transported to Hospital  
 10:34 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ware Corner Road, Officer Advised  
 2:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Edson Road, Transported to Hospital

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, Dec. 31**  
 8:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Welfare Check, Gardner Road, Gone on Arrival  
 9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Thompson Road, Investigated  
 9:15 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Mt. Jefferson Road, Public Assist  
 11:19 p.m. Animal Lost and/or Found, Gardner Road, Animal Returned to Owner

**Monday, Jan. 1**  
 12:47 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Halfrey Road, Entry Gained  
 3:18 p.m. Gunshots, Gardner Road, Unfounded

**Tuesday, Jan. 2**  
 8:46 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Princeton Road, Message Delivered  
 9:15 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty

3:18 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Adams Road, Information Taken

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**  
 4:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital  
 1:26 p.m. Harassment, Gardner Road, Report Filed  
 2:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Lift Assist, Thompson Road, Public Assist  
 4:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulties, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital  
 5:52 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Westminster Road, Area Search Negative

**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 3:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Worcester Road, No Fire Service Necessary  
 6:51 p.m. Emergency Medical

Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital  
 7:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Main Street, Report Filed

**Friday, Jan. 5**  
 8:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Thompson Road, Public Assist

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
 2:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulties, Halfrey Road, Transported to Hospital  
 5:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Morgan Road, Officer Advised  
 6:43 p.m. Fire – Fire Investigation, Barre Road, Fire Extinguished  
 8:33 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Worcester Road, Fire Extinguished  
 10:45 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Road, Information Taken

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, Dec. 31**  
 12:05 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken  
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued  
 6:58 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Milne Road, Animal Returned to Owner  
 8:29 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Gone on Arrival  
 11:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Convulsing and Bleed, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, Jan. 1**  
 12:20 a.m. Noise Complaint – Fireworks, Carly Circle, Unfounded  
 12:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Central Tree Road, Citation Issued  
 Summons: Nutt, Ashley Lauren, 20, Rutland  
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With  
 12:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pomogussett Road, Citation Issued  
 1:45 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pomogussett Road, No Action Required

**Tuesday, Jan. 2**  
 11:43 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
 2:21 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Emerald Road, Information Taken  
 4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
 6:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Turkey Hill Road, Officer Advised  
 11:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Forrest Hill Drive, Public Assist

Services – Abdominal/Back Pain, Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital  
 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue Citation Issued  
 3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Wesson, David K., 54, Shrewsbury  
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Subsequent Offense  
 4:06 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Cheryl Ann Drive, Report Filed  
 4:35 p.m. Assault and Battery, River Road, Investigated

**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 12:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint/S  
 Summons: Mograss, Eric W., 30, South Barre  
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with  
 8:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Ortega, Jorge Luis, 33, Lowell  
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Speeding Rate Of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting Registry of Motor Vehicle Standards, Receive Stolen Property – \$1,200  
 10:20 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Woodside Avenue, Report Filed  
 12:40 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Brintal Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:54 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Campbell Street, Removed Hazard  
 1:55 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained  
 4:35 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Lantern Lane, Information Taken  
 5:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Choking, Valley View Circle, Ambulance Signed Refusal

2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Kavecki, Brandon E., 25, Derry, N.H.  
 Charges: Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
 2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 3:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Lisle, Jay M., 26, Millbury  
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Inspection/Sticker, No  
 3:02 p.m. Flu Like Symptoms, Jackson Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Teresa  
 5:26 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Kenwood Drive, Information Given  
 11:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, No Action Required

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
 8:20 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Lantern Lane, Public Assist  
 10:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Flu Like Symptoms/Altered Mental State, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital  
 12:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Bleeding (Non Traumatic), Miles Road, Transported to Hospital  
 12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Village Way, Mutual Aid Transported  
 2:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Edson Road, Transported to Hospital  
 4:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Public Assist  
 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 9:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Main Street, Public Assist  
 9:56 p.m. Neighborhood Dispute, Maple Avenue, Peace Restored  
 11:25 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Milne Road, Information Taken  
 11:53 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Message Delivered

During the week of Jan. 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 69 building/property checks, 44 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 10 emergency 911 calls, eight radar assignments, four safety hazards, six citizen assists, one assist other agency, four complaints, two motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle investigation, one missing person, one scam, one threat, one animal call and 14 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Handled  
 8:56 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 10:56 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Pond Road, Officer Handled  
 11:48 a.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Dispatch Handled  
 1:42 p.m. Scam, Greenwich Road, Spoken To  
 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

**Thursday, Jan. 11**  
 8:26 a.m. 911 Threat, Main Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 3:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered  
 5:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Jan. 12**  
 7:34 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Petersham Road, Investigated  
 10:03 a.m. Assist Citizen, Parker Court, Spoken To  
 10:13 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Police Department, Officer Handled  
 10:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Miner Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:55 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle

Operations, Hardwick Road, Report Taken  
 9:39 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made

**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
 11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
 3:21 p.m. Missing Person, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
 5:31 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 32, Negative Contact  
 8:04 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Arrest(s) Made

**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
 1:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
 11:35 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered  
 3:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Fiske Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 4:46 p.m. Safety Hazard, Fiske Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 9:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patril Hollow Road, Services Rendered  
 10:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Petersham Road, Vehicle Towed

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Jan. 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 38 directed/area patrols, five traffic controls, four radar assignments, three safety hazards, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, two complaints, two emergency 911 calls, two animal calls and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, Jan. 8**  
 10:04 a.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**  
 8:12 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Gilbertville Road, Taken/ Referred to Other Agency  
 8:14 a.m. 911 Notification, Barre Cut Off Road, Services Rendered  
 2:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
 3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
 4:55 p.m. Safety Hazard, Townwide, Dispatch Handled

**Friday, Jan. 12**  
 8:15 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Road, Citation Issued

**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
 9:52 a.m. Safety Hazard, Oakham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 7:57 p.m. Gunshots, West Road, Negative Contact

**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
 4:47 p.m. Safety Hazard, Townwide, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:42 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pleasantdale Road, Fire Extinguished  
 1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Friday, Jan. 5**  
 11:14 a.m. Complaint, Emerald Road, Negative Contact  
 11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:42 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pleasantdale Road, Fire Extinguished  
 1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

## State Fire Marshal urges to check CO alarms and keep vents clear

STOW – With the season’s first significant snow in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine reminds residents to test their carbon monoxide alarms and keep dryer, furnace and other exhaust vents clear of snow.

“Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of fatal poisoning, and home heating equipment is the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home,” Davine said in a press release. “As part of your storm planning, check your CO alarms to be sure they’re working properly, and if an alarm is past the manufacturer’s recommended lifespan, replace it.”

Residents should also be sure to keep outside vents clear of falling, drifting or shoveled snow.

In January 2005, 7-year-old

Nicole Garofalo died when a heating vent was blocked by snow drifts outside, allowing carbon monoxide to accumulate inside her Plymouth home. This tragedy led to Nicole’s Law, which requires CO alarms on every habitable level of a Massachusetts residence.

“Fuel-fired heating appliances like dryers, furnaces, boilers, and fireplaces are all sources of carbon monoxide,” Davine said. “If the vent or flue is blocked, this poisonous gas can reach deadly levels inside the home. Know where the vents on your home are, be sure to clear them when shoveling and be careful not to blow snow onto them if using a snowblower.”

Massachusetts fire departments detected CO at nearly 5,000 incidents in 2022, officials said and

90% of these calls were at residential settings.

The poison gas can cause headache, fatigue, dizziness and/or nausea at lower concentrations and death at higher concentrations. Exposure while asleep is particularly dangerous.

Children, older adults and people with lung or heart disease are especially vulnerable.

“We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, but we can detect it with working CO alarms,” Davine said. “If your alarm sounds, get outside and call 9-1-1.”

For more information on carbon monoxide and CO alarms, people may visit the Department of Fire Services website, <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-fire-services>.

## GARDEN, continued from page 5

ble mail-order nursery for heirloom roses. Recently, I stumbled upon High Country Roses (www.highcountryroses.com), and I’m impressed with the variety of roses they carry, many of which I am familiar with from working at Old Sturbridge Village: Rosa gallica officinalis and versicolor, Harison’s Yellow, Rosa eglanteria and more.

If heirlooms aren’t your thing, check out the number of ARS

(American Rose Selections) winners for proven success. All of the roses they sell are grown on their own roots by vegetative propagation and are not grafted.

Some arguments in favor of own root roses include better hardiness, increased blooms, vigor and longevity. With over 600 varieties to choose from there is something for new and seasoned rose enthusiasts alike, and a lot of useful information for growers on their website.

Yes, it is the middle of winter and all should be quiet on the gar-

dening front, but it is also a great time to get your orders in to your favorite mail order catalogs. Shop early for the best selection!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

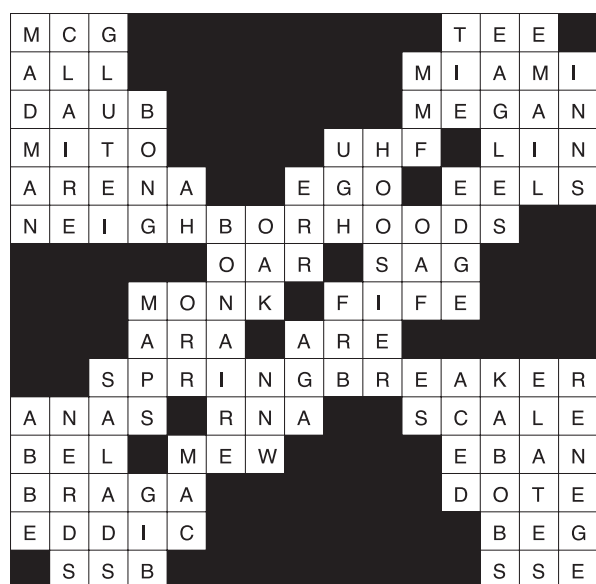
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## TOWN OF OAKHAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

### Notice of Public Hearing

The Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular business meeting on **Thursday, February 1, 2024** in Memorial Hall (Oakham Town Hall), 2 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham, MA. There will be a public hearing scheduled on the following items starting at **6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**VARIANCE** – Owner/Applicant: Calvin Chandonnet and Bridget Chandonnet.

Location: 29 New Braintree Rd. (Oakham's Assessor's Map 406 lot 176).

The applicants are requesting Variance from Chapter XIV Sections 5.6.2; 5.6.4; and 6.5 of the Oakham Zoning Bylaw (set back requirements of the Oakham Zoning Bylaw (side line set back) to build a garage on a non-conforming lot. The applicants may bring all pertinent information and plans with them and may bring a consultant/attorney to answer questions and to represent them at the hearing.

Interested Parties may review the application by calling 508-882-3358 and making an appointment to view at the Town Hall.

Lucy I. Tessna, Chairman  
Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals  
01/18, 01/25/2024

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 328 Old Dana Road, Barre, MA 01005

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shane P Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, said mortgage dated March 31, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64821, Page 312, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Mortgage Research Center LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans to PennyMac Loan Services LLC by assignment dated September

24, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 66138, Page 303; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on February 29, 2024 at 03:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Closing Date: March 31, 2021

Borrower(s): Shane P. Smith

Property Address: 328 Old Dana Road, Barre, MA 01005

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

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of said parcel at the Southeasterly corner of remaining land of Carol E. Burke as shown on said Plan;

Thence along land of said Carol E. Burke North 32 degrees 46 minutes 31 seconds West, fifty-nine and 50/100 (59.50) feet to a point;

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

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

Thence continuing along land of said Bordeaux South 75 degrees 02 minutes 39 seconds East, twenty and 43/100 (20.43) feet to a point;

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

Thence still continuing along land of said Bordeaux and portion of stonewall

North 75 degrees 57 minutes 23 seconds East, fifty and 93/100 (50.93) feet to a point;

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

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

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

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

For title, see deed recorded herewith.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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

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

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The selective use of herbicides to manage vegetation along rights-of-way is done within the context of an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program consisting of mechanical, chemical, natural, and cultural components. In right-of-way vegetation management the pest or target is vegetation (primarily tall growing) that will cause outages and safety issues. National Grid's IVM program encourages natural controls by promoting low growing plant communities that resist invasion by target vegetation. The selective use of herbicides and mechanical controls are the direct techniques used to control target vegetation and help establish and maintain natural controls.

National Grid may utilize any of the herbicides noted the MA Sensitive Materials list. Rodeo, and possibly one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Stump Treatment). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Treatment and Dormant stem treatment). Krenite S or Rodeo, mixed with Escort XP, and one of the following herbicides, Arsenal or Arsenal Powerline, or Milestone will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Treatment). Cambistat as a tree growth regulator. Applications shall not commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the following treatment periods. The herbicide mixes and additional information about rights of way management in Massachusetts can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

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