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Old highway barn's roof needs replacing

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - Capital Planning Committee Chair Mark Zorzec updated the Select Board on the results from a recent inventory of town-owned buildings and land.

At the April 8 meeting, he said there are 41 parcels of land, 22 structures and 178 acres.

"I've now been to most of those structure," Korzec said. "So, what we're doing here is making a recommendation from the Capital Planning about the old Highway Department building."

The building is located behind the Town House and Historical Society Museum. He said it is utilized by the Highway and Fire departments, Hardwick Fair Committee and the Historical Society.

"The roof is in real bad shape," Korzec said, including a large hole

Korzec said he has been working with Highway Superintendent Marty Gryszowka on bids to replace the roof. The project is estimated to cost less than \$40,000.

Korzec said they have three options to address the roof: they can take temporary measures and cover the roof with a tarp, make repairs to the southside of the building, or replace the entire roof. He said the Capital Planning Committee recommends the third option, and going with a metal roof.

"We recommend do the whole thing," he said. Korzec said the Finance Committee made the same

recommendation. Korzec said the town could take out a multi-year loan and make payments from the Capital reserve

account. The board approved a motion to move forward with repairs to the roof.

Town Administrator's report

Town Administrator Nicole Parker updated the board about progress being made at the Gilbertville mill located at 94 Main St. She met with owner George Lang on March 26, and he told her that they are finishing installation and stairs now.

Parker said Lang will contact the Building Inspector to seek a permit, and he is also requesting a license from the Cannabis Control Commission.

'They're working with National Grid as they need two transformers for all of their power," she said. "It's very much moving along.'

Parker said the National Heritage & Endangered Species Program has not collected the clam shrimp, which has impeded the developer from leaving equipment on the site.

Parker said on April 3 there was an emergency closure of the Creamery Road bridge by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. She said the bridge was slated for replacement by MassDOT in 2026.

"We're working diligently with them now," Parker said of MassDOT, adding that the East Quabbin Land Trust is donating permanent and temporary ease-

She is hoping to be able to go

out to bid this summer. Parker said updates on the U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded wastewater treatment project are posted on hardwick-ma.gov under the Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Shown at the Rutland Public Library are from left, Scott Maloney, Peg Sullivan, Liz Sweeney, Wendy Moran and Kerry Remington, library director.

By Eric Goodhart Correspondent

RUTLAND - "What do you want to do after you graduate from high school?"

Many teachers have asked their students that question. A teenager in 1998 by the name of Scott Maloney may have answered that question like this. I want to do something in law enforcement, study Criminology maybe. I want to develop my leadership skills that my track coach says I have. Maybe I can help others and make a positive difference in their lives."

Some have also said that

"everything happens for a reason." Though it will be very difficult to see any truth in that philosophy at first blush, a retrospective look-back in midlife, the truth in that can be understood,

for better or worse. In Scott's case...a horrific injury in September, 2004 brought about by a drunk induced decision he made at the beginning of his senior year in college that "reason" turned out to be for the better. In fact, the audience that came to hear him speak at the Rutland Public Library last Sunday, left knowing that he has probably helped thousands

of more people as a motivational

speaker than he would ever have three stories hitting his head on if he was an officer of the law.

At the time of the accident, nothing of the sort could ever have been imagined. He was 21-years-old when after one too many drinks at an off-campus party, he came back to his locked dorm around 2 a.m.. He did not wake anyone up and with a false sense of courage, he made a terri-

ble decision. He climbed the side of the building and shimmied along a ledge in an attempt to reach the window to his single room. He suddenly felt himself sliding off the ledge. Screaming, he fell

the pavement below. Fortunately, his cries while falling were heard. After been rushed to the hospital, he was examined by the physician on duty.

Maloney was unconscious and barely showing any sign of life. The physician on duty went have his keys. Not wanting to through a series of tests, the most significant one was neurological testing called "Glasgow Coma Scale" or GCS. It gives a physician a reliable way to record the conscious state of a person for assessment for recovery. Scott's reading on the GCS scale was 3.

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Board votes down zoning changes

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - On Tuesday evening, about 300 residents from Hardwick and surrounding towns attended a public hearing hosted by the Planning Board to discuss proposed zoning amendments.

These amendments were submitted by Casella Waste Systems for the purpose of reopening and expanding the solid waste landfill on Patrill Hollow Road.

Casella's Vice-President Brian Oliver said his company was approached by Hardwick brothers Dan Roach and Darryl Roach about reopening the landfill and combining it with their adjacent gravel pit.

"We feel there's significant need," Oliver said of reopening the

He said Casella would only move forward with the project if they had support from the commu-

Project proposal

Oliver said the Host Community Agreement drafted by Casella offers \$6 per ton tipped, or \$2.1 million a year. He said the HCA will remain in effect for the life of the landfill.

Previously, Casella had predicted about a 20 year lifespan, but due to the discovery of ledge, they believe it will be less than that. Oliver said Casella expects the landfill to be open for about 13

Joining Oliver was Professional Engineer Steve Wright, who explained the need for zoning amendments in order for the project to move forward. This included re-zoning certain parcels of land on Patrill Hollow Road from Agricultural Residential (AR-60) to Industrial (I-40); adding lan-

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Elizabeth Thompson welcomed a group of aspiring writers to her first creative writing workshop at Woods Memorial Library.

Creative Writing Workshop at Barre Library

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

BARRE - Woods Memorial Library welcomed Elizabeth Thompson who offered a creative writing workshop.

Thompson's first workshop was about mindfulness and meditation. At the end of March, Thompson would incorporate some of that mindfulness and meditation into her first ever creative writing workshop.

This workshop helps aspiring writers cultivate their creativity and look deep into their creative thinking. With movements to begin the workshop, Thompson feels constant movement helps writers find their ideas before incorporating them into their sto-

"The movement gets things flowing", Thompson said.

Thompson began the workshop by doing a movement exercise while doing introductions. Thompson went around the room to learn more about what each writer hopes to learn from her workshop and what each writer loves to write about.

The attendance at the workshop featured aspiring writers who love writing poetry, fiction, novels and short stories. The first exercise was about self-reflection and Thompson went around the room to learn what each writer would like to keep or let go of in their writing process.

Thompson is a writer who sees herself more as a facilitator and wants to help stimulate creativity. Thompson shared that she has recently started working on a short

story. She would also like to have a writing a group to be a part of and share challenges with other

Thompson was a professor of English for 13 years at Ohio University. Currently, she works at Suffolk University for teaching and scholaring excellence. Thompson focuses on courses such as literary analysis, early American literature and representations of indigenous people.

The creative writing workshop began with writing warm ups such as spending five minutes describing a certain situation. Following this was a longer exercise where writers spend fifteen minutes finishing a paragraph that begins in a certain way. One of the examples

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Rep. Saunders speaks about need for Quabbin bill

By Nick Boonstra Staff Writer nboonstra@turley.com

BELCHERTOWN State Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown) spoke at a meeting of the Friends of Quabbin on April 7, to promote a bill that aims to improve regional equity for the communities that host the Quabbin Reservoir.

House Bill 897, also known as An Act Relative to the Quabbin Watershed and Regional Equity, would create a trust fund to benefit Quabbin Reservoir Watershed Communities, which would be funded by a fee based on the amount of water used by supplied municipalities.

The fee proposed by the bill would be set at five cents per 1,000 gallons drawn, and would be expected to raise \$3.5 million for the fund, according to a summary document for the bill provided by Saunders. The bill also proposes to adjust how communities would be paid from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, basing payments on total state land acreage as opposed to acreage above the high water mark as is currently mandated.

Additionally, the bill would ensure that three members on the MWRA Board of Directors were residents of Connecticut River Basin communities. Currently, Monson Town Administrator Jennifer Wolowicz is the only one of the board's 11 members representing a community outside of

the I-495 corridor.

Saunders explained that this bill, the first of its kind to be introduced in the House, was one that he proposed with a focus on the future of the region, rather than its past. However, he made clear that it was the history of the region and its stewardship of the reservoir that made a bill like this necessary.

"When the Quabbin was built, when the four towns were taken from us, there were a number of communities that were also impacted forever," he said.

Saunders went on to detail how many of the towns that contain the reservoir are left to rely primarily on property taxes over commercial development for raising municipal revenues, leading to both buildings and services that were beginning to degrade as a result of those lower figures. He said that this state of affairs was directly a result of the fact that these communities host the reservoir for other parts of the state.

"The lands that we protect for the Quabbin have foreclosed the ability for these communities to do anything else that may generate the type of revenue that funds public safety, that funds basic services that we expect from our communities," he said.

Providing one example of suffering public facilities, Saunders said, "There is one usable room in the New Salem Town Hall; it's in the basement. The rest of the building is not fit for human consumption."

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News of the Towns



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Democratic Town Committee reorganizing

On Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m., Barre Democratic Town Committee meets to reorganize and vote for officer positions. People should email BarreDTC@gmail.com for location and details.

Senior Center Director Meet and Greet

On Thursday, April 18 from 9-11 a.m., there will be a Meet and Greet for the new Barre/Hardwick Senior Center Director.. The event will be at the Senior Center located at 557 South Barre Road. All are welcome to attend. Coffee hour and refreshments will be served.

Looking to the Future

Looking to the Future will meet on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., with Barre resident Courtney Schlosser, to become familiar with his book, "Existential Threats and Moral Prospects." Schlosser highlights threats that our society is now facing, among them the challenges arising from climate change, escalating conflicts that could lead to nuclear war and violence in society. Schlosser is Philosophy Professor Emeritus from Worcester State University. Newcomers are welcome.

Ed the Wizard

Ed the Wizard and his sea life balloon animal twisting workshop will appear at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre on Thursday, April 18 starting at 4:30 p.m.. Patrons will learn the art of balloon twisting as they create their own Sea Turtle. No balloon twisting experience is required. This program is free and opened to the public, but may require pre-registration. People should call the library at 978-355-2533, extension 104 for more information and to register. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Barre Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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 15. 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 – Patriots's Day No meal served. TUESDAY – Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, corn niblets, mixed fruit, biscuit

WEDNESDAY – Salmon primavera, rice pilaf, peas and onions, brownie, diet = cookie, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, apple crisp, diet = peaches, Italian bread

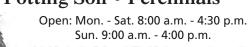
FRIDAY – Garlic herbed chicken, cornbread stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, lemon pudding diet – tanioca pudding, whole wheat bread

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

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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Curling tournament benefits Lions Eye Research



Submitted photos

Shown is the winning Winchendon Team 2 at the 18th annual Bonspiel sponsored by the Petersham Lions Club.

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Lions Club recently held its 18th annual charity curling tournament, also known as a bonspiel and raffle fundraiser in March.

The event benefits Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund to help in finding a cure for blindness. This year's 16 teams were Athol Teams 1 and 2, Barre, Charlton, Grafton, Hubbardston Teams 1 and 2, Monson, Paxton Teams 1 and 2, Rutland, Winchendon Teams 1 and 2 and Worcester.

The final playoff was between Team 2 from the Winchendon Lions and Team 1 from the Mendon Lions. Winchendon took home this year's win. Winners have their Team name added to the tournament plaque along with the names of the teammates. The plaque goes home with the winning team to display for the year and returns for the next year's

Petersham is fortunate to have its own Petersham Curling Club which has been offering an arena for the sport since 1960. The Petersham Curling Club is one of only four dedicated clubs in Massachusetts, solely for the purpose of curling. The Curling Club generously offers the day

to the Lions for the event and it is most appreciated.

This partnering support allows the Lions to have this event locally and supports the Curling Club as well. The Petersham Lions tournament is always an amateur level event, held annually in March. As they always have done, experienced Petersham Curling Club members were on hand to offer lessons and advice to those, who had never curled before.

Recognized as an Olympic sport, curling is a sport that requires good aim, balance and the proper amount of strength to send the 40-pound granite stone, which is the curling puck so to speak to the other end of the ice and score, with the help of team mates expertly sweeping the ice ahead of the stone to help it go farther.

For the Lions, it was not so much skill as it was a day to have fun and encourage each other. Even the losers were happy. Everyone cheered the curlers on with a hardy amount of handshakes and pats on the back.

Petersham Lion John Magnino kept all the teams in playing order and coordinated, who was playing against whom, a job he has masterfully done since the tournament began.

While the area had icy weather and slippery roads, the curlers all kept their balance on the ice inside. No sanders needed. The weather did not affect the large turnout of players and spectators, making this a very successful fundraiser.

The event offered coffee and light foods for breakfast, sweets and treats all day long and a delicious lunch of sandwiches, salads and various chilis. Everyone kept warm and satisfied throughout the day.

The raffle was well attended and the Club was able to offer 35 prizes due to the generosity of our area stores and crafters. The Petersham Lions will start planning the 19th tournament this fall after a short summer break If people are interested in becoming a Petersham Lion, they may email Denis Legare, the Club Membership chairperson. at hilltopchief@gmail.com.

Petersham Lions Club's next big event is the Massachusetts General Hospital Bloodmobile that the Club is co-hosting with Monty Tech at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fitchburg on Saturday, May 4. People may visit https://www.massgeneral.org/blood-donor/blood-drives/community-blood-drives.





Hubbardston Library presents poetry event

April is poetry month, so come to the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., on Wednesday, April 24 at 6 p.m. to for an evening of poetry from Hubbardston native John Hodgen.

Hodgen is the Writer-in-Residence at Assumption University in Worcester and Advisory Editor for New Letters at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Hodgen won the AWP Donald Hall Prize in Poetry for Grace (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005). His fifth book, 'The Lord of Everywhere," is out from Lynx House, which is also publishing his new book, "What We May Be," this spring. He has won the Grolier Prize for Poetry, an Arvon Foundation Award, the Yankee Magazine Award for Poetry, the Bluestem Award, the Balcones Prize, the Foley Prize, the Chad Walsh Prize from Beloit Poetry Journal, the Collins Prize from Birmingham Poetry Review and a Massachusetts Cultural Council Award in Poetry. His poem "Hamlet Texts Guildenstern About Playing Upon the Pipe," published in The Antioch Review, was chosen for inclusion in Scribner's Best American Poetry 2017.

Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant office hours

On Wednesday, April 17 from 9:45-1-:45 a.m. State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's, Constituent services coordinator will hold office house in the Hubbardston Senior Center. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with staff to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Town Clerk lists election info

The 2024 Hubbardston Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, June 11. Nomination papers for candidates interested in running for town-wide offices are available at the Hubbardston Town Clerk's Office. Tuesday, April 23 at 5 p.m. is the last day to submit nomination papers to Registrars. Offices, which will appear on the ballot. Are: Select Board two positions for three-year terms; Board of Assessors one position for three-year term; Board of Health three positions - two three-year terms and one two-year term; Cemetery Commission one position three-year term; Library Trustees three positions two three-year terms and one one-year term, Quabbin Regional School District Committee two positions for three-year terms; Finance Committee three positions two three-year terms and one one-year term; Parks Commission four positions one three-year term, two two-year terms and one one-year term and Planning Board one position fiveyear term. Those interested in running for any of these positions must collect a minimum of 24 signatures from registered Hubbardston voters. Nomination papers can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours Monday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. People may call the Town Clerk's office at 978-928-1400 extension 202 or email tclerk@hubbardstonma.us with any questions. Deadline to register to vote at the Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, May 25. Deadline to vote for the Annual Town Election is Saturday, June 1.

Hubbardston Citizen of the Year Award

The Select Board announces the launch of the inaugural Hubbardston Citizen of the Year Award. This annual recognition is designed to celebrate the individuals, pairs of individuals, groups, community organizations or non-profits that have made significant contributions to enhancing the quality of life in town. Hubbardston is filled with unsung heroes, who go above and beyond to make the community a better place. Now is a chance to nominate them for this prestigious award. People may visit online Google Form at https://docs. google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftj3BtlK94cHUov8T-FgWrJWNp3ek0u to fill out a form. If they prefer, they can also pick up a paper nomination form at the Select Board's Office, 7 Main St. They should provide as much detail as possible about their nominee's contributions and impact on the community in the application. Nominations must be received by April 25 to be considered for this year's award. The winner will be recognized at the Hubbardston Annual Town Meeting, and their name will be added to a dedicated plaque at Town Hall. People may call the Select Board office by calling 978-928-1400 or emailing admin@hubbardstonma.us.

Library community survey

The Hubbardston Public Library is conducting a community survey to evaluate the library's programs, facilities and services to inform their strategic plan for the next five years. Whether people use the Hubbardston Library or not their participation in this survey will help create a plan that meets the needs of the community. The survey takes approx-

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Barre Housing Authority – April 11 at 3 p.m. Building, Grounds and Safety Subcommittee -April 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Quabbin Regional School District Committee

– April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Board of Assessors – April 16 at 6 p.m.

Select Board – April 16 at 6 p.m Planning Board – April 16 at 7 p.m. Sewer Commission – April 18 at 7 p.m. 250th Anniversary Committee - April 24 at

6:30 p.m. Cemetery Commission – April 25 at 11 a.m. Council on Aging – May 1 at 12:30 p.m.

Felton Field Commission – May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Board of Health – May 13 at 5 p.m. Water Commission – May 13 at 6:30 p.m. DPW Commission – May 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Town Hall Advisory Committee - April 11 at

Gilbertville Water District - April 16 at 5:30

Master Plan Steering Committee - April 16 at Conservation Commission – April 17 at 6:30

Capital Planning Committee - April 22 at 3

Finance Committee – April 22 and May 6 at 6

Wheelwright Water District - April 22 at 7

p.m. Board of Health – May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Paige Library Trustees – May 2 at 7 p.m. Recycling Commission – May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council -May 13, June 10, July 8 and August 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Capital Planning Committee – May 20 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Finance Committee – April 24 at6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Sewer Commission – April 15 at 5 p.m. State Rep Berthiaume and Sen. Durant aides office hours – April 16 at 10 a.m.

Planning Board - April 17 and May 15 at 6

Library Strategic Planning Committee - April 18 at 6 p.m.

Board of Selectmen – April 23 at 6 p.m. Annual Town Election – May 6

Downtown Development Committee - May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

OAKHAM.

Library Trustees – April 11 at 5 p.m. Council on Aging - April 12 and May 10 at

Planning Board – April 16 and May 21 at 7

Select Board - April 16, April 29, May 13 and

May 28 at 6 p.m.. Town Elections – May 20 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Board of Health April 22 at 4:45 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 11 at 5:30 p.m. Board of Health – April 11 at 6 p.m. Advisory Finance Committee – April 11 at 6 p.m.

Petersham Historic District – April 18 at 6 p.m. Board of Assessors – April 23 at 5:30 p.m. Open Space and Recreation Committee – May

7 at 6 p.m. Conservation Commission – May 7 at 7 p.m. Council on Aging – May 13 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Capital Improvement Planning Committee -April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee with Select Board – April

Economic Development Commission - April 17 at 7 p.m.

Planning Board Public Hearing - April 23 at 6:30 p.m.



Book Signing **Meet Local Author ML Condike**

at Stone Cow Brewery 500 West Street, Barre Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Her novel, The Desk From Hoboken, uses traditional genealogy methods and DNA technology to solve the 180-year-old cold case of the death of Mary Rogers that inspired EA Poe to write Marie Roget.

Kimberly Toney to speak on 'Indigenzing History of Nichewaug'

PETERSHAM -Petersham Historical Society presents Kimberly Toney, member of the Hassanamisco Band of Nipmuc and the inaugural Coordinating Curator of Native American and Indigenous Studies at Brown University, as guest speaker at the Historical Society's Annual Meeting on Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in Petersham Town Hall, 1 South

This program is free and open to all. Toney's talk, "Beyond Petersham: An Indigenzing History of Nichewaug," will explore Indigenous narratives about the place now called Petersham, which Indigenous people call Nichewaug."This talk," says Toney, "invites a reexamination of the complicated, violent histories of settler colonialism in Nichewaug from an Indigenous and indigenizing approach that can help change the ways we think about place, space, land and commu-

nity."

"The history of Nichewaug

"The propean setlong predates European settlement, which began in the early 18th century. As a meeting place connected to multiple waterways and ecological and agricultural resources, Nichewaug remains a culturally significant site for Nipmuc people beyond and before interactions with European settlers



Kimberly Toney

there. However, the dominant narratives about Petersham and Nichewaug tell us little about Nipmuc or other Indigenous connections to that place.'

Toney notes she is deeply engaged with cultural revitalization, language reclamation and land back efforts in her Nipmuc community and in her professional work, strives to connect Indigenous knowledges and practices to all scholarly endeav-

Prior to her position at Brown University, Toney was Head of Readers' Services and Director of Indigenous Initiatives at the American Antiquarian Society in

Worcester. She holds an Master of Arts in Historic Preservation from the University of Delaware and serves as an advisor or consultant to cultural institutions and land trusts in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Jennifer Albertine, Historical Society Board member and Petersham resident notes, "This event offers a chance to bring two communities, with a shared history on this land, together to increase cultural and historical understanding. By inviting Nipmuc citizens to educate our community about their history on their own terms, we can take an important step in making Nipmuc people feel welcomed and an important part of our community's history.

"Indigenous narratives must be heard so that relationships can grow," says Barbara Hanno, Vice President of the Petersham Historical Society. "We hope this program will add to the understanding of the past, the present, and the future, because we must all learn from history in order not to repeat the past."

All are welcome to a brief 2024 Annual Meeting of the Petersham Historical Society which precedes the guest speaker's program at 6:30 p.m. This program is supported by funding from the Petersham Cultural Council, a local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Church to hold breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, April 20 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes blueberry, chocolate chip and plain pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. People may make a donation, which helps support the church.

Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant office hours

On Tuesday, April 16 from 11 a.m.-noon State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's, Constituent services coordinator, Jared Griggs will hold office hours.in the Oakham Town Hall. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with staff to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Roadway Cleanup

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

Recycling Day

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

Golf Tournament

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

Registration is from 7:30-8:45 a.m. The tournament named in memory of Gretchen Nahkala, Art Gray, Bob Lajoie and Bob Tyck benefits local charities. Cost is \$100 per player and include 18 holes of golf, a cart and a barbecue buffet. Cost is \$360 per foursome if paid by July 26. There will be prizes, raffles and silent auction. For more information, people may call Dawn

Thistle at the Oakham Congregational Church at 508-882-5537 and leave a message if there is no

Senior center

The Oakham Senior Center, lower level Town Hall, is open Monday through Thursdays until 3 p.m. Fun fitness is held at the New Braintree Town Hall every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Ongoing activities also include Tuesday at 10 a.m. Wii and Tuesday and Thursdays walk away at 11 a.m., and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. coffee with friends.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to

BARRE – The next two Barre

Food Pantry distributions will

occur on Thursday, April 18 from

5:30 -7 pm.

hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry changing how the pantry current-

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Barre Food Pantry holds distribution April 18

physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients April 18 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 build-Board of Directors considered ing where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback ly operates, but decided that the of their vehicle by volunteers at most responsible path forward is multiple stations.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drivethrough" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Please do not arrive to volunteer on April 18 without first calling Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates by visiting 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/.

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Opinion

Guest Column



When should my wife claim her Social Security benefit?

Dear Rusty

I just saw an article which said that certain spousal options were going away, but there are still good options for when a spouse can claim. I am filing for my Social Security to start in October when I turn 70. My wife's Full Retirement Age is in December, and she now plans to file then for half of what my FRA benefit would have been (our original plan was for both to file in August). My wife's main reason for delaying until her FRA is to lock her into my maximum benefit if she has to someday change to Survivor's Benefit. Will this be gone for us? Neither of us was born before Jan. 1, 1954. Please advise. Signed: Planning for Both

Dear Planning

I expect that the article you refer to was speaking of the option to claim only a spousal benefit first and allow one's personal SS retirement benefit to grow. That option was available only to those who were born before 1954 and had reached full retirement age. As you now know that option is not available to you.

Assuming your wife's highest benefit entitlement will be as your spouse, your current strategy – you claim your maximum benefit to start in October at age 70 and your wife starts her benefit in December at her FRA is a good one which will yield the maximum possible monthly benefit for both of you. But for clarity, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow has nothing to do with when she claims her spouse benefits now.

The only thing which will affect your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse is her age when she claims the survivor benefit. If she has already reached her FRA of 66 years and 8 months when you pass, she will get 100% of the amount you were receiving when you died, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were living. Her survivor benefit would only be less than 100% of yours if she claimed it before reaching her full retirement age (which, of course, we hope would not to be the case).

Just so you have the complete picture, your wife could, if desired, claim her Social Security to start at the same time as you in October but, since that would be earlier than her FRA, the amount she would get would be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement. Her spouse benefit would be reduced by 0.694% for each month earlier than her FRA it starts.

For example, if your wife starts her spousal benefit in October when your benefit starts, she will get about 98.6% of the amount she would get if she waited until December to start her benefits. That's a permanent reduction, so if your wife's life expectancy is at least average about 87, it's likely still wisest for her to wait until her FRA to start benefits. But in any case, when your wife claims her spousal benefit now will have no effect on the survivor benefit she will get as your future widow.

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In Past Pages

5 years (April 18, 2019)

Last Wednesday morning, Quabbin senior Delaney Gillis was celebrating her intent to play soccer at Sage College in Albany, New York and that afternoon, Gillis switched gears and contributed to an opening day tennis win for the Lady Panthers agains the Hudson Hawks, 3-2. "Hudson has always been a big competitor or us and I'm very happy my team won against them," Gillis, who is also a tri-captain, said. A talented young woman across the boards, Gillis' main sport is soccer, as she was a captain on the Quabbin Varsity team. However, Gillis has also proved extremely valuable on the tennis courts and has been at the number one spot and a captain for three years in a row.

For the last four years, Quabbin Athletic Director Mark Miville has been impacting both athletes, coaches and just about anyone he comes in contact with throughout the Quabbin District. It was really no surprise when he was recently honored at the 44th Annual Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association Conference as the recipient of the Athletic Director of the Year Award for District E. "It's very nice to be honored by your pees," Miville said, explaining the award is voted on by other athletic directors thorough the 72 schools that make up

Pitching and hitting were the factors at hand that earned the Quabbin Baseball team their first win of the season last Friday when they travelled to Littleton, defeating them 5-1. "It's always good to start the season of with a win," Panther coach Chris Robidoux said. "We struggled offensively early in the game, but the guys didn't lose confidence and kept their approaches at the plate and it paid of later in the game." The combination of Gavin Price and Croix Jenkins pulled off a remarkable no hitter on the mound, with Price striking out eight in five innings giving up no hits and Jenkins relieving him in the sixth, getting six outs on only 16 pitches.

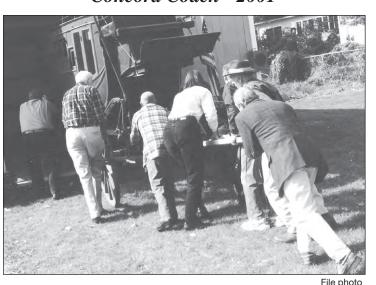
10 years (April 10, 2014)

Very few voters wen to the polls Monday in Barre. Only 177 voters or 5.11% of the 3,466 registered voters cast a ballot. Of the 177 voters, 102 were from precinct 1 and 75 from precinct 2. Precinct 1 has 1,775 registered voters and precinct 2, 1,691. The only contest on the ballot was for a three-year term to the Board of Health. Incumbent Margaret A. Frost, 590 Sunrise Avenue, won with

102 votes (68 precinct 1 and 34 precinct 2) over her challenger, Dennis Fleming of 140 Valley Road.

The Barre Board of Selectmen met with the Board of Heath to discuss the closing of the landfill owned by Waste Management next year, probably in June. The Department of Environmental Protection extended the closing date,

LOOK BACK Concord Coach - 2001



In the past, Barre's Concord Coach was moved with a team of sturdy horses. But on the day of the dedication of the new coach house, horses were in short supply so it was up to some willing volunteers to move the coach into its new home.

as it was not filled yet. Chair of the Board of Selectmen Kathlyn Inman said that Tom Murray of Waste Management stated there was no truth to the rumors the landfill planned to expand. She said everyone needed to know what was going to happen in about a year.

People use a lot of electronic gadgets in their daily lives from TVs to cel phones to computers. But how can they get rid of them when they're broken or outdated? Hubbardston Cub Scouts Pack 12 has the answer, recycle them. The Scouts will be hosting an electronic waste recycling day of Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of Hubbardston Center School, 8 Elm St. One hundred percent of the profits go directly to Hubbardston Cub Scouts.

25 years (April 15, 1999)

The Budget Subcommittee for the Quabbin Regional School District submitted it recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2000 budget to the full School Committee at its April 8 meeting. At \$19,578,979, the total amount represents a 7.25% increase from this year's budget. Vincent Ritchie of Hubbardston presented the figure to the committee, but warned it will no doubt be modified. The amount however, cannot be increased, only reduced, meaning this figure represents the budget's ceiling. Fran Gromelski of Barre noted this recommendation had already been reduced by \$1.3 million from its original figure.

Cheryl Wolfe, former Chairman of the Quabbin Regional School Committee, is back on the committee after Monday's election. She ran unopposed for the three-year seat after Edward Kelly decided not to seek re-election. Kelly served on the school committee for 12 years. Also elected to the School Committee was Pamela Hinckley. She was appointed when Rebecca Bottomley resigned her seat to take a teacher's job. Hinckley ran unopposed for the two-year unexpired term.

The April 8 Quabbin Regional School Committee was the last for long-time committee member Edward Kelley of Hardwick. His fellow committee members bid him a final farewell, recognizing him for his years of service to the Quabbin region. Fran Gromelski presented Kelly with a gift that had a touch of irony, a Quabbin Football tee shirt. Kelley had once presented resistance to the committee' time frame for the implementation of the football program. Yet, as Gromelski noted, "even when he loses a vote, he supports the committee's decision."

38 years (April 17, 1986)

The Barre Selectmen expressed concern regarding the copy of the town's assessment received from Quabbin Regional School District at their Monday evening meet-

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Election letters to the editor welcome

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

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

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

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Guest Column



Transplanting your homegrown seedlings

I bet there are a few garden enthusiasts out there with seedlings up and growing indoors.

My tomatoes are just poking through, but my peppers are ready for transplanting. Why transplant you ask? It's important that we give our young plants room to spread out!

If seeds were sown in rows, chances are that several seedlings have sprouted and are now growing within a close proximity to one another. They are competing for nutrients and moisture.

Even if two seeds were sown in a single cell of a six-pack and both germinated, they too are competing with one another in that tiny of a space. So, if we want garden center quality seedlings, we must transplant them to their own cell or small pot.

You know a seedling is ready for transplant when it has its "true leaves," not the cotyledon leaves that were first to sprout from the seed, but those that come right after. At this point in growth plant roots aren't tangled up and therefore transplant shock can be kept to a minimum

Although the seedlings may be tiny and appear fragile, transplanting them is quite simple.

First, take a wooden plant label or dull butter knife and "cut" into the row of seedlings. Then, use your implement "spatula-style" to remove a small cluster of plants from the bottom up.

I always tell folks to "think brownies!" Be careful to get as many roots as you can.

Once you've done this it is time to separate them from one another. Gently pull on a leaf, not the stem, to pry them apart.

Think of it this way: the plant has two leaves but only one stem. If it should snap, that's it! Leaves on the other hand, can and will be replaced if accidentally torn off.

Individual seedlings can be planted in small containers or cell packs filled with soilless growing medium. We steer clear of garden soil because of the pathogens and weed seeds it may contain as well as its tendency not to drain very well.

Soilless mix is sterile, and has the ability to retain moisture yet drain freely- just what the young seedling needs as it grows additional roots and top growth.

Make a hole in the moistened growing medium with your finger, a pencil or wooden dibble. Insert the seedling to the correct depth then firm around it with your fingers.

Most are transplanted to the same depth they were growing in the pack.

One exception is tomatoes; they can be buried deeper than they started out. This is because tomatoes have the ability to make roots along the length of their stem.

Another exception are marigolds. More roots mean healthier shoots!

Water the transplants well with a gentle spray. They can now be put back under the artificial lights

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I guess the ground hog was wrong.

Winter has returned to Serenity Hill. It was pretty, but I was glad when the snow came off the trees. I was afraid we would loose our power like some parts of Hubbardston did.

Our neighbor plowed us out so I was able to get groceries on Sunday morning. My handyman was there when I got home and he very kindly brought in my groceries from the car and actually put most of them away. I did get to the bank and post office on Saturday morning and the handyman got salt for our

I hope this snow does not ruin the daffodils and other buds that are out on the bushes. I checked the dahlia bulbs I planted in the cellar and they are up about four inches. I hope I did not plant them too early.

I don't plan on watching the eclipse except on tele-

Because groceries are so high now I try to make meals that will go for two days. This week I took a pound package of hamburg and it served three meals. First I made this Hamburger Stroganoff.

HAMBURGER STROGANOFF

1/2 lb. hamburger

1/2 onion chopped 1/4 cup of butter or oil

1 t. salt

1/3 teaspoon pepper

1 clover of garlic

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 small can of mushroom pieces

1/2 cup sour cream

Cooked noodles or rice

First cook the hamburger and onions in the oil. Add the garlic, pepper and mushrooms. Stir and cook for five minutes. Stir in soup. Heat and stir for about 10 minutes. Stir in sour cream and heat through. Serve over the hot noodles or rice.

For the second day, I just heated the leftover noodles in water and heated the stroganoff with a little they did in the snowstorm.

water and served it.

The third day I took the other half pound of hamburg and made hamburgers with cheese in a bun. I heated the buns in a toaster oven and cooked up some sliced onions for those who wanted onions. I used ketchup on my hamburger.

This and That

This week I have been taking out my genealogy books on each of the family members and checking with Ancestry to see if there is any updates.

I also made a packet of pictures to send to my cousin, who brought me the disc of photos for my comput-

I have been trying to get rid of some of the paper piles I have in my computer room by filing what I

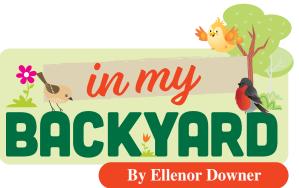
I am making a lot of totes and placemats with pieces of fabric that were given to me. Three of the totes I lined. I use them when shopping as they are easier to carry things than with the plastic bags. I ask the cashier not to make the bags very heavy. I am not as strong as I used to be.

I had a nice visit with our neighbor after he plowed our driveway. His twin daughters are in Washington D.C. on an eighth grade class trip.

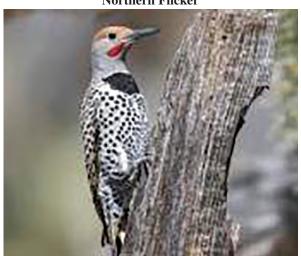
I did not go on my high school class trip to Washington D.C. as I had been to visit an aunt in Washington D.C. when I graduated from grammar school in 1950. She worked as a secretary in the Department of Social Security and each day she left us instructions on what bus to take to see each of the attractions in the city.

I remember the cafeterias had just come into being so she had us eat at one. We visited Jeffersons' home, the Capitol and various places but the White House was being renovated at the time and we could not visit

I wonder if the cherry blossoms are in bloom yet? Hats off to the highway department for the good job



Northern Flicker



A Blandford resident saw a male northern flicker during the April 4 snowstorm among other birds at her snowbound feeding station.

I saw a male northern flicker before the snow storm last week near the Barre line. The day after the snow, I saw one by the edge of the road at the ball-field in the center of Oakham, the only bare spot.

The northern flicker is about 13 inches long. Distinguishing marks include a black bid or necklace under its throat, black spots on its breast, gray head and long beak. The male has has a black line at the base of its bill, which the female lacks. Both have a red patch on the neck and a white rump, clearly visible

The flicker is the only ground feeding woodpecker. Ants make up almost half of its diet. It also catches insects in the air and eats fruit, berries and seeds. It will come to feeders like the one in Blandford.

Flickers are cavity nesters and excavate a hole in a tree, fence post or cactus. They will use a nest box. The female lays seven to nine white eggs. They make a loud "kekekekeke" for territorial display and a "woikawoikawoka" during courtship. They also do muffled volleys of drumming.

Flocks of robins

The Blandford resident also had a flock of about 25 robins in her yard. She said they departed before she could shovel clear strip of grass for them and put out mealworms. I saw many robins along the side of the after last Thursdays snowstorm and the day after as there was no other area clear of snow.

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ing. Barre's assessment for FY 87 is

\$737,244, which includes an additional

sum for capital expenditures. Various

issues regarding the school budget were

raised along with the total proposed bud-

get for the town. The upcoming Annual

Town Meeting on May 17 will place

The New Braintree Town Election

will be held May 5. Polls will be open

from noon-8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

All New Braintree residents qualified

to vote are encouraged to attend. Town

official positions being voted on are: Tax

Collector, Selectman, Assessor, Quabbin

Regional School District (K-12)

Member, Cemetery Commissioner,

Board of Health Member and Constable,

these budgets before the voters.

Pileated woodpecker holes

I received a photo from a Charlton resident showing a tree with numerous holes made by a pileated woodpecker. It was impressive.

I usually hear the pileated woodpecker more than I see them. Recently, I heard one and looked for it in the area of its hammering. I saw this one and it kept up its excavating as I watched it.

More snowstorm bird

A Brimfield resident, who sends me frequent bird sightings, said, "During the snow storm last week in addition to the usual suspects we had a field sparrow, a Carolina wren and about 36 goldfinch visit the yard. Some of the male goldfinch were beginning to show some yellow plumage."

Black vultures

The Brimfield resident said his wife saw two black vultures in the center of Brimfield feeding on a dead opossum. He said, "They are showing up in western Massachusetts more often recently."

A favorite roost for turkey vultures is near the transfer station in Barre on Depot Road. I saw several vultures circling over the area, several perched on lamp posts and a shed at the transfer station. One on the lamp post had its wings spread out. It was quite a sight to see.

I saw a turkey vulture spreading its wings like that several years ago on one of the high tension line poles in Oakham. It almost looked like it flew into the post.

Ospreys and herons

This Brimfield resident makes regular trips to several ponds. He said in his most recent email, "In Warren at the pond on South Street the osprey pair that have nested there the past three years have returned. Last year there were three great blue heron nests there that produced young. This year only one pair of herons has returned so far. At my last visit it looked like a heron was incubating eggs or maybe just sitting

He also said, "At the great blue heron rookery at Conant Brook Dam in Monson there are four nest this year. On a visit last week the four nests had birds incubating eggs. There were six nest here last year but one of the trees with a nest looked like it was in danger of falling over, guess it did. And another nest has disappeared." He said there is an osprey pair at the playing fields in Wilbraham by

the YMCA/Spec Pond. He saw one of osprey bring sticks to the nest and at another visit one was sitting on the nest.

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

all for three-year terms. A Planning Board Member will also be elected for a term of five-years. All positions are uncontested.

Heifer Project International, a charitable organization specializing in livestock projects for third world farmers, received dozens of calls this week from dairy farmers offering their cattle for export, a result of the federal dairy herd buyout program. Unfortunately, there are not enough funds for transport of the animals even though there are established projects where the animals could be of immediate benefit to hungry people. "We are appealing to the public to help us respond to this opportunity," said Rosalee Sinn, Director of the Heifer Project Regional office located in Rutland. "It costs \$750 to ship a cow."

Senior Center hosts 'Meet and Greet' for new director



The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center will welcome the new director at a Meet and Greet on Thursday, April 18 from 9-11 a.m. at the **Barre Senior Center** located at 557 South Barre Road. All are welcome to attend. Coffee hour and refreshments will be served.

Submitted Photo

Basketball players team with ASB for ALSI



Regional High School Boys Basketball team is going to the Wally Seaver Tournament with the sponsorship of the Athol Savings Bank in Barre.

The Seaver Tournament is a fundraising event to help raise funds in the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. The team is partnering with the ASB to raise awareness of this disease also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Submitted Photo

Shown are Quinn Geary, Maria Bosse, Branch Manager Dana Harty, **Bryce Venne and Kyle**

Biologists speak on aquatic invasive species

By Nick Boonstra Staff Writer

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BELCHERTOWN - Aquatic biologists from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation gave a virtual presentation on March 10, educating the community on the dangers of aquatic invasive species in the Ouabbin Reservoir and Ware River Watershed, and providing tips on how to prevent the introduction and spread of these unwanted plants and animals.

Shasten Sherwell and Tayelor Gosselin shared on how an aquatic invasive species is defined, what species have been identified in the area's bodies of water, and how these plants impact the environment and the community. Fishers, boaters and other recreationists are advised to take care as the winter comes to an end and the warmer season starts ramping up.

Sherwell explained to attendees that an aquatic invasive species is not only one that is not native to the region, but also one that can out-compete native species and cause negative impacts to the environment. Some of the negative impacts

caused by invasive plants include reduction in water quality, dis-

ruption of natural food webs, and damage to human-built infrastructure. Sherwell also mentioned that the values of waterfront properties have been found to fall in areas affected by aquatic invasive spe-

Invasive species that have been identified locally include milfoil, phragmites, purple loosestrife and fanwort. Two types of zooplankton, the spiny water flea and the fishhook water flea, as well as hydrilla have also been found around New England but have not been detected in local reservoirs or watersheds as of yet.

Sherwell said that h ity can contribute to the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species. Unknowingly, people can transmit invasive species through dumping ballast water and live bait, or by allowing straggling "hitchhikers" to remain on their boat or equipment.

Gosselin highlighted DCR's techniques for managing and preventing the growth of aquatic invasive species. She highlighted widespread education about these plants as critical to these efforts.

She explained that there was constant monitoring of local bodies of water to ensure any spread of invasive species is detected early. This included 14 annual surveys of the Quabbin Reservoir and the use of GPS to track both native and invasive species.

If a suspected invasive species is found, Gosselin said that the response was in-depth. "We do have a lengthy process to make sure we're being thorough," she said, adding that each species was handled differently from others.

Harvesting areas of invasive species could be as simple as having DCR contractors pulling growths by hand, Gosselin said, but could involve the more aggressive use of suction hoses if conditions were appropriate.

The biologists closed by asking visitors to DCR sites to ensure that they are inspecting and cleaning their boats and equipment, draining any standing water away from waterways and, if possible, allowing everything to completely dry out for at least five days between visits. They also reminded boaters to only utilize designated boat launch areas, and to pay attention to all signage at these locations.

General information about the Ouabbin Reservoir can be found online at https://www.mass.gov/ locations/quabbin-reservoir. Information about the Ware River Watershed is available at https:// www.mass.gov/locations/ware-river-watershed.



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Fisher Museum Harvard Forest hosts open house on April 27

Museum Harvard Forest, 324 North Main St., welcomes the public for a free open house on Saturday, April 27 from 1-4 p.m.

This is an opportunity for the public to visit and get to know Harvard Forest. They will have an afternoon filled with games, guided tours and a tree planting in honor of Earth Day.

The afternoon will begin with a series of guessing games in the Fisher Museum followed by a welcome. The first tour will depart at 2 p.m. This will be an hour and half tour led by Greta Vanscoy, Education Coordinator and Field Technician and Jackie Hatala Matthes, PhD, senior scientist at Harvard Forest. The shorter (45 mins) tour will depart at 2:30 p.m. and will be led by Clarisse Hart, Director of Outreach and

tours will explore the forests and delve into research carried out at Harvard Forest.

The lawn will be filled with games and art projects throughout the afternoon. The day will end at 3:30 p.m. with a tree planting in celebration of Earth Day.

This event at the Harvard Forest is free and open to the public. No RSVPs are required. There is plenty of parking spaces available. Everyone of all ages is welcome.

The Harvard Forest welcomes individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activ-

If people require accommodations or have questions about the event, they may call 978-724-3302 or email hfvisit@fas.harvard.edu.

The Harvard Forest, founded in 1907 and located in Petersham,

Education at Harvard Forest. The Mass., is Harvard University's outdoor laboratory and classroom for ecology and conservation, and a Long-Term Ecological Research site funded by the National Science Foundation. Its 4,000acre property, located on unceded Nipmuc land, is one of the oldest and most intensively studied research forests in the U.S. Open to the public year-round, the site includes educational and research facilities, the Fisher Museum and miles of recreational trails. Harvard Forest scientists and educators host educational programs for thousands of K12 and university students each year and work closely with the Nipmuc people to ensure that this land and its benefits are accessible and sustaining. People may learn more by visiting http://harvardforest.fas.harvard.

Local creatives show their talents in jazz and poetry

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

BARRE - The Woods Memorial Library celebrated National Poetry Month as well as Jazz Appreciation Month this April, and invited talented musicians and poets for the occasion.

"I write about everything," Susan Roney-O'Brian said as she began to read several of her favorite poems. These included titles such as "Eclipse", "Meadow", and "Dirth" to name just a few of her beautiful works.

The musicians shared their love of performing jazz, and began playing together about seven years ago.

"The music itself is the best," Jerry Wilfong said. "You hear some and you wanna play it; you play some and you wanna hear

Wilfong and Dick Hummel shared many covers from famous jazz artists like Monty Alexander, Juan Tizol and John Coltrane.

"I listen to a lot of different kinds of music, and I like the idea of creating," Hummel said. "It's more of an adventure to me. It's not just the notes, but the

Shown from left are David Thoreen, Susan Roney-O'Brien, Dick Hummel and Jerry Wilfong posing for a photo after a fun night of poetry and jazz music.

David Thoreen shared several of his own poems including "No Dice", "Maybe", and "How to Sweep a Garage Floor".

"I like finding images and bits of language to think about,"

he said.

In the spirit of enjoying some jazz and poetry this month, you haven't missed it all yet. The library will be hosting another Solo/Duo night of poetry and jazz on Tuesday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

Recycling Center offers bulk waste day April 13

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Recycling Center, 2011 Barre Road, will hold a Bulk Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m.-noon.

This event is open to the residents of Hardwick and surrounding towns. A recycling center sticker is not required.

Please note, there are fees per item charged to cover the cost of

hauling and processing.

Prices are as follows: mattress or box spring, any size, \$30; couch, \$30; futon or waterbed mattress, \$25; loveseat, \$25; upholstered chair, \$25; pool tables, \$25; wall unit cabinets, \$20; large entertainment center, \$20; sink, \$15; toilet, \$20; carpeting/foam carpet backing, \$15; kitchen/dining table, \$15; bookcase, bureau, \$15; trash

compactor, \$10; wooden chair, end table, coffee table, night stand, \$12; infant car seat, \$7; bulk Styrofoam (bagged), \$5; and suitcases, \$5.

The staff and volunteers reserve the right to price or reject other items not listed above accordingly

For more information, people email recycling@townofhardwick.

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Pathfinder assessment

Parker said the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School's assessment increased by about \$44,000. She said the Finance Committee will look into the increase and will likely meet with Pathfinder's School Committee to review it.

"We just do the best we can to get them at a reasonable amount... that's manageable for the towns,' she said.

Parker said Hardwick's enrollment in the Pathfinder school dis-

trict increased by five students. **Revolving account transfers**

Parker said the Finance Committee and Select Board need to approve revolving account transfers for the Town House Committee and Recycling Commission. Both went over their budget limits, she

Anne Barnes, representing the Town House, cited the rising costs of heating oil and utilities. She said the money has gone to install an electric outlet, as well as cover the cost of a structural engineer to evaluate the roof.

it," she said.

The board moved to transfer \$6,236 to the Recycling Commission from the revolving account; and \$700 to the Town House Committee from the revolving account.

Town administrator position

Parker said she has been selected to be Town Administrator in

Southwick, pending negotiations. She thanked the Select Board for giving her the opportunity to work with the town.

"I love the town," Parker said. "I think we did a lot of good work here...I really want to thank you for really giving me the opportunity three years ago.'

Annual town election

The annual town election will be held on Saturday, May 4, with polls open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There are no contests on the ballot.

Appointments

Skagerlind to the Conservation Commission to fill vacancies. These terms will run until June 30,

Resignation

The board accepted a letter of state highway.

"We were careful how we spent resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals member Glen Wojcik, effective March 25.

Morss Scholarship application

Select Board members reviewed a draft application for the Elizabeth Morss Scholarship. The board voted to accept the draft application and distribute to area school

The application will also be posted on the town's website, Facebook and Virtual Common.

Town report dedication

The board approved a suggestion from Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos to dedicate the 2023 town report to Lillian Holden.

Approval

The board approved the Rimfire Rampage event at the Hardwick Rod and Gun Club the evening of Saturday, April 20, starting at 7

Correspondences

Parker said the town received The board appointed Lucas notice from the Mass Central Wright and Curtis Stillman to the Railroad regarding vegetation con-Zoning Board of Appeals and Janet trol. Herbicide applications will occur May 1/-June 28 and July 19-Aug. 16.

She said the Select Board was also included on a notice from MassDOT regarding parking on the

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK - The Paige Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. will launch of the 2024 Seed Library, a bake and book sale, and

The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library sponsor this event. People may select some seeds, buy some home cooked baked goods, buy some books and buy some raffle tickets.

The garden-themed raffle basket includes a \$50 gift certificate from Hardwick Farmers Co-Op Exchange and other valuable garden items. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If people would like to donate to the bake sale or raffle or have any questions, they may 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or stop in at the

On April 27, Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. at the Town House, Gariné of Kalina Folk Arts will show how to create a "Scrunch-Paint" tiedve style silk scarf. This workshop is for teens and adults. Each participant will leave with a beautiful silk scarf masterpiece. This program is supported by a grant from the Hardwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is required. They may call the above number, email the library director or stop at the

The Paige Writing group meets on alternate Tuesdays at 3 p.m., the Paige Book Club meeting at 2 p.m. monthly and the Cookbook Club meeting at 5:30 p.m. monthly on the last Wednesday, April 24.

EQLT offers community garden spaces

NORTH BROOKFIELD -Community Garden Spaces are now available] for 2024 at East Quabbin Land Trust's Wendemuth Meadow, 25 Bates St.

The No-Till Gardening plots are 10' x 10' and cost \$30. Some of the areas have fencing good to trellis peas and beans. Plot locations determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Compost, mulch and organic fertilizer and plenty of gravity-fed water are provided.

Tomatoes, zucchini, beans, leafy greens, carrots and peppers grow wonderfully. Squash will be grown separately by East Quabbin Land Trust and shared with all garden members. To reserve a garden plot, people should email chenshaw@ eqlt.org.

Library holds Rainforest Reptile Show on April 21

hands-on traveling animal show, is coming to the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, on Sunday, April 21at 3 p.m.

Children of all ages will have a chance to come into direct contact

NEW BRAINTREE - with live reptiles, artifacts and their agency. Rainforest Reptile Shows, a incredible stories. This program is presented by the New Braintree Public Library and is sponsored 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

The program is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular

business hours for more informa-

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The 43rd Pops will be held Sunday April 21, at 2:00 in the Orange Town Hall. Notice the recently restored Minute Tapioca Minute man curtain in the background. This photo was of the 2023

Orange Community Band to hold Pops Concert on April 21

ORANGE - The Orange music, rental of the Town Hall, who joined as youngsters. Community Band will present its 43rd Pops Concert on Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m. in the Orange Town Hall Ruth B. Smith Auditorium.

This year's concert will will have chair seating, not at tables as in previous years. Maureen Riendeau is seeking patrons and advertisers for the Pops Program. Donations of any amount will be accepted to defray the cost of new

and scholarships. Notify any band member, or contact Riendeau directly to be listed in the program. Deadline for listing is Monday, April 15.

Stephanie Parker will conduct the band. She joined the band as an Elementary School student and has performed and directed ever since. She joined as one of several family groups in the band and even today the band has players,

Several band members have played with the band more than 50 years. Members range from middle school age to the 90s.

The band is rehearsing weekly until the concert, then will begin rehearsing again in June for the Friday evening summer concerts on the bandstand in Butterfield Park. Area musicians are invited to join in this tradition that goes back to the 1850s.

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The lowest on the scale. It means deep coma or death. His family was called and escorted by the trauma team into his room.

Following an explanation of the testing they had done, and in as a gentle manner the physician could muster, they were told that he was brain dead with no hope of recovery. It was just a few hours after his fall; not yet 4 a.m.

In a comatose state in the hospital that day in September, he did not know that a miracle was about to happen. Dr. Gerald McGillicuddy, MD, a Tuft's Medical School graduate and neurosurgeon was on call that night and affiliated with UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. On that night Scott now says, "Dr. McGillicuddy's compas-

CREATIVE WRITING,

was "No one could blame her for

trying. The ring was just sitting on

The workshop took place in a

room full of glass cases featuring

various objects. For an exercise,

Thompson had the writers stroll

around the room and look at the

objects in the cases. Once an an

object was highlighted as the topic

of the story, the writers would then

choose two different writing exer-

The first exercise was that the

object was given as a gift. Figure

out who was the sender and the

recipient. What does the sender

mean by sending such a gift? How

long ago was the gift sent? Why

was it sent? What did the recipient

do with the gift? In other words,

build a story behind this one object.

five artifacts in the room and write

a scene where all five must make

Thompson would then bring her

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imately 10 minutes to complete online. To complete the survey, people should visit http://tiny.cc/

Senior center events

events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays;

Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and

WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eggs may be picked

up on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center.

Cribbage is played on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m.

Pitch is played the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Art group meets every Friday at 9 a.m.

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St.,

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and kept my family whole." Scott says he owes his life to him.

But even Dr. McGillicuddy admitted to Scott after months of rehabilitation and with some cognitive improvement to understand, the doctor admitted to him that if it were not for his parents' pleas to operate, to try anything to save him, he might not have done so because the likelihood for any semblance of recovery was less than a 2% chance.

I laughed nervously to myself when I heard that. How often do we hear it said, when faced with a tough decision or problem, "heck it isn't brain surgery...what could go

Well, this was brain surgery and as Scott always says "I got lucky" when giving his motivational talks to huge receptive audiences. It was not only luck; it was a miracle and the catalyst of that miracle was

sion and expertise saved my life in the action his parents took that night to ask the doctor and his team to try to do whatever they could, despite the slim chance for recov-

> What Maloney has done following months in a coma and all kinds of extensive physical and mental therapy is almost unbelievable. He has given talks to thousands of high school and college students, hospitals and trauma treatment centers throughout the country. He has turned his experience into a mission of helping others.

> For those who wish to learn more, Scott and his mother, Linda have written a very inspiring book called "Lean on Me," A Story of Hope, Healing and Holding On. It can be found on his equally inspiring and informative website by visiting www.ScottMaloney.com. The Rutland Cultural Council sponsored Sunday's talk at the Rutland



The creative writing workshop featured a series of writing exercises.

guests outside for an outdoor exercise. The writers would close their eyes and notice sounds, smells, temperature and wind. Using the senses such as sound, smell, touch and vision writers use what they experience outside and write them down afterwards.

Thompson's workshop offered many fun and inspirational writing exercises and hopes her guests leave with plenty of ideas to produce great stories.

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Mackenzie Melemed performs at Stone Church

GILBERTVILLE - Friends of the Stone Church proudly present pianist Mackenzie Melemed in an exclusive return engagement at the Stone Church Cultural Center 283 Main St., on Saturday, April

He will perform works of Sibelius, New England composer Amy Beach, Brahms, Jaakko Kuusisto and Beethoven, in "My Two Homes," a program inspired by his background as a native New Englander and his adopted home in Finland. A wine and cheese reception with the artist will follow the concert. Tickets are \$35 at the door or at FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org. Students under 18 will be admitted at no charge.

Finnish composer Kuusisto died in 2022 but his music lives on. Melemed was honored to give the premiere performance of his Piano Concerto in Minnesota last summer. His piece for this concert is inspired by a small Finnish island, creating a beautiful sound-

Originally from Paxton Melemed studied piano with Olga Rogach and attended the Bancroft School in Worcester. He received the \$25,000 Avery Fisher career grant for emerging musicians of outstanding ability in 2022.

This 29-year-old Massachusetts native has been credited with 'pianistic maturity twice his age,' called 'a magician for romance and sweet lyricism, and lauded as a consummate solo artist whose 'crystal-clear pianism' is 'nothing short of thrilling.' Among his many prizes are The Julliard School's 2019 Leo B. Ruiz Carnegie Hall Recital Prize, the 2018 Arthur Rubenstein Prize, the Jade Medal at the 2019 China International Competition and the first prize and chamber music prize at Finland's 2017 Maj Lind International Piano Competition.

Melemed graduated with a dual Bachelor's and Master's degree and an Artist Diploma from The Julliard School, where he studied with Robert McDonald



Pianist Mackenzie Melemed will perform at the Stone Church Cultural Center on Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

and Emanuel Ax. The New York Times praised him as "an excellent young pianist." He has performed as a soloist at the White House (2004-2008), Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Warsaw Philharmonic Hall, and with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Stamford Symphony, the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, and the KBS Symphony in Korea. His mentorship by Emanuel Ax led to his 2022 performance at Tanglewood, summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. In 2021, Melemed was a laureate of the American Pianists Award; he received a \$50,000 cash prize from the American Pianists Association for the distinction.

Melemed's 2023-24 season includes several debuts and numerous re-engagements with orchestras in the United States, Canada and Finland, including the Edmonton Symphony, Tampere Philharmonic and the Lohja City Orchestra in Finland. A creative collaborator, Melemed commissioned a new Piano Concerto from Israeli-American composer Avner

Melemed's discography features world-premiere recordings of Dorman's "Three Etudes" on the Steinway and Sons label (2018) and Jeajoon Ryu's Piano Concerto with Ralf Gothóni and Sinfonia Varsovia on the Warner Classics label (2019). Melemed is currently working on a solo album offering classics and works he has premiered, to be realeased in

This appearance is sponsored by the Salvadore Family of Auto Dealerships.

Partial support comes from the Mass Cultural Council and from Local Cultural Councils of Barre, Oakham and Petersham, Local Cultural Councils are local agencies which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state

EBT. Connector Care and WIC cardholders may claim two free admissions at the box office on the day of the concert, through the Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program.

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and community group organized in 2015 and open to all. Our mission is to preserve and protect the Gilbertville Stone Church Cultural Center and to make it available as a place of community enrichment. We welcome donations toward our ongoing preservation project online at www. FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

OSV to allow free admission to children

STURBRIDGE -Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14, Old Sturbridge Village weekend of fifes and drums and (American Civil War). the booming of musket fire as soldiers muster on the historic Common.

Visitors will participate in programs and activities throughout the day hearing stories of patriots, who helped lay the groundwork for the founding of our country during the American Revolution as well as military history from the 19th and 20th centuries. The weekend's highlight will be the visiting re-enactment groups representing different wars.

They include:5th Connecticut Regiment (American Revolution), 25th Continental Regiment (American Revolution), Historic Marine Education (War of 1812), 15th

On Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry (American Civil War), Be What Remains (American Civil War) will honor Patriots' Day with a and U.S. Naval Landing Party

Families and friends are encouraged to connect with history at Old Sturbridge Village during the final month of the Kids Free Standard Daytime Admission promotion, running until Sunday, April 28. Throughout April, up to two children, aged 17 years or younger, will be admitted for free with each adult standard full-price daytime admission ticket.

Adult visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance to save even more. In addition to Kids Free, tickets purchased online include a \$3 savings compared to tickets purchased at the door. For full details, restrictions and to purchase tickets, people may visit

https://www.osv.org/event/kidsfree-march-april/.

The Kids Free promotion for April applies only to standard full-price adult daytime admission. Please note that this promotion does not apply to field trips.

Old Sturbridge Village is open Wednesday-Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For a full list of Patriots' Day Weekend details, people may visit: https://www. osv.org/event/patriots-weekend/.

Located just off the Massachusetts Turnpike and Routes I-84 and 20 in Sturbridge, Mass., Old Sturbridge Village is open year-round, but days and hours vary seasonally. Daily admission is: \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors, \$15 for college students, \$15 for children ages 4-17 and children 3 and under are admitted free. For details, people may visit https://www.osv.org/ plan-your-visit/.

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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, APRIL 11

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

RUTLAND SCHOLARSHIPS sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society are now accepting scholarship applications. The scholarships are offered to any two Rutland high school seniors planning to enter college, who have resided in the town of Rutland for at least two years. The two \$500 awards are based on scholarship with an emphasis given to involvement and contributions in the areas of both school and community. Applicants can obtain scholarship forms by emailing Sheila Judkins at sljwheeler@gmail.com. Forms should be submitted with an official transcript, SAT or ACT scores and a letter of recommendation by May 31. They should send completed app

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING of the Barre Democratic Town Committee will take place today at 10:30 a.m. The committee will meet to reorganize and vote for officer positions. Registered Democrats should email BarreDTC@gmail.com for location and details.

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downe

This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. 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 15. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Elizabeth Laramee, Evelyn Luukko and Phillip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the new Historic District sign on New Braintree Road in Oakham.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

ENDANGERED SPECIES EDUCATIONAL PUPPET SHOW for all ages will beheld during school vacation week for this special program today at 7 p.m. at the Boylston Town House, 599 Main St., Boylston. Life-size puppets created by artist Amanda Gibson will delight the audience with information on the African Painted Dog, the Kakapo, the Vaquita, the Chimpanzee, and the Tiger, and their endangered status. A graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Gibson combines her love of storytelling and art to showcase the versatility of puppetry. This 'Night of Community Spirt' is sponsored by Worcester Central Pomona, a district Grange, and the local chapters of Central Community, Holden, North Orange, Petersham and Sterling. In addition to the entertainment, a donation of items, the result of a five-month community service foster care project, will be presented to a representative from the Worcester East office of the Department of Children and Families. Door prizes and refreshments will conclude the evening. All are welcome to join us for this free educational and entertaining event. The program is funded through an Opportunity Grant awarded by the Massachusetts State Grange. For more information, people may email jsegur55@gmail.com or call 508-886-2341.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

ED THE WIZARD and his sea life balloon animal twisting workshop will appear at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre today starting at 4:30 p.m. Patrons will learn the art of balloon twisting as they create their own Sea Turtle. No balloon twisting experience is required. This program is free and opened to the public, but may require pre-registration. People should call the library at 978-355-2533, extension 104 for more information and to register. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Barre Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

BARRE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION will occur today from 5:30 -7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and

between volunteers and clients April 10 and April 18 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.

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR MEET AND GREET will take place today from 9-11 a.m. at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. All are welcome to attend. Coffee hour and refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

LENNY SEARS MEMORIAL CABOT CHEESE RAFFLE will take place today at 2 p.m. at the South Barre Rod & Gun club, 2626 Barre Road, Hardwick. The public is welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION will take place today at 1 p.m. with the group meeting at the Barre Falls Picnic Shelter. Historian Lucy Allen will present the fascinating past of Barre Falls and will lead a walk to old mill sites and other places of interest. The walking portion will be moderately difficult and on a slop. People should wear appropriate shoes or boots. This is an outdoor program so they should dress for the weather. Water and light snacks will be available, People may bring folding chairs for the talk portion on the former East Barre Falls Village and the Barre Falls Flood Control Dam at the picnic shelter. This program is part of Barre's 250th anniversary celebration.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, will meet on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre with Barre resident Courtney Schlosser, to become familiar with his book, "Existential Threats and Moral Prospects." Schlosser highlights threats that our society is now facing, among them the challenges arising from climate change, escalating conflicts that could lead to nuclear war and violence in society. Schlosser is Philosophy Professor Emeritus from Worcester State University. Newcomers are welcome.



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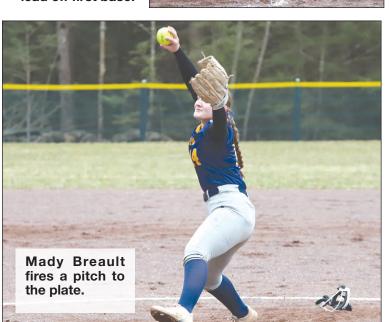
Quabbin softball loses wild one

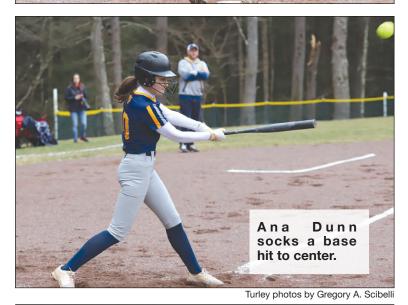
BARRE - Last Tuesday afternoon in some rainy, raw conditions, Quabbin softball had its season opener. Though they were able to put eight runs on the board, Littleton put up a lot more as the Panthers lost 22-8. Quabbin fell to 0-1 on the season. Like baseball, a matchup with Narragansett was postponed on Monday.

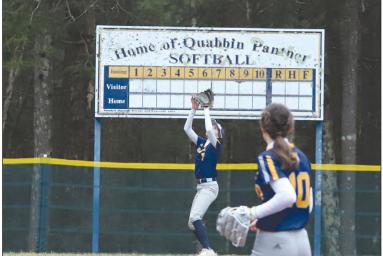
The Panthers next face Clinton on Friday, April 12 at 4 p.m.

Kherington Deschenes takes her lead off first base.









Meaghan Doyle makes the catch in center field.

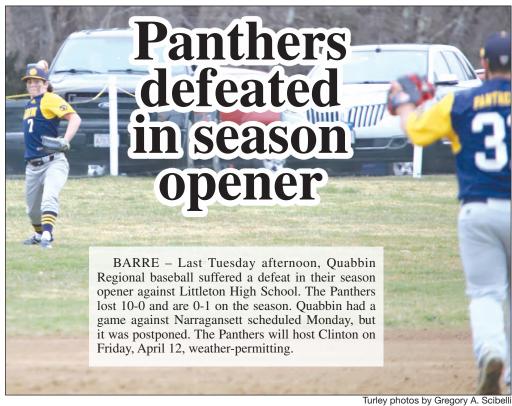
Indians have yet to play in shortened season

NORTH BROOKFIELD eclipse earlier this week, North on Monday. The Indians hope game action so far this season. The Indians have a shorter schedule than normal, with only 11 games on their current schedule.

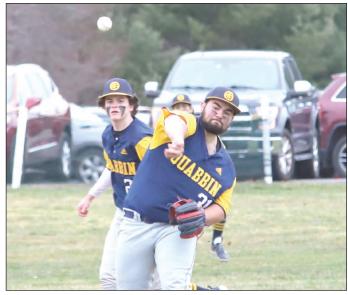
The first of which was against Thanks to poor weather and the Murdock and was postponed Brookfield softball has seen no to get their regular season started on Thursday, Apr. 11 against Quaboag at 3:30 p.m. They then face Pathfinder Regional on the road at 11 a.m.



Adam Adams delivers a pitch for the Panthers.



Sean LaPointe fires a throw back to the infield.



Aiden LaPointe comes up with the grounder and throws to first.

Alijah Flint makes a cutoff throw home.

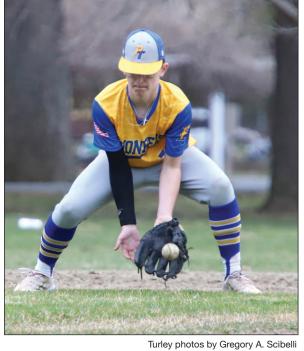


Pioneers look for another win

PALMER - Pathfinder Regional baseball got the win in their first matchup of the season against the High School of Science and Technology last Monday afternoon 10-9. But the action has been limited for the Pioneers since then thanks to poor weather.

The Pioneers have had one game postponed by rainy weather and poor field conditions, and despite warmer temperatures, the Pioneers game against SICS earlier this week was also in danger of being postponed.

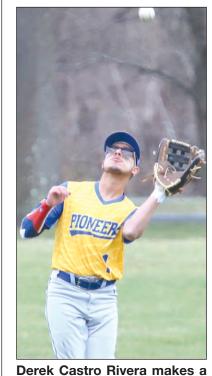
The Pioneers are supposed to have their home opener against Commerce on Friday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Joe's Field.



Brayden Mega cleanly fields a ground ball.



Zander Auffrey reaches up to make a catch.



catch in left field.



Tim Russell makes his way down the first Hunter Griswold comes in to score a run.



Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

for the 42nd annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2024 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from May 11 – July 27 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point accomplished amateur athletes, the

and North Star Ice Sports in Westborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to

WOBURN - Registration Sports Complex in Weymouth, Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Seven high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to

attend regional tryouts during including swimming, track & the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports

field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games

also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

Returning in 2024, Table Tennis will take place on June 1 at PingPod in Boston after a 5-year hiatus from the Summer Games sport lineup. New venues include

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Sports

T-Birds suffer loss against Laval

Thunderbirds (29-33-3-2) witnessed history from their leading scorer, but an offensive surge from the Laval Rocket (32-28-6-2) was too much, as the home team emerged with a 7-4 win on Saturday afternoon inside Place

The matinee affair doubled as a day at the fights in the first 2:45 of the game, as two separate scraps elevated the temperature on the two benches and throughout the Place Bell crowd. First, Sam Bitten came to the aid of his brother Will after the elder Bitten took a sturdy check from Tobie Bisson. Six seconds after Sam and Bisson scrapped, Brayden Guy made an impression in his second Thunderbirds game as he scored a winning decision in a tussle with Laval penalty minute leader Riley McKay.

Things did not get off on the right foot for the T-Birds, as a net-mouth scramble just 4:04 into the contest saw Mitchell Stephens open the scoring, jamming a forehander through Vadim Zherenko and giving Laval the 1-0 edge. That goal came moments after Zherenko made a marvelous sliding blocker save on a Stephens one-timer in the opening minute.

The Rocket and their raucous crowd were hoping to run Springfield out of the rink just 3:17 later when 2023 fifth-overall pick David Reinbacher stepped up in the offensive zone to the right circle and uncorked a post-ringer under the bar to make it a 2-0 game on the rookie's second AHL goal.

Despite the early stumbles, the T-Birds stayed with the program.

LAVAL, QC - The Springfield At 11:06, with an abbreviated power play, Mikhail Abramov nected from

> 1 o w off a centering feed from Hugh McGing, cutting the Laval lead in half. Ryan Suzuki nearly equalized the game just seconds later when he slipped behind the defense, but Rocket netminder Jakub Dobes stood up to Suzuki with a sturdy blocker save.

Despite the Suzuki chance at Dobes' end of the rink, Zherenko continued to have a far busier period than the Laval goalie. To his credit, the T-Birds' second-year backstop stabilized and helped Springfield kill off a pair of abbreviated Rocket man-advantages to keep the 2-1 score intact after 20 minutes.

The T-Birds began the second period on another power play, and after a brief 5-on-3 ended, Adam Gaudette got the game evened up with a wrister from the right side just 1:03 into the middle period. The goal, his 39th of the season, brought him back into a tie with Samuel Fagemo of Ontario for the AHL goal-scoring

Springfield, however, could not vault to the lead, and before long, the Rocket had scored two more to take a 4-2 advantage on goals 1:06 apart from Arnaud Durandeau and Philippe Maillet.

Down but unfettered, the T-Birds again showed resolve. Gaudette drew a penalty shot after being held on his way in on goal on a breakaway. With a chance to become the first man in the AHL to reach 40 goals this season, Gaudette made no mistake, deking to the backhand and roofing a shot over Dobes to make it 4-3 at 11:40. The sharpshooter's 40th goal also marked the first time since 1990-91 that a Springfield AHL player recorded 40 goals in a single season.

Gaudette's marker also lit a fire under his team. Just 45 seconds later, Abramov whistled a cross-seam pass to a crashing Joey Duszak, who beat Dobes to tie the game, 4-4, at 12:25.

The 4-4 tie carried into the third, but an unfortunate break wound up putting Laval back in front for good. After Leo Loof fearless blocked a shot up near his face, the loose puck landed flat at the feet of Durandeau, who snapped it into an open net before Zherenko could locate it, and the Rocket lead was restored, 5-4, at 6:37 of the third.

This time, a third comeback was not in the cards for Springfield, as Stephens added his second and third goals of the night with a power-play redirect at 10:25 and an empty-netter with 1:11 remaining to finish the scoring. Stephens finished the night with three goals and two

The T-Birds are next in action on Friday, April 12, when they begin a three-game weekend in Hartford against the Wolf Pack. Puck drop is set for 7 p.m. at the XL Center.

Calder's five goals score huge win for Railers

WORCESTER - It is hard to separate the various histories that were made in the Railers' 9-5 victory over Maine at the DCU Center Sunday afternoon but let's give it

The triumph came after Worcester had fallen behind, 4-1, early in the second period. No Railers team in a history that dates back to 2017-18 had ever even earned a point, let alone won a game, after trailing by three goals.

Five Worcester goals were scored by Ashton Calder. That set a Railers record, established an individual league high for the season and was the first five-goal performance by a Worcester player of any uniform since the IceCats' John Carter scored five versus

Cape Breton here on Jan. 4, 1995. Do the math. It last happened 29

years ago. Calder also had two assists for a seven-point day. That set a team record and tied the Worcester pro mark set by Jim Campbell of the IceCats on Dec. 28, 1999 in a 9-4 victory over Saint John. He had three goals and four assists.

Finally, the nine goals were the most ever in Railers history. They had scored eight four times before including Saturday night.

After taking two of three from the Mariners this weekend, Worcester is in position to win itself into the playoffs. The Railers play three games at Trois-Rivieres next weekend. Two victories and

they are in. Worcester still has a chance to finish third, as well.

Maine has four games left, all versus first-place Adirondack. Calder was plus-5, tying Railers record. He has a four-

game points streak during which he is 6-5-11. He has six goals in the last two games after enduring a stretch where he had six goals in 33 games. "Basically," Calder said, "I just play the game the right way

whether that means I score or make plays. Lately my linemate (Jake Pivonka) has been hot shooting the puck so I try to find him a lot, and when I have a pass I'm a passer, when I have a shot I'm a shooter.

"I don't try to think about it too much. I just play my game and go from there."

As has happened throughout the season the Railers started slowly. That translated into a big early deficit and with the talented Brad Arvanitis in goal foe Maine, that deficit looked like Mt. Katahdin.

"I wasn't thinking good made two saves.

Education

thoughts," coach Jordan Smotherman said of that bad beginning, "but we have a resilient group and they did not let down."

The Railers argued that the Mariners' fourth goal by Sebastian Vidmar was directed in off his skate. That was at 3:24. They lost the debate but Calder scored his second of the game at 5:10 and the mood changed.

"As soon as we scored the second goal everything on the bench shifted," Smotherman said. "It got everybody's attention. The shoulders all came back from a slouch."

Calder made it 4-3 at 6:50 on what might have been the pass of the year from Joey Cipollone. Reece Newkirk tied it at 10:42 and Christian Krygier put Worcester ahead for good at 11:11. It was Krygier's second goal of the season, first since opening night.

Calder got his fourth at 18:14 with the Railers on a power play.

Tyler Drevitch got Maine back on the board at 1:43 of the third period making it a one-goal with lots of time left. Calder got his fifth at 4:48, though, to restore some scoreboard space.

Brendan Robbins hit an empty net at 18:17 and Ryan Verrier got his fourth of the season at 18:37 to set the franchise record.

Henrik Tikkanen got the win with 22 saves on 27 shots. Arvanitis was replaced by Shane Starrett for the third period and he

Registration now open for Quabbin Valley baseball

The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League is looking to infuse new talent into its league for the 2024 season.

Registration for the 2024 season is now 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 sea-

There are many open roster the 2024 season, which is ten-

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tatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 21. 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 spots available in the league for pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you

will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league. Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team.

The league is currently in the process of preparing for the 2024 season and held a meeting on March 24 to discussion plans for the upcoming season. The next meeting will be held after the league's open practice for all players, including players interested in joining the league. The open practice will be at Beachgrounds Park in South Hadley at 10 a.m. on April 14.

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annual high school art exhibition GARDNER - The 38th

MWCC hosts

Annual Regional High School Art Exhibition is happening now through Thursday, April 18 at the Raymond M. LaFontaine Fine Arts Center's East Wing Gallery at Mount Wachusett Community College's Gardner campus.

Each spring the Art Department, led by its Chair, Professor Joyce Miller, welcomes all area high schools to participate in the annual exhibition. The exhibition provides an opportunity to celebrate the work of high school art students, as well as their dedicated instructors.

The 2024 Annual Regional High School Art Exhibition includes student work from Athol High School, Contoocook Valley Regional High School, Fitchburg High School, Leominster High School, Lunenburg High School, Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School, Oakmont Regional High School, Shepherd Hill Regional High School and Wachusett Regional High School.

The exhibit is open through Thursday, April 18 with a reception and award ceremony on Thursday, April 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.and on Friday until 5 p.m., as well as during performances at the Theatre at the Mount, with the exception of Monday, April 15for Patriot's Day.

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Babson College, which will host the Girls Basketball Showcase, and NorthStar Ice Sports, which will host Figure Skating and the Girls Ice Hockey Showcase. Game On in Fitchburg will serve as a hub venue for eight sports. Bay State Games expects 1,500 athletes and their families to attend competitions at Game On during the second week of July.

For questions, email info@ baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.



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Connor Dowgielewicz honored as project team finalist

WORCESTER Undergraduate project teams from Worcester Polytechnic Institute were recently honored as finalists of the President's Interactive Qualifying Project Awards.

Connor Dowgielewicz, class of 2024, majoring in Mechanical Engineering was a member of one of the finalist teams. Hundreds of Interactive Qualifying Projects are completed each year by WPI students as part of their graduation requirements. A fraction of those are then submitted to be considered for a President's IQP Award.

Five student teams gave their final presentations in front of a panel of judges to determine the winners of the 2023 awards. Presented annually, the President's IQP Awards are given to student teams whose IQP work is determined to be outstanding in its focus on science, technology, and society.

The IQP is one of the most dis-

tinctive elements of the WPI Plan and WPI's signature project-based curriculum, giving every WPI student the experience of working in interdisciplinary teams to solve a problem or need that lies at the intersection of science and society. Unlike an academic course, this nine-credit-hour requirement involves students working in teams, with students not in their major, to tackle an issue that relates science, engineering, and technology to society. Sustainability serves as a common theme for IQPs, many of which address problems related to energy. environment, sustainable development, education, cultural preservation, and technology policy.

The Interactive Qualifying Project is one of the biggest accomplishments for a WPI student and a signature element of the project-based learning curriculum. Read more about this year's President's IQP Awards here.

FSU earns accreditation for initial educator licensure

FITCHBURG – The Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation awarded full seven-year accreditation to the initial licensure programs in the Fitchburg State University School of Education.

After reviewing the evidence collected through a process of selfstudy and peer review, the AAQEP Accreditation Commission issued the decision at its Feb. 23 meeting along with the following rationale:

The Commission evaluated the program's evidence for each AAQEP standard and determined that all four standards are met. The program recruits and prepares candidates to work effectively as professional educators who can adapt to different contexts and continue to grow professionally. Fitchburg State University maintains program quality by analyzing evidence of its effectiveness and making revisions to benefit candidates. It works with stakeholders and partners to strengthen the P-20 education system by addressing local needs as

part of preparation. "Congratulations to Fitchburg State and to all of the faculty, staff, and stakeholders who have achieved their goal of national accreditation by AAQEP," said AAQEP President and CEO Mark LaCelle-Peterson. "The School of Education works closely with its partners to anticipate schools' needs and to develop and diversify the teacher pipeline.'

"We are proud of this acknowledgement of the rigorous standards to which we hold ourselves in service to all of our students, including those in the School of Education,' Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus said. "Fitchburg State was founded in 1894 as a teacher-training institution, and this accreditation is another demonstration that we continue to evolve to respond to the changing needs of our students and the communities they will serve as educators.'

"On behalf of the faculty and administrators in the School of Education, I am proud of this acknowledgement of our efforts, and the continued investment of time and resources into the highest standards for our students and future teachers," said Dean of Education Nancy Murray. "This accreditation recognizes our efforts in our ability to work proactively with partners to address local needs, with a focus on early exposure by prospective candidates to support increasing accessibility and diversity in the teacher pipeline."

National accreditation assures the quality of professional preparation programs through a nongovernmental, nonregulatory process of self-study and peer review. This standards- and evidence-based process serves two broad aims: accountability and continuous improvement. The AAQEP model is also designed to honor local context and foster innovation and collaboration among institutions. AAQEP currently has members in 38 states and other jurisdictions with over 190 educator preparation providers participating in the accreditation system.

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North Brookfield weightlifter prepares for World Championships

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

NORTH BROOKFIELD -Weightlifting is a sport that tests the endurance and concentration of athletes young and old.

16-year-old Brooke Buzzell of North Brookfield is a youth weightlifter who has put in countless hours of training to persevere in a sport that tests your strength. Buzzell is a lifelong native of North Brookfield and is currently in her sophomore year at Tantasqua Regional High School.

Buzzell first got into CrossFit training at the age of 12.

CrossFit is a fitness program that produces measurable outcomes through lifestyle changes, centered on training and nutrition. Workouts consist of constantly varied, high-intensity, functional movements, and are most fun and effective among friends at a local CrossFit gym.

At the age of 14, Buzzell began her training in weightlifting. Getting more involved with weightlifting, Buzzell would soon join a gym and have a home gym of her own.

Exercises for weightlifting include the snatch, squats, deadlifts, sit-ups, pullups and the wellknown Olympic event "clean & jerk". The clean & jerk is a composite of two weightlifting movements, most often performed with

Buzzell has been training hard in both CrossFit and weightlifting



Brooke Buzzell of North Brookfield will be part of Team USA for the Youth World Weightlifting Championships in Peru.

but has focused more on weightlifting in the past year. According to Buzzell, weightlifting is a combination of strength and technique and tests what your body can do in these exercises.

It is "a good tool to figure out what your body can do," Buzzell

In addition to her own home

gym Buzzell is also part of the Arkitect Fitness gym in Tyngsboro.

Buzzell's weightlifting coach Brett Scott is the owner and Physical Therapist and Head Strength Coach of Arkitect Fitness. Scott has motivated Brooke to continuously grow in the sport of weightlifting and pursue other activities and events of the sport.

"I want to grow with the sport," Buzzell said. "You get close with the people you train with."

Buzzell and her parents speak

highly of Scott as he pushes her and other teens to work hard and persevere in weightlifting.

Later this year in May, Buzzell will be competing in her first ever world youth weightlifting tournament in Peru. Her first inspiration to participate in weightlifting began with watching documentaries about athletes who got into weightlifting.

Seeing these stories of athletes engaging in weightlifting only encouraged Buzzell to know it is possible to put your body through these challenges and prove through physical capabilities.

Buzzell's first local weightlifting competition took place in June of 2023 in New Hampshire. Brooke would then go to events such as the American opens and national championships and would qualify and become a part of the national team in December.

To this day, Buzzell holds several New England records in weightlifting. These records are in events such as the snatch and clean & jerk. When she qualified for Team USA, Buzzell was in the top 10 of weightlifters in the country based on weight class.

Buzzell will be one of 11 teenagers, all under 17 to compete in the youth world championships in Peru. More than 60 countries will be representing the sport of weightlifting.

Buzzell trains about three to four hours a day and looks forward to competing in the youth world championships. After getting into CrossFit in Sturbridge, Buzzell had

Brooke Buzzell is shown at the American open finals which qualified her to be a part of team USA.

also encouraged her mother Kelly into training at CrossFit.

Both mother and daughter find it fun to workout together.

Both of Brooke's parents are extremely proud of her and her accomplishments in the sport of weightlifting. Both parents have witnessed nothing but motivation in Brooke trying to improve in the sport and accomplish more heavier

"She wanted to prove to herself," Kelly Buzzell said. "She gets a goal in her head and she just does

Buzzell intends to continue participating in weightlifting and continue after high school. Buzzell also shared that she would like to own and run a gym someday. The idea comes from her positive experience being in a youth program for weightlifting and believes the experience would be positive for other youths

"Weightlifting is good for any sport," Buzzell said. "It keeps kids active."

There are many youth weightlifters in the country, but Buzzell is one of few youth athletes in central Massachusetts to participate in weightlifting. Her Team USA teammates come from all over the country, including Pennsylvania, California, Florida, Kansas and Arizona.

Buzzell is the only representative from Massachusetts, but also all of New England.

Buzzell has traveled four times this past year for weightlifting events, including ones for American Opens and Nationals. The youth world championships in Peru will take place in May.

Buzzell is looking forward to the experience and meeting other weightlifters from all over the world. Her next goal is to make the junior national weightlifting team.

After competing in the world championships for the first time, Buzzell hopes to qualify for the event next year. She is also planning on competing in the Pan-Ams that will take place in Ecuador.

Buzzell appreciates all the support from her family, friends and coaches during her ongoing journey in the sport of weightlifting.

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guage to the schedule of land intensity regulations for buildings, structures and uses (Zoning Bylaws, Section 2.3.2); and adding solid waste landfilling as an allowed use in the Industrial

The proposed landfill cover 48 acres, but a total of 146 acres (62 existing and 84 abutting) would need to be rezoned as Industrial (I-40), which was one of the zoning amendments brought forward

Other zooming amendments include increasing the 670 foot limit to 850 feet. Oliver said the final capped elevation would be 800 feet above Mean Sea Level, or 300 feet above ground level.

A portion of Patrill Hollow Road would also need to be discontinued and reconfigured.

Questions from Planning Board

Planning Board Vice-Chair Harry Comerford asked about the route trucks would take to and from the landfill. Casella has projected that about 50 trucks would be traveling to the facility each

Oliver said Casella is looking at a number of different routes, which will be outlined in the HCA. He said trucks will not travel through the center of town.

"The truck routes would be memorialized in the HCA," he said. "The truck routes will be set and no need to question."

Oliver said voters will need to know this information before voting at a town meeting.

Oliver said trucks would not be able to enter the facility via Greenwich Road in Ware, due to an ordinance from the Ware Board of Health prohibiting it.

Casella Site Manager Tracy Markham said trucks are required to travel to and from the facility using approved routes. If truck drivers don't use the approved route, they will no longer be

allowed to use the facility Comerford also asked Casella representatives about the potential for pollution from diesel truck exhaust, especially along the truck routes, as well as leaking from the solid waste the trucks

are transporting. Markham said if a spill is identified, Casella will clean it up, but said it is unlikely to be hazardous.

"Municipal solid waste is not a hazard by definition," she said. Markham said the landfill will

have spotters to monitor every load arriving at the facility for waste bans, including hazardous materials. She said in 20 years, she has never pulled hazardous waste from municipal solid waste

Comerford asked if Casella would be paying to repair the town's roads, caused by wear and

tear from 50 large trucks a day. Markham said Casella knows that there needs to be improvements to the infrastructure in order to accommodate the does not own or operate any

increased traffic flow, adding that actively operating landfills in ambulance services, along with tipping fees could be used by the town to make any repairs follow-

"In general, the tip fee is normally there for that," she said.

Comerford also asked about monitoring at the landfill if the project were to move forward.

"It's been ongoing and will not stop," Markham said.

Markham referenced a Department of Environmental Protection study circa 2007 that said there was no imminent danger of contamination at the landfill. In 2017, Casella conducted a study using monitoring data and found there was "no trend of contamination.'

Comerford asked about groundwater contamination, and if any Casella facilities had experienced trouble with this.

Markham said there was groundwater contamination at Casella's Southbridge landfill between 2014-2015, and that landfill monitors took samples from 141 locations.

There was no direct scientific information that showed contamination" Markham said

Markham said Casella teamed up with the area towns and the state to provide both temporary and permanent public water to the residents who were affected.

Comerford asked what Casella would do if the Gilbertville Wastewater Treatment Plant could not accept the increase in leachate generated by the landfill if it reopened. Markham said that doesn't

seem to be an issue. She said Casella discussed the increase of leachate with the engineer, and it was determined the plant could handle this when its upgrades are completed. Comerford said the Planning

Board received correspondence from Water Pollution Control Facilities Superintendent Scott Potter that stated the plant cannot accept the proposed amount of leachate.

Planning Board member William Cole read the board's charge and questioned if it included the town having more money to spend, which he believed it did

Cole said if the town voted to allow landfills in the Industrial zone, it could have a bigger impact on the town as a whole, well into the future.

"We need to recognize that if this occurs; it's going to occur indefinitely," he said.

Markham said even though landfills would be allowable in any of the town's Industrial zones, it would be unlikely, due to the stringent siting criteria required by the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency.

Cole asked Markham how many other landfills Casella owned in the commonwealth, and how many total landfills were in operation at this time, and would be by 2032.

Markham said Casella

Massachusetts and Wright said there are six other landfills in the state, of which three are municipally owned.

"There are no other towns opening or considering opening in 2032...must be a reason," Cole

Markham said the commonwealth is facing a solid waste crisis, which would intensify if midwestern landfills began to turn them away.

Planning Board Chair Jenna Garvey shared town counsel's recommendation to change landfills from being permitted by site plan approval, to limited special permit instead. While both processes require a public hearing, there is a higher level of review

for special permits. Planning Board alternate Jeff Schaaf said reopening the landfill would create major changes to the

area. "It's a very rural area," he said. "It could really change the char-

Concerns from citizens

Chris Lance and Danielle Lance, director abutters to the landfill, said they both have deep roots in the town.

"I grew up on these back roads," Danielle Lance said.

Now, the couple owns 57 acres on Greenwich Road, which they worked hard to buy and build a home for their children and ani-

"I saved my entire life to get 57 acres and you are going to destroy it," Chris Lance said to the Casella representatives. "I'm going to have trash higher than any tree on my property.'

"I refuse to allow it to be trashed," Danielle Lance said.

William Zinni, Conservation Commission chair, shared concerns about the threat to the town's wetlands located along Muddy Brook.

"It's one of five priority landscapes recognized by Hardwick residents," Zinni said.

Zinni said there is also Hardwick Pond to consider, and the roughly 40 residences with private wells that could have contamination from the landfill.

'Water resources are not appropriate locations for landfills," he said.

Zinni said Hardwick and surrounding towns also shoulder the responsibility of protecting Boston's water supply, the Quabbin Reservoir.

Representing the Physicians Advisory Panel to the Hardwick Board of Health, Dr. Richard Romano said the health and safety of the town's residents should be first and foremost, citing a list of health concerns associated with landfills and pollution.

Two residents spoke in favor of Casella's proposal, both having lived through or witnessed life altering medical emergencies. Both experienced a delayed emergency medical response, as Hardwick relies on the towns of West Brookfield and Barre for

mutual aid from Ware.

In rural areas of town, including west Hardwick, ambulance response can exceed 20 minutes, which for some, could be a matter of life or death.

Patrill Hollow Road resident Mark Kmiec experienced a medical emergency at his home, and his wife gave him CPR for eight minutes while waiting for an ambulance. He said police officers on the scene had to use the AED twice to keep his heart beat-

'It was 20 more minutes until an ambulance got there," he said. "I believe it will be beneficial to the town at this point to get ambulance services back in the town."

Kmiec said if not for his wife and police officers, he wouldn't be there to speak at the public

Robert LoRicco spoke about a time he witnessed a fatal motorcycle accident in town and tended to the victim while waiting for an ambulance. He said if the town had an ambulance, that person's life might have been saved.

"Our town is dying," LoRicco said. "We are financially dying. Something has to be done."

Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley spoke about the possible impact the landfill could have on residents of that town.

"Our primary concern for the inhabitants of Ware is the drinking water supply," he said.

Beckley said the town has been working to clean up the Muddy Brook area for the past year and a half with the help of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Beckley said the proposed zone change and subsequent use are located in the Zone 3 of Ware's drinking water supply

"While the Zone 3 area does not directly recharge water to the aquifer, it does drain to the Zone 2 area located just south of Hardwick Pond. The Zone 2 is the recharge area for the aquifer that is Ware's source of drinking water. The possibility of contamination of the water increases with an industrial use in this rural location," he said.

Beckley said 65% of Ware's residents depend on this aquifer for drinking water.

Ware resident Claudia Kadra said she has great concerns about the landfill's threat to her town's water supply.

"Water is our most precious resource," she said.

Owen Wright has spent all 23 years of his life in Hardwick, and he spoke on behalf of younger residents in town.

"We really have something special here," he said. "We appreciate that every single day."

Planning Board's decision

Following the closing of the public hearing, the board members voted unanimously against recommending the proposed zoning changes.



A view of the Quabbin Reservoir from atop Winsor Dam.

QUABBIN BILL. continued from page 1

He said that this bill was not concerned with seeking repayment for these impacts historically, but rather was merely an attempt to recognize the worth of the region's protection of the reservoir, as well as to assure that the region will continue to be able to protect it going forward.

"The water provides such innumerable value to the people and the businesses and the communities of eastern Mass that there ought to be some consideration given to the communities that steward this resource," he said. He added that this consideration would come at a minimal cost to MWRA ratepayers, providing an estimated figure of an additional six cents per month for the average Boston water and sewer customer.

Saunders also said this proposed bill was coming at a time when the burden placed on the Quabbin Reservoir may soon be increasing.

"There are a great number of communities in the eastern part of the state who are dealing with very serious water quality issues," he said. "These are communities that need a reliable source of water, and they are looking to us to provide

He later added that he also wanted to make sure there would still be water left should communities in western Massachusetts also show an interest in joining the MWRA system.

Saunders admitted that he had encountered difficulty in trying to help those from different parts of the state understand why a bill like

"Oftentimes, the initial response I get back is, 'Yes, it's

this would be so important.



State Rep. Aaron Saunders spoke at a meeting of the Friends of Quabbin held at the **Belchertown United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall this past** Sunday.

sad that four towns were drowned, but it was a necessary step in the Commonwealth's future' - so on and so forth," Saunders said. However, he stated that it was possible to push back against this line of thinking. "The way this is combatted is through the voice of the folks who live here in the region," he said. "Not only recounting the past, but talking about what life is like in western Mass now."

For this reason, Saunders emphasized the importance of individuals to speak out about the matter of regional equity as well as related topics such as water quality and public access to natural resources.

"The more that we can have these voices heard outside of just rooms like this, the more effective it is," he said.



A bald eagle is shown flying over the Quabbin Reservoir.

Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Christian Growth Part 4

Those who would walk with the Lord do well to consider this classic text on the matters of Christian growth and renewal.

Galatians 5:16b-17, 19-25 (NIV)

16 . . . I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

What are the varying aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Let us continue our exploration of said fruit with the theme of joy.

What is joy? The underlying term is defined as a deep and abiding inner rejoicing uniquely belonging to those in Christ. We do well to realize that joy, biblically, is in no way contingent upon outward circumstances. In this sense, there is a sharp distinction between joy and what we would call happiness. Whereas happiness is founded upon ever-changing circumstance and event, joy is founded upon the unchanging God (Mal. 3:6).

Men and women have searched for joy in every conceivable way, only to be let down and disappointed by the end result(s).

a) Joy Cannot Be Found in Disbelief. Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. In the end he wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

b) Joy Cannot Be Found in Pleasure. Lord Byron lived a life of indulgence. In the end he wrote the following: "The worm, the canker and grief are mine

c) Joy Cannot Be Found in Prosperity. Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of money. Ultimately he penned: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

d) Joy Cannot Be Found in Power. Lord Beaconsfield, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, found this to be true: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Genuine joy can only be found in Jesus, for He alone never changes. He is immutable and beyond the capacities of creation to amend. You see, the only way to secure joy is to find union with something beyond both death and the passing of time. Only as we abide in the eternal Christ (John 15) and walk with His eternal Spirit (Gal. 5) will we tap into joy beyond measure.

Let us never underestimate the power of possessing joy in life. What does Scripture say concerning the believer and joy?

Nehemiah 8:10b (Emphasis

" $10 \dots$ The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Also, let us never underesti-

mate the power that joy might return to those who abandoned have upon others. Consider the following excerpt:

"As a third-century man was anticipating death, he penned these last words to a friend: 'It's a bad world, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They have found a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians-and I am one of them."

Will you come to Christ today, that you might know joy for time and eternity? Jesus is a source of joy waiting to be found.

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

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

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Second Sunday of Easter

"I bring you peace, and forgiveness, Jesus says."

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

Scripture Reading: John 20 v 19 - 31

I. Introduction

The way we greet one another can take many forms. We say hi, how are you? Sometimes we may or may not get a response back, right? We also say, good morning, or good afternoon or evening and we may add, it is good to see

I do not recall anyone saying to me, "Peace be with you," when they see me and I am wondering whether you've had that experience? I do not talk that way myself, but may send a written message beginning or ending in a greeting of peace and blessings.

To greet someone with a peace greeting, means it must come from within oneself and the self needs to represent the goodness of what peace is and what it means to oneself and to another. To give peace means we must be at peace...

II. "Peace be with you," Jesus

In the Gospel of John, on this Resurrection Day, we see Jesus entering the space of His disciples, like He did with Mary Magdalene and to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. He enters the room miraculously, where the disciples had locked themselves in, still afraid after Jesus' crucifixion just two days before. His appearance is marked by the words, "Peace be with you," and then He showed them His hands, which still bore the marks of the crucifixion.

Leon Morris, in his commentary on the Gospel of John, asserts that He still brought them a message of peace after what they had done to Him. Peter denied Him, Judas betrayed Him and the rest fled the scene. He continued to visit them and brought them a message of peace. What kind of person is He?

This says a lot about Jesus' understanding of peace, because while the peace greeting was a usual greeting during His time, it is unimaginable for someone who had gone through what He did, to Him during such a trying time and gruesome experience.

Earlier in John Chapter 14 v 27, Jesus describes the peace He gives His disciples. It is a peace not like the world gives, but a peace coming from inside Himself as the Son of God. It is a peace from inside His Being, a being of love, forgiveness, acceptance, and compassion.

His full being is that of God and He gives them that which belongs to God, not what the world gives, which is not a lasting peace. The peace He gives, overcomes any feeling of abandonment He must have felt when they left Him to die on His own on the cross. It is a peace from God in the middle of a violent experience He just had, but a violent experience that was overcome by the powerful and victorious resurrection of the Son of God by God Almighty.

III. "Forgive anyone for their sins," He says.

Jesus' message of peace also carries with it a message of forgiveness, which He now gives to them by breathing upon them the Holy Spirit, so they could go and spread the good news about Him. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they would be at peace, and forgive everyone. Forgive anyone, He says. If you do not forgive them, they are not

Again, it is exceedingly difficult to comprehend how He could speak about forgiveness like this. The answer is in Himself, how He prayed for forgiveness for those who crucified Him as He was hanging on the cross. That speaks volumes of the being of the Son of God and of Godself.

From the research I conducted, Jesus is giving the authority to the church to speak to those who come to seek forgiveness. The duty of the church is to proclaim forgiveness to the ones who have sorrow in their hearts for what they have done. Those who do not seek God's forgiveness are forfeiting the mercy of God.

The disciples who were gathered there were now all spirit-filled and as a group they would represent the church in the future and will still receive the Holy Spirit in a fuller way on the day of Pentecost. But here Christ is empowering them already to go and preach the Good News and to be filled with the Spirit and to teach forgiveness and encourage those who hear this message to be forgiven.

IV. The Imperfect peace of this

world As I am writing this sermon, I am thinking of the work I have done through the years, of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, in South Africa, here in the US and other parts of the world. I am thinking of all the churches I worked with across the country, the police officers in Hartford, Connecticut, the social workers in the Department of Children and Families, the groups of Israelis and Palestinians who came to the U.S. years ago for help to coexist with one another.

All these groups and more needed assistance to understand each other's stories of hurt and anger and being misunderstood and more. They came to see whether forgiveness was possible because their experiences showed otherwise. The power of this earthly work of forgiveness and reconciliation showed me the power of the human heart to take the courage to forgive the other. I have seen miracles happen and the work of listening and forgiveness continued without me. But I also saw how imperfect

See SERMONS, page 13

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Barre Gazette **OBITUARY POLICY**

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Public Notices

TOWN OF OAKHAM **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular business meeting on May 9, 2024 in Memorial Hall (Oakham Town Hall), 2 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham, MA. There will be a pub-

lic hearing scheduled on the following items starting at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard: VARIANCE: Owner/

Applicant: Chris Stark and Brynne Stark Location: 680 Spencer

Rd., Oakham, MA 01068

Map: 411 Parcel 10 The applicants are requesting a Variance from Section: 5 Item: 3 of the Oakham Town By-Laws, setback requirements. The applicants may bring all pertinent information and plans with them and may bring a consultant/attorney to answer questions and to represent them at the hearing.

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

Lucy Tessnau, Clerk Zoning Board of Appeals 4/11, 4/18/2024

FY 2025 - REQUEST FOR **PROPOSALS** FOR AN UPDATE **PROGRAM TO** MAINTAIN EQUITABLE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BARRE, MASSACHUSETTS

The Town of Barre invites all interested companies to submit sealed proposals for undertaking a program to update all real and personal property values within the Town of Barre for Fiscal Year

Specifications for the proposed program may be obtained at the office of the Board of Assessors, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005 Mondays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Specifications will be available until Monday, February 26th, 2024 at 1:00

Proposals are to be submitted to the Board of Assessors, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005. Proposals will be accepted Monday through Thursdays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. until Monday, February 26th, 2024 at 1:00

It is the specific intent of the Town to contract through its Board of Assessors for a complete update of property valuations effective January

1, 2024 consistent with Massachusetts Department of Revenue requirements using an in-house CAMA appraisal system. The program is to commence on or about July 2, 2024, and to be completed by October 15, 2024. The program is to result in the approval of property values by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

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

be in the best interest of the Town.

The awarding of the contract shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Board of Assessors Christopher Jenkins Michael G. Landry Robert W.A. Leroux

04/04, 04/11/2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 63 Pine Tree Terrace, South Barre, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James E. Tyler to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and now held by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its **Individual Capacity But** Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust. said mortgage dated April 10, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50780, Page 1, as affected by Partial Release dated February 21, 2024 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 70221, Page 307, said mortgage was assigned from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated July 11, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 57424, Page 384; said mortgage was assigned from Community Loan Servicing, LLC F/K/A Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment dated May 13, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 65172, Page 337; said mortgage was assigned from

Federal National Mortgage Association to MCLP Asset Company, Inc. by assignment dated March 30, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68965, Page 118; said mortgage was assigned from MCLP Asset Company, Inc. to US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment dated May 2, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69181, Page 388; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premis-

gage, to wit: Tax Id Number(s): BARR-000043-000000-H000000, H 43, H-43

ises described in said mort-

Land Situated in the County of Worcester in the State of MA

THE LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED ON THE SOUTHEASTERLYSIDE OF PINE TREE TERRACE IN THAT PART OF BARRE KNOWN AS SOUTH BARRE, BEING SHOWN AS LOT C ON PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY IN SOUTH BARRE, MASS. BELONGING TO BARRE WOOL COMBING CO. LTD. DATED DECEMBER

10, 1953, MADE BY ROWLAND H. BARNES & CO ., CIVIL ENGINEERS, RECORDED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 195, PLAN BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT

POINT IN THE

SOUTHEASTERLY LINE

OF PINE TREE TERRACE WHICH IS 135.8 FEET S. 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 35 SECONDS W. MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PINE TREE TERRACE FROM A POINT WHICH IS 225.95 FEET S. 57 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 20 SECONDS W. FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF NELSON STREET WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF TRAFALGAR SQUARE, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING ALSO THE WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT D ON SAID PLAN:

THENCE FROM THE AFORESAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUNNING S. 23 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 35 SECONDS W. BY THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PINE TREE TERRACE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND FIVE TENTHS (156.5) FEET TO LAND OF THE BOSTON & ALBANY RAILROAD;

THENCE N. 66 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 58 SECONDS E. EIGHTY-FIVE AND SIX TENTHS (85.6) FEET;

THENCE N. 59 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 58 SECONDS E. ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND ONE HUNDREDTH (115.01) FEET; (THESE TWO COURSES BEING BY SAID BOSTON & ALBANY RAILROAD LAND) TO THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT D;

THENCE N. DEGREES 48 MINUTES 25 SECONDS W. BY SAID LOT D, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND THIRTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS (126.31) FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF PINE TREE TERRACE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

 $C\ O\ N\ T\ A\ I\ N\ I\ N\ G$ APPROXIMATELY 10,485 SOUARE FEET.

NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or jootage caiculations are co rect. References to quantity are for identification purpos-

Being the same property conveyed to James E. Tyler, by deed dated October 16, $1995\ of\ record\ in\ Deed\ Book$ 17425, Page 152, in the County Clerk's Office.

Commonly known as: 63 Pine Tree Ter, South Barre, MA 01074

EXCEPTING THERE-FROM that certain land described in a partial release of mortgage dated February 21, 2024 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 70221, Page 307, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY **DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:** the land in said Barre

situated off the easterly side of Pine Tree Terrace being shown as Lot C-2 on Plan of Subdivision of property in South Barre, Mass. for Barre Wool Combing Company, Ltd, dated April 25, 1960 by Barnes Engineering Co., Inc., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 250, Plan 93, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the northwesterly corner of the tract to be conveyed which point is S. 65° 48' 25" E. 18.10 feet from the easter*ly line of Pine Tree Terrace;*

THENCE S. 65° 48' 25" E eight and twenty-one hundredths (8.21) feet to a point, said point being the most easterly corner of land conveyed to Harry R. Stevenson et ux by deed of Bachmann-Uxbridge Worsted Corporation d/b/a The Barre Wool Combing Company, Limited, dated January 2, 1954 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds. Book 3563, Page 509;

THENCE S. 59° 47 58", thirteen and fifty-six hundredths (13.56) feet to a point at said Stevenson's

THENCE N. 22° 33' 31" E, eleven and three hundredths (11.03) feet by said Stevenson's land to the point of beginning.

Containing 45 square feet of land more or less.

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 18, 1995 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17425, Page 152. TERMS OF SALE: Said

premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND

(\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762

Attorney for US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust Present Holder of the Mortgage

(401) 217-8701 04/04, 04/11, 04/18/2024



ASSE seeks host families for exchanges students

ASSE International Student their own culture and language Exchange Programs, a nonprofit, public benefit organization, is inviting local families to discover the many rewards of hosting a foreign exchange student.

ASSE students come from more than 50 countries worldwide: France, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Ukraine, Japan and Australia, to name a few. They are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and they are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture, family life, school, sports. etc.

with their host families, who welcome the students into their home, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. Host families may be single parents, couples and single per-

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. ASSE students are carefully selected based upon academics and personality, and host families choose their stu-Students also love to share dent from a wide variety of back-

grounds, countries and personal interests.

ASSE also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by spending a school year, semester or a summer with a host family in another country.

Those interested in hosting an exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad should call Alina at 1-800-677-2773, visit www.asse.com or send an email to asseusasouth@asse.com to request more information or start the application process.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, March 31

12:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning

12:51 p.m. Open Door or Window, Granger Road, Investigated

3:57 p.m. Neurological/Head Injuries, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

7:49 p.m. Fire - Structure Fire, James Street, Transported to Hospital 7:59 p.m. Threats, Old Dana Road, Report Filed

9:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, South Street, Vehicle Towed

Monday, April 1

1:40 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick Mutual Aid Assist 10:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, Fruitland Road, Transported to Hospital

4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, April 2

8:53 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Message Delivered

Wednesday, April 3 9 a.m. Larceny or Theft, South Street, Information Taken

9:04 a.m. Community Policing/ Service, South Barre Road, Public Assist

1:20 p.m. Erratic Operator, Walnut Hill Road, Investigated

2:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact 6:16 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Town Wide, Information 6:18 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Whole Town, Referred to Other Agency 8:18 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, South

Street, Peace Restored

Thursday, April 4

12:45 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hubbardston Road, Removed Hazard

5:55 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle -Parking Issues, Elm, Cedar Fir, Oak and Grove Street. Information Given

6 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/

Sunday, March 31

Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, April 1

Contact

3:33 p.m. Complaint, Shawnee Way,

5:14 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle

8:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

8:49 a.m. Emergency Medical

8:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Summons: Schuster, Michael

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle,

9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

10:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New

10:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop.

11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

12:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

1:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

2:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

4:39 p.m. Emergency Medical

5:04 p.m. Assist Other Police

Service - Falls, Mt. Jefferson Road,

Department, Winchendon, Referred to

Tuesday, April 2

9 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District

4:29 p.m. Keep the Peach, Old

6 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision,

Boston Turnpike, Property Picked Up

Registration Suspended, Operating

Service - Chest Pain/Heart Problem.

Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital

Activity, Dogwood North Road, Negative

Worcester Road, Written Warning

Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed

Joseph Sr., 43, Hubbardston

Gardner Road, Written Warning

Westminster Road, Written Warning

Worcester Road, Written Warning

Gardner Road, Citation Issued

Gardner Road, Citation Issued

Gardner Road, Citation Issued

Street, Citation Issued

Street, Written Warning

Public Assist

Other Agency

Court, Court Duty

Williamsville Road, Citation Issued

Street, Written Warning

Motor Vehicle with

Arcing, Old Dana Road, Referred to Arcing, South Street, Investigated Other Agency

6:20 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Pleasant Street, Referred to Other

6:27 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Walnut Hill Road, Referred to Other

6:38 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Spring Hill Road, Referred to Other

6:40 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Spring Hill Road, Referred to Other

7:05 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hardwick Road, Referred to Other

7:08 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), South Street, Referred to Other Agency 7:30 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Old Hardwick Road, Removed

7:36 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Cut Off Road, Message Delivered

7:42 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pleasant Street. Referred to Other

8:46 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires). Sheldon Road, Referred to Other

10:25 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/Arcing, West Street, Unfounded 10:32 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Petersham Road, Referred to Other Agency

11:05 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle -Parking Issues, Celona Square, Vehicle

11:51 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Natick, Mutual Aid Assist 12:13 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheelwright Road, Report

1:36 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other

1:48 p.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Granger Road, Referred to 2:14 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Hancock Road, Referred to Other Agency 3:12 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle -Parking Issued, Exchange Street,

Vehicle Towed

7:56 p.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/

Hubbardston Police Log

Wednesday, April 3

Department, Barre, Negative Contact

1:25 p.m. Assist Other Police

6:16 p.m. Road Condition

10:03 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle

Notification, Town Wide, Information

Friday, April 5 6:38 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Hawes Hill Road, Referred to Other

7:16 a.m. Erratic Operator, Wheelwright Road, Officer Spoke to

Party p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency 10:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued 1:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal

2:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Stetson Road, Citation Issued 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South

Barre Road, Citation Issued 3:49 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Hubbardston Road, Mutual Aid Transported

4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

5:05 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Mechanic Street, Officer Spoke to Party 8:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, April 6 11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning

12:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital 5:11 p.m. Keep the Peace, Old

Coldbrook Road, Peace Restored 9:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

SOUTH BARRE

Thursday, April 4

7:18 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Root Road, Information Given

Friday, April 5

7:14 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Wheelwright Road, Referred to Other Agency

6:08 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Quinn Road. Information Taken

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, March 31

5:56 a.m. Pubic Assist, Maple Avenue. Public Assist 8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued 8:51 p.m. Threats, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised

9:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, April 1

2:17 a.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, Milne Road, Area Patrolled 7:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

Avenue, Information Taken 8:43 a.m. Motor Vesicle Stop, Main

8:05 a.m. Harassment, Maple

Street, Written Warning 8:51 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Keywood Drive, Information Taken 9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

Avenue, Written Warning 9:49 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court - Court Duty 12:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

Main Street, Information Given 12:54 p.m. Leg Pain, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital 1:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 3:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Maza Maza, Diego, 34,

Methuen

Charges: License Suspended for Operating Under Influence, Operating Motor Vehicle with Identify Self. Motor Vehicle Operator Refuse, Window Obstructed/Nontransparent

Summons: Paguay Lema, Luz Maria, 21, Methuen Charges: Unlicensed/Suspended

Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit Tuesday, April 2

7 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Information Given

8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning 12:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint Summons: Gibson, Timothy M., 30,

Charges: Registration Suspended,

Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle Unregistered Motor Vehicle 1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 1:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ten Rod Road. Citation Issued

1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued 2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued 2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

Paxton Road, Citation Issued 2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued 4:59 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Ridge Road, Message Delivered

5:02 p.m. Erratic Operator,

Pleasantdale Road, Officer Advised 11:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Breathing Difficulty, Edson Road. Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, April 3 7:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 10:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Breathing Difficulty, Woodside

Avenue, Transported to Hospital 2:07 p.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Cloverdale Lane, Referred to

Other Agency 2:11 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Message Delivered 6:15 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Whole Town, Referred to

Other Agency 7:08 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal

7:19 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Charnock Hill Road, No Fire

Service Necessary 8:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Main Street, No Action Required

11:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Abdominal/Back Pain, Prouty Lane, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, April 4

12:16 a.m. Road Traffic Hazard, Campbell Street, Removed Hazard 4:32 a.m. Road Traffic Hazard,

Turkey Hill Road, Removed Hazard 6:15 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Paddock Road, Message Delivered 6:41 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Sunnyside Avenue, Referred to Other 7:16 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Campbell Street, Referred to

Other Agency 7:41 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Intervale Road, Officer Advised

8:11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Stevens Way, Referred to Other Agency 8:23 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), River Road, Referred to Other Agency

8:23 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Kenwood Drive, Message Delivered 8:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, East County Road,

Ambulance Signed Refusal 8:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, East County Road, Unfounded

9:37 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact 9:40 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle

Collision, North Brookfield Road, Report 11:02 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pleasantdale Road, Referred to

Other Agency 11:31 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/Arcing, Phillips Road, Referred to Other Agency

12:13 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheelwright Road, Report 12:51 a.m. Fire - Power Lines

Down/Arcing, Crawford Road, Referred to Other Agency 1:35 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/

Arcing, Maple Spring Drive, Referred to Other Agency 2 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision

East County Road, Ambulance Signed

2:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Trauma, Grizzly Drive, Transported to Hospital

3:30 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Crawford Road, Officer Advised 4:50 p.m. Public Assist, Naquag

Street, Officer Advised

4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

5:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Welfare Check, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party 5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party 6:43 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Jamie Ann Drive, Officer Advised

6:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Irish Lane, Officer Spoke to

11:06 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Party Departed without Incidents

Friday, April 5

4:36 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Removed

6:36 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Turnpike road, Report

7:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street. Citation Issued 7:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. Main Street, Written Warning 8:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Blair Drive, Officer Spoke to Party 9:41 a.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Welfare Check, Prescott Street, Officer Spike to Party 9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

9:55 a.m. Erratic Operator, Clealand Circle, Officer Spoke to Party 10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 11:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 11:25 a.m. Emergency Medical

Service - Sick/Unknown, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital 11:36 a.m. Complaint, Apache Trail,

Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, April 6 2:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, Oakview Lane,

Transported to Hospital 4:17 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision. Barre PaxtonRoad.

Transported to Hospital 4:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Barre Paxton Road, Mutual

Aid Transport 6:12 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Highland Park Road, Message Delivered

8:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued 9:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Negative

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, March 31 10:53 a.m. Suspicious Person/

Vehicle Authority, Worcester Road, Report Filed 4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning 4:54 p.m. Complaint, North Brookfield Road, Public Assist

Department, Barre, Report Filed

Monday, April 1 8:36 a.m. Fire - Suspicious

8:02 p.m. Assist Other Police

Package/Letter, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated 12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued 12:54 p.m. Leg Pain, New Braintree

Road, Transported to Hospital 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued 2:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, North

Brookfield Road, Negative Contact 2:07 p.m. Erratic Operator, Fisherman's Road, No Action Required 2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued

2:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning 3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Turnpike Road, Citation Issued 4:54 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre

Road, Report Filed 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning 6:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning

7:42 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Spencer, Information Given

Tuesday, April 2 11:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Breathing Difficulty, Edson

Road, Transported to Hospital Wednesday, April 3 8:57 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

2:11 p.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, South Road, Referred to Other Agency

6:48 p.m. Road Condition

Notification, Town Wide, Information 7:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Displaced, Old Turnpike Road, Vehicle Removed

10:17 p.m. Complaint, Gray Oaks Lane, Vehicle Removed 10:23 p.m. Administration, Barre Road, Vehicle Removed

Thursday, April 4

5:36 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Bechan Road, Investigated 5:52 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/Arcing, North Brookfield Road,

Investigated 7:04 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), North Brookfield Road, Officer Advised 7:14 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency

7:27 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), New Braintree Road, Referred to Other

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9:40 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle

10:14 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Worcester Road, Referred to Other

Collision, North Brookfield Road, Report

10:54 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/Arcing, Spencer Road, Referred to Other Agency 1:05 p.m Assist Other Agency/Non-

Police, Spencer Road, Public Assist

Friday, April 5

6:36 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Turnpike Road, Report

7:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Public Assist 9:28 a.m. Harassment, North Brookfield Road, Officer Took Call

Saturday, April 6

10:33 a.m. Public Assist, North Brookfield Road, Public Assist 2:52 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service - Falls, Oakview Lane, Transported to Hospital 4:17 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road,

Transported to Hospital 4:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Mutual Aid Assist 9:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Negative

SERMONS, continued from page 11

Grimes Road, Report Filed

the peace and forgiveness of this world can be, as Christ says, "I do not give peace as the world gives," because the peace of this world is imperfect. It does not always last. It disappoints and it gets abandoned when the desire for power and the weakness of human beings lead to hurtful thoughts and words and actions.

The abandonment of peace can lead to broken relationships and can lead to a broken family or home, church, workplace, and a broken world. The unwillingness to forgive leads to the hardened

Collision, New Templeton Road, No Action Required 10:25 p.m. Tree Incidents (On

Wires), New Westminster Road, Referred to Other Agency Thursday, April 4

1:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Morgan Road, Vehicle Towed 1:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Morgan Road, Information Taken

Barre Road, Message Delivered

1:48 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Barre Road, Removed Hazard 3:16 a.m. Notification, Williamsville Road, Investigated 3:35 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

1:46 a.m. Tree Incidents (On Wires),

Hale Road, Removed Hazard 4:05 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Hale Road, Removed Hazard 4:39 a m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled

Brigham Road, Vehicle Towed

5:43 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, New Templeton Road, Removed 6:11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Grimes Road, Referred to Other Agency

Twin Hill Road, Referred to Other 7:32 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Barre Road, Referred to Other

6:15 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

7:34 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Lombard Road, Referred to Other 9:11 a.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/Arcing, New Westminster Road,

Referred to Other Agency 9:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Dogwood North Road, Public Assist 11:09 a.m. Fire - Power Lines

Down/Arcing, Flagg Road, Referred to 11:14 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), High Street, Referred to Other

Dogwood South Road, Officer Spoke

12:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Welfare Check, Lombard Road, Officer Spoke to Party 1:32 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Old Princeton Road, Referred to Other

fulfilling the work through the

Although the Risen Christ calls

us to be at peace with one anoth-

er, and to speak forgiveness as the

church of Christ, we often fail to

do so. We must see and recognize

those who come for their forgive-

ness from God. The church does

not own it but is the instrument

of God to speak it and to embrace

everyone. We are also called to

forgive one another for what they

have done to us, and we are called

to apologize and make right with

We must also think about this

Holy Spirit in our lives.

V. Conclusion

those we have hurt.

11:56 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard,

Service Necessary

2:19 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Mt. Jefferson Road, Vehicle Removed 3:46 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

High Street, Officer Advised 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, Lombard Road, No Fire

ombard Road, Referred to Other 6:09 p.m. Fire - Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Mt. Jefferson Road, Investigated

5:33 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Friday, April 5 6:58 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Lombard Road, Referred to Other Agency 8:07 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires)

Healdville Road, Referred to Other

8:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning 10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning 11:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Gardner Road, Written Warning

Gardner Road, Written Warning

Street, Written Warning

Street, Written Warning 1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, High Street, Written Warning 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

2:26 p.m. Animal - Lost and/ or Found, New Westminster Road, Message Delivered 2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

Street, Written Warning 3:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

2:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

4:50 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle

5:11 p.m. Disorderly Conduct,

Activity, Geordie Lane, Officer Spoke to

Dogwood North Road, Officer Spoke to Saturday, April 6

3:26 p.m. Public Assist, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party 6:58 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to

hearts which prevent God from world and how it loses its will for peace and forgiveness. We must ask ourselves, what are you calling me to do, Lord, to bring about peace? What do I say? What do I do? Where are you sending me

> Here I am Lord, do as You please with me. This is the message from Christ as He appears to us this morning, saying, "Peace to you." May God bless this message to all our hearts, minds and

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

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Public Safety

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of April 1-8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 54 building/property checks, 45 directed/area patrols, five traffic controls, five radar assignments, eight emergency 911 calls, two assist other agencies, four citizen assists, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, 16 safety hazards, one motor vehicle investigation, one investigation, three animal calls and 12 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 1

10:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

4:25 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

8:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, April 2

6:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

Road, Written Warning 2:57 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Dispatch Handled 5:25 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out

of Town, Services Rendered 9:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Summons Issued

Wednesday, April 3

9:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Officer Handled 2:31 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting,

Bridge Street, Report Taken 5:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

8:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old etersham Road, Negative Contact 11:34 p.m. Safety Hazard, Muddy Brook Road, Removed Hazard

Thursday, April 4

6:14 a.m. Safety Hazard, Jackson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 6:15 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lyman Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

6:24 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 6:33 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7:05 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Services Rendered 7:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, North Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7:41 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 8:15 a.m. Safety Hazard, Ridge Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 8:34 a.m. Safety Hazard, Jackson Road, Dispatch Handled

8:42 a.m. Safety Hazard, Muddy Brook Road, Taken/Referred to Other

10:04 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre

Road, Dispatch Handled

10:28 a.m. Safety Hazard, Church Lane, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 10:29 a.m. Safety Hazard, Jackson

Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 10:33 a.m. Safety Hazard, North Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 1:21 p.m. 911 Misdial, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled

1:54 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Petersham Road, No Action Required 9:38 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Friday, April 5

6:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued

7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Unknown Location, estigated/

10:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 1:35 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered

2:32 p.m. Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled 4:58 p.m. 911 Welfare Check,

Collins Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, April 6

8:07 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, lain Street, Transported to Hospital 1:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

Baystate Wing partners with Palmer Police to provide Naloxone

Hospital and the Palmer Police Department have joined forces in an effort to prevent opioid-related deaths by installing NaloxBoxes in accessible locations on campus.

The installed boxes provide free public access to the overdose-reversing drug Naloxone. NaloxBox, similar to mounted Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AED), is a publicly available overdose response tool made accessible to the general

"The NaloxBoxes have been installed at Baystate Wing Hospital in Emergency Department waiting room bathrooms and Entrance 3 - the History Hallway. There is also a NaloxBox in the main lobby of the Griswold Center lobby," said Danielle Olive, clinical program manager of Baystate Behavioral Health Griswold Center-Palmer. "Each box contains Narcan, the brand name of Naloxone, a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. The boxes have been installed in accessible areas that are open to the public so that, if someone is overdosing, a person or a loved one can immediately access the medication and administer it.'

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drugs take nearly 300 lives every day.

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications, when given

PALMER – Baystate Wing in time. Naloxone quickly reverses an overdose by blocking the effects of opioids.

It can restore normal breathing within 2-3 minutes in a person whose breath has slowed, or even stopped, as a result of opioid overdose. More than one dose of naloxone may be required when stronger opioids like fentanyl are involved.

Olive and Sergeant David Burns are collaborating with the Northampton Department of Health and Human Services Drug Addiction Recovery Team (DART) and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. They have been meeting and are planning to host events and forums in the future that will include community involvement.

They are in the beginning stages of developing an Opioid Task Force with Baystate Wing team members that will work to address addiction-related issues and reduce stigma about sub-

"As a police officer, I have seen first-hand the devastation of opioid addiction," said Burns. "I firmly believe that by working together, healthcare organizations, law enforcement, and community advocates can have a serious impact on substance use in our community. Our partnership is an effort to help to save lives and help with the adverse effects of those dealing with problematic substance use and substance use disorder by beginning a regional collaboration.'

"Opioid abuse affects every-

one," said Karli Barrett, vice president, chief nursing officer, and chief administrative officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. "The NaloxBox placements give easy access to those in need and put the general public on notice that they too can save a life. We are proud to be a part of this collaborative effort to facilitate the delivery of this life-saving medication and to continue collaborating with local partners to address the needs of our community. We are grateful to work closely with the Palmer Police Department, for their donation of the NaloxBoxes and for their commitment to maintaining

The Baystate Behavioral Health Griswold Center-Palmer has been providing outpatient mental health and addiction recovery services. The team of providers cares for the long-term needs of the psychiatric patient and provides services for all ages from young children through the end

The multidisciplinary team is committed to supporting patients during both the evaluation period and throughout the stages of recovery. The Griswold Center also has providers who specialize in substance use disorders.

The team offers individual and group therapy, and individual counseling for adolescents, and provides medication for opioid use disorder, including buprenorphine (suboxone) and naltrexone (vivitrol).

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New Braintree Police Log

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During the week of April 1-8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, 44 directed/area patrols, six traffic controls, six radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, 15 safety hazards, one scam, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, two fires, three animal calls, two motor vehicle accidents and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 1 1:53 p.m. Scam, Oakham Cut Off

Road, Report Taken

Tuesday, April 2 8:58 a.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Investigated

1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

8:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, West Brookfield Road,

Thursday, April 4

4:47 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 5:47 a.m. Safety Hazard, Utley Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 6:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident.

Gilbertville Road, Report Taken 6:50 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled

7 a.m. Safety Hazard, Padre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 7:31 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Padre

Road, Services Rendered 7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Mara Road, Report Taken

7:42 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Road, Removed Hazard

7:43 a.m. Safety Hazard, Padre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 7:59 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barr Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

8:31 a.m. Safety Hazard, Utley Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 8:34 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to

Other Agency 10:08 a.m. Fire/Other, Havens Road, Services Rendered

10:20 a.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis

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10:34 a.m. Safety Hazard, Cushman Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency 1:31 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled

1:42 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

2:59 p.m. Fire/Other, Gilbertville Road, Investigated

Friday, April 5 3:58 p.m. Safety Hazard, West

Brookfield Road, Services Rendered 5:04 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

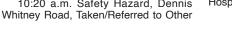
Saturday, April 6 11:24 a.m. 911 Animal Call, West

Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, April 7 4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West

Brookfield Road, Citation Issued Monday, April 8

1:23 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital





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Senate acts to prevent abuse and exploitation online

BOSTON - State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) joined his colleagues in the Senate to pass bipartisan legislation aimed at preventing abuse and exploitation online by criminalizing the dissemination of sexually explicit images or videos without an individual's consent.

The bill, S.2073, An Act to Prevent Abuse and Exploitation, takes a multifaceted approach to tackling online harassment and exploitation. It includes provisions for a comprehensive educational program designed to help adolescents understand the severe consequences of posting indecent visual depictions online.

Oliveira emphasized the significance of the bill's approach in a press release, stating, "With this legislation, the Senate has made it clear that this form of bullying, harassment, and exploitation will not be tolerated. Survivors will receive the justice and support they deserve. And the educational

programs included in this bill will ensure that young people understand the damaging effects of this

Oliveira thanked Senate leadership for their collaborative effort in developing this extensive bill.

"The final bipartisan bill, unanimously passed by the Senate on Thursday [March 21], was crafted with the guidance of Senate President Spilka, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee Senator Jamie Eldridge, and the bill's primary sponsor Senator John F. Keenan. I want to recognize them for their efforts on this landmark

The key features of the bill include:

Comprehensive Educational Program: The bill mandates the development of a comprehensive educational diversion program by the Office of the Child Advocate.

This program will educate adolescents on the consequences of sexting and posting indecent visuals online. School districts will be required to promote media literacy skills and utilize content from the OCA's

Definition of Coercive Control: The legislation defines coercive control providing individuals with the ability to seek abuse prevention orders in threatening situa-

Increased Fines and New Offenses: The bill increases fines for criminal harassment and establishes new offenses for the unlawful distribution of explicit mate-

Creation of Commission: An amendment was adopted to create a commission tasked with examining the impacts of technology and the internet on protecting individuals from harm, abuse, and

Advocates across the state have voiced strong support for the bill. Deb Mann Schmill, Founder and President of the Becca Schmill Foundation, highlighted its importance in protecting individuals from online exploitation.

"The passing of this legislation by the Senate today is an important milestone for all victims of online image-based sexual exploitation in Massachusetts," said Schmill.

This marks the second time the Senate has passed a version of this legislation. Following the House of Representatives previous passage of a similar bill, the two branches will now reconcile differences before sending it to the Governor for consideration.



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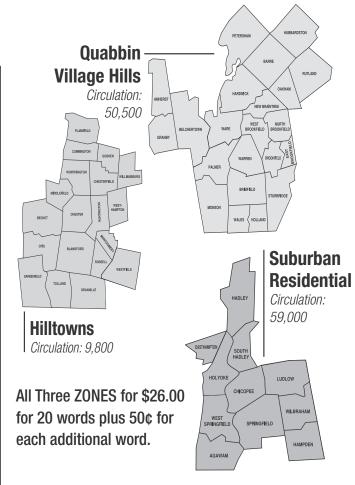
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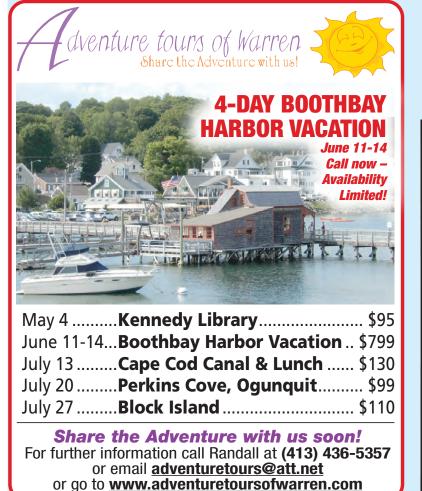
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