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QRSD Committee approves regional school agreement update

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BARRE – At the last meeting of 2025 on Dec. 11, the Quabbin Regional School District Committee in a roll call vote unanimously approved an updated regional school agreement.

The next step in the process was to send letters to

the Select Boards of the five Quabbin District member towns – Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham to be voted at either the Annual Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting. All five towns must approve the new regional school agreement. If approved by all the towns, the agreement would need the final approval of the Commissioner of

Education.

Elementary School Student Advisory

A group of Hubbardston Center School students attended the meeting along with their school principal, Erin Cook and new art teacher, Elizabeth Garrett. Garrett teaches art one day a week at the Hubbardston elementary school, one day at the Oakham Center School and the other days at the Quabbin

Regional Middle School to sixth graders.

Garrett showed the committee a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the art curriculum. Students representing kindergarten through fifth grade then talked about their art projects and showed them to the school committee members. Kindergarten students painted mice, first graders drew spooky cats and third

graders created drawings of fancy cafe drinks. The fourth graders following a Halloween theme created haunted houses and drew onion bulbs in a second project.

The fifth graders made cultural masks by creating an armature of their face using aluminum foil. From that framework, they molded their masks using plaster strips. Once hardened, they

painted and decorated their masks. Fifth graders showed their masks, which included Columbian, Chinese, Celtic and Italian origins.

High School Student Advisory

Two Quabbin Regional High School students talked about the Naval Junior Reserve

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The cast of "Into the Woods Jr." danced during a dress rehearsal.

It's time to go 'Into the Woods'

Eagle Hill School presents musical
Jan. 23-25

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – This weekend, the cast and crew of Eagle Hill School's production of "Into the Woods Jr." guarantee it will be worth the journeying to see this humorous, yet touching, adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's groundbreaking musical.

"Into the Woods Jr." will

be performed Friday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road. Tickets are \$10 and are available online at thecenterateaglehill.org or at the Box Office on the days of the show.

Performing Arts Teacher Will Gelinas, director and choreographer of "Into the Woods Jr.," said that originally the students were going to perform a different Sondheim musical, but decided something fun and lighthearted would be a better choice.

"We all just wanted some

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The Witch gets ready to climb Rapunzel's hair.

Planning Board OK'd personal kennel permit

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HARDWICK – The Planning Board continued a public hearing to issue a special permit for a personal kennel to a resident on Patrill Hollow Road.

At the Jan. 13 meeting, Planning Board Chair William Cole read a statement from the town's Animal Control Officer, Tina Lindsay, in support of granting a special permit to applicant Sergio Nieves.

Nieves owns nine dogs, which he keeps at his house at 1376 Patrill Hollow Road, all of which are up to date on vaccinations and registrations.

Lindsay stated the only complaint received for the property was about barking dogs in 2023. She stated the complaint was addressed and there have been no further concerns.

"The applicant has done everything asked of him," Lindsay wrote in her statement to the board.

Animal Inspector and Assistant Animal Control Officer Traci Brearley was in attendance at the hearing, along with Nieves.

"I just want the permit to keep my pets," Nieves said to the board.

Nieves, who is a professional dog and K-9 trainer with a business in East Longmeadow, said he would be willing to accept any conditions the Planning Board set for his special permits, as his goal was to keep his nine dogs at home, as many of them are senior dogs. Nieves said he does not plan on having any more dogs live at his

property.

Planning Board Vice-Chair Harry Comerford said he made a site visit to Nieves' property, which is surrounded by a perimeter fence. He said while there, the dogs were well behaved.

Comerford said he did not observe the dogs barking when he was there, and that since the one in 2023, the Animal Control Officer hasn't received any other complaints.

Planning Board member Jenna Garvey read the Lindsay's recommendations for conditions to apply to the special permit, putting a limit of no more than 20 dogs being allowed on the property at a time, with no outside dogs housed overnight on the property.

Nieves said his friends have brought their dogs over in the past, but that he was willing to stop that if the board asked him to.

The Planning Board members discussed the conditions and agreed that Nieves could have no more than 10 of his personal dogs living at the property, and six outside dogs that could not be housed overnight. The special permit would have a two-year term limit, and Nieves would need to reapply when it approaches expiration.

The board members voted in favor of issuing the special permit to Nieves, with only John Samek in opposition. The special permit required a super majority (four out of five votes) in order to pass, which it did.

Cell tower proposal

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Hardwick to hold Special Town Meeting Thursday

HARDWICK – Voters will take action on three articles at the Special Town Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville.

Police cruiser purchase
Article 1 will ask voters to transfer money from Capital Stabilization to pay costs to purchase a new police cruiser. This article requires a majority vote to pass.

School boiler replacement
Article 2 will ask voters to appropriate money to pay costs of replacing the boiler at the Hardwick Elementary

School, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise provided.

This article will require a two-thirds majority vote if the money will be appropriated through borrowing.

Rail Trail easement
Article 3 will ask voters to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, a permanent easement for the construction, operation and maintenance of a portion of the Mass Central Rail Trail on property identified as Assessor's Map 51, Parcel 1, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 60193, Page 81.

This article requires a majority vote to pass.

Pam Hinckley returns to Paige Library for workshops

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library is excited to welcome back Pam Hinckley this winter for workshops.

There are workshops available for kids to learn basic sewing and embroidery skills and to introduce them to using a sewing machine. In addition to kid's workshops there is a session of knitting and handcrafts for adults.

Hinckley is a resident of Hardwick and has been sewing and knitting since she was a child. She started a sewing business out of her home and now offers classes for children.

Hinckley shared that she had kids who expressed a

lot of interest and wanting to learn how to sew and knit clothes.

This year marks the third year Hinckley has offered these workshops at the Paige Memorial Library. Children have been coming every year to learn this life skill and Hinckley has some new additions this year.

Hinckley was an elementary school teacher when she got out of college, but after having children she stayed home and committed a lot of time to sew and knit. Over the years, Hinckley would build on her sewing and knitting skills while being at home taking care of the kids. All three of Hinckley's children sew.

The workshop for kids starts with hand sewing. Once practicing hand sewing, the kids will begin using

sewing machines to make whatever they want to work on.

For a chosen project by the kids, Hinckley provides simplified version of the project. Last year, kids worked on a lap quilt.

Sewing is a life skill Hinckley feels kids should learn as they grow into adulthood.

"I want to encourage them to do this," Hinckley said. "It's best done by following their interests."

The workshops involve individual projects and group projects. For example, as a group project, kids in previous workshops taught by Hinckley wanted to make a small quilt. Group work helps kids learn how to work together.

Materials for the workshops are provided by

Hinckley. For the kids, they start with embroidery. As she learns their skill level, Hinckley will teach the kids how to use the sewing machine. Various projects are worked on during these workshops. According to Hinckley, it depends on the interest of the kids when it comes to knitting or sewing.

Prior to these workshops, Hinckley offered sewing classes at the Paige Building. These classes stopped around the time when Hinckley opened her business in Ware. Once she retired 11 years ago, she began to miss teaching.

Several years ago, Hinckley contacted Julie Bullock at the Paige Memorial Library and inter-

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Circle of Song rehearsals begin Jan. 29

The start of the Circle of Song choral season has been delayed from Thursday, January 22 until Thursday, Jan. 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall.

Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The next induction for the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame will take place in the fall. The committee is currently taking nominations of former athletes, coaches, teams and outstanding contributors to be selected for the next induction. To be considered, athletes must be out of high school for ten years, coaches retired from their respective sport and contributors considered for their positive support of the Quabbin athletic program over the years. Athletic teams should have advanced to the highest level in district or state competition. Nomination forms are available on the qrds.org athletic website. On the athletic page, look for Hall of Fame and AHF Hall of Fame form. Deadline for applications is March 1 and forms can be mailed to QRHS Hall of Fame Committee, P.O. Box 874, Barre, MA 01005.

Town Election deadlines

Town Clerk Ellen Glidden announces election deadlines for the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 6 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office, located in the Henry Woods Building basement at 40 West St., will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on the following dates for the following Town Election deadlines. Nominations papers are now available. Thursday, Feb. 12 is the last day/time to take out nomination papers. No papers can be issues after 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 by 5 p.m. is the last day/time for candidates to file Town Election nomination papers for verification of signatures. Wednesday, March 4 by 5 p.m. is the last day/time for candidates to withdraw from ballot. Friday, March 27 by 5 p.m. is the last day/time to register to vote. Monday, March 30 by 5 p.m. is the last day/time to request an Early Vote By Mail ballot. Friday, April 3 by 5 p.m. is the last day/time to apply for Absentee Ballot to vote in person. The Test Deck for this election will be run on Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. For questions relating to the Town Election, people may email the Town Clerk at clerk@townofbarre.com or call 978-355-2504, extension 5.

Preschoolers story time on Jan. 26

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a story time for preschoolers on Monday, Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m.

They will read winter themed stories and have a craft time. Parental supervision is required. The

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at edowner@turley.com or call 413-283-8393. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

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Lions Clubs in central Massachusetts worked with the Boys and Girls Club in Worcester and End Hunger New England to package 13,002 meals to combat food insecurity across Worcester County on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Lions Club donates meal packets

This past week, the Barre Lions Club (BLC) donated 1,728 meals to combat food insecurity in the area.

The BLC has been quietly working to help the children in the Quabbin School system for several years and has been in close contact with the Barre Food Pantry as well. Over 430 meals were sent to the High School and another 1,300 meals were delivered to the Barre Food Pantry.

The Barre Lions Club was one of 25 Lions Clubs in central Massachusetts that worked with the Boys and Girls Club in Worcester and End Hunger New England to Package 13,002 meals to combat food insecurity across Worcester County.

All of these groups came together on Sunday Jan. 11 to fight hunger during Lions Club International's Global Week of Service to Combat Food Insecurity. Lions Club International Foundation approved a grant of \$3,000, bankHometown, a commercial sponsor gave a grant of \$1,000 and almost 20 Lions Clubs in Central Mass. pitched in the remaining funds and expenses to demonstrate the power of community collaboration and service.

This huge effort was part of a District-Wide Service Project for Lions Club International District 33A (Central Mass.). 168 volunteers, including 7 Barre Lions Club members, 2 citizens of Barre, local high school Leo Club members, and community volunteers worked side-by-side to package 13,002 nutritious meals for individuals and families throughout the region.



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Food insecurity has become all too common throughout the world and this week Worcester County Lions committed to doing their part to fight it. In less than 3 hours, a group of over 150 untrained volunteers were given instruction to create eight 3-table production lines and create the 13,002 meals. They created 10,000 meals in six-meal packets of Spanish Rice and 3,000 meals in six-meal packets of Minestrone Soup.

This meal-packing event was graciously hosted at the Boys & Girls Club facility in Worcester with a partnership with End Hunger New England, part of The Outreach Program. The goal

was to distribute these meals, at no cost, to local food pantries and community organizations throughout Worcester County.

Mass. District 33A Governor Andrew Keane, Boys & Girls Club of Worcester CEO Liz Hamilton, and Matthew Martin of End Hunger New England helped orchestrated this major Community Service Project to fight food insecurity. To learn more, people may visit www.EndHungerNE.org. For more information or to learn how to get involved, people may email www.lionsdistrict33a.com.

People may email the Barre Lions Club barremalionsclub@aol.com.

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. 26. 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 – Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, fresh fruit, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Buttermilk chicken, herb stuffing, roasted California vegetables, tapioca/diet tapioca, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY – Potato with chili and cheese, roasted broccoli, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread, sour cream

THURSDAY – Hot dog on bun, baked beans, Coleslaw, baked apples, mustard

FRIDAY – Beef stew, white rice, corn niblets, fruited ambrosia, biscuit

*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.

Oakham church to hold benefit breakfast Jan. 24

OAKHAM - A benefit breakfast sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, will be held today from 8-9:30 a.m.

The breakfast will benefit the homeless of Worcester. The menu consists of three kinds of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. All are welcome to attend.



OAKHAM

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Yoga to continue at Senior Center.

The Oakham Council on Aging announces yoga will continue at the Senior Center located in the lower level of the Town Hall. Another eight week session started on Tuesday, Jan. 20 and continues through Tuesday, March 10. All sessions begin at 1 p.m. in the main room of the Senior Center. Yoga is great for maintaining flexibility and balance and teaches people how to calm themselves in times of stress. The cost for all eight sessions is \$40, payable by cash or check before or after class. To join, seniors should call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 or just show up and add their name to the sign up sheet and stretch out their Yoga mat.

Church breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 8-9:30 a.m. The breakfast will benefit the homeless of Worcester. The menu consists of three kinds of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance with. On Thursday, Feb. 12 from 9-9:45 a.m. they will hold an office hour at the Oakham Town Hall. Of Oakham, People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Senior Center

On Monday, Jan. 26 podiatry clinic will take place from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Ongoing activities include Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon puzzling, Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. a walking group meet at Senior Center, Tuesday through Thursdays at 11a.m. walking group meet at Senior Center and Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold meets in the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree (Donation of \$3 per class).

People may ask to be added to the text MSG group by calling the senior center at 508-882-4073. They should leave their cell phone number and name. Thursdays at noon is weigh in at the Senior Center. This is a support weight loss group. Fridays at 10.30 a.m. functional fitness takes place at the New Braintree Town Hall. There is a \$3 donation per class. If people can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal

Coordinator from 9 a.m.-noon by calling 508-882-4072.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Finance Committee – Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 3, March 17 and March 31 at 6:30 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Feb. 3 and Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m.
 Water Commission – Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Feb. 9 at 5 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.
 Barre Common Oversight Committee – Feb. 12 at 5 p.m.
 Town Election Day – April 6 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

HARDWICK

Town Meeting – Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. and March 16 at 3 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Feb. 5
 Gilbertville Public Library – Feb. 11 at 3 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – March 16 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Zoning Board of Appeals hearing – Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Jan. 28 and Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hour – Feb 12 from 11 a.m.-noon

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Jan. 30 at 9 a.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee and Select Board Joint Meeting – Jan. 22 and Jan. 29 at 6 p.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Jan. 22 at 5:03 p.m.
 Historical Commission – Jan. 24 at 1:30 p.m. and Jan. 27 at 5:45 p.m.
 Board of Health – Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

Barre Town Clerk lists offices and candidates up for election

BARRE – Town Clerk Ellen Glidden lists the offices and candidates up for election on April 6.

Polls will be open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Candidates include: Select Board Member for three years – Mark A. Regienus, 300 Spring Hill Road, candidate for re-election; Board of Assessors for three years – Michael G. Landry, 463 West St., candidate for re-election; Board of Health for three years – Michael Collins, 55 Eagle Drive; Water Commissioner for three years – John J. Pimental, Jr., 785 Williamsville Road, candidate for re-election and Sewer Commissioner for three years – Glen C. Alt, 53 Summer St., candidate for re-election.

Other candidates include: Barre Housing Authority Member for five years – Susan E. LaRose, 196 Mechanic St., candidate for re-election; Felton Field Commissioner for three years – Lawrence F. Marshall, 840 Pleasant St., candidate for re-election; Felton Field Commissioner for one year – Frank E. Whitney, 148 Hancock Road; two Library Trustees for three years – Catherine P. Chase, 120 Hardwick Road, candidate for re-election and Dylan S. Clark, 218 Walnut Hill Road, candidate for re-election; Planning Board Member for five years – Matthew D. Urban, 330 Williamsville Road, candidate for re-election; Planning Board Associate Member

for one year – Raymond Robert Beaudoin, 460 Wheelwright Road, candidate for re-election and Quabbin Regional School Committee Member for three years – David H. Marsh, 9 Butterworth Road, candidate for re-election.

A Constable position for two years is vacant.

Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk Office (basement), 40 West St., now through Thursday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. The last day for candidates to withdraw their name from the ballot is Wednesday, March 4 at 5 p.m. For more information, people may either call the town clerk at 978-355-2504, extension 5 or email clerk@townofbarre.com.

HUBBARDSTON

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Legislators hold office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. On Monday, Feb. 9 they will be at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St. from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. People may call Donna 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. 774-402-4742.

Fuel Assistance

To get help with Fuel Assistance, residents may call Pat Lamoureux at the Senior Center at 978-928-1400. She can help with the paperwork needed to apply for discounts.

Senior Center Events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Haston Library lists January events

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., have cozy winter hats, socks and 2026 calendars for community members to share with others.

Library hours are Monday 1-7 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday 1-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. Coming soon the library will expand its technology leading with new laptops, tables and accessibility friendly devices as part of a statewide initiative. More details will be shared as soon as the program is officially announced.

A craft night will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 5:30

p.m. to make frosty winter luminaries. Registration is required by emailing haston-freepubliclibrary@gmail.com or call the library at 508-867-0208. The library will accept clean glass pasta sauce, salsa or mason jars during library hours before Jan. 26. Cozy Mondays are held at the library from 4-5 p.m. People may work on jigsaw puzzles, enjoy adult coloring and/or playing games like mahjong. They also may bring their knitting, crocheting or craft item to work on.

Every Wednesday at 3 p.m. tabletop gaming is held at the library for tweens and teens. No experience is necessary. If interested, they

should call the library at 508-867-0208 or email blamb@cwmar.org. Lego club meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Haston Library Children's Room.

Story Times are held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the library children's room. On Tuesday, Jan. 27 the story is "Ten Ways to Hear Snow" by Cathy Camper and children will do a snow painting with real snow. Art club will meet on Monday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. Normally, the club meets the first and third Monday, but this month it changed to the fourth Monday due to the Jan. 19 holiday. They will make mini yarn hats.

Ham radio club to meet on Jan. 27

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St.

This month's presentation features Bill Simpson of Smokestack Lightning, who will explain the basics of lightning protection and share a short demonstration with his "lightning machine." All licensed amateurs and anyone curious about Amateur Radio are invited to attend, and the public is welcome to stop in – especially homeowners interested in practical lightning safety.

For more information about the club, upcoming events, or licensing opportunities, visit www.QVARC.com.

Rutland Historical Commission to hold informational meetings

RUTLAND – The Department of Conservation and Recreation is proposing to demolish the cell block and place a concrete wall in front of the root cellar.

The Rutland Historical Commission needs people's

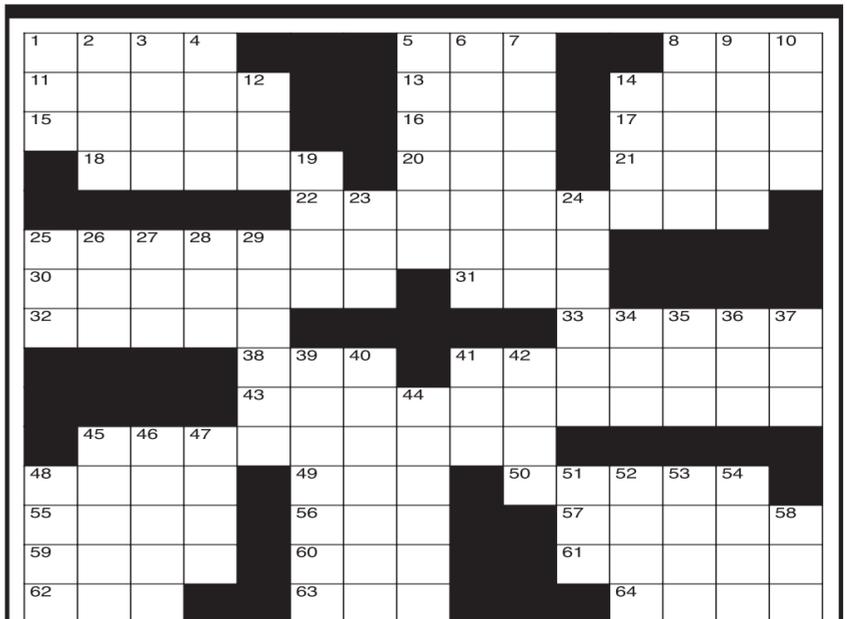
help as they plan a viable, long-term counter-proposal to preserve the site and address DCR's concerns. The Commission will host two informational/planning meetings for this purpose on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 2-4

members of the public, are encouraged to attend. People may scan the QR code to visit the Rutland Historical Commission web page for more details.



Courtesy of Rutland Historical Society
People may use this QR code to visit a Rutland Historical Commission web page for more information.

p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St. in the Blair Room. Anyone with expertise in history, security and engineering/construction, along with all concerned



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- Paddles
- Baseball's best pitchers
- ___ Nui, Easter Island
- Invests in little enterprises
- Constant
- Hobby
- A place to store food
- Short-tail marten
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Left his heart in San Francisco
- Swedish krona
- Legendary actor Connery
- French cleric
- Former measure of length for textiles
- Opaque glassy substance
- Residue of burned item
- A place to unwind
- Japanese honorific
- Terminus
- under Turkish rule
- One who removes antlers from a flower
- Potluck dish
- Discount
- "Partner" to feather
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Cavalry sword
- Basics
- Hollywood director
- Howard
- Afflicted in mind or body
- Horsley and Majors are two
- Midway between northeast and east
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Malaysian isthmus
- Fall back
- Cheek
- Former CIA
- Fails to make a shot
- Journalist Tarbell
- College hoops tournament
- Monetary unit of Macao
- Of she
- Spoke ill of
- Elements
- Kilocalorie (abbr.)
- Shades
- Poem of fourteen lines
- Pole used in Scottish sport
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- Street name for marijuana
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

Correction

In the Jan. 15 Barre Gazette an article on the Barre Finance Committee incorrectly state the Federal government reimburses the town 75% for veterans benefits. It is the state of Massachusetts, which reimburses the towns for veterans benefits.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

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Opinion

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Winter sowing is a fun experiment

“Winter sowing” always comes up as a hot topic on social media this time of year.

The basic premise of winter sowing is to plant your seeds in mini greenhouses (gallon jugs), place the jugs outside and simply let nature take over. The advantage being that no heat mats or lights are needed. No window sills full of seedlings, either.

While I don't think it is as simple as it sounds, I do think trying it would be a fun experiment.

Read on this week and next to consider some of the pros and possible cons of this seed starting technique.

Years ago I read a blog where a master gardener was encouraging folks to start native perennials in milk jugs outside. The seeds of many of these plants require a period of cold and moist stratification to break seed dormancy.

In simple terms, they need to go through winter in order to sprout. Think of it as nature's safety mechanism; seeds germinate at the right time to survive and thrive!

You may ask, then, why not just sow the seeds outdoors in the garden? In theory it sounds good, but in reality “the wild” is not the best seed bed.

From hungry birds and rodents, to wind and drenching rains, success is hit or miss. Safely inside the milk jug, but at the same time outside in the elements to freeze and thaw, freeze and thaw, tricky seeds are coaxed into germinating. Success at your fingertips!

Here are the nuts and bolts! Start with clean gallon containers, the see-through kind that water or milk come in. About four inches up, just below the handle, safely cut around the jug, leaving an inch or so on either side of the handle as a “hinge.”

You should be able to bend the top back and forth. Make a number of drainage holes in the bottom; three or four per quadrant.

There is a lot of advice out there on how to do that, from drilling holes, to twisting an exacto knife around and around and even using a hot tool to melt a hole in the plastic (really!). I generally like to make holes in reused plastic containers by banging a large nail through the bottom into a piece of scrap lumber placed underneath.

Once the drainage holes are made, fill the bottom of the jug with moist seed starting mix. With the soil in place, sow your seeds.

If the seeds are tiny or even relatively tiny, don't cover them with soil, simply space them out evenly on top and press into the

surface.

You may wonder how to deal with tiny seed. I place it in a folded index card and gently tap the card so that the seeds fly out. If you can handle the seed easily, do cover with only a small amount soil, say an eighth of an inch or so and firm down.

How many seeds to sow is a tricky question. If you want to keep the plants in the jug until they go in the garden, then hope for four plants, maybe six per jug at the most, figuring how big they will be at transplant stage.

For tricky germinators, perhaps double or triple the amount of seed you sow versus how many you desire. If germination is great, you can always transplant some out.

Close the container and seal it with duct tape. Be sure to label the jug with the plant name via a paint pen, really the only writing utensil that won't smear, fade or wash away when exposed to the elements.

Place the jugs in full exposure outdoors and with the cap off, so that heat can escape and small amounts of moisture can penetrate. When the temperature outdoors heats up past 60 degrees, be sure to take the duct tape off and vent your seedlings. Check often and water as needed.

The pros recommend to cover with a blanket if frost threatens or even move heat lovers inside on cold nights so that the seedlings won't freeze. To prevent tip-over by four-legged friends or playful kids, pros also suggest putting the jugs in trays or bins.

As you can see, this method is not maintenance-free, but certainly worthy of a try especially for gardeners who are short on indoor space or in the mood to get their hands dirty earlier in the season than normal! January and February is the perfect time to start seeds that need a cold treatment.

Look for key terms on the seed packet, such as “stratification needed,” “sow in the fall,” etc. You can also use this technique to sow cold hardy annuals in March- think chard, spinach, kale, snapdragons, bachelor button and the like.

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In Past Pages

Look Back - Chair Project – 2016



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Seated on paper chairs in the front from left, are Matthew VanDyke, Anthony Robidoux and Ava Walker, and standing from left, Maddison Willigar, Jasmine Rocheleau, Sophie Kiley, Ashley Girouard and Isabella Quink

5 years (Jan. 28, 2021)

Barre Selectmen voted two to one, with Matthew Urban opposed, to pay the lease for Quabbin Regional School District request for the expenditure of funds related to cover the lease of the HUDL FOCUS hi-def camera system in the Quabbin Regional High School gymnasium from P.E.G. Access funds. The town administrator said since 2017 the board of selectmen released some PEG funds to cover the lease of this HUDL – hi-def camera system to cover athletic games along with events in the gymnasium including

basketball games. The cost is \$3,000.

After some technical difficulties, state Rep. Donald Berthiaume joined the Barre Board of Selectmen's virtual meeting Jan. 4. Selectman chair Gregory O'Sullivan invited Berthiaume to the meeting to discuss cable access issues in town. O'Sullivan said the board had no success with the cable company for a reasonable solution. The estimated cost to run cable to the last four or five roads in town without cable was \$700,000 to \$800,000. The cable company said there was nothing in the town contract, which coerces them to run any

cable unless the road has a minimum density of ten houses per mile.

Berthiaume said in his experience he negotiated a contract twice when he was a Selectman in Spencer. He said cable companies are historically the hardest to deal with because they kind of have a monopoly. The contracted cable company owned all the wires. It would be hard to get another cable provider to provide serve as the company would have to rent the current company's wires, making the cost prohibitive.

The Barre Town

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I'm divorced; can I get benefits from my ex-husband?

Dear Rusty:

After 16 years of marriage, we were divorced. I have never remarried, but he has. When he starts collecting Social Security (he is 64 now and still working), is it true that I can claim ex-spousal benefits or does that go to the current wife? How would I find this info?

Signed: A Divorced Spouse

Dear Divorced Spouse:

The fact that your ex-husband has remarried has no influence on your ability to collect benefits based on his record. If you are eligible for ex-spouse benefits (because you did not remarry), you can get those benefits regardless of whether his current wife collects benefits on his record. In other words, both you and his current wife can both collect spousal benefits from your ex-husband's earnings record.



By Russell Gloor

Your eligibility for an ex-spouse benefit is determined by comparing your own SS retirement benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA) to his – if your own SS benefit at your FRA is less than 50% of your ex's FRA benefit entitlement, and you were married to your ex for more than 10 years, are not currently married and are at least 62 years old, then you can get a “spousal boost” (an amount added to your own Social Security retirement amount). In fact, if you have been divorced for over two years, you can get an ex-spouse benefit even though he is not yet receiving his own SS retirement benefit.

Be aware, however, if you claim any Social Security benefit (both your own SS

retirement amount and your ex-spouse “spousal boost”) before you reach your full retirement

age, the monthly amount you get will be reduced according to how much before your full retirement age you claim. Spouse and ex-spouse benefits reach maximum at your full retirement age but are reduced if claimed earlier than your full retirement age. Claiming your benefits as an ex-spouse will also result in you receiving your own SS retirement benefit (reduced if you haven't yet reached FRA).

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to make a telephone appointment to evaluate whether you are entitled benefits as an ex-spouse. If your own SS retirement benefit at

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

This will be a short column as I was late in sending it in.

I forgot about Monday being a holiday. I am alive but the snow situation has been a problem on Serenity Hill. My plow man came, but then it snowed a lot more and the snow came off the trees.

My helper was unable to come and got stuck on the main road. This winter has been a tough one especially for us older folks. It has been very cold and snowy. More snow is coming next week.

Here is a recipe for a pedicure soak. Because I take showers instead of baths I keep the water in the tub

while I shower and that helps soak the feet. I have a lady who does my toenails and fingernails and she recommends vinegar soaks. Here is the recipe I found for a pedicure soak in the newspaper a while ago. Mix 1/4 cup Listerine mouthwash, any kind, but blue is preferred., 1/4 cup white vinegar and 1/2 cup warm water and soak for 10 minutes. The dead skin comes right off and makes your feet so soft.

This and That

I made the hamburger stroganoff this week and added one chopped up zucchini. It was delicious. You can also use chicken instead of ham-

burg or beef. Another thing I made was banana pudding in a pie plate and then put real whipped cream that I whipped. I used to buy the pressured whipped cream containers but you get so much more out of a small box of heavy cream. Just add sugar and vanilla. Hope we don't get too much snow as it is starting to pile up next to the front door. My handyman got groceries for me as my helper had a little accident and landed in a ditch. She had to call her service and it took three hours for them to come. She was very upset. I hope you all have a nice week.

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Administrator said the town had a really big jump in COVID cases the past week according to the Public Health Nurse. The town had 31 new cases, which meant it was still in the red as a high-risk community.

10 years (Jan. 28, 2016)

The Barre Savings Bank and Fidelity Bank joined forces recently with gifts of \$1,000 from each to support the Barre Historical Society's ongoing renovations project. As announced earlier, the two institutions expect to complete plans for a merger under the Fidelity Bank charter during the second quarter, at which time a \$1.5 million community foundation will be established to provide support to nonprofit organizations in the Barre, Paxton and Princeton area. "The Barre Historical Society's work to restore and archive its valuable collection of historic memorabilia is critical to preserving the town's story for the benefit of generations to come," said Fidelity Bank Chairman and CEO Edward Manzi, Jr. "Barre will soon be a prominent part of the Fidelity Bank family, and the Town's past, present, and future are as important to us as they have always been to Barre Savings Bank."

Michael and Michelle Pillsbury of Rutland, the proud parents of Michael J. Pillsbury, Jr., 18, announce his successful completion of eight-weeks basic training and graduation from the U.S. Coast Guard. Michael graduated with Romeo 191 and will be stationed on the famous class USCG Cutter Campbell in Kittery, Maine. Early missions include maritime patrol in Cape Cod and Islands, Canadian waters, the Caribbean and recently the Panama Canal and Costa Rica. He has brothers, Kory, Colin and Connor at home and a sister, Katelyn.

For the second time this season, the Eagle Hill swam in a tri-meet. This time they split in the meet, after losing both end two days earlier. They were 86-26 winners over Mustangs of The MacDuffie School from Granby, while falling to Bulldogs of The Bancroft School from Worcester, 71-66. Overall Eagle Hill had four first place finishes. Unlike a dual meet, where each team is assigned three lanes, even or odd, a tri-meet has the swimmer has just two lanes for each team and they are scored in head to head competition and is thus three meets. The swimmer get the points based upon where they finish overall. Bancroft, which took first in six events won against both teams. In addition to the 71-66 score over Eagle Hill, they also topped MacDuffie 78-28. As a coed meet, there were no separate heats for boys and girls. They all swam together. They meet got underway with the 200-medley relay. Bancroft took first with Dina

Zayaruzny, Tyler Paula, Christy Magiacotti and Hoach Keates. Their 2:09.41 was two seconds faster than that of the Eagle Hill four-some of Lucas Dellaporta, Sam Burrough, Richard Kreuser and Will Prentice.

25 years (Jan. 25, 2001)

When George W. Bush was sworn in last week as the 43rd President of the United States, hundreds of thousands witnessed his taking the oath. And among the throng was state Rep. David Tuttle (R-Barre), who traveled to Washington by invitation after serving as one of Bush's campaign leaders in Massachusetts. "Look, I'm from Barre, Massachusetts. I grew up here. We are about as middle class as they come," he said. But last week he found himself in the same room with White House Staff Andrew Card, Secretary of State Colin Powell and other high ranking members of the new Bush team.

The new owner of the house located on 645 Scott Road offered the house for a controlled burn and training exercise for the Oakham Fire Department. This is the second house and property in Oakham John Silva purchased with the intentions to develop the acreage with houses. It appears the former Lane house will meet the same fate as another house on Scott Road. The Dogul house was a controlled burn exercise for the Oakham Fire Department several years ago.

When Hardwick Senior Center Director Laura McIntyre suggested an innovative way for the senior population to pay their taxes through barter, Selectmen took the ball and ran with it. Last year, Selectman Andrew Swistak told members he had investigated the possibility of allowing senior citizens to pay their property taxes by working for the town. The reductions are processed as abatements and charged against Hardwick's overlay account. While this opportunity became legally viable in July 1989, it is up to individual towns to adopt the statue.

38 years (Jan. 28, 1988)

Nomination papers for Barre's upcoming town elections on April 4 became available last Jan. 25 and as of 12:30 p.m. yesterday, five Barre residents had taken out papers for various positions. All are incumbents except for Genevieve Fraser, who took nomination papers out for the one open position on the Board of Health. Walter Flister, whose term expires this year, took out papers for one of two open positions for Library Trustee. Beverly Boyer will run for Town Treasurer again. Alice Heyes will be seeking re-election to the position of Barre Tax Collector and Earl Sample will attempt to be reelected to the one open position available on the Board of Selectmen, his term expires

this year.

The entire Barre elementary faculty met with representatives of the Mount Vernon Group architectural firm on Jan. 19 to hear of the current status of the building addition project at Ruggles Lane. Following a detailed explanation of the floor plan using schematic design drawings, the representatives fielded questions and noted concerns and suggestions brought forth by the teachers. This activity, coupled with the Governor's signing of the School Building Assistance Bureau's funding legislation served to heighten the level of anticipation as the teachers await construction of the new facility.

There were probably a few ghosts in the Quabbin gym last Friday night, but it was that type of "spirit" which helped lead the Quabbin boys basketball team to perhaps the biggest upset win in the Wachusett League this season, a heart-stopping 57-56 win over North Middlesex. The 7-3 Patriots held the lead into late in the ball game when Quabbin pulled off some last-second magic to thrill a packed house who was there to honor another outstanding Panther team, the 1972-73 Wachusett League champions



Creating a Greater Barre Blue Zone - Part Two

By Lisa Marselle

Blue Zone areas around the world host the largest populations of healthy and happy 100-year-olds.

Implementing the common lifestyle practices that run through these communities can benefit anyone and be a wonderful gift to oneself during this holiday season. The importance of physical movement, resting and stress-relief, healthy community and family ties and purpose were discussed in Creating a Greater Barre Blue Zone - Part One. And now, the rest of the Blue Zone story.

How people in Blue Zones fuel their bodies differ from our typical American diet. Blue Zone meals are made of more basic, unprocessed, plant-rich foods like vegetables, fruits, beans, lentils, nuts, seeds and whole grains such as barley, buckwheat, corn, millet, oats and quinoa. Herbs and spices like basil, oregano, rosemary, sage, fennel seeds, turmeric, cinnamon and garlic, among the many available, mean endless possibilities to season these basic meals.

Think minestrone soup, pizza hummus, sesame soba noodles, red lentil soup, rosemary sweet potatoes, 4 bean salad, oatmeal with cinnamon, apples and pears with a light sprinkle of turmeric. More herbs and spices mean less sugar and salt. Eating meat and fish hap-

pens in Blue Zones, but the priority is plants.

Upping your game here increases fiber, vitamin and antioxidant intake. For drinks, water, herbal teas made with fennel, rosemary, sage and oregano, and the occasional glass of red wine help hydrate us the Blue Zone way too.

Here's an easy brown lentil soup recipe.

BROWN LENTIL SOUP

Olive oil - 2 tablespoons

Onion - 1, finely chopped

Carrots - 2, peeled and sliced thinly

Celery - 2 stalks, sliced thinly including leaves

Brown or green lentils - 1 pound bag (16 ounces)

10 cups water

Diced tomatoes - 1 can, 14 ounces

Ground cumin - 2 teaspoon

Salt - 1 teaspoon

Frozen peas - 1/2 cup

Frozen green beans - 1/2 cup

To a large pot, add olive oil, heat gently. Add onion, carrots and celery. Stir frequently for 5 - 8 minutes until tender. Add lentils, water, diced tomatoes, cumin and salt. Bring to a boil, then simmer for about 30 minutes or until lentils are soft. Add peas and green beans and heat until thoroughly warmed. Adjust salt and black pepper to taste.

This soup is very flexible in the vegetable department. I add peas and green beans, but if I don't have these on hand, other vegetables can be used, includ-

ing diced potatoes, peppers and frozen corn, vegetable blends or mixes. This soup will thicken with time, so add more water if you'd like a thinner soup.

Fun Fact: Roman Gladiators ate the Blue Zone way and Pliny the Elder, a Roman author and historian, described them as "barley eaters."

When we eat more basic or "low on the food chain" foods, we help ourselves and the Earth too. A food chain shows who eats who, and how nutrients and energy flow through an ecosystem. Vegetables, fruit, beans, lentils and such are the lowest level of the food chain as they simply convert sunlight into energy to grow. Plants are not only nutrient-dense and minimally processed, they require far fewer of the Earth's resources such as water, while significantly lowering carbon emissions and deforestation.

All in all, gift yourself these Blue Zone habits during this holiday season and all year long. Take a walk after a lunch of brown lentil soup, a slice of multi-seed bread and an apple. Stop to chat with a neighbor or coworker on your walk. Take a time-out before going back to work, a fulfilling hobby or volunteering gig. While change is difficult, every little move towards a Blue Zone way of life will be a gift to yourself, your family and your community. As the Blue Zone motto goes, "Live Better, Longer."™

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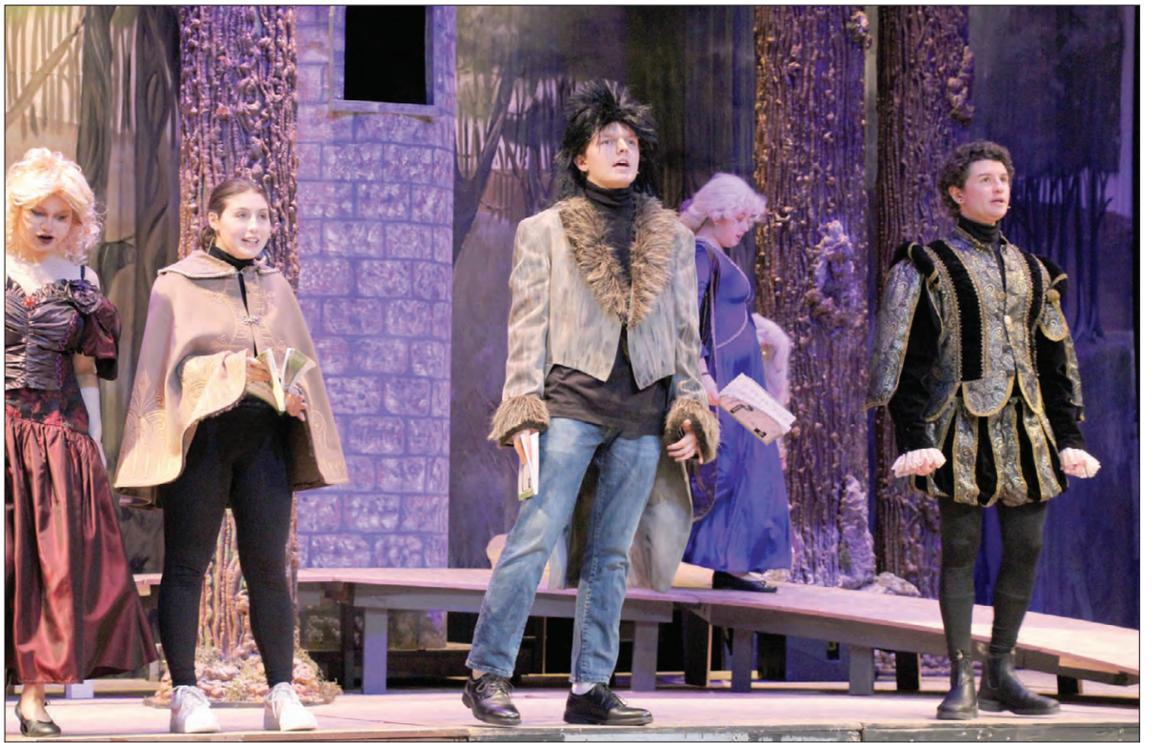
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Little Red Riding Hood encountered the Wolf on her way to Granny's house in Eagle Hill School's production of "Into the Woods Jr." to be performed Friday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road.

"Into the Woods Jr." is an adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's famed musical, which gives a different spin on classic fairytales.

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childlike happiness," Gelinis said. "We all deserve a happily ever after."

Gelinis said Sondheim is one of the most celebrated composers of all time and a Broadway legend. Being able to perform "Into the Woods Jr." has been "really meaningful" for the students.

"The kids are having a really fun time," he said. "We're really looking forward to getting an audience. We appreciate the community's continued support and patronage."

"Into the Woods Jr." follows three main characters that are based on classic fairy tales: Cinderella, Jack (of bean stock fame) and the Baker. Each of these characters decides to journey into the magical woods, in hopes of finding the answers to their problems.

Along the way, they encounter two well-known fairy tale villains, the Witch and the Wolf.

The Witch is played by Eagle Hill School senior Griffin, who never thought he



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The Witch explained her reasons for laying a curse on the Baker's parents.

would have the chance to play this iconic role, made famous by actress Bernadette Peters.

"I've loved this show since I was very small," Griffin said. "I would sing all of the Witch's songs constantly."

Griffin said there is even a video of him singing the Witch's Rap at the age of 9.

Griffin attended school in New York, before coming to Eagle Hill School, and he is now enjoying his second year. One of his favorite things about Eagle Hill School is its impressive theater department and the opportunities it has given him to grow as a performer.



Cinderella cleaned the floors while her father, stepmother and stepsisters went to the festival without her.

"I'm so thankful, so grateful," Griffin said.

Griffin has also developed as a writer with the support of Gelinis and other teachers, and his one-act play; "Love, You're Not Alone" will be performed by Eagle Hill School at the annual Massachusetts Educational

Theater Guild's High School Drama Festival. This festival features over 100 one-act plays being performed by various high schools.

"Love, You're Not Alone" is about four teenagers across the U.S. experiencing the AIDS crisis in the early 1980s. Inspired by music

great David Bowie, Griffin has incorporated many of his songs into the play.

The Wolf, another villain in "Into the Woods Jr.", is played by Quabbin Regional High School senior Aidan Mahoney, who has returned for his fifth production at Eagle Hill School.

In addition to the Wolf, Mahoney is also cast as Cinderella's Prince. The Prince's song, "Agony", is one that he is most excited about being able to perform on stage.

"I love all the little moments the Prince has," he said.

Mahoney is also joined by two other Quabbin students, siblings Sebastian Palomera-Espinoza and Ximena Palomera-Espinoza.

Both Griffin and Mahoney are planning to pursue theater and theater education in college after they graduate high school this spring, both saying they were inspired to do so because of the wonderful teachers they've had in their lives.

"They have had such an impact on me," Griffin said.



The cast of "Into the Woods Jr." sang during a dress rehearsal.

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Officers Training Corps program at the school and the recent production "Shrek the Musical" by middle and high school students. They said Spirit Week was coming up. Each day had a different theme such as sweater day, pajama day, dress like a teacher day and more.

Superintendent report QRSD Superintendent Colleen Mucha said there are over 100 home school students in the district. She made some home visits. She told those families about programs their children could participate in at the Quabbin schools and learned why they opted to home school their children.

She said last week, she and QRSD Committee Chairman Mark Brophy visited with officials at the North Brookfield School District including their superintendent regarding tuitioning their students to Quabbin Regional High School. North Brookfield High School has small graduating classes between 18 to 25. They were searching with Quaboag Regional, Spencer

and Quabbin Regional school districts for alternative ways to education their middle and high school students. They planned to education elementary students in town.

She presented a proposal of \$17,000 per student for tuition. That amount did not include transportation or any special education services not offered by the Quabbin District. She told them the Quabbin District would also be open to a regional agreement in the future. A regional agreement required approval at Town Meeting of all the current member towns. Quabbin School District at present has 60 North Brookfield school choice students attending their schools including elementary through high school.

She said she met with Mass Hire, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, United States Department of Agriculture, Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education about opening an agricultural program by the district. She said there is a need for such a program in Central Massachusetts.

Her goal was to implement such a program in 2027. She said it would most likely be based at the New Braintree Grade School and use school vans to transport students to cooperating local farms as part of the program. The nearest agricultural program is Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School in Northampton. CMRPC agreed to help facilitate the process by sending out community surveys and holding focus groups.

School committee stipends Superintendent Mucha said the school committee stipends amounts although voted in the budget were not clearly disclosed. The committee voted via roll call to clarify the previously voted stipends, a total amount of \$7,600 with \$7,500 divided among the 15 committee members and \$100 extra for the school committee chairman. School Committee member Debra Chamberlain said she was "disappointed in the way this happened." The stipend amount received approval by all the towns at Town Meetings and the stipends were already distributed in November to the committee members.

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Turning back the hands of time

The Clock Barn nears two decades in business

By Ryan Drago
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Clock Barn was first established in 2007 and was founded by Carolyn and Bob Davenport.

The business started off as an antique shop and went by the name, the Noisy Beagle Antique Shoppe. By the end of 2007, the Davenports began repairing clocks and the business just took off from there.

The Davenports and their business were mentioned in an article featured in an antiques journal and were recognized as specializing in clockwork and clock repair. Soon Carolyn and Bob would have their business focus more on clocks, and The Clock Barn was born.

The Clock Barn works on antique and modern clocks of many types from grandfather clocks, mantel clocks and wall clocks. Bob mentioned the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York were the home states of the many mass producers of clocks.

On average, before the digital age, a single household could have anywhere from three to four clocks. Carolyn said these clocks become part of a family's memories.

"They love them for their nostalgia," she said. "They remember seeing them in their grandparents' home."

The Clock Barn not only offers clock repair but also features a store in North Brookfield where they sell



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Retro Infinity wall clocks are for sale at The Clock Barn store.

antique clocks and modern clocks of various styles. There is a lot of ticking going on in The Clock Barn store coming from cuckoo clocks, whimsical clocks, mantel clocks, grandfather clocks, and mantel clocks.

Early in business Carolyn bought Bob a mechanical wind-up clock and soon the couple began buying some clocks. The pair started getting some clocks fixed and one day Bob decided he wanted to learn how to repair clocks.

One helpful source Davenport found while learning about the clock business is the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc. The National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc. is a nonprofit association of people who share a passion for collecting watches and clocks and studying horology.

Though he had collected suggestions and support from other clock workers, Bob was self-taught. Though clockwork can be described as complicated work, all the learning paid off, and The

Clock Barn has gained a lot of dedicated customers over the years and has received excellent reviews.

"We built a business out of nothing," both Carolyn and Bob said.

In addition to the shop, The Clock Barn also includes the workshop, where all the repairs are done. Bob shared that the oldest clock he ever worked on was from the 1750s. According to Bob, any vintage clock can still work; it just needs attention, care, and maintenance.

Throughout the store, there were various clocks made by notable manufacturers. Infinity clocks were displayed on the wall of The Clock Barn store. These wall clocks were retro and brought a mid-century look.

There were also Allen design clocks, which were a style of clocks where the framework could be designed as faces or various items. The store at The Clock Barn had Allen design clocks that looked like ladybugs, bears, teapots, parachutes and other various items.



Allen design clocks of various styles are ticking away inside The Clock Barn.

for clock repairs. He would collect the movements from clocks and bring them back to his shop for repair.

One clock in his workshop is a 1800s period clock where the power comes from the weights. A pendulum regulates timekeeping and at every tick, the pendulum gets a push from the movement. Bob described this clock as a time and strike clock.

There are lots of moving parts in clocks, including the "wheels" as they're called rather than gears. The saying, "tick, tap," rather than "tick, tock," is what makes the pendulum go in opposite direction.

"It has to be in beat to work efficiently," Bob said.

Bob shared a brief history of grandfather clocks. Originally, these clocks were known as long-case clocks or tall-case clocks. The name "grandfather" came along sometime in the late 19th century.

Most of the repair work Bob does is finding parts out of movements for clocks, which can be easy to track because they were mass produced. He also does a lot of teeth replacement or repair on the wheels or gears for the movements.

Bob's favorite clocks are the antique grandfather clocks

because he enjoys their history.

While exploring antique clocks, Bob enjoys finding old repair notes, names, and dates on when the clocks were last worked on. In addition to all the disassembling, Bob said clockwork involves a lot of polishing, installing, and inspecting.

"It takes a lot to learn this job," he said. "I'm pretty determined when I learn to do something."

Bob admitted that he is mostly self-taught and has learned a lot by doing the job of clock repair.

As of now, The Clock Barn operation is going semi-retired and will be taking a limited amount of work of going forward. The store is still open, but by appointment.

Whether they're in the store, the workshop, or in their own home, the Davenports are greeted by the ticking of the clocks that are a part of The Clock Barn.

"The ticking is the heartbeat of the house," Carolyn said.

To make an appointment or contact The Clock Barn, call 508-867-7475 or email theclockbarn@verizon.net. To learn more, visit www.theclockbarn.com.

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Cole said the board received a letter from KCI Technology regarding a proposed cell tower at the Goodfield Farm property on Barre Road. He said the board has not received a complete application for the project at this time.

Cole said the proposed project involves the construction of a 180-foot monopole with cellphone carrier Verizon being the anchor tenant. He said there would be room on the pole for other cellphone carriers as well.

Cole said when the board receives the complete application; a public hearing date will be set.

"When the application comes in, it will be on the agenda," Cole said.

Recorded meetings
Resident William Tinker, who also serves on the Select Board, asked the

Planning Board members for their input regarding the recording of meetings. He asked the board members if they supported having their meetings video recorded and archived.

Tinker, and others in attendance at the meeting, said it is challenging for many residents to attend board and committee meetings due to work, family and personal obligations. Others said driving at night was oftentimes a deterrent, and that some residents are homebound and unable to attend.

"We certainly don't want to keep anyone out, but we haven't seen the need to record," Cole said.

Resident Judi Korzec said it is difficult for people to get to meetings, and that the town would see greater participation if meeting recordings were available.

"Sometimes you just can't show up," Korzec said.

"It's important to see what's going on in these meetings," Muddy Brook update

Board of Health member Richard Romano and Conservation Commission member Bill Zinni provided an update to the Planning Board about the protection of the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed.

Romano said the Department of Environmental Protection released groundwater monitoring reports from test well samples taken around the former landfill on Patrill Hollow Road.

"There's all kinds of contamination in the groundwater," Romano said.

Romano said the reason Muddy Brook needs to be protected is for human health, safety and the environment.

The Muddy Brook aquifer also supplies drinking water to the town of Ware's Barnes Street well.

shops involve a group of people who love to knit and do handcrafts. These adults like to socialize and work on various projects.

Hinckley is there to help and take questions if the adults have any. It is a fun get-together for the adults. Many adults bring knitted handcrafts, while some enjoy doing some beading and crocheting.

Hinckley says the adults bring their own project.

"Whatever they're working on," she said.

There are usually 10 to 15 adults every Saturday during Hinckley's workshops.

Hinckley will continue to

offer these workshops at the Paige Memorial Library on an annual basis. The biggest benefit is having fun.

The following dates for these workshops at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, are Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 7 and March 14. Kids can sew from 9-10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to six students ages 7-12, pre-registration is required.

Knitting and handcrafts for adults take place from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. For more information, contact Hinckley at 413-477-6004 or email pahinckley@gmail.com.

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est was soon sparked to have some workshops for sewing and knitting. Hinckley has always offered these workshops in the winter-time, during the months of January, February, and March.

Kids have done many unique projects during these workshops. From basic knitting stitches, to sewing items like zippered cloth bags and pin cushions.

These workshops don't just apply to kids, but there is a session available for adults. Hinckley says the adult portion of the work-

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your FRA is less than half of your ex's FRA entitlement, you will be. To apply for those benefits you will need a copy of your divorce decree (and perhaps your marriage certificate), and

your ex-husband's Social Security number (if you do not have his SSN, you can provide his date and place of birth and his parents' names, and SSA will likely be able to locate your ex's SS record).

SSA will be able to tell

you what your total monthly benefit as an ex-spouse will be when you meet with them, at which point you can decide whether to claim your benefits early or wait until your FRA to achieve your maximum amount as an ex-spouse.

Public Notices

Oakham Conservation Commission
There will be an NOI hearing at the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00p.m.** The applicant, Christina O'Brien of Leicester, filed the NOI for the construction of a single-family home at 0 Old Turnpike Rd., Oakham. This is a buffer zone only project near a BVW.
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
Oakham Conservation Commission
01/22/2026

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO21P1647EA Estate of: Michael Thomas Watson Also known as: Michael Watson Date of Death: 01/22/2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Eric A Watson of Rutland, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law, 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2026
Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
01/22/2026

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

35TH ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW sponsored by the Princeton Arts Society at the Gallery at Briarwood, 65 Briarwood Circle, Worcester. Art work will be on display now through March 5. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The show is open to all Princeton Arts members. Artist can become a member anytime by visiting www.princetonarts.org. For detailed information about the show, people may visit www.princetonarts.org.

STURBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM will take place today at 7 p.m. in The Publick House. Regan Miner, the Development Director for The Last Green Valley, will speak about "The Notables and Notorious of the American Revolution: Curious and Infamous Characters from the Last Green Valley." Not every hero held a musket. The people living in the area now known as The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor shaped and helped win the American Revolution. They fueled the passion for declaring independence, bravely signed the Declaration, supported the war effort and were integral in the earliest days of our democracy. TLGV Heritage Corridor, which encompasses 35 towns in south central and eastern Connecticut from Brimfield to Norwich, is a region that spurred the revolutionary leadership of Samuel Huntington and Jonathan Trumbull but also spawned the traitorous Benedict Arnold.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

FREE SKATING DAY at the 12,000 sq. ft. Oval Ice Skating Rink, downtown Worcester is sponsored by Blue Cross. Free ice skating will take place today from 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 24 from 1-6 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25, 1-6 p.m. Children aged 12 and under can also enjoy complimentary skate rentals, making these events accessible for families across the region.

EQLT WELLNESS WALKS will be held today at 10 a.m. at the Prince River Preserve, Flaherty Road, Barre. Other dates include: Sunday, Feb. 1 at 4:30 p.m. at the Mandell Hill Preserve, 660 Barre Road, Hardwick; Saturday, Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. Pynchon's Grist Mill Preserve, 165 Wickaboag Valley Road, West Brookfield; Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 11:45 a.m. at Grenville Park to Church Street via Mass. Central Rail Trail meet at Grenville Park parking lot, 73 Church St., Ware; Sunday, March

Where is this?



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Jan. 26. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the entrance to Rietta Ranch, Gardner Road, Hubbardston.

8 at 9:30 a.m. at Deer Park Preserve and Coxhall Kitchen Garden, 481 Barre Road, Hardwick; Wednesday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Patrill Hollow Preserve, 1015 Hardwick Road, Hardwick. RSVP to East Quabbin Land Trust is requested, but not required by emailing atrevvett@eqlt.org.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

BENEFIT BREAKFAST sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, will be held today from 8-9:30 a.m. The breakfast will benefit the homeless of Worcester. The menu consists of three kinds of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. All are welcome to attend.

INFORMATIONAL/PLANNING MEETINGS will be held today from 2-4 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 425 Main St., in the Blair Room. The Department of Conservation and Recreation propose to demolish the cell block and place a concrete wall in front of the root cellar at the former Prison Camps. Anyone with expertise in history, security, and engineering/construction, along with all concerned members of the public, are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS starts their winter-spring session today from 7-8:30 p.m. at Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St. Rehearsal will be every Thursday between now and Thursday, May 14 with the concert on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall. Circle of song is particularly in need of altos this session. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome. The chorus sings in four-part harmony and there is a modest sliding scale membership fee with deep discounts for students. People may email director Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

THEATRE AT MOUNT AUDI-

TIONS for "Willy Wonka Jr." will take place today by appointment at the Theatre at Mount, 444 Green St., Gardner. Roles are available for children and teens. All experience levels are welcome. For more information and to schedule an audition, people may email box-office@mwcc.mass.edu or call 978-630-9388.

Vocal auditioners will be asked to sing a short vocal selection, which will be taught at the audition. All auditioners including chorus will participate in a dance audition.. The combination will be taught at the audition. They should wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Some performers may be asked to do cold readings from the script. Rehearsals begin in early February with performances scheduled for April.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

A MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER will be held today from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland. Menu includes pancakes (gluten free will be available) bacon, sausage and fruit. There will be live music and raffles. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for ages 3 and under. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 508-886-4453.

BIRD BANDING WITH FEZATTE, entitled "Its Origins, Uses and Future in Conservation," and originally scheduled for Jan. 17, was postponed due to weather to today at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland.

Calendar Policy

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

Paige Memorial Library offers fun and learning

HARDWICK – This winter, Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, wants to educate and amuse you.

On Saturday, Jan. 24 at noon, Elizabeth "Ellie" Shea, Youth Education Coordinator for East Quabbin Land Trust invites you to Nature Journaling. This is for you and your family if you like art or

nature. Snow date for this event is Saturday, Jan. 31 at noon.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 is an early release day for students. Come join library staff to explore printmaking. All ages will enjoy this.

Come join library staff for Valentine's Day events in February. Card making with a Gothic twist will be held

on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and a special event on Saturday, Feb. 14.

On Saturdays in January through March 14, Pam Hinckley's will hold workshops including Kids Can Sew (and knit and crochet) from 9-10:30 a.m. Class size is limited so registration is mandatory.

Hinckley will also offer

an adults handcraft group (knitting, crocheting, beading and quilting) from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

9 to 10:30 am - Kids Can Sew (and knit and crochet...) Class size is limited so registration is mandatory.

For more information about these workshops or to register contact Hinckley by calling 413-477-6004 or emailing pahinckley@gmail.com.

On Saturday, March 14, from 3-5 p.m., Shenanigans with Friends, an exciting cover band of Western Massachusetts and Southern Vermont will perform a wide range of songs

The library has more events coming up. Check its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/paigelibrary or website www.paigelibrary.com.

Singer Song writer Series highlights local musicians

WARE – Workshop13 is excited to highlight seven local and regional musicians in the second session of their Singer Songwriter Series.

Musicians will include Dan Frost, Tasteless Jack, Dave Herrera, Carly Lara, and featured artist Seth Newton. This event takes place in Workshop13's Grand Hall at 13 Church St., on Saturday, Jan. 31. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are priced on a sliding scale and are available at www.workshop13.org.

Enjoy photo ops, meet and greets, food for purchase (free popcorn), and a cash bar. The performance will feature sound design by Brian Jyringi and be hosted by Amanda Meli and MC'd by Kevin Wherry. Singer-songwriters will share their original songs and the stories behind them, "in the round" style.

This performance format brings a group of singer-songwriters together sharing the stage, with each artist delivering songs one after another. After intermission, enjoy a special featured performance by Newton followed by a powerful second round, a group curtain call, and a community meet-and-greet with all performers.

Newton is an American

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Panthers snap skid with win over Littleton

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—After trailing by eight points against Mid-Wach C rival Littleton High School three minutes into the first quarter, the Quabbin Regional boys' varsity team responded with a 12-1 run.

The Panthers took the lead at the end of the opening

quarter and never relinquished it during the final three quarters enroute to a 69-53 home victory over the Tigers, last Friday night.

"We've been stressing the process over the outcome so far this season, but tonight we finally had a good outcome," said Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur. "We had the last week off, which gave

us some extra time to work on fundamentals at practice. It was a total team effort tonight. Everyone played a key role."

Not only did the Panthers (2-8) snap their five-game losing streak versus the Tigers, but they also celebrated a home win for the first time since defeating Maynard, 64-49, on January 24, 2025.

Quabbin's only other vic-

tory this season was a 73-40 win over South Lancaster Academy in the opening round game of the Gardner Holiday Tournament two days after Christmas.

One of Quabbin's leading players in last Friday's contest was sophomore Brady Patchen, who scored 15 of his game-high 27 points during the second half. He scored a

career-high 29 points in a loss against Gardner High School in the Holiday Tournament championship game.

"Brady is our go-to player offensively," Dextradeur said. "He's also learning to get everyone else involved offensively and is becoming a complete basketball player. He always plays the game very hard."

Patchen finished the game with nine of the Panthers' 23 field goals and hit a crucial fourth-quarter 3-pointer. He also made eight foul shots.

"It really doesn't matter how many points I score. The only thing that I care about is winning games," Patchen said. "It feels very good to finally

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Panthers fall to Clinton, Tyngsborough

BARRE – Last week, Quabbin girls basketball enjoyed much of the week off, but the Panthers were looking to regroup from the previous week that included a pair of losses. The Panthers would fall to Tyngsborough at home 53-33. They followed that with a 58-31 loss at Clinton on Jan. 9. The Panthers were in action against Lunenburg earlier this week, but return home on Friday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. to face Hudson High School.

Mia Ducos considers her next move as she approaches pressure.



Izzy Doty tries to make a pass away from the sideline.



Abby Rogowski winds up to make a pass.



Makenzie Casey charges into the paint.



Grace Vandouenhove tries to shoot over a block.



Aubrey Thorpe attempts a shot.



Sophia Giangrande takes a shot just inside the arc.



Kalyn Roy heads to right side.



Sarah Mohsin tries to make a rebound.

Indians not able to hold lead, fall to Palmer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield girls' basketball team held a six-point halftime lead in their first ever meeting with Palmer High School.

The Palmer Lady Panthers, who spent the entire 10-minute half-time break in their locker room, outscored the Lady Indians, 19-5, during the second half enroute to a 31-23 non-league victory at Julianne Caron Memorial Gymnasium, last Wednesday night.

"We made a couple of defensive adjustments in the locker room at halftime. We were able to put a lot more pressure on them and we forced a lot of turnovers in the second half," said Palmer co-head coach Denise Levasseur, who shares the coaching duties with Amanda Theriault. "We've never faced North Brookfield before, and we really didn't know very much about them."

The Lady Panthers, who made the trip back home to Western Mass. with a 4-5 overall record, didn't have any double digit scorers in the road game. Eight players scored at least two points led by eighth grader Harper Brouillette with eight points.



Olivia Holmes keeps the ball moving around the perimeter.



Abby Lindberg goes after a loose ball.

She scored four points in each half. Her classmate, Aria Nompoggi netted five of her seven points before halftime.

Junior Addyson Petrashewicz, who's the oldest player listed on the Lady Panthers roster, chipped in with five points.

While the Lady Panthers were ranked 24th in the MIAA Division 5 power rankings on January 13, the Lady Indians (3-3) were ranked 23rd, but three of their games were not submit-

Junior Olivia Holmes scored all 10 of her game-high points during the first 16 minutes of the contest.

Junior Ayala Milcalia added seven points for the home team.

"I've been coaching both Olivia and Ayala on the varsity basketball team since they were in the seventh grade," said Lady Indians head coach Caitlyn Malone, who graduated from North Brookfield High School twenty years ago. "We rely on them a lot."

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Taylor Allen makes her way down the court.

Early defense keys win for Pathfinder

PALMER – Last Thursday night, Pathfinder Tech defeated Smith Vocational 47-37 thanks to some good early defense and a great night from Megan Clark. Pathfinder limited the visitors to just eight points in the first half and Clark scored 23 points to lead all scorers. Taylor Allen added 13 points. The Pioneers are now 4-3 and next play on Thursday, Jan. 22 against Bay State Academy Charter at 6 p.m.

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Megan Clark changes sides of the court.



Addison Doktor tries to overcome pressure to shoot under the basket.

Sports



Turleysports



Athlete of the Month

NAME: Brady Patchen
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Patchen had a game-high 27 points scored for the Panthers in a recent win over Littleton High School.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

Thunderbirds offense dries up in loss to Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (13-18-4-2) continued to have a tough time location offense, falling 4-1 to the Bridgeport Islanders (16-17-2-1) on Saturday night inside Total Mortgage Arena.

A bad break for T-Birds netminder Vadim Zherenko resulted in Bridgeport's game-opening tally at 6:37 of the opening period, as Zherenko lost his balance and fell in his blue paint, allowing Daylan Kuefler to carry the puck around the net and wrap it past the fallen goaltender to make it 1-0 Bridgeport.

Aside from that unfortunate break, the T-Birds and Islanders played a mostly defensive-minded first period, as Zherenko's nine saves and Henrik Tikkanen's eight stops in the Bridgeport crease accounted for much of the action on the scoresheet.

Matthew Peca quickly got his troops back on track, as the T-Birds captain slipped a wrist through Tikkanen just 49 seconds into period two, tying the score, 1-1, and extending his point streak to five consecutive games. Matt Luff also extended his season-long point streak to seven games with the primary assist on Springfield's first marker of the evening.

However, that potential momentum-changer was quickly washed out when Cam Berg connected on a wrist from the left circle just 2:08 later, restoring a one-goal Bridgeport lead, 2-1.

Shots and chances continued to come at a premium for both teams, as the clubs combined for only 43 shots all evening, including just 25 in the final 40 minutes of play.

The T-Birds never did receive a power play in this one, and the club's last-minute efforts with Zherenko on the bench proved fruitless, as Adam Beckman and Eetu Liukas each connected on empty-netters to give Bridgeport the final goals of the night.

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Tayden Shaw-Nelson of Rutland</p> |
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Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
rdrago@turley.com

Bondsville League

WARE - It is week 18 of the Wednesday night Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes in Ware, Ma.

After 18 weeks, Fire Mountain holds on to a slim lead in first place with a record of 79.5-46.5. Sandri is in second place with a record of 76-50.

Night Hawks are in third place with a record of 73-53. Ironmen are in fourth place with a record of 71-55. Cannonballs are in fifth place at 64-62 and Spare Parts Bud have a record of 63-63. These are the teams currently with a winning percentage of 50% or higher.

In week 18, Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Zeke's Freaks.

In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 473-439. Zeke Sicard, a veteran candlepin bowler of the Bondsville League, bowled well with a 104 in game one.

In game two, Zeke's Freaks got the win by two points, 455-453. Sicard stayed consistent and scored 104 again.

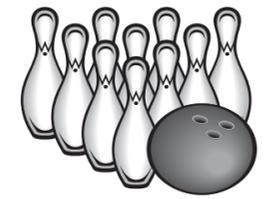
In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won the last game, 436-428. The team wins total pinfall by a final score of 1362-1322.

The Snappers bowled against Fire Mountain in week 18. In game one, Fire Mountain struck first and won 470-440.

In game two, Fire Mountain stayed hot and won again, 510-447. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain had the highest game on his team, 119, and his teammate Scott Brewster bowled with 114.

In game three, Snappers snapped out of their slump by winning game three, 445-429. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers bowled a 117 and a three-game series of 325. The final score was 1409-1332 in favor of Fire Mountain.

The Night Hawks bowled against Slow Burners during week 18. In game one, Night Hawks defeated Slow Burners by a score of 484-466. Darryl Sinclair of Night Hawks started off the match with



127. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners began with 113.

In game two, Slow Burners beat the Night Hawks, 463-428. Sinclair bowled a 122 game in a losing effort. Radisic followed up with 112 during his team's win.

In game three, Slow Burners won 520-448 thanks to Nate Orszulak's 143 game. Sinclair finished with 106 and a series of 355. Radisic finished with 110 and a series of 335. The final score was 1449-1360 in favor of Slow Burners.

Sandri bowled against Spare Parts Bud in week 18. In game one, Sandri won by a score of 480-465. Brandon Lane of Sandri had the highest game of 119.

In game two, Spare Parts Bud won by just one point, 457-456. John Jebb of Spare Parts Bud was working on a spare in the tenth frame and got a three count to help his team win by one.

In game three, Sandri won by a score of 474-469. Sue Horton of Sandri finished with 119 and Jebb finished with 108. The final score was 1410-1391 in favor of Sandri.

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win a home game."

After the Tigers (4-5) had sliced their deficit down to 51-48 with 6:15 left in regulation, Patchen made a 3-pointer, an inside hoop, and a foul shot. It gave the home team a 57-51 lead and a little bit of breathing room.

The other Quabbin co-captain is junior Jacoby Dilling, who scored 11 of his 13 points after halftime.

At the start of the second half, Dilling knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key pushing the Panthers lead into double digits (34-23) for the first time. He also made a couple of steals leading to fastbreak lay-ups during a 10-0 run in the final quarter.

"It was a game of runs," Dextrateur said. "They made a run in the third quarter, and then we responded with a run in the fourth quarter, which sealed our victory. We're a young team and I'm very proud of the players."

Dilling also guarded Littleton sophomore Clay Blaine, who scored 14 first half points with the help of four 3-pointers. Blaine scored eight points in the second half, which all came from the free throw line.

"I thought Jacoby did a splendid job on Littleton's leading scorer in the third and fourth quarters," Dextrateur said. "We played very well defensively, which led to our offense."

The Panthers' other double-digit scorer in the home win was junior Evan Sherblom, who scored seven of his 12 points during the first half.

Sherblom, who's the Panthers sixth man, played his best game of the season. He began the Panthers first quarter run with a lay-up. He capped it off with a pair of foul shots which gave the Panthers a 16-14 lead with 19.6 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Two other key players for

Quabbin are sophomore Aiden Crane (7 points) and junior Owen Twarog (6 points).

The only senior listed on the Panthers varsity roster is Anthony Quarterone (2 points).

"We're looking for leadership from Anthony, who's are only senior," Dextrateur said. "He's also one of our leading rebounders and anchors our defense."

Freshman Isaac Patchen only scored two points in the first meeting against Littleton, but he did several other things that didn't show up in the box score.

"Isaac made the jump from middle school to the varsity level without even playing a game for the JV team," Dextrateur said. "He understands his role on the team and has matured a lot since the start of the regular season."

The Panthers will be looking to sweep the season series when they visit Littleton High School on Feb. 10.

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They're also our leaders."

The trio of senior Sophie Dufresne, senior Sarah Mohsin, and junior Kalyn Roy each scored two points.

A Nompleggi 3-pointer from the right corner and a Petraszewicz made free throw gave Palmer a 4-2 lead three minutes into the first quarter.

Then Holmes, who was the tallest player on the court, took over the spotlight for the home team. She made two put-back hoops and another inside basket giving the Lady Indians an 8-4 lead in the middle of the opening quarter.

A minute later, a Holmes coast-to-coast fastbreak lay-up capped off North Brookfield's 8-0 run.

The Lady Panthers

entered the second quarter, trailing by only two points (10-8) following field goals by Brouillette and Nompleggi.

A Milcalia inside hoop gave the Lady Indians an 18-8 lead with 4:40 remaining in the second quarter. It was their largest lead of the first half.

The home team was then held scoreless until the fourth quarter.

The Lady Panthers, who trailed 18-12, at halftime, entered the fourth quarter with a 22-18 lead.

Petraszewicz scored four of the Palmer third quarter points, while Nompleggi, eighth grader Lainey Haley (2 points), and Brouillette combined to score the other six points.

A Milcalia jumper in the lane snapped North

Brookfield's scoreless drought and cut their deficit to 22-20 with six minutes remaining in regulation.

"Their press defense really bothered us in the second half," Malone said. "We didn't score any points in the third quarter, which was the difference maker."

Palmer pulled away at that point with a Brouillette baseline jumper, a 3-pointer from freshman Anabelle Ladue (3 points), and a lay-up from freshman Evelyn Ladue (2 points). The Ladue's are twins.

It was the Lady Panthers second road win of the regular season.

The two squads are scheduled to meet for the second time this season at Palmer High School at 7 p.m. on Feb. 2.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Healthful Resolutions Part 4

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) was an American revivalist, philosopher and theologian who served as a key figure in the Great Awakening.

Each New Year I entertain his writings, as he wrote at length on the theme of healthful resolutions. Consider the following as we enter 2026.

1) Stewardship
What did Edwards resolve concerning stewardship (i.e., recognizing himself as a man under obligation to serve the Lord)? "Resolved, to be strictly and firmly faithful to my trust, that that in Prov. 20:6, 'A faithful man who can find?' may not be partly fulfilled in me." Consider the following selection prayerfully, as Jesus Himself spoke at some length on such a theme:

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

14 Again, it [the operation of the kingdom of Christ and His Coming] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' 21 'His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'

22 The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' 23 His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'

24 Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Christ has entrusted

much to those who are His, and in His physical absence from the earth He expects us to utilize what He has given for His good purpose. What are you doing with that which He has given you? What are you doing with the body He has provided? What are you doing with the money He has enabled you to earn? What are you doing with the finite span of time He has graciously allotted? What of your gifts and talents? Are such being used to bless Him and others, advancing His cause in the earth? Earnestly contend with these queries and more, for the day of His Return draws near. We will all have our turn before the judgment seat of Christ, and we will have to contend with the penetrating question: "What did you do with what you have been given?" If He came today, would you be found faithful or grossly negligent? Each comes with commensurate commendation or condemnation, so choose well. May you and I live as Edwards resolved: that we would live as those strictly and firmly faithful to our sacred trust in Christ.

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

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

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

"They saw the Lamb of God, the Messiah."

Scripture Reading: John 1 v 29 -42

I. Introduction
In this world of ours it is important that we know ourselves, who we are, what we stand for, what our purpose is and how others perceive us.

While some individuals may prefer to remain reserved and avoid drawing attention to themselves, others are comfortable expressing their identity and values openly. In the case of Jesus here in our passage, we see Him being gradually introduced to those around Him. How did they do that and what do we discover about Him?

II. They Saw the Lamb of God, the Messiah

John the Baptist is the one who bears witness to the Messiah, who came to be baptized by him. When the priests and the Levites from Jerusalem asked him who he, John was, he told them that he was not the Christ and that confused them, because he acted more like an Elijah or some important prophet to them. His answer to them was, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert. Make straight the way for the Lord."

When they continued to question him, he clarified for them that he baptized with water, but the One who came after him, would be baptized by the Holy Spirit, the One whose things he was not worthy to untie. In verse 29 and in verse 35 he pointed to Jesus, who is the Lamb of God, Who would take away the sin of the world. Leon Morris in his commentary on John, mentioned how the Messianic expectation

was in the air, and John felt it was time to bring to light why he baptized this Man, and who He was.

He brought Jesus into clear light, says Morris. He revealed to those questioning him, that this Man is the Messiah, and that he was a witness to who Jesus was and wants them to know about Him. Among those were two of John's disciples, whom he introduced to Jesus. When they saw Jesus, they left John and followed Jesus instead. John's introduction of Jesus to them was sufficient to inspire them to become followers of Jesus.

They now understood who He was, the Messiah, the Lamb of God who will take their sins upon Him. They trusted John's words, and knew He was worth following. John demonstrated humility by positioning himself as subordinate to Jesus, which led the followers to recognize Jesus as one sent by God. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter called his brother and brought him to Jesus. When Jesus saw Simon, He immediately recognized him as the son of John and renamed him Cephas, which in the Aramaic language meant rock.

We know that Jesus later called Simon the Rock on which the church would be built. Morris saw in this encounter between Jesus and Simon Peter the depth of Jesus' calling, when He renamed Simon Peter. Peter was now being transformed into the rock man, he says, even though Peter was an impulsive person, volatile and would later reveal himself as unreliable. Jesus knew all of this about Peter's character but still made this intimate and powerful announcement about him. They would follow Jesus and become His disciples.

This passage shows us how John, the Baptist becomes the witness to who Jesus was, the Lamb of God. He then stepped back from his role and then let God do the work in revealing the light of the world, the Messiah.

John played a significant role in supporting Jesus with the development of His group of disciples. As these disciples were following Jesus around, they began to understand that this Rabbi had the capacity to forgive their sins, and make them whole as people, and bring them into a relationship with God. They needed someone like Him to transform their lives and give them hope.

III. Conclusion

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In the same way as we are known to others, our personalities and what we stand for, as the church, must communicate to the world, that we follow the Messiah, the Lamb of God who is humble and loving and wants the world to understand this kind of

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Obituaries

Charles F. Fullam, 79

BARRE – Charles F. Fullam, 79 of Barre, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026 in Palmer Healthcare in Palmer.



Charlie was born in Ware on July 5, 1946 the son of Samuel and Edna (Beauregard) Fullam. He grew up in North Brookfield and was a member of the Class of 1964 at North Brookfield High School. He earned an Associate's Degree in industrial engineering from Quinsigamond Community College before entering the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966. As a Marine, he served as a field radio operator, earned a sharpshooter badge and was honorably discharged in 1974.

Charlie worked at Sprague Electric Company as a repair technician for twenty years and then as a mechanical technician at Digital Equipment Corporation for 16 years until he retired.

Charlie was an active member of the Barre Emergency Rescue Squad (BEARS) during its early years, both as an EMT and a mechanic for the

town's ambulance fleet. He remained involved with the town's ambulance service in various capacities for decades, most recently serving as the town's Emergency Management Services Director. Charlie was also a reserve intermittent officer with the Barre Police Department, retiring in 2016 after 44 years on the force.

Charlie was an active member of Barre American Legion Post 2 and held various offices, including five years as Commander. He served on the committee that worked to erect Barre's Global War on Terror Monument, which was dedicated on Memorial Day in 2025.

In his spare time, Charlie enjoyed riding the rails on his homemade railroad track car, especially outings with his friends at the former Hobo Railroad in Lincoln, New Hampshire.

Charlie was predeceased by his wife, Suzanne Fullam, in 2015. He leaves behind his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Erik Fales and his grandson, Noah Fales, of Ware. He

DEATH NOTICE

Fullam, Charles F.
Died Jan. 18, 2026
Calling hour
Jan. 30 10-11 a.m.
Funeral follows at
11 a.m. in Pillsbury
Funeral Home, Barre

also leaves behind his brother, Peter Fullam of North Brookfield and his sister, Lisa Burns and her partner, David Melesky of Spencer. Additionally, he leaves his step-daughter, Beth Bryant and her wife, Linda Icaza of Hoschton, Georgia and his step-sons Steve Bryant and Scott Bryant, both of Barre. Charlie also leaves behind his companion, Bridget Lachance of Barre. He also leaves a nephew, two nieces and two step-granddaughters and their families.

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours for Charlie on Friday, Jan. 30, 2025 from 10-11 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. The funeral will follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Charles' name to Barre Post 2 American Legion, P.O. Box 537, Barre, MA 01005.

Public Safety

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Dec 28
9:54 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken

Monday, Dec. 29
6:46 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Rutland Road, Officer Spoke to Party

7:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Removed from Scene

7:41 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated

9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Removed from Scene

7:36 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Dec. 30
2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

4:36 p.m. Administration, Oakham

Police Department, No Action Required

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Summons Swistak, Andrew J. Jr., 54, New Braintree

Charges Ammunition Without FID Card, Possess

Summons Osborne, Dylan Jacob, 32, Oakham

Charges Ammunition Without FID Card, Possess

7:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Dec. 31
11:04 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party

11:57 a.m. Emergency

Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital

2:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Thursday, Jan. 1
12:15 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken

Friday, Jan. 2
2:49 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Parmenter Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Saturday, Jan. 3
4:46 p.m. Public Assist, Bullard Road, Public Assistant

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Public Safety

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Sunday, Dec. 28
 12:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Michael Drive, transported to Hospital
 9:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:21 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Referred to Other Agency

Monday, Dec. 29
 12:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Welch Avenue, Report Filed
 1:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Welch Avenue, Report Filed
 1:14 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Walnut Street, Negative Contact
 6:35 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Pioneer Circle, Information Given
 6:46 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Rutland Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:41 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated
 7:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Report Filed
 Summons Gagnon, Danta, 27, Rutland
 Charges Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate Destruction of Property – \$1200, Malicious c266 §127
 9:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Emerald Road, Gone on Arrival;
 9:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Maggie's Way, Transported to Hospital
 10:18 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
 11:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 4:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Autumn Wood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 7:50 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Intervale Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:20 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Carly Circle, Information Taken
 11:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written

Waring
 11:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written warning
 11:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 11:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 11:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, Dec. 30
 12:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Top, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:20 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Barrack Hill Road, Information Taken
 3:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Turkey Hill Trail, Transported to Hospital
 5:34 a.m. Fire – Mutual Aid, Holden, Mutual Aid Assistant
 6:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Main Street, Investigated
 8:24 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Arline Drive, Report Filed
 10:17 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Checked/Secured
 10:33 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Campbell Street, Information Given
 12:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Vo, John, 22, Worcester
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit License Not in Possession
 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Dennis, Shawn G. Jr., 35, Lynn
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
 5:27 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained
 5:59 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Lopes Oliveira Kelvin Junio, 24, Marlborough
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicles
 7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 8:34 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton Mutual Aid Assistant
 8:40 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 8:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 9:30 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:42 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 10:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 11:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, Dec. 31
 12:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 6:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Autumn Wood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 6:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Moloney, Krystal L., 37, Gilbertville
 Charges License Suspended for Operating Under Influence, Operating Motor Vehicle With C90 S23
 Summons Mulcahy, Michael R. Jr. 41, Barre
 Charges Unlicensed/Suspended operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit
 9:56 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Intervale Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:57 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Naquag Street, Referred to Other Agency
 10:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 10:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Thurston Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Morin, Karyn C., 33, Webster
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J
 11:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Possible Panic Attack, Lowry Lane, Transported to Hospital
 2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Geraldo Guimaraes, Neizamonico, 49, Worcester
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense, C90 S23
 4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Morin, Karyn C., 33, Webster
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
Thursday, Jan. 1
 12:11 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken
 12:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 12:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Orchard Hill Drive, Public Assist
 8:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Marjorie Lane, Transported to Hospital
 11:06 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:34 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Emerald Road, Vehicle Towed
 12:14 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Information Taken
 12:30 p.m. Erratic Operator, Lizzy Lane, Negative Contact
 12:58 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 1:08 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Referred to Other Agency
 1:31 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 6:52 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
 Summons Guzman Escobar, Kiomylee Diane, 23, Spencer
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With C90 S23
Friday, Jan. 2
 12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Fernwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 2:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Lowry Lane, Transported to Hospital
 6:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Inwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Campbell Street, Mutual Aid Assist
 7:52 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Arrowhead Way, Investigated
 8:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 8:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 9:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Juniper Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Velasquez Figueroa, Keiber Alexander, 24, Worcester
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, No, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
Saturday, Jan. 3
 12:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:04 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Main Street, Investigated
 1:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 5:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 8:50 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Emerald Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 8:21 p.m. Safety Concern, Newman Drive, Negative Contact

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Sunday, Dec. 28
 8:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Valley Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Station Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transported
 10:59 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, School North Street, Referred to Other Agency

Monday, Dec. 29
 12:23 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Town Common, Area Patrolled
 12:29 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, West Street, Vehicle Towed
 5:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
 8:04 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Williamsville Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:09 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:48 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Report Filed
 Summons Scott, Sarah, 46, Hubbardston
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 12:36 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Sheldon Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:35 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Unfounded
 5:24 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Hancock Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Chamberlain Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 10:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Assist
 11:33 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Valley Road, Returned

Tuesday, Dec. 30
 12:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
 7:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Wheelwright Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Broad Street, Written Warning
 6:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 7:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
 9:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, South Street, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Dec. 31
 12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 6:14 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:10 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:55 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheelwright Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Tom, Raymond Luis, 31, South Barre
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 7:12 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:28 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Peach Street, Returned
 11:54 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken

Thursday, Jan. 1
 8:23 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Boston Turnpike, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:36 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party

day, Jan. 2
 10:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Dana Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:59 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

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