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Mark Regienus wins Select **Board seat**

Voters narrowly say yes to debt exclusion

> By Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com

BARRE - Mark A. Regienus won a three-year term on the Select Board with 295 votes over Gregory P. O'Sullivan, candidate for re-election with 106 votes in the April 3 Annual Town Election.

With a total of 412 of the 4,058 registered voters or 10.15% turnout, Regienus received 163 votes in precinct 1 and 132 in precinct 2 and O'Sullivan got 62 votes in precinct 1 and 44 in precinct 2.

A total of 233 out of 2,025 in precinct 1 and 179 out of 2,033 registered voters in precinct 2 went to the polls.

In the only other contest of two positions for Library Trustee, incumbent Catherine Chase was the top vote getter with 269 votes (143 precinct 1 and 126 precinct 2. Charlotte A. Gareau also won a seat as Library Trustee with 156 votes (72 precinct 1 and 84 precinct 2). Heather Rene Bernard with 94 votes (57 precinct 1 and 37 precinct 2) and Allison Nicole Laundis with 131 votes (78 precinct 1 and 53 precinct 2) also ran.

Voters narrowly supported a debt exclusion by a margin of five votes with 189 yes (93 precinct 1 and 96 precinct 2) and 184 (113 precinct 1 and 71 precinct 2). The debt exclusion was to exempt from proposition 2 ½ the purchase of Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Engine One, Engine 4, an ambulance, highway pickup truck with plow, highway one ton dump truck with plow and a solar array.

A debt exclusion is a two part process and now a town meeting article must pass for the amount of the remaining debt on these old loans, which have about five years left, to be excluded. If the second part of the process passes at town meeting, this will free up additional money for the general budget. Once the loans are paid, the amount will no longer factor into the real estate tax amount.

All other candidates for positions on the election ballot ran unopposed. Michael G. Landry won another three-year term to the Board of Assessors with 332 votes (184 precinct 1 and 148 precinct 2) and Christopher J. Jenkins won a two-year term on to the Board of Assessors with 314 votes (172 precinct 1 and 142 precinct 2). Karen Keegan, candidate for re-election, won a three-year term to Board of Health with 311 votes (166 precinct 1 and 145 precinct 2) and John J. Pimental Jr., also a candidate for re-election, won a threeyear term as Water Commissioner with 301 votes (166 precinct 1 and 135 precinct 2).

Glen C. Alt won a three-year term as Sewer Commissioner with 321 votes (171 precinct 1 and 150 precinct 2) and Lawrence F.

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Historical Society holds fundraiser for powder horn



The Hardwick Historical Society has an 18th century powder horn on loan with its roots in the town's history. The Society is fundraising to make the powder horn part of their permanent collection.

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society has an 18th century powder horn on loan that has significant ties to the town and its history; and the goal is to bring it home to stay.

All are invited to come hear the story from the 1970s about the powder horn's significant ties to

On Sunday, April 30, from

3-5 p.m. at the Hardwick Town House, Don Madden from Belchertown will bring the audience back to the 18th century with some artifacts of the era and a lecture. Donation at the door is

In addition, the Hardwick Historical Society will offer any person or business a spot on the donation plaque for \$100 or more.

There will be mocktails and light food, as well as the chance to get a glimpse of the historic powder horn.

Hardwick Historical Society is a 501c3 nonprofit and your donations are tax deductible. Donations can also be mailed to Hardwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA

Selectmen hear about potential sewer rate structure options

By Paula Ouimette Staff Writer pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - During Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting, Laurie Stevens of Rural Community Assistance Partnership Solutions presented her research to determine sewer rates.

Stevens has been working with RCAP Solutions and town officials to determine sewer rates after the completion of the wastewater systems upgrade.

The sewer system is an enterprise fund, Stevens said.

She said the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who is providing a large amount of the funding for the multimillion-dollar three-part project that includes update both water pollution control facilities and adding a pump station on Hardwick Road, requested RCAP Solution's services to design a rate structure for commercial and residential

Stevens said she reviewed the financial plan and revenue requirements, did a cost of service analysis, reviewed and evaluated rate structure options to design a rate structure for the town.

"Unlike other towns, it has two facilities instead of just one, which makes it more expensive," she said of the two water pollution control facilities

Stevens said she reviewed the past five years of expenses, comparing year to year, to project potential costs five years out. She also looked at the past five years of revenue.

The Gilbertville pump station and the Wheelwright sewer plant already have existing debt, with a principle and interest payment of \$84,185 for fiscal year 2024.

"Existing payments that you have, they're going to continue for a good number of years," Stevens

She said the town is "very fortunate" they have a lot of grant money to fund the project as well as a low-interest loan.

The loan amount totals \$5,681,000 with a term of 40 years at 1.375% interest.

"The annual payment would be \$185,599," Stevens said. She said that will be split half to the sewer enterprise fund, and the other to the general taxbase. The sewer enterprise fund

will levy betterments to pay the \$92,799.50 and shouldn't be included in the operation and maintenance budget. Stevens said the sewer enter-

prise fund budget is estimated at

A short-lived asset reserve account has been mandated by the

See HARDWICK, page 6

Select Board accept town clerk resignation

By Ellenor Downer Editor

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HUBBARDSTON - The Select Board accepted the resignation of Town Clerk, Kristin Foster, at their Monday, April 3 meeting.

Town Administrator Nate

replacement for Foster and could stay another week. would present Candace Livingston as a candidate at the next Select Board meeting as he was waiting for a Criminal Offender Record Information check. Livingston would be starting Monday, April 24. He said Foster's last day was April

Boudreau said he found a 13 and he would ask her if she a school zone in an effort to School sign signs

The Town Administrator said Police Department, Highway Department and Quabbin School Superintendent applied for and received a grant for school zone signs. The solar powered signs would show vehicle speed in

reduce speedingand be placed on Elm Street. Flashing school zone signs already exist on Main Street (Route 68) and their replacement would be part of the Town Center project. The Select Board approved the

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Food policy council looks at Quaboag Valley's food needs

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE - The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council kicked off the first in a series of meetings Monday afternoon, to discuss the Valley's food system.

Those attending the meeting ranged from farmers to health care and outreach workers, local business members, food pantry coordinators to municipal employees and community members. Each person shared their thoughts about our region's connection to food, and how to improve access to this vital need.

The Council is open to anyone, regardless of their background and whether or not they have professional knowledge of food systems or policy.

"You do not have to have extensive knowledge," Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan said. "Just an interest in the local food system."

A food policy council, Geaghan said, is "a group of community members who come together to improve their local food system through actions such

as education, policy and connec-

Geaghan said many food policy councils in the region run community food assessments, start community and school gardens, host composting webinar series, advocate for Healthy Incentives Programs, sponsor healthy eating and cooking classes, support existing programs such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Farm-to-School, as well as aiding those that do not qualify for government assistance but still need

"Our first question we wanted to ask everyone, are what issues related to food do you think need to be addressed in this region?'

Responses included offering cooking classes, teaching young families how to prepare healthy food that is both easy and inexpensive to make.

Transportation to farmers' markets was another suggestion, especially for locations that do not have a nearby grocery store or farmers market, making them "food deserts."

See FOOD POLICY, page 6

Bald eagle watches from lofty perch



In mid-March the photographer was taking a walk along the Swift River at the Herman Covey Wildlife Management Area in Belchertown when he came across a pair of bald eagles in a tree. One eagle flew off quickly, but the other stayed eagle long enough to take photos.

Lucas **McDiarmid** announces office hours

BOSTON - Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), announces office hours with her Communications and District Director, Lucas McDiarmid, for the month of April.

Members of the public are invited to meet with him to discuss issues, request assistance with state government agencies and for general inquiries.

Office hours for Region Three Barre and Hubbardston will be held on Monday, April 10 from 11 a.m.noon at Barre Senior Center.

Office hours for Region Seven, Hardwick, New Braintree and Ware will be held at Hardwick Town Hall on Tuesday, April 11 from 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Office Hours for Region Four Oakham, Paxton, and Rutland will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at Oakham Senior Center from 9-10

Office hours for Region Five, East Brookfield, Leicester and Spencer will be held on Monday, April 17 from 1-2 p.m. at East Brookfield Town Hall.

Office hours for Region Two Holden, Princeton, Sterling andWestminster will be held Tuesday, April 18 from 2-3 p.m. at Holden Senior Center.

Office Hours for Region Six, Brookfield, North Brookfield and West Brookfield, will be held Wednesday, April 19 from 1-2 p.m. at Brookfield Town Hall.

Office hours for Webster Square will be held on Monday, April 24

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Round Town Ellenor Downer 413-967-3505

Historical Society holds membership drive

The Barre Historical Society is holding its annual member drive. An individual membership is \$20 per year, a family membership is \$30 per year, cooperate membership is \$100 per year and a life membership is \$200. The Barre Historical Society has members only events. The next members only event is a summer solstice soirée on Wednesday,

Barre Food Pantry

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday April 12 from 10-11:30 am and on Thursday, April 20 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients April 12 and April 20 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

American Legion Auxiliary to meet April 10

BARRE - The American Legion Auxiliary April meeting will be held on Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in Post 2, 450 South Barre Road. There will be a penny sale so please bring some goodies.



Adventure awaits!



Courtesy Photo by Adventure Tours of Warren

Carol Haire of West Brookfield. Dot Dimo of Warren, and Carol Borowiec of Palmer are shown at the Acropolis in Athens, Greece.

Adventure Tours of Warren makes travel fun for all

> **By Paula Ouimette** Staff Writer pouimette@turley.com

WARREN – The chance to explore the world is closer than you think, and thanks to Adventure Tours

of Warren, the trip of a life-

time can start right in your

own backyard. Traveling is something Randall Decoteau has been passionate about since a young age, when he first traveled by himself to visit

"I was 13-years-old and I went to visit my aunt and uncle in Montreal. I went by myself on Eastern Air Lines," he said.

Decoteau's aunt and uncle met him at the airport and from then on, he was

"It was a nice experience," he said.

Decoteau experienced his first trip overseas when he went to Europe between his junior and senior year of college. He traveled for two months, armed with a Eurail pass and a copy of Arthur Frommer's "Europe on 5 Dollars a Day".

"I went to maybe 10

countries...I love Europe,"

Decoteau has now been to 48 countries and said he has "a passion for travel."

In 2000, Decoteau used this passion when he teamed up with the Warren Cultural Council to raise money for a scholarship program by offering tours.

By 2006, he had officially formed Adventure Tours of Warren.

Within a year, Adventure Tours was offering 45 trips

Since its founding, Adventure Tours has

See ADVENTURE TOURS, page 7

Hubbardston Ellenor Downer

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Budget public hearing set for April 20

The Select Board and Finance Committee will hold a hybrid pubic hearing on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Shade Building Conference Room, 7A Main St. to discuss the proposed operating budget for FY 24. There will be both remote and in person options for residents to attend. This is an opportunity for residents to voice their thoughts and concerns about the budget and how it will impact the community. Resident feedback is crucial in helping town officials make informed decisions that will benefit everyone.

Scouting Earth Day events

The Boy Scouts will hold fee based electronic recycling on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68. The Girl Scouts will hold a redeemable can and bottle drive at the same day and time at the recreation field.

C.A.S.H Scholarship applications

The Hubbardston Civic Association has been

awarding scholarships since 1967. The organization awards three \$1000 scholarships to any Hubbardston resident, who will be attending college or trade school full time. The deadline to apply is Saturday, April 15. The winners are responsible, after their fall semester of the award, to forward their semester grades and proof of attending their spring semester and then the \$1,000 check will be mailed to

Applications are available by visiting the town website at hubbardstonma.us and clicking on Civic Association Scholarship for Hubbardston. They should be mailed to: Civic Association Scholarship of Hubbardston, Scholarship Selection Committee, P.O. Box 375, Hubbardston, MA 01452 or through the student's guidance department.

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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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 April 10. 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, French bread

TUESDAY - Buttermilk chicken, vegetable rice, peas, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat

WEDNESDAY - Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, coleslaw, fresh fruit, mustard,

FRIDAY - Shepherd's pie, carrots, green beans, frosted banana cake, diet = cookie, Italian bread

*Diabetic friendly dessert **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 \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Barre Housing Authority – April 6 at 3 p.m. QRSD Student Services Subcommittee -April 6 at 5:30 p.m. CMRPC Barre Master Plan Steering Committee – April 6 at 5:30 p.m. QRSD School Committee – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health – April 10 at 5 p.m. Select Board – April 10 at 5 p.m., April 18 at 6:30 p.m. and April 24 at 5:30 p... Water Commission – April 10 at 6:30 p.m. DPW Commission – April 10 at 7 p.m. Finance Committee – April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Conservation Committee – April 11 at 7 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – April 11 at 7 p.m. 9/11 Memorial Development Committee -April 12 at 5 p.m.

Library Trustees – April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Sewer Commission – April 20 at 7 p.m.6:30 p.m. 250th Anniversary Committee – April 25 at 5 p.m. and May 3 at

Cemetery Commission – April 27 at 11 a.m. Planning Board – May 16 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK.

Finance Committee – April 6 at 5:30 p.m. Board of Health – April 6 at 6:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – April 6 at 7 p.m. Wheelwright Water District – April 10 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Gilbertville Public Library – April 12 at 4 p.m. Conservation Commission – April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Gilbertville Water District – April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Library Trustees – April 6 at 7 p.m. Memorial Day Committee – April 10 at 5 p.m. Board of Health – April 11 and April 25 at 7 p.m. MassDOT Public Information Hearing -April 13 at 7 p.m.

Council on Aging - April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Planning Board – April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Public Budget Hearing – April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Water Commissioners – April 10 at 6 p.m. Conservation Commission – April 11 at 7 p.m. Town House Committee Meeting -April 12 at 7 p.m. Friends of the North Brookfield Town House -April 12 at 7:10 p.m. Planning Board – April 19 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Parks and Recreation Committee -April 6 at 6 p.m. Board of Health – April 19 and May 17 at 5 p.m..

PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 6 at 5:30 p.m. Board of Health – April 6 at 6 p.m. Board of Assessors – April 7 at 9 a.m. Council on Aging – April 10 at 10 a.m. Cemetery Commission - April 11 at 10 a.m. Petersham Historic District – April 20 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – April 27 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Community Outreach – April 6 at 6 p.m. Select Board – April 6 at 6:15 p.m. Finance Committee – April 6 at 6:15 a.m. Ad Hoc By-Law Committee - April 11 and April 18 at 1 p.m. Select Board Public Hearing – April 18 at 6 p.m.

Friends group to host 'Abrakaboom' magic show April 23

NEW BRAINTREE - The Friends of the New Braintree Public Library announces "Abrakaboom" on Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m. in the New Braintree Grade School, 15 Memorial Drive.

Award-winning performer Mike Bent will enthrall his audience with his Mad Scientist Magic Show. Bent amazes folks ages three and up with magic, science, comedy, music, storytelling and

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Editorial deadline reminder

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Easter Masses and Services

BARRE

Barre Congregational Church Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9 Easter Service at 9:30 a.m.

New Life Assembly of God Church Good Friday - Friday, April 7, from 6:30-7:30pm Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 9, from 10:30-11:45am Pastor James Foley New Life Church – South

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Thursday, April 6 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.

St. Thomas-a-Becket Friday, April 7 Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

St. Joseph's Chapel Friday, April 7 Solemn Good Friday Liturgy at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. St. Thomas-a-Becket No 4 p.m. Mass this weekend Easter Sunday, April 9 Mass at 8 a.m. St Joseph's Chapel Easter Sunday, April 9 Mass

St. Thomas-a-Becket

Saturday, April 8 Solemn

at 10 a.m. St. Thomas-a-Becket **HARDWICK**

Tri-Parish Community Church Sunday, April 9 at 6 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. All are welcome and should bring a flashlight.

OAKHAM

Oakham Congregational Church Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 p.m. Benefit breakfast to follow Sunday, April 9 Easter Service at 10 a.m.



BARRE - The next two

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up groceries from the food

pantry either in the morning

on Wednesday, April 20 or the

evening on Thursday, April 20,

whichever is more convenient for

The Barre Food Pantry vol-

unteers strive to continue to ful-

fill their mission to get food to

hungry and food insecure clients.

The pantry must also continue

to protect clients, volunteers and

the larger community from the

spread of the COVID-19 sub

virus and the respiratory syncy-

tial virus. Many clients and vol-

unteers are classified as high-risk

due to their age and/or underly-

ing health conditions.

variant viruses, the influenza

them.

Clients are invited to pick

PETERSHAM

Holy Week Schedule of the Churches & Monastic Orders Announced

The Petersham Interfaith Committee announces the schedule of events for Holy Week of the six religious organizations in Petersham:

> They include: Benedictine St. Scholastica's Priory & St. Mary's Monastery 271 N. Main St. Catholic St. Peter's Church

> 18 North St. Congregational Orthodox Congregational Church 21 North Main St.

Maronite Most Holy Trinity Monastery 67 Dugway Road Unitarian

First Unitarian Parish 1 Common St. Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday/Thursday of the Mysteries

5 p.m. St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery - Benedictines -Mass of the Lord's Supper

at 5 p.m. Most Holy Trinity Monastery - Maronites -Divine Liturgy at 6 p.m. Orthodox Congregational -Rev. Geoffrey Smith - Tenebrae at 7 p.m.

St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery -Benedictines – Compline and Watch from 8 p.m.-midnight

Most Holy Trinity Monastery - Maronites -Gospel and Night Prayer at

8:30 p.m. Friday, April 7 Good Friday/ Great Friday of the Crucifixion St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery -Benedictines – Tenebrae at 5 a.m. Most Holy Trinity Monastery – Maronites –

Adoration of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery -Benedictines - Passion Service

at 3 p.m. Most Holy Trinity Monastery – Maronites Evening Prayer at 6:20 p.m.

Barre Food Pantry to hold distributions

of Directors considered chang-

ing how the pantry currently

operates, but with the prevalence

of all three viruses this winter

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They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be

Barre Congregational Church.

In order to maintain safe

since March of 2020.

The Barre Food Pantry Board

Most Holy Trinity Monastery – Maronites – Gospel and Night Prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday/Great Saturday of the Light 5am - St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's

Monastery - Benedictines -Tenebrae at 5 a.m. Most Holy Trinity Monastery - Maronites -Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:15 a.m.

Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery -Benedictines – Vespers at 5 p.m. Most Holy Trinity

Monastery – Maronites - Evening Prayer of the Resurrection at 5:50 p.m. Most Holy Trinity Monastery – Maronites - Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection at 8 p.m. St. Scholastica's Priory

& St. Mary's Monastery -Benedictines - Holy Saturday Vigil at 9 p.m. Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday/Great Sunday of the

Resurrection Orthodox Congregational -Rev. Geoffrey Smith - Sunrise Service (North Meadow) at

6:15 a.m. St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery -Benedictines – Lauds at 8 a.m. Most Holy Trinity

Monastery – Maronites – Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection at 9 a.m. St. Peter's – Fr. Thien Nguyen – Easter Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Orthodox Congregational Rev. Geoffrey Smith -Easter Service of Songs & Readings at 10 a.m. First Unitarian – Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery -

Benedictines – Easter Mass at 11 a.m. First Unitarian – Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery -Benedictines - Vespers and Benediction at 4 p.m.

Most Holy Trinity Monastery - Maronites -Evening Prayer at 6:20 p.m.

While the pantry typically

used to have an "all hands on

deck" approach to welcoming

volunteers, in April they will

once again be working with just

a very small crew. Volunteers

should not arrive without first

contacting Dave Petrovick at

978-852-1696or Chuck Radlo at

been changing rapidly, peo-

ple should visit the Barre Food

Pantry website at http://www.

barrefoodbank.org/index.

htm and the Barre Food Pantry

Facebook page at https://www.

facebook.com/Barre-Food-

Pantry-100156068300314/.

Because conditions have

multiple stations.

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Senior center lists events

On Friday, April 7, the Oakham Council on Aging will hold its first Lunch and Learn event: a light and with a simple lunch served at 12:15 p.m. followed by a speaker. Fobes Library Director Samantha Bodine will share what is new at the library, what's coming up and programs people do not know about. She will make library cards for those who do not have one. Lunch and learn will take place the first Friday of each month.

On Wednesday, April 12 at 1 p.m., the movie "Singing in the Rain" will be shown in the multipurpose room at the Oakham Senior Center. On Wednesday, April 19 at 1 p.m. the movie is "Bedtime Stories." This is school vacation week, so, if grandparents may bring their grandchildren. The Wii program is set up so come try bowling, tennis or golf on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings. On April 21 the lunch bunch will be going to Val's in Holden. All are welcome.

Ongoing activities include corn hole sponsored by the COA at the Oakham Congregational Church on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Zumba Gold is in the voting room on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the voting room of Town Hall, every Wednesday coffee and conversation at the senior center at 9 a.m.

A blood pressure clinic is held Thursday, April 13 from 1-11:45 a.m. and on Monday, April 24 a podiatry clinic by appointment only. People should call Lucy at 508-882-3358 for an appointment. There are three openings remaining. The meal site is open Monday-Thursday every week at 11:45 a.m. Menus are available and reservations need to be made with Jan at least 48 hours ahead.

Sunrise service breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold an Easter breakfast following the Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 a.m. A free will offering will be taken to benefit tornado victims. The breakfast menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes with maple syrup, sausages, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. As an Easter treat, homemade doughnut holes will also be served. The sunrise service is held behind the church.

Rutland Historical Society presents 'A Revolution of her Own'

RUTLAND - The Rutland Historical Society cordially invites people to their annual meeting and program "A Revolution of her Own" at the Rutland Library, Main Street, on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. "A Revolution of Her Own" is a theatrical performance, portraying the life of Deborah Sampson, also named Massachusetts' State Heroine.

Deborah Sampson was the first woman to professionally fight in the American Military during the last years of the American Revolutionary War. She disguised herself as a man and changed her name to Robert Shurtlieff. This was a scandalous historical event during a time when women were considered to be second-class citizens.

"History At Play" founded in 2010, chronicles the lives of influential and often forgotten women in history. The Rutland Historical Society hopes people will join them for this immersive historical experience.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Rutland Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

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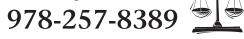
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Opinion

Guest Column



Heavenly scents define two favorite **Easter plants**

For the last few days my dining room has been filled with a wonderful fragrance - Hyacinths in

To me, at least, they are simply the "smell of Easter." Don't worry, I didn't forget about Easter Lilies- they smell great too.

More on those beauties in a bit.

The hyacinths I speak of were purchased in the fall on clearance. I actually think I was out Christmas shopping when I spotted a bag marked 50% off.

I paid around \$3 for 10 bulbs. The bulbs looked and felt fine, no mold and not soft or dried out. Once I got them home, the mesh bag was placed in my mudroom where temperatures run about 50-55 degrees. There they sat for the longest time going through a chilling process.

Sometime in early March I found the bag and potted five bulbs in individual 4" pots and the other half I placed in forcing glasses. Vases, really, the kind that are an hourglass shape, whereby all but the very bottom of the bulb stays dry.

Roots are initiated where the bulb comes in contact with the water. I put the pots and vases back in the cool mudroom to give them a chance to root.

Once roots form down the side of the vase (you can see them through the glass) and green begins to emerge from the top, it was time to share them with my friends so that they could watch the blossoms

It took about 10 days once the bulbs were moved into the warm house for the flower stalks to emerge and for the individual flowers to open. And boy, when they do, you know it.

As I mentioned, the fragrance is heavenly!

I wish I would write dates down, so that I could time the flowers better, but with how busy life is I am happy they got planted at all, even if they are blooming a week before Easter!

There is no guarantee that flowers forced in a vase can be replanted in the garden, but those in pots should be just fine planted the ground post-bloom. Be sure to "deadhead" the blooms and let the greens ripen before moving in the garden once the weather improves; remember, these plants have been coddled indoors and may not be able to withstand a frost.

What nice lead into a conversation about our other favorite Easter flower- the Easter Lily, of course!

Most people assume that it should be hauled off to the compost pile once it has finished blooming. On the contrary, it can become a regular feature of your perennial garden providing you give it the appropriate

First, remove any spent flowers from the plant as you did with the hyacinth. We all know that the process of "deadheading" redirects energy away from seed making and back to the bulb. Leaves, however, are left in place until they have browned; as long as they are green they are photosynthesizing and helping the bulb grow stronger.

A large, healthy bulb will give you the best chance

When the weather has warmed up, it's time to plant your lily in the garden. Sink the bulb about 3" below the soil surface- just about the depth that it was in the pot. Don't expect much out of it the first season or even next spring.

Easter lily growers manipulate the plant to bloom much earlier than it would normally. Its natural bloom time is during the summer months.

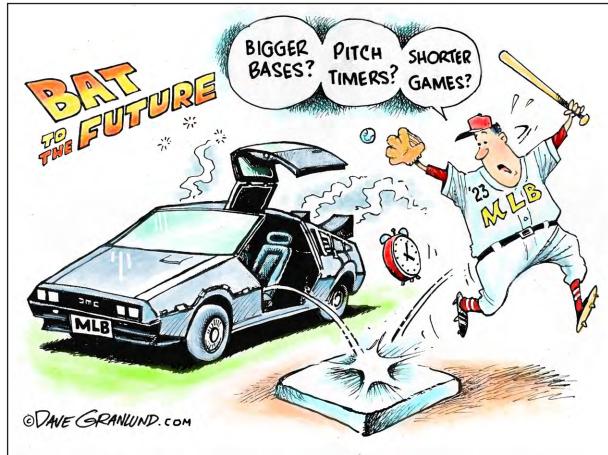
Hopefully, you will enjoy pure white blooms and a heady fragrance at the height of barbecue season! These same rules can be applied to those of you looking to rebloom colorful Asiatic or Oriental lilies you received as Easter gifts as well.

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.

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In Past Pages

5 years (April 12, 2018)

Oakham police, fire and highway department heads met with Selectmen and Finance Committee to discuss their budgets. Police Chief Fred Gehring presented a budget with a few increases. It included salary and wage increases and a 2% increase in computer fees. Fire Chief Jeff Nahkala presented a level funded budget. He said he lowered the telephone line item as he eliminated all town funded cell phones as staff all had their own. He wanted to put the \$1,000 savings in the phone account to the vehicle repair account. High Superintendent C. Kevin Currier said salary and wages needed to get up to the level. Selectmen asked him to get wage comparisons from other towns in the area.

Slightly more than 5% or 96 of the town's 1,800 registered voters, went to the polls Monday at Hardwick Elementary School for a mostly uncontested election. The only contested seats this year were for Planning Board, with three candidates vying for two five-year

This year weather delayed the annual Oakham Easter egg hunt until after Easter. This time it was held despite about two inches of snow falling the day before. About 60 children came with their parents and families for the hunt sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church. This year the Easter Bunny and helpers hid 3,000 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy.

10 years (April 11, 2013)

The Hampshire Council of Governments teamed Hampshire Power with solar developer Example to produce the best combination of of electrical supply with solar energy in the Commonwealth. This alliance provides the best opportunity for municipalities to save 21-30% on the cost of electricity by participating in Hampshire Solar. The town of Barre is the first customer of Hampshire Solar. Barre selectmen executed a contract with senior vice president Jonathan Abe and revenue services manager, Emma Kosciak, from Nexamp on

The Town Administrator Steering Committee presented the Hubbardston Board of Selectmen with three final candidates for the town administrator position at the Monday night meeting. The committee reviewed 28 applicants. The three candidates recommended to selectmen were Anita Scheipers, Ross Perry and Carlotta Pini. Before making a decision, selectmen plan to visit with the three candidates in the towns where they serve - Lincoln, Stow and Rindge, N.H. respectively

Students at North Brookfield High School had a unique experience recently, hosting a group of students from Southern China for the week. Thanks to the efforts of Superintendent Dr. John Provost in making NBHS a destination school through certification with SEVIS, the Cambridge Institute for International Education made one of the stops for this group of 12 students experiencing the American

LOOK BACK Hardwick Turkey Farm - 1988



May Robinson is shown with a rabbit at the Hardwick Turkey Farm.

educational culture in hopes that they, their families and their friends will consider pursuing continued education in the United States.

25 years (April 9, 1998)

Grace Yaglou of Barre is the new executive director of 4-H Camp Marshall in Spencer. She has been busy for some time preparing a new staff manual, hiring staff members and implementing programs. Grace is well qualified to be the new director of Camp Marshall. She graduated from Tufts University with a degree in health, physical education and recreation. She received a Master's Degree in curriculum and education from Northeastern University. She was on the Olympic Fencing squad and taught secondary school for 12

Michelle Wronski of Barre began her massage therapy business last fall after graduating from Stillpoint Center School of Massage in Hatfield. "I have been interested in this for awhile. My son Petr has muscular dystrophy and massage was good for him and his muscles," she said. He walked longer than most children with muscular dystrophy do and I feel diet and massage therapy helped make this possible.' Petr is wheelchair bound now and is an honor student at Quabbin Middle School. It wasn't until she had her first massage that she realized how beneficial it it to the human body.

The New Braintree Grange will be giving its annual community citizen award to an outstanding citizen on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Those in charge of the program said the award is a surprise, but the person to be honored this year is from West Brookfield. A program of country and gospel music featuring Gertrude Thompson of New Braintree will be the entertainment.

38 years (April 11, 1985)

On April 20, New Braintree will dedicate their new Town Hall. After eight years of frustration a new building is now ready for use. At 1:30 p.m. Paula Schur, Chairman of the Selectmen, will welcome those in attendance. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will raise the flag on a new flag pole given to them in memory of Russell O. Dean. The attending people will then proceed to the Main Hall of the new building for the dedication.

The election of Oakham Town officers on April 1 wen as expected since there were no contests. Gary W. McEachern received 79 votes for selectman; Linda Leppanien was elected Town Clerk with 74 votes; Lionel A. Lajoie, Jr., moderator and John F. Kennedy, Planning Board, with 80 votes. A total of 86 voters participated, about 13% of registered voters. Timothy Gilrein was elected to the school committee.

Petersham Postmaster Joan Kenney was honored March 24 for her 11 years in that office by a retirement party at the Petersham Town Hall with over 100 guests attending. The occasion was organized by her daughter, Mary, who was assisted by former postal clerk Ellen Moriarty of Petersham, close friend Down Germond and Mrs. Kenney's other children, Joseph, Michael and Bernadette.

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

Missy just told me that her great-granddaughter is coming to spend the morning with us.

I am looking forward to seeing her. She pets my head, ears and strokes my tail and knows she can't pick me up.

I know she will run over and grab her favorite book called "I Am Not a Skunk" written by Missy's friend, Ellen Pilch. She

loves to have Missy read books to her and often tells Missy the stories. I will jump up on the back of the couch and listen

to Missy read while I rest and look at my birds. All of a sudden there aren't any birds and a big, black thing is at the bird feeder and seems to be eating the seeds. How to tell Missy about the thing? She doesn't

understand cat language, so I'll simply hunch my back and hiss loudly. At first Missy didn't pay any attention so I hissed louder and jumped around. "Gertrude, what is the matter?" Then she looked

out the window and saw the little bear and had her great-granddaughter look too. He or she was so cute sitting there eating away.

Missy banged on the window and the bear ran off into nearby woods. My, what a sight. Fortunately, the bear didn't damage the feeder very much.

I watched the great-granddaughter play with the farm set and then it was time for her to go home. What should I do next for fun? Oh, I remember Missy sewed this week and there were small pieces of cloth on the floor waiting to be picked up.

One of them seems a little thicker than the others and would make a good thing to play with sometime. Where to put it? Oh, yes, I wanted something to go into the other slipper in the closet. The cleaner has been here twice and so far left my treasures alone hidden in the slipper.

Yippie, time for a quick snack.

Love, Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Did anyone trick you on April Fools

The only thing that happened to me was I was allergic to a face cream with retinol and my face turned bright red and hurt so badly. Saturday I decided to go to Urgent Care in Gardner as I was so worried as my face puffed up and I could hardly see. The doctor told me to put cold compresses on it and to take Tylenol. I hope it goes away as I look

I want to get out into the yard and get some of the clean up done but do to my face I decided I need to stay out of the

We had a bad thunderstorm Saturday night and I was ready to run to the cellar when I thought I heard hail, but I guess it was just raining hard.

Here is a recipe I plan to make for myself. Ken can't have seafood as he gets gout too easily.

SHRIMP SCAMPI

- 2 lbs. unpeeled med-size shrimp
- 1 package linguine
- 8 cloves garlic, minced 1 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup white wine
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Peel and devein shrimp and set aside. Cook linguine according to package directions. Keep warm. Cook garlic in

butter and wine in a large skillet over medium high heat, stirring constantly until garlic is tender. Add reserved shrimp and cook over medium heat 3 to 5 minutes or until shrimp turns pink. Add salt and pepper and spoon mixture over linguine. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve immediately. Serves 4. Note: You can half the recipe as I will

This and That

I went down and got eggs and potatoes at the Hubbardston Senior Center on Thursday. The workers looked fairly cold, but they bundled up with winter coats. They are so great to volunteer with that program of free eggs for Hubbardston Seniors from the Country Hen and Rich's potatoes.

Most of the seeds I planted have now sprouted so they are in the sun now. The four amaryllis bulbs also came up with leaves and I hope the flowers will

This year my pink geraniums that I put out in pots each summer even blossomed inside for me. This will be the second year I have had them.

I noticed a few crocus in bloom and the snow bells are out. Most of the snow has melted on Serenity Hill.

Easter will be here before one knows it. Where did March go to? Have a nice

Tolman Home Solutions hold grand opening celebration

By Dallas Gagnon Staff Writer dgagnon@turley.com

HARDWICK – Tolman Home Solutions launched the grand opening of their new location at 550 Lower Road, Gilbertville this past Sunday.

Lynette Tolman, supportive wife to Mat Tolman, said "over the years the business has been expanding, [and] it's only right the location reflects that and gives us more space and resources to further build the business in the years to come."

Tolman Home Solutions is a third generation, independent, family-owned business established in 1969. Though the company originated in Worcester, it was relocated to South Barre and based out of the Tolman family home until the latest transition to the Gilbertville location.

Today, third generation business owner Mat Tolman leads the company.

Tolman said "since we have opened up at this location, the positive feedback and support from the community has been amazing...We will do our best to support and give back to the community that welcomed us with open arms."

To show their thanks, Tolman Home Solutions prepared a \$1,000 check for donation to Hardwick Elementary School.

"The children are our future," said

Lynette Tolman added that "as a family with four children, it has always been our priority to be able to provide our children with good education," and "being able to donate to a local school to help not only our children but other families means a lot to us!"

Tolman Home Solutions donated several prizes for raffle at the event, in addition to many other prizes donated by local businesses.

Captain T's not only catered the event, but donated \$100 worth of gift cards from local businesses such as The Whistle Stop, Red Tomato, Cafe on The Common, Quabbin Cafe, the Barre Patch, along with free ice cream coupons.

"Local businesses help build a strong community...Supporting local businesses will help give the community more resources to build altogether," said Lynette Tolman.

Tolman Home Solutions also raffled off baskets which included 20% off exterior project coupons with to-go mugs, Tolman Home Solution T-shirts and hats as well as other baskets offering free windows and replacements.

Cathy Celko left the event very happy, taking the grand prize grill home.

The grill was a joint donation item, which was generously contributed to by Tolman Home Solutions and the Hamshaw's.

Tolman Home Solutions is a company dedicated to the community and the cus-

Mat Tolman offers over 30 years of contracting experience and is "dedicated to providing you with exceptional customer service every step of the way.' Whether a customer is "looking to

home, Tolman Home Solutions has "got you covered." Lynette Tolman said Mat "really brings customers' visions to life... [he] is always

remodel the interior or exterior" of their

willing to help in any way he can." "He treats every customer's home like it is our home... Mathew has built an amazing community within his company over the years, we're all a family," she said.



Owner Mat Tolman and wife Lynette Tolman are shown holding a check for \$1,000 to donate to Hardwick Elementary School.



Shown from left are Alina Laverdure, Elias Tolman, Mathew Tolman, Lynette Tolman, Lauren Kenney and Mathew Tolman Jr.



A third-generation business, owner Mathew Tolman can be seen alongside former owner and father.

of a general contractor who takes "great call Tolman Home Solutions at 508-470pride" in their workmanship and would like 4488.

If you or someone you know is in need to support a local, family-owned business,

Petersham residents invited to public gathering April 23

PETERSHAM – All residents of the town of Petersham are called to gather at the Town Hall on Sunday, April 23 from 2-4 p.m. to tap their imaginations and share visions of the world they know in their hearts is possible.

The public gathering is based on the premise that residents can be creators and they do have the power to remedy all that is problematic in society. They have the opportunity to change the future of the community.

It is possible, essential, and timely, now more than ever, for citizens to take responsibility and create what they want for themselves and for each other from the inside out. Petersham residents and friends can experience the uplift and sense of community that many crave during these uncertain times.

Over the last one hundred years the residents of Petersham have dealt with the challenges of the influenza of 1918, the hurricane of '38, the tornado of '53, the massive snow storm of '78 and presently, the on-going COVID pandemic. But now, the multiple threats of climate

munities everywhere come together to build resilient and sustainable neighborhoods in new and creative ways to meet the unfathomable demands of the 21st Century.

David Boeri, resident of Petersham and retired senior commentator of WBUR Boston radio said, "We can't fight the future it's coming. So let's talk of how to make Petersham better".

The creators of the event feel that in community members have the power to develop resilience and can change the circumstances of their lives. The meeting will be hosted by local residents, John Root and Rose Stanley, together with Larry Buell, Brother Northstar and Michele Cunningham. The focused gathering will allow residents to speak or just listen to those in attendance to share their ideals, which may very well begin the process of future manifesta-

The event is free and open to residents and friends of Petersham where participation is an essential ingredient.

For more information, people may change, cultural fragmentation, and call Rose Stanley at 978-549-5123, social and environmental injustices are email admin@justabundance.com or demanding that large and small com-mail, 32 East St, Petersham, MA 01366.

Petersham Town Hall receives grant for water treatment system

BOSTON – The Healey-Driscoll Administration today awarded more than \$1 million in grants to 21 small public water suppliers to support their efforts to address elevated levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water.

The grant program, managed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is intended to pay for or reimburse long-term actions to address PFAS, such as construction of treatment systems or connection to an uncontaminated water supply. MassDEP is awarding funding to small public water suppliers who provide drinking water to fewer than 3,300 users. The grant recipients include condominium associations, schools, churches, businesses and public buildings.

PFAS chemicals are a family of chemicals widely used since the 1950s to manufacture common consumer products and used in some legacy fire-fighting foams. Drinking water may become contaminated if PFAS deposited onto the soil seeps into groundwater or surface water. PFAS have been linked to a variety of health risks, particularly in women who are pregnant or nursing and in infants. In October of 2020, MassDEP finalized a protective standard of 20 parts-per-trillion (ppt) for PFAS in drinking water, as well as cleanup standards for soil and groundwater.

All community public water systems are required to test for "PFAS6" (the sum of six PFAS substances). If found above the state standard, water systems are required to eliminate or minimize the threat to public health by turning off a contaminated water source, connecting to a neighboring water supply, or taking other steps to ensure that clean drinking water is available to all system users.

Among the grant recipients was Petersham Town Hall in Petersham with \$35,000. The grant will support the design, permitting and construction of a PFAS treatment system.

To help ensure the safety of drinking water around the Commonwealth, \$28.4 million was secured in two recent supplemental budgets for water infrastructure and PFAS testing. Through the supplemental budget, \$20 million was appropriated to the Commonwealth's Clean Water Trust, providing financing that can be used by communities to address contamination issues. \$8.4 million of the funding supported a statewide sampling program for public water supplies and private wells. Conducting statewide testing of drinking water for PFAS provided the data to support MassDEP's strategy for treatment and mitigation of this emerging contaminant. This additional \$1.05 million in state funds will further address the needs of small public water systems with PFAS6 concentrations exceeding MassDEP's drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). These systems are required to eliminate or minimize the threat to public health by providing treatment, connecting to a neighboring water supply, or taking other steps to ensure that clean drinking water is available to all system users.

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Selectmen approve pride festival, town election warrant

By Paula Ouimette Staff Writer pouimette@turley.com

NORTH BROOKFIELD -Corwin Castonguay and Tashena Holmes of the Rural Justice Network requested use of the town common for June 24 to hold the annual Small Town Pride festival.

Holmes said the Rural Justice Network is founded in North Brookfield and they have previously held the event in West Brookfield.

"Our idea is to move towns and make sure that each rural community has a chance to have a celebration and find the people that relate to them, and understand them, and give them a family friendly event," she said at the Board's March 28 meeting.

Holmes, who is president of the organization, said the Rural Justice Network would work closely with the Board in planning this event.

if having drag performers would be appropriate for families, noting that children frequent the park and live around the common. Chair Jason Petraitis echoed Tripp's con-

Holmes said they had drag performers at previous festivals, which in the past made up 50 minutes of the four-hour festival. Castonguay said the performers gear their routines for their audience, including a family event like

A resident that had attended the previous festivals said they were "extremely family oriented"

"I think it would be great for this town to support it," he said.

Holmes said, "Our goal is to make it family friendly." She said dancers are always covered.

Another resident said, "there's no way you can make a drag queen child friendly," and said

Vice-Chair John Tripp asked drag performers sexually groom children.

She said she will be staging a standout on June 24 to protest the

The Board approved the request 2-1 with Tripp opposed, pending payment of police detail, receipt of insurance carrier information and required permits.

Election warrant

The Board reviewed and signed the warrant for the Annual Town Election on Monday, May 1 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St.

Last day to register to vote in the election is Thursday, April 20 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

There are no races on the ballot, which includes one member of the Selectman, one Assessor, one Planning Board, four School Committee (two threeyear terms, one two-year term and one one-year term), one Water Commissioner (three-year term), one Board of Health, one bond issued in order to pay costs cover vacation payout and sick Cemetery Commissioner, two Haston Library Trustees, three Playground Committee (one threeyear term, one two-year term and one one-year term), two Housing Authority, one Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School Committee and one Constable (two-year term).

Three questions are also included on the ballot for the election:

Shall the Town of North Brookfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of designing and constructing sewer system improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

Shall the Town of North Brookfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the

of designing, permitting, and constructing upgrades to the municipal properties located at 56 School St., 58 School St. and 65 Donovan Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related there-

Shall the Town of North Brookfield accept the provision of Massachusetts General Law, Title VII, Chapter 41, Section 1B, to have the elected Playground Committee become an appointed Parks, Recreation and Open Space Committee, to be known as Parks & Recreation. And to further combine Parks & Recreation with Town Beach and Town Forest or take any action relative thereto?

Reserve transfer requests

The Board approved requests to transfer funds from the Finance Committee's Reserve account.

Petraitis said a contracted employee has left their position early, and the requests were to

time buyback.

The first Reserve request was for \$4,631.04 to be transferred to Highway Salary account and the second was for \$2,894 to be transferred to Board of Selectmen Sick Buyback account.

Appointment

Joseph Trentacosta was appointed to be a full-time member of the Finance Committee.

Petraitis said Trentacosta has been an alternate member of the Committee and has been "doing great work."

Park cleanup

Playground Committee member Mario Polanco said he reached out to the school to see if they had students in need of community service hours for a cleanup day on Saturday, April 8 at 9 a.m.

Historical Museum

Brandon Avery said he expects to open the Historical Museum by mid-April.

Celebrate Earth Day at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary on April 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

WALES — The staff of the Norcross Wildlife Foundation is holding an all-day open house a the sanctuary from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, to cele-

brate Earth Day. Anyone who wants to find out more about Norcross or if just want to get outside and have some fun with friends and family in nature, is encouraged to head over to the Norcross Administration Building at 30 Peck Road for programs, activities, tours, representatives from other naturalist organizations, a food truck and give-

Events include family-oriented, hands-on activities such as helping plant a native meadow, crafting a butterfly life cycle wheel for children, a nature scavenger hunt and more. Guided tours of our public trails will be led by Norcross staff. They will kick off the day with an early-riser birdwatching walk with Bill Cormier of Wild Bird

Bat expert and rehabilitator Maureen Heidtmann will give a presentation on her work and will have some live bats to see. Learn about the important roles they play in the regional ecosystem. Other non-profits from the area working to protect nature and wildlife, including the Turtle Rescue League, the Massachusetts Butterfly Club, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation and Opacum Land Trust will also be there.

May Adams, a high school student from Wales, will have a display of her nature photography.

The event is free and everyone in the region is invited to partici-

Want to know more?

The Norcross Wildlife Foundation was founded in 1967 by Arthur Norcross, to permanently protect the wildlife preserve he created in Wales and surrounding

towns. His mission, and the mission of our organization today, says its Executive Director, Ed Hood, "Is to preserve a piece of nature intact so that wildlife, particularly rare plants and animals, can survive and thrive."

Hood said that by protecting the large blocks of natural lands and waters that are necessary for healthy populations of plants and animals, Norcross is also providing a public benefit through the "green infrastructure" of healthy forests absorbing storm water and filtering it into clean streams and drinking

Large blocks of forested land filter the air of pollutants, lower local temperatures during the heat of the summer, and provide new clean air through the oxygen produced by the trees and plants of the forest. Hood will be available to speak with community members who wish to know more about Norcross and its work.

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USDA and at least \$65,000 must be deposited into this account from the enterprise fund.

Stevens said the annual sewer discharge for both treatment plants is 48,180,000 gallons. The cost of service is estimated at \$19.56 per 1,000 gallons.

"That is kind of expensive for your community and that's because you have two wastewater treatment plants," she said.

Other factors that affect the cost of the system are electrical expenses for pumping non-gravity flow, site visits, additional monitoring, meter reading, odor control at manholes and stations, time and labor for sampling and laboratory testing, regulatory requirements, excessive maintenance of the force main and deal-

ing with "flushable" wipes, dental floss and diapers. "These all play a part in run-

ning sewer," Stevens said.

Current billing frequency is based on equivalent dwelling units every six months.

Stevens said there are multiple options for rate structures with metered water use being the most accurate; however, this is not an option for the town due to multiple water sources, both public and private.

Other rate structure options include a cost per unit, having a base charge, loading factors and using a tiered approach.

Stevens said the existing method to determine rate structure does not account for all the flow through the plant.

'You're not encompassing all the flow that's going through the treatment plant," she said.

She calculated new rates using a cost per bedroom structure, with a maximum number of four bedrooms for a single-family home, at 77 gallons per day per bedroom (based on Title V data). Any sewer flow that is metered will pay a cost per gallon.

Of the estimated \$850,000 revenue for the sewer enterprise fund, residential flow accounts for \$705,955.

Board of Selectmen Chair Julie Quink said this is one of several meetings related to rates and betterments.

"It's sort of a starting point of looking at the rates," she said. "Clearly our current rate structure doesn't support the flow that's going through the plants and also doesn't support the budget level that needs to be there. One could argue that's why we're in the situation we're in."

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Marshall, candidate for re-election, won a three-year term as Felton Field Commissioner with 325 votes (180 precinct 1 and 145 precinct 2).

Other candidate running

unopposed were Karen Keegan Planning Board Associate Member for a one-year term with 288 votes (150 precinct 1 and 138 precinct 2) and Anthony F. Mobilio with 300 votes (161 precinct 1 and 139 precinct 2) Planning Board Member for a

Rounding off the ballot position was David Henry Marsh, a candidate for re-election, for a three-year term as a Quabbin Regional School Committee Member with 313 votes (165 precinct 1 and 148 precinct 2).

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signing of an Inter Municipal Agreement for the sign grant by the Town Administrator on behalf of the Select Board.

Rutland Dispatch

The Town Administrator said he went to K P Law for an attorney's review of the inter municipal agreement with Rutland Regional Emergency Communications Center. The attorney found some of the wording confusing. Boudreau said he would forward the attor-

tion about automatically renewing the contract for another year even though the contract was for three years.

DPW roof contract

The Select Board approved the contract for garage roof replacement on the Department of Public Works building with FRG Contractors.

Other business

The Board approved the removal of a truck ban on Route 62 as requested by the Department of Public Works Director Travis Brown. He said there was going to be culvert ney's letter to the RRECC and work and the road would be used ask for clarification on the sec- as a truck detour for about two

to three months. They closed the Annual Town

Meeting warrant at the Monday night meeting. They also approved wage authorizations for James Payson and Robert Brady, part-time Cemetery and Parks employees.

Executive session

The Select Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at the end of the meeting citing purpose 6 of state statute, "To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

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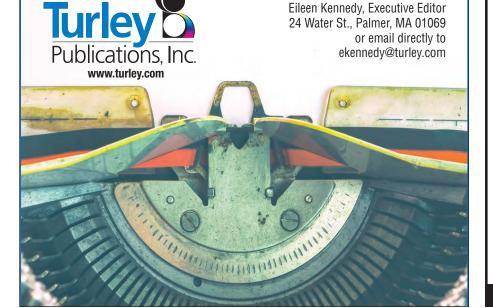
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42. Car mechanics

43. Wordplay joke

46. Cut a rug

47. Prickly plant

54. West African

57. Skinny

languages

55. Siskel's partner

59. Oblong pulpit

63. Small, mischievous

66. Powerful lawyer

68. Indicates position

62. Consumed

sprite

49. Speech in praise of

50. European buzzard

52. Influential linguist

a deceased person

38. Decorated tea urn

oak

37. After B

39. Island

FOOD POLICY, continued from page 1

A Brimfield farmer said many elderly people cannot drive or afford transportation to farmers' markets

where they can use HIP dollars. Increasing the awareness about eligibility and availability of the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program was also discussed to address food needs.

The Council could also work to identify unofficial networks of food distribution, outside of government assistance and food pantries.

Geaghan asked those attending how they think the Council could work toward impacting these issues.

Ideas include networking, providing financial and other resources and starting community gardens at

housing authorities and teaching the residents how to grow vegetables and prepare them for nutritious meals. Part of the Council's mission is working on laws and advocating for change, Geaghan said.

Food laws can be both complicated and confusing, she said, and the Council could bring in an expert to explain them.

One person in attendance said food laws can also be prohibitive, preventing neighborhoods from being self-sufficient.

She said the law and regulations can prevent anyone with smaller acreage from selling food that they grow.

"Anyone that doesn't have five plus acres is considered 'black market'...you can produce a year's worth of pumpkins on a quarter of an acre," she said.

Others said it is important for the Council to be present at community events.

About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

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from 1-2 p.m. at Stearns Tavern.

Office hours are open to all residents regardless of which community they live in. No appointment is needed to attend. For more information, residents my contact the district director at 413-324-3082 or Lucas. McDiarmid@MAsenate.gov.

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Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. there is a Story Hour for little ones and their adults at the library with stories and activities. A variety of ages enjoy playing and socializing. All are welcome, but people shouldnotify the Paige staff so there are enough materials available for all by stopping by the library, emailing director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or or calling 413-477-6704.

The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library seed library and raffle basket is back. People may choose some seeds, record what they take, plant and nurture their seeds, borrow a book and buy some raffle tickets. The raffle basket is full of valuable gardening items including a \$50 gift certificate given by the Hardwick Farmers Coop. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be Sunday,

The Paige Library and MOC Coordinated Family and CommunityEngagement program towns: Barre, Hardwick, Oakham, New Braintree, Hubbardston and Templeton will host Mark Moomaw Jackson, guitarist/singer/ songwriter. With hats and wigs and stories galore, "Moomaw4kids"

will present his humorous and energetic interactive program. Moomaw, his middle name shortened to Moo so he can wear a cow hat and sing the Moomaw Song, presents original story songs, which encourage laughing, singing, wiggling, spinning and dancing. This will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Town House, 32 Common Street.

For more information come to the Paige Memorial Library, a CWMars library. For more information visit, people may call 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or check out the latest updates by visiting www. paigelibrary.com and Facebook. com/paigelibraryhardwickma.

New Braintree Library holds story time April 17

NEW BRAINTREE - The next story time will be Monday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive.

This reading and crafts pro-

gram for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. The program will feature "Fill a Bucket, A guide to Daily Happiness for Young Children" by Carol McCloud and Katherine more information.

Martin, M.A. and "Right's Animal Farm." a Little Golden Book. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular hours for

Annual egg hunt brings awareness to open space

HARDWICK - Visitors to the Parks and Recreation Committee's annual Easter egg hunt, were not only given the opportunity to collect candy-filled eggs and meet the Easter Bunny, but they also learned about plans to update the town's open space and recreation plan.

Volunteers from Hardwick Youth Center and Eagle Hill School assisted in the day's fes-

Having an updated open space and recreation plan will allow the town more grant opportunities, including the ability to apply for Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grants.

The PARC grant could be used to construct a playground at Gilbertville Memorial Park on Prospect Street, where the Easter egg hunt is held each year.

Currently Memorial Park has a T-ball diamond, basketball court, tennis courts and a field, with limited parking.



Children and volunteers enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny at Hardwick Parks and Recreation Committee's second annual Easter egg hunt held this past Sunday.

A survey taken earlier in the year showed that residents have a strong interest in the town's open space, including making improve-

ments to Memorial Park.

For more information about the open space and recreation plan, visit hardwick-ma.gov.

ADVENTURE TOURS,

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amassed a following of 800 travelers hailing from all over New England, with more than half being repeat customers.

"I have really loval customers," Decoteau said.

Adventure Tours takes the hassle and stress out of traveling, by providing safe and comfortable transportation so travelers can just sit back and enjoy the

"I think some people might never travel if it weren't for tours like these," Decoteau said. "I have people tell me all the time, 'I never would have gone here.' They no longer have to do the driving; all they have to do is get on the bus. That is part of the appeal of group travel."

What also makes Adventure Tours unique, is that you become part of a "travel family."

"You're never alone when you're on a tour, motor coach or cruise or whatever. You always have your fellow travelers who

are part of your travel family," Decoteau said.

While many travel agencies gear their trips toward certain age demographics, Decoteau takes pride in making his trips intergenerational.

Intergenerational travel is a "wonderful experience," that allows people to celebrate their differences, Decoteau said.

'Everyone is welcome." "I think we have something to learn from people that are older than us, and younger than us. It's wonderful to see a destination through the eyes of a senior or the eyes of a child," he said.

One of the biggest draws for young travelers is the Bronx Zoo, which Decoteau has planned every two years since he started.

"You can't see it all in one day," he said of the 265-acre zoo. Independent exploration is

another key feature to the service

Adventure Tours offers. "We encourage our travelers to explore neighborhoods, shopping streets, and restaurants on their own as part of the Adventure

Tour experience," Decoteau said. Decoteau and his tour guides

offer a variety of tours to suit the needs of all travelers, including theater trips, day trips, multi-day coach tours, cruises and international trips.

Adventure Tours partners with Norwegian Cruise Lines for all of its cruises and Collette Vacations for both international and domestic air tours.

Planning your cruise or an international trip is something that takes time, book early in order to get the best possible cabin locations, international flights and more.

'The earlier you book, the better you do," Decoteau said. "You really should book a cruise a year ahead, same with international trips.

Adventure Tours will be offering an early booking discount for the 2024 cruise season, which includes a 12-night Eastern Caribbean cruise, a seven-night Bermuda and Maine cruise and a seven-night Canada and New England cruise.

These cruises will take place on Norwegian's ships the Getaway and the Gem and their new ship Prima.

"What really matters is the ship experience. The dining is better than anything you do at home and the shows are wonderful," he said.

Cruise travelers can also enjoy cocktail dates with friends, art classes like painting and origami, cooking classes, along with days spent exploring on shore.

Decoteau and a group of 24 travelers just returned from a 10-night Caribbean cruise aboard the Prima, visiting five

For inexperienced travelers, one of the easiest ways to travel is a cruise. The cabins also allow travelers to enjoy their own space and privacy.

"You get to know your fellow passengers in a small group,' Decoteau said.

Adventure Tours is also offering discounts on Collette Vacations trips, which include Dec. 2-9, Magical Christmas Markets of Austria and Germany; Feb. 29-March 11, 2024, Treasures of Egypt; April 14-21, 2024, America's Music Cities; May 22-31, 2024, Reflections of Italy; and July 21-30, 2024, Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice.

Decoteau said this is the third time Adventure Tours will experience the Treasures of Egypt, which is one of his personal favorites.

"It's a country of contrast, rich and poor, limousines and donkey carts...to me it's magical," he said.

Theater trips to the nonprofit Providence Performing Arts Center are always popular Decoteau said, booking six to eight shows a season. Adventure Tours always secures 45 prime orchestra seats.

"Their shows are every bit as good as any Broadway performance. It's sensational," he said.

In September, Adventure Tours offers the chance to see "Funny Girl" and the legendary crooner Johnny Mathis perform his Voice of Romance tour.

Some trips have food as the focus, including the Lake Winnipesaukee Turkey Train on Oct. 7, which not only includes a ride on the scenic railroad in 1930s train cars, but also a hot, delicious turkey dinner catered

by Hart's Turkey Farm.

The Hampton Beach Seafood Festival on Sept. 9 allows travelers to sample the flavors of New England's seacoast, featuring food from 60 of the top restaurants. Dining options range from lobster and clams to barbecued

For entertainment, there will be sand sculpting by Master Greg Grady, along with two musical performances. Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping by visiting the 80 craft and art vendors at the sidewalk sale. Whether it's riding an ele-

phant, sleeping in a camel-hair tent in Morocco or enjoying nearby shopping and dining, Adventure Tours can help travelers make memories that will last a lifetime.

'The travel experience is one that certain people just love," Decoteau said.

For more information about Adventure Tours or to book a trip, visit adventuretoursofwarren.com, call 413-436-5357 or email adventuretours@att.net.



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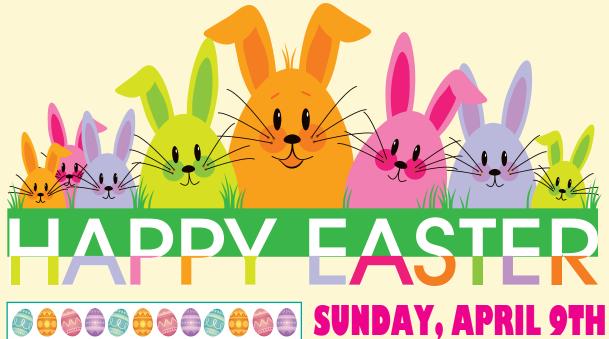


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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, APRIL 6

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST sponsored by the 250th Anniversary Committee is accepting submission local photographers to be used in a commemorative 2024 calendar titled, "Celebrate Barre's past, inspire Barre's future." Photographers are invited to send the committee their photographs of Barre. The committee will select twelve images to be featured in the calendar. Submissions are being accepted now through Monday, May 15. Photographers of all ages are invited to apply. The commemorative calendars will be available for purchase starting in October 2023, all proceeds from the calendar sales will benefit the 250th Anniversary Committee. All photos must be of Barre. Each photograph submitted must be the photographer's own original work and must have not been previously published in any commercial publication. The photo must be in its original state and cannot be altered, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing or distorting subjects within the frame. All photos must be submitted in color, 8"x11," 300 dpi and landscape format. A maximum of five photos may be submitted per photographer.

CRAFTER APPLICATIONS for the GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club 46th Annual Harvest Craft Fair are being accepted. The fair is Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Robert E. Mexican Middle School, 145 Lincoln St., Northboro. This is a juried show requiring that all items are handmade. Crafters should visit NJWC'S website for applications and more show details at www.northborojuniors.org/craft-fair.html .The Northboro Junior Woman's Club is a non-profit organization that has been active in Northboro for over 40 years. They support community projects in Northboro as well as internationally. The Harvest Fair is the club's major fundraiser.

EASTER BAKE AND BOOK SALE will take place today from noon-3 p.m. at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Route 32, Gilbertville. There will be pies, breads, squares, cakes, cookies and more. There also will be a festive basket raffle.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

EASTER EGG HUNT sponsored by the veter-

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. 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, April 10. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the Lincoln Cemetery on Pleasant Street in Barre.

ans at American Legion Post 2 will host a family oriented Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. at Post 2, 450 South Barre Road. Cost is \$10 per family for ages 7 and under. Participants, who bring a non-perishable canned good, get \$5 off. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance so bring a camera.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

IN PERSON CAREGIVER WORKSHOP begins today and runs for a total of six Thursdays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Millbury Senior Center, 1 River Road, Millbury. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a class designed to provide the family caregiver with the skills they need to take care of themselves. The will learn to: reduce stress, improve self-confidence

balance their life, better communicate their feelings, increase ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. Cost of attendance is free and financial assistance for respite is available. People may call Debbie Dowd-Foley at Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc. at 508-756-1545 extension 390 or email: ddfoley@eswa.org for more information and to register. Space is limited.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

STERLING GRANGE PUBLIC SUPPER will take place today at 5:30 p.m. at the Sterling Senior Center, 36 Muddy Pond Road. The menu includes Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and cake will be served. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Grange Hall Renovation Fund and community service projects. Reservations can be made by calling 508-886-2341 or emailing name and number of tickets to sterlinggrange53@gmail.com. The local chapter in Sterling was established in 1874.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

PROJECT MISHOON sponsored by the Historical Society of Philipston will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Phillipston Fire Department on Route 2A in Phillipston. This program is free and the public is welcome. In 2000, a recreational diver found a sunken dugout canoe or mishoon in Worcester's Lake Quinsigamond. Knowing that their Nipmuc ancestors used the dugout to navigate the lake, the Hassanamisco Nipmuc tribe secured a reconnaissance permit with the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archeological Resources in 2001. Subsequently, two additional mishoon were found, one dating to the 1640s. These unusual mishoon are unlike any others previously identified in New England. Cheryl Stedler, Nipmuc tribal member and director of Project Mishoon, will present information on the mishoonash, including their history, scientific documentation and underwater imaging. Following the presentation we will visit the Society's museum, located next to the fire house, to view Phillipston's canoe that was found in Queen Lake in 1967. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Phillipston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

A REVOLUTION OF HER OWN is the program fro the Rutland Historical Society Annual Meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Rutland Library, Main Street, Rutland. This program is on Deborah Sampson, the first woman to fight in the American Military during the last years of the American Revolutionary War. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Rutland Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN LIPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets the third Friday of every month. To register, people may call 508-796-1411 or email yiwfrcyouinc@sevenhills.org.

SATURDAY, APRII 29

RUTLAND TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will be held today from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

PRINCETON ARTS SOCIETY presents A Tale of Two in concert today at 7 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 14, Mountain Road, Princeton. Back by popular demand, A Tale of Two is making their second visit to Princeton. The duo combines the best of Americana and blues melodies with timeless Southern storytelling. The award-winning vocalist Stephanie Adlington and guitarist Aaron Lessard draw influence from the likes of Patsy Cline, Tom Waits and Hank Williams Sr. This Nashville Tennessee duo is making a number of stops here in the northeast. Suggested ticket donation is \$10.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

CHRISTMAS IN BARRE SPRING CRAFT FAIR will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the cafeteria at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre. There will be a wheelbarrow raffle, which includes a wheelbarrow full of gardening tools and supplies. Tickets are \$10 each. Vendors interested in participating may email christmasinbarre@ gmail.com.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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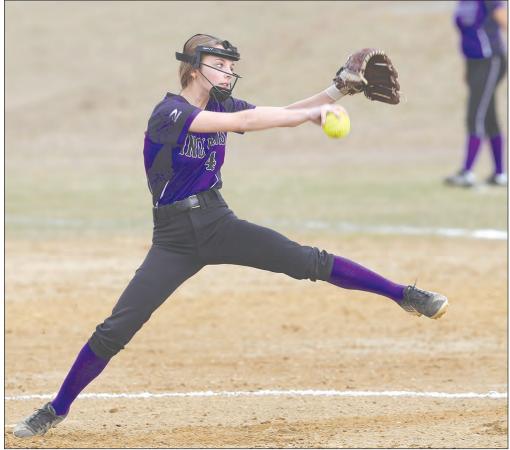
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Pitcher Zoe Cataldo fires to the plate for the Indians.



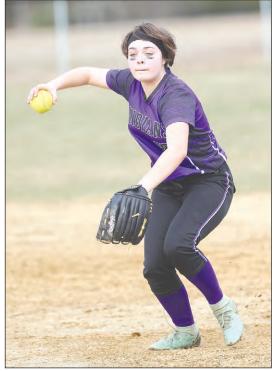
Becca Batchelor throws back to the pitcher.



Kale McPartland makes a throw to first.

Indians fall in opener

GRANBY – After multiple postponements, North Brookfield softball was finally able to open its season, though on the road. The Indians took on Granby High School, a Western Mass. team it played in independent action last season as well. The game was completed in five innings due to the mercy rule. North Brookfield got its only run in the fourth on a Sophie Dufresne single followed by a hit from Tresique Cawley scoring the run.



Tresique Cawley gets the play at short.



Sophia Giangrande makes a clean play at

Pioneers prep for opener

Pathfinder baseball prepared for a scrimmage against Monson.

PALMER - Last Wednesday, The Pioneers were scheduled to scrimmage Palmer as well before their regular season opener with opening the season earlier this



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Tim Russell pitches in the scrimmage for the Pioneers.



Miguel Velasquez fields a arounde



Brayden Mega makes a throw to first.

Winter tournaments not kind to western part of state

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

SPRINGFIELD - The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Conference released an analysis of the winter tournament season, which just concluded three weeks ago.

While it shows plenty of participation, it was not as kind to most Western Mass. teams not named Springfield International Charter School. Both their girls and boys basketball teams reached the state finals this year with the girls capturing the title. Pope Francis hockey, which has always played across the state with a Division 1 schedule also won a state tournament.

But most Western Mass. teams found themselves on the outside looking in for the state tournament. Palmer girls basketball was one

of the most successful programs in the playoffs, making it into the quarterfinals before finally falling. South Hadley boys basketball

would make it into the Round of 16 this year, as did Quaboag boys basketball.

Other qualifying basketball and hockey teams were defeated very early in the state tournament, either in a preliminary round game, or the Round of 32.

The MIAA reported a high participation rate in the state tournament

this year among hockey teams. In the four divisions in MIAA ice hockey, nearly 74% of teams made it into one of the four state tournaments.

In Western Mass., Ludlow, Belchertown, Agawam, and Minnechaug made the state tournament. None made it past the round

Numbers were bit lower for basketball. Out of 357 boys basketball teams, 227 qualified for one of five tournaments, a 63.6% qualifying rate. The numbers were not as good for the girls, which qualified just 58.7% of teams for the state tournament.

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Council seeks 'growth' for MIAA

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

FRANKLIN - For several months, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has had a subcommittee analyzing the MIAA's operations and have developed a "Plan for Growth and Improvement."

MIAA Executive Director Robert Baldwin, who since taking the helm of the MIAA has been issuing director updates on the MIAA website, says the committee is trying to take a proactive approach to introduce reforms because the "status quo is not an option.

In our attempt to move forfor growth and improvement is of the MIAA constitution. As a

a governance initiative. One of result, the MIAC would need to the key actions of this initiative is to develop an organizational structure of oversight and support that is legally sound and fiscally responsible," Baldwin said. "The goal of this process is to provide greater clarity and consistency to the membership. The execution of this plan entails constitutional revisions of the MIAA and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council (MIAC). The process for constitutional change at the MIAA is that the Board of Directors can recommend revision, and the Assembly is ultimately responsible for voting constitutional revisions. The MIAC was created in 1950. Its constituward, one of the major objectives tion is separate and independent

vote to approve its own constitutional revision."

The MIAC did just that in late January, voting to replace its current constitution. An updated version can be accessed online.

Play at the MIAA level has undergone major changes after the decision was made prior to the COVID-19 pandemic to institute a new state tournament instead of holding sectional tournaments with the four sectional champions in the state facing off in a short

state tournament. The result of bringing forward the new tournament format set in motion a number of other reforms, including a very robust realignment of schools in the state in an effort to create an even playing

Bonsignore takes fourth at Richmond

RICHMOND, VA - Justin Bonsignore scored his second consecutive top-five finish in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Saturday, April 1 at Richmond Raceway. Driving in the Virginia is for Racing Lovers 150, Bonsignore started from the outside of the front row after qualifying there on Friday, March 31. Following qualifying, rain fell at Richmond, and postponed the race to Saturday - following the conclusion of the NASCAR Xfinity Series 250.

Early in the 150-lap race, Bonsignore was running inside

the top few rows when crew chief Ryan Stone made the decision to head down pit road for a few fresh Hoosier tires. Bonsignore raced back up to 13th in the field prior to the next caution, then stayed out when many others pitted, and rocketed to the lead quickly for a few laps. After being passed for the lead, he fell to the bottom of the top-10 before the next caution, then made his charge back to the front at

Bonsignore passed Doug Coby for second late – and crossed the line fourth at the finish – after a tough battle with J.B. Fortin and

Max McLaughlin over the final laps. The Holtsville, New York native and his Kenneth Massa Motorsports team had Coastal Fiber LLC on the car for the Richmond race.

"All in all, it was a good day," Bonsignore said. "The guys you need to beat for the points, we feel like we beat today. Austin Beers (race winner) has been on point in the first few races as well. We came away with a good finish in a tough battle there in the last laps. The two guys we were racing were just a little bit better on the last lap. It was a lot of work for our team with two days here in Richmond – but we're going to go home and start working for the next one."

Justin Bonsignore will return to the track on Saturday, May 6, for the third race of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season – the Duel at the Dog 200 – at Monadnock Speedway Fans can find more information on that event at JDVProductions. com and more information on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at NASCAR.com. For more information on Justin and his team, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow Justin's Athlete page on Facebook.



Justin Bonsignore places fourth in an early-season race on Saturday, April 1 in Richmond, VA.

Sports

Railers fall against Thunder 3-1

probably, but somewhere down the road Railers fans will turn on their TVs to see an episode of History's Mysteries investigating why their team can't beat the Adirondack

This strange turn of events in the playoff drive added another chapter Saturday night at the DCU center with the Thunder beating Worcester, 3-1, even though the home team had a 33-22 edge in shots on goal.

The outcome disappointed an enthusiastic crowd of 5,681 on Military Night. It was the sixth largest crowd of the season.

Adirondack has taken 9 of a possible 10 points in the last five games between the teams. Worcester still has a one point lead in the North Division playoff race but the Thunder has two games in hand. The Railers have four games left, three against Adirondack, so they are hardly out of the race but they have to find a way to score.

How do they do that?

"Shoot the puck," coach Jordan Smotherman said. "When we're in scoring areas we don't shoot the

That was really evident in this defeat. If Railers forwards did not make the extra pass when they were in scoring areas, they made one too many moves with the puck trying to get even closer.

Worcester's shots on goal margin included a 22-3 margin in the second period when there were times it seemed as though the Railers were

playing with a two-man advantage. The outcome might have been dif-

WORCESTER - Not next year, ferent if Worcester had played a better first period. The Thunder scored twice to take 2-0 lead as Sebastian Vidmar registered a power play goal at 5:04, then Matt Jennings converted a breakaway at 18:55, beating Henrik Tikkanen with a backhander.

The Railers only goal came in that second period. It was also on a power play as Nolan Vesey snapped a 14-game goal drought at 12:44 by firing a 20-footer past Thunder goaltender Isaac Poulter, who was great.

The final Adirondack goal was an empty netter by Travis Broughman with 10 seconds left in the third peri-

A word about Thunder goaltending in general.

Aside from Friday night when Adirondack used two rookie goaltenders in the Railers' 5-4 overtime victory, Poulter and Jake Theut have combined to stop 121 of 125 Worcester shots in their team's four recent triumphs.

Even though they are still mathematically in fourth place, the Railers' hold on a playoff berth is tenuous. The Thunder is playing almost perfect hockey; they have earned at least one point in 11 straight games.

Worcester's road to the playoffs is a bumpy one, but the way the Railers need to play is not complicated.

"You can't play just 40 minutes of hockey," Smotherman said. "We show it for glimpses of time, and it's on the leadership in that (dressing) room. You have to coach everybody up, bring guys together.'

And take the shot, not make the

Education

High school art exhibition returns to MWCC

GARDNER - The 37th Annual Regional High School Art Exhibition opened on Tuesday, March 28 at the Raymond M. LaFontaine Fine Arts Center's East Wing Gallery on the Mount Wachusett Community College Gardner campus.

The exhibit will be open now through Thursday, April 20 with a reception and awards ceremony on Thursday, April 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the gallery.

Each spring the MWCC Art Department invited all area high schools to participate in the annual Regional High School Art Exhibition and competition. Due to the pandemic, the event has been on hiatus since 2020.

"We are happy to bring back this tradition and beloved exhibition," said Joyce Miller, Art Department Chair and Gallery opportunity to celebrate the April 20.

work of high school art students, their accomplishments and the dedicated art teachers that make this exhibit possi-

The exhibition includes work from Contoocook Valley Regional High School, Leominster High School, Lunenburg High School, Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School, Oakmont Regional High School, Quabbin Regional High School, Wachusett Regional High School and the Winchendon

For more information about the East Wing Gallery, people may visit at mwcc.edu/gallery.

High School student work will be on display at the **East Wing Gallery at MWCC** Director. "It is a wonderful now through Thursday,



Monty Tech and Quabbin receive school safety grants

BOSTON - The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced the award of more than \$570,000 to 14 Massachusetts school districts to bolster school safety and enhance violence prevention efforts.

The federal funding supports the development and operation of school threat assessments and crisis intervention teams.

The Student, Teachers and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program is funded through the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant is managed and administered in Massachusetts by the Office of Grants and Research, a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Every agency that applied for a

grant received funding. In total, \$570,465 in grant funds were awarded to school districts, charter schools and educational collaboratives.

Grant recipients will use their awards to conduct threat assessments and deploy crisis intervention teams. Both tactics within their larger safety strategy will strive to identify threats before they materialize, which may include threats from individuals with mental health issues, and to train students, school personnel, and local first responders to become partners in preventing school violence.

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fitchburg received \$34,200 and the

Quabbin Regional School District in Barre got \$60,000.

Quabbin Guidance Department list scholarship information

BARRE - Information regarding both outside scholarships and the local scholarship program are accessible to the community on the Quabbin Regional Middle High School website by visiting www. qrsd.org and in the YOG 2023 Guidance Google Classroom for Quabbin Seniors.

This information is updated frequently, as new information and scholarships become available. Seniors are encouraged to apply. The school guidance deapartment is appreciative to the Local Scholarship Donors for providing avenues to success for our students.

Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

Valley Wheel tryouts set for

strength.

More players are needed for the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League as it seeks to infuse new talent into its league for the 2023 season.

The league recently held its open practice, but still has plenty of open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

Registration for the 2023 season remains open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

Sunday, April 8

The Valley Wheel Over-28

Baseball League cancelled tryouts

scheduled for Sunday, April 2 due

to weather, moving the first tryout

league can attend the next tryout

time of Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m.

games in Western Massachusetts

and Northern Connecticut, makes

sure that everyone gets a fair share

of the action. Everyone plays a

minimum of 4 innings in the field,

and everyone bats. The league fol-

lows MLB rules with some mod-

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from other leagues across the coun-

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The Valley Wheel stands apart

at Blunt Park in Springfield.

Players looking to join the

The league, which plays its

to this weekend.

The season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 23. The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

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 2023.

Their league charter and one of

The league is now seeking new

their main goals, is to work toward

having a league with teams of equal

players to fill open roster slots.

Enjoy the competition and cama-

raderie with a great group of guys

who enjoy the game as much as you

do. Stay in shape and make new

friends. Be part of something that

happens once a year, and with luck,

win a championship that might

be once in a lifetime. Grab your

glove and cleats and join a team for

a great adventure. It's not too late

don't miss out; opening day is just

tact Jim Nason at 413-433-

4308 or visit the website www.

ValleyWheelBaseball.org

For more information, con-

around the corner.

MWCC offers certificate of banking fundamentals

GARDNER -On March 9, representatives from the local banks and credit unions joined staff, faculty and students at the newly renovated Leominster campus of Mount Wachusett Community College to celebrate the launch of the new Certificate of Banking Fundamentals pro-

"Providing relevant education and training opportunities that directly support our community and industry partners is part of our mission," noted MWCC President James Vander Hooven. "This new program demonstrates that what we are doing is relevant and applicable to our communities."

The development of the Certificate of Banking Fundamentals was a direct result of collaboration between members of the local banking community, who like many industries, are struggling to find employees and the MWCC Dean of the School of Business, Science, Technology and Math,

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Veronica Guay, and Business and Economics Professor and Department Chair, Elmer Eubanks-Archbold.

"At MWCC we spend a lot of time developing programs that align with four-year degree transfer programs," noted Guay. "This program was developed with both the banking community and the bachelor's degree pathways in mind."

Suzanne Dupre, Executive Vice President at Main Street Bank, added, "We are super excited about this partnership. Banking is not just a shirt and tie, math type role anymore, we have needs in finance, marketing, information technology, and compliance. This program gives you a foundation to build your career on."

The MWCC Certificate of Banking Fundamentals includes nine courses, eight of which have been part of the College's business administration program for several years. The new course, Foundations in Banking, was developed collaboratively with representatives from the banking and credit union community. Interested parties can learn more at an information session or visit mwcc.edu/info to register and for contact information.

HCC offers tech youth camps during spring break

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College is offering youth aged 8-14 the opportunity to explore technology-based courses during their April school vacations.

Spring break camp will run Tuesday through Friday, April 18-21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Each camp will meet in person at the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development on the main HCC campus and include half-day and full-day options.

The spring camp courses are Code Breakers, from 9 a.m.noon and Python Programmers from 1-4 p.m.

Detailed course descriptions and a registration link can be found by visiting the HCC website at: hcc.edu/youth, where they can also get a preview

of what's coming for HCC's Summer 2023 Youth Programs.

Individual classes for the spring are \$179 for the week. Children in full-day camp are supervised by HCC staff members during an hour-long lunch break. Lunch is not pro-

HCC is offering the classes in partnership with Black Rocket Productions, and the in-person camps are operated under guidelines of the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. Please note that while HCC is now mask-optional, proof of COVID-19 vaccination is still required to register for on-campus classes until the end of the spring semester.

For more information or to register, people may call 413-

QCC offers free tax assistance

WORCESTER

Quinsigamond Community College offers free tax assistance through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Certified volunteers and QCC students provide assistance with preparing tax returns for people who make \$60,000 or less and people with limited English language skills. The VITA program provides services primarily at the Main South Community Development Corporation but also offers workshops at QCC's main campus in Worcester and the QCC at Southbridge cam-

QCC Assistant Professor of Accounting Eduardo Rivas started volunteering with the VITA program in 2013 and then began

 coordinating QCC's involvement with the VITA program in 2018, offering student volunteers credit for prior learning. In 2019, QCC began offering Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (ACC 225) as a credit course which Rivas teach-

> The course focuses on tax law concepts, common situations involving credits and deductions, and how to use filing software. After training, the students go directly to hands-on tax preparation.

QCC's VITA services are offered through April. For more information, people may visit www.qcc.edu/services/ income-tax-assistance or email Eduardo Rivas at erivas@qcc. mass.edu.



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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Easter Musings Part 2

Last week we considered the question: "What if Christ did not rise from the grave?" As was noted, the whole of the faith crumbles if you remove the Risen Christ from its foundation. However, in this edition let us wrestle with a related query: "What if Jesus did, in fact, rise from the grave?" Please consider the following in reply:

1) The Resurrection Authenticates the person of Jesus

The Resurrection authenticates all that Christ claimed about Himself. Please note that Jesus made significant claims about His nature, purpose and work. For instance:

He declared Himself to be the Bread of Life (cf. John 6:35 -Source of Spiritual Nourishment

He declared Himself to be the Light of the World (cf. John 8:12 - The Sole and Ultimate Arbiter of

He declared Himself to be the Door or the Gate (cf. John 10:7 - The Only Access Point to Life Eternal)

He declared Himself to be the Good Shepherd (cf. John 10:11-14 Sovereign Care of His Own)

He declared Himself to be the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25 – Master Over Death/Life)

He declared Himself to be the Way-Truth-Life (cf. John 14:6 -Gateway to Life and Truth)

He declared Himself to be the True Vine (cf. John 15:1, 5 -Source of Life and Vitality)

These are claims that no one in their right mind could make. If He was still dead, we might rightly label Jesus a liar or a lunatic (to draw upon the insights of C. S. Lewis). But what do we call Him if He truly rose from death? Lord.

2) The Resurrection Authenticates the message of Jesus Christ

When you consider the Gospel record, Jesus was the consummate Teacher! His words are timeless and timely, touching upon every facet of life and living. Feel free to explore the teachings of Christ at your leisure, as recorded in Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These will take a lifetime to study, digest and apply, but they are surely worth the investment.

Thus said, if Christ was dead, we would have every reason to dismiss and disregard His precepts. Yet if He is alive, we have every obligation to embrace and hearken to His words. After all, if Jesus conquered death, that is striking evidence that He and His message were of God. And if His message is from God, we are accountable for the manner in which we obey it.

3) The Resurrection Authenticates the promises of

A promise is only as trustworthy as the person making it. If an unreliable person makes me a promise, I hope for the best but prepare for the worst. If a reliable person makes a promise, I am much more inclined to place my hope in its eventual fulfillment.

Thus said, Jesus promised on several occasions to rise from death. If He failed to keep His promise in this area, how can we trust Him in any area? Would this not destroy His credibility? Yet if He kept His word, conquering death, then all of His promises hold true. Enjoy the following sample of the promises of Christ (cf. Matt. 7:7-8; Matt. 11:28-30; John 10:10; John 14:1-3; John 3:16).

In summary, apart from the happenings of Easter the whole of the Christian faith implodes. Yet if Jesus did rise from death, His Person, Message and Promises are affirmed. Ultimately, what do you believe and are you living according to that conviction? I close with the words of C. S. Lewis: "Christianity, if false, is of no

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Only 209 teams made it.

The report also showed 82% of

higher seeded teams won games

importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

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

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

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Palm **Sunday Holy** Communion

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 21 v 1-11

I. Introduction

This week Wendy, our Office Manager, and I were talking about wreath making. I know there are many of you here who are experts in wreath making. I had just finished making my spring wreath and, as a novice was very proud as I was showing a picture of it to Wendy. I think she was really surprised to see that I made it, but she thought it was beautiful.

But then she asked me what about the Easter wreath, and I asked, an Easter wreath? Yes, you need a wreath with Easter eggs, Margaret, she said. As this lighthearted conversation was happening, I thought how special it is to remember and partake in the celebrations and solemnity of Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter and how we all want to make sure we do things right. The colors, the cloths, the palms, the cross and flowers showing the new life of the Easter morn, of the resurrection are all important aspects of this special week. And so, we want to rejoice on this special day, Palm Sunday, because of whom we worship as our Lord...Jesus, the Christ.

II. Hosanna in the Highest

Palm Sunday appears to the reader to be a joyful occasion where the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, waving their palms, excited to see their King. Hosanna in the highest, they sang. What a joyful image. This would be the first in a long time that Jesus would return to Jerusalem and the temple. It would be a short visit, only about one week. It was indeed a joyful occasion for the crowd who were Jesus' companions, because they knew Him and have seen the work He had done.

Their treatment of Him was that of royalty. They threw their clothes on the streets like a royal carpet for the One whom they claimed was the Messiah. On the other hand, there were the people inside Jerusalem who wanted to know who is this?" Jesus was a stranger to people in Judea. Judea was ruled by a Roman prefect, so they were under Roman rule.

Anyone who would claim to be the King of the Jews would be in trouble. So, this is the context of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He comes as the King of the Jews, not on a war horse, but on a donkey, which was viewed as a humble animal and this would be the fulfillment of Zechariah 9 v 9, a prophecy which was based on the story of David's return to the city after the defeat of Absalom's rebellion and when he came in triumph and humility and peace.

in the boys tournament and 90%

of girls higher seeds won their

games. The measure reflects on

the ranking system used to seed

teams. The system includes mul-

tiple factories in addition to win-

loss record, including strength of

Jesus' entry on a donkey demonstrates to the crowds His humble nature. His was a message to the people about the kind of Kingdom He represented, a kingdom of peace rather than coercion, says R.T France in his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew. France continues to say that His choice to travel on a donkey into the city also seems deliberate, since all pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem and the Passover would be traveling on foot. While demonstrating humility, He would be noticed by everyone, and He would endanger Himself by this kind of visibility. But He knew the time had come to reveal the Kingdom of God not just to Galilee in the North, but also to Judea in the South. And so, their shouts, "Hosanna in the highest" were shouts of praise for this Messiah, the Son of David, the courageous One. They surrounded

City. III. A Week of pain and suffer-

Him and they ushered Him into the

Jesus knew that this would be the most difficult week in His life and the lives of the disciples and the crowd, who was following Him. He predicted this in Matthew 16 v 21 where it reads, "From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."So, the journey from Bethany where He had just raised Lazarus from the dead, to Jerusalem must have been a journey of deep reflection and painful anticipation of what would happen to Him. The disciples would be filled with grief later on when they realized He was telling them the painful truth about the end of His life, which would come too soon, and in such a cruel way.

IV. Conclusion And, so here we are on this Palm Sunday, remembering the Son of God as He is with us in Spirit. We are waving our palms with the crowds around Jesus. They may not have had all the time to make fancy wreaths like the wreaths we make for our various seasons, but they took what they had, palms from their beautiful palm trees and their own clothes to welcome the Christ, the Messiah as He entered the City of

Jerusalem. we are also singing with the crowds of then Hosanna in the Highest! We rejoice, because He is the Christ and He brings life and light and love into our world. But we also know that His journey to the cross was necessary so that the world could see and recognize why He was sent to us in the flesh, died in the flesh, and lives among us in

the power of the resurrection. Christ is with us today and reaches out to us, the crowds of the 21st century. He presents to our world today a Kingdom of peace, not war, of love, not hate and fear, of justice, not unjust suffering. He invites us to travel with Him in spirit on this final journey to the cross, and to reflect on what the world needs, what our communities need, what our families and loved ones need.

He invites us to reflect on our relationship with God, and with one another. Do we love or hurt one another? Do we humble ourselves as He humbled Himself? Do we empty ourselves from the things that prevent us from forgiving one another? Do we live in communion and union with one another, listening, supporting, as Christ would want us to live as children of God? May God help us all to reflect on these important questions that are at the heart of the Gospel, and at the heart of this Palm Sunday and Holy week.

Amen.

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

that also qualify for tournaments. For boys and girls basketball, four of the five state championship games in each sport featured the No. 1 seed making it to the

schedule and wins against teams

St. Mary's Women's Club celebrates 100th anniversary



St. Mary's Church in Orange started out in 1903, using the stage in the Town Hall as an altar. St. Mary's Women's Cub celebrates its 100th anniversary with a slide show of the club history at the regular club meeting, Tuesday. April 11 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Women's Club celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, marking the occasion with a special club meeting Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be open to the public and will feature a slide show celebrating the history of the club, with many photos of activities over the past 50 years.

Catholics in Orange began celebrating Masses in private homes around 1881 and St.

ORANGE - St. Mary's Mary's Parish was founded in Orange in 1903, with an altar on the stage in the Orange Town Hall until the former Fraternal Hall on School Street was purchased and used as the church from 1904 until the present church at the corner of Congress and Cheney Streets was built in 1953. Women of the Parish formed the club in 1922 "to do welfare work, and to promote...spiritual and intellectual advancement."

The women of St. Mary's have continued in that direction for the past century, and the club has been doing good work throughout the community, using funds raised through an annual fair held each October. The women do good work and have good fun, as is evidenced in the slides which will be presented. Everyone is invited to this celebration, which will be held in the Parish Center at the corner of Cheney and West Myrtle Streets in Orange.

Red Cross seeks blood and platelet donations

MEDFORD - April is National Volunteer Month and the American Red Cross is celebrating the millions of people who volunteer to give blood, platelets and plasma throughout the year.

This month, the Red Cross and PEANUTS® are joining forces as Saturday, April 8 from 8:15 a.m.a reminder that it's cool to be kind and help save lives.

Donors of all blood types, especially type O blood donors and those giving platelets are needed now to keep the blood supply strong enough to support critical patient care all season long.

As a thank-you, all who come to give April 1-23 will receive an exclusive Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last.* Those who come to give April 1-30 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night trip for two to Sonoma County, California. This getaway includes flights, hotel, a \$1,000 gift card and special tours of the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Snoopy's Home Ice, courtesy of Peanuts Worldwide.

BBB Award Recipient

Upcoming blood donation opportunities at the Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St., Worcester include: Thursday, April 6 from 11:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, April 7 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m.;Sunday, April 9 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 10 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, April 11 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, April 12 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, April 13 from 11:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Friday, April 14 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 15 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 16 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 17 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, April 18 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, April 19 from noon-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, April 20 from 11:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday, April 21 from 8:115 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday April 22 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 23 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight require-

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MassDOT launches billboard design contest for college students

Massachusetts Department of Transportation launches a statewide billboard design contest to support the American Traffic Safety Services Association's National Work Zone Awareness Week.

The contest is open to all students who are currently enrolled in colleges and universities in Massachusetts. Applicants are asked to create and submit proposed billboard Public Service Announcements to encourage drivers to obey the rules of the road and exercise caution when traveling through work zones where crews are involved in active construction and maintenance projects.

"Work zone safety awareness is an important message for MassDOT. Every year work zone safety crashes lead to unnecessary deaths on our roadways as well as traffic and project delays." said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "We are excited to see the cre-

The ative content and informational PSA's which will be submitted to help us communicate work zone safety on Massachusetts' road-

> National Work Zone Awareness Week is an annual event which brings attention to work zone safety and the theme for this year is, "You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us." Entries from college students for the MassDOT billboard contest must be submitted on Friday, April 21 by 5 p.m. The winning designs will be selected based on creativity, impact and relevance to this year's identified theme.

The top three designs will be displayed on a series of digital billboards along highways in Massachusetts throughout the 2023 construction season.

The submission selected for first place will be displayed on billboards for approximately three months.

The submission selected for second place will be displayed on billboards for approximately two months. The submission selected for third place will be displayed on billboards for approximately one month.

The winning entries will be selected by a panel comprised of MassDOT senior managers. Entries will be judged on their visual appeal, adherence to the theme, quality of design, and ease of reproduction. The winners will be notified via email and announced during the 2023 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference which is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 2 and on Wednesday, May 3. In addition, entries will be posted on the Mass.gov website and communicated through MassDOT social media accounts.

For information on MassDOT's billboard design contest for National Work Zone Safety Week, including contest rules and requirements, eligibility, and submission guidelines, people may visit: mass. gov/work-zone-billboard-con-

Gas prices increase two cents

WESTWOOD - The average gas price in Massachusetts is up two cents from last week (\$3.25), averaging \$3.27 per gallon. Today's price is one cent lower than a month ago (\$3.28) and 92 cents lower than April 3, 2022 (\$4.19). Massachusetts' average gas price is 23 cents lower than the national average.

The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline rose seven cents since last week to hit \$3.50. Robust demand for gasoline and rising oil prices are the driving factors for the recent uptick in pump prices.

"Oil prices finally crested and have now settled above the \$70 per barrel mark after weeks of hovering just below it," said Mary Maguire, AAA Northeast Vice President of Public and Government Affairs, "Gas demand is very robust. These two factors will cause drivers to see prices increase for now. We will also be watching closely to see how much oil production cuts by OPEC nations will impact oil and gas prices," she

AAA Northeast's April 3 survey of fuel prices found the current national average to be seven cents higher than last week (\$3.43), averaging \$3.50 a gallon. Today's national average price is 11 cents higher than a month ago (\$3.39) and is 69 cents lower than this day last year (\$4.19).

AAA Northeast is a not-forprofit auto club with 70 offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 6 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.

Train schedule switches to nights until July

Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, is rehabilitating its main rail track.

This project has an estimat-

somewhere around the first

week of July. The daily train schedule will operate Monday through Friday starting at 5 p.m. (up to a possible 12-hour period)

to service rail customers from

The ed time for completion to be Palmer to South Barre to then return to Palmer.

> When this rail track rehabilitation project is completed, the train schedule will resume back to daytime service beginning at 7 a.m. (up to a possible 12-hour period).

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GCM hosts 'Trees are Treasures' at **Wells State Park** April 22

STURBRIDGE - Grassroots Central Mass will continue its tradition of celebrating Earth Day with its third "Trees Are Treasures" event on Saturday, April 22 at Wells State Park from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

GCM, a local affiliate of Indivisible Mass Coalition, is co-sponsoring this year's events with Brookfields Fight Fear. Both GCM and BFF are local groups dedicated to serving the communities we live in through finding and supporting solutions to issues in our communities, our state, and our nation. The event includes a short, level walk along the

Mill Pond Trail at Wells State Park, where interpreters are stationed to discuss forest logging, the importance of wetlands and how to "read" a forest's history. This is a family friendly stroll. This free event will also include children's crafts

under the pavilion, and a free tree seedling giveaway. Join GCM to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of

For more information, visit grassrootscentralmass.

Quabbin Visitor Center lists free **April events**

BELCHERTOWN - The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offer several free programs this April.

All ages are welcome. Email QuabbinVisitor. Center@mass.gov with questions or to be added to the mailing list

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed. Space is limited.

Explore the North Side

Join DCR staff for a 4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed via Gate 22 on Saturday, April 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest.

Walking to the water, the hike covers 2-miles and drops 180 feet in elevation. Participants will then backtrack and head back uphill the way they came.

The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road in the town of New Salem. Please do not block the gate. (https://goo.gl/maps/ SPqd6Si9ixuCQtt18)

Register here www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1

Investigating Forest Health

Curious how active management of a forest can increase diversity and maintain forest health? Join DCR staff on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-noon to gain a better understanding of how active forest management leads to a healthier environment for our

How are various agents (invasive insects and plants, diseases etc.) impacting trees in the Quabbin and Ware River forests?

Meet at Quabbin Park East Entrance for this 1-mile

moderate hike. For more info: (https://goo.gl/maps/sW1wiHe4Dn-

Register here www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a "people news" form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content.

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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, March 12

12:02 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Julie Ann Circle, Message Delivered 12:24 p.m. Seizures, Laurelwood

Road, Transported to Hospital 5:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Services Rendered

Monday, March 13

10:55 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital 3:27 p.m. Erratic Operator Barre

Paxton Road, Area Search Negative 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:51 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Maple Avenue, Information

Given 9:10 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Main Lines, Information

9:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Pommogussett Road, Removed Hazard 9:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

Main Street, Services Rendered 9:26 p.m. Road Condition Notification, State Roads, Information

10 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Pleasantdale Road, Services Rendered 10:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Main Street, Vehicle Removed

Tuesday, March 14

12:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Main Street, Vehicle Removed 5:31 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires).

Pleasantdale Road, Information Given 6:04 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Campbell Street, Referred to Other Agency

6:22 a.m. Power Lines/Wire Down, Forbes Road Investigated 6:29 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down,

Milne Road, Referred to Other Agency 6:47 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Campbell Street, Referred to Other Agency

7:08 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Charnock Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency

7:39 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Paddock Road, Referred to

Other Agency 7:45 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Depot Road, Referred to Other Agency

7:49 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Miles Road, Referred to Other Agency 8:03 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Turkey Hill Road, Referred to Other

8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed 8:23 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down,

Prospect Street, Investigated 9:12 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pommoaussett Road, Information Given

9.17 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled. Brintnal Drive, Services Rendered 9:21 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground). Maple Avenue. Referred to

Other Agency 9:26 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, River Road, Referred to Other Agency

9:50 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Victoria Avenue, Investigated 10:08 a.m. Tree Incidents (No

Wires), Main Street, Information Given

During the week of March 27-April

3, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police

Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 37 directed/area

patrols, four traffic controls, 12 radar

assignments, one illegal dumping, one

motor vehicle investigation, one threat,

one citizen assist, one assist other

agency, one complaint, one animal call

and seven motor vehicle stops in the

Tuesday, March 28

town of New Braintree

10:14 a.m. Fire - Public Service Call, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to

10:19 a.m. Fumes/Gas Leak, Majorie Lane, Services Rendered 10:56 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Main Street, Officer Advised

10:56 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Maple Avenue, Referred to Other

10:58 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Bushy Lane, Referred to Other

11.11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Bushy Lane, Referred to Other

11:56 a.m. Power Outage, Bethany Drive. Information Given

12:05 p.m. Trees in Wires (Not on Ground), Glenwood Road, Referred to

Other Agency 12:49 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Turkey Hill Road, Investigated

1:02 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Campbell Court, Investigated 1:57 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Campbell Street, Referred to

Other Agency 2:13 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Sassawanna Road, Information Given 2:52 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Birchwood Road, Information Given 3:02 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), River Road, Referred to Other Agency 3:22 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down,

Barre Paxton Road, Fire Extinguished 4 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Edson Avenue, Information Given 4:16 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Cameron Drive, Information 5:02 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Bushy Lane, Services Rendered

5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled Miles Road, Information Given 6:24 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Charnock Hill Road, Information Given 6:28 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Moulton Mill Road, Information Given 7:04 p.m. Property Damage, Miles Road, Report Filed 7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled.

Miles Road, Vehicle Removed 8:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Pommogussett Road, No Police Service

Necessary 8:31 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Charnock Hill Road,

Information Given 9:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Main Street, No Action Required

Wednesday, March 15

6:51 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Turkey Hill Road, Referred to Other

7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, East County Road, Transported to

Hospital 8:07 a.m. Low Hanging Wires, Birchwood Road, Information Given

8:31 a.m. Trees on Wires (Not on Ground), Depot Road, Message Delivered 10:04 a.m. Road Condition

Notification, East County Road, Information Given 10:56 a.m. Trees in Wires (Not on

New Braintree Police Log

Thursday, March 30

Unitas Road, Dispatch Handled

Cut Off Road, Citation Issued

11:11 a.m. Assist Other Agency,

2:56 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle

5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

Operations, Unitas Road, Officer

Saturday, April 1

6:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road,

Ground, Sassawanna Road, Services Rendered

Spoken To

Handled

11:02 a.m. Right Arm Pain, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital 12:30 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Woodside Avenue, Officer Spoke to

12:55 p.m. Low Hanging Wires, Glenwood Road, Information Given'

4:22 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Miles Road, Message Delivered 4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Glenwood Road, Written Warning 4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street. Citation Issued 4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 7:25 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital 7:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Area Search Negative

Transported to Hospital 9:36 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Woodside Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

8:45 p.m. Falls, Eastern Lane,

Thursday, March 16

7:15 a.m. Low Hanging Wire, Brintnal Drive, Message Delivered 8:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

Main Street, Services Rendered 11:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Hit and Run, Main Street, Report Filed 12:59 p.m. Animal - Lost and/ or Found, Turkey Hill Road, Message

2:54 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Birchwood Road, Information Taken 4:08 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:23 p.m. Not Eating, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital 7:28 p.m. Seizures, Barre Road, Mutual Aid Ambulance

Friday, March 17

2:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

3:16 p.m. Low Hanging Wires, Ridge Road, Services Rendered 4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Pommogussett Road, Written Warning 8:50 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Kenwood Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, March 18 1:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

Paxton Road, Report Filed Summons: Albino, Yahaira E., 38,

Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with

10:47 a.m. Difficulty Breathing, Carlsons Way, Transported to Hospital 1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Services Rendered 1:51 p.m. Fever, East County Road, Transported to Hospital

7:52 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital 11:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

Sunday, March 19 12:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East

County Road, Citation Issued 1 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

3:14 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Pleasantdale Road, Gone on

7:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Sunday, April 2

Drive, Officer Handled

2:20 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Memorial

2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, March 12 6:37 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Tomlinson Road, Services Rendered

Monday, March 13

10:55 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Turnpike Road. Transported to Hospital 12:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency/

Non-Police, Barre Road, Officer Advised 12:43 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Tomlinson Road, Services Rendered 10:27 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Oakham Highway Department, Information Taken

Tuesday, March 14

2:23 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), North Brookfield Road, Information Taken

6:19 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Barre Road, Information Given 6:32 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Bechan Road, Information Given 6:39 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), North Brookfield Road, Information

7:16 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Spencer Road, Information Given 8:34 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Ware Corner Road, Officer Advised 8:39 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires,

Coldbrook Road, Officer Advised 8:40 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Robinson Road, Message Delivered

8:52 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Rutland Road, Referred to

Other Agency 9:22 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Barre Road, Referred to Other

Agency 9:36 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down. North Brookfield Road, Referred to

Other Agency 9:43 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Turnpike Road, Services Rendered 10:15 a.m. Tree Incidents (No

Wires), Spencer Road, Services Rendered 10:26 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, East Hill Road, Referred to Other

Agency 10:37 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other Agency

11:58 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Adams Road, Referred to Other

12:19 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Lincoln Road, Information Given 12:41 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Old Turnpike Road,

Investigated 12:44 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Lincoln Road, Referred to

Other Agency 12:54 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), North Brookfield Road,

Information Given 1:17 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gaffney Road, Information Given 2:50 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, South Road, Fire Extinguished

3:26 p.m. Property Damage, Ware Corner Road, Officer Advised 5:08 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground, New Braintree Road,

Information Given 10:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled. Parmenter Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, March 15

1:08 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Spencer Road, Message Delivered

1:35 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Coldbrook Road, Message

Thursday, March 16

5:35 p.m. Fire - CO Alarm (No Illness), Hunt Road, Services Rendered 7:28 p.m. Seizures, Barre Road, Mutual Aid Ambulance

Friday, March 17

11:03 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services

Rendered Saturday, March 18 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Citation Issued 4:30 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

8:02 Complaint, Brigham Street,

9:37 p.m. Fire - Fire Chimney Fire,

10:07 p.m. Fire - Arcing Wires,

Williamsville Road, Information Given

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, March 12

10:17 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital

4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 5:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Worcester Road, Arrest(s)

Arrest: Leblanc, Bridgette, 33, Thompson, Connecticut Charges: Operating Under Influence

Monday, March 13

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8:44 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered 3:40 p.m. Property Damage, Old Boston Turnpike, Report Filed

4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning 10:45 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Hubbardston DPW,

Information Taken 11:25 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Violation, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, March 14

3:53 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Brigham Road, Information Given 5:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Worcester Road, Vehicle Removed

6:19 a.m. Tree in Wire, Worcester

Road, Referred to Other Agency 6:25 a.m. Tree in Wires, Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency 6:32 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down. Gardner Road, Referred to Other

6:36 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, ale Road Referred to Other A 6:49 a.m. Trees in Wires (Not on

Ground), Grimes Road, Referred to Other Agency 7:04 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Healdville Road, Referred to Other Agency 7:06 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Worcester Road, Removed Hazard 7:22 a.m. Animal - Lost and/

or Found, New Templeton Road, Information Taken

7:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Gardner Road, Vehicle Removed 8:17 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on

Ground, Muskogee Street, Referred to

Other Agency

Hardwick.

8:43 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Natty Pond Road, Referred to

Other Agency 8:50 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on

Ground), Barre Road, Referred to Other 9:19 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on

Ground), Barre Road, Referred to Other 10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled. Ragged Hill Road, Vehicle Removed

11:02 a.m. Tree Incidents (No.

Given 11:11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), New Templeton Road, Referred

Wires), Ragged Hill Road, Information

to Other Agency 11:24 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Old Princeton Road, Referred to Other Agency

11:36 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Halfrey Road, Information Given 11:38 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Simond Hill Road, Information

12:16 p.m Power Lines/Wires Down, Old Princeton Road, Referred to Other

12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

1:21 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down

New Westminster Road, Vehicle 1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Grimes Road, Services Rendered

Old Princeton Road, Referred to Other 1:36 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gardner Road, Information Given

1:42 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires. Old Boston Turnpike, Information Given 1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, oad Vehicle Removed 2:06 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Highbridge Road, Information Given 3:04 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires). New Templeton Road, Information

4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Investigated 4:16 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down Lombard Road, Information Give

5:50 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, West Comet Pond Access Road Information Given 5:51 p.m. Falls, Worcester Road,

Ambulance Signed Refusal

10:27 p.. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Information Given

Message Delivered

Hale Road, Investigated

Information Given

Information Given

Wednesday, March 15 5:28 a.m. Tree Incidents on Wires, Hale Road, Referred to Other Agency 7:44 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Old Boston Turnpike,

8:28 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Ragged Hill Road, Information 8:34 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency 10:45 a.. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), George Howard Road,

Referred to Other Agency 6:24 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Ragged Hill Road, Message

9:05 p.m. Suspicious Activity, George Howard Road, Officer Spoke

9:20 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Princeton Road, Message Delivered 9:21 p.m. Property - Lost and Found, Thompson Road, Information

Thursday, March 16

6:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Worcester Road. Officer Advised 9:38 a m Fraud/Forgery Natty Brook Road, Officer Spoke to Party 10:21 a.m. Property Damage

Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to 12:57 p.m. Property - Lost and

Found, Main Street, Information Given

Friday, March 17 11:54 a.m. Complaint, Madison Way, Officer Spoke to Party

3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Westminster Road, Report Filed Saturday, March 18

Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed

12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

7:43 p.m. Threat, Barre Road, Services Rendered AHA warns silent heart attacks often overlooked

Ravine Road, Written Warning

Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Ravine Road, Citation Issued

According to the American Heart Association silent heart attacks account for around 170,000 of the estimated 805,000 annual heart attacks. All too common,

silent heart attacks are often overlooked. "Silent heart attack or myocardial ischemia, is a condition of reduced oxygen-rich blood flow to the heart without symptoms of chest discomfort or other equivalent symptoms such as difficulty breathing, nausea, sweating," said Dr. Kelly M. Wanamaker, cardiac surgeon, Baystate Health and assistant professor, Cardiothoracic Surgery, UMass Chan Medical School-Baystate. "This is accompanied by changes on studies such as an Electrocardiogram that looks for electrical changes or Echocardiogram, an ultrasound of the heart that looks at function."

Dr. Wanamaker also shared attention in a timely fashion," said that it's imperative to know and understand the risk factors. The risk factors for a silent heart attack are the same as those for a heart attack with symptoms. Risk factors include diabetes, age, excess weight, family history, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, lack of exercise, obstructive sleep apnea,

"It has been reported that patients with silent heart attacks have a greater chance of developing new coronary events than those without silent ischemia, therefore, they need an aggressive diagnostic and therapeutic approach. The risk for those with silent heart attacks includes an increase in complica-

tobacco use and prior heart attack.

tions or death since patients often do not seek medical

Dr. Wanamaker. How is a silent heart attack

treated? Many people don't realize they're having a silent heart attack because they're not having obvious symptoms. However, Dr. Wanamaker shared some can be medically managed with beta blockers which help to decrease the hearts demand by lowering the heart rate and blood pressure, aspirin to make the platelets less sticky and allow blood to flow freely, and

lipid-lowering therapies. To learn more about Baystate Medical Center's life-saving cardiac capabilities, people may visit baystatehealth.org/heart.

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Hardwick Police Log

6:08 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not

on Ground), Old Boston Turnpike,

During the week of March 27-April the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 64 building/property checks, 34 directed/ area patrols, seven traffic controls, six emergency 911 calls, 10 radar assignments, two citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one motor vehicle accident, one complaint, one investigation, one illegal dumping and six motor vehicle stops in the town of

Monday, March 27 3:30 p.m. Complaint, Bridge Street,

Officer Handled 6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 9:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Sullivan Avenue, Services Rendered

Tuesday, March 28 11:23 a.m. Investigation, School House Drive, Services Rendered

12:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Spoken To 2:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 3:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered 11:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Collins Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, March 30 1:26 p.m. Parking Complaint Hardwick Road, Officer Handled 2:30 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Taylor Hill Road, Report Taken

Friday, March 31

Prouty Road, Services Rendered

6:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

11:22 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled 12:59 p.m. Assist Other Agency Greenwich Road, Officer Handled 4:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street,

Served in Hand

Road, Citation Issued

7:34 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital 3:20 p.m. Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 2 1:05 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Pine

Street, Report Taken 11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Citation Issued 4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

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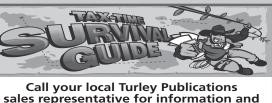
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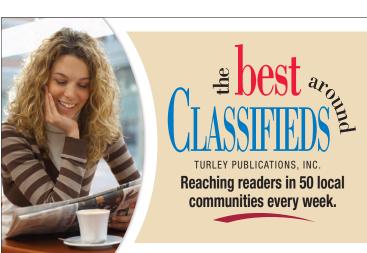
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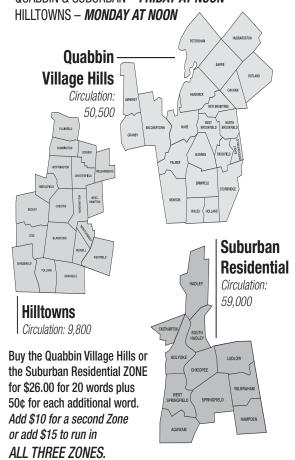
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OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edwin R. Kilpatrick and Eileen M. Kilpatrick to Sherwood Mortgage Group Inc., dated February 5, 2000 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22297, Page 336 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 is the present holder by Assignment from Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Mortgage Amenities Corp. dated February 5, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22297, Page 352, and Corrective Assignment from Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Mortgage Amenities Corp. dated March 6, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58536, Page 381, and Assignment from Mortgage Amenities Corp. to Residential Funding Corporation dated May 22, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22622, Page 77, and Assignment from Residential Funding Corporation to Bank One National Association as Trustee dated October 1, 2003 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 31880, Page 233, and Assignment from Bank One N. A as Trustee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated April 24, 2008 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 42807, Page 357, and Confirmatory Assignment from Bank One National Association f/k/a/ The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 dated April 14, 2014 and recordl at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52373, Page 369, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 2230 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, MA 01068 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00 PM on May 1, 2023,

mortgage, to wit: Land on the northerly side of Old Turnpike Road in Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot 5 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located in Oakham, Massachusetts owned by Cameron T. and Sarah E. Smith, Murray

at the mortgaged premises,

more particularly described

Engineering, North Brookfield, Massachusetts, Scale 1 inch=80 feet, February 18, 1997", which Lot 5 is more particularly bounded and described as follows

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the northerly line of Old Turnpike Road at the southeast corner of the lot herein described and the southwest corner of land now or formerly of G. Wiersma;

THENCE S. 80° 07' 10" W., 300.00 feet along the northerly line of Old Turnpike Road to an iron pin at the southeast corner of Lot 4 as shown on said

THENCE N. 09° 52' 50" W., 665.09 feet along Lot 4 to a stake in a stone wall at Wiersma land;

THENCE S. 76° 06 58" E., 95.31 feet along a stone wall to a point;

THENCE S. 75° 19' 07" E., 300.12 feet along

said stone wall to a stake; THENCE S. 02° 09' 20" E., 161.33 feet along a stone wall to a point;

THENCE S. 03° 27' 24" E., 344.22 feet along a stone wall to the iron pin at the point beginning.

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For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40790, Page 304.

The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51781, Page 111.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: below, all and singular the Cashier's or certified check premises described in said in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank W. LaRange to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated November 16, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56343, Page 90, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded on June 28, 2022, in Book No. 67821, at Page 147 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 **PM on April 28, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises located at 711 South Barre Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises

described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The following described parcel of land, and the improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Worcester (Worcester District), Commonwealth of Massachusetts to wit: Commonly known as: 711 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005 Parcel No.: Map

H. Lot 451 Legal Description: Land with the buildings thereon in that part of Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as South Barre, on the easterly side of South Barre Road, known as Route 32, being shown as Lot 1 on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, MA owned by D.A. Robinson Contracting, Inc., Scale 1 "=50'," dated February 23, said Registry of Deeds in

1999, drawn by Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 739, Plan 18, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Lot 1 contains 0.619 Acres.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52145, Page 219.

These premises will be

sold and conveyed sub-

ject to and with the ben-

efit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF **SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in

this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Present holder of said

mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Janet J. Macaluso to BNY Mortgage Company LLC, dated December 3, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32400, Page 77 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Mortgage Assets Management, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from The BNY Mortgage Company LLC to Seattle Mortgage Company dated December 3, 2003 and recorded at

Job Connection

Book 32400, Page 86, and Assignment from Seattle Mortgage Company to Bank of America, N.A. 21806, Page 212. dated July 9, 2007 and recorded at said Registry

of Deeds in Book 41536,

Page 207, and Corrective

Assignment from Seattle

Mortgage to Bank of

America, N.A. dated March

7, 2012 and recorded at

said Registry of Deeds in

Book 48674, Page 208,

and Assignment from

Bank of America, N.A.

to Nationstar Mortgage

LLC dated November

21, 2012 and recorded at

said Registry of Deeds in

Book 50036, Page 215,

and Assignment from

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

to Nationstar Mortgage

LLC d/b/a Champion

Mortgage Company dated

April 6, 2016 and record-

ed at said Registry of

Deeds in Book 55170,

Page 395, and Assignment

from Nationstar Mortgage

LLC D/B/A Champion

Mortgage Company

to Mortgage Assets

Management, LLC, its suc-

cessors and assigns dated

February 16, 2022 and

recorded at said Registry

of Deeds in Book 67737,

Page 166, for breach of

conditions of said mort-

gage and for the purpose

of foreclosing the same, the

mortgaged premises located

at 380 Cutler Road, Barre,

MA 01005 will be sold at a

Public Auction at 4:00 PM

on April 27, 2023, at the

mortgaged premises, more

particularly described

below, all and singular the

premises described in said

buildings thereon locat-

ed on Cutler Road,

Barre, Worcester County,

Massachusetts, being

Lot 3 shown on a plan

entitled "Plan of land in

Barre, Massachusetts,

dated March 29, 1998

prepared for Ronald

C. Higgins by Peter

Knowles, Professional

Land Surveyor, Barre,

Mass." recorded with the

Worcester District Registry

of Deeds in Plan Book

737. Plan 70, bounded and

set in the stone wall on the

easterly side of Cutler Road

at the corner of Cole Road;

E. by remaining land of

Higgins, 479.01 feet to a

edge of said pond, 297 feet

Thence southerly by

Thence N. 84° 05' 11"

W., 419.86 feet to an iron

pin set in stone wall along

E., 48.50 feet to a point;

W., 116.78 feet to a point;

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point of beginning the last

four courses being by said

stone wall along Cutler

3.04 acres of land, more or

Said Lot 3 containing

Thence N. 13° 08' 34"

Thence N. 01° 22' 33'

Thence N.04° 49' 37"

Thence 00° 38' 39" E.,

point by edge of pond:

more or less, to a point;

Cutler Road;

Beginning at an iron pin

described as follows:

The land with the

mortgage, to wit:

21806, Page 212. sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over

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Other terms to be

Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Macaluso, Janet, 22-041082 03/30, 04/06, 04/13/2023

Town of Barre **NOTICE CHANGE OF**

MANAGER Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing **2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Retail License for Pie Town LLC for premises located at 2 Common Street: Change of Manager. 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: Greg Balukonis Interim Town Administrator

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

For Title see Deed dated August 30, 1999, recorded at said Deeds in Book

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book

The premises will be

a typographical error in this publication.

announced at the sale.

PUBLIC HEARING

CODE (MUPC) A Personal Represent-TAKE NOTICE that the ative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah

A Kearny, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 30, 2023

Stephanie Fattman 04/06, 04/13/2023 Register of Probate

NOTIFICATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT

A. The name of the Applicant is: Raitto Industrial Park, Inc. The proposed project involves the removal of Wheelwright Pond Dam to address longterm dam safety related concerns and to improve wildlife habitat.

B. The Applicant will be filing three (3)

Ecological Restoration Notices of Intent with the Conservation Commissions for the Towns of Hardwick, New Braintree, and Barre, in July and August 2022. The Applicant is seeking authorization to work in Areas Subject to Protection Under the Wetlands Protection Act (General Laws Chapter 131, Section Date of Death: 02/23/2023

Probate and Family

Court

Worcester Probate and

Family Court

225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

(508)831-2200

Docket No.

WO23P0995EA

Estate of:

Adryanna M. Rossi

CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

To all interested per-

A Petition for Formal

Appointment of Personal

Representative has been

filed by **Deborah Johnson**

of Blackstone, MA

requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree and

Order and for such other

relief as requested in the

that: Deborah Johnson

of Blackstone, MA be

appointed as Personal

Representative(s) of said

estate to serve Without

Surety on the bond in

unsupervised administra-

IMPORTANT NOTICE

to obtain a copy of

the Petition from the

Petitioner or at the Court.

You have a right to object

to this proceeding. To

do so, you or your attor-

ney must file a written

appearance and objec-

tion at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return

ing date, but a deadline

by which you must file a

written appearance and

objection if you object to

this proceeding. If you

fail to file a timely written

appearance and objection

followed by an affidavit

of objections within thir-

ty (30) days of the return

day, action may be taken

without further notice to

UNSUPERVISED

ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE

MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE

This is NOT a hear-

day of 05/02/2023.

You have the right

The Petitioner requests

Petition.

C. The project location is on Mill Street, at the Wheelwright Pond Dam within the Ware River (42.352418°, -72.136976°).

D. Further information about public hearing information may be obtained from the Hardwick, New Braintree, and Barre Conservation Commissions. See the Conservation Commission websites for the meeting schedule for exact dates and agendas on all public hearings.

Hardwick Conservation Commission: (413) 477-6197 ext. 105 or via email at conservation@townofhardwick.com

New Braintree Conservation Commission: (508) 867-2071 or via email at conservationcommittee@newbraintree.org

Barre Conservation Commission: (978) 355-2504 ext. 7

E. Due to the Commonwealth and Towns of Hardwick, New Braintree, and Barre COVID-19 Emergency Response, it is anticipated that paper copies of the Notices of Intent may not be available for in-person inspection or distribution at

their respective Town Halls. F. Copies of the Notices of Intent may be obtained electronically from the Applicant's Representative, Katy Wilkins, by emailing KLWilkins@tighebond. com or calling (413) 875-1305 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday.

G. General information regarding this project may be obtained from the Applicant's Representative, Katy Wilkins, by emailing KLWilkins@tighebond. com or calling (413) 875-1305 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday.

NOTE: You may also **Environmental Protection** Regional Office for more information about this application or the Wetlands Protection Act. To contact DEP call:

Western Region (Hardwick): (413) 784-

Central Region (New Braintree, Barre): (508) 792-7650 04/06/2023

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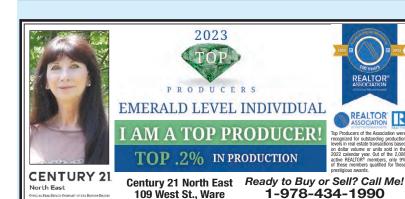
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