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QRSD presented regional agreement

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Colleen Mucha, along with vice-chair of the Hubbardston School Committee, Debra Chamberlain, presented the new regional agreement to the Select Board at their Monday meeting.

According to Mucha, the previous agreement is set to expire, as it has been 20 years since it was signed, so they need to sign a new agreement by law. She said the main changes are language describing pre-school and post-grad programs, a provision which does not allow a member town to pull out of the agreement without submitting a plan to the state and language to separate capital projects from town projects.

Mucha said the agreement will be presented at each member town's annual town

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Seniors dress up for Barre's Oscar celebration



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Getting out of Paul Varney's car for the Oscar celebration at the Barre Senior Center are from left, Joanne Johnson, Michelle Rice and Alma Borelli.

Going to the Oscar celebration are, from left, Ramona Evans, Elizabeth Newell, Daniel Boynton, Michelle Rice, Sandy Fritscher, Betty-Jo O'Brien, Alma Borelli and Joanne Johnson.

Select Board reviewed FY 27 budget for administration

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – During a joint meeting with the Finance Committee the Select Board continued discussion of the fiscal year 2027 budget.

On March 16, both Finance Committee members and the Select Board with the Town Administrator focused on the budget items that fall under administration. Mark Korzec of the Finance Committee presented a pie chart where line items under administration were addressed.

After going over administration costs, both the board and the Finance Committee went over debt and general government. These three items make up approximately \$1.7 million dollars of the budget.

Korzec confirmed that the committee has already reviewed the Police Department budget and are still waiting on official numbers for the schools. Korzec said he met with Town Administrator Justine Caggiano with both wanting to go over the budget numbers in detail with the Select Board.

"We're trying to understand our budget at this point," Korzec said.

Korzec said there is an enterprise fund budgeted at \$906,000. There are eight revolving accounts that are essentially not represented in the expense budget. The items are recycling, ceme-

tery, Board of Health, Town House, Planning Board, Youth Group, MART, and Agricultural Commission.

Korzec said these revolving accounts are something the board may want to still see in the future.

As they dive into administration piece of the budget, Korzec told the Select Board that some numbers they have produced and the Finance Committee have produced will match and some do not match. Numbers for the budget are changing as more information is coming in.

The first item both groups reviewed was EMS, being listed at \$55,000. Caggiano said the town is looking to negotiate a new contract with West Brookfield Rescue Squad. From the Finance Committee's standpoint, that number is currently present, but still in a negotiation phase.

For the purposes of this joint meeting, the board and committee are only understanding what number is in the budget. With \$55,000 present to date, it was shared that this amount is a decreased amount from a prior fiscal year.

For the Select Board budget, there is \$200 increase from last year. The board has participated in more trainings. The Select Board knows updates are likely to happen after the joint meeting on March 16.

For the Finance Committee Reserve, IT service is on the list. Caggiano provided a handout listing the last four years of IT service. Showing the last four years on how the town's budget has been significantly less than what the town has been spending.

Select Board Vice Chair William Tinker said he had requested a transaction request for IT over a week ago, wanting to make sure the service is covered. The board members asked why it is over \$20,000 according to the numbers they've received.

Select Board Clerk Jeffrey Schaaf wanted to know where the amount of \$38,000 originally came from. According to the last four years, the IT services are a lot more than that figure.

Korzec shared that these last four years are a comparison of the previous budgets. The town is pushing to get "actuals," or actual amounts. The Select Board and the Finance Committee want to look at what has been spent.

Caggiano suggested putting out a request for proposal for IT services.

"It's worth to have that information," she said.

The Finance Committee expenses were addressed, and both the committee and the Select Board know all the numbers for this item is preliminary.

The discussion led both the Select Board and the Finance Committee to a figure of \$159,545. This number is uncertain due to the treasurer and collector being two separate departments. Caggiano said, historically the town has had those separate.

The plan now is to combine the treasurer and collector into one account. This needs to be configured into the budget. Treasurer payroll expense can be crossed out because it falls under one

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Police officers recognized for mutual aid

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman read a letter from the Southbridge Police Department recognizing North Brookfield Police Officers Brent Lavoie and John Francis.

The two officers provided mutual aid assistance during a shooting incident in Southbridge last March.

The letter stated that Lavoie and Francis identified the vehicle involved on Prospect Street, in addition to recovering the suspected firearm used in the shooting, as well as two semiautomatic rifles and hundreds of rounds of live ammunition.

"The North Brookfield Police Department should be proud to employ officers of this quality. Officer Lavoie and Officer Francis are a credit to your agency and their efforts are appreciated and admired," Southbridge Police Chief Shane Woodson stated in the letter.

North Main Street parking

At the March 10 meeting, Gilman said he spoke with Highway Superintendent Randy Morgan about installing some 15-minute limited parking signs near the downtown businesses on North Main Street. He said the board will communicate with the businesses about how many parking spots should have time-limited parking.

Mount Pleasant Street extension

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities approved the town's request for an extension on the Mount Pleasant Street Improvement Project, using fiscal years 2021 and 2024 Community Development Block Grant funding.

The extension will allow the town to apply for FY 26 CDBG funds for the South Common Street Project.

Mad Brook Road bridge replacement

The Department of Transportation approved the construction funding to replace Mad Brook Road bridge through the MassDOT Small Bridge Program at a projected cost of \$1.875 million.

Spending requests

The board approved spending requests from the Council on Aging in the amount of \$561.75 for chefs and catering for the yearly volunteer appreciation luncheon funded by the state formula grant, \$300 for Bemis Farms Nursery for a workshop for seniors funded by the gift account and \$300 for a Laughter is the Best Medicine yoga program funded by a state grant.

Reserve funding request

The Fire Department requested the use of \$3,254.77 to purchase two new wheels and tires for Engine 2. One of the tires was flat, and the age and

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School Committee hears about STEM program

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BARRE – Three Science Technology Engineering and Math students told the Quabbin Regional School District Committee on Thursday, Feb. 12 about the One 8 Foundation and the Massachusetts Learning Project they attended.

Kalina Dyer and Alyssa Ebert, both seniors and Brody Faucher, a junior, said this project in conjunction with Alynlam Pharmaceutical joined over 100 other schools to work as teams to solve a packaging issue for the pharmaceutical company. Two representatives from the company participated as well as engineers in the field acting as mentors.

Alynlam ships globally a drug product, which costs \$100,000 per syringe. Their product is used in the treatment of Amyloidosis, a rare heart condition. The treatment, which is an injection, is shipped in a syringe with a plastic case. The product since it is a biological product must be kept between 2 C to 20 C. It quickly degrades if not kept at that temperature.

Some of the requirements of the packaging they came up with must prevent breakage, be recyclable and cost effect. Each team would present their plan to a mentor. The mentor would make suggestions. They would work on those suggestions and present back to the mentor. Then they presented their final solution to the company. Dyer said, "[They] got to experience engineering in a real situation." Alyssa Ebert said, "[They] got to think of other things such as cost." Brody Faucher said "[They] followed a "one step at a time" process. They came up with a solution of using aerogel sheets, which were light weight to keep the product within the required temperature range. The sheets were not that expensive and helped reduce shipping cost. The company currently uses gel freezer packs.

Student representatives

Student representatives Anna Metcalf and Ella Reeves, both juniors, said students were looking at course selections. They said some of the courses they were interested in might not run. They asked why the school no longer provided the Virtual High School program. If VHS was available, students could take a course they wanted that the school did not offer. QRSD Superintendent Colleen Mucha said the state previously funded the program, but did not provide funding last year. She said funding for VHS was not included in the Governor's budget this year. Superintendent Mucha said the district might offer VHS for some of the course options dropped.

Ella Reeves said she eats

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Legislators staff holds office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues where they may need assistance. On Monday, April 13, staff will be at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road from 11 a.m.-noon. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

St. Joseph's Cemetery clean up

To facilitate spring clean up at St. Joseph's Cemetery, South Barre Road, all winter baskets and decorations must be removed by Saturday, March 28. All remaining items will be discarded.

Meat raffle

American Legion Post 2 will hold a meat raffle on Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m. at the Legion post, 450 South Barre Road. There will be five tables and a 50/50 raffle. This is a great day to add some good meat to the freezer.

Information Fair

An Information Fair sponsored by the Council on Aging will take place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. This event is free and open to the public. The COA encourages seniors, caregivers, family members, friends and anyone interested in learning more about resources for the aging population to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with local professionals, explore helpful programs and services and gather information that can make everyday living easier and more independent. Attendees will have the chance to speak directly with representatives from organizations offering support, safety services, financial information, health resources, housing guidance, and more. Whether people are planning ahead for themselves or helping care for a loved one, the Information Fair is a great place to learn about products, services and programs available in the community.

Food pantry

Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, March 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients March 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Volunteer should not arrive on March 19 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Lions Club scholarship

The Barre Lions Club offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior, who lives in Barre, Oakham, Hubbardston, New Braintree or Hardwick. To be eligible, the student must be accepted by an accredited college or technical school and must be entering the school in the fall semester of the current year. In addition to Quabbin seniors, this year the club expanded the scholarship applications to local students, who attend Monty Tech, Pathfinder or BayPath. For the students' convenience, the application has been sent to the guidance counselor of each school. People may email barremalionsclub@aol.com with any questions.

Corrections policy

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



Submitted photo

Quabbin Regional High School students are signing a banner in support of Healthy Choices, Safe Decisions and Substance Free Living; student Rose Lyden is shown signing the banner

Quabbin Community Cares holds 'Purple for Prevention' week

BARRE — Quabbin Community Cares, formerly Q-DRUG, is sponsoring the 12 annual Purple for Prevention week March 16-21. They have a new name, but their mission of supporting local youth to find healthy choices, make safe decisions and remain substance free are still the same.

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 March 23. 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 — Meatballs with onion gravy, bowtie pasta, peas, pineapple, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY — Chicken stir fry, rice pilaf, roasted broccoli, fresh fruit, pumpkin bread

WEDNESDAY — Vegetable cheese bake, red bliss potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY — Beef Bourguignon, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, birthday cake, diet = small piece, Italian bread

FRIDAY — Lentil stew with cheddar cheese, steamed white rice, jardiniere vegetables, chocolate mousse, marble rye

*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.

Town Clerk announces town election deadlines

BARRE — Ellen Glidden, Town Clerk, announces the last day and time to register to vote will be Friday, March 27 by 5 p.m. The last day and time to request a vote by mail ballot will be Monday, March 30 at 5 p.m. The last day and time for voters who qualify, to vote in person by Absentee

Ballot is Friday, April 3 by 5 p.m.

The Town Clerk's Office, located at 40 West St., in the basement, will be open on each of the above deadline dates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

People may visit www.townofbarre.com under the Town Clerk's page for

more election information. Questions regarding the Election,

Absentee and Early Voting or Voter Registration should be emailed to clerk@townofbarre.com or by calling the Town Clerk at 978-355-2504 extension 5.

Berthiaume and Durant staff hold office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues where they may need assistance.

Dates include Monday, April 6, staff will be at the Hubbardston Senior Center from 10-11 a.m.; Tuesday, April 7 at the Ware Senior

Center from 9-9:45 a.m., Hardwick Town Hall from 10-11 a.m., West Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and Brookfield Town Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 8 at Leicester Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m., Spencer Town Hall from 10-11 a.m. and also with Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi's office and East Brookfield Senior Center

from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Monday, April 13 at the Barre Senior Center from 11 a.m.-noon and Tuesday, April 15 at the Oakham Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m., New Braintree Town Hall from 10-10:45 a.m. and North Brookfield Town Hall from 11 a.m.-noon.

People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.



OAKHAM

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Sheriff's Department fraud and scam program

Kevin Donahue of the Worcester County Sheriff's Department will hold a fraud and scam presentation on Thursday, April 9 at noon in the Oakham Senior Center, lower level of Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Sunrise service and breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold an Easter sunrise service on Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 a.m. A breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, strawberries, homemade doughnut holes, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will immediately follow the sunrise service. People may make a freewill donation, which will go to the church furnace fund. The lap quilt will also be raffled off at the breakfast. People may purchase tickets at the breakfast before the drawing. Tickets are \$2 each. Quilt raffle tickets are also sold every Sunday after church from 11-11:45 a.m. Proceeds from the raffle will also go to the church furnace fund. Easter Sunday Service will be held at 10 a.m.

March COA events

The lunch bunch meets Friday, March 20, the third Friday of the month, at 12:30 p.m. in the Draught House Bar & Grill, 44 West Boylston St., West Boylston, formerly The Manor. Blood Pressure/Glucose screening clinic takes place on Tuesday March 31 11a.m.-1 p.m. in Senior Center multipurpose room. Walk ins are welcome. Ongoing activities include Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. -puzzling, Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. walking group (meet at Senior Center); Tuesday through Thursdays at 11 a.m. walking group.(meet at Senior Center), Tuesday yoga at 1 p.m. \$40 for eight classes senior center multipurpose room (registration required); Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall \$3 donation/class; Thursdays at noon: Weigh in at the Senior Center support weight loss group and

Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness at the New Braintree Town Hall \$3 donation/class. Walking group members may request being added to the text MSG group by calling the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leaving their name and cell phone number. If seniors can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

Senior Center hot lunches

Hot Lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. at 508-882-4072.

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News of the Towns

Rededication of Gilbertville library to be held March 29

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Just over a century ago, the Gilbertville Public Library was dedicated on March 29, 1913, providing a source of knowledge, enrichment and enjoyment for George H. Gilbert’s millworkers and their families.

Now, the endowment that has kept the library operating for generations has run out, and there are changes on the horizon for this beloved fixture in the community.

“The endowment ran out earlier this year, after 112 years,” interim Library Director Laura Grunberg said.

Grunberg said additional funds from the town and the fundraising efforts of the Library Association have kept the library’s doors open.

An experienced library director prior to moving to town, Grunberg was appointed to serve as the interim director following the departure of the Gilbertville Public Library’s long-serving director at the end of last year. Grunberg was appointed to help with the transition and facilitate a possible merger with the Paige Memorial Library, which is located near the town’s common.

Library Assistant Colleen

Coran, who has been a familiar face over the years, joins Grunberg on the staff.

The Gilbertville Public Library has been carefully maintained under the stewardship of its trustees, Etelka Sarabia, Cheryl Wolfe, Anna Soos-Staiti, Chloe Moriarty, Mary Ann Vinskey and Ruth Hamilton Dewey. This includes replacing its heating oil tank, refurbishing its furnace, updating the electrical panel and installing an electronic signboard at the front of the building.

“They’ve been able to maintain the building, but we really need to upgrade the technology,” Grunberg said.

Grunberg said they are seeking grants to replace the library’s six computers, and they are also working to restore the children’s room.

The library itself is constructed out of Indiana limestone, and adorned with arched stained glass windows. These windows have motifs representing seven well-known international publishing houses.

When you walk into the library, your eyes are immediately drawn toward its vaulted ceiling and carved oak beam supports.

During the library’s dedication address, speaker Henry K. Hyde said of its construction,



Submitted photo

The otter was selected to be the Gilbertville Public Library’s mascot, as it is an inhabitant of the nearby Ware River. The waterway not only supports abundant wildlife, but it also powered the industry that shaped the village.

“Built of enduring stone, with the best of materials and workmanship, it will stand as an object lesson in art to the people of this community.”

The building “impresses even the most casual observer by its symmetry and perfect proportions,” Hyde said.

This past weekend, several community volunteers worked to prepare the library for an upcoming celebration of the anniversary of its dedication.

Joining the efforts were Jeff Gaudette, Kevin Tindell and

Robert Cowart. The volunteers are working to restore the library’s ornate woodwork, polish the stone entryway, and place carpeting throughout the reading areas.

Mark Monserrate is providing IT support and working on lighting and general handyman tasks.

“These guys are doing it for free,” Grunberg said.

The anniversary celebration of the library’s dedication will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 2-4 p.m. at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville. There will be food, music and a show.

Parking is available at the library, and at the adjacent Stone Church Cultural Center, and the Whistle Stop Restaurant across the street.

Grunberg said the library still stands as “a monument to literacy and community,” in town, but now it needs support from residents more than ever. She invited everyone to attend the celebration to rededicate the library.

“The Gilbertville Public Library is a valued community resource and it deserves to be treasured,” Grunberg said. “It was founded for the community, and the community will help restore, reinstate and reward it.”

HUBBARDSTON

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Hubbardston Community Theatre

The Hubbardston Community Theatre presents Roger and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella,” enchanted edition on March 20, 21 and 22 at the Hubbardston Center School, 8 Elm St., in the gymnasium. Performances are Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 21 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults age 12 and up, \$12 for senior citizens and children age 3 to 11 and free for children age 2 and under. People may pay by cash, check to HCT or Venmo. Tickets are available at the door or may be reserved in advance by emailing hubtheatre123@gmail.com. Director and choreographer is Amanda Hakala Schuster, assistant director Erin Blackstone and choral director Bethany Stefano.

Country Hen scholarships

The Country Hen Scholarship Fund awards a total of \$1,000 in scholarships to one or more graduating high school students from Hubbardston. Applicants must be a Hubbardston resident for at least three years, be a graduating high school senior planning to attend an accredited college or university and have demonstrated community involvement during their high school years. Applications are available online by visiting the town website at www.hubbardstonma.gov and are due by Sunday, April 26. For questions, they should email admin@hubbardstonma.gov.

Senior Center events

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

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Citizen’s Committee for Right of First Refusal – March 19 at 5 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – March 19 and April 9 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Committee – March 24 and April 14 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – March 26 at 11 a.m.
Finance Committee – March 31, April 7 and April 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – April 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Planning Board – April 1 and April 7 at 7 p.m.
Town Election Day – April 6 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Select Board – April 6 at 5 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – April 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – April 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – April 9 at 1 p.m.
Board of Health – April 13 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – April 13 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – April 13 at 6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – April 14 at 7 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – April 16 at 5:30 p.m.

HARDWICK

Town Hall Advisory Committee – March 20 at 10 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Commission – March 23 at 4:30 p.m.
Planning Board – March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Master Plan Steering Committee – March 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – March 26 and April 2 at 7 p.m.
Council of Aging – April 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – April 8 at 3 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – May 18 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – March 19, April 1 and April 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Complex Building Committee – March 24 at 6 p.m.
Town Administrator Search Committee – March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – March 31 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – April 2 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission – April 7 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – April 14 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – April 15 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – March 19 at 4 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – March 23 at 6 p.m.
Community Block Grant Resident Meeting – April 1 at 6 p.m.
Downtown Development Committee – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Parks and Recreation July 4th Subcommittee – April 8 at 6 p.m.
Rep. Berthiaume Office hours – April 15 from 11 a.m.-noon

Planning Board – April 15 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Library Trustees – March 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Finance Committee – March 24 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – March 19 at 5 p.m., March 24 at 3 p.m., March 26 at 5:30 p.m., March 31 at 3 p.m. and April 2 at 5:30 p.m. and April 7 at 3 p.m.
Advisory Finance Committee – March 19 at 6 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – March 19 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – March 20 at 9 a.m.
Board of Health – March 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – April 7 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – April 7 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – April 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – April 14 at 11 a.m.

RUTLAND

Board of Health – March 19 at 5 p.m.
Finance Committee and Select Board – March 19 at 6 p.m.
Library Board of Trustees – March 19 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board Hearing – March 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board Bylaw Sub Committee – April 15 at 6 p.m.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

When will I get full credit for delaying my SS retirement?

Dear Rusty:
The time is nearing that I want to move from my current Social Security survivor benefit to my own SS retirement benefit at 70 years of age.

I have been looking more deeply into the application of Delayed Retirement Credits and I have read that DRCs accumulated in the year that I turn 70, September 2026, will not be effective when I actually turn 70. Rather, those DRCs won't be paid until the following year. Can you verify that this is correct? I presume that if the DRC's are not applied at age 70, that they will be applied sometime after the first of the year and any increase will be paid retroactively.

Signed: Retiring Soon

Dear Retiring Soon:

The Delayed Retirement Credits you speak of have accumulated at the rate of 8% per year (.667% per month) since you reached your SS Full Retirement Age, which means that at age 70 your monthly SS benefit will be about 129% of the amount you were entitled to at your FRA of 66 years plus 4 months.

However, your understanding of how DRCs will work for you at age 70 is not correct. If you claim for your Social Security retirement benefits to begin in September 2026 (the month you turn 70) you will receive all DRCs, you have accumulated up to that point in time. In other words, you will get your full age 70 benefit amount immediately, including all DRCs earned until then, effective with your first SS retirement payment, which you will get in October 2026. What you have likely read about

is that DRCs work a bit differently for those who claim SS after their full retirement age, but before their 70th birthday month.

For those who claim mid-year but before age 70, only DRCs earned through the end of the preceding year are initially applied and DRCs earned during the current year are not paid until the following January. This results in a loss of some SS benefit between the time benefits start and the following January, because only the amount earned as of the end of the previous year are first paid, and the full number of DRCs earned during the current year are applied in January.

But, as is the case for you, when benefits are claimed to start in the month you reach 70 years of age, all DRCs earned up to the month of your 70th birthday are immediately applied. Congratulations on selecting a strategy which will maximize your monthly Social Security benefit.

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Guest Column

'My Country 'Tis of Thee'

By A.B. Splaine

When he wrote "On The Road" in the early 1950s, Jack Kerouac said that he had gone looking for America and couldn't find it anywhere.

I wish he had been with me recently on a Sunday at noon time, on the common in the lovely little central Massachusetts town of Barre. There I met and spoke with fifty or so dedicated protesters who, week in and week out, brave the cold, winter wind to exercise their constitutional, first amendment right of free speech. For many, their passionate belief in our founding father's ideal of government by the consent of the governed, has been illegally and immorally torn to shreds in recent days.

While I spoke briefly with many, I had the good fortune to engage with Kevin Canterbury, a leader and organizer of the group. He spoke with trepidation of the direction that the current administration has taken and where it will continue to wander if Americans sit idly by and do nothing. He feels, as I do, that there comes a time when inaction becomes the equivalent of tacit approval.

I remember as a young man in the 1050s and 60s hearing statements about how the German population simply sat by and let Adolph Hitler lead them down the

road to historical condemnation for failing to speak up against what they knew was intrinsically wrong. The day has dawned right here in America when silence is no longer acceptable.

Like Canterbury, we must exercise our constitutional rights to speak out against the abuse of power, and, more importantly, do all we can to get out the vote this Nov. 3, 2026. A resounding rejection of these abuses and a spirited season of resurgent national commitment to what this country started as and has so blatantly drifted away from will send a message as powerful as the shot heard round the world.

This is your country as well as mine. Whether you vote Republican or Democrat matters not to me, but the exercise of your franchise and the trusting belief in the innate goodness of the American people will always keep us on the right road. We are a nation in crisis right now and need a re-commitment to our traditional values that brought us to the pinnacle of mankind.

When Dylan asked, "If your time to you is worth saving?" in his treatise *The Times They Are A Changing*, he meant for each and every one of us to examine our own conscience and respond in

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In Past Pages

5 years (March 25, 2021)

The Barre Board of Selectmen held two pole petitions Monday, March 15. A spokesman for National Grid said the first petition requested to run poles down Vernon Avenue to Barre Depot Road to remove wires off a right of way. The second petition included an underground portion of conduit. The administrative assistant sent the plans to the department of public works superintendent Jason Pimental for his approval last week. He had not responded. Selectmen voted to continue the two pole petitions until the DPW signs off on the plans. All the pole locations are marked and National Grid would contact the DPW.

The Hubbardston Select Board appointed David Nixon, acting town administrator at its March 1 meeting. Town administrator Ryan McLane was called to active duty and will be deployed overseas for one year. His temporary replacement came highly recommended and was town administrator in Hadley, a town similar to Hubbardston, for 15 years. Nixon recently retired from the Hadley position.

The select board also approved Nixon's contract. It included the same wage as McLane and called for four weeks vacation.

At the North Brookfield Board of the Selectmen meeting on March 16, Selectman John Tripp said he walks the Rail Trail frequently and sees tire marks and dirt bike marks on the trail. He said they need to notify people that motorized vehicles are not permitted on the trail and that residents should contact the police if they observe it happening. Tripp said National

Look Back Red Feather Ramble – 2016



File photo

Some of the youth winners in the Red Feather Ramble hosted by Camp Putnam in New Braintree.

Grid cut a tree down that took down wires on Ward Street and left a pile of brush in the culvert and off to the side of the trail. Tripp said there are ruts on the trail from Orchard Road up to where the pipes go underneath. They will have to level out the trail.

10 years (March 24 2016)

Barre Town Administrator Heather Lemieux presented a proposal for custodial service for the town hall, senior center and the Henry Woods Building. Currently, the town out sources custodial work. She said the town would be adding the public safety building when that is completed. She proposed hiring one town custodian for all the buildings. She will bring it up at the next finance committee meeting.

Recently the Oakham Fire Department purchased a Lucas2 machine. This electrically powered CPR machine offers the most compact, lightweight and

portable solution to maintain circulation in cardiac arrest patients. It will help us save more lives in the community. The fire department was able to purchase this life saving device because of fundraising events through the Oakham Fire Department Association and the department's general budget. The Oakham Fire Department Association would like to thank the generous people of Oakham and surrounding towns for their continued financial support at its golf tournaments, chicken barbecues and other fundraisers.

"Mini Magic," a Miniature Horse Show will be held on Saturday, April 2 beginning at 9 a.m. at Stoney Hill Farm, 1510 South St. in Barre. It is free and open to all. The "pint size" members of the equine world and their handlers will compete in classes from hunter and jumper, to driving, showmanship and pleasure and tricks and games. There

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What is Community Resilience?

By Sue Coles

Community Resilience grew out of the Barre Climate Forum held at the Town Hall in September 2024.

The Massachusetts Climate Chief, Melissa Hoffer, MIT Climate Researcher, Adam Schlosser and Harvard Forest Research Scientist, Jonathan Thompson, spoke. About 150 people attended. Many signed up to stay informed about the issues. After this, a smaller group of people began meeting.

The scientists at the forum reported that climate

change was taking on a life of its own. It was not something that could be stopped or reversed in the near future. The atmospheric conditions that created it would remain in place for centuries and perhaps get worse, even if the conditions generating them stopped with no additional green house gases emitted. The federal government is now reducing regulations on emissions.

The focus of the group soon shifted from how to reverse climate change to how to adapt and promote resilience in the face of possible adverse changes in many

areas, not just climate. They took the name Community Resilience. Relatively cheap carbon based fossil fuels continue to be extracted, but become more difficult and more energy consuming to obtain. There is no readily available source of energy that is as cheap as fossils fuels able to meet the current level of consumption.

Other concerns are the health of our air water and soil, loss of plant and animal biodiversity, agriculture practices that degrade soil and pollute water and air, migration pressure that will be exacerbated by melting glaciers, to name a few issues that could be addressed.

Membership ranges in age from 30-88. The focus is on learning and sharing information about how the climate, environment and society is changing, and possible courses of action. Individuals with a particular interest and capability lead projects of their

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

March is about half over and spring is getting closer.

This has been a very cold and snowy winter and hopefully we get a nice spring. The snow is melting slowly at Serenity Hill which is good, but some days the driveway, which is long, gets a little muddy.

The Handyman made ditches to run the water off so it would not turn to mud. This driveway has been a challenge this year. Because we have help coming at various days, we have to have it passable.

Most of the meals I make contain either hamburger, chicken thighs, chicken breasts or shrimp. For supper this evening I made a chicken thighs with elbow macaroni, chopped onions, and tomato sauce. I put everything in a

cast iron fry pan and cooked it for about one hour. I served it with muffins and broccoli boiled on the stove. I find that the broccoli gets too brown if done in the oven with the rest of the meal.

This and That

I was surprised to receive a letter stating the income tax refunds for the federal have to have a bank deposit. We received the state refund by mail. They seem to be making it hard for us voters.

I also found out that the banks and credit unions are not going to use pass books any more. Guess I have to get up to date with the times.

Each day I try to call a senior friend. The other day I called a widower and after we were done talking he asked me if there was a reason I called. I said I just like

to check on my senior friends and he thanked me.

Today I called a friend who lives at the Masonic Home. She is really having a wonderful time there. They have so many activities to keep them busy. Have you heard of Crystal Art? It is art work on cards done with small beads. I got a Lovely Christmas card from my pen pal in Oakham with this on the design. My friend at the Masonic Home is doing it also.

I put up a lovely display of Easter bunnies now that St. Patrick's day is over. I also have a large wooden bowls of ceramic and cloth eggs on the dining room table.

Have a nice week and hopefully winter will be over soon.

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will be a costume class and awards given. Refreshments and raffles will be included in the day long activities that will be held rain or shine. Central New England Equine Rescue is holding this event in conjunction with ASPCA's "Help a Horse Day."

25 years (March 22, 2001)

A special election will be scheduled sometime this year to fill the state representative seat vacated with the resignation of David Tuttle last week. The only question is when it will be held. Under state law, the Speaker of the House, state Rep. Thomas Finneran (D-Boston) is empowered to call the special election and set the date when a vacancy exists in the House. He has not indicated any time table as of yet. Tuttle resigned last week to take a regional post with the Bush administration as state director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Assistance Program. His district includes 10 area towns and already candidates are lining up to make a run. There are at least four potential Republican challengers and at least two Democratic ones.

Incumbent selectman Richard Stevens survived a strong challenge from Sandy Demetropoulos, the widow of a former selectman, to win a fourth term on the board. Balloting was completed Monday, two weeks after

a nor'easter forced polls to close at 3:30 p.m. March 5. A judge set Monday, March 19 to complete the balloting. According to Town Clerk Ellen Glidden 36% of the town's voters turned out to cast ballots in several contested and uncontested races. Stevens picked up 601 of the 1,128 votes cast and Demetropoulos received 489 in her first bid for a seat on the board.

Oakham Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Currier told the Board of Selectmen that he is almost out of money in the hired part-time account, diesel fuel account and hired equipment account. The Finance Committee authorized authorized deficit spending of the snow and ice account, which consists of sand, salt and overtime account. The Finance Committee agreed that diesel fuel was storm related expenditure. He also said that he is almost out of money in the fuel and electricity accounts. Selectmen told him to go to the Finance Committee and warned him that he can not deficit spend the fuel and electricity accounts.

38 years (March 24, 1988)

Events cancelled during the last two days of Quabbin Regional High School's Spirit Week because of a class rivalry will be rescheduled according to Principal Maureen LaCroix. Spirit week came to an abrupt end last Thursday after LaCroix

cancelled the remaining events because of what she says was a rivalry between the junior and senior classes, which threatened the purpose of the week. The problems related to the cancellation started early in the week when some students broke into the school on Monday night.

For the third time in nine months the Barre Zoning Board of Appeals met to consider a petition for a dimensional variance from Thomas Pettee of Pleasant Street. The ZBA conducted the public hearing at the Henry Woods Building on March 8 to hear Pettee's request for a dimensional variance to allow construction of a house and barn off Bentley Lane. But despite a hearing exceeding two hours, the board made no decision. Pettee was not present at the hearing but was represented by Attorney Robin F. Luberoff of Petersham.

The Barre Board of Sewer Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 5, 1988 at the Henry Woods Building at 8 p.m. to discuss the Sewer Specifications, the Sewer User Charge System, the Sewer rules and regulations and betterment charges. Copies of these items will be available at the Town Hall and the Henry Woods Building as of March 28. The rules and regulations and the betterment charges will be voted upon at the Special Town Meeting on April 11.

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choosing. The purpose is to learn and share information about our present circumstances and to engage in activities that contribute to a healthy environment and society.

A book club meets monthly. A native plant and pollinator group developed a plan for a native flower garden on the Barre Common, working with the Barre Common Oversight Committee. They will need volunteers to help with the implementation.

As of January 2026, single use plastic is being collected at Higgins Energy Alternatives, to be used for the manufacture of wood-plastic composites for decking, etc. Members contribute to a Community Resilience column in the Barre Gazette. Skill shares took place on the subjects of regenerative farming, using rain barrels to collect water and bike repair.

On Earth Day, 2025 on the Barre Common, Community Resilience sponsored plant giveaways, hand painted models of native pollinators, a neighborhood clean up booth, awareness of

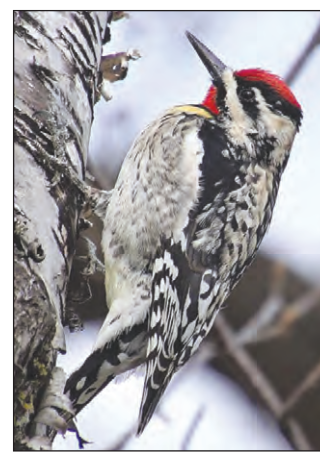
Regenerative Farming and a popular clothing swap. There was a demonstration of live stock enclosures that work. Plans for Earth Day, April 25, 2026, are in the works.

Future plans are to continue to learn, to build community and to engage in projects that contribute to a healthy future. Ways to get involved include getting on the mailing list to find out about meetings.

The email address is CommunityResilienceBarre@gmail.com.

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kind. It wasn't just a popular song of the day, it was a call to arms to an entire generation to stand up for an ideal that will admirably define us forever. If you can tear yourself away from the ordinary distractions of the day and join these extraordinary Americans each Sunday from noon till 1:30 p.m., you'll feel all the better about your country and the person looking back at you in the mirror.



Male yellow-bellied sapsucker

An Oakham resident saw a yellow-bellied sapsucker also known as yellow-bellied woodpecker at her suet feeder earlier this month.

They have a long pointed bill and the typical black and white feather pattern of the downy and hairy woodpeckers. Sapsuckers are larger than downy woodpeckers and smaller than hairy woodpeckers. The yellow feathers are muted and not that visible as the resident noted. They also have vertical, white wing patches. Both adult males and females have a red forehead. However the male has a red throat and the female, a white throat. Their young have brownish coloration, but they do have the white wing patches

As the name sapsucker

implies, these woodpecker drill holes, row after row, to get at the sap found in many native species of trees such as aspen, birch (paper and yellow), elm, eastern hemlock, sugar maple, etc. in springtime. Other birds such as ruby-throated hummingbirds, bats and insects also drink from these "sap taps."

People who burn wood most likely have seen the neat rows of holes drilled by the sapsucker in some of the wood from their pile.

The drumming of the yellow-bellied sapsucker is very distinctive, consisting of a roll with clearly separated taps at the end and sometimes at the beginning "tap-tap trrrrrrrrrr ta-ta-tat-tat." Both sexes drum. Ritual tapping at the lower rim of the nest hole is a rather common acoustic signal.

The yellow-bellied is the only sapsucker seen in the eastern half of the U.S. and across the northern forests. These sapsuckers are migratory, which is a fairly rare trait for woodpeckers. They live in a variety of habitats from low-lying floodplains to mountainous forests at 10,000 feet. Their breeding range extends from Alaska to Newfoundland and south along the Appalachians. They winter across the East from New Jersey west to Texas and all the way south

to Panama.

A common breeding display involves males pointing their bills skyward as they showcase their red throat patch for an interested female. Though both sexes are involved with excavating nesting cavities; males do most of the work. Occasionally, sapsuckers visit bird feeders for suet.

Bald eagle and turkey vultures

Early this month, a Worthington resident sent an email. He said he had a "lucky and thrilling sighting of an eagle, white tail obvious, circling on high with three turkey vultures and he called it "intra species cooperation" or more likely, the eagle using the vulture's ability to find carrion.

I saw three turkey vultures along Route 122 in Barre near Vernon Avenue on March 16. I saw two turkey vultures in Oakham on St. Patrick's Day. Their return is a sign of spring.

Robins

Huge flock of robins. Last week, I saw a huge flock of robins, probably close to 100 birds fly over head along Route 32 in Gilbertville. Robins overwinter in this area, but large flocks are the returning robins that migrate.

Canada geese

The Canada geese are also returning. I saw quite a few geese in a cornfield in Spencer last week. I also saw about a dozen or saw fly overhead.

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

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – On Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m. a portal opens at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Become acquainted with David Payne and his debut novel "Out of the Dark," a portal horror about two siblings, one who is taken and one who spends their life searching. Payne has other short stories available, some available to check out at the library.

The seed library returns on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. People may drop in for a spring-tide celebration to celebrate the spring equinox and the awakening of the earth. The seed library will debut and the library will have fun make-and-take crafts and more! People may bring some baked goodies to

share.

On Saturdays through March 28 there will be drop adult handcraft workshop from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. with Pam Hincley. On Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 25 at 2:30 p.m. people may come learn Pysanky Ukrainian egg decorating. Participants will learn the traditional process of egg decorating using wax and dye. It is said that creating Pysanka fights evil in the world. They should bring a fresh white egg. The library provides the beeswax, dye and kistkas.

A new page to screen discussion group meets Tuesday, March 31 from 6-7 p.m. People may read the book and/or watch the new movie, then come together to discuss their favorite parts

and plot points that make them cringe!

Other ongoing library activities include the story time with an activity on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Paige Book Club, the Cookbook Club, Celebrate Hardwick, the Ongoing Book Sale, the Paige Writers and the Movie Festival Committee. Come join a group or suggest a new one. More events are coming! People may check their Facebook page at <https://www.paigelibrary.com> or visit their website at <http://www.paigelibrary.com/>.

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



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March is maple season

Barn breakfasts served at Hardwick Winery

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road, is hosting its annual Maple Barn Breakfasts during the month of March.

This is the 18th year the winery has offered this breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays. Hardwick Vineyard & Winery owner John Samek was keeping busy working with his dedicated team making sure all the guests were taken care of as the buffet of breakfast foods were ready to be served.

Samek wanted to create a festival to take place in the springtime. Since March is the month of tapping trees and making maple syrup, the idea of having an event where “everything maple” is a theme soon lead to the idea of a Maple Barn Breakfast.

The idea certainly stuck as the annual Maple Barn Breakfast sells out every weekend. Samek and his manager Kaitlin Young estimate that the winery gets about 400 guests in a day during Maple Barn Breakfast.

The food made at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery is irresistible and features all the breakfast favorites, including butter-milk pancakes, maple bacon, maple sausage, eggs, twice



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Hardwick Vineyard & Winery owner John Samek checked in on the buffet line making sure guests enjoy the phenomenal Maple Barn Breakfast.

baked potato casserole, maple baked French toast, and Lucy’s famous homemade porridge.

The highlights during breakfast include local maple products, harvest maple wine, maple wine slushies, maple wine mimosas, Hardwick red bacon bloody Mary’s, local vendors, and live music.

The annual Maple Barn Breakfast draws commuters from all over Massachusetts and Connecticut and share about their great experience at Hardwick Winery.

“The breakfast is delicious, and they have great wine,” said Jackie Vaillancourt from Connecticut.

One of the parties dining this past weekend is members of the Connecticut Wine Lovers Group. This was the group’s first visit to

the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, and they said they loved their visit, the breakfast, and the wine. After experiencing the Maple Barn Breakfast, members of the Connecticut Wine Lovers Group said they will come back to the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

The popularity of the Maple Barn Breakfast has certainly grown. Young shared that tickets for the event are released in January and half are already sold out by the time March arrives. The entire crew at Hardwick Vineyard & Winery work hard to put this amazing breakfast together.

One of the popular warm beverages during the Maple Barn Breakfast is maple coffee. Samek shared that the coffee comes from King David Coffee in Nashua, New Hampshire. The winery

sells packets of this coffee.

The Hardwick Vineyard & Winery uses multiple maple sugar shacks in the local area; Hardwick Sugar Shack, North Hadley Sugar Shack, and Magwiggan’s Gold Maple Syrup of Monson.

The Maple Barn Breakfast also welcomed several local vendors during the month of March. There is Cookies by Ray, Wickedly Wild Gourmet Sauces, Magwiggan’s Gold Maple Syrup, Wicked Good Treats by Elaine, and Girl Scout cookies.

Live music from local music groups is also highlighted during the Maple Barn Breakfast. Music is played on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m.

For more information, visit www.hardwickwinery.com.

Haston library lists programs

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., offers March story times are Tuesdays, March 24 and 31 at 10:30 a.m. in the Children’s Room.

On Wednesday, March 25 from 10-11 a.m. the library offers offers read, build play a pre-k program in the Children’s Room. The library will hold their fifth annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. in the Children’s Room and Tuesday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. after story time in the Children’s Room. Children should bring their own basket.

The library is expanding

its technology lending program with 30 new devices available for patron borrowing beginning Wednesday, April 1. The collection will include 15 laptops and 15 tablets, giving community members greater access to technology for work, school communication and everyday tasks. Two laptops include JAWS screen-reading software designed for patrons with low vision and three tablets feature TD Snap communication software, an augmentative and alternative communication system that supports individuals, who use assistive communications tools.

Ham radio club meeting to be held on March 30

WEST BROOKFIELD – Local amateur radio operators and the public are invited to the next Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club meeting, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St.

This month’s program features Smitty KCIKA, who serves as a Net Control Station (NCS) for ARES, Skywarn, and CERT – roles that require staying on the air when conditions are at their worst.

Smitty will share a behind-the-scenes look at how he prepares for storms, power outages, and field deployments. His presentation covers the radios he relies on, the battery and solar systems he built, and the reasoning behind his equipment choices. He’ll also discuss situational aware-

ness techniques and multiple methods for maintaining communication when the grid goes down.

Whether you’re involved in emergency communications or simply enjoy operating portable from parks, summits, or Field Day sites, you’ll come away with practical ideas you can apply to your own setup. All are welcome to attend.

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

The club also will be having a VE session for any hams looking to upgrade or newcomers looking to test for the first time. The exam fee is \$15. Session starts at 5:30 p.m. Questions? Please email Peter at pbaldracchi@charter.net.

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item. Tax title attorney was also listed in the administration budget and is different from a town counsel. Tax title properties can be taken to auction, but the Board was unsure of what the expenses would be when doing that. This is a number the Finance Committee and Select Board can review.

For legal services,

Caggiano did provide the last four years for this item. Legal fees are going up \$10 an hour. Next year, the town is hoping legal won’t be used as much.

Detailed transactions for legal were also requested by Tinker. Caggiano said that Tinker has the documents except for the last invoice for the month of January.

Tinker thought it be best to budget this item at a “safe number,” and suggested \$35,000. After further dis-

cussion, the Board adjusted the item to \$33,000.

For the Town Clerk, the joint meeting addressed salary, expenses, and elections which fluctuate. The board was wondering what software source the Town Clerk uses for tasks.

Tinker said he spoke with Town Clerk, Ryan Witkos, about certifying and codifying the bylaws. Tinker believes this is something that needs to be done and will likely be brought up at

the Annual Town Meeting.

“It’s something the town really needs to do,” Tinker said.

The joint meeting then came across conservation and their budget items. A couple members of Hardwick’s Conservation Commission, William Zinni, Jr, Chair and Rebecca Bottomley, Vice Chair, brought up the idea to possibly recruit an agent for conservation.

There are towns out there

that have full-time and part-time agents.

“We were thinking we could share an agent position,” Zinni said.

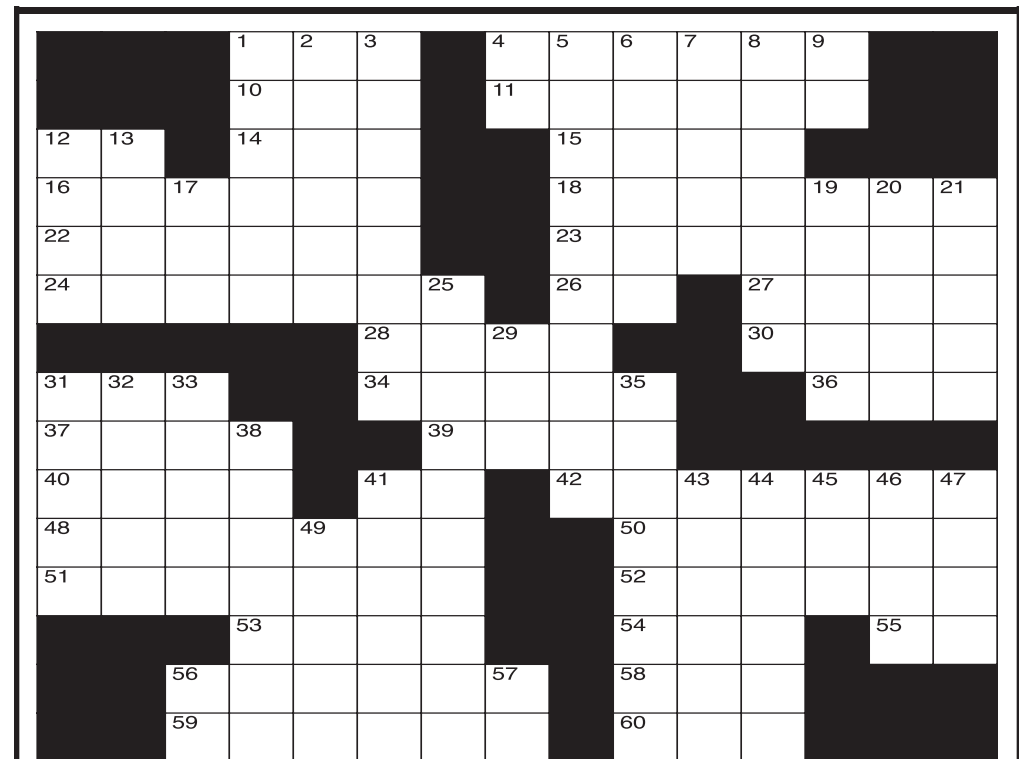
“The town is lucky we have wetlands biologists,” Bottomley said.

In a lot instances it feels like a full-time position. The Conservation Commission members believe it would be beneficial to have a part-time worker who can answer questions for people who call and address simple things

like wetlands.

Conducting site visits is a big roll for conservation, and members volunteer a lot of their time, even though the workload has increased through the years. Conservation made a valid point and will be taken into consideration.

The Select Board and the Finance Committee will continue discussion of the FY 27 budget at the March 30 meeting at 6 p.m.



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third lunch every day this term and she said by third lunch many of the lunch options are not available. The Superintendent will pass that information on to the food department.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Mucha said 76% of those, who responded to the strategic plan survey felt pride in the schools. She also said there were a lot of comments on transitions from elementary school to middle school and middle school to high school.

She said the district was working with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on issuing a plan for an agricultural program. She said it would be collaborative with other schools to

help the program be more sustainable.

She also said she hoped the house and senate budgets when received would provide more for K to 12 grades than the Governor’s budget.

She said there was no concrete plan for the Hardwick Elementary School boiler, one of two, which started leaking and was shut off. At present, only one of the boilers functions. The Oakham Center School boiler automatic control panel failed and that system has to be manually set.

She also gave an update on North Brookfield tuitioning high school students to either Quabbin or Quaboag School District. Sixty students school choice to the Quabbin District. She said many in that town want to

keep their high school and work at getting school choice students back to the high school.

School Committee member Dr. Richard Allen said North Brookfield got it “wrong and they should be looking at what was the best education then look at how they can pay for it.”

Other business

The Superintendent reported there were three students looking into attending either Norfolk or Smith Vocational Agricultural schools. Two were from New Braintree and one from Oakham. Tuition at these schools were \$30,000 per student plus transportation costs. These students have the right to attend and the towns must pay for their education.

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meeting, and each of them have to approve it, when it is sent back to the state. She said the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has pre-approved the agreement.

Comments from board

Katie Young, vice-chair of the Select Board said the \$5,000-\$10,000 budget range for capital improvement projects seems too low. Mucha said she agreed, and thought the task force, who drafted the agreement would increase that budget. Select Board member Peter Walker said that the budget was drafted 30 years ago and that prices have changed in that time. Mucha said that \$10,000 is a limit before it is required to get three quotes on repairs.

Walker said this presentation should have been a proposal, not a final draft for vote at town meeting.

Mucha said the other

towns were not concerned and Hubbardston was the only town so far that was, and she said she did not anticipate New Braintree having concerns when the agreement is presented to them on March 30.

Chamberlain also read a portion of an article previously printed in the Barre Gazette, in the Feb. 19 edition, which mentioned a discussion the board had pertaining to the school budget and a need to examine the data of the school to ensure that each town is getting a fair share of the cost. She said that conversation could hurt the relationship between the town and district.

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald said he did not share that information to disparage the district, but presented it to set budgets. Rosemary Southwick, a member of the Finance Committee, said there was a need for better communication with Chamberlain and she suggested that office

hours with her be available to residents. She also said the School Committee meetings are difficult to find online.

Chamberlain said meetings are posted online and there are virtual options to join.

Agricultural program

Mucha brought up that the district is interested in pursuing opportunities for an agricultural program, because there is a gap in programming in central Massachusetts, with the closest agricultural schools being in Northampton and Norfolk. She said the district is exploring interest within the towns.

Walker said he was concerned that a program like this could burden taxpayers.

Resignation

Select Board member Heather Munroe announced that she was stepping down from the board effective March 20. "It has been an absolute honor, privilege, and pleasure," Munroe said

about serving on the board.

Municipal Complex project
Keri Sacramone, chair of the Municipal Complex Committee gave an update to the board, saying they are working with an architect to present two designs to the board. She said they are currently close to finishing one design.

Sacramone said they have currently spent \$35,000 on the architect so far, out of the quoted \$216,000. She said the schematic design is incomplete, but a lot of time was taken on the police and fire aspect, but she said she does not think enough time was spent designing the municipal government portion of the project.

Fitzgerald said the town Building Commissioner, Bob Garside, will spend a few hours a month to staff the committee. He also said taking time to make a design is okay, because the town will have to present it at town meeting and get feed-

back from citizens.

Williams was appointed the Select Board representative for the committee, since Munroe previously held that role.

Town meeting and election

Williams announced that the annual town meeting is going to be held June 1 at 7 p.m. and the annual town election is June 9, with polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the elementary school gymnasium.

Appointment

The board appointed Peter Jefts to the Board of Registrars by unanimous decision.

Finance update

Fitzgerald said he is having weekly meetings with Marcia Bohinc, the temporary town accountant, and said they are moving toward fiscal year 2026 reconciliation. He also said they have identified \$345,000 dollars of free cash for certification.

He said there will be a meeting within the next week to discuss FY 26 year

to date, and an end of year projection is coming soon.

Fitzgerald said departments are reviewing expenditures and setting up the zero base budget. Munroe said departments are ready for the audit, which will possibly begin in April, and that tools are being put in place for future success.

Executive Assistant

The board approved the wage authorization form for Christina Ellis to begin as executive assistant effective March 30. They are approving her for \$26 an hour. Walker and Young said they found her a good fit, and she had "glowing" references.

Other business

The board waived their right of first refusal for a property on Prentiss Hill Road. Fitzgerald said the Town Administrator Search Committee is having their first meeting on March 25. The board is scheduled to meet next on April 6.



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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

BARRE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP for \$1,000 scholarship is accepting applications from a graduating senior, who lives in Barre, Oakham, Hubbardston, New Braintree or Hardwick. To be eligible, the student must be accepted by an accredited college or technical school and must be entering the school in the fall semester of the current year. In addition to Quabbin seniors, this year the club expanded the scholarship applications to local students, who attend Monty Tech, Pathfinder or BayPath. For the students' convenience, the application has been sent to the guidance counselor of each school. People may email barremalionsclub@aol.com with any questions.

PAXTON COA TRIP through the Canadian Rockies and Pacific Northwest will take place on Thursday, Sept. 3 through Thursday, Sept. 17. Cost is \$7,625 per person (double) includes 14 days with 20 meals, hotels and all transfers within tour; but does not include airfare and transportation to airport. Pricing for airfare and ground transportation to airport will be finalized soon, but plan for under \$1,000 per person. For more information, people may email Bill Murwin @ whmurwin@gmail.com or by phone at 508-756-3193.


FRIDAY, MARCH 20

LECTURE BY BARRY VANN DUSEN entitled "Out the Studio Window" and sponsored by the Princeton Arts Society will be presented today from 7-8 p.m. at the Princeton Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. Princeton nature artist, Barry Van Dusen, has done his share of traveling, but he, too, continues to find abundant inspiration nearby. Many of his paintings feature subjects observed out the windows of his studio in central Massachusetts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

SWEDISH MEATBALL SUPPER will be held by the Sterling Grange today at 5:30

Where is this?



This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, March 23. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the skate board park at Curtis Recreation Field in Hubbardston.

Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

MONDAY, MARCH 23

FOREST HEALTH PROGRAM entitled "Massachusetts DCR Forest Health Update: Insight from the Field," will be held today at 7 p.m. at the Holden Sr. Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation forest health specialist Felicia Hubacz will share information on the Asian Long horned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, Southern Pine Beetle, Beech Leaf Disease and the results of the latest aerial survey. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to this free program sponsored by Holden Grange. People may email holdengranger78@gmail.com with any questions.

QUABBIN PHOTO GROUP rescheduled their presentation on Wildlife Tracking for Photography to today at 7 p.m. due to a snowstorm at the Belchertown Recreation Department, 66 State St., Belchertown (behind Belchertown Police Department). The presentation features outdoor education specialist Jack Bonafini from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. His presentation will focus on tracking deer, designed especially for photographers. For more information, people may visit their website at quabbinphotogroup.com or email QPG President Mark Lindhult at mlindhult@gmail.com or Program Chair Ed Comeau at ecomeau@comeauphotography.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

27th ANNUAL AUCTION GALA sponsored by Second Chance Animal Services will be held today beginning at 4 p.m. at the AC Hotel by Marriott in Worcester. The organization is grateful to early sponsors including Herlihy Insurance Group of Worcester and Tito's Handmade Vodka for helping make this special evening possible. This is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds support affordable veterinary care, pet food assistance, adoption services and other lifesaving programs that help more than 64,000 pets each year. In-person event, a limited selection of items will be available through advance online bidding from Friday, March 20 through Thursday, March 26. Tickets are on sale now, and early reservations are encouraged as seating is limited. To purchase tickets, learn about sponsorship opportunities, participate in online bidding, or donate an auction item, people may visit <https://www.secondchanceanimals.org/annual-auction/>.

p.m. in the Sterling Senior Center, 36 Muddy Pond Road, Sterling. In addition to Swedish meatballs, the menu includes mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$15 per person or \$8 per child ages 10 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Grange Hall Renovation Fund and community service projects. Reservations can be made by calling 508-886-2341 or emailing name and number of tickets to sterlinggrange53@gmail.com.

BELCHERTOWN VIEWFINDER 2026 PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM includes a series of three free adult workshops in April. They are open to all. They will focus on Smartphone Photography, Photography for Beginners and Advanced Photography techniques. They will be led by three noted Belchertown photographers and will include field exercises to put into practice what was just covered in the classroom. Two workshops for children will be held in May at the Swift River Elementary School garden and will show. The ViewFinder 2026 Photo Contest kicks off on March 21 and will run until May 30. While anyone can enter, the submitted photos must have been taken in Belchertown.

A panel will review the submissions, and the The ViewFinder project, now in its third year, is a collaboration between the Clapp Memorial Library, the Quabbin Photo Group, the Friends of Lake Wallace and the Belchertown Creative Economy Initiative. More information may be found by visiting www.belchertown.org/ViewFinder for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

C4R WATERSHED COUNCIL will meet today from 2-4 p.m. in the watershed council to hold gathering in the Palmer Historical Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. People will hear what C4R has accomplished and how they can help to keep it going. They will review water quality monitoring, paddling trails, clean ups, trail stewardship, leadership needs and more. For more information, people may email chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

MEAT RAFFLE sponsored by American Legion Post #2 will take place today at 2 p.m. at the Legion post, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. There are five tables and a 50/50 raffle. This is a great day to add some good meat to the freezer.

St. Aloysius Catholic School Open House April 6

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School is hosting an Open House on Monday, April 6, from 3-5 p.m.

Prospective families are encouraged to visit the school, located at 52 Church

St. in Gilbertville, where they can tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about the rich, faith-filled educational experiences that await.

For more information, please call the school and

speak to Roberta McQuaid, Enrollment Coordinator, at 413-477-1268.

Or apply on line at <https://www.staloyusics.com/join-our-family/application/>.

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condition of the current tires is not safe.

The current maintenance budget for the Fire Department cannot support this expense.

The Finance Committee approved the request at a previous meeting and the Board of Selectmen approved it as well.

Fire Department report

Board of Selectmen Clerk Ralph Kay read the Fire Department's report for the month of February.

The report stated that the 24 members of the department actively train every Monday evening in order to be prepared for emergencies. This includes reviewing radio operations, medical training and tying fire hydrants.

The department responded to 29 incidents in February including two structure fires, one chimney fire, two motor vehicle collisions, one smoke investigation, 10 medical calls, two canceled calls, three malfunctioning alarms, two false alarms, one hazardous investigation, one lift assist and three standbys.

The report stated that fire hydrants continue to be an issue with deep snow blocking access to them. There are

227 hydrants in town, and the department depends on residents to clear snow away from them.

The department has 10 vehicles in its fleet, and several require repairs. Vehicles needing repairs are Car 1, Car 2, Engine 1, Tower 1, Engine 2 and the Hovercraft.

School district report

Kay read a report from Superintendent of Schools Timothy McCormick highlighting happenings in the North Brookfield Public Schools.

McCormick stated that the high school's Student Council was awarded the Gold Council of Excellence at the annual state conference recently. The council was also awarded the Top 10 Project Award.

The high school recently hosted its annual career day with 20 professionals representing a wide range of fields. The guest speakers met with students and gave them the chance to ask questions and learn about that particular field.

The school district will hold a STEAM Night throughout the entire school district and features hands-on activities for attendees. The elementary school will also hold its annual book fair fundraiser.

Ten staff members are participating in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools training developed by Cornell University. This program on prevention, de-escalation techniques and safe intervention strategies is designed to maintain a supportive and respectful learning environment for students.

Public comment

Shawn Blankenship of Grove Street brought concerns about the Water Department and Water Commission to the Board of Selectmen. He stated he was being stalked, assaulted and harassed by the Water Department Superintendent.


Blankenship said he has tried to share his concerns with the Water Commission, but "they are not communicating with me whatsoever."

Blankenship also shared concerns about a "gang stalking" campaign, that he said is being run by several members of the community.

He said "nobody's doing anything about it," regarding his concerns.

Resignations

The board accepted the resignations of Water Treatment Operator Robert Peterson and Andrew Wiewel from the Conservation Commission and Parks & Recreation Committee.



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Casavant shines for swim team this season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The seventh and eighth grade students at Palmer High School can take swimming as part of their gym class.

When Harper Casavant was in the eighth grade, Kellie Murphy, who's a physical education teacher at Palmer High, thought he had the potential to be a very good swimmer. One day, Murphy encouraged him to join the Panthers swim and dive team, which is coached by Brittany North-Marek.

"I played several sports growing up, but I never swam competitively," said Casavant, who's currently a sophomore at Pathfinder Tech. "When I was in the eighth grade, Mrs. Murphy told me that I was a very good swimmer, and I should think about joining the swim team. She's the main why reason I decided to join the team."

At the end of his first season on the swim, Casavant qualified for the Western/Central Mass. championships as a member of three relay teams.

"I didn't perform very well at the beginning of that season, but I was able to pull it together during the second half of the season," Casavant said. "I improved my skills with the help of coach North-Marek. She's a



Harper Casavant competes in the 200 freestyle during an event this year.



Harper Casavant goes for a win in the medley relay.

very good swim coach and is always very positive."

North-Marek, who's an eighth grade math teacher, gave her thoughts about Casavant's abilities in the pool.

"Harper works extremely hard in practice and is a

dedicated student-athlete," North-Marek said. "He's also a leader on our team and consistently demonstrates excellent sportsmanship. His growth as a swimmer has been truly impressive."

Prior to the start of his

freshman year, Casavant transferred to Pathfinder Tech. He was still able to compete for the Palmer boys' swimming team because the neighboring high schools have a co-op.

"I thought that I would have more opportunities academically here at Pathfinder Tech," Casavant said. "I was also interested in learning a vocation. I'm currently taking HVAC. It has been an awesome experience and I'm very grateful to still be a member of the Palmer swim team."

During his first semester at Pathfinder Tech, Casavant took eight one-week explor-

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Wrestling season nets many championships

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The high school wrestling season has come to an end, with many individuals and teams in Western and Central Massachusetts bringing home titles.

At the All-State Tournament held on Mar. 1 and 2 right in Springfield at the MassMutual Center, Agawam High School girls wrestling captured the All-State title with 86 points. Ludlow was 11th overall at 46 points. Stella Christopher captured the All-State title at 165 pounds, defeating Jordyn Reynolds of Greater Lawrence. Gabriella Ramos was a runner-up at 145 pounds. For Ludlow, Ella Libiszewski was the runner-up at 114 pounds.

In the mixed-gender all-state event, Agawam would place 16th with 33.5 points. Minnechaug scored 26 points and both teams crowned an all-state champion. Jordin Agosto was Agawam's all-state champion with a top finish at 144 pounds. Minnechaug's Kai Ly also took an all-state title at 138 pounds.

Ludlow High School captured the Division 3 state girls wrestling championship with 97.5 points,

crowning four state champions. Quabbin Regional High School was ninth overall with 36 points. South Hadley finished with 18 points and Holyoke with 16 points in the meet.

Ludlow's champions were Libiszewski at 114 pounds, Samantha Bertini at 120 pounds, Ellianna Williams at 145 pounds, and Riley Morais at 152 pounds. Quabbin had one champion with Kailynn Schuster scoring the win at 138 pounds.

Agawam took second place in the Division 2 state girls tournament, scoring 94.5 points. Christopher had the big performance by placing first in the 165-pound bracket. Ramos placed second at 145 pounds and Madison Minalga also had a runner-up finish at 185 pounds.

In the Division 2 state championship, Agawam was the second-best finisher from Western Mass., finishing fourth overall with 96 points, and crowning one runner-up in the field. Minnechaug was a distant 14th with 52 points. The Falcons' Ly won the state championship at 138 pounds, while Agawam's Ryan Sexton placed second.

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Serenity Ayala of North Brookfield competes on Regis women's basketball

WESTON – Serenity Ayala, Class of 2026, and the Regis College Women's Basketball team recently completed the 2025-26 season.

The Pride concluded their season in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) quarterfinals with an overall record of 12-14 and 9-3.

"As our winter seasons come to a close, I want to congratulate our student-ath-

letes on their hard work and determination," said Dean of Athletics Pam Roecker. "The growth they've achieved through competition, discipline, and teamwork will stay with them well beyond the season."

Ayala is majoring in at Regis College.

The Pride are led by 5-year head coach, Samantha Crough.

Thunderbirds inch closer to .500 with big comeback

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (24-27-6-2) rode their veteran forwards to a thrilling, come-from-behind 4-3 win over the Providence Bruins (45-12-1-0) on Sunday afternoon inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.

After potting seven in a win over Hartford a night ago, the Bruins wasted little time adding to their potent offensive weekend as Matthew Poitras cleaned up a rebound in the blue paint after Georgi Romanov made an initial save off of Ty Gallagher. Poitras' 12th goal of the year made it 1-0 Providence just 2:10 into the contest.

The Springfield power play provided a good response for the visitors at 9:34 when Juraj Pekarcik shuffled a rebound past Simon Zajicek following a Marc-Andre Gaudet slapper, tying the score, 1-1.

Unfortunately, the Bruins would restore their lead in short order when Matej Blumel surprised Romanov with a long slap shot just 1:18 later to make it a 2-1 game.

Springfield's special teams continued a strong first peri-

od, as the man-down unit successfully fended off two Providence advantages to keep the deficit at just one goal heading into the second.

With a carryover power play to begin the second, Dillon Dube nearly got Springfield even with a one-time slapper that beat Zajicek but caught the iron. Romanov, meanwhile, had a strong showing in the period, especially early in the period, keeping his team within a goal by making nine stops in the period.

Zajicek and the Providence penalty kill stiffened on a third man-down scenario near the midpoint of regulation, and the 2-1 score remained intact heading to the third.

The third period began with Springfield penalty kill once again answering the bell on back-to-back Providence power plays to keep the score at a manageable 2-1.

As the third passed its midpoint, the T-Birds' most experienced leaders took over, beginning at the 10:36 mark when Chris Wagner's torrid weekend contin-

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Annastacia Dixon sends a pass away.

Women's basketball season comes to a close

HOLYOKE – Earlier this month, Holyoke Community College Women's basketball saw their stellar season come to a close on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 1, falling to top seed CC of Rhode Island in the New England (Region XXI) championship game. The #2 seed Lady Cougars

played well in their attempt to win a regional title but were on the wrong end of the 86-51 final score.

Holyoke had a tremendous season overall, finishing in second place in the regular season New England standings before their runner-up finish in the regional championship



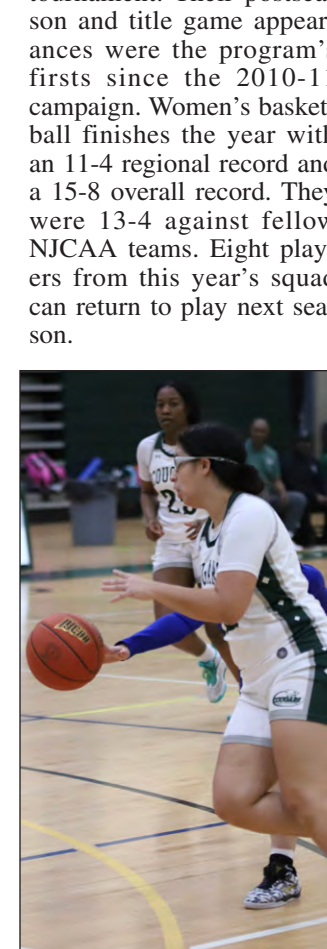
Tatiyana Zuniga heads across the court.



Ware's Emily McGrail reaches out for a rebound during recent play.



The Cougars face off with Bristol Community College early in the playoffs.



Mileidy Rosado heads into the paint.



Johnays Andrades gets the open layup.

Sports

Registration now underway for QVBL

SOUTH HADLEY – Registration has opened for the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 recreational league, held its first meeting of 2026 to prepare for the upcoming season.

For the 2026 season, the cost will be \$215 and will include a 16th game added to the regular season schedule.

During the 2025 season, the league experimented with playing on Mother's Day Saturday as well as a weeknight game to allow players an opportunity to play under the lights. While the night games were very successful, the Mother's Day Saturday games were rained out.

Those elements will return along with a 16th game with an opponent to be determine as the league's board explores possibilities for interleague matchups with another league in the region.

For returning players to the league, the deadline is Mar. 22 at 12 noon to be registered for the 2026 season in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. There will be open practices for all players but specifically targeted at new players scheduled for March 29 and April 4 at times and locations to be announced. The draft is currently scheduled to take place on April 4 following that practice.

The season is currently slated to start on Sunday, April 19 and following the success of the six-team fall league last year, the league will also have a fall league in September and October this season.

The registration is live at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Players must register and then pay the league dues via Venmo or contact the league leadership if an alternate form of payment is needed. Aside from the weeknight and Mother's Day games, other games take place Sundays at 10 a.m. outside of Mother's Day, Memorial Day and July 4 weekends. Playoffs will be in August.

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atory classes. He had to rank his top five favorite classes and HVAC was his top choice.

"As well as Harper does for his swim team, he's equally as strong academically," said Pathfinder Tech Athletic Director Kevin Aldrich. "He's an honor roll student and is also a member of our student ambassador program. Harper has done a very good job of representing Pathfinder Tech."

Casavant, who lives in Palmer, qualified for two events at the Western/Central MA Championships as a freshman.

His sophomore season in the pool, which wrapped up in the middle of February, was very memorable. He qualified for the Western/Central Mass. championships in seven of the eight individual events, along with the three relay races. The only event that he didn't qualify for at sectionals was the 100-meter breaststroke.

"I was close to qualifying in the breaststroke, but I still need to do a little more work," Casavant said. "I'm hoping to qualify for that event next year."

A swimmer is only allowed to compete in two individual races and two relays at the sectionals.

Despite being one of the youngest swimmers at the Western/Central MA Championships, Casavant finished in sixth place in the 200 Freestyle and earned a medal with a time of 1:56.60. He also competed

in the 50 freestyle race.

A week later, he competed at the Division 2 state meet, which took place at M.I.T. in Boston. He finished in 16th place in the 200 Freestyle, which is eight laps, with a time of 1:54.83.

"It was such a cool experience competing at states for the first time, he said. "I made a couple of changes with my stroke and was able to take two seconds off my time, which is a lot in swimming. I'm looking forward to qualifying for the states again during the next two years."

During the regular season, the Panthers boys' swim and dive squad squeaked out an 83-80 victory over Ludlow High School, which was held at the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club.

"Our meet at Ludlow was really close, and it came down to the final relay race," Casavant said. "We were able to win it, which connected us as a team a little bit more."

If there are six swimmers in a race, the first place finisher gets six points. Second place earns five points, and third place gets four points. Each swim meet consist of eight individual races and three relay races.

Both the boys and girls swim teams normally compete at the same time. It usually takes between two and three hours to complete a swim meet.

Besides his coaches and teammates, Casavant has also received plenty of support from his parents

(Kirsten & Jeremiah).

"Before the start of every race, I look for my parents," Casavant said. "They're also the first people that I look for after my races. They've always been my biggest supporters."

Harper's younger brother, Reese, is a member of the rec swim team. He also has a younger sister, Autumn.

The other members of the Palmer boys' Swim and Dive team were senior Shane Normoyle, senior Jack Shilosky, junior Simon Tetts, junior Derek Aldrich, junior Robbie Williams, junior Quinn Richardson, junior Jonas Toutant, sophomore Troy Lockwook, sophomore Noah Steinberg, sophomore Eddy Duggan, freshman Joshua Lisek, freshman Cristiano Garcia, eighth grader Emerie Marsh, seventh grader Owen Mauer, and seventh grader Alex Guryanov.

The members of the Palmer girls' Swim and Dive team were senior Hannah Roy, senior Scarlett LaRose, junior Neila Lachance, junior Jacklyn McNally, junior Maddy Roy, freshman Akasha Santos-Thomas, freshman Eva Becker, freshman Abigail White, eighth grader Samantha Opielowski, eighth grader Talya Verda, seventh grader Mido Penny, seventh grader Adrianna Centeno, and seventh grader Amelia Wentworth.

Verda was the only member of the Lady Panthers swim team to qualify for Western/Central Mass. Championships.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO26P0762EA Estate of:

Beverly S. Kroyman-Andrade Date of Death: 06/17/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph B. Andrade, III of Ware, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Joseph B. Andrade, III of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/07/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an

inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Kathryn M. Bailey**, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: March 12, 2026
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
 03/19/2026

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 26 SM 000798 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: **Linda J. LaRange; Frank Matthew Nault; Linda J. LaRange, as Guardian for Alisha K. LaGrange**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Barre**, numbered **711 South Barre Road**, 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**, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **April 27, 2026**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of this Court on March 9, 2026.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
 Recorder
 22145
 03/19/2026

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 Paul Muise, Sr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated April 15, 2016 and registered at the Hampshire County Registry District of the Land Court as document number 19333, and noted on certificate of title number 2395, as modified by a certain modification agreement registered on November 8, 2021, and registered with the Hampshire County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 21243 as noted on Certificate of Title No. 2395, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans,

its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, registered on May 5, 2021, Document No. 21027, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 2395 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 2:00 PM on April 14, 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at 79 Pleasant Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land in said Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situate in Ware together with the buildings thereon in the County of Hampshire and said Commonwealth bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by the northeasterly line of Pleasant Street fifty and seventy-five one hundredths (50.75) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by land of Bridget Scheffer sixty-eight and seventy three one hundredths (68.73) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by Lot C as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned fifty-seven and eighteen one hundredths (57.18) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot A on plan above mentioned seventy-six and eighteen one hundredths (76.18) feet Being Lot B on sub-division plan numbered 609 B land in Ware, John T. Casey, Surveyor, January 1951. Sub-division plan filed in Registry District of Hampshire County November 2, 1951, Book 4, Page 13 1/2.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court as shown on sub-division plan numbered 609 B as above referenced to. Subject to restrictions of record, if in force and effect.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed registered with Hampshire County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 19332, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 2395. These premises 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 28437
 03/12, 03/19, 03/26/2026

WRESTLING from page 9

In the Division 3 state championship, Holyoke placed ninth overall with 69 points, Ludlow was 25th with 28 points, Quabbin 26th with 27 points, and South Hadley and Belchertown also registered points in the competition. Holyoke would place two wrestlers as runners up. Steven Santiago was the second-place finisher at 120 pounds and Parker Brunelle was the runner-up at 285 pounds.

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ued as he threw a shot off a defender and past Zajicek to tie the game, 2-2.

Just 1:50 later, the T-Birds flipped the game upside-down when Wagner won an offensive zone draw directly back to Dillon Dube, who snapped a perfect shot under the crossbar to give Springfield its first lead, 3-2.

Romanov and the T-Birds' defense locked things down in the defensive zone, and Alek Kaskimaki hit an empty net after a clutch shot block from Wagner at 18:53 of the third. Blumel would get

his second of the night for Providence, but only three seconds remained at the time of the goal, making it too little, too late for the Bruins.

The T-Birds' comeback marked the first time all season that the Bruins failed to win when leading after two periods. With their victory, the T-Birds now sit in the sixth and final playoff spot in the Atlantic Division with 13 games remaining in the regular season.

The T-Birds take a trip north of the border for their next two contests on Friday and Saturday in Laval and Belleville, respectively.

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A Good Man Part 2

One of my favorite secondary characters in Scripture is a figure called Barnabas.

How does the Bible characterize the man?

Acts 11:24a (NIV)

24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith . . .

As we continue our series on the nature and work of Barnabas, we do well to ask: "What made Barnabas a good man?" Allow me to remind you that that underlying Greek term for "good" herein is "agathos," meaning virtuous and beneficial. It speaks to one who is excellent and distinguished as to character, constitution and nature (i.e., upright or honorable). Moreover, the term speaks to one who is disposed to helpfulness and charity. Do we see evidence of such in his life? Yes, take note of the first time we encounter Barnabas in the pages of Scripture:

Acts 4:32-37

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. 36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

What can we glean regarding Barnabas here-in? How is his goodness in Christ evidenced by this selection? Let us consider:

1) Encouragement

To begin, he is introduced as a source of encouragement to the people of God (v. 36). Joseph, whom the apostles called Barnabas (lit. "son of encouragement"), was evidently one who worked to hearten, cheer, uplift, inspire, motivate and enrich all within his sphere of influence. Can the same be said of us? Are we not similarly called to function as sources of encouragement in the earth? Paul commanded that we "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thess. 5:11). Never doubt the power of an encouraging word! As writer William Arthur Ward penned, "Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you."

2) Sacrificial Generosity

Also, he was clearly a man of sacrificial generosity (vv. 32, 34-37). That is, Barnabas, like many of his peers, was moved by compassion to go above and beyond in meeting the needs of others. To what degree

are our lives marked by such selfless charity? Is such not what our Lord demonstrated in the earth? How did dear Barnabas live? How are we to live in kind? The story is told that one day a beggar by the roadside asked for alms from Alexander the Great as he passed by. The man was poor and wretched and had no claim upon the ruler; no right even to lift a solicitous hand. Yet the ruler threw him several gold coins. A courtier was astonished at his generosity and commented, "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need. Why give him gold?" Alexander responded in royal fashion, "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving."

Hebrews 13:16b

16 . . . do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

"I was Blind, but now I See."

Scripture Reading: John 9 v 1-41

I. Introduction

When we go through struggles of illness, loneliness and other issues that affect our daily lives, we yearn for the kind of environment that is supportive and peaceful.

It is important to have people around us who care and reach out to lend a hand or give a comforting word or prayer. It is important for others to help quiet the chaos around us, and to bring a peaceful presence where it is needed. Furthermore, it is important to receive the health care we need, so we can live a good quality of life.

II. I was Blind, but now I See

This story about a blind man is about all of this. It describes a man who was miraculously healed by Jesus, but instead of experiencing happiness and calm, he became embroiled in confusion and conflict.

His encounter with Jesus in the first few verses is straightforward. He receives his healing with the simple action of Jesus, who took some mud and placed it on his eyes and instructed him to go and wash himself at the Pool of Siloam, after which he received his eyesight miraculously.

When the disciples asked if the man had sinned, Jesus replied that neither he nor his parents had done so. Instead, his condition allowed God's

work to be revealed through him. The blind man would have loved to be at peace and filled with joy at home with his family, celebrating this miracle that happened to him, but instead, he is being questioned and challenged by his neighbors, the Pharisees, then his parents were questioned by the Pharisees and then he was questioned for a second time by the Pharisees.

They all wanted to know who this man was who healed him? To the neighbors he said it was the man, they called Jesus, who did this. To the Pharisees, who doubted the legitimacy of Jesus and called Him a sinner, and not from God, he told them He is a Prophet. His parents referred them back to their son, whom they knew would be able to handle the situation adequately. The second encounter with the Pharisees became intense when the blind man had to defend himself and Jesus and made it clear that no one could heal the blind except if the person came from God. And he believed that Jesus was from God. Afterward, they expelled him from the temple.

Jesus heard what happened to him, saw the courage in which he answered the Pharisees, heard them talk about being disciples of Moses and them challenging the man that he must be a disciple of this Jesus. Jesus took the opportunity to ask him this question, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" When he said no, Jesus introduced Himself as the Son of Man and the blind man called Him Lord and worshipped Him. This blind man was so fearless in his encounter with all those who challenged him, but so humble and grateful with Jesus, who returned to him and showed him compassion and restored his life fully.

He was physically blind and can now see; he was spiritually blind, and now He received the light of the Son of God inside of him, a light he would be able to spread to all those around him. Jesus made a final effort to let the Pharisees know that He came to this world to make the blind to see, and that if they acknowledge their own spiritual blindness, their sins would be forgiven. But they continued to claim that they see, they know it all, and they do not need Him to teach them anything, and because of that, their sins will not be forgiven but will remain. One would hope that they understood this final message from Jesus.

III. Conclusion

God sent Jesus to introduce the world to the love and divine power of God to heal humanity physically, emotionally and spiritually. This story illustrates the chaos that those who resisted Him created. Instead of being overjoyed about this miraculous healing of the blind man, they ran around to cause havoc and prevented the crowds from seeing and experiencing the love of God in action.

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In the Classroom

Quabbin High School lists honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., announces the second quarter honor roll.

Grade 9 High Honors

Students in Grade 9 attaining High Honors are Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Maya Faucher, Gemma Mullins, William O'Neill, Whitney Reeves, Chloe Richardson, Ava Rogowski, Madisyn Shotwell, Addison Surprenant, Robyn Waltz and Jack Wynne.

Grade 10 Honors

Students in Grade 10 attaining Honor Roll are Emma Ackert, Shahad Alshujairi, Alison Baptiste, Caleb Conway-Dias, Joseph Cook, Brynn Dunphy, Tyler Ellis, Silas Flint, Lindsay Fors, Nathan Gingras, Madison Haley, Sawyer Harmon, Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Allie Lipiec, Sage McQueston, Greyson Mullins, Nathaniel Perry, Kimberly Riendeau, Jillian Rigney, Zoey Salvadore, Michael Tabares, Robert Tobin, Mackenzie Toupin, John Tyler and Dylan Woodward.

Grade 11 Honors

Students in Grade 11 attaining High Honors are Jacob Bassett, Madeleine Boisselle, Tess Dunphy, Kathryn Ford, Sadie Kennan, Ella Reeves and Brendan Welch.

Grade 10 Honors

Students in Grade 10

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Grade 10 Honors

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are Skyler Bard, Halo Bissonnette, Mackenzie Casey, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Katelyn Durant, Quinlan Fauteux, Grace Flamand, Anna Hautala, Lilian Hinckley, Kirk Dyer II, Jillian LaMontagne, Audrey Laursen, Ailey Majoy, Scarlett Merriman, Anna Metcalf, Mia Miville, Kevin Njenga, Charlotte Oliver, Jennavicia Roseberry, Emma Ryan, Sienna Shaw, Brady Skinner, Ellary White, Carlo Zolla and Leanna Zou.

Grade 12 High Honors

Students in Grade 12 attaining High Honors: Aidan Mahone and Madelyn Stauder.

Grade 12 Honors

Students in Grade 12 attaining Honor Roll are Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Tricia Bruso, Troy Budreau, Kylee Costello, Mia Ducos, Kalina Dyer, Hemily Halaby, Madeleine Hardy, Adelaide Harmon, Grace Manna, Elizabeth Matheson, Hunter McQueston, Adrian Parker, Madeleine Rigney, Cameron Vega, Andrew Warfield, Thomas Wigglesworth, Bianca Wilder and Richard Wilson.

Colleges and universities announce Dean's lists

College of Holy Cross

Worcester
Caroline Bierfeldt of Rutland, Class of 2028
Jenna Dupell of North Brookfield, Class of 2026
Benjamin King of Rutland, Class of 2028
Timothy King of Rutland, Class of 2028
Jorji LaViolette of Barre, Class of 2026
Lily Staiti of Rutland, Class of 2029

University of Massachusetts

Amherst
Brianna Lynn Caponigro of Barre
Sophia Isabella Diaz of Barre
Abigail Lynn Hughes of Barre
Adam Stephen Faulha of Hardwick
Connor Malcolm Geary of Hardwick
James Quinn Geary of Hardwick
William Wolverton Hood of Hardwick
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Andrew John Twarog of Hubbardston
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Owen Benjamin Carl of Petersham
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Chloe Elizabeth Andress of Rutland
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Jamie Quinn of Rutland
Thomas Joseph Rovezzi of Rutland
Connor Scott Trainque of Rutland
Hailey Jewel Wesby of Rutland
Addison Nora Witkes of Rutland

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Boston
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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 15
 2:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
 8:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Wauwinet Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:14 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Written Warning
 7:26 p.m. Safety Concern, Edwards Lane, Returned

Monday, Feb. 16
 1:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Natty Pond Drive, Report Filed
 4:41 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:04 p.m. Unwanted Party, Edwards Lane, Investigated
 6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:39 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Union Street, Report Filed
 8:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 9:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, Feb. 17
 3:34 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Area Search Negative
 5:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/

Vehicle Activity, Lane Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact
 6:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 8:21 p.m. Assault and Battery, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated
 8:40 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Union Street, Negative Contact
 9:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed
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Wednesday, Feb. 18
 12:56 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Investigated
 9:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Broad Street, Negative Contact
 10:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Vernon Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 10:15 a.m. Fire – Vehicle Fires, Worcester Road, Investigated
 2:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Valley Road, Peace Restored
 4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 6:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Friday, Feb. 20
 4:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Valley Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:06 a.m. Unwanted Party, Sheldon Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:51 a.m. Fires – Structure Fires, Central Tree Road, Investigated
 8:33 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Sheldon Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:40 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Trafalgar Square, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:45 p.m. Safety Concern, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2 p.m. Identity Theft, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:39 p.m. Property Damage, Vernon Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Feb. 14
 5:45 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Celona Square, Citation Issued
 6:37 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Church Street, Citation Issued
 6:49 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, High North Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Wauwinet Road, Transported to Hospital

Crash, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 10:21 a.m. Safety Hazard, Thompson Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, March 10
 7:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity, West Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, March 11
 9:42 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

5 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Thursday, March 12
 9:29 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Dispatch Handled

9:31 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

9:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

1:32 p.m. Harassment, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

6:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, March 13
 1:35 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

1:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

5:06 p.m. Parking Complaint, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Monday, March 16
 7:15 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken

Thursday, Feb. 19
 10:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, East Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Public Assist

9:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

9:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Scott Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Friday, Feb. 20
 2:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Turnpike Road, Removed from Scene

Saturday, Feb. 21
 11:49 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken

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Sunday, Feb. 15
 1:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 10:37 p.m. Complaint, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:48 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Brintnal Road, Investigated
 11:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

Monday, Feb. 16
 12:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:58 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 9:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital

11:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Charnock Hill Road, Information Given
 12:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Stevens Way, Information Taken
 1:38 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Walnut, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:57 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Removed from Scene
 8:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

8:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Clealand Circle, Transported to Hospital
 8:50 p.m. Safety Concern, Kenwood Court, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 11:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton, Barre Paxton Road, Public Assist

Tuesday, Feb. 17
 6:52 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Fuller, Brandon, 26, Wakefield, New Hampshire
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23,
 Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J

10:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Johnson Way, Transported to Hospital
 12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:52 p.m. Safety Concern, Davis Street, Report Filed
 4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:45 p.m. Fire – Alarm

Activation, Main Street, Investigated
 10:12 p.m. Fire – Propane Incident, Carlsons Way, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, Feb. 18
 10:55 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:11 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hopes Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Turkey Hill Trail, Transported to Hospital
 11:56 a.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital

2:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Removed from Scene
 3:58 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Ten Rod Road, East Brookfield, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Lowry Lane, Transported to Hospital

11:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
Thursday, Feb. 19
 10:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, East Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:56 a.m. Unwanted Party, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, East County Road, Transported to Hospital

1:58 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Miles Road, Report Filed
 Summons Patrone, Christopher Anibal, 36, Palmer
 Charges Larceny Over \$1,200 by False Pretense
 1:58 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Miles Road, Report Filed
 2:39 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Negative Contact

4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Written Warning
 4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Scott Road, Mutual Aid Transport

11:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Friday, Feb. 20
 12:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:51 a.m. Fire – Structure

Fires, Central Tree Road, Investigated
 9:16 a.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Vista Circle, Investigated
 10:04 a.m. Serve Warrant, Brunelle Drive, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Johnson, Neil Joshua, 56, Rutland
 Charges Warrant
 10:14 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Highland Park Road, Investigated

10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response Main Street, Report Filed
 12:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Turkey Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 1:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Choking, Crestview Drive, Transported to Hospital
 2:48 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed

3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:39 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:10 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Highland Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:47 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Pommogussett Road, Information Given
 5:33 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

10:08 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Fisherman's Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Boland, Christopher Jalen, 28, Hardwick
 Charges Warrant, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 11:08 p.m. Safety Concern, East County Road, Report Filed

Saturday, Feb. 21
 12:31 a.m. Threats, East County Road, Report Filed
 5:32 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Fisherman's Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:32 a.m. Safety Concern, River Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:17 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party

12:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bloody Urine/Dizzy, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:01 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Inwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:58 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Pine Plains Road, Returned
 6:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Joanna Drive, Transported to Hospital

7:19 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 Red Bridge Road, Citation Issued
 3:32 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Telephone, Services Rendered
 3:50 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency

4:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 8:24 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Spoken To
 9:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Unfounded
Saturday, March 14
 3:11 a.m. Safety Hazard, North Road, Referred to Other Agency
 12:20 p.m. 911 Fire/Chimney, Prouty Road, Extinguished

4:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Spoken To
 4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
Sunday, March 15
 12:31 a.m. Assault, Hardwick Road, Report Taken
 2:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
Monday, March 16
 5:06 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of Feb. 25-March 9, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 63 directed/area patrols, 15 radar assignments, three traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, four safety hazards, four motor vehicle accidents, three citizen assists, two assist other agencies and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Wednesday, Feb. 25
 10:32 p.m. Safety Hazard, Oakham Road, Voice Message Left

Thursday, Feb. 26
 6:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Oakham Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, March 1
 12:09 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Ravine Road, Services Rendered

2:36 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed

2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Old Turnpike Road, Merge

Monday, March 2
 7:12 a.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Referred to Other Agency

10:26 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

11:08 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

11:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Tuesday, March 3
 1:27 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, March 4
 7:36 a.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Services Rendered

10:24 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal

10:58 a.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, March 5
 6:47 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Gilbertville Road, Vehicle Towed

Friday, March 6
 12:49 a.m. Safety Hazard, Town Wide, Services Rendered

6:44 a.m. 911 Fire/Chimney, Barr Road, Extinguished

7:09 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barr Road, Referred to Other Agency

1:07 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Davis Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, March 8
 11:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal

7 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bernard Whitney Road, Officer Handled

During the week of March 9-16, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 30 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, one traffic control, three emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle accident, four citizen assists, three assist other agencies, one harassment, one parking complaint and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, March 9
 8:18 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 15
 2:04 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Report Filed

Monday, Feb. 16
 8:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Barre Plains Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Tuesday, Feb. 17
 12:51 a.m. Harassment Serve – Information/Violation, Sanders Road, Officer Spoke to Party

6:12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

7:14 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, East Hill Road, Report Filed

7:45 p.m. Fire – Alarm Activation, Main Street,

Investigated
 8:21 p.m. Assault and Battery, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated

8:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, Feb. 18
 6:48 a.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Officer/Chief Advised

7:17 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Robinson Road, Report Filed

9:57 a.m. Larceny or Theft, North Brookfield Road, Call Transferred

4:17 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Oakham Police Department, Report Filed

8:38 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken

10:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, East Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Public Assist

9:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

9:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Scott Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Friday, Feb. 20
 2:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Turnpike Road, Removed from Scene

Saturday, Feb. 21
 11:49 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Taken

Notification, Whole Town, Information Taken

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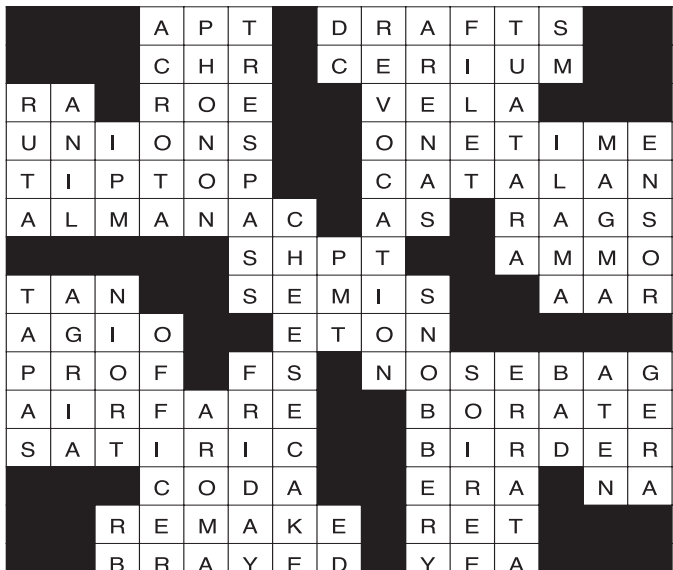
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But Jesus is also teaching us to be courageous like the blind man, when we see the resistance to Him and God's way of life, the chaos, the lack of peace. Jesus is teaching us about God's love and peace and compassion for everyone. May God help us every day to be like this and help us to pray and to act in ways that others will see the transformation in our lives. May God open the eyes

and hearts and souls of those in this world who create chaos and division, poverty and violence, and lead them to a place of rest and acceptance of the love of God, and to treat others the way God wants them to. Amen.

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