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Select Board discusses generator repair bill

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OAKHAM – The Oakham Select Board discussed the reimbursement request from the Quabbin Regional School District for repairs to the generator at the Oakham Center School.

The district already paid the \$6,880 for electrical repairs to the school generator. In the letter from the district, it said any expense over \$5,000 was the responsibility of the town and not the district under the Regional School Agreement.

Select Board Chair Donald Haapakoski said the Regional Agreement section referenced in the school letter was for capital expenses, not repairs. He said repairs and maintenance was the District's responsibility. The Select Board declined to pay and will return the bill to the District.

Medical equipment release form

Select Board member Aaron Langlois said with medical equipment such as crutches and walkers a medical provider fitted the equipment to the individual. He said there should be a line on the release form stating the equipment was recommended by their provider and list the specific equipment.

Select Board Vice Chair Lucy Tessnau said this was why the Council on Aging did not have crutches to loan out. She also said the COA loans out lots of equipment. They even had to pickup two pieces of equipment from Paxton to fill some requests last year.

The Select Board unanimously approved the medical equipment release form drafted by KP Law with the addition of the line that equipment was recommended by their health care provider and name the specific equipment.

Planning Board hearing

Tom Hughes, Planning Board, said there would be a hearing next week on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall for a special permit for BHT Oakham LLC., located at the former Amherst/Oakham Recycling property. The permit is for the outdoor storage of operable and inoperable automobiles, trucks and other vehicles for wholesale online auction.

National Grid bill

Select Board member Langlois asked about late fee charges on National Grid bills and charging the town a sales tax, which was over \$100. He said the sales tax was listed under surcharge, but was labeled sales tax. There was also a federal tax charged. Administrative Assistant Maribel LaRange will call National Grid about these concerns.

COA

Council on Aging Chair Barbara Wreschinsky said she received a request for the use of the senior center by the Democratic Town Committee. Use of town property falls under the jurisdiction of the Select Board. Select Board Chair Haapakoski said unless the town had a policy allowing use by every-

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Quabbin students mark 100 days of learning



These Quabbin elementary students dressed like they were 100 years old.

Submitted photo

Board receives Rail Trail project concept design

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Brandon Avery presented engineering plans to the Board of Selectmen regarding a project to extend the Rail Trail to South Common Street, through the former Aztec Industries property.

A design concept was drafted by Fuss & O'Neill using grant funding secured by Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre.

In addition to the trail extension, the project includes the creation of a pocket park and additional parking spaces.

At the board's Feb. 13 meeting, Avery said the East Quabbin Land Trust has volunteered to assist the town with getting grants to support the project and the Parks and Recreation Committee will also help with the project and oversee it once complete.

Avery said those involved with the project met with the Department of Environmental Protection and soil sampling at the Aztec Industries

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State legislators hear about Comet Pond and budget woes

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – State Senator Peter Durant and state Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. were guests at the Monday, Feb. 5 Hubbardston Select Board meeting.

They came to listen firsthand from Hubbardston residents. The two main topics were Comet Pond and the town's serious budget challenges.

Town Administrator, heading into his first full year at the helm, Nate Boudreau, MPA, gave Sue Meager, President of the Comet Pond Association the floor. She expressed the mounting concerns pertaining to the safety and water degradation by property owners on the Pond and those of the town's Chief of Police, Ryan Couture.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation recently completed a 2 plus year review of the rules and regulations of what is known as the Ware River Watershed Region. Asnacomet Pond, commonly called Comet Pond, is a designated recreation area for all residents of the Commonwealth.

However, with the ever-increasing seasonal use of the pond since 2019, the posted "restrictions" have not been followed by a large number of users of the pond, particularly ignoring the boat self-inspection protocol and long-distance swimming restrictions. The former has caused increased invasive milfoil conditions in the entire length of the pond. If the milfoil is not eradicated on a regular basis, it not only destroys the ecosystem, but also inhibits recreational boating

and swimming. Not to mention a breeding ground for mosquitos.

Meagher gave credit to the state for financial assistance in responding to a grant request by the property owners last year, which paid \$20,000 for a proper survey of the lake's conditions and part of the clean-up, but that is not expected to be ongoing. It is estimated that ongoing periodic costs of maintaining the clean water will cost thousands of dollars every three years if the same number of boat and kayak users ignore the posted signage. An expense that homeowners are not able to afford.

For decades the DCR initially did not allow long distance swimming in the pond, but the policy changed. It was made legal in the fall of 2023. In fact, an increasing number of long-distance swimmers had been illegally swimming in the pond for years, but has increased noticeably since 2019. There have been no reported injuries in the water yet, but some say it is only a matter of time.

It is suggested that making sections of the north end of the pond would be the safest place for long distance swimmers outside the public beach area on the west side of the pond. Toward the end of last season many long-distance swimmers were swimming there. Now that there is a heightened awareness of the issue, it is hoped that all long-distance swimmers will do the same.

Senator Durant will be sharing the concerns with the DCR. Plus, the Ware River Watershed

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North Chester Farm to Nuremberg, part 2

Harriet Kelso Gilman recalls living in post war Germany

Editor's note: This is the second of a two part story. The first part appeared in the Feb. 8 edition.

By Kathryn Koegel
Correspondent

NORTH CHESTER – Harriet Kelso Gilman and Jim Gilman were married when she was in college but he was not deployed for a year and a half.

She followed him around the U.S. from military base to military base. She became pregnant and came home to her parents and the farm. "I had the baby in Westfield. Jim saw him ten days after he was born and then he was deployed and I didn't see him (Jim) for two years."

Not only was the distance hard, but the nature of Jim's work in intelligence kept them apart. "I would get what they called VMAIL and various words would be blacked out. He really couldn't tell me anything. I know he was in England, France and Germany, and near the Battle of the Bulge, but I know little of this." Unlike other GI wives, she never had the jubilant stateside reunion. "Jim worked with the Marshall Plan and could not come home. He did send for me and I was so excited."

Her mother did not want her to leave the farm, especially with a two year old. "But I went. This would be a real adventure." The Europe she saw was in ruins and she landed in the absolute heart of darkness for the realization of Nazi atrocities: Nuremberg. Jim Gilman was a logistician for the



Turley photo by Kathryn Koegel

The blueberry fields in North Chester are pictured under a blanket of snow on Feb. 2.

Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunals. They lived in the home of a banker for the Nazi party who served time. His family still lived in the house, but had moved to the top floor.



Submitted photo

Jim Gilman and Harriet Kelso Gilman are pictured during their second duty tour of Europe when he was Battalion Commander.

"I couldn't go anywhere by myself. Jim's driver took me in a Jeep. All around me Germans were trying to clean up the streets. It was hard to tell what Germans thought at that point, but people looked as if they were in a state of shock. The women who worked for us were lovely. I became friends with one of the them and visited her long after the war."

She never witnessed the concentration camps, but remembered the Displaced Persons camp on the outskirts of Nuremberg. "They had no homes or anything to live on. They were often caught stealing. A friend of ours from the U.S. was guarding Nazi officers in another camp and reported that they complained about the food."

She was a witness to Hermann Goering at his trial. Goering had been president of the Reichstag and Chief Commander of the Luftwaffe or German air command. He was also notorious for his love of art and plundering of Jews possessions for his own collections.

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'Officer Pete' visits Petersham Montessori School



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Petersham Montessori students gather around "Officer Pete" during Police Chief Peter Buck's visit to the school on Feb. 6.

PETERSHAM – On Tuesday, Feb 6, Petersham Montessori students had a face-to-face with Petersham's Police Chief Peter Buck, also known as "Officer Pete."

This was the Chief's annual visit to the school to meet and talk to the students. They discussed safety as well as his collection of flashlights. Officer Pete showed the children that the different colored flashlights had different purposes: green

for friends, family and police officers and red for strangers. There was a special light to look for people lost in the woods that featured an additional beam for signaling his location to helicopters.

The staff enjoyed the rapport the officer had with the students, especially when they all practiced mimicking the sounds of a police siren. Officer Pete also called the non-emergency dispatch line so the responder there could say hello to the kids. Before

he left, he passed out police badge stickers and color sheets.

Overall, the intent of the visit was to educate the students on safety and show them that police officers are members of their community who can help them. Officer Pete even told students that he lived next door to the school as a child and played on the playground. Head of School Cheryl Calcarci said, "The kids were very receptive and enjoyed his visit."



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Town Clerk lists election information

Presidential Primary will be held Tuesday, March 5 with polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. Voter registration deadline is Saturday, Feb. 24. Vote by mail applications are due on Tuesday, Feb. 27. In the past month, vote by mail postcards were sent out to every registered voter in the state of Massachusetts. Voters should make sure to read the directions and fill out the application in its entirety. The Town Clerk's office is seeing many incomplete applications, contradicting information and people choosing ballots that do not exist. Unenrolled voters must select a ballot to receive one; the three choices are Republican, Democratic and Libertarian. Independent ballots do not exist. All vote by mail applications that are not filled out to entirety will be sent back to the applicant. If there are any questions on the application, people may call the Town Clerks office at 978-928-1400 extension 202 or email tclerk@hubbardstonma.us.

Early voting

Early voting hours are as follows: Saturday, Feb. 24 from 8 a.m.-noon; Monday, Feb. 26 from 3-5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 9-11 a.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 9-11 a.m. and Thursday, Feb. 29 from 9-11 a.m. All early voting will take place in the Town Clerk's office located at 7 Main St.

Senior Book Club

The Senior Book Club meets on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main St. They will discuss "The Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger.

Country Hen Scholarship

The Hubbardston Select Board is now accepting 2024 Country Hen Scholarship applications. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 22. The Country Hen Scholarship was established to provide one or more scholarships to Hubbardston students graduating from high school and planning to attend an accredited college or university. Applicants must have resided in the Town of Hubbardston for at least three years and should be able to demonstrate significant community involvement.

Completed applications along with any additional documentation should be returned to Hubbardston Select Board, 7 Main St. Unit #3, Hubbardston, MA 01452 or by email to bos@hubbardstonma.us.

Hubbardston Community Theatre

The 2024 production at the Hubbardston Community Theatre will feature "The SpongeBob Musical."

This production was directed by Donna Farrell and Michelle Johnston. The play will premiere at the Hubbardston Center School Gym at 8 Elm St. The dates for the show are March 15, 16 and 17.

The Hubbardston Community Theatre, Inc. seeks to provide a theatrical experience to children and families throughout the Hubbardston Community. They began back in 1993 with a production of "The Pied Piper," directed by Russell Killough-Miller. Originally, the cast was solely comprised of students, but the following year was expanded to include students and their families and opened up to Hubbardston and surrounding communities over the years.

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

Senior center events

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

Nature Club to meet Feb. 25

PETERSHAM – Ware River Nature Club Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 25 from noon-5 p.m. at Harvard Forest, Route 32.

A catered meal will be served and the meeting will feature two guest speakers who will talk about different aspects of animal migration, Dr. Cory Elowe and Dr. Alex Haro. Attendees will have an opportunity to bid on a selection of silent auction items.

Participants need not be members to attend the meeting or take part in the auction. Meeting reservations may be made by visiting the Club's website at www.warivernatureclub.org. For more information, people may call 413-967-4737 or email warivernatureclub@yahoo.com.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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 Feb. 26. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Shepherds pie, carrots, peas, mixed fruit, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Greek chicken, steamed white rice, roasted Brussels sprouts, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Burger with chili and cheese, herbed potatoes, green beans, brownie, diet = cookies, sandwich roll

THURSDAY – Ham salad, potato salad, tomato and cuke salad, fresh fruit, hot dog roll

FRIDAY – Lemon pepper fish, rice pilaf, roasted Brussels sprouts, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread

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

Haston Library to hold children's theater workshop Feb. 24

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library will be offering a free theater workshop titled Theater Games for Tweens on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m.

The program, presented by Little Spark Theater, is aimed at children ages 8-12. Learn the basics of improv and get some energy out while doing it.

Ali Coes founded Little Spark Theater to ensure that all children have access to theater education. She is a certified theater teacher, English teacher, and theatrical director, with 13 years of experience in traditional

classroom settings. In addition to tween programs, she also offers creative drama classes for children as young as 2 years old.

To register for this event, please call the library at 508-867-0208 or email Youth Services Librarian Brianna Lamb at blamb@cwmar.org. Registration is highly recommended, as space is limited.

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 post-marked no later than the April 24 deadline.

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, three-year term; Board of Health, Judith Berg Kohn, three-year 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.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Cemetery Commission – Feb. 22 at 11 a.m.
 Finance Committee – Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Primary Election Day – March 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – March 6 at 12:30 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – March 7 at 1:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – March 11 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – March 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – March 11 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – March 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – March 14 at 3 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – March 21 at 7 p.m.
 Town Election Day – April 1 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – April 9 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen – Feb. 22 at 6 p.m., Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m., March 11 and March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.
 Planning Board – Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Committee – March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Personnel Committee – March 6 at 4 p.m.
 Board of Health – March 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – March 7 at 7 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – March 11, May 13, June 10, July 8 and August 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – March 13 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – March 18 at 3 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – March 18 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Public Safety Building Committee – Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission Public Hearing – March 5 at 7 p.m.
 Community Preservation Committee – March 5 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Town Administrator Search Committee – Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Library Strategic Planning Committee – Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Public Hearing CDBG FY24 Applications – Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Feb. 27, March 12 and March 26 at 6 p.m.
 Downtown Development Committee – March 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Presidential Primary – March 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Planning Board – March 20 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM.

Select Board – Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – Feb. 27 at 7:15 p.m.
 Board of Health – Feb. 29 at 5:30 p.m.
 Presidential Primary – March 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Senator Durant and Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – March 27 from 1-2 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.
 Core Planning Team – Feb. 26, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25 at 1:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.
 Broadband Municipal Light Plant Board – Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – March 2 at 2:30 p.m. and March 5 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – March 5 and March 12 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – March 5 at 7:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – March 11 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – March 12 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – March 21 at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Feb. 22 at 6:15 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

The North Brookfield Fire Department teaches about fire safety to some fifth graders.

Camp Read-a-Lot kicks off with fun and games

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Elementary School hosted its annual Camp Read-a-Lot, a kick-off to February break; and lots of fun for students, teachers and staff.

The school opened various classrooms for a day of literature-themed fun to enhance team building and English Language Arts skills for all students at the elementary school.

The day began with a pancake breakfast hosted by the North Brookfield PTO, and then students walked through the halls to various stations.



Students enjoy Book Bingo with the reading specialist, Clementine McNamara.



Sixth grade students enjoyed hula-hooping in the gym.



Third graders designed a special book cover for a story they listened to.



Kindergarteners worked together to balance eggs on spoons.

Fidelity Bank appoints Mina Chebbani Business Services Relationship Manager

LEOMINSTER – Fidelity Bank announced the appointment of Mina Chebbani to Business Services Relationship Manager.

In this role, she will work with business clients, providing personalized service and a variety of Business Services and Cash Management solutions, to help them grow, optimize their cash flow, and reduce fraud. She will be focused on the greater Worcester market working with clients at the bank's Front Street Worcester location, as well as the Barre, Millbury, Paxton and Princeton banking centers.

Chebbani came to Fidelity Bank in March 2022 as Business Development Officer in Community Banking focused on the Eastern, North Central and

Central Massachusetts.

"Mina's ability to connect with clients and prospects, along with her vast network in the Worcester area will prove to be a model for success in her new role," said Lesly Murray, senior vice president, director, Business Banking Services.

A longtime resident of Worcester, Chebbani attended Worcester State University and Quinsigamond Community College where she studied Business Administration. She has completed numerous certification courses focused on small business credit training, cash management, ACH, wire and home equity loans.

An active community leader, she created the Route 9 Referral Group, is a member of

the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Information Network and serves on the Sponsorship Committee for the Worcester Women's Leadership Conference. She serves on the board of directors for the Worcester Action Community Council and the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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Oakham

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Early voting listed

Interim Town Clerk Edna Holloway announces early voting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24 from noon-5 p.m. and on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 24 is also the last day to register to vote for the Tuesday, March 5 presidential primary election. Feb. 27 is the last day to apply for mail in voting. Early voting will be held at the Town Hall.

Dog licenses due March 31

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

Open house

An open house and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the Reverend Richard and Gail Pryce House, 158 New Braintree Road, on Friday, March 1 from 1:30-4 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided. RSVP is appreciated by not necessary by emailing davemcmahon@dismasfamily.org.

Senior center activities

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

Cradle Rock OES to hold pancake breakfast

BARRE – The Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold a designer pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 2 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St.

Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 10 and under. Complete breakfast includes: design your own pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee and 100% real maple syrup.. This is an all you can eat breakfast. All are welcome

Paige Memorial Library lists programs

HARDWICK – Paige Writers meet on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, for an adventure in creativity, an enjoyable social experience dedicated to stress-free writing and sharing of ideas and memories.

This writing group builds confidence in the writer's abilities. People may call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com for reservations.

For those who love food are invited to come on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. to help develop the Cooking/Cookbook Club at Paige Library. The first meeting is to organize. There will be homemade barley beef soup to be enjoyed at the first meeting. People may call 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or stop in to sign up.

Needlefelt Workshop to create cute Easter chicks and bunnies with Brianna Lamb will be held on Saturday, March 16 noon at Paige Memorial Library. Cost is \$5 per participant for materials and the felting tools that they get to keep. They should call 413-477-6704 to register, which is required due to limited space and materials.

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Opinion

Guest Column



Should I claim Social Security at 68 or wait until I'm 70?

Dear Rusty
I have a question regarding my SS benefits. I turned 68 this month and work part time. I earned \$28,000 last year, but will probably gross \$36,000 to \$38,000 this year. My husband collects his SS and he earned \$25,000 last year. I was told by a financial planner that I should apply for my benefits now, instead of waiting until I'm 70. I would collect \$1,700 per month at 68 and \$1,944 per month if I wait. Which is the smarter move?
Signed: Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking: I'm sure your financial advisor would agree that your decision on when to claim your Social Security comes down to just a few basic things: 1) how badly you need the money, 2) your life expectancy and 3) whether you will receive a spousal boost from your husband when you claim.

Because you have already passed your Full Retirement Age of 66 years and 4 months, your work earnings won't negatively affect your monthly SS benefit amount. If you claim now, however, your work earnings will affect how much of your SS benefits will be subject to income tax. Assuming you file your income tax as "married/filing jointly," up to 85% of the Social Security benefits you receive during the tax year will become part of your income taxable by the IRS. If you do not urgently need the extra money that your SS will provide, then waiting longer to claim will also postpone paying income tax on your received benefits and that may be a consideration.

Your life expectancy is key in making your decision on when to claim. You already know that your benefit will be \$244 per month more if you wait until you are 70 to claim. If you claim at 68 (e.g., this month), you will collect about \$40,800 by the time you reach 70. If you, instead, wait until age 70 to get that extra \$244 per month benefit, it will take you about 14 years collecting at the higher rate to offset the \$40,800 you would have received had you claimed now (in other words, you would break even money wise at about age 84). If your life expectancy is longer, then waiting to claim may be the better choice. Of course, no one knows how long they will live but, for general guidance, average life expectancy for a woman your current age is about 87. Family history and your current health are obviously influencing factors as well. If you wish to get a more personal estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest using this tool:

www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/

In the end, if you believe you will attain at least average life expectancy and you don't urgently need the money now, waiting longer will not only give you a higher monthly benefit in your later years, but also the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. If, however, you have reason to suspect you won't achieve at least average life expectancy or you need the SS money sooner, claiming before age 70 is likely the better move.

One other thing to consider: If your benefit as your husband's spouse will be more than your own earned maximum SS retirement benefit, then you should claim your SS benefit now. Your maximum benefit as a spouse would be 50% of your husband's full retirement age entitlement and, if that is more than your own benefit will be at age 70, then claiming now to get your maximum spousal benefit would be your best choice. To get a spousal benefit from your husband, your personal FRA entitlement (not your age 68 amount) would need to be less than half of his FRA entitlement. If that isn't the case, then you should make your decision based only on your own Social Security entitlement, as described above.

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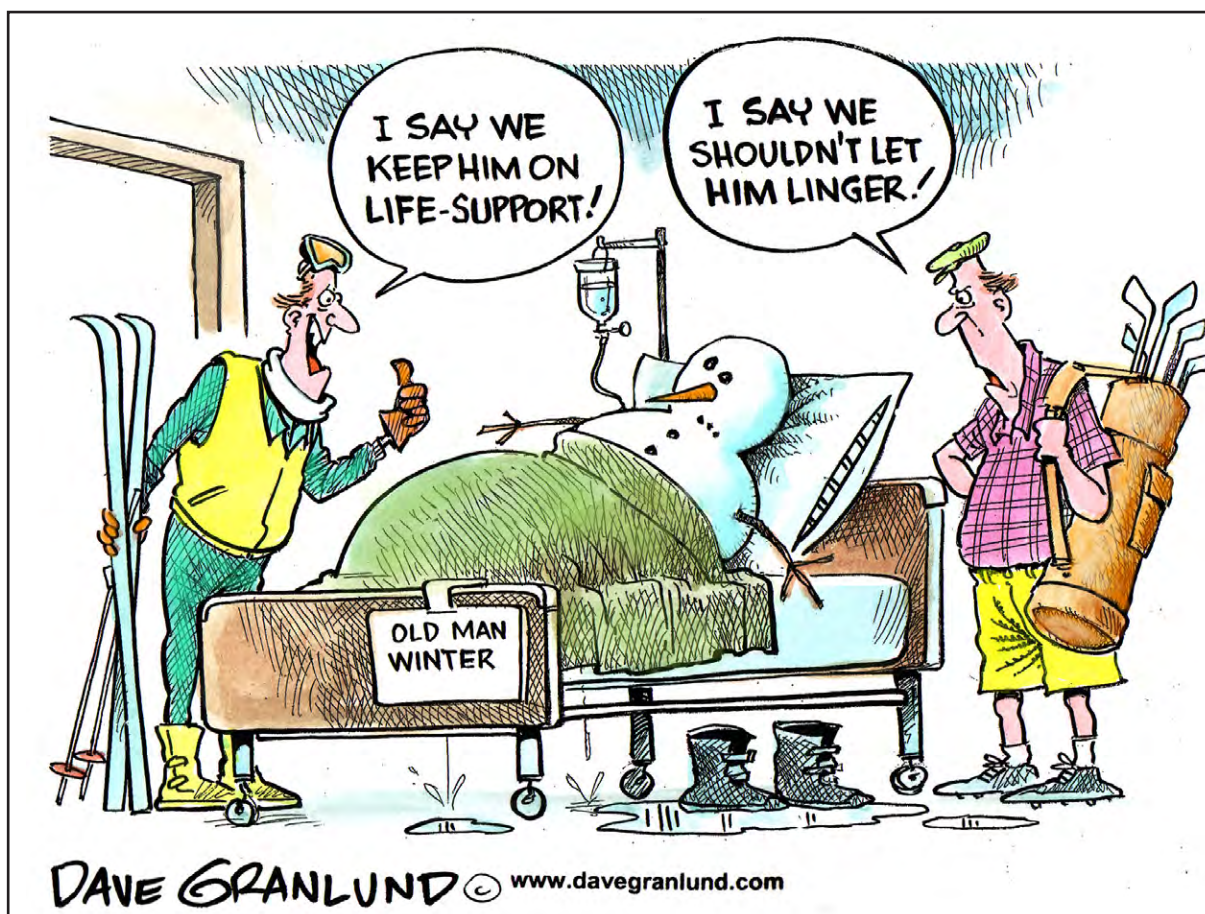
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In Past Pages

5 years (Feb. 28, 2019)

Six commercial solar projects received Oakham Planning Board and Conservation Commission approval and another was still in the permitting process. The first project on Barre Road started earlier this year. Other solar projects include Edson Road, Hunt Road, Old Turnpike Road, Rutland Road and South Road. The seventh project, the largest, was for Coldbrook Road. Selectmen met with Denis deGorgendiere, electrical inspector, to discuss fees for solar projects.

House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) has re-appointed state Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) as a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee for the 2019-2020 legislative season. The Ways and Means Committee is charged with reviewing all legislative proposals that impact the finances of the Commonwealth. One of the committee's primary responsibilities is producing an annual operating budget to provide local aid for cities and towns, support critical programs and services for the state's residents and locate funding for government departments and agencies. Berthiaume has been a member of the committee since 2017.

Margaret Marshall of the Barre Historical Society received an email from Mark Gildard, whose grandfather Peter Rosselli's letter was published in the book, "In South Barre We're All Americans." Gildard wanted to give a copy of the book to his mother for Christmas. Army PVT. Peter Rosselli participated in the Battle of Biak in May 1944. This battle was part of General MacArthur's plan in the Southwest Pacific of "leapfrogging" from one strategic island to the next in the WW II campaign to liberate the Philippines.

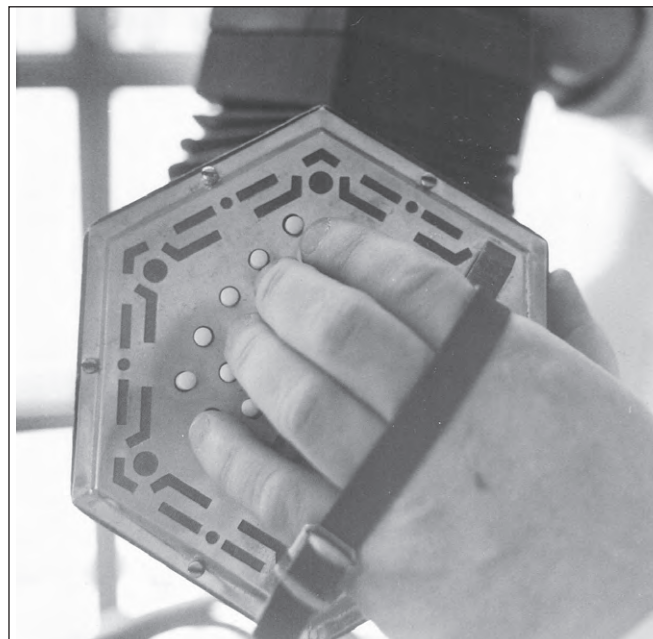
10 years (Feb. 20, 2014)

Despite a Tuesday snowstorm, Oakham Selectmen still held their meeting. Republican candidate for state Senate, Mike Valanzola, introduced himself to the two selectmen present, Eliot Starbard and Matthew Broderick. James Eerhard of Sturbridge is also running as a Republican for the Senate seat. Valanzola said he hoped to visit the Selectmen in all 28 towns in the Senate district.

Frigid weather may have people wondering if global warming is real. Dr. Raymond Bradley, Distinctive Professor of the Department of Geosciences at UMass Amherst and Director of the Climate Systems Research Center, recently presented on this topic at the Woods Memorial Library, describing how rising global temperatures affect weather patterns. Unlike many speakers on this topic, Dr. Bradley, described himself as a "technological optimist" in the era of climate change. The scientific data gathered by Dr. Bradley and his colleagues show indisputably what many lay people notice - extreme weather patterns.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

LOOK BACK Instruments of Old - 1997



Noel Plouffe of the Medicinal String Band, displays his concertina, which he has owned for 10 years. This type of instrument was invented by a Mr. Wheatstone in 1810.

Bruce DeGraff, Shrewsbury wildlife photographer and author, will show images of birds, butterflies, dragonflies and other wildlife at True North Holistic Center, 82 Healdville Road. In December 2009, Bruce self-published a book entitled "Avian Awakening: Discovering the Birds of New England," which features photographs and anecdotes about his experiences covering various birding destinations within New England.

25 years (Feb. 25, 1999)

The Quabbin Cagers celebrated the 60th anniversary of the prestigious Clark University Basketball Tournament by defeating rival Oakmont in the finals, 81-49, in front of an estimated 2,000 raucous spectators to claim their first title in the history of the school. Quabbin has qualified for the Clark Tournament for the past five straight years and the previous time the school made its only appearance was back in 1982 with Associate Head Coach Rich Zalneraitis wearing sneakers and uniforms.

The Barre Commons Rehabilitation Committee will hold the second in its series of public meetings on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall. Preliminary architectural drawings or the restoration of the common lands to the nine segmented common areas will be available for viewing. The plans were formulated from the input of the committee, professional survey data and engineers from Guertin and Associates. The detailed plans will be reviewed at the March 8 meeting.

Hubbardston Highway Superintendent Lyn Gauthier gave Selectmen a progress report on the winter's activities and the department's financial status at the board's most recent meeting. He said the winter materials account is already \$12,916 in the red and he needs to buy another load of salt. The winter has been a mild one with a minimal amount of snow so far, but the

icy conditions have caused the salt and sand to be used at a rapid rate. Gauthier said he has about 2,000 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand ready, but it takes 120 years for each sanding of all the town's roads.

38 years (Feb. 27, 1986)

Harold Dorsey of School Street was appointed Fire Chief by the Barre Selectmen at their meeting on Feb. 13. Dorsey has been a member of the Barre Fire Department for over twenty years. He is currently the Deputy Chief of the department, a position he has held for several years. Dorsey's appointment to Chief will be effective March 21, 1986.

Legionnaires Samuel Patch, Michael Kowal, Robert Flint, Ralph Wiley and Stewart Reed met with the Barre Selectmen at a session held prior to the Special Town Meeting on Feb. 10. The selectmen were in session only to sign the warrant and to deal with any emergency business. The Legionnaires brought up what they felt was an urgent matter, regarding the Bacon Block, formerly the Britton Block in Barre Center. Kowal said the State Building Inspector had inspected the building especially the portion which is detached from the rest of the building on Feb. 4. Kowal added the building inspector expressed great concern over the condition of the building and stated something should be done about tearing down that portion of the building down immediately. Selectmen voted to instruct the Building Inspector to proceed with the recommendations as outlined by the State Building Inspector.

The Barre Board of Health announced on Tuesday, Feb. 25 that it has just been informed an Incentive Aid Grant proposal, submitted to the Governor's Executive

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Guest Column



More questions for the Garden Lady

Eleanor wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady regarding amaryllis bulbs: "I have three bulbs from last year that have been hibernating and now they are in the sun and have produced long green leaves but no buds. I read it somewhere that if you let them dry out, no more water, but keep them in the sun they will send out buds, but I cannot find where I read that. I hope it is true...so I can still get flowers this year before I have to repeat the whole process (by putting them back in dormant condition in August for a few weeks). I do have one more bulb from last year that did give me a flower...but these other three ones are not showing me any prospects. Can you help?"

Without seeing your bulbs and the foliage, my best guess would be that they will likely not flower this year. What leads me to that conclusion is that one other bulb you have already flowered.

If they were on the same timeline, then probably the other bulbs did not have enough strength to send up a flower stalk. I would not let them dry out, but continue to water and fertilize monthly so that the foliage will grow strong, and be able to make enough energy for blooms next year, after a period of dormancy in the fall.

I know this is upsetting after all of your hard work. Re-bloom is often an experiment.

Sadly, sometimes it happens and sometimes it doesn't. It may not be anything you did wrong - it could be that the one bulb that did flower was a bigger bulb to begin with or was from healthier stock initially.

Meredith, who gardens in Wilbraham, posed this question to the Garden Lady: "As I look at all of the seed packets strewn before me, what your best advice would be for starting seeds indoors?"

Ah-hah! I have been itching to talk about this, so your timing is perfect.

Although we are excited to get the season started, the biggest mistake people make is starting seeds too early. Always research the varieties you want to grow in a good seed catalog.

Johnny's Selected Seed and Fedco come to mind as having great advice on how many weeks prior to the last frost seeds should be sown. For example, tomato seeds should be planted indoors the last week of March or first week of April.

Although that seems late (we want to do it now), we don't want root bound transplants come May.

While average household temps will still result in seeds sprouting, bottom heat by use of heat mats will aid in germination because it will keep the seed bed a constant temperature.

Plants usually suffer without enough light - placing seedlings in the window usually results in seedlings that stretch to the sun. A simple shop light with fluorescent bulbs set a couple of inches above growing plants works out great.

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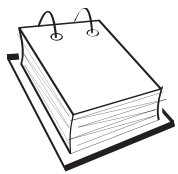
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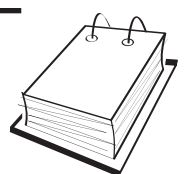
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, FEB. 22

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 perform several concerts during the year. The next concert will be Saturday, May 18 at the Barre Town Hall. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay. If people are interested in joining Circle of Song, they may email Julie Rawson, director, at julie@mhof.net, or call 978-257-1192 or show up at a rehearsal.

FRIDAY, FEB 23

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

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

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

A BOOK DISCUSSION on "Regenerating your Yard" by Camille T. Dungy will take place today at 4 p.m. at the East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. Dungy's book a seminal work that expands how we talk about the natural world and the environ-

Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from Rutland. 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, Feb. 26. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Gary Brigham, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Dan Elliott, Evelyn Luukko and Philip Warbasse** correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the front steps of the Petersham Town Hall, located at the corner of Main and East Streets, Petersham.



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

ment as Camille T. Dungy diversifies her garden to reflect her heritage. Participants should bring a favorite dish to share a light meal during the discussion. Book copies can be requested through the library. People who need a copy may email agrandinetti@eqit.org as well as RSVP.

WARE RIVER NATURE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING will be held today from noon-5 p.m. at Harvard Forest, Petersham. Besides providing guests with a hot catered meal and the opportunity to gather with fellow nature and wildlife enthusiasts, the meeting will feature two guest speakers who will talk about different aspects of animal migration. Speakers are Dr. Cory Elowe and Dr. Alex Haro. Attendees will have

an opportunity to bid on a selection of nature and science books, original wildlife art work, and many other unique items by taking part in the ongoing fundraiser silent auction. Participants need not be members to attend the meeting (entire meeting or speakers only) or take part in the auction. Information about the Club, meeting reservations and the auction may be found on the Club's website by visiting www.warerrivernatureclub.org. For more information, people may call 413-967-4737 or emailing warerrivernatureclub@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING will be

held for the Reverend Richard and Gail Pryce House, 158 New Braintree Road, Oakham today from 1:30-4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP is appreciated by not necessary by emailing davemcmahon@dismasfamily.org.

QUABBIN PERFORMING ARTS present *Silenced on Barbour Street*, a one-act play today at 7 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre in the auditorium. This play explores the factors that led to the 1944 circus fire that claimed the lives of 144 spectators in Hartford, Connecticut so content is suitable for middle and high school age students and adults. People are invited to attend for this performance as students prepare to compete at the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild State Drama Festival. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting our show/quabbindrama.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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 at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. MOC offers Coordinated Family and Community Engagement programs and is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER CHRIS HERREN will be at Quabbin Regional High School today at 6 p.m. for a free program sponsored by Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

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property is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

Parks and Rec. survey

Avery shared a survey from the Parks and Recreation Committee that will be available to residents, to determine their vision for the common. He said this includes what they would like for upgrades, and potential future uses.

"With the new Open Space Plan

approved and community survey in hand, the committee can move forward with plans for improvement of the common," Avery said. "The committee is very much interested in having community input, not just what members of the committee envision.

Avery said improvements to the common are determined by the funding that is available. Having the completed Open Space and Recreation Plan and survey results will improve the town's grant eli-

gibility.

The survey will be available online at northbrookfield.net and at locations throughout town including the Town Offices, Hoston Free Public Library and more.

Main Street parking concerns

Retail business owners shared concerns about downtown parking, saying that people are taking up parking spaces all day, limiting access for customers visiting their stores.

"We're very concerned that our

customers aren't going to be able to get there and that's going to put our store in jeopardy," one business owner said.

The business owners suggested creating time-limited parking spaces, which would help to keep spaces open for retail customers.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the board will have to meet with the Highway Department and possibly look at a study to come up with any changes.

He said town employees have been directed to park their vehicles in front of the Town House.

Petraitis said the board will take these concerns into consideration, and look into ways to make the downtown parking situation better for all.

Common concerns

Avery said vehicles have been driving from Sinclair Avenue onto the common, creating ruts and damaging the field. He asked if the town could place barriers to pre-

vent this from continuing.

A chain with a lock could block access, but still be removed if emergency access is needed on the common.

Avery's request will be reviewed by the town's Safety Committee.

Grant for turnout gear

Fire Chief Darin Anderson said the Fire Department was awarded a \$12,417 grant to purchase three sets of turnout gear. The board voted to accept the grant.

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Advisory group will be discussing the issue more at their Thursday, Feb. 29 meeting at the Rutland Public Library. The public is welcome.

The second half of the meeting addressed the fiscal challenges that Hubbardston is facing. During the Annual Town Meeting in June 2023, Boudreau explained how he moved money around to ensure that all the town's priorities were covered. At the time the Healey administration had not yet finalized the state budget. When it was finalized, there was only \$21,000 made available to Hubbardston for fiscal year 2024 - 25.

Being very proactive in both anticipating and identifying problems, he has taken meaningful steps toward solving them. He created a new committee to specifically address the problems. It is called the Structural Deficit Working Group.

Citizens are encouraged to visit the town website at www.hubbardstonma.us

and type into the search box: "Financial Obligations Assessment." The 12-page PDF lays out in detail everything a voter needs to know about the fiscal challenges Hubbardston faces. They will see the Town Administrator's "Nine Point Action Plan and Timeline."

Planning Board member and a member of the new Structural Deficit Working Group, Francois Steiger, brought up important points of concern, which affect many rural communities within the State. Hubbardston alone makes up a very large part of the Ware River Watershed and state-owned forest preserves.

Specifically addressing the visiting legislators, he pointed out that the state has been slow in providing reimbursements to towns like Hubbardston for state owned land within the town's boundaries. As well as Payment In Lieu Of Taxes that comes from the watershed. He has seen absolutely no movement in the last 5 to 10 years toward reimbursing Hubbardston. Just one of

the 297 towns of a total of 350 in the entire state that is eligible for such funding. Hubbardston is just one of 260 towns that will not see an increase in funding. Normally, the funding from those two areas would be of significant help in meeting budget commitments in the past and depends upon.

Senator Durant said a major meeting of the Ways and Means Committee will be held at UMass Amherst. It will cover school budgeting and aid to towns. He said he will be able to get back to the town some information as to this. He did however, say the "revenue is not too great right now" and this whole thing is a "process in motion."

Speaking of budgets, he and Boudreau pointed out the Quabbin Regional School budget estimate for next fiscal year is 15% higher than the 7% increase over last year. The amount desired is \$900,000 more than last year's total budget.

In the meantime, be sure to review the above mentioned "Financial Obligations Assessment" before any more time passes.

HARRIET GILMAN, continued from page 1

"Jim arranged for me to get in [to the trials] and I remember this gadget with a dial that you could turn for the language translation. I saw what you sometimes see in photographs: the prisoners on the dock with the guards behind each one. Goering committed suicide not long after. I remember there being lots of whispering among the servants in the house that day. We had several women working for us as they just wanted a meal."

Nuremberg was certainly a remarkable place to begin new parenthood and she remembers huge contrasts within daily life. "They had opened up the grand hotel and used it for entertaining. We would celebrate anything including just a birthday. I went to Carmen at the opera. I remember one night going to some party and driving back in a Jeep on the main road that had been fixed up. There was utter darkness."

The Gilmans stayed in Europe for a year before returning by boat. "I was so happy to sail into New

York harbor and see the Statue of Liberty."

Stateside, the Gilmans moved to northern Virginia as Jim continued his service at the Pentagon. Together with now two young boys, they went back to Europe and lived in Germany and France in the 1950s.

After his retirement with 26 years in service, they both taught in public schools, Jim at science and Harriet in home economics. "I loved what we were doing as finally we could talk about each other's work."

With Jim retiring from the military, they decided to return home, which for them would always be North Chester. After such an active military career "Jim didn't know what to do with himself," she says. They tried growing strawberries which didn't work.

They joined lots of local committees. They finally stumbled upon blueberries and began planting the varied kinds that dot the hillsides of Kelso farm today.

"Each generation has taken a whack at the homestead," she says.

In addition to her two sons, who return each summer, she has six grandchildren. She's hoping one of them decides that the family connection to Hilltowns farming will be unbroken. "One is interested," she says, "but it's a real life change moving here from somewhere else and his wife has a career as a nurse."

It's been hard keeping up a farm without many local people interested in working for them. The farm has kept running since the '80s with the help of Ukrainian immigrants from Westfield. "The best pickers are older women with patience," she says.

When I first met the Gilman's I noticed the women chatting to each other in what I thought was Russian as they picked. I asked them where they were from. A woman with hands stained purple apologized for her English and told me she had just arrived in the U.S. three months prior from Ukraine.

Wars, blueberries on a hot summer day, lives come full circle as Mrs. Harriet Kelso Gilman continues happily into her 103rd year.

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Mia Ducos goes for a layup under pressure



Meaghan Doyle eyes the hoop as she goes for a mid-range shot.

Panthers take regular season finale



Riley Bassett attempts to hold on to the ball.

BARRE – Last Wednesday night, the Quabbin Regional High School girls basketball team finished up the regular season with a 41-21 win over Belchertown. The Panthers

were in command of the game for the entirety, and had a commanding 28-14 lead at halftime.

The Panthers were led by Riley Bassett and Meaghan

Doyle with 12 points each. Coming up, the Panthers, who finished at 14-4, had the Clark Tournament and state tournaments both to participate in.

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Abby Rogowski goes for a put-back under pressure.



Brianna Whitelaw goes for a shot.

Team Mass. holding tryouts for AAU season

STURBRIDGE – Why play for Team Mass? Affordable/competitive AAU Basketball program. Teams could potentially travel to tournaments in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine or New York (coach dependent). Program is run on principle to teach the kids to be respectful on and off the court, and to learn the game of basketball with skills needed to be competitive while still having fun.

Any questions, contact Chris Siniscalchi 413-539-1548 Email: teammassbasketball@gmail.com

Boys tryouts: Saturday, March 2 (Tantasqua Junior High School) Grades 4/5/6: 8 to 9:25 a.m. and grades 7/8: 9:25-10:50 a.m.

Grades 9/10/11: 10:50 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. *Grades 9/10 and 11 if in districts, just sign up

Girls tryouts: Saturday, March 2 (Tantasqua Junior High School)

Grades 4/5/6: 12:15 to 1:40 p.m. Grades 7/8: 1:40 to 3 p.m. Grades 9/10/11: 1:40 to 3 p.m. Grades 9/10 and 11, if in districts just sign up

Players only need to make one tryout, but try to make both as it gives coaches a better look.

Tantasqua Junior High School is located at 320 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale.

There is a \$20 tryout fee (covers all tryout dates). Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. Please bring copy of birth certificate (needed for age/grade verification). Must be accompanied by parent/guardian to fill out and sign registration form.



Gardner hockey co-op headed for tournament

Quabbin's Aiden Lapointe goes for an open puck during hockey action this season.

GARDNER – Last week, the Gardner High School ice hockey team, which co-ops with Quabbin Regional, wrapped up its regular season schedule.

The Wildcats would suffer a pair of losses to finish the season, losing to Littleton and Saint Bernard's. Against Saint Bernard's last Wednesday night, Derek Plummer, Gavin Richard, and Jack McCrillis all scored goals for Gardner in a 4-3 defeat.

Gardner finished 14-4 on the season and will make the state tournament, which begins next week.



Cullan White makes his way up the ice.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Jayden Patel corral the puck under pressure. The Gardner-Quabbin co-op is headed for the state tournament next week.



Ty Burdett possesses the puck.

Pioneers win finale



Desiree Croteau sends a pass away.

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder girls basketball defeated Sci-Tech for the second time this season, winning 59-41 at home in a game that was also their regular season finale. The Pioneers have made the state tournament at 10-6, but did not make Western Mass. and were scheduled for nonplayoff games earlier this week. In the win over Sci-Tech, Greenly Lagimoniere had 16 points while Victoria Stephens had 11 points. Addison Doktor added 10 points to the win. The state tournament begins next week.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Brianna Beynor goes after the tipoff.



Victoria Stephens heads up for a shot.



Greenly Lagimoniere looks to go for a layup.



Addison Doktor takes the free throw.

Sports

Checkers get best of T-Birds

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- The Springfield Thunderbirds (23-20-3-2) were unable to complete a third-period comeback attempt, as they fell by a final score of 5-3 against the Charlotte Checkers (24-20-5-0) on Sunday inside Bojangles' Coliseum.

The Checkers carried much of the offensive play in the opening 10 minutes, making Malcolm Subban work a lot in the first period. Moments after a Springfield delay-of-game penalty ended, Charlotte maintained offensive pressure and got on the board as Gerry Mayhew found open ice in the low slot and one-touched a pass from Casey Fitzgerald through Subban at 9:22. The Checkers hit two other posts in the period on their way to outshooting Springfield 17-7 in the first frame.

Springfield had its own chance clip iron in the early stages, as Jakub Vrana narrowly missed giving the T-Birds a 1-0 edge when he one-timed a Ryan Suzuki saucer pass off the pipe behind Spencer Knight. Despite the disparity in shot attempts, the T-Birds still found a way to get the game evened up when Zach Dean

deflected a Leo Loof shot from the left circle all the way to the crease and through Knight's legs with just 1:09 left in the first, tying the game, 1-1.

The tying marker, however, proved to do little to quell Charlotte's offensive mojo in the second period. Another lengthy defensive zone sequence for the T-Birds ended in a Ryan McAllister one-time goal at 2:13 of the middle frame. Springfield's penalty kill then got dented for the first time in the season series at 10:49 when Zac Dalpe found a loose puck deep in the blue paint before Subban and the defense could clear it away. The Checker captain's 12th goal of the season upped the lead to 3-1, which would stand through the end of the second. Charlotte outshot Springfield 33-12 through 40 minutes.

Springfield threatened another third period comeback just 41 seconds into the third as Joey Duszak wristed a shot over Knight's blocker to make it a 3-2 game off assists from Matthew Peca and Adam Gaudette. Despite a heavy presence in the Charlotte zone in the opening half of the final frame,

the score stayed 3-2 until Justin Sourdif guided a Mayhew centering pass through Subban to restore the two-goal cushion for the Checkers at 12:04.

Still undeterred, Peca and the T-Birds responded in kind just 48 seconds later, as the captain circled the offensive zone before elevating a wrist shot through traffic and over Knight's glove to cut it down to a 4-3 score.

With 2:51 remaining, the Springfield power play was given a grand opportunity following a tripping penalty on Sourdif, but the Charlotte penalty killers answered the call, and another Springfield minor penalty nullified the power play and spoiled any chances of a tying goal. Mayhew finished his three-point night, finding the empty net with just over 30 seconds to play.

It marked Charlotte's first win in four tries this season against the Thunderbirds. Springfield returns home to begin a three-game weekend on Friday as the I-91 rival Hartford Wolf Pack comes to town. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center this Friday night.

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 mmville@qrsd.org.

Indians suffer setback against Bromfield

NORTH BROOKFIELD – In one of their final games before the tournament, North Brookfield girls basketball suffered a defeat at Bromfield 43-36. The loss gave the Indians an 11-4 record for the regular season. Lola Sukharev had

a big game for the Indians with more than half of their offense as she scored 19 points.

The Indians have qualified for the state tournament with their 11 regular season wins. The State Division 5 tournament begins next week.

Railers fall in shutout to Bears

ORLANDO, FL – The Worcester Railers HC (21-20-4-2, 48pts) got shutout by the Orlando Solar Bears (24-16-6-2, 56pts), on Thursday night by the final score of 4-0 in front of 5,684 fans at the Kia Center.

Orlando struck first with two quick goals late in the first period from Mitchell Hoelscher (1-1-2) and Alex Frye (1-0-1). Tanner Schachle (1-0-1) added one more in the second to push Orlando ahead 3-0 going into the third. Jimmy Mazza (1-0-1) ripped a shot down-ice off the draw in the third period into an empty net

to give Orlando the final goal of the game and a 4-0 victory over Worcester.

The Railers started off the first period strong. During the first ten minutes, the Railers utilized a two-man forecheck which led to some great chances down low and keeping both the puck in their offensive zone and the tired Solar Bear players on the ice. Despite their efforts early, the Solar Bears would light the lamp first. A shot from the point by defenseman Zachary Massicotte was initially blocked out in front but found its way to an open Mitchell Hoelscher (22nd

who was sitting on the doorstep. The Solar Bears piled on the goal scoring just two minutes later with a 2-on-1 rush. Hoelscher would drag Railers Defenseman Ryan Dickinson to the far side boards to allow Forward Alex Frye (10th) to capitalize on the doorstep with a backhand shot to beat the outstretched John Muse. The Solar Bears outshot the Railers, 12-6.

The second period was a quiet one for the Railers. They would lead the period with shots on goal but none would result in a goal. The Railers had some great opportunities on their first power play of the game late in the period and built some strong momentum for them to carry into the third. However, the Solar Bears would continue to deal damage to the Railers with another late-period goal. Solar Bear forward Tyler Bird would enter the Railers defensive zone from the far side and send a quick pass to the high slot. The puck bounced to forward Tanner Schachle (2nd) who picked up the loose puck and backhanded a shot through Muse. The Railers led the period and game with shots on goal 14-5 and 20-17.

The third period provided a mix of chances and physicality from both sides. John Muse did a great job shutting down an odd-man rush and breakaway opportunity just a few minutes into the period. Shortly after, the Railers would get their chances on net during their powerplay chance. Tension throughout the game built up to the point where Railers Forward Jack Quinlivan dropped the gloves against Solar Bear Defenseman Jérémie Biakabutuka. The game was capped off with an empty net goal scored by Solar Bear Defenseman Jimmy Mazza with a final score of 4-0 in favor of Orlando.

The Railers outshot the Solar Bears in the third and in the game, 16-8 and 36-25.

Education

100 Days of Learning

From the desk of
Colleen Mucha
Superintendent of QRSD

Students across the Quabbin Regional School District recently celebrated 100 days of learning, which means 100 days of building skills, 100 days of making friends, 100 days of doing hard things, and 100 days of coming together as a community.

This milestone is typically celebrated in our elementary schools with students engaging in learning activities that help them develop a deeper understanding of the "value" of 100. It can be working with 100 objects or even dressing as if you were 100 years old. This year our students and staff brought their best "100" game forward as evidenced in the photos.

For our older students, this marks the mid-way point in the year. They are thinking about their academic success and/or struggle. They wonder about what is the right path for them? What might they want to do upon graduation? Many fear making the wrong choice or a choice that may not fit with what might be expected of them. When they see this article, they may yearn for the days of discovering the "value" of 100. Many may even embrace dressing like they were 100!

It is normal for many high school students, especially underclassmen, to not know what career they are interested in beyond high school and which path is right for them. Students benefit from participating in internships, employment and other opportunities. This allows them to learn about themselves – do they enjoy working as part of a team, do they prefer to interact with others in a social way, or do they like hands-on work?

Students can get these experiences here at Quabbin and they can participate in internships both within the school setting and outside in our community. We will be



Submitted photo
Staff at the Quabbin District elementary schools made themselves look 100 years old.

holding a career fair on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Our students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of careers and talk to employers about possible opportunities for jobs and internships. If you are interested in showcasing your business and/or career at our fair, please contact Greg Devine at gdevine@qrsd.org for more information.

This time of year is important for our rising Grade 9-12 students as they begin to choose courses for next year. The majority of students report that their family members have the greatest influence on their post graduation plans.

I encourage you to take a moment to pause and reflect with your child, grandchild, neighbor, etc. - no matter what age they are. Acknowledge what you notice that is a strength and unique to them. Recognizing their ability to make others feel at ease or that they are artistic can help them to gain a sense of confidence and allow them to see their own strengths more clearly.

Ask them which classes they enjoy most and why? Finding little moments over the years to talk about their interests and their

strengths will go a long way in helping students as they consider careers beyond high school. Review the course offerings and talk about what might be a good fit. Sometimes, choosing something unexpected can open a world of possibilities.

One hundred days marks a different moment for our Class of 2024. They are only 72 days away from graduation. Some may feel like they are ready to take on the world and others may feel like they need a little more time.

What is true, is that there is tremendous excitement amongst our Seniors. Some have been speaking with employers, recruitment officers and post secondary institutions. Our students plan to enter the workforce, join the military and/or pursue college and educational experiences. At this point in the year, our seniors have been accepted into 77 colleges and universities and these notifications keep coming.

Join me in celebrating the growth of all of our students in the Quabbin Regional School District. We can't wait to see what you accomplish in the second half of the year. #BeQuabbin.

Quabbin Performing Arts to hold one act play

BARRE – On Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m., the Quabbin Performing Arts presents a one-act play, "Silenced on Barbour Street" at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., in the auditorium.

This play explores the factors that led to the 1944 circus fire that claimed the lives of 144 spectators in Hartford, Connecticut so content is suitable for middle and high school age students and adults. People are invited to attend for this performance as students prepare to compete at the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild State Drama Festival. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting our.show/quabbindrama.

Lyndsey Schimmelpenningh graduates Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. – Lyndsey Schimmelpenningh of North Brookfield graduated from Hofstra University in December 2023, earning a degree in psychology.

Plymouth State University President's list

PLYMOUTH, N.H. – Plymouth State University announces the President's list for the fall 2023 semester.

Students making the President's list for the fall 2023 are: Emma Wilbur of Barre, Madison Senecal of Rutland, Athena Comeau of Rutland and Kelan Mahoney of Oakham.

To be named to the President's list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the fall 2023 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized.

Colleges and Universities list fall 2023 Dean's & President's lists

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| <p>President's list
<i>Fitchburg State University</i>
Fitchburg
Hannah P. Perron of Barre, Peter W. Elliot of Petersham, Nia R. Manderson-Mathesoi of Petersham and Taylor E. Senecal of Rutland</p> | <p>Dean's list
Regis College
Weston
Madigan Burgess of Rutland</p> |
| <p>President's list
<i>Nichols College</i>
Dudley
Joseph Collard of Rutland</p> | <p>Dean's list
<i>Russell Sage College</i>
Troy, N.Y.
Emma Vander Baan</p> |
| <p>Dean's list
<i>American International College</i>
Springfield
Alexys Prouty of Gilbertville, sociology major</p> | <p>Dean's list
<i>Seton Hall University</i>
South Orange, N.J.
Skyler Rudinski of New Braintree</p> |
| <p>Dean's list
<i>Elms College</i>
Chicopee
Seamus Higgins of Rutland</p> | <p>Dean's list
<i>Springfield College</i>
Springfield
Samuel Coppolino of Oakham, health science/pre-physical therapy; Kyle Nastasi of Hardwick, movement and sports studies; Hannah Schultz of North Brookfield, health science/pre-occupational therapy and Andrew Soltys of Ware, mathematics</p> |
| <p>Dean's list
<i>Fitchburg State University</i>
Fitchburg
Jynessa M. Leary of Barre, Kyrstin B. Mello of Barre, Cole B. Carignan of Hubbardston, Audrey M. Forte of Hubbardston, Geneva G. Herzig of Hubbardston, Eric E. Jackson of Hubbardston, Luke Perron of Hubbardston, Antonia G. Sacramone of Hubbardston, Jaedyn D. Levine of Oakham., Andrew R. Bedard of Rutland, Justin M. Gilroy of Rutland and Olivia C. Kephart of Rutland</p> | <p>Dean's list
<i>Stonehill College</i>
Easton
Kelly Daige of North Brookfield and Nathaniel Laursen of New Braintree</p> |
| <p>Dean's list
<i>Lasell University</i>
Newton
Bianca Chaves of Hubbardston</p> | <p>Dean's list
<i>University of Alabama</i>
Tuscaloosa, AL
Annika Gunnard of Rutland
<i>University Alabama Early College</i>
Myah Johnson of Hardwick, attends Eagle Hill School</p> |
| <p>Dean's list
<i>Nichols College</i>
Dudley
Olivia Charette of North Brookfield
Logan Talbor of North Brookfield</p> | <p>Dean's list
<i>University of New England</i>
Biddeford and Portland, Maine
Michelle Tremblay of Barre
Savannah Cote of North Brookfield
Matthew Piltzecker of Rutland</p> |
| <p>Dean's list
<i>Quinnipiac University</i>
Hamden, CT
Olivia Sands of Oakham and Cameron Carlson of Rutland</p> | <p>Dean's list
<i>University of Rhode Island</i>
Kingston, RI
Jen Hall of Wheelwright, Grace Marrier of Rutland, Emma McEvoy of Hubbardston, Abby Menice of Rutland and Brenna Ward of Rutland</p> |

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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Riley Bassett
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Last Wednesday evening, Bassett helped lead Quabbin girls basketball to a season finale win with 12 points.

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

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Spiritual Frustration part 4

Every relationship comes with its share of frustrations.

This is true of our earthly connections. This is true also of our connection with the Lord. At varying times we must overcome the irritation, disappointment and offense that comes with serving Christ. In this edition, let us explore the frustration we experience as a consequence of misaligned priorities.

How many start to serve Christ well, impassioned and excited about following Him, yet somewhere along the way they falter when that which is urgent to them is seemingly not urgent to Him? Have you ever been frustrated with God over a differing sense of purpose? If so, you are not alone! Thus said, let us consider this scene from the life and ministry of Christ:

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me." 41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

What does this scene reveal about Martha? Namely, she was a woman flustered due to a misaligned sense of priority. What was her priority? She was consumed with the many preparations that had to be made in order to adequately host Jesus and his disciples (v. 38, 40).

She would ensure that He ate a good meal in a well-kept home. In many ways I laud and understand her sense of urgency. After all, she had opened her home to the Savior and wanted everything to be perfect. In some ways, we could use more figures like Martha.

However, note that the priority of Christ in the moment was not earthly, but spiritual food. Whereas Martha was focused on setting the table for Christ, she failed to realize the banquet He had set for her in the conveyance of eternal truth.

Ultimately, she allowed the urgent to steal her from the important. Let us note that her misplaced priority came at a three-fold cost. Firstly, consider that she who had the Prince of Peace in her home knew anything but peace in this moment. Rather, Martha appears to be overrun with anxiety and great stress. Secondly, consider that Martha began to traffic in offense against both her sister, Mary, and Jesus Himself: her dear guest. Such is revealed in verse 40: "She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me.'" Thirdly, she had missed a wondrous opportunity for intimacy and connection with Christ.

How did Jesus respond in kind?

Luke 10:41

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Such words were intended to remind Martha of what mattered in the moment. We do not know what transpired next. Did Martha set aside all the cooking and cleaning to join her sister at the feet of Jesus? It would be lovely to believe so, but Scripture remains silent on the issue. What we do know is that this story compels us to realize that Jesus' priorities often differ from our own.

All too often we behave much like Martha and miss what the Lord is seeking to accomplish! What are we to do in such seasons? We must prioritize His purpose(s) over our own. Failing to do so results in needless anxiety, offense and forfeited intimacy with Christ, so take heed!

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

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

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First Sunday of Lent

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com and Facebook page.

Scripture Reading:
Mark 1:9-15 I.
Introduction:

Sometimes, we are influenced or driven by many factors in our lives to do what we need or desire to do.

We are driven by the need to accomplish, to be successful and to be happy. This is all so important and good. It is good to find the earthly fulfillment of things we enjoy. Then there are moments when we are wandering around, not knowing where to turn for answers, filled with fear, and uncertainties.

What an ideal time during this period of Lent to bring all that to Christ, our Lord and Saviour, our Friend, and the Son of God, who Himself was driven by God to fulfill His mission on earth.

II. Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights seem like a long time to be in such dire circumstances like Jesus was when He was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, surrounded by wild animals and tempted by Satan after being weak from not eating any food for such a long period of time. He was indeed sent into the wilderness to suffer, which for any human being would be awful to endure.

In the Matthew and Luke accounts of the temptation story, we see more detailed descriptions of how Jesus was going through a process of withstanding the offers

presented to Him by Satan. Should He submit to him, He would be given food and He would receive all the kingdoms of the world. What a choice to make and what power and strength He had to withstand those temptations.

This wilderness event is preceded by the baptism event of Jesus, where He was affirmed as the Son of God by Godself, speaking from the heavens. He was then surrounded by the Holy Spirit descending upon Him in the form of a dove.

The tearing open of the heavens is a powerful event that speaks to the revelation of God Almighty through the Son of God to the people of God. Mark Strauss in his commentary on Mark suggests that the Spirit of God was now in charge of Jesus' Messianic mission. He was baptized with water and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to face the challenges of the forty days and forty nights ahead of Him.

And so, while He was tested on a physical level, He was also engaged in a spiritual struggle with the forces of evil. It was suffering indeed, but with His eyes focused on God through it all. He was filled and accompanied by the Holy Spirit and He was attended to by the angels of God, protecting Him against the wild animals and the dangers of that environment.

He would rely not on earthly food and comforts, but completely on the protection and provision of God. In Luke 4 v 10 and Matthew 4 v 6 the gospel writers refer to Psalm 91, a psalm of comfort and reassurance that God is in control and that God intervenes, and when we acknowledge God as our Refuge, that God will command God's angels to guard us in all ways. God's angels would be with Christ, protect Him and serve Him.

He would come out of this experience purified and glorified as the Son of God overcoming the forces of evil. And the purpose of it all was to go into Galilee and preach the word of God and heal the sick and drive out evil spirits. He had everything He needed to be the Messiah and to lead His disciples and to become the Head of the Church then and now.

Conclusion

We too have our forty days and forty nights and sometimes longer, of suffering and temptations and wild animals in the form of all kinds of destructive forces that want to destroy our lives and our communities and our world. During times like these we cry and we yell and we look around asking where shall our help come from?

And the answer is right here this morning. Our help comes from the Lord who went through it all. The Son of God was never alone but was filled with God's Spirit and surrounded by God's angels. We have this time during Lent to remember that and to keep ourselves from the distractions of the world, searching for God amid our struggles, discovering God, and finding our comfort and answers for our troubles. May God be with all of us during our forty days and forty nights.

Amen.

Pastor Margaret Keyser

Barre Congregational Church
30 Park St., Barre

too deep. Tiny seed should simply be pushed into the soil surface and not covered.

Hardening off the seedlings you grew before planting them in the ground is very important. Start acclimatizing them to the great outdoors slowly, first by putting them in the shade for a few hours, working up to full sun over the course of a week's time.

By taking my advice into account, you will be well on your

way to growing healthy seedlings indoors.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Obituaries

Kevin Scott Cooley, 72



BARRE – Kevin Scott Cooley, 72, of Barre, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

He was born in 1951 son of Lois and Earl Cooley. Kevin grew up in Barre graduating from Quabbin Regional High School class of 1970.

Kevin joined the United States Air Force in 1971 and served for 14 years. During his time in the Air Force, he studied and became an electrician. After being discharged, Kevin worked as an electrician for 35 years. He also served as a police officer and firearm instructor for the Barre Police Department for 16 years.

Kevin was an avid hunter, and fly fisherman. Kevin was beyond proud of his family. He was an extremely selfless man, who was always willing to lend a helpful hand to anyone who needed it. He was filled with so much knowledge, especially history. He had



a great sense of humor and loved to play a good prank. Kevin was truly devoted to his community, and will be widely missed by all. He was a hero to many, strong until the end.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Diane M. (Sinclair) Cooley of

27 years; daughter, Melisa Nale and her husband Charles Nale of North Brookfield, daughter Charity Schreiber and her husband Daniel Schreiber of Oregon, son Michael Sinclair of Barre, daughter Scottie Peterson and her partner Jarred Poehler of California.; his son in law, David Bower and partner Camille Ambers of Oregon; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Debbie Sanders and her husband Walter Sanders of Florida, sister Ann Marie Clark and her husband David Clark of Barre, brother Earl "Pepper" Cooley Jr. and his partner Wendy Chabot of Barre, sister, Suzanne Martin and her husband Richard Martin of

DEATH NOTICES

Cooley, Kevin Scott
Died Feb. 13, 2024
Celebration of Life April 14
at 1 p.m.
Barre Sportsman Club

Holden, Glen
Burial in spring

Athol, brother Mark Cooley of Barre; many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Kevin was predeceased by his father Earl Cooley Sr., his mother Lois Cooley, his brother Gordon Cooley and his beloved daughter Katherine Bower.

At his request there will be no calling hours or funeral service. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Barre Sportsman Club 221 Spring Hill Road in Barre. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.
Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Glen Holden, 53

POMFRET, CT – Glen Holden, 53, was born May 27, 1970 as the first-born son to Charles and Lillian Holden.

A native to Hardwick, Glen grew up on the Quabbin Reservoir, where he took an interest in all things outdoors including hunting, fishing, and athletics. Glen attended Quabbin High School and graduated with the class of 1988. After Quabbin, Glen attended Springfield Technical Community College where he received a degree in radiologic technology. He began his career in the medical field at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield where he performed CT scan, Interventional Radiology, and Cardiac Cath Lab procedures.

He became a Medical Sales Representative in his early 30s at Vascular Solutions where he was able to change countless lives with the products he provided. Recently, Glen took a position as an Executive Clinical Director with Reprise Biomedical and was able to spend the summer of 2023 with his daughter, Rachel, through her internship there, all while battling glioblastoma. He loved his job, the people he worked with, and especially helping others. Glen also owned his own company, Four

Oaks Medical, which he named to represent the strength of his family.

In the early summer of 1992, Glen and Renee met and fell in love. They married in 1997 and together had a beautiful life with their two children, Ben and Rachel. Glen did everything he possibly could for his family. He created an environment of love, happiness, and always stressed the importance of hard work. He was incredibly proud of both Ben and Rachel as he saw his life lessons of kindness, helping others, and work ethic through them. He never missed any of Ben's or Rachel's sporting or school events. Glen also made a positive impact on the community by coaching Frog Rock basketball and Pomfret-Eastford Little League. The impact he made on players, friends, and the community will be felt for years to come. Glen was a loving son, husband, father, brother, and friend, and his presence made everywhere a better place. His legacy will continue through his wife, children, siblings and the community.

Glen was predeceased by his



parents, Charles and Lillian Holden, and his friend, John Krokos. He leaves behind his wife, Renee Holden of Pomfret, CT, his children, Ben and Rachel Holden, also of Pomfret, his siblings Jay and his wife Donna Holden of Hardwick,

Josh Holden of Portland, Maine and Amber Mueller of Ludlow. His parents-in-law, Raymond and Cecelia Bernier of Hanover, CT, brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Ramona Gray of Lisbon, CT, brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Diane Bernier of Marlborough, CT, his nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Glen's family on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Gilman-Valade Funeral Home and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 11:30 a.m. in Saint Mary's Church of the Visitation, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Burial will take place in the spring, in Abington Cemetery. A memorial guestbook is available at www.gilmanandvalade.com.

Trinity Church welcomes Fanfare Brass Ensemble

WARE – Fanfare Brass Ensemble will perform a benefit concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

The ensemble will present a concert of classical and light popular music. To hear a sample of their music, visit <http://premierentertains.com/fanfare%20main%20page.html>.

This concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds to benefit North Brookfield school's food



Submitted photo

pantry. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

St. Mary's Church hosts Polish plate dinner

WARE – St. Mary's Church, 57 South St., will be having a pre-order take-out dinner on Saturday, March 9.

The dinner will consist of four pierogi, one golombek, kielbasa, kapusta and rye bread. The cost of the dinner is \$20.

The dinner will be cold and will need reheating. Place your

order by calling Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207 from noon-7 p.m. starting Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Saturday, Feb. 24.

Curbside pickup will be available between 11:30 a.m.-noon for anyone with a handicap card. Please let them know when you call in your order.

All other orders will be picked up in the church hall. You will be given a time between noon-2 p.m. for your pick up when you call.

Please put your money in an envelope with your name, number of dinners and pick up number. St. Mary's Church thanks you for your continued patronage.

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Barre Gazette OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 4
 12:16 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Information Taken
 2:15 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kendall Street, Message Delivered
 4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road Arrest(s) Made
 Summons: White, Lynn Marie, 33, Gardner
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 4:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Motor Vehicle Accident Assistance, Referred to Other Agency
 5:58 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Hubbardston Road, Unfounded
 10:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Farrington Road, Written Warning
 10:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, South Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Feb. 5
 10:22 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Summer Street, Vehicle Removed
 1:46 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Town Farm Road, Report Filed
 2:01 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Summer Street, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, Feb. 6
 5:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Chamberlain Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued

Summons: Arsenault, Mary A., 54, Winchendon
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, License Not in Possession, Brakes Violation Motor Vehicle
 11:28 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Grogan Road, Officer Advised
 12:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Valley Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:33 p.m. Medical Alarm, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, Feb. 7
 10:04 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Report Filed
 11:02 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Williamsville Road, Located/Found
 6:24 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Athol Police Department, Officer Advised

Thursday, Feb. 8
 2:25 a.m. Open Door or Window, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:56 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Mutual Aid Assistance
 10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, West Street, No Action Required
 2:56 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Summer Street, Report Filed
 4:26 p.m. Safety Concern, North Brookfield Road, Investigated
 5:03 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Ruggles Lane, Negative Contact
 Summons: Barker, Deborah, 60, Barre
 Charges: Shoplifting by Asportation

5:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Petersham Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:55 p.m. Assist Other Police, Fitchburg, Dispatch Handled

Friday, Feb. 9
 12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 6:44 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
 10:23 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Summer Street, Officer Took Call
 Summons: Barker, Deborah, 60, Barre
 Charges: Shoplifting by Asportation
 10:31 a.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, West Street, Negative Contact
 1:28 p.m. Complaint, Valley Road, Officer Advised
 5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, Feb. 10
 10:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 11:11 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assistance
 11:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

SOUTH BARRE

Friday, Feb. 9
 5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Depot Road, Officer Advised

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 4
 6:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:31 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:48 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision North Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 11:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Irish Lane, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Feb. 5
 1:03 a.m. Erratic Operator, Edson Avenue, Negative Contact
 9:23 a.m. Public Assist, Beechwood Drive, Information Given
 3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:31 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Miles Road, Public Assistance
 4:52 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, East County Road, Information Taken
 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), New Braintree Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 7:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Feb. 6
 4:29 a.m. Building/Property Check, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 8:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal– Back Pain, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 9:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Irish Lane, Transported to Hospital
 10:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Lewis Street, Dispatch Handled
 11:48 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Nancy Drive, Animal Returned to Owner
 12:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 12:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:38 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:58 p.m. Erratic Operator, Spencer Road, Gone on Arrival
 8:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Feb. 7
 2:05 a.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:53 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, East County Road, Removed Hazard
 8:12 a.m. Unable to Ambulate, Prouty Lane, Transported to Hospital
 10:05 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Maple Avenue, Animal Brought to Pound
 10:15 a.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Main Street, Property Returned
 1:16 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down Arcing, Beechwood Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 1:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Crocker Nye Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:21 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Information Given
 3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 3:39 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 5:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Peters Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 5:43 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Davis Street, Report Filed
 9:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Inwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, Feb. 8
 2:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 2:48 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle– Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:44 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Message Delivered
 7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:35 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Whitehall Road, Message Delivered
 2:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Summons: Vidal Rojas, Erasto, 37, Lakewood, NJ
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Emergency Vehicle, Obstruct
 4:38 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Prescott Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Irish Lane, Transported to Hospital
 9:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

11:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 11:23 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, East County Road, Information Taken

Friday, Feb. 9
 3:20 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 5:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Campbell Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 8:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 9:31 a.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Main Street, Report Filed
 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Summons: Simpson, Kevon C., 27, Gardner
 Charges: Registry Motor Vehicle Document, Posses/Use False/Stolen, Credit Card, Receive Stolen
 11:19 a.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 Summons: Papierski, Ronald Wallace, 28, Rutland
 Charges: Leave Scene of Property Damage, Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate
 1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, East County Road, Report Filed
 2:37 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:20 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Walnut Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Saturday, Feb. 10
 7:51 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Bullard Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 12:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Inwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:27 p.m. Fire – Power Lines – Down Arcing, Pommogussett, Report Filed
 5:55 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Verbal Warning
 6:08 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:10 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Boylston Street, Animal Returned to Owner
 10:52 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, No Public Serve Necessary

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 4
 4:48 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 6:06 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Feb. 5
 10:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 11:11 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 6:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Services, Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), New Braintree Road, No Fire Serviced Necessary
 7:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Services, Sick/Unknown, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital

11:34 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Spencer Road, Message Delivered
 11:35 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Spencer Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Feb. 6
 5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Feb. 7
 1:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Crocker Nye Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Thursday, Feb. 8
 6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:55 a.m. Disturbance, Barre Road, Report Filed

5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Feb. 9
 9:55 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Plains Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, Feb. 10
 8:56 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist
 11:04 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist
 11:59 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist
 3:10 p.m. Gunshots, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated

BARRE GAZETTE - SERVING THE TOWNS OF BARRE, HARDWICK, HUBBARDSTON, NEW BRAINTREE, NORTH BROOKFIELD, OAKHAM, PETERSHAM & RUTLAND SINCE 1834

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank W. LaRange to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated November 16, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56343, Page 90, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded on June 28, 2022, in Book No. 67821, at Page 147 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **4:00 PM on March 15, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises located at 711 South Barre Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: The following described parcel of land, and the improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Worcester (Worcester District), Commonwealth of Massachusetts to wit:

Commonly known as: 711 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005 Parcel No.: Map H, Lot 451
 Legal Description: Land with the buildings

thereon in that part of Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as South Barre, on the easterly side of South Barre Road, known as Route 32, being shown as Lot 1 on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, MA owned by D.A. Robinson Contracting, Inc., Scale 1 "–50," dated February 23, 1999, drawn by Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 739, Plan 18, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Lot 1 contains 0.619 Acres. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52145, Page 219.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and

place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
 Present holder of said mortgage
 By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
 150 California St.
 Newton, MA 02458
 (617)558-0500
 22145
 02/15, 02/22, 02/29/2024

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 Premises:
160 Chapman Road, Barre, Massachusetts 01005
 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Martin E. Tremblay and Noreen B. Tremblay to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, dated April 23, 2007, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41038 at Page 313, as affected by an assignment of mortgage to Federal National Mortgage Association, dated

March 8, 2017, and recorded with said Registry in Book 56930 at Page 378, as affected by an assignment of mortgage to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF11 Master Participation Trust, dated February 19, 2019, and recorded with said Registry in Book 60061 at Page 206, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold by Public Auction at **1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 15th day of March, 2024** at the mortgaged premises located at 160 Chapman Road, Barre, MA 01005, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit: Three parcels of land on the westerly side of Chapman Road in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
PARCEL 1:
 The land with the buildings thereon on the west side of Chapman Road in said Barre shown as Lot 1 on a Plan of Land on Chapman Road in Barre owned by Ruth Trifilo, dated November 10, 1986 by Thomasian Engineering, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 570, Plan 101 and more specifically described as follows:
Beginning: at a point in a stone wall in the westerly line of Chapman Road at the northeast corner of land now or formerly of R. Derry et ux;
Thence: S. 63 deg 39' 02" W. along said Derry land 613.40 feet to a point at the beginning of a stone wall;
Thence: S. 63 deg 20' 49" W. along said stone wall, 79.59 feet to a gun barrel set at the corner of stone walls;

Thence: N. 66 deg 33' 23" W. along land now or formerly of Trifilo, 313.00 feet to a point;
Thence: N 10 deg 03'23" W. along said Trifilo land, 103.00 feet to a point;
Thence: N. 68 deg 41' 37" E., 177 feet to a point in a stone wall.
Thence: N.79 deg 11' 07" E., 785.08 feet to a point in a stone wall in the westerly line of Chapman Road, the last 2 courses being along said land of Trifilo;
Thence: S. 04 deg 27' 02" W. along said stone wall and the westerly line of Chapman Road, 130.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4.65 acres.
PARCEL 2:
 The land on the westerly side of Chapman Road, Barre, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot No. 7 on plan entitled "Plan of Land on Chapman Road and Oak Hills Drive Located in the Town of Barre, MA 01005 Plan Prepared For: Ruth Trifilo Chapman Road, Box 421 Barre, MA 01005" dated August 5, 1988 by DeFalco Engineering, Incorporated, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 605, Plan 2. **Containing:** 105486 square feet, according to said plan.
PARCEL 3:
 The land on the westerly side of Chapman Road, Barre, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot No. 8 on plan entitled "Plan of Land on Chapman Road and Oak Hills Drive located in the Town of Barre, MA 01005 Plan Prepared For: Ruth Trifilo Chapman Road, Box 421 Barre, MA 01005" dated August 5, 1988 by DeFalco Engineering, Incorporated, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 605, Plan 2. **CONTAINING:**

143136 square feet, according to said plan. Subject to a 30' wide utility and drainage easement running along the westerly side of said lot as shown on said plan, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed from Martin F. Harity, Deputy Sheriff to Ruth M. Trifilo dated July 14, 1980 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7035, 212.

For Mortgagor's title, see deed dated December 27, 1996, and recorded in Book 18504, at Page 64 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. High bidder to sign written memorandum of sale upon acceptance of the high bid. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by certified or bank check at Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, NY 10004, within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the

purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of LSF11 Master Participation Trust, Present holder of said mortgage by its Attorneys,
Friedman Vartolo LLP
 85 Broad Street,
 Suite 501,
 New York, New York 10004
 02/22, 02/29, 03/07/2024

FY 2025 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN UPDATE PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN EQUITABLE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BARRE, MASSACHUSETTS
 The Town of Barre invites all interested companies to submit sealed proposals for undertaking a program to update all real and personal property values within the Town of Barre for Fiscal Year 2025.

Specifications for the proposed program may be obtained at the office of the Board of Assessors, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005 Mondays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Specifications will be available until Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Proposals are to be submitted to the Board of Assessors or the Town Administrator, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005. Proposals will be accepted Monday through Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. until Monday, February 28th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

It is the specific intent of the Town to contract through its Board of Assessors for a complete update of property valuations effective January 1, 2024 consistent with Massachusetts Department of Revenue requirements using an in-house CAMA appraisal system. The program is to commence on or about July 2, 2024, and to be completed by October 15, 2024. The program is to result in the approval of property values by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

The Town of Barre reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part thereof, or to select a bidder whose proposal is not the lowest, as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The awarding of the contract shall be subject to the availability of funds.
 02/15, 02/22/2024

Sale of Motor Vehicles Under MGL Ch 255 Sec 39A
 Notice is hereby given by: Dave's Tow & Transport, Inc pursuant to the provisions of MGL C.255 sec 39a, that on **March 8, 2024** at 843 Worcester Rd, Barre, MA the following motor vehicle will be sold by private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges and other expenses incurred, including sales costs.
 2011 Chevrolet HHR
 VIN:
 3GNBABF78BS620076
 Robert L Goodman
 111 Perseverance Mine Ct
 Nevada City, CA 95959
 02/22, 02/29, 03/07/2024

Public Safety

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of Feb. 5-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 147 building/property checks, 69 directed/area patrols, nine traffic controls, six emergency 911 calls, 17 radar assignments, two assist other agencies, three citizen assists, two trespasses, two illegal dumpings, four motor vehicle investigations, two investigations, two motor vehicle accidents, one structure fire, two complaints, one threat, one fraud, two animal calls and 22 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Feb. 5
3:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Pine Street, No Action Required
4:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Feb. 6
4:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:21 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Church Lane, Spoken To
9:57 a.m. Trespass, Barre Road, Officer Handled
11:47 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
1:36 p.m. Medical Alarm, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
3:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Parker Court, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Feb. 7
9:46 a.m. Trespass, Barre Road, Spoken To
10:14 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made
6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Greenwich Road, Written Warning

8:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, Feb. 8
6:45 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prouty Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Feb. 9
9:16 a.m. 911 Fire/Structure, Patrill Hollow Road, Extinguished

Saturday, Feb. 10
6:59 a.m. Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
8:15 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled
3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation Issued

Monday, Feb. 12
9:29 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Ruggles Street, Officer Handled
7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Report Taken
8:09 p.m. Investigation, Maple Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Feb. 13
6:30 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
1:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated

Wednesday, Feb. 14
7:29 p.m. Threat, Old Petersham Road, Investigated

Thursday, Feb. 15
8:02 a.m. Parking Complaint, Joslyn Road, Spoken To
7:16 p.m. Medical Emergency, School Street, Transported to Hospital
11:05 p.m. Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Feb. 16
8:21 a.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Services Rendered
12:52 p.m. Assist Citizen, Convent Street, Dispatch Handled
2:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
4:15 p.m. Complaint, Pine Street, Spoken To

Saturday, Feb. 17
5:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
4:48 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ruggles Hill Road, Services Rendered
5:28 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lyman Road, Services Rendered
7:59 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ruggles Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
8:28 p.m. Complaint, Broad Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, Feb. 18
12:11 a.m. Fire/Other, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 4
3:58 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Shelbourne, Mutual Aid Assistance
6:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Unfounded

Monday, Feb. 5
8:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
8:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
10:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Breathing Difficulty, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Feb. 6
1:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Breathing Difficulty, Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital
8:52 a.m. Court Duty, Main Street,

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5:15 p.m. Harassment, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Feb. 7
3:07 p.m. Safety Concern, Old Princeton Road, Officer Advised

Thursday, Feb. 8
8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
8:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
10:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

Friday, Feb. 9
12:34 a.m. Fire - Structure Fires, Healdville Road, Unfounded
7:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Seizures, Mt. Jefferson Road, Transported to Hospital
4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident - No Fire Department/EMS Response, Main Street, Report Filed

Saturday, Feb. 10
11:42 a.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
1:54 p.m. Property - Lost and Found, Hale Road, Information Taken
5:09 p.m. Harassment, Iroquois Avenue, Report Filed
11:47 p.m. Noise Complaint, Gardner Road, Unfounded

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