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Two candidates vie for Select Board

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BARRE – Residents in Barre will go to the polls on Monday, April 1 to cast their choices for various positions on the ballot.

This year there is one contest – a seat on the Select Board for a three-year term. The two candidates for the Select Board are Maureen Marshall and Richard C. Stevens.

All other candidates for the many other positions are running unopposed. They include: Robert W.A. Leroux for three-year term Board of Assessors, Michael B. Radesky for three-year term Board of Health (candidate for re-election), James Edward Caruso for three-year term Water Commissioner and John J. Chase for three-year term Sewer Commissioner (candidate for re-election). Other candidates are: Paul M. Cranston for three-year term Felton Field Commissioner, two positions for Library Trustee

for three-year terms David A. Deschamps and Cherie E. Benoit (both candidates for re-election), Dylan S. Clark for two-year term Library Trustee and Edward Floyd Kelley for five-year term Planning Board (candidate for re-election). Also running are: Karen Keegan for one-year term Planning board, Michael A. LaRose for one-year term Associate Planning Board Member and two positions for three-year terms to Quabbin Regional School Committee – Stanley John “Lee” Wolanin and David A. Deschamps (both candidates for re-election).

The Barre Gazette editor invited the two Select Board candidates to submit a bio and to answer four questions. On Wednesday, March 27 from 630-730 p.m. the Barre Democratic Town Committee will hold a candidates night in the Select Board Meeting Room, first floor, Henry Woods Building, 40 West

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Assessors voice concern of possible resignation

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OAKHAM – Peter Joyce and Diane Peterson of the Board of Assessors discussed the possible resignation of the town's Principal Assessor, Andrea Letendre at the Monday, March 11 meeting.

Joyce said Letendre may resign and if she does, he cannot do her job. He hinted at some personnel issues at Town Hall. He said the previous principal assessor had a similar issue, which made “life in this town hall miserable.”

Select Board Chair Don Haapakoski and Vice-Chair Lucy Tessnau both said they had no idea what he was talking about.

Peterson said the assessor's clerk left in November 2023 and Letendre had to pick up the clerk's work. Another issue was the New Personnel Handbook took away paid holidays for part-time employees. Letendre works 15 hours per week.

Select Board members said they

were not aware of that. When the handbook was being updated, they informed the consultant doing the upgrade of the town's bylaw, which granted holiday pay to part-time employees.

Peterson said the \$26 per hour Principal Assessor's pay was a “slap in the face.” Letendre also works in New Braintree and makes more money there. Peterson said no one would come for less than \$35 per hour.

She said the job was specialized and required certification, which Letendre had. Peterson said it could be months before a replacement was found.

Select Board member Aaron Langlois said the Assessor's Clerk position needed to be filled. Peterson said it was hard to find someone willing to work three to five hours per week at \$16 per hour.

Select Board Chair Haapakoski said the town at this time does not have a librarian, was going to

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Vinnie Tomasello, right, preparing to toss during a cornhole game.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

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BARRE - Every Friday night, the American Legion Post 2 hosts cornhole for members and residents.

The cornhole activity at the American Legion is a paid to play activity where each player contributes \$5 and prizes will go to the top two teams at the end of the evening. A portion of the entry fees go to the American Legion. These proceeds help support the Legion and their efforts to cover costs for upgrades to the building, appliances and veteran's bills.

On average, at least ten play-

ers arrive every Friday night to enjoy the comradeship of fellow veterans and residents of Barre. The cornhole taking place at Barre's American Legion is not so much a league, but a social interaction that is open to all Legion members and public residents.

The American Legion began offering cornhole in late 2022 and was a way to get more people involved with more fun social activities and help support the American Legion.

According to American Legion Post 2 member, Pete Deflorio it is a lot about having fun and friendly competition, no professional tournament play.

“We're here having fun”,

Deflorio said. “Not here to be professional cornhole players.”

One American Legion member, Vinnie Tomasello enjoys the company of fellow Legion friends and doesn't consider himself a professional cornhole player. Tomasello admits that he occasionally hits the ceiling first before the bag makes it to the board.

Deflorio runs cornhole every Friday and uses the reliable scoring source, Scoreholio. With Scoreholio, players can run cornhole tournaments using Apple and Android phones and tablets with their mobile app and keep track of scores and results.

In the spirit of honoring veterans, servicemembers and

communities the cornhole bags are decorated as the American flag. One set of bags is stars and another set is stripes. When the players are divided into teams, one uses stars and the other uses stripes.

The cornhole boards have a custom design indicating they belong to American Legion Post 2 in Barre, Massachusetts.

Other activities throughout the year at the Barre American Legion is a meat raffle. The meat raffle happens every second Sunday of the month and displays over five tables of meat. Alongside the meat raffle, there is also a 50/50 raffle guests can

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Members of the American Legion and their friends come together and are randomly paired into teams for cornhole.



Barre Legion Post 2 has their cornhole bags are designed in stars and stripes with customized boards symbolizing their post.

North Brookfield Youth Basketball celebrates two anniversaries



North Brookfield Youth Basketball League commissioner Andy Caron is shown alongside his three daughters. Caron was given a gift to commemorate his 30 years of service to the North Brookfield Youth Basketball program.

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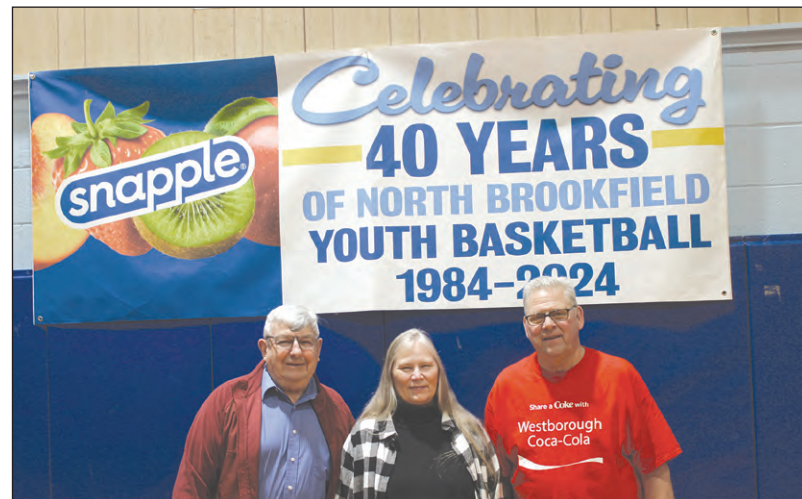
NORTH BROOKFIELD – There was a lot to celebrate as the North Brookfield Youth Basketball League community flooded the gymnasium of North Brookfield Elementary School.

This all day event featured friends, family and youth basketball players from the past and present all under the same roof that brought the North Brookfield Youth

Basketball program to life. This event celebrated two special milestones that the youth basketball program had accomplished.

The youth basketball program started back in 1984 under the leadership of Diane and Larry Buzzell. Fast forward to the present, the celebration on March 16 marked 40 years of youth basketball in the town of North Brookfield.

The youth basketball league is operated as a recreational league open to all kids of different grade



Andy Caron is shown alongside Diane and Larry Buzzell who started running North Brookfield Youth Basketball back in 1984. Caron took over the program in 1994.

levels, predominantly grades one-six. Some students in middle school, grades seven and eight, had a division to play in as well.

At one point, the program had around 250 kids playing basketball.

The Buzzell's children all played in the North Brookfield Youth Basketball program. Their grandchildren, Seth, Deacon and Logan played as well.

North Brookfield Youth Basketball has become the home of multi-generations of players where relatives have experienced the thrill

of playing basketball in the same program.

In 1994, the Buzzells retired from running the North Brookfield Youth Basketball program and handed the responsibility to coach Andy Caron. Born and raised in North Brookfield, Caron lives and breaths North Brookfield basketball.

Caron is a lifelong resident of North Brookfield and has dedicated the last 30 years to running the youth basketball program. Caron in his time with the program served



A banner thanked the sponsors who contributed to supporting the North Brookfield Youth Basketball program.

as a volunteer coach and referee for youth basketball.

Like the Buzzells, Caron's children and grandchildren have participated in the youth basketball league. His daughters Crystal, Bethany and Jade now volunteer and help out with the program.

Not only was Caron a phenomenal basketball player during his time in high school, but he also just loves the game of basketball.

For this anniversary celebration, Caron has welcomed back old colleagues, friends and family

who have a connection to him and North Brookfield Youth Basketball. The Buzzells were amongst the guests of the anniversary celebration and remain proud of Caron's accomplishments.

Both Larry and Diane were

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Palm Sunday and Easter Masses and Services

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
BARRE
Barre Congregational Church
30 Park St.
Palm Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

EAST BROOKFIELD
East Brookfield Baptist Church
262 East Main St.
"Raise the Crown," a musical for Easter at 3 p.m. by Christian Community Choir

OAKHAM
Oakham Congregational Church,
4 Coldbrook Road
Palm Sunday Service 10 a.m.

SOUTH BARRE
New Life Assembly of God
60 Main St.
Palm Sunday 10:30-11:45 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
BARRE
Barre Congregational Church
30 Park St.
Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.
Service of scripture, music and extinguishing candles

OAKHAM
Oakham Congregational Church
4 Coldbrook Road
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7 p.m.

SOUTH BARRE
St. Francis of Assisi
398 Vernon Avenue
Holy Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas-a-Becket Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
BARRE
Covenant Evangelical Church
611 South St.
Good Friday Service at 6 p.m. quiet prayer and reflection 7 p.m. service

SOUTH BARRE
New Life Assembly of God
60 Main St.
Good Friday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
St. Joseph Chapel
South Street
Good Friday Mary's Way of the Cross 3 p.m.
Good Friday 7 p.m. at St. Thomas-a-Becket
398 Vernon Avenue

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
SOUTH BARRE
St. Francis of Assisi
398 Vernon Avenue
Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas-a-Becket

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
BARRE
Barre Congregational Church
30 Park St.
Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Covenant Evangelical Church
611 South St.
Potluck Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service at 10 a.m.
Family Easter Egg Hunt following service

HARDWICK
Tri-Parish Community Church
Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. at East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road

OAKHAM
Oakham Congregational Church
4 Coldbrook Road
Sunrise service behind church at 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast to follow sunrise service
Easter Sunday Service 10 a.m.

SOUTH BARRE
New Life Assembly of God
60 Main St.
Easter Sunday 10:30-11:45 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Easter Sunday Mass 8 a.m. at St. Joseph's Chapel
Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas-a-Becket

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
EAST BROOKFIELD
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
131 Blaine Avenue
"Raise the Crown," a musical for Easter at 3 p.m. by Christian Community Choir

OES to hold pancake breakfast
Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will sponsor a designer pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 6 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 10 and under. Complete breakfast includes: design your own pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, orange juice, coffee and 100 % real maple syrup. All are welcome to enjoy an "I can't eat anymore, I'm stuffed, breakfast."

Candidate's Night
On Wednesday, March 27 from 630-730 p.m. the Barre Democratic Town Committee will hold a candidates night in the Select Board Meeting Room, first floor, Henry Woods Building, 40 West St. Candidates for Select Board in the upcoming April 1 town election incumbent Maureen Marshall, and challenger Richard Stevens will speak about their candidacies. To submit questions for consideration, people may email BarreDTC@gmail.com.

St. Joseph's Cemetery
All winter baskets and decorations must be removed by Sunday, March 24 at St. Joseph's Cemetery, South Barre Road. The removal of the baskets and decorations will facilitate spring clean-up. All remaining items will be discarded.

Annual Town Election
The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, April 1 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the annual town election will be on Friday, March 22 at 5 p.m.

Fridays with friends
Fridays with Friends will be held on Friday, March 22 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre in the multipurpose room for school age children. Different activities are held each week ranging from arts and crafts to Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics based challenges all meant to bring the community closer together. The program is held Fridays during January, February and March and is recommended for ages five plus.

Kathy McCrohon receives lifeguard of the week award



Submitted photo
Kathy McCrohon of Petersham received lifeguard of the week award from the Great Wolfe Lodge in Fitchburg.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, hosts "Let's GO with LEGOS" on Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.
No registration is required for open-ended free-building Lego sessions for children over five. Anyone under the age of nine must have a grown-up with them. Children may build on the Lego table purchased by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library. Constructions will be displayed for one week until they are completed or disassembled.
On Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m. there people may make an Easter Egg in the Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Polish tradi-

tion. The folklore is that every Pysanka created using the wax resist method strengthens the chains that hold back evil in the world. Registration is required.
A \$5 fee covers one fresh egg, the use of the kistka, beeswax and dye. People may register online by visiting director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, call 413-477-6704 or stop in at the library.
On Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town House, on the Common people will learn from Gariné how to create a "Scrunch-Paint" tie-dye style silk scarf. This workshop is for teens and adults. Each participant will leave with a beautiful silk scarf masterpiece.
Ongoing activities include: Paige Writing group on Tuesdays at 3 p.m., Knitting on Saturday mornings, the Paige Book Club at p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and the Cookbook Club at 5:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month.
People are invited to join the Friends, suggest a new program or present a new workshop. For more information, they may email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, call 413-477-6704, or stop in.
The Paige Memorial Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Judith Kolaora portrays 'Unsung Heroines of WW II'

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society and the Rutland Cultural Council will host History At Play (TM, LLC) with Judith Kolaora portraying, "Unsung Heroines of WWII," on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Rutland Library, 280 Main St.
Kolaora delivers a one-woman, dynamic performance highlighting the accomplishments of five women, who risked their lives in defense of their country. A display of WWII memorabilia will be on display.
This event is free and open to the public.

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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 25. 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 – Beef stew, rice, corn niblets, pineapple
TUESDAY – Buttermilk chicken, cranberry stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, peaches, whole wheat bread
WEDNESDAY – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread
THURSDAY – Maple glazed ham, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, cake, diet = half piece cake, Italian bread
FRIDAY – Potato crunch fish, potatoes au gratin, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit
*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Finance Committee – March 26 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – March 26 at 7 p.m.
 9/11 Memorial Development Committee – March 27 at 5 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – March 28 at 11 a.m.
 Town Election Day – April 1 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Select Board – April 1 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – April 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 2 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – April 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – April 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – April 8 at 6:30 p.m. DPW Commission – April 8 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – April 9 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – April 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – April 11 at 3 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen – March 21 at 6 p.m., March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – March 25 at 3 p.m.
 Finance Committee – March 25 at 6 p.m., April 1 at 7 p.m. and April 8, April 22 and May 6 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – March 26 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – April 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Personnel Committee – April 3 at 4 p.m.
 Board of Health – April 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – April 4 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – April 10 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – April 10 at 4 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – May 13, June 10, July 8 and August 12 and Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – May 20 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – March 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – March 26 at 4 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Fire/Highway/Building Committee – March 21 at 4 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – March 26, April 9 and April 23 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 17 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Select Board – March 25, April 1 and April 29 at 6 p.m.
 Senator Durant and Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – March 27 from 1-2 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – April 1 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – April 12 at noon
 Planning Board – April 16 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health April 22 at 4:45 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – March 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – March 21 at 6 p.m.
 Core Planning Team – March 25 at 1:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – March 26 at 5:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – March 26 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – April 2 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – April 1 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – April 8 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – April 9 at 10 a.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – April 9 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – March 21 at 6:15 p.m.



The Schur family operates Grand Maple Farms in New Braintree and hosted their Maple Weekend. From left to right is Paul Schur, granddaughter Emily Schur, Marilyn Schur and Justin Schur.

It's Maple Weekend at Grand Maple Farms

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NEW BRAINTREE – This past weekend was maple weekend for Grand Maple Farms in New Braintree.

This hilltop sugar house has been operating for about 13 years and continues to expand in popularity.

The Schur family has been living in New Braintree for 43 years, but the sugaring came long after. Co-owner Paul Schur recalls how the family got into the maple sugaring business.

Justin Schur's nephew was studying maple sugaring in college and reached out to him about the idea of tapping into some of his trees around his home. In their first year of trying, Grand Maple Farms tapped into about 23 trees and produced about 3 1/2 gallons of maple syrup.

Year after year, the maple syrup production grew and according to Paul, the farm now averages about 20 gallons of maple syrup a day.

"We keep expanding every year," Paul said. "Each year, expansion work is being done."

As of 2024, Grand Maple Farms now tap into 900 trees that are on their land in New Braintree. As production grew, Grand Maple Farms would soon introduce the sugar house to support the operation producing pure maple syrup and other maple flavored products.

"Everything we sell, we make," Paul said.

Stores such as Boston Market, Brookfield Orchards, Big Y in Spencer feature maple products from Grand Maple Farms. Throughout the year, Grand Maple Farms get a lot of calls to place orders and also provides local delivery for near-



This tank is outside the sugar house at Grand Maple Farms and is part of the sugaring process that brings in the delicious maple syrup everyone wants to buy.

by customers.

Paul's son Justin recalls getting more involved with the family business by going to many maple seminars and asking makers a lot of questions to better understand the process. Getting books and journals about the maple sugaring business and meeting with other maple makers helped out the Schur family a lot.

Other homemade maple products made by the Schur family include maple candy, maple cream and maple coated nuts. When guests visit Grand Maple Farms they love the product they have to offer, especially the maple flavored goods.

"Once people have it they generally buy it," Justin said.

Justin makes maple cream and maple sugar and his parents make maple coated nuts. The maple coated nuts are very popular when customers shop for maple products.

Next room over from the room with the evaporator is the packaging room where all the maple syrup is stored and packaged.

Grand Maple Farms is a year-round operation and syrup is bottled and sold year-round.



A vintage sign of Grand Maple Farms which has been operating for about 13 years.

Justin said over the years of offering maple products, their market has gotten worldwide attention. Customers from all of Europe, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and South Africa have purchased and enjoyed the maple products from Grand Maple Farms.

Justin is also the proprietor of his own business, Newfound Landscape Construction providing hardscapes, plantings and excavations.

Grand Maple Farms is a family run business but many friends step in to lend a hand from time to time. It is a true learning experience when seeing the entire process of operating a maple sugarhouse and producing maple syrup.

Grand Maple Farms is located at 727 Moore Road offering 100% pure maple syrup and other maple products and sugarhouse tours in season. To learn more about Grand Maple Farms, visit them on Facebook, Facebook.com/GrandMapleFarms.

The company is a member of the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association.



From maple syrup, maple candy, and maple cream, the Schur family makes it all at Grand Maple Farms.

Oakham

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Roadway Cleanup set for April 20

On Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. there will be a town wide roadside clean up day in recognition of Earth Day on Monday, April 22. All Oakham residents may participate in a roadside clean up day, before all the ticks and grass grow too high. There will have a dumpster available for drop off behind the municipal buildings, Fire, Police and Highway. Blue trash bags and gloves will be available. This is only for roadside trash that can go into regular trash. There will be no disposal of electronics, tires, mattresses or other items not usually disposed of in weekly trash.

Recycling Day

The Oakham Board of Health will hold a Recycling Day on Saturday, June 8 where they will be accepting electronics, mattresses, medical sharps, medications as they have in years past.

Golf Tournament

The GABB Tournament sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church will be held Monday, Aug. 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.

Registration is from 7:30-8:45 a.m. The tournament named in memory of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray, Bob Lajoie and Bob Tyck benefits local charities. Cost is \$100 per player and include 18 holes of golf, a cart and a barbecue buffet. Cost is \$360 per foursome if paid by July 26. There will be prizes, raffles and silent auction. For more information, people may call Dawn Thistle at the Oakham Congregational Church at 508-882-5537 and leave a message if there is no answer.

Pen Pal letters

The Senior Pen Pal letters from students at the Oakham Center School will be available for pick up on Friday, March 22 at the back door of the Fobes Memorial Library. Responses are due back Wednesday, April 3.

Annual Town Election

The last day for candidates to obtain nomination papers for the Annual Town Election is Friday, March 29. The last day to submit nomination papers is Monday, April 8. The last day to register to vote for election is Friday, May 10. Positions on the ballot for three year terms are Select Board, Assessor, Board of Health, Library Trustee, Cemetery Commission, School Committee, Moderator, Town Clerk and Tree Warden. There is a one year term for Constable to fill a vacancy and a five year term for Planning Board. Nomination papers may be picked updating regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office Monday 6-7:30 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-noon. A minimum of 20 signatures are required. People may call town clerk's office at 508-882-5549, extension 4 for more information.

Senior Center

The Oakham Senior Center, lower level Town Hall, is open Monday through Thursdays until 3 p.m. Fun fitness is held at the New Braintree Town Hall every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Zumba Gold is held Mondays at 10:30 a.m. at Pine Acres Campground, Bechan Road. Ongoing activities also include Tuesday at 10 a.m. Wii and Tuesday and Thursdays walk away at 11 a.m., and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. coffee with friends. Tuesday, March 26 Geeky met at 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 26 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. blood pressure and glucose clinic and Wednesday, March 27 at 12:30 p.m. movie "Poms."

Community choir presents 'Raise the Crown'

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Christian Community Choir presents "Raise the Crown," a musical for Easter on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, April 7, both at 3 p.m.

The first performance on Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m. will be at East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 East Main St. The second performance on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 131 Blaine Avenue.

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Resident supports Richard Stevens

If you believe it is time for truth and accountability to be taking its due place in Barre town politics please read the following.

Richard Stevens a lifelong town resident of Barre is running for Selectman. This man has held numerous positions in Barre throughout the years, as well as having been Fire Chief in Phillipston for years and throughout offering his wealth of knowledge and understanding.

I find Richard to be a stand up individual incredibly worthy of the office of selectman. He is a self-directed man of integrity and forthrightness, who I feel will bring those qualities and disciplines to the office of selectman.

Truth and transparency being essential to good governance I would request you consider supporting Richard Stevens and giving a breath of fresh air to our select office. Truth and transparency to the people.

Neil Anders
Barre

Citizen supports Maureen Marshall

I am pleased to support Maureen Marshall for another term on the Barre Select Board.

I commend all citizens, who stand to participate in local government. Our democracy is better because individual choose to assist our great town of Barre.

Maureen is my neighbor and my friend, who I have known for over 60 years. She was an outstanding teacher and educational leader, who had one goal: the betterment of our children's future. Simply put, when compared with the dozen of superintendents with whom I worked during my tenure as State Representative and State Senator, she was the finest. Her focus and determination to meet our children's needs, her professionalism and her honesty was ever present.

When she "retired," she continued her service to Barre ... the library, the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation and other town committees. As a first term select board member, she employed a cooperative and open-minded style that enabled useful public discourse at Board meetings while keeping local politics and personal agendas away from public policy. Maureen also "stepped" up when the resignation of the Town Administrator threatened to upset the work of town government.

During her tenure on the Board, Maureen actively supported the work of dedicated citizens to improve the town commons in Barre center, Barre Plains and South Barre. Specifically, on Memorial Day, she, citizen volunteers and the elementary children from Ruggles Lane make certain that areas throughout the town are filled with flags and other patriotic decor in honor of those who served. The children involved in these efforts learn both civic responsibility and the immense sacrifice of those who have served their country.

So, what is Maureen's agenda ... the betterment of her hometown. I share that agenda. This is our hometown and we are fortunate to have her give so unselfishly to Barre. Please join me in voting on April 1 for another term for Maureen Marshall.

Sincerely,
Stephen M. Brewer
Citizen of Barre

Veterans deserve respect

Several years ago, my wife, Mary and I visited Rome.

We were excited to see the Colosseum, Sistine Chapel, and the many other incredible antiquities. As impressed as we were by those sights, it paled in comparison to the profound effect of our visit to the American WWII Military Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy.

Thousands upon thousands of white crosses, in every direction as far as the eye could see, marked the graves of American soldiers, who gave their life for this country. Seeing this gave us an overwhelming feeling of gratitude. These heroes, and millions of other Americans, in war and in peace, gave their lives to preserve our "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The families of these heroes, the military leaders who sent them into battle and most Americans have nothing but respect and appreciation for the sacrifices made by all veterans since the Revolutionary War.

Inexplicably we have a candidate for President, Donald Trump, who called those who have died for this country "Suckers and Losers." That recorded statement was made by Trump at Arlington National Cemetery. Trump said this while gazing at the same vista as Mary and I viewed in Nettuno.

It is inconceivable that anyone with this despicable attitude should ever be Commander in Chief of U.S. Armed Forces. The rights and freedoms enjoyed by all Americans are the direct result of the many battles fought by our military to preserve those freedoms. Ironically, that includes the freedom of speech allowing Donald Trump to say what he did.

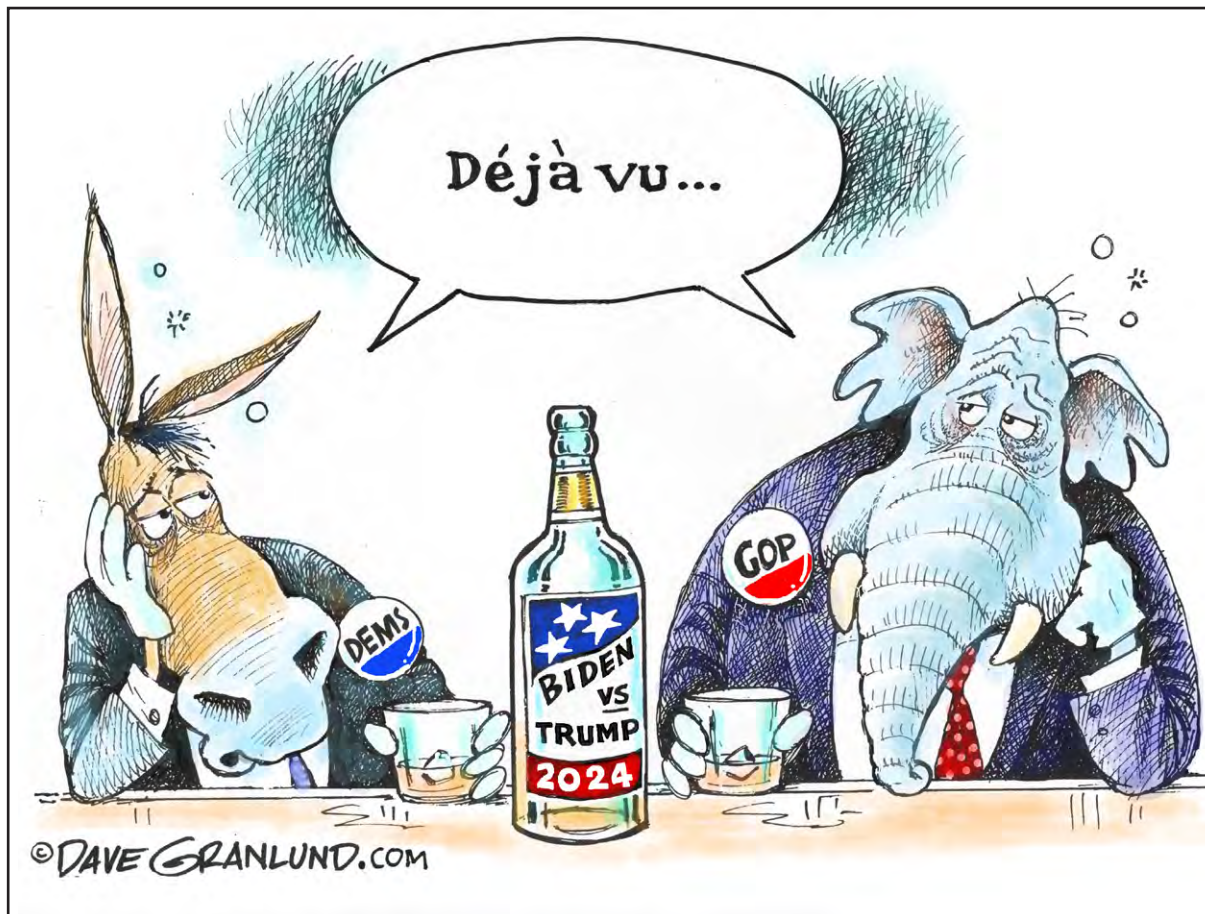
Paul Gallo
Barre

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Guest Column



How do survivor benefits work for a married couple?

Dear Rusty
How does Social Security handle the death of one spouse? Say, for example, the husband receives \$2,000 per month in Social Security and his wife receives \$1,000 per month. How is the death of either spouse handled?

Signed: Concerned spouse

Dear Concerned
Benefits to a deceased beneficiary stop as soon as Social Security is notified of the death (notification usually done by the funeral director who handles arrangements). Benefits are not paid for the month of death, only for the preceding month when the beneficiary was alive for the entire month.

A surviving spouse is entitled to the higher of two benefits, their own personally earned SS retirement benefit or an amount based on the deceased spouse's benefit at death. In the example you cite, and assuming the surviving spouse has reached Full Retirement Age: if the husband dies first the wife will receive the husband's \$2,000 monthly benefit instead of her previous \$1,000 amount.

But if the wife died first, the husband would continue receiving only his \$2,000 monthly amount because that is more than his deceased wife was receiving. Note in either case, the surviving spouse would be entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255.

The surviving spouse would need to contact Social Security to claim the "death benefit" and unless the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit also to claim the higher monthly amount, if eligible. If the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit from the deceased and not entitled to SS retirement benefits on their own, then Social Security would automatically award their higher survivor amount when notified of the death.

If a surviving spouse has not yet reached their FRA and if they are entitled to not necessarily collecting their own Social Security retirement benefit, the surviving spouse has the option to delay claiming the survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at their full retirement age. And if the survivor's personal SS retirement benefit will ever be more than their maximum survivor benefit, the surviving spouse also has the option to claim only the smaller survivor benefit first and allow their personal SS retirement benefit to grow to maximum at age 70 if desired.

With Social Security there is hardly ever a simple answer to a question but, in the example you use, if both are over their SS full retirement age:
If the husband dies first, the wife will get 100% of the amount (\$2,000) the husband was receiving, instead

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In Past Pages

5 years (March 28, 2019)

There is only one contest on the Barre Annual Town Election ballot and that is a two-way race for a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen. The two candidates are Dylan S. Clark, 218 Walnut Hill Road and John M. Lathrop III, 280 Hardwick Road. All other candidates are running unopposed.

Helen and Howard Bechan of Oakham bask in the glory of winning the trivia at the Senior Lunch and Trivia event held at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre last Saturday. Fun and laughs were had by all at last Saturday's Senior Citizen Lunch and Trivia held by the school's National Honor Society. Trivia questions ranged from history to pop culture. The Bechans earned the bragging rights of the day, narrowly winning the game by one point. Approximately 14 National Honor Society students volunteered for the event.

Quabbin Regional High School seniors, Ellie Shea and Gauge Dardas, along with other visiting seniors from Leicester High School and Eagle Hill School jumped ahead seven years into the future last Thursday morning when they attended the Credit for Life Fair. Several hundred students in total were able to experience the various financial decisions an adult would most likely be making and what they would ultimately be making down the road when they reached adulthood. The traveling financial air, sponsored by Country Bank, made its annual stop at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre.

10 years (March 20, 2014)

Barre Selectmen met with Interim Emergency Management System Director Charlie Fulham regarding the part-time EMT position and the EMS organization structure. The Board accepted the draft job description for a part-time EMT. The town advertised the position and received one application from Colleen Guertin, currently a member of the volunteer squad. Selectmen unanimously approved the appointment.

The Advisory Finance Committee joined Petersham Selectmen in a continuing review of budget proposals Monday night. After they held the initial meetings with department and committee heads the Advisory Finance Committee will study the budget submitted. Highway Department Superintendent Tim Graves began by recommending a 5% salary increase for his crew. He said the salaries had been reduced for some reason in FY 20212. Selectman Nancy Allen said the Board would investigate the reason for the reduction.

The Barre Woman's Club welcomed Cherylann Gengel, who spoke about turning a tragic loss into a living memorial to their daughter, Britney. While volunteering in Haiti Britney Gengel lost her life when an earthquake hit in 2010. She sent this text hours before the earthquake, "They love us so much and everyone is so happy. They love what they have and they work so hard to get nowhere, yet they

LOOK BACK Grange Fair - 1996



Ruth Goddard of Hardwick, right, is busy checking entries and results in the floral division of the Grange Fair held August 1996 in Spencer.

are all so appreciative. I want to move here and start an orphanage myself." Her family decided to fulfill her last wish by building her orphanage in Haiti.

25 years (March 25, 1999)

At the March 16 meeting of the Barre Arts Association an enthusiastic audience seated in a circle in Barre Town Hall heard Paul Dumanoski speak about black and white photography. Photography, he said is fill writing. He started taking pictures when he was in high school and continued in college until his camera broke. In more recent years he has taken classes at the Worcester Center for Crafts. He uses a manual Cannon F1 camera, which takes 35 millimeter film. "The name of the game is fill the frame," he said. "Use your feet, a zoom lens changes perspective, so walk. Watch your backgrounds. Don't dismember people. Avoid the firing squad syndrome."

Oakham Selectmen received a letter from Zoning Enforcement Officer Ralph Dwelly regarding Oakham Sand and Gravel Corp. at the Monday, March 22 meeting. In his letter of March 18, Dwelly wrote, "This letter provides notice to Oakham Sand and Gravel Corp. also know as OS & G that the current use of the property located at 1540 Old Turnpike Road is in violation of the soil removal special permit provisions of the Town of Oakham's bylaw, Sections 4.2, 11 and 6.3 as amended in 1989 and the decision and judgement dated March 1, 1999, in the matter of Oakham Sand & Gravel v. Town of Oakham et al. Land Court Misc.

Case No. 237336."

The Barre Players will present Cole Porter's musical, "Kiss Me, Kate" for two weekends beginning tonight at 8 p.m. at their theater on Common Street. This is a funny story about a troupe of actors, who are trying to perform Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," while being distracted by romantic intrigue.

38 years (March 27, 1986)

Barre Selectmen Earl Sample said at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting that both the Board of Health and Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Selectmen not accept the offer to take over the Barre Wool complex. Based on these recommendations, Sample moved the Selectmen vote not to accept the offer. Sample stated, "The town does not wish to assume any present or future liability that would be incurred by complete take over of the property." He added, "There appears to be interested buyers at the time and he felt Ivy Enterprise Inc. had not yet exhausted all possibilities of selling the complex."

A beautiful day for participants and spectators alike was that of March 18 when Yolanda M. Dahart of South Barre was sworn in as the 27th postmaster in the history of the town of Barre. Administering the formal oath of office was Jon M. Steele, MSC Manager-Postmaster from Springfield. Dahart, a career employee of the U.S. Postal Service with 26 years experience, moved up to the Barre position following positions as

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Barre Gazette welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the Barre Gazette care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to edowner@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We had several days of rain, but it is better than having a snowstorm.

Spring is coming as the daffodils are coming up and the snowdrops are blooming. There is lots of progress this week at Serenity Hill.

The backyard has most of the oak leaves and pinecones removed. There are a few gardens that still need to be raked out, but the handyman did a wonderful job of getting rid of a lot of leaves. He used a tarp to put the leaves on from many piles I had made and then brought them to the woods to decay.

This week, he will remove the leaves from the wildflower garden as many of those plants come up early. It is always fun to see what comes through the soil.

I have made a chart of the various gardens and have lost a lot of plants from over the years. Each year I inventory the gardens with the charts to see what has come up.

There is not a lot of sun here on Serenity Hill so shaded plants grow best. That is one of the reasons I have a lot of Hosta plants. The only trouble with Hosta plants is that the deer also love them.

Many residents are gathering sap from maple trees and making maple syrup. Here is a pancake recipe they can use the syrup on.

APPLE PANCAKES

- 1 tablespoon shortening
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped apples
- 1/4 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup milk

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add two well beaten eggs. Sift together flour, baking powder and cinnamon. Combine both mixtures and chopped apples. Add seedless raisins dusted with flour and milk. Beat well and drop by spoonfuls on hot griddle.

Spread with butter and powdered sugar or with maple syrup.

Note: I like to pour the batter into a large measuring cup in order to make the pancakes on the griddle.

This and That

I have been trying to pick over more paper things and cleaning my office. There are so many things that I need to save. I'm hoping to get a couple of two drawer filing cabinets so I can file things properly.

For sewing projects this week, I made several bags from fabric that was given to me. When I get my groceries, I try to bring several bags so I don't have to lift heavy bags into the house.

My oldest daughter bought me some mesh bags that have a drawstring that I can use to put the produce like bananas, grapes and blueberries in at the store. That way I don't have to struggle with those plastic produce bags.

Seems when I shop all the things I need are on the top shelves so I often have to find a tall gentleman to help me. They are very kind to help a senior citizen. I have found that I have gotten about four inches shorter so it is hard to reach things now.

At Easter time I look forward to getting a supply of jelly beans. I have found that the kind I like are hard to find. Wonder why?

I bought a bag of potting soil so I was able to plant all the coleus seedlings that I started in water. I was surprised how much the soil cost. Not only have groceries increased in price, but growing plants has increased also. I have three planters that go on the deck so I will need to get soil for those also.

My handyman is so strong he has broken three lawn rakes. I need to get a couple more. I do have a bamboo one and one more he can use.

Have a good week and get a nice walk in. Mosquitoes and ticks will be coming out soon. I need to get as much work done outside before that happens. The blueberry bushes need trimming and fertilized and some wood chips put around the base. I hope it will be a good year for blueberries.



Thank goodness for the 'happy plant'

It was a bad night and the next day didn't start out much better.

I had heard that the days prior to delivery can be a bit uneasy for a soon-to-be-mother (and therefore for her spouse!), now I know it to be true. Luckily, even before my husband came home from work, the smile he is accustomed to had returned to my face.

My grin grew even bigger, however, when I greeted him at the door and found he had a pot of gerber daisies in his hand. Years ago, I deemed this particular potted plant "the happy plant."

For me it is next to impossible to look at its brightly colored flowers and remain in a bad mood. If you feel the same way but have never had any luck growing the gerber daisy, read on to learn just what cultural requirements are necessary to keep it happy.

The gerber daisy was discovered by Robert Jameson in the early 1880s near the gold fields of Barberton, in the Transvaal region of South Africa. The most popular species, the one which we will concentrate on today, bears his name, Gerbera jamesonii.

The Barberton daisy, the Transvaal daisy, and the African daisy are all common names for the plant that relate back to its place of origin.

Not long after its discovery, breeding began on the gerber daisy in England, eventually resulting in improved quality and enhanced color variations. Today, the Netherlands and Columbia are the primary producers of gerbers in cut flower form.

In the floral trade, it ranks an impressive fifth in popularity, behind the rose, carnation, chrysanthemum and tulip.

According to floral lore, the meaning behind the gerber flower is one I would wholeheartedly agree with: cheerfulness, probably due to the wide palette of colors it is available in – nearly every one except blue. Look for vivid orange, cool coral, hot pink, crimson red and sunshine yellow, not to mention bubblegum pink and creamy white!

Unfortunately, the gerber daisy is not hardy in our area; it prefers a much warmer location in which to grow. On the eastern seaboard, the only place it will overwinter is the southernmost tip of Florida, in hardiness zones 9 and 10.

Here in New England, it is best enjoyed on the windowsill during the winter months. As long as the plant is provided with normal room temperatures, bright light and sufficient but not excess moisture it should bloom prolifically.

Remember to remove spent flowers to keep up the gerber's good looks as well as to encourage future blooms.

Once the danger of frost has passed, it is also safe to plant the gerber daisy outdoors, just as you would any other summer annual. More and more consumers are doing this each year and with success!

The best type of soil for it is one that is organically rich and well-drained. Full sun is a must for flower production.

If you wish to dig up the plant after the season wanes and attempt to overwinter it indoors, be extra careful not to disturb its deep root system or death may incur. Some gardeners who plan on overwintering their gerbers sink the pot and all at planting time to avoid any potential risk later on.

Right now, the "happy plant" sits on the bureau in the nursery, awaiting the arrival of our little girl, just as we are. There is indeed so much to be happy about!

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

Letters to the Editor

Voter supports Maureen Marshall

Election day is April 1.

Please vote for Maureen Marshall to continue as Select Board member. She serves our community with reason, intelligence and relentless energy. She ensures that the Barre follows all of the regulations in town actions so that there will not be future legal issues and costs.

Maureen has spent years negotiating contracts, overseeing budgets and determining what is needed to balance it all equally. In this time of change with a new Town Administrator coming aboard, the town needs her professionalism and calm manner to complete projects and town business that will benefit us.

With common sense and caring concern, she is interested in moving forward and helping to make Barre prosper; the town she has grown up in.

Please vote for Maureen Marshall as Select Board member on Monday, April 1.

Thank you,
Kathlyn Inman

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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postmaster in the now defunct Barre Plains office and for past seven years in Oakham.

Gary Fleming of the Hubbardston Youth Baseball Association met with the Hubbardston Selectmen concerning the possibility of using the recently acquired land on route 68 for a practice playing field. An entrance driveway is needed. The Selectmen recommended the group appoint a committee to make long range plans to make optimum use of the land for recreational purposes. They also recommended that the Recreation Committee make a strong effort to recruit new members.

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of the small amount (\$1,000) she was previously receiving.

If the wife dies first, the husband's monthly benefit will remain at \$2,000 and he will get no increase in his monthly amount. In either case, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255.

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Pied Potter Hamelin demonstrates at Haston library

By Ryan Drago
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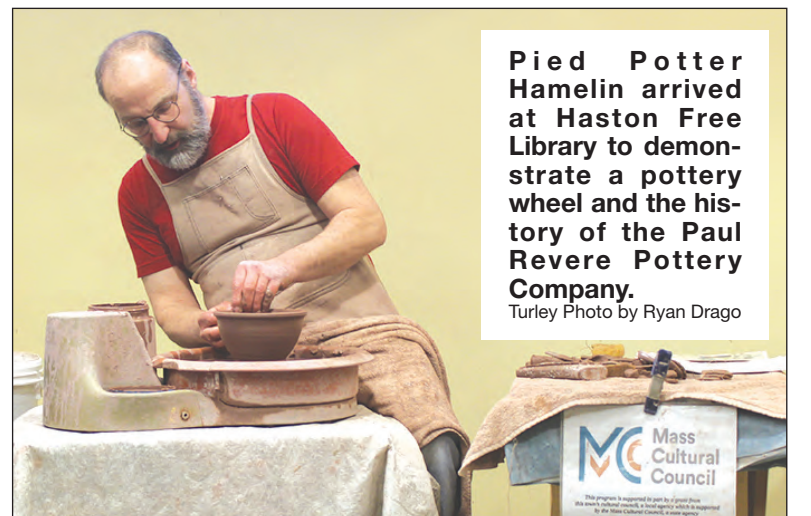
NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Library welcomed Pied Potter Hamelin to demonstrate a pottery wheel and provide a fun history lesson while making samples of some of the unique pieces made by the Paul Revere Pottery Club.

The Paul Revere Pottery Club was founded by Edith Guerrier and the Saturday Evening Girls Club in Massachusetts during the progression era. The Saturday Evening Girls Club was a reading group consisting of young Jewish and Italian working women.

As an extra activity for the SEG club, Guerrier opened a pottery shop and would train members of the SEG club to make pottery. The Saturday Evening Girls Club was established in 1899 and located in Boston's North End.

Soon the Paul Revere Pottery Club would soon emerge as a sub group of the SEG and the pottery would soon flourish for decades, receiving national and international recognition through features in magazines, journals and newsletters.

This organization would become an intellectual and social hub for many women who had few economic, educational, or



Pied Potter Hamelin arrived at Haston Free Library to demonstrate a pottery wheel and the history of the Paul Revere Pottery Company. Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

social opportunities.

"Not just teaching pottery, but teaching how to improve themselves and their lives and the lives around them," Hamelin said.

Red clay is most commonly used for pottery and plain glazed products were most commonly made at the Paul Revere Pottery Club.

Hamelin has been involved with pottery since 1979 and at one point was a potter at Old Sturbridge Village. With unique histories such as the Saturday Evening Girls Club and the Paul Revere Pottery Company, Hamelin began studying the history and was more invested in the craft.

Soon, Hamelin would begin

incorporating his own workshops and demonstrations and now has his own pottery shop in Warren. He makes his own pottery handmade and with his unique clay mix and lead-free glaze, Hamelin creates both authentic reproductions and original red earthenware pieces.

After World War II, the Paul Revere Pottery Company couldn't keep up with production and slowly ran out of business and ceased operation.

Guerrier cofounded the company and the Saturday Evening Girls Club with partner Edith Brown. At one point, the SEG had over 250 members. The club helped educate

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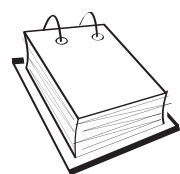
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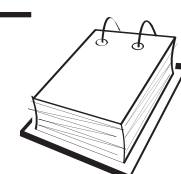
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THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP will be taking place soon. All winter baskets and decorations must be removed by today at St. Joseph's

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. It really is New Braintree this week. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, March 25. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Jane McCauley correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Vietnam Memorial, on the Common, Hubbardston. Note: The town last week was incorrectly listed as New Braintree. It was Hubbardston.

Cemetery, South Barre Road. The removal of the baskets and decorations will facilitate spring clean-up. All remaining items will be discarded.

RAISE THE CROWN, a musical for Easter, will be performed the Christian Community Choir presented today and Sunday, April 7, both at 3 p.m. Today's performance is at East Brookfield Baptist Church, 262 East Main St., East Brookfield. The second performance is on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 131 Blaine Avenue, East Brookfield.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

BROWN BAG CONCERTS will be held at

Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester. Brown Bag Concerts features regional and national artists performing a wide variety of jazz styles from American and Latin to Big Band and Gypsy jazz. Betty's Bounce, performing American and Gypsy jazz, performs today from noon-1 p.m.. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. All concerts are free and open to the public; registration is not required. Cabaret-style seating in the Great Hall is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees are invited to bring their own "brown bag" lunch. In addition, food and beverages will be available for purchase. Concerts are subject to change without notice. For more information, people may visit mechanichall.org or call 508-752-5608. Brown Bag Concert Series is sponsored

by Price Chopper/Market 32 and The Fred Harris Daniels Foundation.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE will meet today at 6 p.m. in the all purpose room at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre. All are welcome. A group of 16 people met at the Woods Memorial Library on March 6, with author Courtney Schlosser. The purpose was to become familiar with his book "Existential Threats and Moral Prospects." Schlosser highlighted the threats that our society is now facing including the possibility of escalating conflicts leading to nuclear war, the challenges arising from climate change and unrest from increasing income inequality, among them. The group will meet again to encourage conversation around these and other issues. Schlosser is Philosophy Professor Emeritus from Worcester State University lives in Barre.

BARRE CANDIDATES NIGHT will take place today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Select Board Meeting Room, first floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., Barre. Candidates for Select Board in the upcoming April 1 town election incumbent Maureen Marshall, and challenger Richard Stevens will speak about their candidacies. This nonpartisan event is sponsored by the Barre Democratic Town Committee. To submit questions for consideration, people may email BarreDTC@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

EASTER BAKE AND BOOK SALE will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville today from 1-4 p.m. There will be pies, breads, squares, cakes, cookies and more

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will take place today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 per child 10 and under. Menu includes design your own pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, orange juice, coffee and 100% real maple syrup. All are welcome to this all you can eat breakfast.

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loose a Highway Superintendent to retirement and had not started the process for a new Town Clerk. Edna Holloway is currently filling the Town Clerk position as an interim.

He said when the town doesn't have enough money, this is what happens. Oakham's new revenue capacity for this year increased by about \$125,000; the school increase was about \$145,000.

He said in Rutland, they pushed off for 20 years to up revenues and now that town is facing a \$2.6 million proposition 2 1/2 override.

Peterson suggested giving part-time employs two weeks vacation and an extra day or two off as an incentive to keep them. She also said maybe it was time to do a 2 1/2 override to help alleviate the revenue shortage.

Select Board Haapakoski said the Principal Assessor, whether full time or part time, required the same certifications and the town needed to pay that rate.

Fiber for town buildings

Select Board Member Langlois said when he was seeking estimates on running fiber to connect all town owned buildings, one of the vendors told him about a municipal fiber grant, which would provide up to \$250,000 with a 5% match from the town in money or work in kind.

He said if the town received the grant, they could use American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover the town's 5% contribution. Buildings to be connected would be the Highway/Fire Department, Police Department, Oakham Center School, Town Hall and the Fobes Memorial Library.

Fellow Board members thought the grant application was a good idea. Chair Haapakoski said Langlois should get two more estimates besides the one he already had.

Parks and Recreation Budget

Parks and Recreation Committee attended the meeting with the Select Board to request a \$5,000 increase in their budget for Wright Field and the Town Common. The increase cost would cover a twice a year cleanup of the gazebo on the Common and electrical panel replacement for the Snack Shack at Wright Field. Stephen Dollinger of the Finance Committee said most likely they would not be able to do everything they asked for so they should set priorities.

Town Clerk Budget

Interim Town Clerk Holloway presented the Town Clerk budget for the next Fiscal Year. She budgeted \$15,600 for the Town Clerk's salary, which was based on 12 hours per week at \$25 per hour. Holloway said there was a lot more work involved in the Town Clerk's position than anyone thought.

She said the previous Town Clerk Chris Mardirosian was underpaid. Select Board Member Langlois said the town should expect to pay at least \$15,600 for the Town Clerk's salary.

Holloway increased census expenses as postage was going up. She said she mailed out 900 census forms and 2/3 of them came back. She said 300 were on the second round request. An Assistant Town Clerk was not included in the budget.

Treasurer/Collector Budget

Treasurer/Collector Wendy Graves discussed the one year short term loan on the Fire Truck. The payment is \$40,000 for interest only, which is 5%. She suggested taking money out of stabilization to reduce the principal on the truck. The Select Board will consult with Bond Counsel about this. She also took \$500 from the \$2,500 for foreclosures to cover the increase in postage.

She also said there was not enough money in the salary account for this year as the number of hours were underestimated. It will be depleted in April. Line transfers can be done beginning May 1.

Level funded budgets

Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission budgets are all level funded for this year.

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More than 6,000 brighten great day at St. Patrick's Road Race

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – After some dreary, cold, or rainy weather during the past few years, the people attending the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race drew a winner yesterday.

On a sun-splashed afternoon with comfortable temperatures, the 47th running of the popular 10K Road Race took place.

With more than 6,000 harriers competing, and many more taking part in the Fun Run or walking events, the first part of St. Patrick's weekend was definitely a success.

Louis Serafini was the big winner of the main event. He completed the very hilly, 6.2-mile course in 30:12. Serafini is from Cambridge.

The top female was a local runner from Western Massachusetts. Anna Steinmen, of Springfield, came across the finish line at 37:00.

Ryan Davis, of South Hadley, was one of the top local finishers at 34:36. He was 20th overall.

This year's race would feature runners from all over the region, the state, and surrounding states as many are preparing for the Boston Marathon, set to take place in just under a month on Monday, April 15. Many runners over the years have enjoyed using the St. Patrick's Day Road Race as practice for the marathon because of the challenging hills throughout the streets of Holyoke that runners must navigate through.

Of the more than 6,000 runners who were registered, 4,442 finished the 10K course this year. Race offi-



The runners are off in the 2024 Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race.

cialists have said the participation level in the event is still rebounding from the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic in 2019, race participants totaled about 7,000. The race was not held in 2020 and 2021 before it returned in 2022 with around 5,000 participants. More made their way out to the race last year, but that number was surpassed this year.

Because of that, the start of the race featured multiple waves, though 4RUN3 ran the bibs and electronic results kept accurate results for all those involved.

A number of this year's participants were featured in the usual celebratory costumes and outfits for St. Patrick's Day, while many others opted for cartoon and other fictional characters, such as Spider-Man. Several local running clubs also made their way to the race, as



The wave of runners head down the first stretch of the 6.2-mile course.

did the youth of the region. Youth participants in the race were as young as seven-years-old.

Security was in full force at the event with plenty of presence from

the Massachusetts State Police, Holyoke Police, and Hampden County Sheriff's Department, and the event went off without any incidents.



The pace truck makes its way across the finish line followed by state police, which escorts the first set of runners.



Male top finisher and first overall Louis Serafini, of Cambridge, finishes the race at 30:12.



Anna Steinmen, of Springfield, was the top female finisher at 37:00.

More players needed to fill Quabbin Valley League rosters

With April looming, the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking for more players to fill its open roster spots.

There are more than 15 open roster spots as the league heads for its open practice and tryout date and teams are looking to fill their 14-player rosters for a 2024 season that will see the league get back to its normal schedule.

The league is very enthusiastic to welcome new members to the league to fill these roster spots so all teams have the full depth they need. To register, go to: www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org and click on the Registration tab.

Following heavy turnover between 2022 and 2023, the league had to downsize to five teams and ran a modified schedule that included scheduled doubleheaders and bye weeks for teams in order to complete a 15-game schedule. Rain also hampered the league's schedule as well last year.

On March 3, the league's board voted to bring in a new team, bringing the league back up to six teams and creating an even schedule with every team playing on 15 Sunday morning starting on Sunday, April 21 through late August with playoffs to follow.

The league is also voted to play a segment of its schedule using wood bats only. The middle five games of the schedule will be played that way while the rest of schedule is played with either metal or wood bats.

The league will be holding an

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Girls basketball puts bow on successful season

BARRE – With the spring bloom beginning and softball players getting ready to hit the field, the bow has been placed on a very successful campaign for the Quabbin Regional High School girls basketball team.

After a few seasons hovering near the middle of the pack, Quabbin lost just three games during the entire regular season, including a five-game winning streak in the early part of the season and seven wins in the first eight years.

Quabbin had a small hiccup with two straight losses on Jan. 9 and 17, then only lost one game between then and the end of the season. They entered the Central Mass. tournament and captured the championship for the first time, defeating Notre Dame Academy in a very low-scoring affair 35-23.

Unfortunately, the season did come to an end in the opening round of the state tournament as Quabbin fell to East Bridgewater on the road.



Riley Bassett takes a shot camped under the hoop.

The Panthers have a lot of positives to be pleased with, and much to look forward to next season with their overall 16-4 record to follow up on.



Hannah Baxter is pressured near the hoop.



Brianna Whitelaw looks to make a pass.



Meaghan Doyle goes for the layup



Mia Ducos approaches the hoop.

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton,

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Sports

Railers fall to Adirondack

WORCESTER – Worcester was beaten, 5-1, by the Adirondack Thunder even though it outshot the visitors by 40-26.

The Railers have scored exactly one goal in four straight games on a total of 148 shots on goal. This is the third time in franchise history a Worcester team has scored one or fewer goals four straight times, the first time since Feb. 27 through March 3, 2022.

The Railers had two goals in that stretch.

"I'm sure that's part of it," coach Jordan Smotherman said of the confidence factor. "Any time you put together (148) shots over four games and score four goals, guys start gripping the sticks and there's definitely a letdown every time you have that big chance and it doesn't go in."

Jake Pivonka had the Railers goal. Grant Jozefek, Andre Ghantous, Ryan Smith, Shane

Harper and Mike Gillespie scored for the Thunder. Gillespie hit an empty net.

For the first time this season Smotherman changed goalsies not because of injury. John Muse allowed four goals on 16 shots and was replaced by Cole Ceci at 17:09 of the second period.

"We've asked a lot of him," Smotherman said of Muse. "Especially seeing that he's 35 years old. I couldn't imagine doing that. He wanted to play tonight. He wanted to fight to give us a chance to win. We know that the next time he's in there he's gonna be the giant we've come to know."

With the defeat, the Railers have dropped into sixth place in the North Division, at least in terms of winning percentage. In terms of points, though, Worcester is remarkably tied with three other teams for the final playoff spot.

The Railers, Reading, Maine

and Trois-Rivieres all have 57. Maine and Trois-Rivieres have winning percentages of .491. Reading is at .475.

Newfoundland is in third place with a .517 winning percentage, so the Growlers are in the playoff scrum, too.

"I told our guys — we're in a 13-game push. There are four teams with 57 points, one with 62 that's played a couple more games. We play all of them, so it's up to us. The ball's in our court."

The winning goaltender was Vinnie Purpura. He was the last man the Railers wanted to see as they battle an offensive slump. The triumph improved his record against Worcester this season to 5-0-1 with a 1.91 goals against average and .935 saves percentage.

Worcester outshot the Thunder, 9-1, through the game's first seven minutes and dominated play, but had nothing to show for it. Thus,

Adirondack scored the first goal and took a 1-0 lead at 16:09.

Jozefek, a former Railer, snapped one home from the right circle.

Pivonka tied it late in the period as he converted a pass from Ashton Calder at 18:21. That could have translated into some momentum for Worcester heading into the second period, but did not.

Ghantous, newly signed out of Northern Michigan, got his first pro goal at 3:15. He put one under the crossbar from 20 feet. Smith scored similarly at 4:33 on a power play, then Harper beat Muse from the top of the left circle at 17:09 to end the veteran's night.

The Railers' next four games are on the road. They play at Adirondack Wednesday night, then do a three-in-three weekend in Reading. The next game at the DCU Center is March 27 versus Newfoundland.

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participate in.

Proceeds from both raffles help support the American Legion and their efforts to improve their location and attend to any needs of veterans.

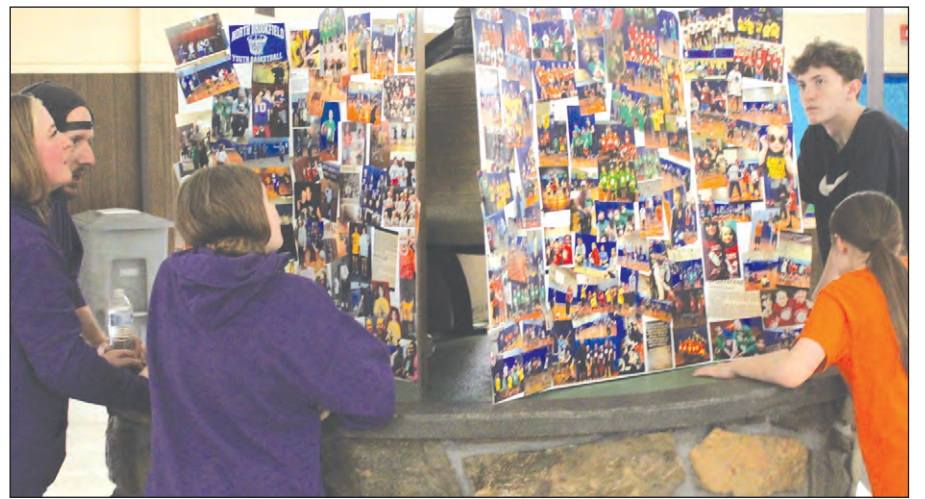
Every May, the American Legion Post Two hosts their annual flea market. Proceeds from the flea market goes to the Barre Food Pantry.

Cornhole takes place every Friday night at the American Legion at 6pm, but other activities go on during the

week and weekends. Monday nights is social night for veterans. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the American Legion hosts a boot camp workout group. Wednesdays is a night for sewing at the American Legion.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the American Legion Post 2 is available for parties and private functions and has space for all occasions.

American Legion Post 2 is located at 450 South Barre Rd in Barre and can be contacted at 978-355-2730. For events and updates, visit Barre legion post 2 events on Facebook.



Students of the past and present review some of the posters highlighting memories of the basketball program which has now been operating for 40 years.

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proud in their decision to entrust Caron to continue running the youth basketball program as the league commissioner.

"He really cares about the kids," said Diane Buzzell. "And was an incredible referee and coach."

What Caron always acknowledges is the dedication of volunteers who helped out with the program and gave hundreds of kids the opportunity to enjoy playing basketball and stick with it for years to come.

From coaching, reffing, cleaning up, setting up chairs and the court the youth basketball league has always been able to run thanks to the volunteers.

"There's a lot of great people in this program," Caron said. "I have always had so much support and so much help."

As a youth basketball player, Caron always remembered being supported by volunteers and when the role of league commissioner was handed down to him, Caron believed having volunteers is an essential source to continue youth basketball for North Brookfield.

In agreement with Caron, Diane and Larry Buzzell believe the volunteers make the youth basketball program a successful program. There have been dozens of volunteers over the last 40 years.

"We couldn't have done all this without the volunteers," Diane said. "They make a huge impact on the kids."

In the last 30 years under Caron's watch, youth basketball league has been part of practice and game from the month of December until the month of March. All the games took place and

continue to take place in the gymnasium of North Brookfield Elementary School.

Many families and friends gathered inside the gymnasium to enjoy the party featuring pizza and games and of course playing basketball. The kids and adults participate in a fun game combining basketball and musical chairs.

At one point during the celebration, Caron was involved in a big surprise. His three daughters presented him with a custom-made basketball with his name and the colors of North Brookfield school, purple and white, to go along with the traditional orange color of the basketball.

This gift is a thank you to league commissioner Caron and his 30 years of dedication to the North Brookfield Youth Basketball League. In his speech, Caron wanted to acknowledge all the volunteers he had the pleasure of working with and helping him out over the last 30 years.

"In this small town we have so many great people," Caron said. "I am blessed to always have the help."

After his speech, Caron went back to reconnecting with old friends and colleagues as the kids continued playing during the anniversary celebration. Many parents and their kids experienced a trip back in time as many poster boards of photos, trophies and banners showcased the history of the town's youth basketball league over the years.

The North Brookfield Youth Basketball League continues running strong with over 100 kids participating. Someday, Caron plans to pass down the responsibility of running the youth league to his daughters.

T-Birds get much-needed win over Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Springfield Thunderbirds (27-27-3-2) answered a Charlotte comeback the day before with one of their own en route to a 6-4 win over the Checkers (31-23-6-0) on Sunday afternoon at Bojangles' Coliseum.

It did not take long for the Checkers to score their fourth consecutive goal of the weekend, as captain Zac Dalpe worked a 2-on-1, give-and-go rush to perfection with Cam Morrison, snapping a shot over Colten Ellis to make it 1-0 Charlotte just 2:56 into the first.

Springfield answered in kind on its first power play chance of the day, as Will Bitten hit a crashing Ryan Suzuki in the crease for a redirection past Magnus Hellberg at 5:22, making it a 1-1 game.

Charlotte continued having penalty troubles, giving the T-Birds two additional man-up situations in the period. However, the Checkers' PK answered the bell, and on their third kill of the afternoon, Rasmus Asplund added offense with a shorthanded shot past Ellis on the blocker at 14:32, finishing off another 2-on-1 and giving the home side the 2-1 lead at intermission.

It took Adam Gaudette just 19 seconds to restore a tie score when he stole a breakout pass and slapped a blistering shot over Hellberg's shoulder to even the game, 2-2. It brought him back into a tie for the AHL goal-scoring lead with Ontario's Samuel Fagemo.

The 2-2 tie only lasted 50 seconds, though, as Wilmer Skoog answered back on a jam shot from the right circle to give Charlotte the 3-2 advantage during a delayed Springfield penalty.

Charlotte's third power play

proved to be a charm when Gerry Mayhew gave the Checkers a two-goal lead when he poked a loose puck under Ellis at 8:32 to make it a 4-2 game.

With much of the momentum seemingly on Charlotte's side, the T-Birds got a wonderful stroke of luck at the 10:25 mark when a Skyler Brind'Amour pass caromed off Uvis Balinskis' skate and squeaked under Hellberg's legs. Suzuki was given credit for his second of the game, and the Charlotte lead suddenly slipped to 4-3.

With their power play beaming with confidence, the T-Birds tied the game when Will Bitten deflected a Calle Rosen shot in behind Hellberg, tying the score, 4-4, with just 3:01 remaining in the middle period.

Early in the third, the Springfield power play again made a huge impact following a double-minor on Mayhew. With just two seconds remaining on the first minor, Jakob Vrana played the role of the deflector, as he guided a Dylan Coghlan snapshot through Hellberg, giving the T-Birds their first lead at the 2:30 mark of the third, 5-4.

After both teams committed minors just 51 seconds apart to set up 4-on-4 play, Coghlan added to the T-Birds lead on a 2-on-1, picking a spot over Hellberg's stick-side arm to make it a 6-4 lead for the visitors at 9:26 of the final period. Coghlan finished the two-game set with three goals and five points, and his goal put him atop the AHL leaderboard for goals by defensemen with 16.

From that point onward, Ellis and the T-Birds' defense stiffened, blocking countless Charlotte attempts en route to the win. Ellis, in picking up his third straight win over Charlotte, made 42 stops.

Locals named to Senior All-Star Game

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the team rosters for the 2024 Western Massachusetts Senior High School All-Star Games. On Thursday, March 21, the Hall of Fame hosted the 2024 All-Star event on the Jerry Colangelo Court of Dreams at the Hall of Fame. A total of 60 players were selected from different divisions within the region to participate in three games that will showcase the top seniors in their final high school contest.

"The Basketball Hall of Fame is honored to host the top high school basketball players from Western Massachusetts at our 13th annual All-Star celebration," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "We encourage the residents of Western Mass. to join us as we celebrate these outstanding seniors in the final game of their high school careers."

A committee of local coaches and media members who represent each division on the boys' and girls' sides selected the teams. Using the designated classes for the PVIAC Tournament, the players will be divided into six teams: two

girls' teams, two boys' teams of Class A and B players, and two boys' teams of Class C and D players. Only graduating seniors are eligible for the All-Star Games. Rosters can be found on the next page.

For the 13th year, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame will recognize one boy and one girl as the Western Massachusetts Players of the Year. A special presentation will be made for the recipients during halftime of one of the participating games. A panel of local media members selects the award winners, who are recognized for their achievements on the court, in addition to their sportsmanship and character off the court.

The three All-Star Games were held on Thursday, March 21. There were two boys games and a girls game on the slate.

Among the all-stars named were Granby's Colin Murdock, Monson's Colin Beaupre, Ware's Jack McKeever and Emily McGrail, Palmer's Andrew Menard, Minnechaug's Lylah Jeannotte, South Hadley's Drew Alley, Holyoke's Amilyan Treadwell-Mercedes and Shawn Rivera, Chicopee Comprehensive's Alyssa Caney and Tineus McCluster, and Agawam's Colin Smith.

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open practice for all league players and especially players who are new to the league on Sunday, April 7 at 10 a.m. at Beachgrounds Park in South Hadley.

Prior to that, the next meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 24 at 12 noon at the Hangar Pub & Grill in South Hadley. All are welcome to attend the meeting, ask questions and express interest in joining. The league's board will be discussing final preparations for the 2024 season.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team.

Games are typically held in the Easthampton and South Hadley area with some expansion to Chicopee, West Springfield, Agawam, and Granby being considered.

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and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

Bay State Games is pleased to announce a new partnership with Marathon Sports to provide athletes, officials, and volunteers with a special, traditional Bay State Games gift. Details will be released later in March.

"We are excited to present the 2024 version of the Bay State Summer Games where Massachusetts amateur athletes of all ages and abilities can have their 'Time to Shine,'" said Kevin

Cummings, Executive Director of the Bay State Games. "This year will feature the addition of table tennis and ultimate as well as several new host venues including Babson College in Wellesley, Howard Park and Maplewood Park in Malden and NorthStar Ice Sports in Westborough. We look forward to welcoming athletes from across the Commonwealth as we celebrate the 42nd year of the Bay State Summer Games."

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CANDIDATES,
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St. Candidates for Select Board in the upcoming April 1 town election incumbent Maureen Marshall, and challenger Richard Stevens will speak about their candidacies. To submit questions for consideration, people may email BarreDTC@gmail.com. This event will be recorded and available for viewing on local cable access and you tube.

Maureen M. Marshall
Candidate for re-election
Barre Select Board

Barre residents deserve capable and competent leadership dedicated to identifying and effectively managing the issues that affect the lives of those who reside within its borders. I am and have always been committed to this mission. My commitment has been demonstrated during my many years of public service within the community.

I have served as a member of the Board of Health, as president of the Barre Library Association, as superintendent of the Quabbin Regional School District for many years and most recently as a member of the Select Board.

Currently, I serve as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, a position I have held since 2018. In the capacities noted, I have consistently embraced the principles of ethical leadership, sought innovative solutions to complex problems, cared deeply about the people who had little and deserved more, saw obstacles as challenges and courageously represented the needs of the people whenever it was necessary.

As a result of my work history and my strong academic background that includes a bachelor's and master's degree in biology and chemistry and a Doctorate in Management and Leadership from Boston College, I have the competence, experience and temperament to successfully address a future filled with both unique challenges and opportunities.

What do you consider the most pressing issues facing the town of Barre?

I believe that the most urgent challenge in Barre is ensuring the successful transition and ultimate retention of current and new employees assuming leadership roles within town government. The continuing failure to address the long-standing employee "turnover" challenge in our community has and will, if left unaddressed, seriously diminish any forward progress.

What do you think as possible solutions to these issues?

The most obvious solution for this problem is providing new town leaders with the support necessary to ensure their success. That support must include a Select Board with the skills and competencies to effectively manage a well thought out human resource program. This is a challenge I am uniquely qualified to tackle as much of my work experience and academic preparation has focused on the recruitment, development and retention of talented employees.

Finding the financial resources necessary to fund the programs offered within the town.

I believe that local revenue sources must be augmented by considering new ways to do business, initiating conversations with local partners (other towns) to improve the efficiency of scale of community services, and by understanding and accessing legislative funding opportunities that are available. We must be prepared to ensure our town is a beneficiary of new state programs designed to assist rural communities. I have had and continue to enjoy an active role in legislative work in this area. Currently, House (H.2567) and Senate (S.2388) include the expansion of special funding for rural communities. We should work to ensure that town leaders are aware of how the legislation might impact Barre.

What do you consider your strengths and weaknesses?

I believe future local, state, and federal opportunities to improve our community will lie within our

grasp. However, we must be prepared and experienced so that such opportunities are not beyond our reach. I have the experience to successfully participate in complex state and federal grant programs and have during my career successfully acquired and managed many multi-million-dollar projects.

I believe we must continually strive, not only to ensure that town government is effective, efficient, and accountable, but also inclusive.

However, I do not believe we can accomplish any of the above without strong, experienced and dedicated leadership. There is much to do and on April 1 you can choose who will do it.

But before you choose, know my weakness. I expect of you what I demand of myself and often that is not fair.

Richard C. Stevens
Candidate
Barre Select Board



My name is Richard C. Stevens I am asking for your vote to be elected to the Barre Select Board. I was raised here in Barre on our family farm, which has been owned and operated since the late 1700s by our family.

My wife and I own a home on Old Coldbrook Road. We have six children and currently eight grandchildren

I have 35 years of municipal government experience. I served as an elected Barre Board of Health member for 1.2 years and the town's health agent for a 15-year time frame. I am currently working as the town of Rutland's part time health inspector. I have served as a part time health inspector in each of the five Quabbin towns and full time in Templeton.

I negotiated many landfill contracts on behalf of the town of Barre in regards to trash disposal and tipping fees. I oversaw the daily operations of the landfill as a town employee and brought penalties forward for non-compliance. These penalties assessed against the waste companies operating the landfill, is how our transfer station was built and given to our town.

I oversaw the third largest State covid vaccination clinic located in Rutland providing vaccinations to 100,000 people. Early on in Rutland, we successfully vaccinated 16 area towns (police, fire, EMS, funeral home directors, public health officials) prior to the covid vaccine role out to the general public. I also worked with three regional school districts to get school administrators and teachers vaccinated holding clinics in their high schools.

During my time on the Board of Health. I worked diligently with the Sewer Commissioners to expand town sewer, to areas of town that saw high septic system failure rates, providing safer neighborhoods and protecting the environment.

I proudly served on Barre Fire Department, Templeton Fire Department and Phillipston Fire Department. I retired five years ago as a full time Fire Chief / E.M.T. Prior to my retirement, I completed the Advanced E.M.T program doing my ride time at Peterborough Fire Department and my clinicals at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, N.H.

I am a proud Eagle Scout of Barre Troop 26. I worked seven years both part time and full time at our Barre D.P.W. I have worked on our roads, replaced water mains and plowed and sanded all the roads in our town. I was the equipment operator, which requires special licenses to operate the various town owned heavy equipment.

L have served on numerous town boards: Town Administrator Search Committee past chairman, Barre 225th Anniversary Committee past chairman, currently Barre 250th Anniversary Committee chairman and the Barre Strategic Growth and Development Committee. I served as wildlife

control officer / animal inspector in Barre for many years handling rabies cases and injured wildlife.

I have owned and operated Coldbrook Springs Environmental Consulting since 1986 providing soil testing and engineering services for T5 compliant septic systems and T5 septic inspections for sale and transfer of homes.

I hold numerous certifications in public health and the fire service. I was a Massachusetts credentialed fire chief along with many other fire department related training certifications.

If I am elected, I will continue to work hard for our town of Barre. I will work to support our town departments needs and for fair wages for equal work. I have taken great pride in setting up the ice-skating rink the last three years for the youth of Barre, with our 250th Anniversary Committee.

What do you consider the most pressing issues facing the town?

A) Taxes are very high B) Transparency C) Not having a comprehensive road paving / maintenance and drainage resolution plan D) Not following Bylaws, Procurement Rules and Town policies E) Not solving the issues brought before the board F)The need for regionalization of some core services G) Proper playground areas for the youth of Barre

What do you think are possible solutions to those issues?

A) As a town we have to be less dependent on the want list and focus on a realistic need list. Wants if feasible should come from non-tax revenue sources for example State and Federal grants. Work to identify ways to reduce taxes all while keeping essential core services / schools funded within proper limits B) Stop the back door policy making or rather lack of policy enforcement, be open to the townspeople with all our dealings, open checkbook so all taxpayers can see how their tax dollars are being spent by each department C) We need a plan in place to get our roads and drainage issues prioritized, funded and repaired so we are not constantly trying to play catch up. D)A bylaw was passed to have all boards and committees' meetings recorded for all to watch. The town's peoples vote has been ignored since 2021. E) Watching the Select Board meetings I see the term used "it has been past practice, so let's approve it again tonight and fix it next time" By strictly following Massachusetts procurement laws, local policies and bylaws our departments will learn they must do things proper and correct. Our Select Board should be setting a good example 100% of the time and holding others accountable for not following the required steps, policies, procurement policies or bylaws. F) Our small town with roughly the same population as 2016 cannot afford the current costs of doing business annually. This has caused tax increases, family hardships, houses to be sold, the elderly cannot remain in their homes which they have lived in for decades. Regionalization of some core services reduces costs to Barre. There is Federal and State grant funding opportunities for communities that regionalize core services. G) Work with residents living in the town playground areas, to identify needs, safety issues, and funding sources for new equipment. Getting more than one price for playground upgrades is a sound practice.

What do you consider your strengths and weaknesses?

35 Years of Municipal Government Experience, Fairness, Trustworthy, Honest Answers, Hard Working, Dedication to our town of Barre, Grant writing bringing in tens of thousands of dollars over my tenure.

A) Overly caring about issues, I can't control or are not in my immediate control. I tend to problem solve quickly, not providing ample time for departments to solve the issue themselves first.

I hope I earn your trust and vote on April 1.

Thank You for your Consideration
Richard C. Stevens

and later worked at the Paul Revere Pottery Company.

One of her fine works was a vase that has been missing for many years. No one knows of the whereabouts of Galner's vase but would be considered a great achievement is a collector find it.

It's one of pottery's biggest mysteries.

There is a lot of Paul Revere Pottery pieces that are collected throughout the United States. In good condition, many items are valued in the high hundreds and SEG products could be upwards to the

thousands.

After the demonstration, Hamelin would then get the audience involved in a hands-on pinch pot workshop. The hands on portion of the workshop allows guests to get a close look at pottery making – getting to put your hands on the clay itself, feel its transformation from wet to dry formation.

Hamelin believes that the best thing new potters can do is make mistakes. "Making mistakes is part of learning pottery," Hamelin said.

To learn more, visit <https://www.piedpotterhamelin.com/>.

Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Holy Week Preparations

Holy Week is nearly upon us. Holy Week-comprised primarily of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter commemorates key moments from the final days of Jesus' life and ministry. In this edition, I would challenge you to prepare for so sacred a season by doing one or more of the following:

1) Study the Happenings of Holy Week

It is impossible to exaggerate the significance of happenings like Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. The final week of Christ's life changed the world for time and eternity. Thus said, why not take the time to review the myriad moments of His final week? For your convenience, I have provided the following links to trusted online resources to visit: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Passion-Week.html>; <https://bible.org/article/chronology-synopsis-passion-week> or <https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/easter/what-is-holy-week.html>

2) Consider Personal Applications

Point 1 above challenged you to spend time in the Bible. Point 2 challenges you to find application for what you read. You must understand that the events of Holy Week are to possess ongoing impact in daily life and living. Thus said, it is of benefit to wrestle with questions like the following:

How does the declaration of Jesus' kingship on Palm Sunday manifest in your life in the here-and-now? In what way(s) do you know Christ as both Savior and Lord? To what degree is your life marked by submission to Him and His teaching?

How does the sacrificial death of Christ on Good Friday impact your life? Have you placed your faith in Him and His finished work or are you trusting in someone or something else for eternal life? Are the things you are living for worth Him dying for?

How does Jesus' victory over death, hell and the grave on Easter Sunday affect you in 2024 and beyond? Do you know Jesus as merely a religious icon or as the Risen Savior who is alive, well and abiding through all seasons and circumstances?

3) Memorize Moving Passages

The opening points challenged you to spend time in the Word and consider the applications thereof. Why not commit select portions of Scripture to memory? As you read and reflect, look for those texts which resonate or speak to your heart. Meditate upon them and commit them to memory. You will never regret hiding the Word of God in your heart. Feel free to start with the following text:

Acts 2:24 (NIV)
24 . . . God raised him [Jesus] from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

4) Participate in Local Church Services

Community churches will certainly spotlight the events of the Passion Week, as this is the most sacred season in the whole of Christendom. Have you ever considered joining a nearby assembly for a Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter gathering? If not, why not? I am sure they would love to have you. I know we would.

If you would like to join us at New Life (i.e., either in-person or online), our service information is

provided on our church website: www.NewLifeBarre.org. You can also contact me directly using the number at the conclusion of this publication.

5) Share Christ with Others

Holy Week reminds us of the good news of Christ's saving work on our behalf. What do we typically do with good news? We share it with others! This Easter season, tell someone of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Let us not hide what He has done-let us proclaim it to the ends of the earth! May we embrace the mindset of the apostle Paul, who penned the following centuries ago:

Colossians 1:28-29
28 He [Christ] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

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

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

"The Hour has Come."

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

Scripture Reading: John 12 v 20 - 33 I. Introduction

All of us are faced with moments when we must work on something we had postponed, to finish a project, to go somewhere, and to say goodbye after a visit with loved ones. Those are moments of change and can be quite fulfilling when the projects are completed, and we look back at our visits with loved ones.

There are also moments in our lives when things change not for the better, but when we are faced with difficulties and challenges in our lives. Those are the moments or the hours we do not look forward to, but we know we must face them, and put our hope and faith in God to give us the strength to do so.

II. For Jesus the hour had come

Jesus must have enjoyed life on earth, having made friends and encountered all kinds of people, having enjoyed the food that was offered to Him and enjoying the beauty of the earth. He also had a group of close friends and disciples with whom He spent His precious times with. But through it all, He must have been filled with feelings of "when this all would come to an end.

It is difficult to comprehend the challenge and pull He must have endured, knowing that He had a purpose, fulfilling the will of God to become the sacrifice for the salvation of the world, and drawing us all to God. So, here He is, at the temple in Jerusalem, the place He had come to know where the crowds gathered to worship and where He learned from the Torah, and where He experienced the resistance from the religious leaders of His time.

FF Bruce in his commentary on John suggests that when the

Greeks came to speak to Him, He saw that as a message that the hour had come to let the world and all its different cultures know that He was going to die. The Son of God's hour of change has come. It would be a bloody suffering and a tremendous change for Him, giving up, dying and leaving behind life as He knew it, to create something new.

Through this experience God's Name would be glorified, and the salvation of this world has been opened for all to experience, to accept and to be reconciled with God. God's voice confirmed for Him that this was the hour, and Christ would convey to the crowd that all this would be for their benefit. He would die and be raised again and draw humanity to Him. This was not an hour He could reject, but an hour that was necessary to alter the course of history and of humanity.

III. Conclusion

Lent is therefore a time for us to look inward and to remember why He came. It is a time to look around and observe our lives on this planet, to examine how things are going, and to be reminded that He died for us, so that we can be reconciled with God, be healed, and saved from the prince of this world. He says in this text. It is a clear direction He sends us into, away from darkness and destruction, and into the light of God.

It is a call for us to love this life less than we love Him, God, and the Person of the Holy Spirit. It is our hour of coming to grips with the temporary nature of this world and its pleasures, and to integrate the salvation of God through Christ into our daily lives and our earthly existence. We must therefore open ourselves up for the sacrifice of our walk with Christ.

We will not always experience the joy that we have in Christ, because the force of this life brings with it the challenge of suffering and illness and death. We are here therefore not to cling to this world as if it presents to us a permanent state of being, but to prepare ourselves as He did, to be reconnected to our God and to look forward to the state of permanent bliss.

This does not mean that we need to sit and wait for that day, but to still enjoy the life God has given us, until our hour has come, like His did. It is also a time to have faith in God for our healing and peace in this world because everything about God through Christ is given to us, the blessings and the fullness of love and peace and joy.

We can enjoy those blessings now as we are fulfilling our own calling here on this beautiful earth, and we can give all our challenges into God's hands. May God bless this message to our hearts and show us the way during this Lent and Holy Week and experience the joy of the Resurrection.

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

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members in studies such as civics and reading language arts.

Guerrier was noticed in Washington, D.C. as a pioneer of library science. Guerrier is best known for developing progressive library programs in the 1890s, including a reading program and a pottery studio for girls of Boston's North End.

Hamelin mentioned a talented potter by the name of Sarah Galner, who joined the SEG as a young girl

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, March 10
 1:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, School North Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Mechanic Street, Referred to Other Agency

Monday, March 11
 6:47 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Chapman Road, Information Taken
 10:02 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Summer Street, Report Filed
 11:10 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre, Information Given
 3:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Headache, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:52 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning
 6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, March 12
 1:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Hubbardston Road, Public Assist
 6:53 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:08 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard,

Jewett Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:30 a.m. Complaint, Summer Street, Officer Took Call
 11:55 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Investigated
 12:04 a.m. Larceny or Theft, South Street, Officer Advised
 5:55 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Petersham, Negative Contact
 8:07 p.m. Be On Lock Out Notification, West Street, Negative Contact
 8:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Fir Street, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, March 13
 1:50 p.m. Public Assist, South Street, Information Taken
 3:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Edward Lane, Transported to Hospital
 4:31 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Moulton Street, Report Filed
 6:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Lavallee, Rene Ann, 54, Gardner
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Inspection/

Sticker, No
Thursday, March 14
 6:47 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Grove North Street, Secured
 8:05 a.m. Suspicious Person Vehicle Activity, Valley Road, Vehicle Towed
 8:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Barre Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 6:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, School North Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, March 15
 7:32 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Exchange Street, Report Filed

Saturday, March 16
 3:33 p.m. Gunshot, Old Stage Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Criminal Complaint
 9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Malin, Jacob, 30 Gilbertville
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR 08%, Inspection/Sticker, No, Brakes Violation Motor Vehicle

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, March 10
 6:11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Kenwood Drive, Remove Hazard
 7:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Public Assist
 9:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Leg Weakness, Wachusett Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 9:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Sunnyside Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

Monday, March 11
 12:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:41 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist
 7:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 2:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Rufus Putnam Drive, Transported to Hospital
 2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:27 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pleasantdale Road, Removed Hazard
 4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Investigated
 4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Public Assist
 10:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist

Tuesday, March 12
 1:12 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, East County Road, Investigated
 7:57 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed
 8:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Michael Drive,

Wednesday, March 13
 12:45 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Report Filed
 8:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:52 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wheeler Road, Officer Advised
 12:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Citation Issued
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Thursday, March 14
 3:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Botero Vargas, Carlos Andres, 44, Hubbardston
 Charges: Speeding, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 7:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 8:18 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 8:20 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Message Delivered
 8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:12 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed
 9:57 a.m. Leg/Foot Numbness, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest: Glennon, Paul J., 63, Northborough
 Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Third Offense, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of, State Highway – Traffic Violation
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Argento, Nicholas, 72, West Brookfield
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S10 Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Friday, March 15
 6 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Prouty Road, Checked/Secured
 9:46 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated
 2:48 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unitas Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, March 16
 4:34 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Princeton Road, Information Given
 6:21 p.m. Public Assist, Gardner Road, Report Filed

Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 11:07 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Glenwood Road, Investigated
 12:31 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:08 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barrack Hill Road, Recovered
 2:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, March 13
 12:45 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Report Filed
 8:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:52 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wheeler Road, Officer Advised
 12:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Citation Issued
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Thursday, March 14
 3:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Botero Vargas, Carlos Andres, 44, Hubbardston
 Charges: Speeding, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 7:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 8:18 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 8:20 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Message Delivered
 8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:12 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed
 9:57 a.m. Leg/Foot Numbness, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest: Glennon, Paul J., 63, Northborough
 Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Third Offense, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of, State Highway – Traffic Violation
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Argento, Nicholas, 72, West Brookfield
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S10 Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Friday, March 15
 6:32 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 6:54 a.m. Be On Lock Out, Main Street, Information Taken
 9:51 a.m. Elevated Blood Pressure, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Glenwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:43 p.m. Harassment, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Advised
 6:33 p.m. Be On Lock Out Notification, Whole Town, Investigation On-Going
 6:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:06 p.m. Traffic or Radar Enforcement, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 11:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Saturday, March 16
 12:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 12:27 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Investigated
 12:35 a.m. Traffic or Radar Enforcement, East County Road, Citations Issued
 12:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 10:54 a.m. Keep the Peace, Maple Avenue, Public Assist
 11:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:05 p.m. No Trespass Order, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:55 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:15 p.m. Blood In Urine, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of March 11-18, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 67 building/property checks, 48 directed/area patrols, four traffic controls, 15 radar assignments, five emergency 911 calls, four assist other agencies, six citizen assists, five complaints, four safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident and 14 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, March 11
 2:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
 4:29 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
 6:09 p.m. Safety Hazard, Thresher Road, Removed Hazard
 7:32 p.m. Assist Citizen, Broad Street, Officer Handled

Tuesday, March 12
 11:04 a.m. Safety Hazard, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Dispatch Handled
 1:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
 2 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department, Officer Handled

3:04 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:23 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, High Street, Spoken To
 7:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled
 7:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
 8:18 p.m. Complaint, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, March 13
 5:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Summons Issued
 11:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Red Bridge Road, Officer Handled
 4:54 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation Issued
 10:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Patril Hollow Road, Investigated

Thursday, March 14
 6:24 a.m. Parking Complaint, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 6:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
 4:23 p.m. 911 Hang-up, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Petersham Road, Written Warning

Friday, March 15
 12:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, School House Drive, Investigated
 7:36 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled
 9:41 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Maple Street, Investigated

Saturday, March 16
 11:34 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
 2:08 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Broad Street, Negative Contact
 7:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled
 10:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, March 17
 3:31 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Spoken To
 4:19 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Barre Rad, Voice Message Left

Monday, March 18
 6:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Report Taken

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of March 11-18, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 36 directed/area patrols, six traffic controls, four radar assignments, two emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle investigation, one animal call and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, March 11
 5:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Skivira Lane, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, March 12
 12:20 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, March 14
 8:45 a.m. Serve Warrant, Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made
 12:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued
 3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning
 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

Friday, March 15
 6 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Prouty Road, Checked/Secured
 9:46 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated
 2:48 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unitas Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, March 17
 8:24 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, March 10
 1:25 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Old Westminster Road, Officer Took Call
 11:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, March 11
 8:05 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Brigham Street, Information Given
 11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Public Assist
 5:19 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Ragged Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:51 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down Arcing, New Westminster Road, Investigated
 6:34 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gardner Road, Investigated

Wednesday, March 13
 3:09 a.m. Fire – Mutual Aid, Athol,

Mutual Aid Assist
 8:40 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 11:40 a.m. Suspicious Person Vehicle Activity, Chicopee Drive, Area Search Negative
 3:40 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Property Returned
 6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Vehicle Removed
 7:56 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, New Westminster Road, Investigated

Thursday, March 14
 12:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Lombard Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 1:29 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 2:36 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Madison

Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:22 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, New Westminster Road, Investigated

Friday, March 15
 11:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:42 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Westminster Road, Message Delivered
 4:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ragged Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, March 16
 4:34 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Princeton Road, Information Given
 6:21 p.m. Public Assist, Gardner Road, Report Filed

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, March 10
 3:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, March 11
 8:47 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 11:20 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist

Tuesday, March 12
 12:44 p.m. Notification, Barre Road,

Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, March 13
 2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Thursday, March 14
 7:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 9:57 a.m. Leg/Foot Numbness, North Brookfield Road, Transported to

Hospital

Friday, March 15
 1:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:30 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, March 16
 9:30 p.m. Administration, Barre Road, Report Filed

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and Change of Ownership Interest (LLC Members/LLP Partners, Trustees). Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.
 For the Select Board:
 Tammy Martin
 Town Administrator
 03/14 & 03/21/2024

Town of New Braintree Conservation Commission
 The Town of New Braintree Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:15 PM** at the New Braintree Town Hall, Located at 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA, regarding

a **Notice of Intent** filed by Elizabeth Hart for the construction of a single-family home on Lot NB 6A Goodfield Road, Lot 409, Parcel 14, Assessors Map. Recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds Book 70213 Page 367.
 The proposed home will have a 12' wide driveway. The driveway will cross an intermittent stream utilizing an existing open stone crossing. The home, private well, lawn area, and septic system will be located outside of the 200 foot wetland buffer zone.
 03/21/2024

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
 The Barre Planning

Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre's Office, 3rd Floor, requested by John George for the installation of a 11.34 kw, 28 modules, residential ground mount solar system located at 40 Root Road, Assessors Map D, Parcel 5 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 31630, Page 357.

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