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### Veterans Agent to resign after 19 years

**By Ellenor Downer** edowner@turley.com

BARRE - Veterans Agent Tony Musnicki tendered his resignation as Veterans Agent after 19 years of

He attended the Tuesday, Jan. 16 meeting as well as submitting his letter of resignation. He left his date of resignation open ended as he said he would continue as Veterans Agent until a replacement was found. He also said he would be working with Town Administrator Tammy Martin in finding a suitable new agent.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said he had always been there for the town's veterans. She thanked him for working with the Select Board and Town Administrator to find a replacement. The Board thanked him for his service.

#### New plows

The town received invoices to fit the two new Highway Department pickup trucks with plows. The total cost was \$16,150. Select Board Chair Marshall said in past practices this cost would come from the Snow and Ice account.

The new Town Administrator said the Snow and Ice account funds were not for capital expenses, but could cover cost to repair an existing plow damaged while removing snow and ice. The Town Administrator checked with the Department of Revenue and they concurred.

Chair Marshall recommended using American Recovery Plan Act funds to cover the \$16,150. She said the town owes these invoices and using ARPA money would not impact the already tight town bud-

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixson said the town could hold a Special Town Meeting to fund the cost. He said a STM cost money and there was no guarantee voters would approve it.

Select Board Member Mark Regienus said the plows were already on the two trucks. He said he opposed using ARPA funds for this. He also asked if the trucks and the plows with fittings followed proper bidding procedures. Chair Marshall thought the trucks came from the State Bid List.

The Board approved the use of \$16,150 from ARPA to pay for the new plows and fitting to the trucks by 2 to 1 with Select Board Member Regienus opposed.

#### **Sole Procurement Officer**

Chair Marshall said she was going to propose at their February meeting to authorize Town Administrator Tammy Martin as Sole Procurement Officer to make sure proper procurement regulations are followed. She will also address the issue of procurement at the next Department of Public

#### Works meeting. Trail crossing warning signs

A spokesman for the Ware River Watershed Advisory said the town of Hubbardston was seeking a grant for a warning sign for the trail crossing on Williamsville Road. Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall recommended they also apply for funds from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation. She said the application was available by visiting their website and easy to fill out.

He also mentioned a trail crossing sign on Route 62 in Barre. Both Select Board Members Dixson and Regienus suggested looking into a Mass. Trails Grant

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## Author shares her love for family through a sash

By Emily-Rose Pappas Staff Writer epappas@turley.com

HARDWICK – Everyone has a unique family history that sets them apart from those around them, and it is worth looking into and can even reveal a thing or two about yourself.

Barre author Paula Grandpre Wood is one such person with a fascinating and wonderful story and family history that she developed a desire to share with the world. She shared her story at the Town House this past Saturday, sponsored by the Paige Memorial Library.

Her book, "The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash", shares the story of her family through the passing of a beloved

"I never thought I'd write a book," Grandpre Wood said. "And the journey still contin-

This is her story - her family's story – and how it impacted

Her family history traces back to a little city on the western coast of France, La Rochelle. Her eight-times great-grandfather moved the family to the "New France" which was the region of Canada known today as Montreal.

New France required that

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Author Paula Grandpre Wood holds her masterpiece memoir "The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash" which shares the story of her family through the passing of a beloved sash.

### Select Board approves renewal of Class II license

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - Brian Gillespie of Affordable Cars, located at 2089 Greenwich Road, appeared before the Select Board in order to reconsider a decision to delay renewing the business's

Class II license. At the Jan. 22 meeting, Town Administrator Nicole Parker said the Select Board had issued a one month Class II license extension for Affordable Car as a courtesy, as the license holder was not present to defend his position during the renewal process.

"This was another courtesy to the applicant for them to come in and give their explanation on why they should have the annual license," she said.

Select Board Vice-Chair Kelly Kemp said her concern is the complaints the board has received from abutters about the property.

Gillespie said he has passed all inspections, and there has been no revocation hearing regarding his license. He questioned the validity of delaying the renewal and only issuing a 30-day extension.

He said people from the public were allowed to speak about his business during the renewal hearing, which should only be permitted during a revocation hearing.

"My concern is about being a good neighbor, and maybe just trying to rectify some of the concerns as a business owner," she said to Gillespie.

Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim said the number of vehicles on the property is another concern the Select Board has.

Vollheim questioned if there were two businesses operating on the same property, and if both

had received a special permit. Gillespie said his special permit covers both businesses.

"Everything was done legally," he said. The second business on the

property is Gillespie Car Care, and it offers towing services. He said there are seven cars on the Gillespie Car Care side and about 15 on the Affordable Car side.

Gillespie said the State Police have inspected his property multiple times and it has always

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## Voters speed through

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

OAKHAM - Voters in Oakham made short order of an 18 article warrant at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, Jan. 22 held in the Fire Station.

Before the start of the meeting, there were two elections held - Temporary Town Clerk and Moderator. Since the town now has an Interim Town Clerk, Select Board member Aaron Langlois nominated Edna Holloway, who serves as Interim Town Clerk, to act as Temporary Town Clerk at this meeting. Since there were no other nominations, the 45 registered voters attending approved a motion for the Chairman of the Select Board Don Haapakoski to cast one ballot for Holloway.

The Moderator, Dennis Bergin, was not present. Select Board member Langlois nominated Timothy Howe to serve as Temporary Moderator. Since there were no other nominations, voters approved a motion for the Select Board Chairman Haapakoski to cast one ballot for Howe.

Acting Moderator Howe opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Voters unanimously approved all 18 articles with no discussion. The meeting adjourned 15 minutes later at 7:21 p.m.

Finance Committee Chair Alan Flagg said the committee met and voted to recommend all articles with financial impact to the town. The only article not money related was Article 13.

There first three articles approved were a transfer of \$6,000 from free cash to und the Assessors Stabilization account, the transfer of \$5,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain Wright Field and the Town Common to the Parks and Recreation account and the amending of the FY 24 budget by transferring from the Treasurer's Unemployment Account \$1,611.52 to the Board of Assessors Wages

Voters approved Article 4, the transfer \$16,000 from Public Education and Government Cable Access Fund to maintain the

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## **Construction of the Winsor Dam**

#### DCR explores creation of Quabbin Reservoir's impoundments

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN - This past weekend, the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Interpretive Services Supervisor at the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, Maria Beiter-Tucker, led the first of this year's Sunday presentations, continuing a long tradition of providing informative and educational programs about the Quabbin Reservoir and its watershed.

With the visitor center located at one end of the 2,640 foot Winsor Dam, the main impoundment structure of the Quabbin Reservoir, this earthen structure and its secondary impoundment structure, the Goodnough Dike, were the focus of Beiter-Tucker's

The creation of the dam and the dike in the Swift River Valley was an engineering feat accomplished solely by brainpower, paper and pencil, Beiter-Tucker said, at the time construction started in 1927.

'This valley has remarkable



This marker is located at one end of the Winsor Dam, which spans 2,640 feet and is 170 feet high. This dam is the primary impoundment structure for the Quabbin Reservoir.

topography," Beiter-Tucker said, something that appealed to engi-

The Swift River Valley had been considered an ideal location to construct a reservoir in order to meet Boston's drinking water needs; dating as far back as 1895 when it was noted in a Board of Health report. But it wasn't until 1926/1927 that legislature passed the Ware River and Swift River

acts, and work began to create the 412 billion gallon reservoir.

With the Ware River Watershed and the Wachusett Reservoir, the Quabbin Reservoir provides the drinking water supply for 43% of people in the commonwealth.

Quabbin Reservoir is the largest piece of the water supply system, Beiter-Tucker said.

"It was a massive construction, and an 'earthquake,' you might



A roadway passes over the top of Winsor Dam. Although it is no longer open to public vehicles, walkers and bicyclists are welcome to explore the massive structure.

say for this area," she said, with the disincorporation of four towns; Enfield, Greenfield, Dana and Prescott.

Beiter-Tucker said it took 11 years to move residents out of the valley, and relocate 7,000 known graves (which are now interred in the Quabbin Park Cemetery).

"It was a long slow process,"

Structures were also removed.

leaving only stone walls, foundations and roads behind. In total, the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir cleared about 80,000

**Creating the impoundments** 

To create the reservoir itself, the engineers wanted to close off where the Swift River exited the valley, Beiter-Tucker said. The

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## News of the Towns



#### Round Town Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com

#### Easter Star to hold pancake breakfast

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

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

#### Make a Valentine Flower Arranging **Demonstration**

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

#### **Nomination papers**

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

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

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

### **Barre Dining Center**

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Jan. 29. 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 - Ranch chicken, lemon seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, Rice Krispie treat,

TUESDAY - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, herbed carrots, vanilla mousse, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY - Beef stew, rice, green beans, pineapple, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY - Lasagna and meatballs, marinara sauce, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

FRIDAY - Barbecue pork rib-i-que, Mac 'n cheese, mixed vegetables, fruited ambrosia,

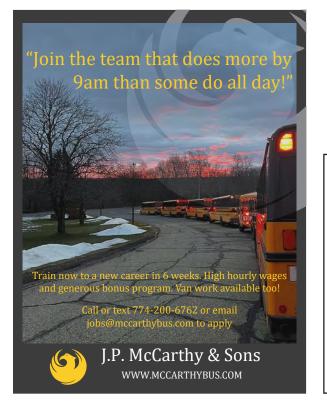
\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish sponsors course

BARRE - The parish of St. Francis of Assisi announces they will be sponsoring a five-week course starting in February.

Joseph Krans will present Living with Real Presence by S. James Meyer - Living the Way - Living with Real Presence - Eucharist as an Approach to Life. The Eucharist is about life, love and relationship. Living with Real Presence, reminds us that our lives, Christ's life and all lives are united in a sacred communion with our Creator and cre-

People may participate in this five-week course staring in February on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church, 398 Vernon Avenue, South Barre. The dates are Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 12 and 19. We will meet in the church after Adoration. Meyer's book Living with Real Presence will be provided. People may register by calling Joseph Krans at 508-867-8881. For more information, people may email joseph.krans.presencework@gmail.com.



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



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

### Library receives Barre Savings Bank **Charitable support**



Shown from left, Joe Hood, Library Director, Elizabeth Martin, Steve Morrall, Kate Lathrop, Ann Meilus, Stacey Skerry, Sue Morral, and Charitable Foundation board member Maureen Marshall delivers the check.

BARRE - On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Steve Brewer and Maureen Marshall attended the Barre Library Association Board of Directors meeting to

deliver a check for \$5,000. The BLA had applied for a grant to help with foundation repairs at

the library. The work should be done by

this summer. The Barre Savings Bank Charitable Foundation supports many organizations in Barre with generous grants for all sorts of worthy projects.

### Town Clerk lists town election information

Glidden announces last day to take out nomination papers is Thursdays, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m.

The last day to return papers is Monday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Feb. 8 and Feb. 12 until 5 p.m. The last day and time for candidates to withdraw their name from the ballot is Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m.

As of Monday, Jan. 22, the following candidates took out nomination papers: Maureen M. Marshall, Select Board for three-years and candidate for

BARRE - Town Clerk Ellen re-election; Michael B. Radesky, Board of Health for threeyears, candidate for re-election and nomination papers returned; John J. Chase, Sewer Commissioner for three years and candidate for re-election; David A. Deschamps, Library Trustee for three-years and candidate for re-election and Cherie E. Benoit, Library Trustee for three-years and candidate for re-election - votes elect two Library Trustees; Karen Keegan, Planning Board for one-year; Edward Floyd Kelley, Plannng Board for five-years and can-

didate for re-election; Michael A. LaRose, Planning Board Associate Member for one-year and two positions for Quabbin Regional School District three years— Stanley John Wolanin, candidate for re-election and David A. Deschamps, candidate for re-election.

To date, no one took out nomination papers for the following positions: Board of Assessors for three-years, Water Commissioner for three-years, Felton Filed Commissioner for three-years and Library Trustee for two

### Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming event

HARDWICK - The beginning of 2024 is a good time to look back at family histories and memories. People are invited to register to join a group to write and share stories of their family and perhaps search their family tree at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

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The program, entitled "History: Preserving Memories and Family Stories" will meet monthly on Tuesdays at 2 p.. or 6 p.m., whichever works best for the participants.

People should either email the Paige Library for more information to director.paigelibrary@

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

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#### Community discussion set for Feb. 5

On Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. a community discussion will be held to provide input on the priorities and agenda for the Hubbardston Legislative Delegation this term. State Senator Peter Durant and state Representative Donnie Berthiaume will be present to hear directly from Hubbardston residents. This event will take place during the Select Board meeting at the Slade Building, 7 Main St.. Both in-person and hybrid/virtual attendance options will be available. If people plan to attend in person, they should email admin@hubbardstonma.us to ensure proper seating arrangements. This is a prime opportunity or residents to make their voice heard and impact the key issues the legislators will address on behalf of Hubbardston

#### **Facilities issue**

Due to a facilities issue, the Town Clerk's Office, Assessor's Office, and Land Use Office will be temporarily closed until further notice effective immediately. Although the physical offices will be closed, staff will still be available via email to assist with resident needs: Town Clerk/Assessor email: tclerk@ hubbardstonma.us; Building Inspector/Health Agent email: inspect@hubbardstonma.us and Conservation/ Planning email: Plan@hubbardstonma.us. If people have an urgent need, they may email the Town Administrator at admin@hubbardstonma.us or call 978-928-1400 extension 200.

#### Dog licenses

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

#### Frozen Assets

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

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

#### **Senior center events**

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

### The Center at Eagle Hill hosts Appalachian photography exhibit

HARDWICK - The Center at Eagle Hill is hosting photographer Vern McClish's Appalachian Exhibition,

featuring 50 powerful images. The exhibition specifically focuses on the Southeast Ohio Appalachian coal region, with images and text

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

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

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

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

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

#### **About The Center**

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

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

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## News of the Towns

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### **BARRE**

School Committee Professional Development

– Jan. 25 from 6-8 p.m. 250th Anniversary Committee – Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. 9/11 Memorial Development Committee – Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. Select Board – Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. Board of Assessors – Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. Felton Field Commission – Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Planning Board – Feb. 6 and Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Council on Aging – Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. Barre Housing Authority – Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. Board of Health – Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. Water Commission – Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. DPW Commission – Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Library Trustees – Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Sewer Commission – Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Conservation Committee – Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Primary Election Day - March 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**HARDWICK** 

Planning Board – Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Board of Health – Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee – Feb. 6

Town Election Day – April 1 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Recycling Commission – Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Capital Planning Committee – Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Board of Selectmen – Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 at 6:30

Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council -Feb. 12, March 11, May 13, June 10 and July 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen – Feb. 12 and Feb. 26

Council on Aging – Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. Gilbertville Public Library – Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. Gilbertville Water District – Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals – Feb. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Conservation Commission – Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Board of Registrars – Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. Capital Planning Committee – March 18 at 3 p.m.

#### HUBBARDSTON

Capital Improvement Planning Committee -Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m. Planning Board – Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Open Space Committee – Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Community Preservation Committee – Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD

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

#### OAKHAM.

Select Board – Feb. 5 and Feb. 20 at 6 p.m

#### **PETERSHAM**

Select Board – Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. Planning Board – Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Core Planning Team – Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 at 1:30 p.m. Board of Health – Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. Open Space and Recreation Committee – Feb. 3 and Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. Board of Assessors – Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Conservation Commission – Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. Council on Aging – Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. Cemetery Commission – Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. Petersham Historic District – Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

#### **RUTLAND**

Special Winter Town Meeting – Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

General and Zoning By-Law Proposed Amendments Public Information Sessions – Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 from 1-4 p.m. Select Board Public Information Session-Jan. 28 1-4 p.m. Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – Jan. 30 at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

#### **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 orrection, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



This is the Brooks Woodland Preserve in Petersham.

### Petersham OSRP hosts public forum Feb. 3

is about to make good on a New Year's resolution.

Residents are invited to a Public Forum in Lower Town Hall, 3 South Main St. on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 2-4 p.m. to discuss the community's goals for the town's update of its Open Space and Recreation Plan. The public will also be able to attend the forum remotely.

Anne Cavanaugh, Chair of Petersham's Open Space and Recreation Committee, said "Our Committee is excited about the forum because it's when residents get to meet our planning consultants, a team of three graduate students from the Conway School, who are updating the Town's OSRP, including all the chapters, maps, and illustrations required by the state. With their help, our community will be ready to assess our landscape within the context of climate change and make recommendations for needed open space and new recreational opportunities."

In November, 2023 the MA Executive Office of Energy and

PETERSHAM – Petersham Environmental Affairs awarded the town of Petersham a \$20,000 Planning Assistance Grant to help update its OSRP. "We're grateful to EEA for the grant and to the town Select board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, East Quabbin Land Trust, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust and Harvard Forest for supporting our application," said Cavanaugh. "The grant makes it possible for us to contract with the Conway School of Landscape Design in Northampton and benefit from their students' talents and work and the school's professional community design and planning

services," she added. Each January, the Conway School's graduate students begin work with six nonprofits and municipalities on real-world community planning projects with a focus on ecological and social sustainability. Completed community projects offer thoughtful, long-term solutions to communities and municipalities that address community needs in consideration of ecological impacts and long-term resilience. Partners come away with plans that are holistic, grounded in the realities of the client communities and feasible within the scope presented (see csld.edu/ real-projects/project-list/).

Public input is the most important part of updating the OSRP and at the heart of the Conway School's work is a commitment to careful listening and collaboration. Recently, Petersham's Open Space and Recreation Committee conducted a public survey that prompted 209 responses, which were summarized and posted on the town's website People may visit https://townofpetersham.weebly. com/uploads/2/7/5/3/27531945/ petershamosrp\_survey\_data\_all\_ final\_231220.pdf. The responses were shared with the Conway School for further analysis. The survey responses will help serve as a starting point for the forum on Saturday, Feb. 3. For more information, people may email the Open Space and Recreation Committee at petershamosr@

### **Petersham Art Center plans three classes**

PETERSHAM - Three free sessions of art and craft are available in Petersham, through a grant from New Salem Academy and the sponsorship of the Petersham Art Center.

All three classes will be held at the Petersham Center School in the cafeteria. The classes are Learn the art of Stenciling, folding Swedish Stars and Quilling designs for cards, all in time for Valentine's Day.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 3-4:30 p.m. participants will learn to stencil on fabric and take home a

stenciled pillowcase.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 3-4:30 p.m. participants will learn the art of folding Swedish Stars for a great ornament or window-hanging decoration.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 3-4:30 p.m. participants will learn quilling, the art of curling paper into beautiful designs to make special greeting cards.



The class on Wednesday, Jan. 31 will teach the art of folding Swedish Stars.

card and envelope they've made. The instructors are Chris

talented crafting artists, from the

Everyone will go home with a Petersham Art Center. To register and to have any questions answered, people may email Eaton and Heidi Strickland, both Chris at chrisoutdoors71@

### Soup's on at the North Brookfield Senior Center

NORTH BROOKFIELD -Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging are sponsoring their Annual Soup-er Bowl to benefit the center's food program on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Local restaurants are generously donating homemade soups. Friends will put these soups into containers and offer them to you for only a \$6 per pint donation.

The Friends are grateful to these cooks/chefs and their restaurants for participating: 308 Lakeside, East Brookfield - Butternut Bisque; Charlie's Diner, Spencer – Ĉlam Chowder; The Clam Box, Brookfield -Clam Chowder; E. B. Flatts, East

Spencer – Chicken and Rice Soup; Mason's Grille, Warren -Vegetable Soup; Panda Garden 2, East Brookfield - Wonton Soup; Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield - Seafood Chowder; Sandy McGinty, Volunteer Cook at North Brookfield Senior Center – Stuffed Pepper Soup; Spencer Subway - Broccoli Cheddar Soup; Yamato Asian Bistro, Spencer - Egg Drop Soup and Yamato Asian Bistro, Spencer – Clear (Hibachi) Broth

To order, call or text Sandy at 774-298-7090, Monday through Friday from noon-6 p.m. Sandy will reserve your order from an

Brookfield - Chili; Kosta's Cafe, extensive selection but limited quantity of delicious soups.

The earlier you call, the more likely you will be able to obtain your favorites before supplies run out, as they did last year.

Stop by the Senior Center at 29 Forest St. with your \$6 per pint donation between noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. Your pre-packaged and refrigerated soups will be ready for easy pickup.

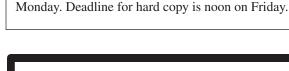
What better way to celebrate football Sunday than by enjoying delicious homemade soups and helping the community's seniors at the same time? The Friends hope to see you there.

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

#### We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free. Please contact Pat James 413-726-8661

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A Health Fair sponsored by the Oakham Council on Aging will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road. There will be a Life Coach, Medicare/Medicaid guidance, a Caregiver's Guide, Massage Therapy, Reiki and other energy treatments, There will also be a public health nurse, yoga instructor, dietitian, Oakham Board of Health and fire officials, Ayurveda and much more. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Oakham

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#### Dog licenses

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

#### Read and play

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

#### **Senior center activities**

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

#### **Meal site**

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

### **Nomination papers** available for May 4 election

HARDWICK - Nomination papers for the May 4 annual town election are now available.

The last day to obtain and submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification is Friday, March 15 by 5 p.m.; the last day to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk is Friday, March 29 by 5 p.m.; the last day to object or withdraw nomination papers is Tuesday, April 2, by 5 p.m.; the last day to register voters for the annual town election is Wednesday, April 24 by 5 p.m.; and the last day to apply to vote by mail is Monday, April 29 by 5 p.m.

#### **Voter registration**

Voter registration is available at the Myron E. Richardson Building, 307 Main St. on Wednesday, April 24 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This is the last day and hour to register voters who wish to vote at the annual town election. Mail-in voter registrations will be accepted if postmarked no later than the April 24 dead-

#### **Financial statements**

Financial statements must be filed by all candidates for election by the following dates even if the candidate has no financial activity to report: pre-election report, eight days prior to election, Friday, April 26; and post-election report, 30 days after election, Monday, June 3.

#### Offices for election

Offices up for election and those currently holding office are as follows: Selectman, H. Robert Ruggles, three-year term; Assessor, Kathryn W. Hosley, threeyear term; Board of Health, Judith Berg Kohn, threeyear term; Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee, Halley T. Stillman, five-year term; Paige Memorial Library Trustee (three positions), Christopher M. Buelow, three-year term, Jennifer E. Garvey, three-year term, unexpired term, one-year term; K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee Member, Kristyl B. Kelly, three-year term; Planning Board(two positions), Erik L. Fleming, three-year term; and William R. Cole, three-year term.

**Editorial deadline reminder** 

Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on

## Opinion

### Guest Column



### How can I get details about my Social Security payment?

Dear Rusty

How do I find the actual breakdown of the Medicare insurance that I have auto deducted and my actual Social Security payment?

I was just looking at a video which explained the 3% Cost of Living Adjustment we will be receiving this year and it compared the current payout to the new payout. There seems to be a big difference in what I am getting and what they said in the video. Currently my Social Security payments are \$1,431. My Medicare insurance is supposed to be \$165, which means my total Social Security is about \$1,596. On the video it said all retired workers are getting \$1,848 with the new increase to take it to \$1,938. There are a couple hundred dollars there that I seem to be missing out on. Can you help me understand that difference?

Signed: Confused Senior

Dear Confused Senior

What you're asking for is an itemized breakout of your gross Social Security benefit, any deductions being taken therefrom (e.g., your Medicare Part B premium), the amount of your COLA increase and your net Social Security payment for 2024. If that is the case, the best way to get this detail is in your personal "my Social Security" online account, which provides all the information mentioned.

You can access your online account at www.ssa. gov/myaccount, and if you don't already have that online account set up, you'll need to first establish your online access credentials. Instructions for how to do that will be at that website.

I'm not sure which video you watched, but "all retired workers" do not get \$1,848 or \$1,938. Everyone's Social Security benefit is different, based on their lifetime earnings record and the age at which they claimed benefits. The numbers you heard in the video were likely average Social Security payments, not the actual amount you should personally be receiving. Here's how it works:

Your personal benefit is based on your Primary Insurance Amount, which is the amount you get if you claim for your benefits to start at your Full Retirement Age, which is somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on the year you were born. Claim before your FRA your benefit is permanently reduced; claim after your FRA it is higher.

Your personal maximum benefit is achieved if you claim at age 70. The Medicare Part B premium (for outpatient healthcare services) is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment. Although the standard 2023 Part B premium was \$164.90, the standard 2024 Part B premium is

You may also have other things, e.g. income tax, withheld from your monthly Social Security payment.

The annual Cost of Living Adjustment for 2024 is 3.2%. That means your gross Social Security benefit goes up by that percentage starting in 2024.

But there was also a \$9.80 increase in your Medicare Part B premium starting in 2024, which means that you won't see all of the COLA increase in your Social Security payment. Since your Medicare premium is deducted from your Social Security, that Medicare increase will also be taken from your SS payment, so you won't see the full 3.2% COLA increase in your 2024 Social Security payment.

To see all of this detail for you personally, I suggest you access your online "my Social Security" account as described above. As an alternative, you can also call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 and request a Benefit Verification Letter which will include all the information you seek about your Social Security payment.

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### In Past Pages

5 years (Jan. 31, 2019)

It was night of coming together in celebration as the Friends of the Stone Church welcomed over 80 guests to their Belfry Ball last Saturday evening at Hartman's Herb Farm in Barre. For the fourth year in a row, the annual dinner and silent auction, one of the major yearly fundraiser for the FOSC, has become a night for many to look forward to in January. The Hartmans are very welcoming and this event gets us out of the house," said Debi Terrien from Hardwick, who has attended the event for the last three years. The FOSC, a nonprofit organization committed to the restoration and preservation of the historic Trinitarian Congregational Church.

There have been times in this country's history when matters have been far worse that at present. Take the '60s, for example. Not the 1960s, as divisive as they were, but the 1860s. Slavery was the issue of the day and would cause and culminate in the War Between the States, brutal conflict that raged for four long years, between 1861 and 1865. Although, the South and slavery had been defeated on the battlefield, it would be more than a century before any meaningful movement toward racial justice would even begin to emerge in America. Back before brother took up arms against brother in the mid-nineteenth century, brave souls took the first bold steps to bringing the ugly specter of racial inequality, the slavery, to the public mind. One of those pioneers was a woman named Arianta Ross, born on Jan. 29, 1822 in Dorchester County, Maryland.

Despite the cold weather, community members attended the 11th annual Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 26, held at the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria. Hearts of Heat President and Secretary Suzanne Lewandowski curried around the cafeteria all night, helping clean up, run raffles and checking with friends through the event. The spaghetti dinner raised \$2,002 with 102 dinners served. North Brookfield Savings Bank matches the first \$2,000 in donations and Country Bank awarded the charity a \$2,500 community grant.

#### 10 years (Jan. 23, 2014)

Quabbin Regional High School Principal Raymond Dewar told the Quabbin Regional School District Committee all sophomores (180 students) and some juniors (95) took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test on Oct. 16. The school committee voted to fund the cost for all tenth graders to take the test during school time. Dewar said by holding the test during the school week, more juniors participated. Both grads scored higher than the state and national averages on English and mathematics. He said 49.4% of tenth graders and 53% of 11th graders were deemed ready for a college career.

If state Rep. Anne Gobi has picked up anything from state Senator Stephen Brewer over the years, it's been one should treat

#### LOOK BACK Women's Union Officers - 1996



New officers were installed at a recent meeting of the South Barre Women's Union. From left are Lucy Valente, secretary; Virginia Unitis, vice president: Angie Duval, treasurer; Santa Neri, corresponding secretary and Joanne Lussier, president.

And it is with such an example in mind she recently announced her candidacy for the retiring senator's district, which includes Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex counties. She suspects she will not officially know who her opposition is until after the state primaries.

The Restore the No. 4 Schoolhouse Committee along with R.J. McDonald, Inc. and Salvadore Auto Group will sponsor a gala fundraiser for ongoing restoration, additional planned projects and maintenance of the No. 4 Schoolhouse on Farrington Road, Barre. A little over two years ago, the No. 4 Schoolhouse was in a state of rapid deterioration. Following conversations with Joyce Dea, President of the No. 4 Schoolhouse Organization as well as several members of the organization, who had voiced their concerns about the condition of the building and the lack of funds needed to repair it, Irene Stevens formed a committee to restore the No. 4 Schoolhouse.

#### 25 years (Jan. 28, 1999)

Oakham Ambulance Director Richard Davis, William Aldrich, Robert Tefft and Fire Chief Richard Howe met the Selectmen a the Monday, Jan. 25 meeting to discuss ambulance issues. Davis said he has assigned tasks to Aldrich and Tefft to distribute the work load. Aldrich does all the training for the ambulance squad. Training takes about 100 to 150 hours per year. Tefft does the maintenance and checks supplies for the ambulance. In the proposed plan for re-organization, the ambulance would have a first and second lieutenant acting in the capacity as training officer and supply officer. Selectmen requested Davis present this information to the Personnel Board and Finance Committee.

Madeline Willey recently received the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Quiet Helper Award

public service as a lifestyle and for her many unselfish hours Rock Chapter No. 125, Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Chapter. Diane Hunt, Worthy Matron of Cradle Rock Chapter No. 125 and Marna Mucha, a Past Matron of the chapter, nominated Madeline for the honor. Marna Mucha wrote a glowing letter highlighting Madeline's numerous accomplishments over the years in the organization.

> About 40 people attended a meeting Monday night in the Barre Town Hall to hear about plans to improve the Common area in the center of town. Some offered input for the engineers and members of the Barre Common Committee to consider implementing the final plan. Sarah Dyer, Chairman of the Commons Committee, introduced the committee and gave general background information about how the committee came about. She said the first Barre Commons Committee was formed about 1947 or 1948. Prior to the period, several groups were responsible for the Common.

#### 38 years (Jan. 30, 1986)

Richard Clark of South Street, announced his resignation as Barre Fire Chief in a letter presented to the Barre Board of Selectmen at their Monday night meeting, Jan 21. His resignation will be effective as of March 31. Clark stated in the letter his decision is based on advice from his physician. Clark has served as Fire Chief since 1982 and has been a fireman for 27 years. He thanked the board and other town departments for their cooperation over the years and offered to stay on in an advisory position working with the new chief to make a smooth transition. Earl Sample, Selectman Chair, commented Clark's resignation is a great loss to the town.

The Barre Board of Selectmen approved John Coppolino's application for a liquor license at the Monday, Jan. 27 meeting.

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### Guest Column



### **Crazy for carrots**

I used the last of my home grown carrots in soup today.

Growing enough carrots to last into the winter months is a huge accomplishment for me. You see, I've never been the best carrot grower.

In the past, either the seeds didn't germinate well, or if they did, bugs ate the seedlings when they were just an inch tall. One year I got past that only to have the roots taste so bitter at harvest that I ended up throwing them all out.

All that work for nothing!

After a good carrot growing experience last year, however, things are looking up, and I'm planning for an even better harvest this summer. I've been slow to inventory my seeds this year, but in preparation, I did some research on carrot varieties and culture.

My great-flavored carrots were due in part to the variety.

I don't remember the exact name, but I know for certain they were a Nantes type. The sausage shape and blunt end is a give-away. They were crisp and sweet and about six-seven inches long.

If you aim to grow the kind of standard carrots that are typically sold in the grocery store, Imperator types are what you should look for. Because they can grow very long, be sure you have loose, deep soil.

Some experts say that although they can top off at nine-10 inches long, they are not always flavorful.

Chantenay types are a good choice for shallow

These carrots have wide shoulders but are extremely tapered, growing only five-dix inches long. They are typically crisp and sweet, and like most carrots, taste even sweeter after a few frosts. Another good choice for shallow or dense soils

are the Danvers types. Originating in Danvers, Massachusetts, this heirloom six-eight inch carrot tapers to a point. Typically, they store well and are good for cooking. In addition to these types, there are hybrids of the

above types and specialties beyond that. Once thing they all have in common is their culture. Growing carrots is not hard if you follow a few

hard and fast rules. Ideally soil should be deep, loose and free of stones. Carrots grow well in raised beds for this rea-

Regular garden beds should have the soil loosened to about a foot deep. Be wary of using fresh manure or other sources of fertilizer that are super high in nitro-

While it's true that carrots like some nitrogen, having ultra rich soil will make for fibrous, hairy roots. Last year, I sowed my carrot seeds immediately after

harvesting my garlic in July. I did not amend the soil at all in preparation of the planting. Experts say that if you are going to amend it

should be done the fall prior. It can take a long time for carrot seeds to sprout.

Gardeners have tried all sorts of extraneous measures to get them to germinate more quickly and with great-

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### **Serenity Hill Sampler**

by Jane McCauley

Brrrrr it has been so cold.

I haven't even gone out to get the mail. Friends and relatives have gotten it for us which is nice. When I got groceries last time, I anticipated this cold spell.

I had a surprise visit from our two daughters on Saturday. We ordered a delicious pizza for lunch.

On Friday I had a quick visit from the Barre Gazette editor. It was the first time she had visited Serenity Hill and now she knows why we call it that. I hope she can visit longer next time.

I am still picking over recipes for food and crafts and filing them. I came across this one that was my mother's recipe for making Balsam Pillows. I might try it if I can find some Balsam trees.

#### **BALSAM PILLOWS**

Shed needles from a Balsam fir tree and put them on a screen to dry for about one week. When dry put 2 tablespoons of salt and mix with one cup of needles. Put them in a jar. Allow to fix for three weeks shaking frequently.

Cloth bags may be made of a heavy material or burlap and put the needles in the bag and sew it up. Any size bag may be made depending on what you plan to do with it. Small bags can be used to put with your clothes and pillow size may be used on your sofa. I remember my grandmother always had a pillow of Balsam and it smelled so nice.

#### This and That

I worked on making more bags from fabric, which was given to me for some items I wanted to store away. Upholstery fabric also makes good bags for grocery

I made corn chowder this week and made some corn muffins to go with it. It is always a good meal for cold weather. I have to make shrimp wiggle again this week as I have a half bag of shrimp to use up.

When I make spaghetti and meatballs I use a cheese sauce instead of tomato so I have a half bottle of cheese sauce to use up also. I will make a macaroni type meal with hamburg and onions.

I hope this week will be milder so some of the snow will melt before we get the next storm. My plow man has been doing a good job and thankful for him and my handyman. As seniors we are trying to stay in our home. We need to get all the help we can get.

I try to call another senior each day to make sure they are safe in this frigid weather. Some towns have a system that seniors call into their police department each day at a certain time and if they don't the police department gives them a wellness check. I think that would be a good idea for all towns.

Have a good week and stay warm.

### **NB** Hearts for Heat hosts spaghetti dinner on Jan. 27

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The 15th Annual NB Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 5-7 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School Cafeteria.

The dinner is \$12 per person with a cap of \$36 for a family of four or more. Takeout available.

Sponsored with the Hayden Masonic Lodge and supported by Hannaford Supermarket, this is truly community helping community. Big ticket raffles include: Celtics team signed basketball and a pair of home game tickets, WooSox tickets for six, Worcester Railers Hockey tickets for four,



Springfield Thunderbird Hockey

tickets, and local gift certificates. The Otters will provide musical ambiance all evening. Students from the North Brookfield High School's National Honor Society and Valley View School will assist. The dinner snow date is Saturday,

NB Hearts for Heat is a 501(c)3 charitable organization to help North Brookfield residents in need of emergency home heating assistance for oil, propane, natural gas, electric, pellets, or cord wood. 100% of donations are used for fuel purchases.

NB Hearts for Heat has assisted 158 families since 2009.

Donations can be mailed to NB Hearts for Heat, P.O. Box 44, North Brookfield, MA 01535. To access the printable 2023-24 application, visit http://www.heartsforheat.org/ NorthBrookfield/assistance.html.

## playground equipment company

BARRE,

**Select Board reports** 

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Select Board Vice Chair Dixson said he asked Town Administrator Martin to look into the feasibility of establishing a Road Commission. The Commission would consist of three members, who understand roadways and Chapter 90 funding.

Select Board Member Regienus said he spent time talking to a Petersham resident about generating a self build for the proposed playground in Barre. He said the

sends in experts to work with volunteers for the build. He offered to assist as he has equipment. He also brought up the need for

access for all of the upper floor of the Town Hall. He said presently there was a lot of unused space.

Select Board Chair Marshall said that debts for both the Ruggles Lane Elementary School roof and the Town Common would be paid off soon. The town could then consider a debt exclusion for another capital project such as the Town Hal or the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning at the Henry Woods

#### **COA** resignations and appointment

The Board received the resignation of Stanley Miknaitis and Mary Ann Watson from the Council on Aging. They accepted their resignations and thanked them for their service. They Board also approved the appointment of Claire Adomaitis and Peter Trifilo to the Council on Aging.

#### **Donations**

The Select Board received a donation of \$100 from the East Quabbin Land Trust and a \$30,000 donation from Insight Meditation and Barre Center of Buddhist

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Coppolino is the owner of the Barre Foods, formerly Barre IGA, located in the Quabbin Shopping Center in Barre. The public hearing was called to order at 8 p.m.

The Barre selectmen voted unanimous approval to grant the liquor license to Coppolino.

Sitting by the fireplace in his living room last week, Roger Langley of Barre basked in the warm glow of the most recent

honor to come to him from the work of skiing, his elect to the Canadian Skiing Hall of Fame, officially called the Honour Roll of Canadian Skiing. Roger Langley is 84 now and the time when he was actively involved in skiing began 61 to 62 years ago.

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er consistency.

Here are some things I have read about and some I have tried.

The old radish trick - try sowing radish seed interspersed among your carrot seed. The radishes will sprout first, marking the row and providing some shade for the developing carrot seedlings.

Some people pre-sprout. Place seed in a moist paper towel and set it in a warm spot in the house and it will sprout. Immediately after sprouting it is sown in place in the garden.

The rows are kept moist and ideally the seedlings take hold. Sadly, I have read that sometimes this causes roots that end up misshapen.

Sometimes gardeners use wood, shade cloth or burlap to keep the seedbed moist. If you miss when the seeds sprout, they could be smothered under these coverings or worse yet, get tangled up in the

Check daily and remove coverings on the first notice of germination. Continue to keep the bed watered or seedlings will perish.

My success this past summer was due in part to when I sowed. In mid-July, soil temperatures were optimum (around 75 degrees) and seedlings germinated in a week.

I kept the plot watered until they were up and growing. Although carrot seed can germinate in early spring- even when soil temperatures are below 50 degrees, it will definitely require some patience, and work, on our part, to keep the seedbed from drying out.

Another concern gardeners

have, has to do with sowing the tiny seeds and/or thinning the seedlings. Carrots mature to the right size when given at least two inches between plants.

I usually try to sow my seed a half-inch apart and then thin to two inches. Thinning is a pain to do, especially in bigger plantings, but it can be done.

In order not to damage nearby seedlings, I often use a tiny pair of scissors to cut away the crowding seedlings. A thumb and index finger can also be used to pinch away the excess plants right at the soil

Sometimes gardeners mix carrot seed with sand or dry coffee grounds to make sowing the small

seed easier; using seed tape or pelletized seed are other, albeit expensive options to insure more equidistant seedlings. Regular carrot seeds are viable for two-three years whereas pelletized seed is viable for a

Plan accordingly by not ordering more than you need. Tape and coated seed do still need to be kept as moist as regular sowings - maybe even more so, due to the additional

lavers.

I am excited to grow carrots again this year. Hopefully a bigger harvest will enable soup-making well into spring.

Tackling what types of carrots to grow and ensuring good germination and a healthy stand of seedlings will mean I am well on my way to achieving that goal!

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

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### What we thought was finished is not finished

By Eric Goodhart Correspondent

"The people have not only spoken, they were heard!" Those were my opening words in this paper following the September 13, 2023 joint meeting of the Department of Recreation and Conservation, DCR, and the Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee, WRWAC, at the Quabbin Regional High School.

The implication of those words was not accurate! That everyone was "heard" and satisfied with DCR's plan was not true. Though the Advisory Committee voiced satisfaction with DCR's final plan, a plan that was over three years in the making, delayed because of the social and economic restrictions in place since the rollout of the pandemic in March 2020, there were people who were

It was at the next meeting of the WRWAC on Oct. 5 that I met, for the first time, a homeowner on Comet Pond in Hubbardston. I did not hear her or anyone else at any of the meetings I attended in 2023, voice any concerns about Comet Pond. Not that they were ever quiet. Later, I learned they had voiced major concerns quite vehemently over the previous two years. But now I was sitting next to a homeowner and asked her what she thought of the final plan.

To say she was not pleased is an understatement. Since then, I have met with six property owners including the President of the Comet Pond Association, Susan Meagher. They gave me copies of letters, including one sent by



Ryan Couture, the Hubbardston Chief of Police to the DCR and WRWAC.

In that letter he voiced serious concern about the inability of the police and/or fire department to respond to emergencies on the east side of the pond on in the pond. He does not think long distance swimming on a pond that is getting increasing use by pleasure boats and kayaks is a good idea.

Many years ago, land was cleared for a public beach on the west side of the Pond with access from Rt 68. Swimming is aloud within safety markers in front of the beach. No longer is there a lifeguard during the summer season, but there is someone there to take care of equipment and proper use of the beach. But very limited parking. Drivers on Rt 68 will always see a line of cars parked on the side of the highway during the

There is some good news since the most recent meeting on January 11. The Chief's and other

Turley photo by Eric Goodhard well written letters by homeowners have had some effect. The DCR has suspended its plan to put a parking area on the narrow one lane East Comet Pond Rd and will not allow open water swimmers to swim from that point. And the DCR will clear land next to the road leading to the public beach from the highway for 20 cars.

Though swimming outside of the public beach has never been allowed, people for at least 4 years have ignored the no swimming signs by the boat ramp at the South tip of the pond. There will be a need to ensure that long distance swimmers leave from the public beach and stay within a marked channel. A method to do that has yet to be proposed.

The good news is that long distance swimmers are not just extraordinarily physical fit, they are safety conscious. A frequent swimmer at the meeting told me that though most don't have life-

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all of its inhabitants be of the Catholic faith, and after immigrating there, gave up their Protestant faith in order to live in their new

"They gave up everything," Grandpre Wood said.

Her family moved along the St. Laurence River, and with them they carried the Arrow Sash. All the way to where they finally settled so many years ago on the little island of L'ille Dupas where her six-times great-grandfather settled with his five sisters, and two brothers, who all married

"It's not only a treasure to my family, but Čanada as well," Grandpre Wood said of the Arrow Sash, a brightly colored sash featuring a red arrow pattern through the center, which has a long history and symbolism to both of the Matisse and French Canadian

The Ceinture Fléchée, the Arrow Sash, was passed on through Grandpre Wood's family and she was taught

everything about it by her great-aunt Lucille De Grandpre.

"She knew all things De Grandpre," Grandpre Wood said. "She was the keeper of all things, and the reason I wrote this book."

"My great aunts wrote these beautiful stories about the great stone church," Grandpre Wood said about the church at St. Laboire where several of her ances-

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#### loved about their stories was that Christmas was all about Jesus the true meaning.' As Grandpre Wood moved

tors are buried. "What I really

through life, she decided to journey through the lands of Canada and the Long Trail itself through Vermont where her ancestors once walked.

"I always wear the sash, I always bring the sash," Grandpre Wood said. "You are feeling like you're connecting with the, like a constellation of stars.'

In 2010, Grandpre Wood felt called back to the Catholic church, and took a pilgrimage to Medjugorje where her faith lit up like a spark of a flame. On her and her husband's 30th wedding anniversary, they remarried with a beautiful Catholic service with their original maid of honor and best man returning for the cere-

It was at this point that Grandpre Wood began to feel that calling from God to do something more, and that ended up being the desire to write her book. In 2015, she began, and by the time she reached 2020, she was writing.

She wrote and wrote her family's stories, going on journeys and writing and taking photos. All the while, and through every step of the way, she brought the Arrow Sash, as her ancestors once did. She decided to tackle the Long

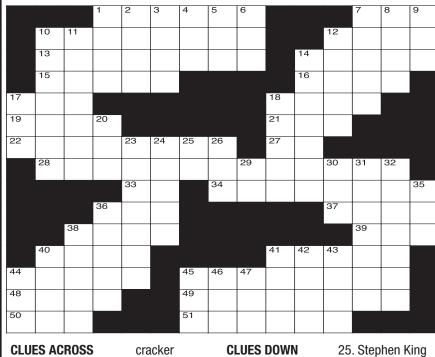
Trail with her niece, which began

in Williamstown and ended in North Troy, Vermont near the Quebec border. All the while, she felt like a closeness to her ancestors she had never experienced "Once you start connecting, it

starts connecting you," Grandpre Wood said. "They were walking She could feel the presence of

her family, and her faith and love for the journey only grew, and it grew into her book.

No synopsis can truly encompass Grandpre Wood's wonderful story of her life's journey, and one can only truly walk in her shoes through reading her book. Her journey of faith can be summed up with her simple phrase, "For me, Our Lady leads the way."



#### **CLUES ACROSS** cracker 36. Returned 1. Winged nut \_\_\_ Humbug! material 10. One who sets

apart 12. Circle above a saint's head 13. Unpleasantly

loud and harsh 14. Expressed pleasure 15. Feminine given name

16. Company of badgers 17. Popular Dodge pickup truck 18. Witty sayings 19. Leader

nervous system 22. Premolar 27. Atomic #28 28. Holiday

21. Autonomic

decorative item 33. Exclamation of surprise 34. Rusk or

## authorization

37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language 38. Eat 39. Marxist

(abbr.)

economics theory (abbr.) 40. Ceases to exist 41. Male Arabic name 44. Series of

ridges on an organ wall 45. Places where bees are kept 48. One-time Yankees

sensation Kevin 49. Church office 50. Single lens reflex 51. Pieces of

fibrous tissue

#### **CLUES DOWN**

1. Classify 2. Dismounted 3. Produced 4. Consumed

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9. Builder's trough 10. Relating to Islam 11. It can

sometimes ache 12. Small quantities (Scot.)

14. Poisonous plant 17. Laugh at 18. Vogul

20. C. European 23. Type of cat

disgust

square (abbr.) 24. Exclamation of

45. Commercials 46. I.M. architect 47. 007's creator

novel

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flightless birds

38. For smoking

41. Competition

43. Containers

44. Root mean

resembling an

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10



# Calendar of Events



#### THURSDAY, JAN. 25

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

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

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 26

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

VALENTINE GALA sponsored by the Friends of the Stone Church ticket deadline is today or until they are sold out. There will be an auction to benefit FOSC on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. at Hardwick Crossing Country Club, Route 32, Gilbertville. One of the items up for bid is a seven-day family vacation at Villa Camilla, a beachfront getaway in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands will be auctioned as well as a two-night stay at Sugar Maple Trailside Inn in Florence and an overnight stay and four day passes at Great Wolf Lodge indoor water park in Fitchburg. In addition to a silent and live auction, the gala features dinner and musical entertainment. To help make the most of this generous donation by the owners Beth and Larry Sulak, FOSC will accept bids by email prior to the event, starting at \$1,000. However, people must Library Director at least two weeks before the program

### Where is this?



TTurley 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 29. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Paul Carlson, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko, Gael Moncoeur and Jeremy Varnum and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week shows the the Hubbardston Memorial Library on Main Street, Hubbardston.

be present to have the opportunity to make the final bid. No remote bids will be accepted after Friday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. Final bidders will pay in advance and be asked to sign a rental agreement.

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 27

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

#### MONDAY, JAN. 29

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

SHARING NATURE PHOTOS sponsored by the Ware River Nature Club will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main Street, Rutland,

People are invited to choose ten of their favorite nature and outdoor photographs, put them on a thumb drive and bring them to this casual evening of photo-sharing. The club will supply the screen, projector and technical help. The club invites people to supply some pictures and perhaps say a few words about each of them. The photographs must be taken by the person submitting them and taken within the last 25 years; they can be from anywhere in the world. An audience is needed as well so people may come to enjoy the show even if they have no pictures to

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 3

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

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 4

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

#### MONDAY, FEB. 5

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

#### HARDWICK, continued from page 1

The owner of the property, who is the landlord for Gillespie's businesses, provided a statement from his attorney to the Select Board. Both the landlord and Gillespie are due to appear in court regarding the

The Select Board voted to allow for the renewal of the Class II license for Affordable Car, with the condition there be a 10-car limit, to be achieved within 60 days. The car limit does not apply to the Gillespie Car Care side of the property.

#### **Interim Fire Chief salary**

Interim Fire Chief Joshua Pease said there is \$17,017 remaining in the Fire Chief's Salary account.

Pease earned \$1,400 last year as Deputy Chief, in addition to receiving payment for call response.

The Select voted to approve a prorated salary of \$21,000 for fiscal year 2024 for Pease, and still allow him to get paid for call

#### **Pump station color scheme**

The Select Board selected autumn brown for the siding color of the pump station building with flat black for louvers, trim and

doors. The darker colors will make the building blend in better with the surrounding woods.

#### **Town House repairs** Vollheim said the stone slabs

in front of the Town House have settled, and have created a tripping hazard for anyone walking in and out of the building.

Sometime after the stones had been laid by stonemason Randy Noble, they were lifted during construction project on the Common, and the clay underneath was removed and filled with another material.

"That could be why they settled," Vollheim said.

The stone slabs had been placed there by

Noble in 1996. Vollheim said he and Noble have ideas on how to fix the problem. He said the front step is also too high, and it could be replaced to improve accessibility.

Vollheim asked for permission from the Select Board to look into the cost of the repairs. Town House Committee member Anne Barnes is looking into grant funding through the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund.

#### **Sewer report**

Water Pollution Control Facilities Superintendent Scott Potter said with the change in temperatures, there have been a lot of alarms going off at the Wheelwright pump station.

Potter also updated the Select Board about a resident's complaint regarding sewer odor and gases at their High Road house. He said he met the Plumbing Inspector at the residence to determine what can be done to help with the sewer

He said the resident may try putting an extension on the pipe in the front.

#### Town Administrator's report

Parker said a Zoom public meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 6:45-7:25 p.m. to talk about the Patrill Hollow dam removal. The Zoom link is posted on the town's website, hardwick-ma.gov.

She said she attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association conference last week and received a lot of information about rural community needs and support.

Parker said the town administrators representing the five towns of the Quabbin Regional School District met with the school administration to go over prospective enrollment and needs. She said enrollment is down, but needs are up, especially with special educa-

#### Sale of buildings

Vollheim said the Capital Planning Committee is getting a request for proposal together for the sale of the Ruggles Hill school. He said he would also like to get an auction going in the spring to get rid of surplus equipment.

#### **Assessors contracts**

The Select Board accepted a proposal from CAI Technologies on behalf of the Assessors for Mass GIS maintenance services in the amount of \$2,100 and an additional \$20 for building footprints per building added.

The Select Board also accepted Mayflower Valuation's cyclical inspection services for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of \$17,800

#### **Reconsideration of license**

Parker said when the application for the Whistle Stop Restaurant's liquor license was sent to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, there were a couple of mistakes. She said the ABCC took no action on the license and sent it back to the Select Board to make the correc-

She said the applicant will make the necessary changes in order for the Select Board to reconsider the application.

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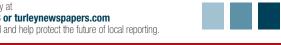


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Town's cable access channel and other Town media access. The town's cable provider, Spectrum Charter, collects fees from cable subscribers to fund the PEG account.

Article 5 approved transferred \$2,000 from free cash into the Cemetery Commission Expense Account to pay engineering costs for the replacement arch at Green Hollow Cemetery. American Recovery Act Funds will cover the \$20,000 cost of the arch. Article 6 amended the FY 24 budget by transferring from the Treasurer's Unemployment Account \$1,850

to the Board of Health Part Time Wage Account.

Article 7 amended the FY24 budget by transferring from free cash \$6,000 with \$3,000 going into the Town Clerk's Election Wages and Expense account and the other half going into the Election Expenses Account. Voters also approved to amend the FY24 budget by transferring from Treasurer's Unemployment account \$7,342.44 into the Library Part Time Wages account and to amend the FY24 budget by transferring \$6,249.28 from the Treasurer's Unemployment Account to the Police Part Time Wages

Other articles included the

transfer \$2,290.97 from free cash to Accountant Expense account into the Software Expense Account to pay for a prior year's expense, the amendment of the FY 24 budget to transfer \$10,000 from free cash into the Highway Department Snow and Ice Contracted Services account and to amend the Council on Aging Revolving Fund current cap from \$5,000 to

\$10,000.

Voters approved Article 13, the only non financial article, which adopted a Flag Bylaw, which only allowed the flying of US Flag, Massachusetts State Flag, official Town of Oakham Flag, Official Flags of all Branches of U.S. Military and

Armed Forces, the Prisoner of War Flag and other flags specially authorized by proclamation of the Board of Selectmen at a properly posted Board meeting.

Article 14 transferred \$4,956.16 from free cash into the Emergency Management Grant account and

Article 15 transferred \$100,000 from free cash into the General Stabilization account.

The final three articles

approved were the transfer of \$75,000 from free cash into the Capital Stabilization account, the transfer of \$11,000 into the Police Cruiser Stabilization account and the transfer o \$15,000 from free cash to conduct a financial audit for FY23.

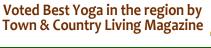


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# Doyle's layup wins in double OT

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Evan Barringer has seen many outstanding student-athletes during the 23 years that he's been a coach and a history teacher in the Quabbin Regional School District.

Barringer is currently the Lady Panthers varsity basketball coach and one of his all-time favorite athletes is senior co-captain Meg Doyle, who's also an outstanding softball player.

Doyle's lay-up basket with 5.9 seconds remaining in double overtime gave the Lady Panthers a thrilling 50-49 home victory over Mid-Wach C rival Hudson before a raucous crowd, last Friday night.

"Meg Doyle is the finest athlete male or female that I've seen here at Quabbin in the past 23 years," said Barringer, who has also coached the Quabbin golf team. "I'm very glad that she had that moment at the end of tonight's game. She's just an incredible athlete and person. This was probably our most exciting game so far this season and I'm very proud of all my players. Everyone contributed."

Junior Brooke Austin didn't score any points in the home victory, but she contributed to her team's success in other ways.

"Brooke came off the bench and played about thirty minutes in the game," Barringer said. "I thought she played excellent defense and rebounded very well. It was awesome to see from her."

The Lady Panthers (8-3) had lost their previous two games against Tyngsborough and Littleton. They also lost at Hudson,36-32 in overtime, back in the middle of December. Doyle, who's planning on entering the

See QUABBIN GIRLS, page 8



Riley Bassett grabs an offensive rebound.



Bri Whitelaw puts up a threepoint shot.



Meaghan Doyle shoots for three.



Zeke Santoro going for the



Kyle Clark gets fouled driving to the hoop.

### Panthers can't keep up with Littleton

BARRE - Last Wednesday night, Quabbin boys basketball hosted Littleton in a makeup of a snowed out game. Littleton doubled up on Quabbin in the first quarter and used the big jump to leave with a 61-42 win. Quabbin dropped to 2-8 on the season with the defeat. Quinn Geary would lead Quabbin with 15 points.

**Ricky Jenoure** with a jump shot.





Hannah Baxter takes a hook

shot.

PALMER - Last Thursday night, Pathfinder boys basketball picked a win over Pioneer Valley Christian School 68-65. The Pioneers beat PVCA for the second time this season, sweeping the season series with their league rivals. Hunter Griswold had a huge game with nearly half the team's points. He led all scorers with 32 points while Adrien Moskovitz had 16 points. Pathfinder is now 5-2 on the season.



Adam Slonka attempts a shot while Seth Mitchell signals he's open for a pass.



**Hunter Griswold gets ready** to drive into the paint.



Seth Mitchell makes his way down the court.

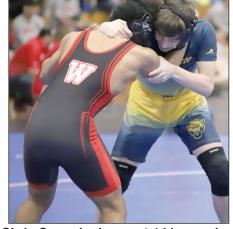


Adrien Moskovitz makes a pass around the perimeter.



## Full day of wrestling for Quabbin

GRANBY - Last Saturday morning, Quabbin Regional wrestling traveled to Granby High School in Western Mass. to face several teams from the region in a series of dual meets. Participants in the multi-team event included Westfield, Ludlow, Frontier, South Hadley, Chicopee, and host Granby High School.



Chris Gross locks up at 144 pounds.





Cole Wilson tries to keep hold of his opponent's leg.



Alex Fors tries to avoid a takedown.



Quinn Geary shoots from the top of the key.

## Quabbin to celebrate 1999 team

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

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

The reunion and celebration will take place Friday, Feb. 2 against Tyngsboro at home. Game time is set earlier at 6 p.m. There will be a social and school tour from 5 to 6 p.m. Members of the team attending will be recognized and honored at halftime of the game.

Admission is free of charge to returning members of that championship team as well as their families.

### Committee seeks **HOF** nominations

BARRE – Nominations for the Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024 are being accepted.

Nomination forms are

available on the Quabbin

Regional Athletic website

(www.qrsd.org).

All forms are due March 1. Please mail forms to: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame; PO Box 874; Barre, MA 01005 or e-mail to mmiville@qrsd.org.

## **Sports**

### Railers stun Komets in shootout

The Worcester Railers HC (17-15-3-2, 39pts) took down the Fort Wayne Komets (19-16-1-3, 42pts) on Saturday night in a shootout by the final score of 4-3 in front of a crowd of 9,747 at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The Railers wrap up their threein-three on the road against the Komets this Sunday, January 21st at 5:00pm.

Blade Jenkins (2-0-2) opened scoring for Worcester to give the Railers the early lead in the first before Nolan Volcan (1-0-1) scored a short-handed goal to tie things going into the second. The second period looked as though it was going to be a scoreless frame before Ture Linden (1-0-1) scored with just over three remaining in the period to put the Komets up 2-1 going into the third. Jack Dugan (1-1-2) extended Fort Wayne's lead before Joey Cipollone () and Blade Jenkins tied things up for Worcester to force overtime. As neither team scored in the extra frame, a shootout was required. It took seven rounds until Jack Quinlivan scored in the bottom of the round to give Worcester the 4-3 shootout win on Saturday night.

Worcester came out firing in the first period, playing what would end up being one of their best first periods of play this season. Blade Jenkins (10th) worked a tip on a Ryan Verrier shot to put

Springfield Thunderbirds (18-15-

3-2) could not keep pace with the

potent offense of the Rochester

Americans (19-13-3-1), falling

7-3 on Saturday night at Blue

firepower from the onset, and

after a bad defensive zone turn-

over, Linus Weissbach cashed

in with a wrister past Vadim

Zherenko to make it a 1-0 game

just 3:24 into the action. The

Amerks were not finished, either,

as Graham Slaggert found himself

available for a deflection outside

of Zherenko's crease, and he did

just that at 6:07, tipping it by the

Springfield goalie to make it a 2-0

morale, the T-Birds got just

that when Calle Rosen crept up

into a play at the offensive blue

to receive a one-touch pass from

MacKenzie MacEachern. With a

lane available to shoot, Rosen did

just that, snapping it past Devon

In need of a positive shift in

Rochester lead.

The home team came out with

Cross Arena in Rochester.

Worcester ahead 1-0 at the 5:58 mark of the frame. The Railers would slip on the power play, allowing Nolan Volcan (11th) to slip past the defense and throw a puck of the backside of John Muse into the net to tie the game shorthanded at 1-1 going into the second. Physicality was high in the first period, with multiple scrums playing out in front of both nets and in the end-boards after whistles. Shots in the first heavily favored Worcester, 14-6.

The physical play continued in the second, as was the theme for most of the period. The Komets began to get more shots on Muse in the second, finishing with 15 total in the frame. Late in the period, Ture Linden (17th) grabbed a rebound from the scrum in front which Muse dove for and patted it home around him to make it a 2-1 lead for Fort Wayne with 3:02 left in the second. Shots in the middle period favored Fort Wayne 15-7, and were tied across the game after two, 21-21.

Fort Wayne extended their lead in the third period thanks to Jack Dugan's (10th) goal off a wrister from the slot to make it 3-1 Komets. The third period was Worcester's from there. Joey Cipollone found the puck loose in the slot and skated it to the far side where he ripped it clean past Fanti to make it a 3-2 game. With John Muse pulled and the Komets

**T-Birds drop decision to Amerks** 

SPRINGFIELD - The Levi's blocker just 39 seconds second period as Rochester got to

Springfield's special teams

after the Slaggert goal to cut the

Rochester lead down to 2-1 at

stepped into the spotlight mean-

ingfully after that, killing off a pair

of Amerks power plays thanks to a

stabilized effort by Zherenko and

their first power play in the clos-

ing minutes of the period, they

took full advantage to erase the

two-goal hole before a full period

was even completed. In his first

game as a T-Bird, recent ECHL

call-up Tanner Dickinson made

his presence known, beating Levi

with a snapper from the left circle

to even the score, 2-2, at 17:17.

Rosen picked up the primary assist

in accounting for both Springfield

injury, so former Amerk Malcolm

Subban was thrust into duty.

Even with the goalie swap, his-

tory repeated itself to begin the

After 20 minutes, Zherenko

goals in the opening frame.

When the T-Birds received

his defense.

ahead by one late in the game, the Railers worked their way into the attacking zone. Anthony Callin cut to the right wing through the defense and delivered a perfect cross-ice feed to Blade Jenkins (11th) who finished past Fanti to tie the game for the Railers and give them new life. Neither team scored across the remaining 1:41, as the game was headed into overtime.

Both teams exchanged a flurry of opportunities in the extra frame, as Fanti made four saves for the Komets while Muse made three for Worcester. Neither team broke through in overtime, meaning the game would be settled in a

The Komets shot first in the shootout. Shawn Szydlowski, Jack Dugan, Ethan De Jong, Matt Wedman, Carl Berglund, Xavier Cormier, and Ture Linden were all turned aside by John Muse. For Worcester, Keeghan Howdeshell, Blade Jenkins, Anthony Repaci, Connor Welsh, Anthony Callin, and Andrei Bakanov were all denied by Ryan Fanti. In the bottom of the seventh round, Jack Quinlivan had his turn in the shootout. He came in wide along the right-wing side, cut back across to the left, and skated in slowly as he then finished past Fanti to deliver Worcester their second shootout win of the season, and the extra point on the evening.

the scoreboard first. Kale Clague

slipped down the far side of the

ice, undetected, and tapped home

a perfect centering pass from

Brandon Biro to make it a 3-2

game. Lukas Rousek also assisted,

extending his point streak to an

reared its ugly head on the T-Birds,

as Brett Murray intercepted a drop

pass, weaved to the right side, and

beat Subban with a wrist shot to

a power play with a chance to cut

the lead in half, Rochester handed

Springfield a bitter gut-punch as

Isak Rosen stormed in on a break-

away and chipped a forehander

over Subban's glove to make it 5-2

at 11:42. It was just the second

shorthanded goal allowed all year

Amerks' run at the 14:47 mark

when Jakub Vrana marched over

the right-wing side on a 2-on-1

before flipping a perfect sau-

cer pass to Mikhail

Abramov, who one-

timed it through Levi

to make it a 5-3 game.

night, the T-Birds did

not have the third-peri-

od magic, as Rochester

held Springfield to

just three attempts on

goal in the final 20

minutes. Subban was

forced to hold the 5-3

margin with a penalty

shot save on Mason

Jobst, but the Amerks

persisted anyway, get-

ting back-to-back goals

from Viktor Neuchev

and Weissbach separat-

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The T-Birds stopped the

With Springfield jumping on

3:30 later, another turnover

AHL-best 13 straight games.

make it 4-2.

by the T-Birds.



#### WINSOR DAM, continued from page 1

plan was to build two large earthen structures, which was done near the end of the project.

Winsor Dam is the main structure, and it impounds the Swift River and the Goodnough Dike is the secondary structure, impounding Beaver Brook. Construction of both took place between 1935-1939. The dam and the dike are located three miles apart from each

At 295 feet above bedrock, the dam is named for Frank Winsor, who died before the project was done. At the time of his death, he was being sued by the state of Rhode Island, and during questioning at a hearing he had a heart attack and died.

The core wall of the Winsor Dam was built with 40 caissons, ranging from 30-125 feet tall, with an average height of 100 feet. The caissons were sealed to the bedrock, then sealed with concrete and hydraulic soil which was gathered from the valley.

"They spent a lot of time investigating the best soil throughout the valley," Beiter-Tucker said. "They apparently found a lot of it."

Hydraulic soil was taken from "borrow pits" and is also known as "rock flour," as it compacts densely together when water is removed.

The soil would be kept in a dry box, brought uphill to a hog box where it was mixed with water, then fed down sluice lines. A pump barge would reuse water, pumping it back up to the hog box.

"The sluice lines never worked out really well, they clogged a lot," Beiter-Tucker said, causing engineers to eventually open them fully. Laborers then used batter boards to push the soil and water out to spread it evenly

Before it went into the dry box, soil was sifted through metal grates known as "grizzlies," which were repurposed from Rabbit Run railroad tracks.

To start the dam's construction, engineers first had to divert the Swift River using a coffer dam. Once that was completed, a 2,700 foot long trench that was 30 feet deep was dug to lay the caissons.

The caissons were built piece by piece, with the first piece placed being a metal shoe. On top of the shoe was the work chamber, which was reinforced with steel.

The weight of the concrete gradually pushed against the shoe's sharp edge and worked the entire structure down until it reached bedrock, where it would eventually be sealed. Workers would remove dirt as the shoe and chamber were forced down through the earth.

Beiter-Tucker said compressed air was pumped into the work chambers to provide oxygen for the workers and they were limited to two, 40-minute shifts a day inside the work chamber.

"The workers were inside those work chambers while it was being forced down," Beiter-Tucker said. "They were lowered down into chamber with bucket."

After completing their shift, the workers would go into a decompression chamber before spending the rest of their work day completing other work on the project, above ground.

Beiter-Tucker said it was hard work, and men were paid 50-60 cents an hour (about \$8 in current money). Construction of the Quabbin Reservoir took place almost entirely during The Great Depression, she said, and there were lines of men to get these jobs and work 12-hour shifts.

"It was hard work," Beiter-Tucker said.

In 1937 the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir moved to a 24-hour project. Large lights used during night work cast shadows, which resulted in a lot of injuries and deaths.

"26 men were killed out of thousands on the entire project," Beiter-Tucker said.

Once the caissons were sealed to the bedrock, soil was applied to both sides to build the base of dam, and compacted with a sheep's foot roller.

After the caisson wall was completed, soil was stripped away from either end to seal with concrete blankets to prevent leaking. That was the first stage of construction.

Beiter-Tucker said the Goodnough Dike was constructed in almost completely the same way, just on a small scale. The dike measures 2,140 feet long and is 264 feet above bedrock.

It was named for Henry Goodnough, an engineer who lived in Sudbury and liked to come out rock, and the channel goes under

She said the major difference between the dam and the dike is that the dam has an outlet for water, while the dike blocks only.

After construction of the dam and dike was completed, it took seven years to fill the Quabbin Reservoir.

#### **Chicopee Valley Aqueduct**

"It was decided the Swift Tiver would not be cut off completely so it could flow to Three Rivers," Beiter-Tucker said, as it's part of Connecticut's water supply as well. The design of the dam included diversion for the Swift Tiver, releasing below the Winsor Dam down to Chicopee and the

Connectiut River. A tunnel was built under the dam and the upper intake structure is the only one in use. The lower intake structure was blocked.

The upper intake structure continues to be in use today, releasing about 20 million gallons of water

a day. The Chicopee Valley Aqueduct outlet building was eventually constructed (known by many as the "power station," as for many

years it did create a small amount of hydroelectric power for DCR buildings).

In 1950, towns were invited to join the system, but only Chicopee, Wilbraham and South Hadley Fire District No. 1 joined the system. They have their own treatment plant located on Route 9.

#### **Spillway**

Reservoirs are designed to hold a certain amount of water and the spillway is located at the east end to release water when the reservoir is at capacity or close to capacity.

The spillway was blasted out of



The lower spillway creates a waterfall, and only releases water when the Quabbin Reservoir is at or near capacity.

the other side.

"It's not always active," Beiter-Tucker said, only when the reservoir is at a certain level.

In 76 years, the reservoir has

reached its capacity 33 times. "We are probably going to reach capacity this spring unless weather

changes," Beiter-Tucker said. In June of 1946, the lower spillway was opened for the first time, and a dedication ceremony was

held for the waterfall it created. "A lot of people focus on the history of the lost towns," Beiter-Tucker said. "I'm always fascinated by the actual construction of the reservoir itself. The engineers were able to envision this and transform the valley into this reservoir. It's a pretty fascinating story."

#### **Upcoming events**

For more information about other programs hosted by DCR's Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir.

Programs are held in the visitor center located at 100 Winsor Dam Road, and via Zoom. Registration is required.

### QUABBIN GIRLS, continued from page 7

United States Marine Corps after she graduates from high school, scored a game-high 14 points in that

Barringer drew up the game winning play in last Friday's contest during a timeout with 12.5 seconds left in the second overtime.

Senior Brianna Whitelaw, who's also a co-captain, inbounded the ball to Doyle from in front of the Quabbin bench. Then Doyle drove past a couple of Hudson defenders before scoring the lay-up.

"I was a little bit scared before I made the game winning shot in double overtime. It's the first time that I've made a game winning shot since I've been playing for the varsity basketball team," Doyle said. "We haven't won a game against Hudson in a couple of years, and it was a lot of fun beating them in double OT."

The last time that Quabbin defeated Hudson on the hardwood was also at home on January 24, 2022. The final score of that game was 52-49.

Following Doyle's lay-up, the Hawks (7-5) did have a chance to win last Friday's game, but freshman Daria Giorgi-Woodford (7 points) missed a shot at the buzzer.

Doyle, who joined the varsity basketball team as a freshman, scored 12 of her team-leading 14 points in the second meeting of the regular season against Hudson during the second half. She spent most of the first half sitting on the bench after picking up her third personal foul with 1:21 left in the first

Neither team did a lot of scoring during the first 16 minutes. The Lady Panthers built a 5-0

lead in the middle of the opening quarter following back-to-back layups by Doyle and Whitelaw, which were her only points of the game.

With 32.3 seconds remaining in the opening quarter, Quabbin sophomore Mia Ducos made two foul shots, which gave the Lady Panthers a 7-3 advantage entering the second

Ducos, who's been playing for the varsity basketball team since the eighth grade, scored a game-high 21 points.

"I think Mia is the best point guard in Central Mass.," said Doyle, who's a shooting guard. "I've never seen a basketball player at this level who can handle the ball as well as she does. She's also a great passer and it's a lot of fun being on the court with her."

With Doyle sitting on the bench, Ducos scored four points during the second quarter. Senior co-captain Hannah Baxter (4 points) also added a field goal and senior co-captain Riley Bassett (9 points) made a foul shot, as the home team went into the locker room holding a 14-6 halftime lead.

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line, stepping into the high slot exited the game with an apparent

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### Athlete of the Month

#### **NAME: Meaghan Doyle SCHOOL: Quabbin**

Last Friday night, Doyle scored the game-winning layup in double overtime to held Quabbin get a win over

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### Education

### **News from the Quabbin Regional School District**

From the desk of Colleen Mucha, Superintendent of QRSD

Quabbin Regional School District has been the recipient of grant funding to prevent and reduce substance abuse through the Drug Free Community Grant.

They are in their third year of this grant. The goal is to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities. QRSD partners with the local Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group coalition, and are fortunate to have on staff the Drug Free Grant coordinator, Nekr Jenkins and the Parent and Community Engagement Coordinator, Mary Whitelaw.

Both Jenkins and Whitelaw are well known by all of the students. They deliver lessons daily in the middle /high school and weekly at the elementary schools. They also meet with small groups of students and run a wide variety of after school activities for students and

Additionally, they work closely with the Q-DRUG coalition. Q-DRUG is excited to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of their work in the community in 2024. It has been 10 years of changing the perceptions of youth substance use to know it is not inevitable and most of our youth are making really healthy choices and changing the ways we respond to those who are using substances to be more compassionate and understanding while not allowing it to be a norm or acceptable. They also have been changing the ways people view substance use disorder/ addiction to understand that it is a health concern just like any other disease and changing the ways our community views youth in our region to be more optimistic.

We have made a lot of great changes over the past 10 years, but we have work that we still need to do This major milestone will be marked by a variety of celebrations and events throughout the year, starting in February and March.

The end of February will see the return of the annual decorating of the Quabbin community and

**School District** 

BOSTON - The State

Treasurer's Office of Economic

Empowerment, in partnership with

the Division of Banks and the

Office of Consumer Affairs and

Business Regulation announced the

2024 recipients of the Financial

Education Innovation Fund Grant.

cation process that concluded

in November, the state agencies

awarded grants to 59 schools, total-

ing \$223,548. This funding will

allow Massachusetts high schools

and special education programs

to host financial education fairs,

known as Credit for Life Fairs, for

District received a Continuation

Massachusetts students have

attended Credit for Life Fairs. The

Financial Education Innovation

Fund Grant was established as an

ongoing effort to strengthen access

to financial literacy throughout

Massachusetts. This financial edu-

cation program is funded by the

Division of Banks through a settle-

ment over alleged unlawful lending

Quabbin Regional School

Since 2015, over 45,000

their students.

grant of \$2,000.

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Rose and Ryan Fleming stand by the Hardwick Elementary School sign displaying purple ribbons.

schools in the color purple to celebrate youth in the community and encourage them to continue making healthy life choices. They invite the entire community, homes and businesses, to join in the second annual decorating contest. Information about our contest, including prizes, registration and rules, can be found by visiting www.qdrug.org.

On Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m. internationally recognized inspirational speaker, Chris Herren, will be back to speak at Quabbin Regional Middle High School. This free event is open to all members of the com-

The original presentation by Chris Herren was a big boost to start the work of the Q-DRUG coalition and brought about a number of changes within the schools and community. We know his presentation will be impactful for all who hear him. His message has changed over the years and you will not be disappointed even if you have heard him previously. We look forward to having you join us for this exciting event. Chris will be speaking to all students in the middle/ high school during the day on Thursday, March

QRSD is thankful to have grant funding that allows us to have resources and community support to reduce and prevent substance use amongst youth. It is not too early to have conversations with children about substance use. Research shows that if parents talk early and



Nekr Jenkins, from let and Hannah Baxter decorate Quabbin Regional Middle High School with purple rib-

often about the risks, establish clear rules and consequences and monitor activities then students are less likely to suffer from substance use disorder. If parents would like support in talking with their children, they may reach out to either Jenkins or Whitelaw by emailing njenkins@ qrsd.org or mwhitelaw@qrsd.org. Together we can make a difference.

## Church News

### Local pastors offer sermons

A 2024 Meditation Part 4

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

I can think of no better way to begin a new year than by examining the introductions he penned, as such can inform and impact our trajectory in 2024. Thus said, the following phrase or a variation thereof appears at the beginning of every Pauline epistle (e.g., Rom. 1:7b): "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Let us address the contents of this phrase.

1) Grace

What is grace? Quite simply, grace is defined as unmerited favor; the giving of what one does not deserve. Do you realize what we deserve as those who have sinned against God?

The Bible unequivocally proclaims the following (Rom. 6:23a): "For the wages of sin is death." Sadly, sinfulness is a universal human condition, for "all have sinned" against the Lord (Rom. 3:23a)-a condition we are powerless to remedy left to our own devices (cf. Rom. 3:20). This is the worst of news.

Yet God chose not to leave us in such a condition. Rather, He has opted to act in grace, providing a way of escape in Christ (Rom. 6:23): "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in [through] Christ Jesus our Lord."

It is the best of news that God would extend life to those most deserving of death! Much more might be said on the grace of God, but I will simply leave you with two passages which speak wondrously to this topic and more. Revel in and receive His

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2) Peace

What is peace? Peace is more than the absence of conflict-it is the presence of harmony or accord in the following arenas:

Firstly, we may know peace with God through the work of Christ. We who were once alienated from and at enmity against the Lord can find restoration, access and intimacy through Jesus our Lord (cf. Eph 2:1-10).

Consider this passage of Paul (Rom. 6:1-2): "1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God." Have you found peace with God in Christ?

Secondly, we may know peace with one another. The Lord has not called us to live amidst broken or fractured bonds. Rather, peace with God is meant to produce peace one to another. How can we be at odds with our brethren when we have found restoration to Him? How can we refuse to and children in this world who forgive in light of how much we have been forgiven?

How can we pursue discord when we have been called to be children of the One who is Peace? Consider the challenge and reward of our calling (Matt. 5:9): 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of

Thirdly, we may know peace (i.e., inward harmony, rest and repose) amidst the trials of life. Those who know peace with God can know the peace of God despite difficulty and affliction, for we are connected with One who is greater still. Our sense of peace is not contingent upon our outward circumstances, but upon who and what the Lord is. Christ Himself articulates such sentiments in this most beloved of passages (John 14:27): "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

3) Summations

The apostle Paul wished for the ancient Church to experience, know and walk in the grace and peace available to them. Time and again his blessing was meant to remind them of the import of such elements, for what good is a life devoid of favor and the harmony He alone can bring? I put forth that the Spirit who inspired Paul in antiquity yet desires for us to experience, know and walk in His grace and peace.

Therefore, there is a timeless and timely element to such spiritual matters, and a choice that must be made in kind. You see, we can choose to regard or disregard such words. Let us choose wisely!

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#### Third Sunday of the **Epiphany**

"The Gift of Discipleship." Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.

#### **Scripture Reading:** Mark 1 v 14 - 20 I. Introduction

The new year brings with it new beginnings, new hopes, and dreams for many of us, and also new commitments and responsibilities. As our children grow older, they may have different needs and desires, which require different resources from their parents and caregivers to ensure they have what they need to fulfill their dreams. We as adults too have different needs as our responsibilities grow and change, and we must occasionally review how we are doing, and whether we are in the right place in our lives. It is a good feeling to know one's life has purpose and what we do is meaningful inside the home, at work, in the community, and at church. I want to acknowledge that there are many adults

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are not getting their basic needs met, who are suffering from poverty, and therefore hunger, lack of housing, health issues without adequate healthcare, mental health problems, and more. Then there are thousands of people dying of the wars raging in the Middle East, Ukraine and other areas. These problems prevent people from experiencing the joy we are all meant to experience in this world. It just feels good to know we have what we need to enjoy life, and to be at peace.

II. The disciples ordinary lives before their Christ encounter

Perhaps this was what the fishermen in our passage was experiencing, a simple, yet fulfilled life in Galilee, and enjoying their daily work, catching real good fish in the Sea of Galilee, where, it was told, the fish was plenty, and they could spread their nets and have a good catch for the day, go home and be with their families. Life was simple for these hard- working people, but they knew what they had, and were probably quite happy doing what they were doing, together as friends and neighbors. Or so they thought...until they had an encounter with the One who would change their lives forever, Jesus, the Christ who was traveling up the Jordan River after being baptized by John the Baptist, and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit as it came upon Him like a dove, and was now entering Galilee, the area He knew so well. He traveled through different villages until He saw these men as they were busy catching fish. Something prompted Him to stop and call them to follow Him, first Simon and his brother, Andrew, followed by James and John, brothers and sons of Zebedee. We don't know why them, but we know that He was driven by the Spirit of God to be on a mission to find specific individuals who would become His followers, a group whom He could entrust with the message He came to share. His message would bring the Kingdom of God near to them. He, the Son of God, would usher in a new era of salvation and hope and forgiveness of sins, completely different from a period of punishment for sins committed. His coming and message would be strange, and yet refreshing, it would be complex, but also simple, because He was a simple and loving human being, even though His stories sometimes needed unpacking for them to understand. Two worlds would collide when He started to talk to them, and they would respond eagerly to His call to follow Him.

III. The Call to Discipleship

Jesus' call for these men to follow Him was a call to discipleship, implying they would break all bonds with their current circumstances, family, and work lives, and would follow another. Discipleship was a common phenomenon where those who wanted to learn from a Master Rabbi, would seek that Rabbi out and learn from them. In this case Jesus, the Rabbi, was approaching the students and called them to follow Him and learn from Him. They were called to be made fishers of human beings, instead of catching fish.

#### See SERMONS, page 10

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

#### **UConn announces** Dean's list

STORRS, CT - The University of Connecticut announces the Dean's list for the fall 2023 semester.

Local students making the Dean's list are: Meghan Kenney of Hubbardston and Mabel Matheson of Hubbardston.

#### **SNHU** announces fall 2023 Dean's list

MANCHESTER. N.H. Southern New Hampshire University announces the fall 2023 Dean's list.

Local students making the Dean's list are Sarah Bourque of Barre, Leslie Wallace of Ware and Anthony Sheard of North Brookfield.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/ spring, and summer.

#### **Camden Dyer** makes Dean's list at **Clarkson University**

POTSDAM, N.Y. - Camden Louella Dyer of Barre, a junior majoring in mathematics, made the Dean's list for the fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's list students must achieve a minimum 3.25 gradepoint average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

#### **Faith Holmes makes** STCC Dean's list

SPRINGFIELD - Springfield Technical Community College announces the fall 2023 Dean's list.Making the Dean's list is Faith Holmes of North Brookfield.

To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester or a total of 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters, and achieve a 3.3 or above grade point average.

### **QCC** announces Dean's and Merit lists

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College announces its fall 2023 Semester Dean and Merit Lists

Dean's list - Students making the fall 2023 semester Dean's list are: Delanie Kennan of Barre, Riley Bassett of Gilbertville, Bethany Jacques of Gilbertville, Erin Malin of Gilbertville, Amanda Tadros of Hubbardston, Brooke Dennis of Oakham, Sydney Gagne of Oakham, Paige Lindley of Oakham, Annabelle Magill of Oakham, Lily Rice of Oakham, Kaylee Cannon of Rutland, Sophie Jenkins of Rutland, Hadley Kariko of Rutland, Marissa O'Brien of Rutland, Luke Rollins of Rutland, Gil Salzman of Rutland, Caroline Soucy of Rutland, Camden Towns of Rutland, Hayden Tremblay

of Rutland, Michael Vinton of Rutland, Zacharias Fragkiadakis of Wheelwright and Benjamin LaFlash of Wheelwright.

Students who earn 12 or more credits in a given semester. All grades must be "C" or higher. No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted. Semester Quality Point Average must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher. All courses must be college-level.

Merit list - Students making the fall 2023 semester Merit list are: Scott Anastasio of Barre, Shari Martel of Hardwick, April Pellegrino of New Braintree, Noah Caouette of North Brookfield, Liam Carlson of North Brookfield, Victoria Davis of North Brookfield, Jeanne Goyette of North Brookfield,

Deborah Hill of North Brookfield, Kyle Pagnoni of North Brookfield, Shannon Sisco of North Brookfield, Abigail Baldwin of Rutland, Hayley Blum of Rutland, Jack Borges of Rutland, Kaitlyn Bucci of Rutland, Jackson Burns of Rutland, Joshua Haggerty of Rutland, Kaylee Miller of Rutland, Jason St. Amand of Rutland, Jason Woodsmall of Rutland and Nicholas Hanny of Wheelwright.

Students must earn six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits. All grades must be "C" or higher. No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted. Semester Quality Point Average must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher. All courses must be college-level.

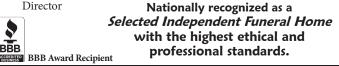
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### **Barre Police Log**

#### Sunday, Jan. 7

2:28 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, School South Street, Officer Spoke to

8:14 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Springhill Road, Referred to Other Agency

8:34 a.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, West Street, Information Given 12:19 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Fir Street, Officer Spoke to Party

2:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed

6:26 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle -Parking Issue, Fir Street, Officer Spoke

7:33 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle -Parking Issue, Cedar Street, Officer

Spoke to Party 9:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Falls, Nichols Road, Public

10:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Falls, Nichols Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

#### Monday, Jan. 8

7:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal 7:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Chest Pain/Heart Problem, West Street, Transported to Hospital

#### Tuesday, Jan. 9

8:13 a.m. Erratic Operator, Wheelwright Road, Information Given 8:22 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle -Parking Issues, Wheelwright Road,

Message Delivered 8:43 a.m. Broken Telephone Pole, Springhill Road, Dispatch Handled 5:33 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheelwright Road, No Action

6:22 p.m. Property - Lost and Found, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke

7:10 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Dana Road, Gone on

#### Wednesday, Jan. 10

11:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint Summons: Miller, Esther N., 52, South Barre

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle 11:25 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Summer Street, Information

1:11 p.m. Animal - ACO Call,

Farrington Road, Information Given 6:32 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

8:28 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Leominster, Negative

9:18 p.m Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Transported to

#### Thursday, Jan. 11

12:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Seizures, Root Road, Transported to Hospital

9:41 a.m. Animal - Wildlife, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact 10:08 a.m. Property - Lost and Found, Station Road, Information Given

#### Friday, Jan. 12

7:28 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Valley Road ans Sunrise venue, Information Given

12:41 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westborough Police Department, Negative Contact

5:01 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, West Street, No Fire Service 5:53 p.m. Emergency Medical

Services - Breathing Difficulty, North Brookfield Road, Transported to

11:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Criminal Complaint Summons: Shanell, Adjei, 31,

Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation

#### Saturday, Jan. 13

7:52 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Negative Contact 10:44 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Main Street, Investigated

12:27 p.m. Complaint, Exchange Street, Officer Advised

5:45 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Route 32, Officer Advised 8:01 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Wauwinet Road, No Fire Service Necessary

9:20 p.m. Émergency Medical Services - Falls, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital

11:42 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency

### **Rutland Police Log**

#### Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024

12:02 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Princeton Road, Vehicle Removed

6:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Left Arm Pain Difficulty Breathing, Jackson Avenue, Transported to Hospital

10:19 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Nates Way, Message Delivered

3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Kenwood Drive, Public Assist

4:52 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Woodside Avenue, Information Taken 5:19 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Walnut

Street, Report Filed Summons: Hacem, John J., 48.

Rutland Charges: Harassment, Criminal 5:21 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle Parking Issues, Irish Lane, Officer

Advised 5:43 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

#### Monday, Jan. 8

10:24 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Vehicle

11:06 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pleasantdale Road, Gone on Arrival 11:30 a.m. Fire - Power Lines/Down Arcing, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency 11:36 a.m. Disoriented, Old Turnpike

Road, Transported to Hospital 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued 1:48 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Forrest Hill Drive, Message Delivered 3:05 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Barre Paxton Road, Animal

Returned to Owner 3:34 p.m. Property Damage, Beechwood Drive, Report Filed 5:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Falls, Glenwood Road,

#### Tuesday, Jan. 9

Transported to Hospital

7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 7:57 a.m. Emergency Medical

Services - Vomiting, Wheeler Road, Transported to Hospital 9:02 a.m. Emergency Medical

Services - Falls, Birchwood Road, Public Assist

9:47 a.m. Serve Warrant, Ridge

Road, Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Morton, Jeffrey O., 63,

Rutland Charges: Warrant

10:05 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Nancy Drive, Report Filed 11:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Respiratory Syncytial Virus,

Transported to Hospital 11:32 a.m. Serve Warrant, Woodside Avenue, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Amissah, Stacy Kweku, 26, Rutland

Charges: Warrant

1:25 p.m. Erratic Operator, Fisherman's Road, Information Given 2:51 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Briarwood Road, Message Delivered

5:12 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Referred to Other Agency 5:59 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle

Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated 6:28 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Scott Road, Ambulance

Wednesday, Jan. 10 12:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pleasantdale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

1:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Falls, Main Street, Public

Assist

9:22 a.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogusset Road, Message Delivered

10:18 a.m. Animal - ACO Call. Charnock Hill Road, Information Given 11:38 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party 1.11 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Farrington Road, Information Given

3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

Avenue, Citation Issued 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Prescott Street, Written Warning 4:30 p.m Motor Vehicle Stop, Blueberry Lane, Written Warning

4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 5:23 p.m. Emergency Medical

Services - Breathing Difficulty, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital 6:32 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

**Hubbardston Police Log** 

9:40 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Party Departed without Incidents

#### 11:01 p.m Public Assist, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Jan. 11 8:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Seizures, Campbell Street, Transported to Hospital

8:26 a.m. Fire - Flooded Basement, Maple Avenue, Public Assist

8:43 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, East County Road, Removed Hazard

9:25 a.m. Disoriented/ Urinary Tract Infection, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital

10:18 a.m. Property Damage, Emerald Road, Officer Spoke to Party 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Kenwood Drive, Report Filed

6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Sick/Unknown, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital

#### Friday, Jan. 12

3:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued 7:42 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle

Activity, Lord Lane, Public Assist 10:32 a.m. Animal - ACO Call

Grizzly Drive, Message Delivered 12:50 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Barre Paxton Road,

Transported to Hospital 1:32 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Message Delivered

1:56 p.m. Disturbance, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival 4:07 p.m. Property Damage, Walnut

Street, Officer Spoke to Party 4:49 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Barre Paxton Road, Entry Gained

9:47 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Shrewsbury, Mutual Aid

#### Saturday, Jan. 13

1:56 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Town/State Roads, Information

2:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Abdominal/Back Pain, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital 3:32 p.m. Property Damage, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Advised

4:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Report Filed

### 9:08 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

**Hardwick Police Log** 

During the week of Jan. 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 60 building/property checks, 54 directed/area patrols, six traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, nine radar assignments, three citizen assists, three assist other agencies, three complaints, one motor vehicle accident, one motor vehicle investigation, one vandalism, one animal call and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Jan. 15 9:38 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned,

Charity Hill Road, Spoken To 3:48 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

4:37 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Broad Street, Services Rendered 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident,

#### Lower Road, Officer Handled Tuesday, Jan. 16

1:12 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

During the week of Jan. 15-22,

the Hardwick/New Braintree Police

Department responded to 16 build-

ing/property checks, 36 directed/area

patrols, three traffic controls, three radar

assignments, three safety hazards, two

investigations, one motor vehicle inves-

tigation, one motor vehicle accident,

one fire/illegal burn, one larceny/theft/

shoplifting, two emergency 911 calls,

two animal calls and three motor vehicle

Monday, Jan. 15

12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

stops in the town of New Braintree.

Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Ravine Road, Written Warning

### Prouty Road, Services Rendered

11:14 a.m. Fire Alarm, Main Street, Services Rendered

11:41 a.m. Fire/Other, Main Street,

12:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick/ New Braintree Police, Spoken To 7:34 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Negative Contact

#### Wednesday, Jan. 17

2:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Out of Town, Officer

12:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick/ New Braintree Police, Officer Handled 1:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Lower Road, No Action Required

2:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Fiske Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street Citation Issued

Czesky Road, Transported to Hospital

**New Braintree Police Log** 

Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Jan. 16

12:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to

Thursday, Jan. 18

Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to

Friday, Jan. 19

West Brookfield Road, Services

8:58 a.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms,

10:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident,

3:53 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, West

Other Agency

Rendered

4:29 p.m. Medical Emergency,

#### Thursday, Jan. 18

12:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, East Brookfield District Court, Officer

#### Friday, Jan. 19 2:39 p.m. Complaint, Lower Road,

Officer Handled 2:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Report Taken

#### Saturday, Jan. 20 7:44 p.m. 911 Misdial, Ruggles Hill Road, Spoken To

Sunday, Jan. 21 8:30 a.m. Vandalism, Lower Road,

Investigated 11:18 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Muddy Brook Road, Citation Issued

11:32 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patrill Hollow Road, Transported to

7:59 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Jan. 20

Road, Removed Hazard

Officer Handled

Officer Handled

2:30 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick

2:14 p.m. Investigation, Barre Road,

2:36 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting,

4:34 p.m. Safety Hazard, Area

Sunday, Jan. 21

4 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive,

7:16 p.m. Medical Emergency, West

Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Roadways, Dispatch Handled

Road, Transported to Hospital

2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle West Brookfield Road, Services

Rendered

Sunday, Jan. 7 1:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Colony Road, Negative Contact 4:37 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, No Action Required

Monday, Jan. 8 9:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, New Westminster Road, Vehicle

10:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Worcester Road, No Action Required 1:13 p.m. Open Door or Window Gardner Road, Secured

7:31 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Worcester Road, Officer 10:46 p.m. Gunshots, Malone Road,

#### Negative Contact

Tuesday, Jan. 9 3:29 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Worcester Road, Gone on Arrival 4:23 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Town Wide, Information 4:35 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, High Bridge Road, No Fire

#### Service Necessary 5:04 p.m. Fire - Fumes/Gas Leak,

Signed Refusal

Ragged Hill Road, Investigated 5:13 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Ambulance

6:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Hale Road, Officer Spoke to Party

11:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Sick Unknown, Old Westminster Road, Transported to

Wednesday, Jan. 10 1:38 a.m. Road Condition

Notification, Gardner Road, Message Delivered 6:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Birches Road, Officer Spoke to Party 8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled

#### 11:42 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

Birches Road, Vehicle Towed

Thursday, Jan. 11 1:19 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gardner Road, No Action Required

1:56 a.m. Animal - ACO Call,

#### Brigham Road, Officer Spoke to Party 8:55 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty

12:55 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Mohawk Drive, Officer Took Call 3:30 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, Mohawk Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

6:47 p.m. Harassment, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party 7:54 p.m. Harassment, Worcester Road, Report Filed

Friday, Jan. 12 1:50 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Malone Road, Officer Spoke to

Party 5:52 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Road, Report Filed 11:12 p.m. Emergency Medical

### Services, Thompson Road, Public

Saturday, Jan. 13 1:59 a.m. Road Condition

Notification, All Town Roads, Message Delivered 2:36 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, All Town Roads, Removed

Hazard

## **Oakham Police Log**

Message Delivered

Sunday, Jan. 7 2:19 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Ware Corner Road,

#### 2:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Message Delivered 3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled Ware Corner Road, Officer Spoke to

### Monday, Jan. 8

11:36 a.m. Disoriented, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital 5:14 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oxford, Officer Spoke to

Tuesday, Jan. 9 9:37 a.m. Harassment, Crawford Road, Officer Spoke to Party

1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Sick/Unknown, Scott Road, No Fire Service Necessary 3:42 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, North Brookfield Road, Officer

#### Spoke to Party 6:28 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Scott Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Services - Breathing Difficulties,

Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital

5:23 p.m. Emergency Medical

Thursday, Jan. 11 9:08 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Brookfield, Dispatch Handled

6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Sick/Unknown, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital 8:37 p.m. Erratic Operator,

Worcester Road, Message Delivered

#### Fridav. Jan. 12 Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Jan. 13

4:06 p.m. Animal - Wildlife, Oak

### 5:48 p.m. Threats, North Brookfield

#### COMET POND, continued from page 5

guard training, they are trained in how to handle certain swim related incidents, and all are cognizant of the community's concerns. Particularly when there is increasing boat traffic. It is hoped that a compromise can be

reached. There are still concerns about the inability to control or monitor the increasing use of boats coming from outside the town. Such as milfoil growth as a result of excessive boat use. The honor system which requires boat owners to clean the hulls and list where the boat has been used, is "laughingly unreliable" I was

told. In addition, property owners have to pay for the expense of keeping the water in pristine condition and/or appeal for a state grant to partially pay for it. Including water testing of the

entire pond. Plus, residents ask how will the DCR enforce rules and regulations and control the number of swimmers and recreational boat and Kayak users with the new policy changes. A WRWAC member suggested that Long Pond be considered for long distance swimming. "Though water skiing is already permitted there, swimming could still be handled safely with channel markers", he said.

On Monday, February 5 there is Select Board meeting at 6:30

PM in Hubbardston. It is open to all town residents. It is not specifically to address the Comet Pond issues. But attendees can voice their concerns to both Senator Durant and Representative Donnie Berthiaume who will

be present to hear directly from Hubbardston residents. This event will take place during the Select Board meeting at the Slade Building (7 Main Street). Both in-person and hybrid/virtual attendance options

will be available. If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP to admin@hubbardstonma.us to ensure proper seating arrangements. Go to the Hubbardston website for further

information.

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Drive, Officer Advised

#### SERMONS, continued from page 9 In the Old Testament, God is the

Great Fisher of humanity, not in a saving and rescuing manner, but in an ominous way, according to William Lane in his Commentary of Mark, as he refers to certain Old Testament texts where God is the judge, sending many fishermen to destroy the enemy, hunting them down because of their atrocities, as we see in Jeremiah 16 v 16. And in Ezekiel 29 v 4 ff, God, acting as the Great Fisher, speaks to Ezekiel about what will happen to Pharaoh, using images of fish sticking to the body of Pharaoh, and how God will put hooks into him and throw him into the open field in the desert, left to be eaten by beasts of the earth and birds of the air. Here in Mark, Jesus becomes the Savior of the world. He transforms the Old Testament image of Divine Judgment into restoring people from their sins and destruction. As people we are inherently estranged from God, until the Spirit of God moves to call us by our names toward God. Jesus becomes the Fisher of humanity, bringing a new dispensation into this world. He came to save, to rescue, to heal, and to reconcile people with God.

IV. Conclusion

To be a disciple of Christ therefore means to be called by Christ, and then to leave life the way it has been up till this point and follow Him. This means to learn from Him, the Master Rabbi, to repent and confess our sins, and to spread the good news of God. Our

lives can become very comfortable the way they are, until God enters it and shakes it up a little. God's interest in this world is to save it, to heal it and prepare it for the future day of Judgment. God is interested in the improvement of the lives of everyone on this earth. God is interested in the church being an instrument of that change. May we all look at this call to follow Christ as a refreshing call for our lives, and ask God to show us the way, maybe a new way with new purpose, and resources to fulfill that purpose. May God help us all to say yes to the One who teaches us all about the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

**Pastor Margaret Keyser** Barre Congregational Church 30 Park St., Barre

### **Public Notices**

#### TOWN OF OAKHAM ZONING BOARD

OF APPEALS **Notice of Public Hearing** The Oakham Zoning

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

VARIANCE - Owner/ Applicant: Calvin Chandonnet and Bridget Chandonnet.

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

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

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

Lucy I. Tessnau, Chairman Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals

01/18, 01/25/2024

#### Town of Barre **Notice of Public Hearing**

In accordance with town bylaw Article III Public Notice of Rates and Fees: The Building Department will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 10:00 am for proposed Solar and ESS fee schedule changes. The hearing will be held in the Building Department office, second floor of the Henry Woods Building located at 40 West Street in Barre.

The proposed fee schedule can be viewed in the

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Road, Barre, MA 01005 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shane P Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, said mortgage dated March 31, 2021 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64821, Page 312, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee, as Nominee for

Mortgage Research Center

LLC dba Veterans United

Home Loans to PennyMac Loan Services LLC by assignment dated September 24, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 66138, Page 303; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on February 29, 2024 at 03:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all

described in said mortgage, Closing Date: March 31,

and singular the premises

2021 Borrower(s): Shane P. Smith

Property Address: 328 Old Dana Road, Barre, MA

A certain parcel of real estate situated on the Northwesterly side of Old Dana Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot #1 on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, Prepared for Carol E. Burke, August 28, 1997,

Berry Engineering, Inc." recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 719, Plan 117, bounded and described as follows:

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

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

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

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

feet to a point;

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

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

Thence still continuing along land of said Bordeaux and portion of stonewall North 75 degrees 57 minutes 23 seconds East, fifty and 93/100 (50.93) feet to a point;

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

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

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

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

For title, see deed recorded herewith.

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

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

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens,

encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701

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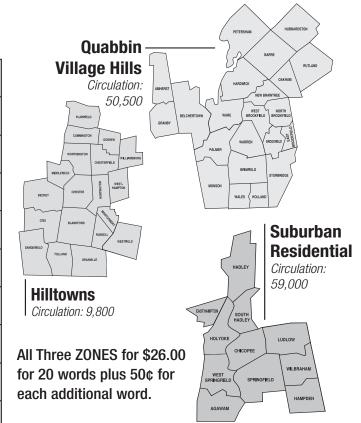
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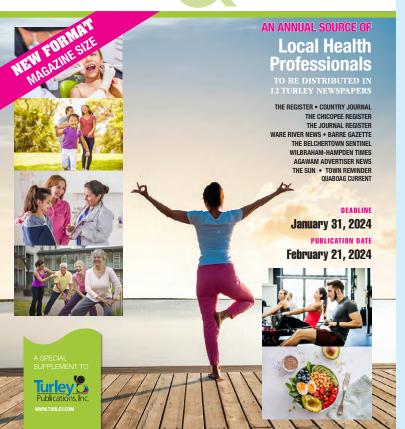
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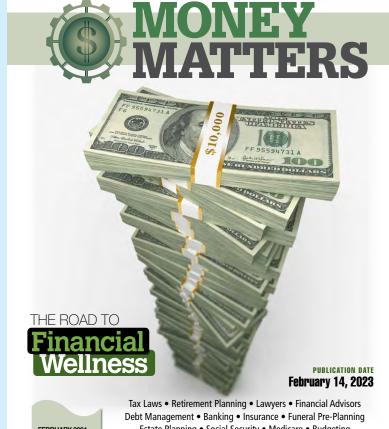
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