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Select Board reorganizes

Maureen Marshall elected chair

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BARRE – Following the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 3, the first order of business was to reorganize the Select Board at their Monday, April 10 meeting.

Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis accepted nominations for chair. Select Board member John Dixon nominated Maureen Marshall and newly elected board member, Mark Regienus, seconded the motion. They also elected Dixon Vice-chair and Regienus clerk.

Interim Town Administrator report

Interim Town Administrator Balukonis said he has office hours Monday and Tuesday. He said the Select Board had the choice of hiring a consultant or taking on the task themselves in the hiring of the new Town Administrator. They also could appoint a Search Committee to assist them in the process.

He said hiring a consultant was the quickest way to go through the process. He said forming a search committee can “bog down” and add an extra month to finding a candidate.

The board will discuss the options and make a decision at their next meeting on Monday, April 25. Balukonis said in a previous town where he worked, the Select Board created a bylaw to spell out the town administrator role and responsibility. He said having a bylaw would not only clarify the town administrator role, but it would help attract candidates.

Sen. Gobi request

The Interim Town Administrator said he received a request for state Sen. Anne Gobi asking if the town had any projects, which would benefit from possible state funding. Chair Marshall said the fire station was a top priority. The town already had a feasibility study by an architectural firm and a committee of community members. They looked at possible sites and a location in the center of town was the favored choice. The study looked at two possible locations, the town owned municipal lot behind Town Hall and a privately owned property on Broad Street that the owner was agreeable to sell to the town. The third location, not in the center of town, was town owned land by the police station on South Street.

Vice-chair Dixon said infrastructure in South Barre was also another project to consider. The Board decided to discuss the projects at their next meeting. Sen. Gobi asked for a response by Friday, April 28.

Special Town Meeting

The Select Board signed the warrant for the Special Town Meeting from the Town Clerk. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Ruggles Lane School. Constable Dennis Fleming posted the warrant Monday night.

Nuisance dog

Chair Maureen Marshall asked the Interim Town Administrator to follow up on the drafting of a letter with Town Counsel. The Animal Control Officer needed the letter in order to follow through with the decision to have a dog removed from town. The Board and ACO received complaints of excessive barking by the dog on numer-

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Senior cadets piped over the side at change of command

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BARRE – Last Friday, April 7 the Quabbin Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps unit officers changed command and bid fair seas to their senior members.

Commanding Officer Summer Barringer, Class of 2023 addressed her fellow cadets. She said, “You can not lead alone, the people around you are the greatest asset in leadership.” She also said there was no shame in asking for help, don’t be afraid of mistakes, learn how to breathe, push through and find the balance.

Captain Brennock addressed the audience of Cadets, award presenters, family members and staff the unit performed 2,600 community service hours and 980 school hours. He said the unit had a “spectacular annual inspection.”

Cadet Jady Gonzalez, Class of 2024, took over as Commanding Officer. Cadet Brianna Caponigro, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Abigail Ramsey in the First Platoon and Cadet Hannah Wiggin, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Abigail Ramsey in the Second Platoon. Cadet Julio Pagan, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Rose Leander in the Third Platoon. Cadet Klara Allen, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet William Lambert as Supply Officer and Cadet Natalie Fisher, Class of 2024, replaced Cadet Natalie Techera as Administrative Officer.

In addition to the Change of Command, promotions and awards were also part of the program. NS I promotions to Seaman were: Tyler Belden, Branden Brooks, Micah Cerezo, Mia Ducos, Garrett Erickson, Aiden Fuller, Madeleine Hardy, Alex Holden, Anna Labrousse, Finnegan Leander, Oliver Lyden, Hunter McQueston, Madeleine Rigney, Allison Sprankle and Samantha Vessair.

NS II promotions to Cadet Petty Officer First-Class were: Benjamin Bibik, Joshua Bibik, Jordan Blanchard, Alisyn Brusco, Matthew Erickson, Angelina Feliciano, Jack Fors,



Staff Photo by Ellenor Downer

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Sheila Muir received an American Flag, which flew at the high school the day before.

Isabel LaBelle, Hunter LeBier, Reagan Laprade, Goldkeng Lee, Benjamin Metcalf, Luke Salvatore, Frederick Schaaf and Richard Tucker.

NS III promotions to Cadet Petty Officer First-Class were: Brett Clarkson, Joshua Marcotte and Mathew Tolman and promotions to Cadet Petty Officer Second Class was Ryan Sylvia. Promotions to Cadet Ensign were Klara Allen, Brianna Caponigro, Natalie Fisher, Jady Gonzalez, Sophia Januszewski, Julio Pagan and Hannah Wiggin.

NS IV promotions were: Cadet Commander Summer

Barringer and Abigail Ramsey, Cadet Lieutenant Commander Rose Leander and Cadet Petty Officer First-Class Eliana Trott.

Receiving Cadet Achievement were Klara Allen, Summer Barringer, Brianna Caponigro, Jady Gonzalez, William Lambert, Hannah Wiggin and Abigail Ramsey: NS I High Honors Hunter McQueston and Honors Tyler Belden, Brando Brooks, Michah Cerezo, Alex Holden and Samantha Vessair. Also NS II High Honors went to Matthew Erickson and Isabel

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Vollheim elected Selectman

Newcomer Mailhot wins BOH seat

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HARDWICK – A total of 456 voters took to the polls Monday, with multiple contests on the ballot.

Eric Vollheim was elected to the Board of Selectmen with 275 votes over opponent Elizabeth Cyran, who received 170 votes.

Other contested positions include the Board of Health, with newcomer Paul Mailhot Jr. receiving 225 votes over incumbent Stanley Remiszewski, who received 209. Kristyl Kelly was elected to fill a one-year term on the K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee over Anne Van Arsdell, with 208 and 187 votes, respectively.

All other positions on the ballot were uncontested and results are as follows: Town Clerk – Ryan J. Witkos received 433 votes, one write-in, 22 blank; Board of Assessors – Jennifer Kolenda received 416 votes, 40 blank; K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee – Emily Cartier received 357 votes, six write-ins, 93 blanks; Paige Memorial Library Trustee (two positions) – James Barnes received 336 votes, Jacqueline Easter received 331, three write-ins, 242 blank; Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee – Curtis Stillman received 376 votes, one write-in,

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Selectmen rescind approval of drag performances

Small Town Pride festival still approved for June 24

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – At their Tuesday night meeting, the Board of Selectmen rescinded a vote that previously approved the Rural Justice Network’s Small Town Pride festival with drag performances.

Board members then moved to approve the event without allowing drag performances. The event is scheduled to be held June 24 on the town common.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis read a statement on behalf of the Board that explained the reason for disallowing drag performances.

“This Board is not trying to regulate anyone’s existence or freedom of expression. Our aim is to ensure that any event approved for the general public will not, even inadvertently, harm anyone who might possibly attend the event.

While there may be drag performances that are not centered on illicit behavior or intended to be sexual, the majority of these shows do include sexual innuendo and behavior that exaggerates all aspects of the individual’s sexuality. To wit, drag shows should be deemed adult entertainment.

With that being said, this town has a prohibition on all adult entertainment except by special permit, only in the industrial zones of this town. Currently all the zones mapped as industrial have existing businesses occupying the majority of the space.

If one of those businesses

wishes to apply for a special, one-time use permit for adult entertainment, they may do so through the regular channels allowed by our town. There will be no adult entertainment, including drag shows, drag readings or any other drag performances without an approved special permit prior to the event.”

Clerk Elizabeth “Brooke” Canada said she disagreed that drag performance was considered adult entertainment.

“It’s freedom of expression...I’ve been to these events. I’ve never seen anything that’s been unsavory to anybody, and I trust that our police force would enforce anything that’s unlawful or adult in nature,” she said.

Vice-Chair John Tripp said he doesn’t understand how the drag performance can be family friendly.

Canada said she has not seen anything sexual in nature at pride events.

Petraitis said it was recommended to him that he watch videos from previous Small Town Pride festivals, and after watching the drag performances, he feels it is “not appropriate.”

A resident opposing the drag performances said the dancers removed items of clothing and rubbed their bodies in a sexually suggestive manner at previous festivals.

The Board approved the Small Town Pride festival without the drag performers, with Canada opposed.

Stormwater issue

Debra Arnold presented information to the Board about “underdrains,” constructed by the town between 1900-1902, which allowed water to be diverted into

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Ryan Couture becomes new Police Chief

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – Following a nation-wide search, the Hubbardston Select Board found a qualified candidate with 21 years of experience in various law enforcement positions demonstrating integrity and strong leadership skills to be the new Hubbardston Chief of Police.

Yes, Ryan Couture was the man selected, not despite, but because of his many years of experience within the Hubbardston police department. He grew up and still lives in Templeton. He is very familiar with the demographic character of not only the town and its 35 square miles, but the state as well.

Immediately after high school he served in the U.S. Army.

Upon discharge he took steps to get into law enforcement. A goal that was based on providing service in some way either in the military or as it has happened in civilian life. He had not yet enrolled in college. He consulted with a mentor who advised him to apply for a job as dispatcher in Hubbardston. He did and he did it very well. He soon enrolled part-time at Curry College majoring in criminal justice while gaining a wider and more varied experience with the State Police as a dispatcher.

After six years of diligent scholastic effort, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice at Curry College in 2008. Curry College has the #1 national ranking for its criminal justice, Master’s program. It also has the reputation and respect across the Commonwealth for producing strong criminal justice graduates in the undergraduate program too. In fact, he has put the word out that though the dispatcher job is done at Rutland serving neighboring communities, Hubbardston



Submitted photo

Hubbardston Police Chief Ryan Couture, from left, is shown with now retired Police Chief Perron.

is looking for a least two more officers.

In 2009 he continued to work, but now full time, in Hubbardston as an officer with the plan to get the requisite training at the police academy. He accomplished that and has done all the jobs that he now oversees moving up the ladder, dispatcher, patrolman, detective, sergeant and now chief. He has received FBI LEEDA training which led to being awarded the FBI’s Trilogy Award, in addition to numerous other criminal justice credentials, licenses, and department certifications.

There are similarities between new Town Administrator, Nate Boudreau, and the new chief. Chief Couture is intent on strengthening the relationships between his department and the citizens and being open and trans-

parent while doing it. Boudreau also majored in criminal justice, and stated his goal is to prioritize communication and transparency within the community. Both are open to suggestions.

Chief Couture also emphasized the importance of building trust with the community and fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and the public. Additionally, he understands the challenges of recruiting and retaining officers in small towns like Hubbardston, a town one half the size of Templeton.

Cooperation between leaders of any organization is always important, particularly made easier when the personalities have similar visions and backgrounds. In a small town like Hubbardston with 4,502 souls, friction stem-

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Food pantry holds distribution

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

Historical Society membership drive

The Barre Historical Society is holding its annual member drive. An individual membership is \$20 per year, a family membership is \$30 per year, cooperate membership is \$100 per year and a life membership is \$200. The Barre Historical Society has members only events. The next members only event is a summer solstice soirée on Wednesday, June 21.

Local scholarships

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

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

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Cornerstone Bank donated to 'Our Bright Future Inc.'



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The donation from Cornerstone Bank will allow 50 students to attend STEM-based programs at no cost

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$25,000 to Our Bright Future Inc., a Southbridge-based organization committed to empowering children and developing future leaders through Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiatives.

The donation will be distributed to two programs within the organization: \$15,000 to the STEMing Into Sports Summer Program and \$10,000 to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) STEM After-School Program.

"We're so proud to support both of these STEM-based initiatives, as they are vital to improving and diversifying the education of Central

Massachusetts children and teens," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Based on the previous successes of these programs, Our Bright Future has shown an ability to prepare area youth for their futures—a cause to which our team is more than happy to contribute."

The STEMing Into Sports Summer Program offers a unique combination of robotics, 3D printing and sports for children in a safe, caring and supportive environment, while the WPI after-school program provides youth with a college-campus educational experience alongside some of WPI's future engineers. Cornerstone Bank's donation will allow 50 students to attend these programs completely free of charge, covering their tuition, food and transportation.

"Through the generous sup-

port of Cornerstone Bank, we will be able to provide dozens of Central Massachusetts children with the opportunity for new experiences and improved STEM-based educations. We are so excited to witness the impact it will have for our students," said Kwasi Acheampong, president and founder of Our Bright Future Inc.

Our Bright Future Inc. was established in 2016 to empower youth and develop bright leaders through robotics, 3D printing, sports training and guidance in academics. Through various programs, it incorporates education, empowerment, discipline, leadership, diversity and respect to help students shape the future. To learn more about Our Bright Future Inc. or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit ourbrightfutureinc.org.

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Scouts to hold Earth Day events

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

Budget public hearing

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

C.A.S.H Scholarship applications

The Hubbardston Civic Association has been awarding scholarships since 1967.

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

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

Senior center events

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

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Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of April 17. 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 – Patriot's Day No Meals Served

TUESDAY – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Salmon with primavera sauce, wild rice, peas and onion, peaches, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread

FRIDAY – Chicken Mornay, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, butterscotch pudding, diet = vanilla sugar free pudding, marble rye bread

*Diabetic friendly dessert **Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Rutland Town Yard Sale April 29 KETONEN-CLARK FARMS

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Cool Kids Choir will be on stage again in North Brookfield

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Cool Kids Choir is returning to the stage on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. and you won't want to miss the show.

North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium will be rocking once again as the ever energetic and captivating Cool Kids Choir returns for their final show of the school year. Of course, there will be singing and dancing, but the powerful young people will also be dropping some wisdom on the crowd as they share how to solve problems "the Cool Kids way."

Be prepared to be amazed. Cool Kids Choir is a multi-award winning after school music program sponsored by The Friends of The Town House/ROAR and run in partnership with Long View Entertainment. CKK is directed by Channing Ford and Lauren Curren.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Thank You

to everyone who came out and voted for me. I greatly appreciate your support. My goal is to put the best interests of our community first.

Let's work together to improve Barre by attending town meetings to address issues and voice your concerns - this is how we will make positive changes.

Your Newly Elected Selectman,
Mark Regienus

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

QRSD School Committee – April 13 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – April 18 at 6:30 p.m. and April 24 at 5:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 18 and May 16 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – April 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – April 20 at 7 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – April 25 at 5 p.m. and May 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – April 25 at 6 p.m. and May 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – April 27 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission – May 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 3 at 1 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – May 8 at 7 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – May 11 at 3 p.m.

HARDWICK

Gilbertville Water District – April 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – April 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – April 20 and May 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – May 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – May 4 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

MassDOT Public Information Hearing – April 13 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – April 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 20, May 3 and May 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee Public Budget Hearing – April 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 MassDOT Virtual Design Public Hearing – April 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – April 25 and May 9 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 2 at 7 p.m.
 Historic Commission – May 6 at 10 a.m.

NEW BRAINTREE

Select Board – April 24 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Planning Board – April 19 and May 17 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – April 25, May 9 and May 23 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – May 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Annual Town Meeting – May 5 at 7:30 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health – April 26, May 17, June 21 and July 19 at 5 p.m..

PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 13 at 5:30 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – April 13 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – April 20 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 27 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 2 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – May 5 at 9 a.m.
 Council on Aging – May 8 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – April 13 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – April 13 at 6 p.m.
 Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – April 18 at 1 p.m.
 Select Board Public Hearing – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Library Trustees – April 18 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing/Zoning Bylaw Amendments – April 25 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing/27 Forest Drive – April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Residents and community members invited to attend gathering April 22

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

What would a heart centered community of Petersham look like? We have the opportunity to change the future of our community.

The public gathering is based on the premise residents can be creators and that we do have the power to remedy all that is problematic in society.

We are at a pivotal moment on our rapidly changing planet. It is possible, essential, and timely, now more than ever, for citizens to take responsibility and create what we want for ourselves and for each other from the inside out. Petersham residents and friends can experience the uplift and sense of community that many crave

during these uncertain times.

Over the last one hundred years the residents of Petersham have dealt with the challenges of the influenza of 1918, the hurricane of '38, the tornado of '53, the massive snow storm of '78, and presently, the on-going COVID pandemic. But now, the multiple threats of climate change, cultural fragmentation, and social and environmental injustices are demanding that large and small communities everywhere come together to build resilient and sustainable neighborhoods in new and creative ways to meet the unfathomable demands of the 21st Century. David Boeri, resident of Petersham and retired senior commentator of WBUR Boston radio stated, "We can't fight the future it's coming! So let's talk of how to make Petersham better".

The creators of the event

feel that in Community members have the power to develop resilience and can change the circumstances of our lives. What will the world be like when we, the People, are truly in charge? The meeting will be hosted by local residents, John Root and Rose Stanley, together with Larry Buell, Brother Northstar, and Michele Cunningham. The focused gathering will allow residents to speak or just listen to those in attendance to share their ideals., which may very well This gathering begins the process of future manifestation. We hope you can join us.

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

Your interest and questions can be directed to Rose Stanley by phone, 978-549-5123, email admin@justabundance.org, or mail, 32 East St, Petersham, MA 01366.

Oakham

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BSER holds shavings sale

Bay State Equine Rescue is holding their annual bagged shavings sale. Pick up date is Tuesday, April 27 from 8-10:30 a.m. at Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer. A minimum order of 10 bags is required. Cost is \$5.50 per bag for up to 149 bags and \$5.30 per bag for 150 plus bags. Shavings are 3.25 cubic fee compressed and 7.5 cubic feet loose. Orders will be filled directly from the suppliers tailor. Payment is by cash or check made payable to Bay State Equine Rescue at time of pickup.

Town Wide Clean up Day

The Oakham Board of Health will sponsor a Town Wide Clean up Day all day on Saturday, June 3.

Senior field trip

The Oakham Council on Aging Activities Coordinator, Melanie Silva, has a field trip planned for Wednesday, April 26 at 11 a.m. Participants will car pool to the Farmer's Daughter in Auburn, stop for lunch and then go to Arcade Fruit and Nuts. People should sign up at the Oakham Senior Center, located in the rear of the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road.

Church news

Sunday worship at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, is at 10 a.m. Sunday school is held downstairs at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Donations for the Barre and Rutland Food Pantries may be dropped off either Sunday morning or left in the side hall during the week.

OSV honors Patriot's Day on April 17

STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village will honor Patriot's Day Monday, April 17 with a weekend of fifes and drums and 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)
- USS Constitution 1812 Marine Guard (War of 1812)
- 15th Massachusetts Volunteer

Infantry (American Civil War)
 U.S. Naval Landing Party (American Civil War)

1st Mass Cavalry (Civil War)
 504th Paratroopers (WW2)
 26th Yankee Division (WW2)
 B. Historical (WW2)

Watch as the groups prepare for battle, tour their camps and see how they lived on the road, and learn to drill and march with them! In the blacksmith shop, guests will see how musket balls were cast from lead. On Saturday at noon take a walking tour with the Director of Curatorial and Research, Derek Heidemann, and learn more about the role of Powder Houses in New England.

In addition, there will be a showing of the documentary, "The Borinqueneers" on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in the Brewer Theater. This doc-

umentary shares the fascinating never-before-told story of the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment, the only all-Latino unit in U.S. Army History.

Guests will also enjoy seeing new lambs born this spring, in addition to pigs, cows, oxen, and chickens. The households will prepare for spring and craftspeople will carry on important work and trades.

Old Sturbridge Village is open on Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; visit www.osv.org for a detailed schedule of events.

Daily admission is: \$28 for adults, \$26 for seniors, \$14 for College Students, \$14 for children ages 4-17, and children 3 and under are admitted free. For details, visit <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>.

Quabbin Visitor Center lists free upcoming events

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

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

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

To register for any of these events, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1.

Explore the North Side

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

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

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

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

Investigating Forest Health

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

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

Meet at Quabbin Park East Entrance for this 1-mile moderate hike.

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Gate 37 Forest Walk to the Wetlands

On Thursday, May 4 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meet at Gate 37 off Route 122 in the North of Quabbin Reservation for a 1.5-mile easy hike down a forest road to a stunning wetland habitat.

Those who are feeling adventurous may opt to hike further, up the side of Soapstone Mountain to a spectacular view of the Quabbin, though be advised this portion is difficult and will not be a part of the official hike.

Please wear appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks. Parking is limited. (<https://goo.gl/maps/wPedFYxiN5Qp8sVv9>)

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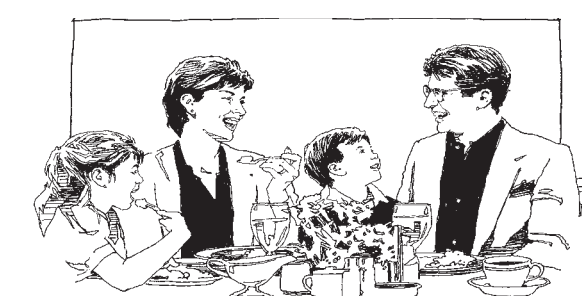
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Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Retired public servant feels Government Pension Offset 'unjust'

Dear Rusty: I'm a retired firefighter and live in Ohio. I earned Social Security from my side employment, but the Windfall Elimination Provision hit my Social Security very hard.



My wife worked in the school system and earned a state "SERS" pension. I understand the WEP offset and that doesn't bother me as much as the fact that my wife doesn't get my Social Security benefits when I die - her state pension is above the monthly limit for her to receive my Social Security. I earned that benefit by working extra jobs and being away from my family, and it seems unjust that my benefits expire with me. Thanks for letting me vent. Signed: Retired Public Servant

Dear Retired Public Servant: The provision you deem as "unjust" isn't the Windfall Elimination Provision, which affects SS retirement benefits for those who also have a "non-covered" pension, a pension earned without contributing to Social Security; rather it is the Government Pension Offset, which also affects those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security.

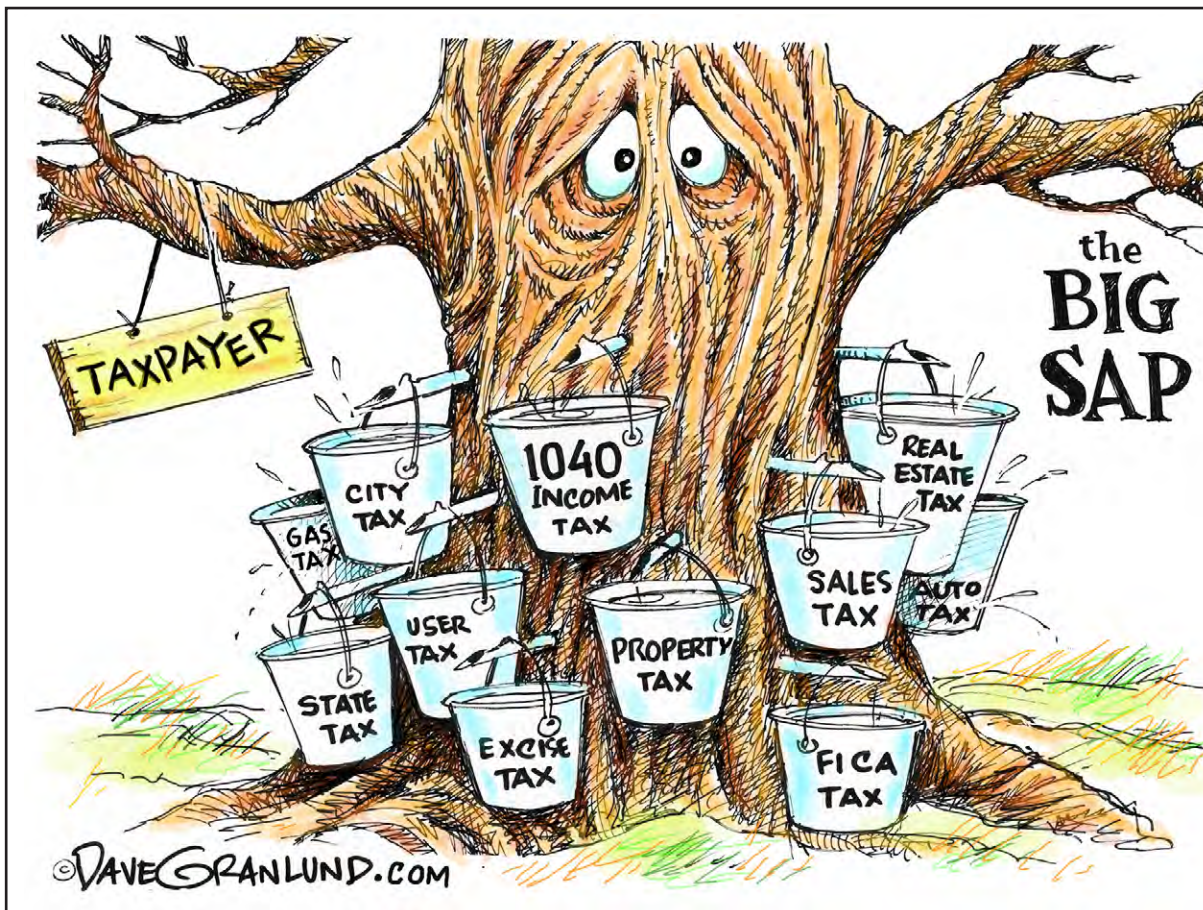
Though I know it is no consolation, your frustration about the Government Pension Offset is shared by nearly a million other Americans in a similar situation. The GPO has been law since 1983 and is intended to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits are paid to all beneficiaries. I'm certainly not defending it, but I've researched why the GPO was enacted decades ago.

Historically, ever since spousal and survivor benefits became part of Social Security's benefit structure in the late 1930s, if a spouse also has their own personally earned SS benefit, any spousal/survivor benefit they also became entitled to was offset by their personally earned SS retirement amount. The prevailing opinion in the 1983 Congress was that because regular spousal and survivor benefits are normally offset by the spouse's own earned SS benefit, it was unfair that a spouse who had a "non-covered pension" didn't incur the same offset as those who had no such non-covered pension. Thus, GPO was enacted in 1983 to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits were paid. It is the GPO which will affect your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse because she earned her state pension while not contributing to Social Security.

To give you a more personal perspective, if your wife had, instead, worked outside of the Ohio school system and was entitled to a full Social Security benefit based on her own earnings from which she contributed to SS, any survivor benefit she might become entitled to from you would still be offset by her personally earned SS retirement benefit. If her own SS retirement benefit was more than her entitlement as your widow, she would get no additional amount as your surviving spouse. Or if her own SS retirement benefit was smaller than yours, her survivor benefit would still be offset by her own benefit (her benefit would be paid first and only a supplement added to bring her payment to the higher amount she was entitled to as your widow). The purpose of the Government Pension Offset is to equalize how spousal, or survivor benefits are paid to those with, and to those without, a non-covered pension. Indeed, because the GPO only offsets the potential spousal/survivor benefit by two thirds of a spouse's non-covered pension, the GPO is actually a bit more forgiving.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



In Past Pages

LOOK BACK - Hardwick Fun Fest - 1989



File Photo

Last Saturday's Hardwick "Fun Fest" was a huge success, as can be seen on the faces of these amused festivals goers. Held to benefit Hardwick youth organizations, the event featured many booths and games, raffles, and a chime bell concert and the now-famous plot plot. Nine Hardwick civic groups planned the event as well as the Quabbin Regional High School Freshman Class and the Quabbin Wrestling Booster Club.

5 years (April 19, 2018)

It was time for Quabbin Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps to bid farewell to its senior cadets, change command and hold the annual awards ceremony Thursday, April 10. Captain Daniel J. Brennock states in his welcome it was an "outstanding year." Cadets participated in basic leadership training, several education field trips, the NJROTC ball in March, spaghetti suppers and a trip to Normandy during April vacation week. Before the change of command from Cadet Lieutenant Elise Wilson, class of 2018 to Cadet Ensign Joseph Day, class of 2019 Wilson addressed the NJROTC unit.

Composer Peter Edwin Krasinski will be accompanying a trio of silent films intended for a family audience on the organ of the Old Stone Church in Gilbertville on Friday, April 27 and he hopes the audience will interact with the films and music. The Friends of the Stone Church are offering this night of entertainment as a fundraiser, with proceeds going to further restoration work at the church. There will also be an intermission with popcorn and a chance for people to talk to Krasinski.

It was a musical tapestry of song and fun last Saturday evening as the Gilbert Players as usual hit it out of the park with their delightful, "State Tuned," cabaret performance. "I thought it was fantastic," audience member, Patti Mays of Hardwick said. "The show went by so fast. It had lots of different things. The music was real and heartfelt, it really reached the soul." And that is exactly what directors, Linda and John Tomasi, were aiming for, as they compiled the cast of six to perform an array of songs spanning decades, focusing on things related to women.

10 years (April 18, 2013)

Anne Perkins of Petersham has been selected as an Unsung Heroine of Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. The award honors extraordinary women across the Commonwealth and is in recognition of their exceptional contributions to the needs of their communities. Anne Perkins took to heart

the philosophy of her grandfather, a Methodist lay preacher, who often said that "words are fine, but it is more important to act your faith." Guided by those words throughout her life, Anne has well and generously served her local community, her adopted country and her vision of world peace.

The Oakham Board of Selectmen asked Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Currier to attend Monday night's meeting to discuss residents concern about salt use in town. At a previous meeting, Ken Nelson voiced his concern about the increased salt application on town roads. He stated the town was a "community of wells" and he was very concerned wells would become contaminated with salt.

The town of Hubbardston will hold a special tow meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. There are three articles on the warrant. The first two articles concern a Payment In Lieu of Taxes agreement with two different solar facilities. The first article is with Nexamp, Inc. and the second article with Hubbardston Solar, LLC. The final article seeks the borrowing of \$40,000 to create a new playground area at the Hubbardston Center School.

25 years (April 16, 1998)

Expansion will fulfill the Wood's Memorial Library building's preset lack of handicapped access and space. Library Director Linda Chatfield said the actual addition will be mainly in the back of the present structure. "You'll see less disruption to the original structure," Chatfield said. "The Barre Library Association wants to maintain the integrity of the original building." The expansion will provide an alternate entrance and will create full handicapped access to new restrooms and an elevator.

Oakham selectmen awarded the general contract for the municipal building project to Construction Dynamics of Fitchburg as their meeting last Monday. At \$570,280 the company's bid was the lowest for a six-bay pre-engineered steel building. The town has appropriated \$750,000 for the project. Other costs of the project include demolition of the existing highway building, a clerk of the works, architect's

fees and a 5% contingency fee.

The Quabbin Regional School District adopted a budget of \$18 million, an increase of almost \$1.2 million over last year's budget. Of that amount, \$15.9 is for net school spending as required by the state, \$400,000 is for spending above the minimum, \$1.6 million for transportation and \$151,503 for capital expenses.

38 years (April 18, 1985)

Kelly Ann O'Connor, a senior at Quabbin Regional High School, plans to attend Clark University in Worcester next fall. Her area of study will be psychology and she will enter the field of child psychology. While at Quabbin she was active in many school programs including four years on the Student Council, secretary for one year, SADD, Poetry Club, French Club, Year Book Staff, Junior Prom Committee, the spaghetti supper committee and the senior bazaar. She was a member of Girl Scouts and served as a counselor at Camp Putnam.

On April 22, Quabbin Regional Junior Senior High School Students Against Drunk Driving will be sponsoring their second annual Alcohol Awareness Day. The program will involve the entire student body and a full day of activities. The feature of this year's Alcohol Awareness Day will be a list by Governor Michael Dukakis. Governor Dukakis will address the students from 8:30-9:30 a.m. regarding drinking and driving. This area has received special attention and concern by the Dukakis Administration.

John D. Whitmore, master of Mount Zion Lodge, A.F. and A.M. of Barre and his officers held their regular meeting last Wednesday evening April 3 in the Masonic Temple on Pleasant Street. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts recognized several members of the Mount Zion Lodge with special honors, Worthy Roy E. Handy Jr. of Hubbardston was awarded the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Medal. Certificates were given to Worthy Walter E. Flister and Worthy Alan E. Macintosh, both of Barre. Fifty years Masonic Veterans' Medals were presented to Brother George L. Hellman of Barre and Brother Alexander B. Crawford of Oakham.

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

After a delicious breakfast, I was cleaning my paws and face when Missy yelled for me to go up to my window where I watch my birdies.



She said the mother turkey was back with the little one. Yep, they they are. Both were scratching away for the seeds on the ground, what a great sight.

Missy followed me into the living as she was going to clean in the front hall. I noticed all the newspapers under the desk, but she gave me the "look" that said I shouldn't mess with them today.

Okay, I thought there are other things I can do today. Yep, I remembered Missy's daughter put some canning jars in a box under the dining room table. They look like they will move if I tug on them a little. Oh boy, I can move them to and fro and so far no problems. However, some wobbled just a little too much and one turned over on its side. No damage done.

Nevertheless, it is time to move out of here. I will check the shower floor near the drain and see if there is any water left there. Nope, my poor paws will have to wait until another day for that special cleaning.

I noticed earlier when I walked by the stove Missy had not closed the bottom drawer this morning. I will jump right in and see what I can play with. There are lots of pot holders that I can move around and some extra burner dishes, which also move.

But, what is this? It is the darn spatula Missy has been looking for. How can I tell her about it? I'll just move it to the front of the drawer and she will see it when she closes it later this morning. I hope she will see it as she doesn't understand my quiet cat language.

Ho, hum, it has been a long morning and time for my nap. I will jump up on the spare bed and curl up.

Stay cool folks.

Love,
Gertrude

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Easter has come and gone and I was able to attend the Rietta Ranch flea market on Sunday for the first time in over a year.

It was cold, but I managed to find four items of interest to me and was home by 8:30 a.m. I took my cane and a heavy jacket and found some gloves. The aisles seemed to be smoother this year with fewer stones. That is one of the reasons I bring a cane.

I found one booth with lovely hand painted porcelain so I could not resist a rose plate from France. I also got a perfume bottle for my bottle collection. I believe any of the cups and saucers with Queen Elizabeth II on them may be a collector's item some day so I did pick up one.

On Saturday my twin angel neighbors came up and spent a couple of hours raking and picking up pine branches and leaves. They will come again next Saturday as there is still a lot to do. I did get the front and side of the house done especially the gardens where the bulbs were coming up. The hosta bed will be the last to rake out as they come up last. I did pick a few budded daffodils to force inside.

Make sure you check yourself for ticks when you work outside. I did find one on my neck. I believe it is going to be a bad year.

I have a pound of hamburger so plan to make this dish this week.

IMPOSSIBLE MEAT PIE

- 1 lb. lean hamburger
- 1 can of small peas
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 or 4 potatoes, diced small and cooked
- 1 deep dish pie dish, buttered
- 1 cup Bisquick or Jiffy mix
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk

Cook hamburger and onion, and drain. Add peas, drained. Peel and cook potatoes and drain. Mix all

together in bowl and put in pie plate. Mix Bisquick, milk and eggs, and beat thoroughly. Pour mixture over ingredients in pie plate. Bake at 400 degrees until golden brown about 30 to 40 minutes.

WHITE SAUCE

- 2 cups milk
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons butter

Melt butter, add flour. Stir well, then add milk until thickened. Parsley flakes may be added if desired.

This and That

My face has improved greatly, but you can be sure I will not use any face cream with retinol in it. Beware, the skin on my face all peeled off and I was a fright. The doctor said as you get older your skin gets thinner and you can be allergic to some things.

I edged some of the gardens when I got tired of raking. I divided some of the primroses and put them in a new bed. They come out very early and most of mine are red.

The seedlings inside are growing nicely and I have had to transplant some of the hollyhocks. The tuberous begonia is doing so well that I put it in the kitchen window. The dahlias are really growing too tall.

Has anyone ever tried planting gladioli bulbs in pots and then transplanting them in the garden? It seems gladioli come up so late. Let me know if you have ever done this. I have two onion bags full of gladioli bulbs.

Speaking of onion bags, they make a wonderful kitchen scrubber.

Spring has arrived on Serenity Hill and I am sure the little black flies will be coming soon. It is one reason I am trying to get the outside work done early.

When I rest, I have been either watercoloring or reading. My energy at age 86 is not like it used to be. Have a good week.



Great blue heron



Great blue herons are back. After writing in the previous column about an email from a Hardwick resident about a heron rookery, I received two other emails about rookeries in their area. A couple who read the Journal Register enjoy watching the rookery at Conant Brook Dam in Monson. They said there were about four or five nests being used.

A Brimfield resident also sent an email about the Conant Brook Dam in Monson. He said there are about six nests. Last year all of the nests fledged young.

He said the rookery is easy to find and it is accessible from the parking lot off of Munn Road in Monson. On Google maps it is listed at the Conant Brook Dam/Munn Dike Trailhead. From the parking lot walk about a quarter mile through the field and then take a right to the water.

He said, "The nest are spread out and sometimes it takes a bit to find all six because of all of the dead tree trunks standing in the water."

I have a pair of great blue herons nesting in the beaver pond, which borders my hayfield. They nested there last year for the first time. For many years before nesting, the great blue herons frequented the pond. I even saw a green heron once.

Sparrows and purple finches

The Brimfield resident said he has not seen many migrants yet, but he had fox sparrows, which were around for a few days. He also saw his first of the year chipping sparrow and a bright male purple finch. An Oakham couple also have a purple finches coming to their feeders. I keep looking, but I have not seen any yet. I only put a small amount of seed out in the morning because of the many bears in my area.

Displaying Tom turkeys

On April Fools Day, three of my grandchildren and I saw a Tom turkey displaying in front of a hen turkey in a field in Barre. It was a quiet country road so we stopped and watched for awhile. My granddaughter, Lizzie, even took a photo, but it did not come out well as they were a distance away.

The Tom would display his tail feathers in a fan and strut about. Then he would lower them to the normal position and start the mating ritual all over again.

Loon mating behavior

The Loon Preservation Committee in Moultonborough, New Hampshire said in a newsletter, "Courtship is much more subtle in loons than it is in some other bird species. Loons do not perform mating dance, if you see some flashy, splashy behavior going on between two loons, you are likely witnessing a territorial interaction between rivals rather than an interaction between pair members. Instead, loon courtship often looks like peaceful coexistence, they strengthen their bond by doing things together, from preening to foraging to patrolling their territory. You may also hear them hooting softly to one another."

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A dad-worthy lawn

My dad would have celebrated his birthday this week.

I think of him often and I remember how he used to get great joy out of the simple things in life. In fact, when he was sick, he stated more than once how much he missed putting around the house and yard.

One of my dad's spring rituals was to rake the lawn. I remember him out there working his way across the yard a little at a time, making pile after pile of dead grass, leaves and small sticks. This was just the first job in a season's worth of work aimed at growing good turf.

Read on for this refresher on what else can be done to achieve an attractive greenscape with a minimal commitment.

Don't mow so low, or as often. Mowing at a height of about 3 inches will encourage a healthy lawn.

Why? Taller grass shades out developing weed seedlings. It also makes large, established weeds more susceptible to mower damage (the more surface area of the weed that is removed, the more weakened it becomes.)

High mowing also fosters deep root growth. Deep roots sustain the lawn during periods of drought. Keep mower blades sharpened for the cleanest possible cut.

Water efficiently and effectively. If you set up sprinklers each season to water the lawn for you, take some time early in the season to position them so that water isn't wasted on sidewalks or driveways.

Mark the location and set up will be a no-brainer each time.

To grow best, grass requires an inch of moisture each week, more if your soil is sandy. Do the tea cup test to determine how much water your sprinklers emit and at what rate.

Simply place a tea cup or other container on the lawn and turn on the sprinkler, check every five minutes or so until water reaches the inch mark. Now you can set a timer, or turn off the sprinklers manually knowing your lawn has gotten its weekly drink.

Most people know that early morning is the best

time to water the lawn. By watering early in the day less moisture is lost to evaporation.

Grass is also less prone to fungal diseases because it has a chance to dry before nightfall.

Know your soil. A friend of mine who knew a lot about turf once told me that if I were to apply one thing to my lawn each season it should be lime.

Grass can't grow well, or fight off diseases or bugs for that matter, if it isn't getting the nutrients it needs. Many nutrients are bound up until the pH is corrected.

Get a soil test and specify on the order form that you wish to grow grass, as results for flower or veggie gardening may differ. Based on the results of your test, recommendations will be made as to the type of lime to use and at what application rate.

For more information contact <https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory/ordering-information-forms>

Here are some interesting grass facts: Did you know that according to a poll (sponsored by Briggs and Stratton) 64% of homeowners wish they had a better lawn?

Or that 65% of American homeowners own at least one lawn mower? The Professional Lawn Care Association estimates that a well-maintained lawn can increase the value of a home by up to 15%.

So, like my dad many years ago, enjoy some putting on your property this spring. Your lawn will thank you!

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

Hardwick Youth Center is 'erupting' with fun

HARDWICK – Hardwick Youth Center members had some messy science-based fun recently, making baking soda and vinegar volcanoes.

Hardwick Youth Center is located on the top floor the Municipal Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville and is free and open to all youth in the town of Hardwick.

Grades kindergarten through second usually meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m.; grades sixth through eighth meet Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m.; grades ninth through twelfth meet Wednesdays from 5:15-7 p.m.; and grades third through fifth meet Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m.

Times and meeting locations can vary week to week, depending on the activities. Please follow the Hardwick Youth Center Facebook page for up-to-date information.



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Hardwick Youth Center members made volcanoes.

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ous occasions. At a second dog hearing about six weeks ago, the Board made the decision to remove the dog from town as the owner did not comply with the initial conditions set down in the first hearing over a year ago. The dog also remained unlicensed and the owner no longer used the bark collar on the dog, both conditions set at the first hearing. The owner did not attend the second hearing.

Other business

Vice-chair Dixon said he would be willing to serve as the Quabbin member town Select Board representative on the Quabbin Regional School Committee Collective Bargaining if no one from the Hubbardston Select Board was interested. The towns of Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham declined.

The board granted use of town property for an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22.

They also accepted the resignation of Elisha Musgraves from both the Planning Board and Conservation Committee. They appointed David Flick as an election worker on the recommendation of Town Clerk Ellen Glidden.

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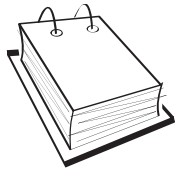
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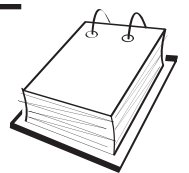
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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

IN PERSON CAREGIVER WORKSHOP begins today and runs for a total of six Thursdays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Millbury Senior Center, 1 River Road, Millbury. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a class designed to provide the family caregiver with the skills they need to take care of themselves. The will learn to: reduce stress, improve self-confidence balance their life, better communicate their feelings, increase ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. Cost of attendance is free and financial assistance for respite is available. People may call Debbie Dowd-Foley at Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc. at 508-756-1545 extension 390 or email: ddfoley@eswa.org for more information and to register. Space is limited.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

STERLING GRANGE PUBLIC SUPPER will take place today at 5:30 p.m. at the Sterling Senior Center, 36 Muddy Pond Road. The menu includes Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and cake will be served. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Grange Hall Renovation Fund and community service projects. Reservations can be made by calling 508-886-2341 or emailing name and number of tickets to sterling-grange53@gmail.com. The local chapter in Sterling was established in 1874.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

PROJECT MISHOON sponsored by the Historical Society of Phillipston will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Phillipston Fire Department on Route 2A in Phillipston. This program is free and the public is welcome. In 2000, a recreational diver found a sunk-

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. 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 17. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Stephen Craven, James Laramie and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the East Quabbin Land Trust and Central Mass Rail Trail entrance on Creamery Road in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

en dugout canoe or mishoon in Worcester's Lake Quinsigamond. Knowing that their Nipmuc ancestors used the dugout to navigate the lake, the Hassanamisco Nipmuc tribe secured a reconnaissance permit with the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archeological Resources in 2001. Subsequently, two additional mishoon were found, one dating to the 1640s. These unusual mishoon are unlike any others previously identified in New England. Cheryl Stedler, Nipmuc tribal member and director of Project Mishoon, will present information on the mishoon, including their history, scientific documentation and underwater imaging. Following the presentation we will visit the Society's museum, located next to the fire house, to view Phillipston's canoe that was found in Queen Lake in 1967. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Phillipston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

A REVOLUTION OF HER OWN is the program from the Rutland Historical Society Annual Meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Rutland Library, Main Street, Rutland. This program is on Deborah Sampson, the

first woman to fight in the American Military during the last years of the American Revolutionary War. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Rutland Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

RUTLAND TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will be held today from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. rain or shine. Maps are available starting at 7:15 a.m. at the town lines and on the Town Common in front of Community Hall. Proceeds benefit the Rutland 4th of July celebration.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13

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

FRIDAY, MAY 19

PRINCETON ARTS SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SPRING SHOW AND SALE will be held today from 6-8 p.m. with an opening reception and Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Princeton Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, (Post Office Place), Princeton. The show is free and open to the public. All work is by the Society's members, many of whom are award winning artists widely recognized in their fields. The show includes works in oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, photography, and more, including three-dimensional works, with subject matter as varied as our artists.

For more information on the Princeton Arts Society, people may visit www.princetonarts.org or Facebook under Princeton Arts Society.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

TRI-PARISH CHURCH PLANT AND BAKE SALE will be held today and tomorrow, Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., both days, on the Hardwick Common, Hardwick. This popular East Quabbin area event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants and herbs in time for spring planting. There is a wonderful variety in plants offered through Inishoven Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, as well as Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens. The popular baked potato buffet is returning and a delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine.

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LaBelle and Honors to Alisyn Brusio, Angelina Feliciano, Jack Fors, Benjamin Metcalf, Luke Salvadore and Richard Tucker; NS III High Honors Sophia Januszewski and Honors Jadyn Gonzalez and NS IV Honors Summer Barringer, Rose Leander, Noah Linhart, Kenny Nguyen and Abigail Ramsey.

NS I Distinguished Cade went to Micah Cerezo and Hunter McQuestion; NS I Honor Cadets Hunter McQuestion and NS IV Distinguished Cadet Summer Barringer and Abigail Ramsey and NS IV Honor Cadet Summer Barringer.

Receiving the American Legion Post 2 Barre Academic Scholarship Award was NS 1 Mia Ducos and NS 2 Hunter LaBier; American Legion Post 2 Barre Military Achievement Award NS 1

Garrett Erickson and NS 2 Joshua Bibik; National Sojourners Award Jordan Blanchard; Surface Navy Association Stephen Decatur Award (NS 1) Micah Cerezo; American Veterans JROTC Award Alex Holden; Armed Forces Committee of Worcester County Military Excellence Award Finnegan Leander; Reserve Organization of America Military Achievement Award Madeleine Hardy; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award for Excellence Isabel LaBelle; Non-

Commissioned Officers Association Award NS 1 Tyler Belen, NS 2 Matthew Erickson and NS 3 Joshua Marcotte; Military Order of the World Wars Award Richard Tucker; Military Officers of American Association Leadership Award Goldkeng Lee, Jeremy Michael Kauppila Leadership Academy Scholarship Award Joshua Bibik, Jordan Blanchard, Julio Pagan and Mathew Tolman; Military Order of the Purple Heart Sophia Januszewski; Sons of the American

Revolution Award Luke Salvadore; Daedalian Award, Brianna Caponigro; Association of Naval Aviation Patriots Chapter Award Summer Barringer, Surface Navy Association Stephen Decatur Award NS III Hannah Wiggan and Navy League Military Leadership Award Jadyn Gonzalez.

Captain Brennock presented Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Sheila Muir with an American Flag, which flew over the High School the day before. She

will be retiring in June. Finally, the Class of 2023 Cadets lined up and were piped over the side. As the soulful sound of the whistle blew for each one, they left with both sadness and joy for their futures. They were Summer Grace Barringer, Abigail Grace Ramsey, Rose Mary Leander, Elizabeth Lynn Burns, William Francis Lambert, Kenny Nguyen, Eliana Noel Trott, Noah Josiah Linhart, Natalie Elizabeth Techera and Collin Clinton Woodruff.

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79 blank; Moderator – Ryan J. Witkos received 427 votes, two write-ins, 27 blank; Planning Board (two three-year term positions) – Harry Comerford received 364 votes, Jennifer Garvey received 328 votes, five write-ins, 215 blank; and Planning Board (one-year term) – William Cole received 376 votes, nine write-ins, 71 blank.

POLICE CHIEF, continued from page 1

ming from differences in both personality and philosophy can be more noticeable and detrimental than in a city leading to stagnation. Both the Town Administrator and the Chief of Police are new to their jobs. Fortunately, it appears they are a good match.

That was something that was not missed by the Board of Selectman while they did their six-month nationwide search to find, who should fill the shoes of the respected retiring Chief Perron, to be the next Chief of Police.

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Panthers shut out in opener

BARRE – Last Wednesday, the Quabbin Regional High School baseball team suffered a 12-0 defeat in five innings. The Panthers struggled against Clinton's Aiden Green, only managing one hit in the game. Quabbin is 0-1 to start 2023.



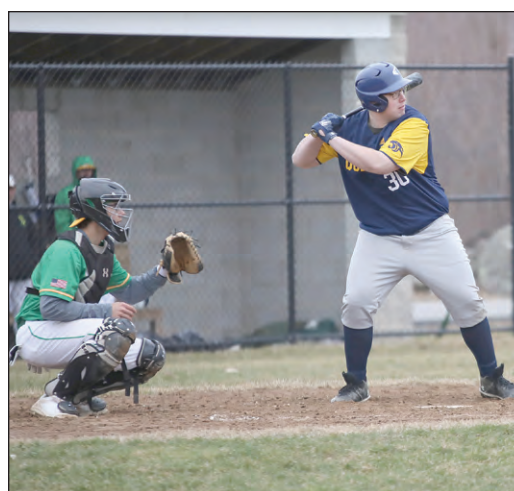
Finn Leander stretches for the catch.



Sam Morgan waits for the throw at second.



Matt Sands beats the throw to first.



Colton Wells in his first varsity at bat.

Panthers fall in first two matches



Kayla Sherbloom hits a chip shot in Quabbin's Girls Golf match against Notre Dame

BARRE – To open the season, Quabbin girls golf has had two competitive matches that unfortunately resulted in defeats. Last Tuesday afternoon, Quabbin would lose against Burncoat 20-16. That was followed by an even closer to defeat against Auburn on the road 17.5-16.5. The Panthers had two matches this week and then have a long break for the spring holiday. The Panthers return to action on Monday, April 24.

Mustangs fall on the road



Karter Benoit picks up the ground ball.

GRANBY – The Monson High School boys lacrosse team, which co-ops now with Pathfinder Regional, fell on the road last Thursday afternoon at Granby High School 8-2. The Mustangs managed a couple of goals in the first half, but were shut out the rest of the way. Monson fell to 0-2 on the season. The Mustangs hope to rebound on April 14 against Lenox.

Seth Mitchell brings the ball in from out of bounds.



Dominic Kierkla tries to get the loose ball before his opponent.



Samuel Lauzier goes after a shot rebound.

Indians suffer shutout to N. Middlesex

NORTH MIDDLESEX – On Monday afternoon, the Indians softball team traveled to North Brookfield and was on the wrong end of a 28-0 shutout at North Middlesex. The game was called after five innings for the mercy rule. The Indians were not able to push any runs across in the defeat. The Indians were hoping to rebound the following day against Pathfinder.

Photos by David Henry
www.sweetdogphotos.com

Becca Batchelor makes a throw across to first.



Pitcher Zoe Cataldo winds up and fires.



Sophia Giangrande makes a throw for the Indians.



Tresique Cawley squares up a ground ball.



Jemima Noel fields a grounder.

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Sports

Railers steal Adirondack's 'Thunder'

WORCESTER – One of the oldest and most unproven provers in sport is that streaks follow streaks.

The Railers are hoping to prove it true.

They snapped the Adirondack Thunder's 12-game points streak with a solid 6-2 victory Saturday night in the final regular-season game of the DCU Center hockey season. The triumph ensured that Worcester retains control of its playoff destiny.

The Railers have two games left, both at Adirondack next weekend. There are all sorts of numerical possibilities what with games in hand, overtime and shootout losses, etc, but the mathematical truth is undeniable. If Worcester wins both games in regulation, it makes the playoffs.

During the ups and downs of the last few weeks the Railers have had trouble scoring goals, but not Saturday night. Steve Jandric scored on a breakaway just 69 seconds after the opening faceoff and when Jacob Hayhurst scored 38 seconds into the third period, Worcester had a four-goal lead for the first time since Feb. 24 in South Carolina.

"We changed our point of attack," coach Jordan

Smotherman said. "We emphasized making sure we were getting everything to the net from different angles. We wanted to get some traffic there and get some of those dirty ones, which we did tonight."

It marked the first time since Jan. 27, a 7-6 overtime victory over Reading, that Worcester got as many as six goals in regulation. There were a lot of offensive contributors starting with Hayhurst, who had two goals. Anthony Repaci had a goal and two assists, Jandric and Myles McGurty both went 1-1-2 and Brent Beaudoin had a pair of assists.

Nick Fea scored his seventh goal of the season, first since March 4.

The puck spent a lot of time in the Adirondack zone. When it didn't, Henrik Tikkanen stopped all but two of the 33 Thunder shots. Adirondack scored back to back goals at 3:13 and 6:42 of the third period. Matt Stief got the first with Worcester two men short, Ryan Smith the second.

Jandric's goal set the tone for the night. Thunder defenseman Kyle Hallbauer had the puck between his skates inside his blue line and Jandric poked it free. He

finished the play by beating goalie Mike Robinson with a 15-foot backhand. Hayhurst made it 2-0 at 18:24 of the first period, then McGurty scored his second of the season — fourth as a Railer all-time — at 16:06 of the second period with Repaci setting him up.

It was McGurty's first goal in his 67 games played at the DCU Center.

Jandric's goal was not just good for the Railers. It was good for him, too. He had been playing well but not cashing in on chances.

"It was very important," Smotherman said, "he'd been dealing with some frustration the last couple of games and it was good to see him get that one early."

The Railers enter the final week of the regular season with almost no margin of error. Worcester has 72 points, Adirondack 71, but the Thunder has two games in hand, both on the road. Adirondack plays Sunday at Maine, next Friday at Trois-Rivieres. Even if the Thunder win both, they will lead the Railers by three points, a deficit Worcester could make up with a sweep next weekend.

Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

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

The league recently held its open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

Registration for the 2023 season remains open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org

to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 23. The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game sched-

ule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2023.

Valley Wheel tryouts continue this weekend

Players looking to join the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League can attend the next tryout time of Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at Blunt Park in Springfield.

The league, which plays its games in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, makes sure that everyone gets a fair share of the action. Everyone plays a minimum of 4 innings in the field, and everyone bats. The league follows MLB rules

with some modified rules adapted with safety in mind.

The Valley Wheel stands apart from other leagues across the country for this reason:

Their league charter and one of their main goals, is to work toward having a league with teams of equal strength.

The league is now seeking new players to fill open roster slots. Enjoy the competition and camaraderie with a great group of guys who enjoy the game as much as you do.

Stay in shape and make new friends. Be part of something that happens once a year, and with luck, win a championship that might be once in a lifetime. Grab your glove and cleats and join a team for a great adventure. It's not too late don't miss out; opening day is just around the corner.

For more information, contact Jim Nason at 413-433-4308 or visit the website www.ValleyWheelBaseball.org

Education

Quabbin Regional Middle School holds NJHS induction ceremony



Submitted photo

Forty one Quabbin Regional Middle School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Wednesday, March 29.

BARRE – The 2023 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held at Quabbin Regional Middle School on Wednesday, March 29.

NJHS President Anna Metcalf gave the welcome address to the 41 inductees, their families and friends and faculty members in attendance. The two guest speakers were Quinn Trumbull-Olsen, National Honor Society President and Harry Lewis, both members of the Quabbin Regional High School class of 2023.

Members of the NHS, Lily Carlson, Samantha Dube, Gavin Majoy, Rebecca Siegel and Julianna Stanger, were instrumental with the setup, organization, and the clean up of the event. Other NHS members were also in attendance in support of their siblings and other inductees.

Readings for the Candle Lighting ceremony were done

by Halo Bissonnette - Character, Autumn Nagle - Citizenship, Makenzie Casey - Leadership, Madeleine Scheeler - Service, and Lens Dorsainvil - Scholarship. Robyn Orne led the inductees in the Pledge. Certificates and honor cords were presented to the students by Assistant Principal Janet Hicks and the NJHS Advisor, Nancee Roy.

The objective of the National Junior Honor Society is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to foster worthy leadership and citizenship, and to encourage the development of character in students of Quabbin Regional Middle School. Candidates must meet the academic requirements and complete an application describing co-curricular activities, community activities, leadership positions, work experience and recognition and awards. Additionally, they must explain why they feel it is important to become a

member of the NJHS. Their applications are then reviewed by a Faculty Council.

The following students were inducted into the NJHS ceremony: Skyler Bard, Jacob Bassett, Halo Bissonnette, Madeleine Boisselle, Ruari Bosley, Makenzie Casey, Sarah Churchill, James Cook, Benjamin Darcey, Cameron Delamere, Kherington Deschenes, Christopher Diaz, Lens Dorsainvil, Isabel Doty, Tess Dunphy, Quinlan Fauteux, Alijah Flint, Emma Hill, Jillian LaMontagne, Ailey Majoy, Nathan Marchand, Anna Metcalf, Mia Miville, Autumn Nagle, Samantha O'Connor, Owen O'Donnell, Charlotte Oliver, Robyn Orne, Nahdiya Pena Leary, Ella Reeves, Aubrey Reynolds, Arianna Riendeau, Andrew Rigney, Madeleine Scheeler, Sienna Shaw, Silver Spring, Lukas Tobin, Grace VanOudenhove, Brendan Welch, Ellary White and Carlo Zolla.

Theatre at the Mount to hold auditions

GARDNER – Theatre at the Mount at Mount Wachusett Community College will hold auditions for "Hello Dolly" Tuesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. sharp in Room A110 at the college.

Cast includes 12 principal adult roles and ensemble. Director is Joel Seger, music director John Leslie and choreographer Alison Hall. All auditions are by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, people should call the Theatre at

the Mount box office at 978-630-9388 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. or email appointment request to box-office@mwcc.mass.edu.

A proof of Covid vaccination is required to audition.

People should prepare a short vocal selection in the style of the show that shows their abilities and range. They should bring sheet music if the selection is not from the show. An accompanist will be provided. They should wear comfortable

clothing and footwear for dance audition. They should also expect cold-readings from the script for key roles.

Performance dates are Aug. 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 20 at 2 p.m.

Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sundays from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m.

For more information, people may call Professor Gail Steele at 978 630-9162 or email g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu.

Morgan Morris competes on Stonehill College dance team

EASTON – Morgan Morris of Rutland, a member of the Stonehill College Dance Team, recently competed at the College Classic National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

The competition, held Thursday, April 6 to Saturday, April 8, saw more than 50 dance and cheer teams from colleges and universities across the country facing off against one another throughout several rounds of competition.

Stonehill took home the first-place national title for the Division I Hip Hop category. They also ranked fourth in both the Pom and Jazz categories.

"This year was like no other in our program's history. It was our first year competing in Division I and the athletes rose to the challenge," said Michelle Montinieri, head coach of the Stonehill College Dance Team. "Our athletes stayed

focus on controlling the controllable, and their hard work and dedication paid off on stage. As their coach, I am beaming with pride."

During the academic year, the Stonehill College Dance Team performs at all home football and basketball games, as well as the winter pep rally. They also volunteer at various on-campus programs and host many fundraising events benefitting local organizations.

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the town's stormwater system.

She said one crosses their property, and another longer pipe way drains the common, which was a swamp when the underdrain was built.

"The town records show that in 2014, this longer pipe way failed, in the same way that our pipe failed. It became clogged with roots and debris and broke...it also caused flooding that affected two properties, one on Stoddard Court and the other at 61 Gilbert St. On Oct. 24, 2014, the Selectmen set a precedent when they held a special town meeting to fund the repairs of the Gilbert Street infrastructure project," she said.

Arnold said voters approved article 10 in the amount of \$16,000.

"The precedent was also set when the town used that money to fix the failed pipe way on Stoddard Court...in the same way voters at three separate town meetings voted article 16, to repair the pipe way on our property in the amount of \$22,000," she said.

Arnold said the Selectmen denied these votes citing the inability to use public funds for private gain.

"However, the Gilbert Street infrastructure project, I believe, set a precedent. On the two private

properties where a tree was taken down, the pipe was dug up and replaced and two manholes were installed in their backyards," Arnold said.

She also referenced a Boston court case that was similar to the situation she and her husband were facing at their Summer Street home.

"I'm here to ask you to do what is right," Arnold said. "I'm asking you, if you can just pay the bill and be done with this."

Arnold said she would like to see it paid within two weeks to avoid pursuing legal action.

Petratis said it appears Arnold has provided new information and the Board will take it under advisement.

ARPA requests

The Board approved a request from the Haston Free Public Library to use \$4,624 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase air purifiers, hot spots, monitor and an Owl Labs 360-degree camera, microphone and speaker for meetings.

The Board also approved \$4,000 of ARPA funds to pay for a new recycling program at the school to run through the end of June, in order to meet Department of Environmental Protection and state requirements.

Highway equipment

Voters approved \$208,000 to purchase a new roadside mower at the recent town meeting. Petratis said they found the same model

slightly used for \$130,000 with the same warranty as the new model.

He said the used mower only has a few hours of use.

"We voted last week to approve purchase of that to save the money, but there was a request put in by the Highway Superintendent to add what's called a 'stump jumper' for \$5,000 to that," he said.

The stump jumper protects the mower from hitting stumps that are concealed by vegetation on the side of the roadways.

The Board voted to approve the purchase of the stump jumper, which would bring the total cost of the roadside mower to \$135,602.13.

Sign repairs

Tripp said Randy Beaudoin repaired the "Welcome to North Brookfield" sign on East Brookfield Road, after it was damaged by snow last year.

He said the repairs cost about \$800 and donations could be sent to the town.

4th of July celebration

The Board is planning a 4th of July celebration for Saturday, July 1. There will be a parade, hot dogs, apple pies, face painting, music, bounce house and more.

Tripp said donations are welcome to help fund this event.

Rail trail signs

New signs on the rail trail have been vandalized with spray paint, Tripp said.

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Church Matters Part 5

Scripture uses rich imagery to convey the nature and function of the Church of Christ. Those who desire to understand the design and purpose of Christ for His people do well to explore said imagery in kind. Of note for this publication, let us consider the Church as the Body of Christ in the earth.

When Jesus entered our world, He took on a physical body prepared for Him (Heb. 10:5; Phil. 2:7). Through this body, Christ demonstrated the love of God, proclaimed the truth of God and performed the works of God, clearly, tangibly and boldly—particularly through His death on the Cross (Rom. 5:8). After His Ascension to the right hand of the Father, Jesus continues His work in this world through His Church: the Body of Christ. The Church now becomes the vehicle of His love, truth and works in the earth, that all may come to know and experience Him.

I have read of a World War II soldier who happened upon a statue of Christ that had been damaged through bombardment. According to the story, the state was fully intact, save for the hands and feet, which had been broken off. This young soldier, evidently a believer, found a nearby board and scrawled the following words upon it, placing the board at the base of the figure: “Now we are the hands and the feet of Jesus.”

Is this how you see yourself? Does the mission of Christ live on in and through you? To what degree does the purpose for which He lived and died abound in your life? Jesus proclaimed the following concerning Himself:

Luke 4:18-19

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Can you proclaim that this is your life’s mission, as Christ works mightily through you?

The apostle Paul drew upon the metaphor of the human body to describe the Church. Quite often the Bible presents deep, spiritual truths via simple, earthly illustrations and examples. Thus said, consider this selection from Paul’s Epistle to the Romans:

Romans 12:3-8

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

What is Paul conveying herein? Our bodies are comprised of differing yet interdependent parts, each having a unique function. So it is with the Body of Christ. We who believe are wildly different men and women

with varying skills and abilities, yet we are one in the Lord. Everyone has a part to play in the mission of God, so let us play it dutifully before Him! Moreover, let us not despise those whose function is different than our own, as Paul outlines in this excerpt:

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Do you realize that you have a function and place in the Body? To what degree are you actively seeking to play it? Moreover, to what degree do you esteem those with a differing role, enjoying healthful connection? Please do not speak of your intimacy with the Head (i.e., Christ) if you are effectively severed from His Body.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come. Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org for more information.

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Easter Sunday

“He is not here. He has been raised from the dead”

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28 v 1-10

1. Introduction

This period of Lent has given me an extraordinary sense of God’s glorious presence. Being here with you, dear congregation, preparing for our services through Palm Sunday, and going through the beautiful Maundy Thursday experience, touched my soul in amazing ways. During this time, I have been

reminded that God is alive in all that we are going through, in all our joys and our concerns. God sees our hearts and minds and souls and meets us where we are. And then, God sent God’s Son to bring to us the Divine, the glory, the miraculous, the love and peace and joy we so need in our lives. In the Son, God is incarnate into this world, and the world has the absolute privilege to connect with God in ways no human connection can give us. Through Christ’s life and ministry, His death and resurrection we have everything we need to bring us to the throne of God, to seek the face of God, to pray and to believe in the power and miraculous interventions of our God. In our Easter message in the Gospel of Matthew this morning we see God’s power in full display

2. He is not here. He has been raised from the dead.

The four Gospels give us different accounts of the resurrection of Jesus, although Matthew and Mark’s accounts are not too different from each other. Jesus’ death was dramatic and painful and gruesome. When He gave His last breath, Matthew describes in the previous Chapter the incredible events as follows, “51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs.”

In this passage Matthew again gives us a dramatic unfolding of events at the tomb of Jesus. Everything about this account is beyond human comprehension. It involves a violent response from the earth in the form of an earthquake, as the angel came down from heaven to enact the drama of what the women and the guards were about to see and hear and experience. At Jesus’ Baptism by John, we read how the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down upon Him like a dove. Everything about Him is both human and divine, the superhuman experience, which is who God is, in all God’s glory. The women who went to the tomb must have had so many feelings and thoughts about the gruesome death of their Lord. In death there is an emotional and physical response, something like a piece of cloth that had been wrung with the water dripping until the last drop. Death is profound, it drains us from our life as we know it. This was not very different for these women, the disciples and those who followed Him with pain in their hearts.

Instead of remaining in their state of depression and sorrow, something incredible was about to happen at the tomb of Jesus, which would change their lives forever. There was this angel of God coming down before them and the guards in power and in glory, with the terrifying shaking of the earth. With its physical strength it moved the stone away from the tomb, sitting there to make its presence and authority known to its witnesses. Even the guards were shaken, Matthew reads. The women must have been afraid too, because these words of the angel gave them the comfort they needed, “Do not be afraid...for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said”. The angel reminded the women of the words Jesus spoke to them and the disciples earlier in Matthew about what would happen to Him, the crucifixion, and that He would rise again. Go and tell the disciples about this and tell them to go to Galilee and meet Him there, the angel said

with authority, “Now, I have told you.” One can only imagine the tremendous mixed feelings these women must have had. What is happening to us!? This is the Christ who raised Lazarus from the dead, and now He Himself had been raised by God! He did mention something about being raised on the third day, but this is so unreal! They ran to tell the disciples and became the first messengers of this Resurrection story. Their faith in the Christ who was raised from the dead became a new phenomenon. They always saw Him in the flesh, so Whom will He be? How will He be now? Where is He? Their words weren’t even cold yet, when they encountered Him on the road on their way from the tomb. Greetings, He said! Their questions have been answered! Here He is, in the flesh, in front of them. They fell down to His feet, clasped them and worshipped Him. Once again, they heard these words, “Do not be afraid”, this time from Him, not the angels. Do not be afraid. Go and tell the disciples to go to Galilee and they will see me there.

The story and the power and purpose of the resurrection of Christ did not end with these Gospel stories. No, it was the beginning of a powerful resurrection life for the women, the disciples, and the world. It gave birth to the resurrection faith that overcame death and despair and gave birth to a movement of Christ followers that would bring light and life to a world that needs it. The disciples would be commissioned in Galilee to make disciples of all the nations of the world, and the Early Church would be born out of this resurrection experience, which would strengthen their faith in Him, who journeyed with them and ministered to them. And here we are, the Church of Christ, with the Risen Christ as the Head of the Body.

3. Conclusion

We all must have had those moments in our lives when we realized that God showed up, in answer to our prayers, right? Sometimes it may feel like a small, insignificant intervention and at other times more powerful and miraculous. For these women and the disciples this experience at the tomb was life changing. Their lives would now begin with a faith in the resurrected Christ, the One who represents the power of God on earth and in heaven. The question for us is, who decides what is small and large in how God enters our spaces? It just is. God just happens to us, today, and tomorrow and the day after. The words to Martha and Mary in their cry over the illness and death of their brother Lazarus, Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God? They indeed saw the glory of God in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, but it was more than that! They experienced God’s glorious presence that makes the human being shiver and smile with a smile from heaven. Our Easter faith starts with the resurrection, and it does not have to end or fade, if we believe when the moments are dark, when our bodies feel weak, when we are filled with despair. Our Easter faith rescues us. God comes into our presence again and again to raise us up into the glorious presence of our God, Most High! May this Easter and Resurrection Day be our promise and ignite in us that deep joy and sustaining faith every day. May God bless us all on this Easter Sunday and beyond.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser

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Public Safety

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, March 26
8:51 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Lombard Road, Information Given

Monday, March 27
1:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Streeter Road, Services Rendered
2:22 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Halfrey Road, Referred to Other Agency
4:25 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Abenaki Street, Services Rendered
6:45 p.m. Fire – Chimney Fire, New Westminster Road, Fire Extinguished
6:55 p.m. Chest Pain/Hear Problems, Madison Way, Referred to Other Agency
10:23 p.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Madison Way, Investigated

Tuesday, March 28
9:59 a.m. Structure Fires, Morgan Road, Fire Extinguished
2:19 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Templeton Road, Information Given
6:04 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

Wednesday, March 29
8:35 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered
4:57 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Ragged Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
5:05 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Information Given
6:20 p.m. Burglary, Williamsville Road,

Report Filed
10:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed
11:17 p.m. Serve Warrant, Old Boston Turnpike, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Salguero, Nicole Ann, 31, Hubbardston
Charges: Warrant

Thursday, March 30
4:31 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Ragged Hill Road, Message Delivered
7:06 a.m. Falls, Ragged Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
9:09 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered

Friday, March 31
12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed
Summons: Bass, Albert E. Jr., 49, Southbridge
Charges: License Suspended/Revoked, Operating Motor Vehicle with, License Not in Possession, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
5:28 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Mile Road, Report Filed
4:38 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Williamsville Road, Public Assist

Saturday, April 1
6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, March 26
8:19 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Patriot Lane, Transported to Hospital

Monday, March 27
7:32 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) Barre Paxton Road, Entry Gained
9:17 a.m. Complaint, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:01 a.m. Stroke (CVA), Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital
10:13 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Prospect Street, False/Accidental/Defective Alarm
1:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Grizzly Drive, Area Search Negative
1:54 p.m. Falls, Elm South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: O’Connor, Michael M., 41, Rutland
Charges: Warrant
5:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Notification, Beechwood Drive, Services Rendered
6:02 p.m. Serve Warrant, Hope Way, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Johnson, Kenneth E., 34, Rutland
Charges: Warrant

Tuesday, March 28
10:02 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Information Given
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Charnock Hill Road, Written Warning
5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Ruiz, Francisco, 40, Springfield
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Yang, Kristina, 24, Fitchburg
Charges: Warrant
6:35 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Barre Paxton Road, Services Rendered
5:17 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Laurelwood Road, Transported to Hospital
9:13 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, March 29
7:40 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
10:18 a.m. Low Hanging Wires, Turkey Hill Road, Information Given
11:10 a.m. Chest Pain/Hear Problems, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital
11:53 a.m. Chest Pain/Hear Problems, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
3:09 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Turkey Hill Road, Services Rendered
3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
3:50 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Turkey Hill Road, Services Rendered

6:44 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
11:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Arrest(s) Made
11:31 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Fernwood Drive, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, March 30
4:08 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires) Fisherman’s Road, Information Given
9:20 a.m. Assault and Battery, East County Road, Report Filed
12:06 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Billy Lane, Negative Contact
5:10 p.m. Vandalism, Clealand Circle, Report Filed
6:59 p.m. Structure Fire, Michael Drive, Investigated
11:48 p.m. Falls, Old Turnpike Road, No Transport Required

Friday, March 31
8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Main Street, Report Filed
9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
10:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
10:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:04 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Helen Avenue, Investigated
1:05 p.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Bigelow Road, Investigated
1:16 p.m. Trauma, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:06 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Services Rendered
5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Main Street, Services Rendered
9:42 p.m. Complaint, Michael Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, April 1
10:03 a.m. Dehydration, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
10:12 a.m. Chest Pain/Hear Problems, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital
11:32 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Message Delivered
2:23 p.m. Diabetic, Blueberry Lane, Transported to Hospital
7:44 p.m. Chest Pain/Hear Problem, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital
8:30 p.m. Falls, Maple Spring Drive, Transported to Hospital
8:48 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Referred to Other Agency

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, March 26
2:10 p.m. Property Damage, Oak Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
11:09 p.m. Erratic Operator, New Braintree Road, Negative Contact

Tuesday, March 28
9:38 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
11:44 a.m. Identity Theft, Old Turnpike Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, March 29
8:21 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, Services Rendered
11:10 a.m. Chest Pain/Hear Problem, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital
3:29 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Hunt Road, Information Given

Thursday, March 30
7:27 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency
11:03 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Edson Road, Information Given
7:46 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Tomlinson Road, Services Rendered
11:48 p.m. Falls, Old Turnpike Road, No Transport Required

Friday, March 31
4:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Route 122, Area Patrolled
4:31 p.m. Complaint, Old Turnpike Road, Information Taken

Saturday, April 1
10:12 a.m. Chest Pain/Hear Problems, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

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Tri-Parish Church to hold plant and bake sale

HARDWICK – The Tri-Parish Community Church announces their 17th Annual Plant and Bake Sale, on the Hardwick Common, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

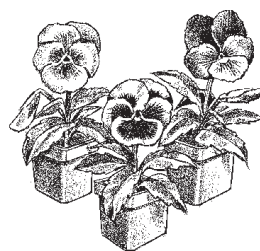
This popular East Quabbin area event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants and herbs in time for

spring planting. There is a wonderful variety in plants offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman’s Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, as well as Howe’s Farm of New Braintree, Tracie’s Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens. The popular baked potato

buffet is returning and a delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine.

The church is also seeking vendors for their annual Tag and Craft sale to coincide with the Plant and Bake Sale. Spaces on the Hardwick Common will be offered for \$35 each. Applications may be obtained by emailing

Marguerite at mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6942. Vendors should reserve their space early.



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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Monday, March 13
 12:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 4:48 a.m. Harassment, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:21 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Hubbardston Road, Officer Advised
 11:58 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Union Street, Officer Advised
 3:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Coldbrook Road, Written Warning
 4:27 p.m. Larceny/Theft, South Street, Report Filed

Tuesday, March 14
 1:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Pleasant Street, Vehicle Towed
 5:58 a.m. Power Outage, Gauthier Road, Information Given
 7:06 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, School North Street, Referred to Other Agency
 7:37 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Sunrise Avenue, Referred to Other Agency
 7:47 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, West Street, Referred to Other Agency
 7:49 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), West Street, Referred to Other Agency
 7:56 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), James Street, Services Rendered
 8:43 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Edward Lane, Investigated
 8:53 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
 9:55 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Summer Street, Referred to Other Agency
 11:06 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Butterworth Road, Information Given
 11:38 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, West Street, Investigated
 12:29 Tree Incidents (No Wires), Sunrise Avenue, Information Given
 2:25 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Granger Road, Information Given
 2:57 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hardwick Road, Information Given
 5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Williamsville Road, Vehicle Removed
 6:18 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hawes Hill Road, Information Given
 8:23 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down,

Cummings Road, Information Given
 10:28 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Granger Road, Information Given

Wednesday, March 15
 11:56 a.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance – Fire, Petersham, Services Rendered
 5 p.m. Public Assist, Varney Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:08 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Wauwinet Road, Officer Advised
 5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Written Warning
 7:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact
 8:24 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Jackson Lane, Services Rendered

Thursday, March 16
 1:01 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Coldbrook Road, Information Given
 6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Manzi, Jeremy A., 29, Warren
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Inspection/Sticker, No
 7:30 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Oakham, Transported to Hospital

Friday, March 17
 10:55 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Ruggles Lane, Officer Advised
 12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Adams Road, Written Warning
 1:22 p.m. Keep the Peach, South Street, Peace Restored
 1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning
 5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Lach, Tiffany Ann, 21, Brighton
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Saturday, March 18
 4:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Williamsville Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Mayoral, Barbara M., 27, Worcester
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR. 08%, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

10:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
 12:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, James Street, Investigated
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Worcester Road, Report Filed
 5:17 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Hawes Hill Road, Information Given

Monday, March 20
 9:49 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Varney Lane, Officer Advised
 3:57 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Hardwick, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, March 21
 11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Services Rendered
 6:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Adams Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, March 22
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Gustafson, Mark Alan, 42, Fitchburg
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Inspection/Sticker, No
 6:52 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, New Braintree, Transported to Hospital

Friday, March 24
 6:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 12:43 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Pleasant Street, Information Given

Saturday, March 25
 12:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, March 26
 12:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
 6:18 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Summer Street, Investigated
 6:36 p.m. Gunshots, Hardwick Road, Investigated

SOUTH BARRE
Monday, March 13
 1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, South Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Tuesday, March 14
 10:23 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Root Road, Referred to Other Agency
 11:20 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Cutler Road, Information Given

Wednesday, March 15
 6:43 a.m. Vehicle/Parking Issue, Fir Street, Vehicle Towed
 6:49 a.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, High South Street, Referred to Other Agency
 10:37 a.m. Unattended Death, Oak Street, Report Filed

Thursday, March 16
 12:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Advised
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:10 p.m. Power Liens/Wires Down, High South Street, Information Given

Friday, March 17
 8:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:11 p.m. Larceny/Theft, South Barre Road, Report Filed

4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

Saturday, March 18
 4:24 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Ackert, Robert Thomas, 23, Barre
 Charges: Operating Under the Influence Drugs, Drug, Posses Class B
 Summons: Thompson, Sean Michael Jr, 30, South Barre
 Charges: Drub, Posses Class B

Tuesday, March 21
 4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check (Inquiry Only), Wheelwright Road, Information Given

Wednesday, March 22
 1:26 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Wheelwright Road, Message Delivered
Thursday, March 23
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Cedar Street, Citation Issued
 Summons: Thompson, Hannah Duffy, 44, South Barre
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

Friday, March 24
 5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 Summon: Fernandez Nolasco, Tommy Alberto, 23, Worcester
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Saturday, March 25
 1:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Sprague, Melissa Ann, 27, Leicester
 Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Removed to Court
 Arrest: Deacetis, Sandra A., 58, Hardwick
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Second Offense

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 3-10, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 23 directed/area patrols, five traffic controls, four radar assignments, one brush fire, one illegal burn, one safety hazard, one complaint, one investigation, one threat, one citizen assist, two assist other agencies, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 3
 11:16 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 4:02 p.m. Safety Hazard, Utley

Road, Removed Hazard
 6:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, April 4
 2:13 p.m. 911 Misdialed, Barr Road, Unknown Outcome
 5:49 p.m. Gunshots, Worcester Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, April 5
 2:08 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Gilbertville Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, April 6
 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed
 9:53 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned,

Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Friday, April 7
 9:38 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 6:59 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 8:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Failure to Stop, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 9:21 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, April 8
 11:49 a.m. Assist Citizen, McEvoy Road, Spoken To

Sunday, April 9
 6:05 p.m. Fire/Brush, Moore Road, Extinguished

Public Notices

Sale of Motor Vehicles under MGL Ch 255 Sec 39A

Notice is hereby given by Dave's Tow & Transport, Inc pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch.255 Sec 39A, that on 4/14/2023 at 843 Worcester Rd., Barre, MA the following motor vehicle will be sold by private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges and other expenses incurred, including sales costs.
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 Nicole M Ritchotte
 39 Burnshirt Rd.
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 01452-1352
 03/30, 04/06, 04/13/2023

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edwin R. Kilpatrick and Eileen M. Kilpatrick to Sherwood Mortgage Group Inc., dated February 5, 2000 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22297, Page 336 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 is the present holder by Assignment from Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Mortgage Amenities Corp. dated February 5, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22297, Page 352, and Corrective Assignment from Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. to Mortgage Amenities Corp. dated March 6, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 58536, Page 381, and Assignment from Mortgage Amenities Corp. to Residential Funding Corporation dated May 22, 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22622, Page 77, and Assignment from Residential Funding Corporation to Bank One National Association as Trustee dated October 1, 2003 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in

Book 31880, Page 233, and Assignment from Bank One N. A. as Trustee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee dated April 24, 2008 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 42807, Page 357, and Confirmatory Assignment from Bank One National Association f/k/a/ The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 dated April 14, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52373, Page 369, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 2230 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, MA 01068 will be sold at a Public Auction at **4:00 PM on May 1, 2023**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
 Land on the northerly side of Old Turnpike Road in Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot 5 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located in Oakham, Massachusetts owned by Cameron T. and Sarah E. Smith, Murray Engineering, North Brookfield, Massachusetts, Scale 1 inch=80 feet, February 18, 1997", which Lot 5 is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the northerly line of Old Turnpike Road at the southeast corner of the lot herein described and the southwest corner of land now or formerly of G. Wiersma;
 THENCE S. 80° 07' 10" W., 300.00 feet along the northerly line of Old Turnpike Road to an iron pin at the southeast corner of Lot 4 as shown on said plan;
 THENCE N. 09° 52' 50" W., 665.09 feet along Lot 4 to a stake in a stone wall at Wiersma land;
 THENCE S. 76° 06' 58" E., 95.31 feet along a stone wall to a point;
 THENCE S. 75° 19' 07" E., 300.12 feet along

said stone wall to a stake;
 THENCE S. 02° 09' 20" E., 161.33 feet along a stone wall to a point;
 THENCE S. 03° 27' 24" E., 344.22 feet along a stone wall to the iron pin at the point beginning.
 Containing 4.47 acres, on said plan recorded in Plan Book 720, Plan 46.
 Being the same premises conveyed to Edwin R. Kilpatrick and Eileen M. Kilpatrick by deed of Eileen M. Kilpatrick, Trustee of the Turnpike Road Realty Trust, under declaration of trust dated June 1, 1999 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Book 21488, Page 27, deed dated February 5, 2000 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at instrument no. 14481.
 For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40790, Page 304.
 The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51781, Page 111.
 The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
 Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2
 Korde & Associates, P.C.
 900 Chelmsford Street
 Suite 3102
 Lowell, MA 01851
 (978) 256-1500
 Kilpatrick, Edwin R. & Eileen M. Kilpatrick,
 16-027089
 04/06, 04/13, 04/20/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank W. LaRange to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated November 16, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56343, Page 90, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded on June 28, 2022, in Book No. 67821, at Page 147 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **4:00 PM on April 28, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises located at 711 South Barre Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.
 TO WIT: The following described parcel of land, and the improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Worcester (Worcester District), Commonwealth of Massachusetts to wit: Commonly known as: 711 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005 Parcel No.: Map H, Lot 451
 Legal Description:

Land with the buildings thereon in that part of Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as South Barre, on the easterly side of South Barre Road, known as Route 32, being shown as Lot 1 on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, MA owned by D.A. Robinson Contracting, Inc., Scale 1 " = 50'," dated February 23, 1999, drawn by Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 739, Plan 18, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Lot 1 contains 0.619 Acres.
 For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52145, Page 219.
 These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. **TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
 PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

Present holder of said mortgage
 By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
 150 California St.
 Newton, MA 02458
 (617)558-0500
 22145
 03/30, 04/06, 04/13/2023

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Janet J. Macaluso to BNY Mortgage Company LLC, dated December 3, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32400, Page 77 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Mortgage Assets Management, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from The BNY Mortgage Company LLC to Seattle Mortgage Company dated December 3, 2003 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 32400, Page 86, and Assignment from Seattle Mortgage Company to Bank of America, N.A. dated July 9, 2007 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 41536, Page 207, and Corrective Assignment from Seattle Mortgage to Bank of America, N.A. dated March 7, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 48674, Page 208, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated November 21, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50036, Page 215, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated April 6, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 55170, Page 395, and Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC, its successors and assigns dated February 16, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 67737, Page 166, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located

at 380 Cutler Road, Barre, MA 01005 will be sold at a Public Auction at **4:00 PM on April 27, 2023**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
 The land with the buildings thereon located on Cutler Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being Lot 3 shown on a plan entitled "Plan of land in Barre, Massachusetts, dated March 29, 1998 prepared for Ronald C. Higgins by Peter Knowles, Professional Land Surveyor, Barre, Mass." recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 737, Plan 70, bounded and described as follows:
 Beginning at an iron pin set in the stone wall on the easterly side of Cutler Road at the corner of Cole Road;
 Thence S.83° 16' 27" E, by remaining land of Higgins, 479.01 feet to a point by edge of pond;
 Thence southerly by edge of said pond, 297 feet more or less, to a point;
 Thence N. 84° 05' 11" W., 419.86 feet to an iron pin set in stone wall along Cutler Road;
 Thence N. 13° 08' 34" E., 48.50 feet to a point;
 Thence N. 01° 22' 33" W., 116.78 feet to a point;
 Thence N.04° 49' 37" W., 132.63 feet to a point;
 Thence 00° 38' 39" E., 6.82 feet to the iron pin at point of beginning the last four courses being by said stone wall along Cutler Road.
 Said Lot 3 containing 3.04 acres of land, more or less.
 For Title see Deed dated August 30, 1999, recorded at said Deeds in Book 21806, Page 212.
 For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21806, Page 212.
 The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions

of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC
 Korde & Associates, P.C.
 900 Chelmsford Street
 Suite 3102
 Lowell, MA 01851
 (978) 256-1500
 Macaluso, Janet,
 22-041082
 03/30, 04/06, 04/13/2023

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF MANAGER
 TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Retail License for Pie Town LLC for premises located at 2 Common Street: Change of Manager. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.
 For the Select Board:
 Greg Balukonis
 Interim
 Town Administrator
 04/06, 04/13/2023
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Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO23P1084EA Estate of: Roberta M Newcomb Also known as: Roberta Marie Newcomb Date of Death: 11/09/2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:

Laperle of Barre MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/25/2023.**

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Lu-Ann M Laperle of Barre MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
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Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
04/13/2023

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TOWN OF HARDWICK HELP WANTED

The town of Hardwick is seeking qualified candidates to perform high-level secretarial, clerical, and administrative work assisting the Town Administrator and Select Board.

This is a part-time 19 hours per week position. For full job description, go to **www.hardwick-ma.gov**.

Qualified applicants should send cover letter and resume to **admin@townofhardwick.com** or send to **PO Box 575 Gilbertville, MA 01031**.

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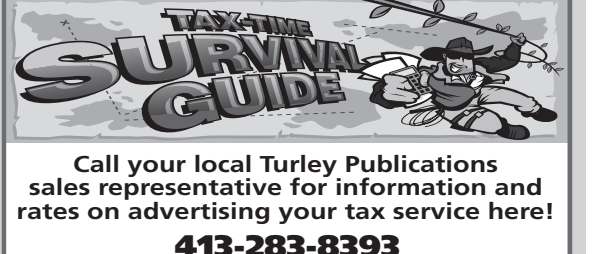
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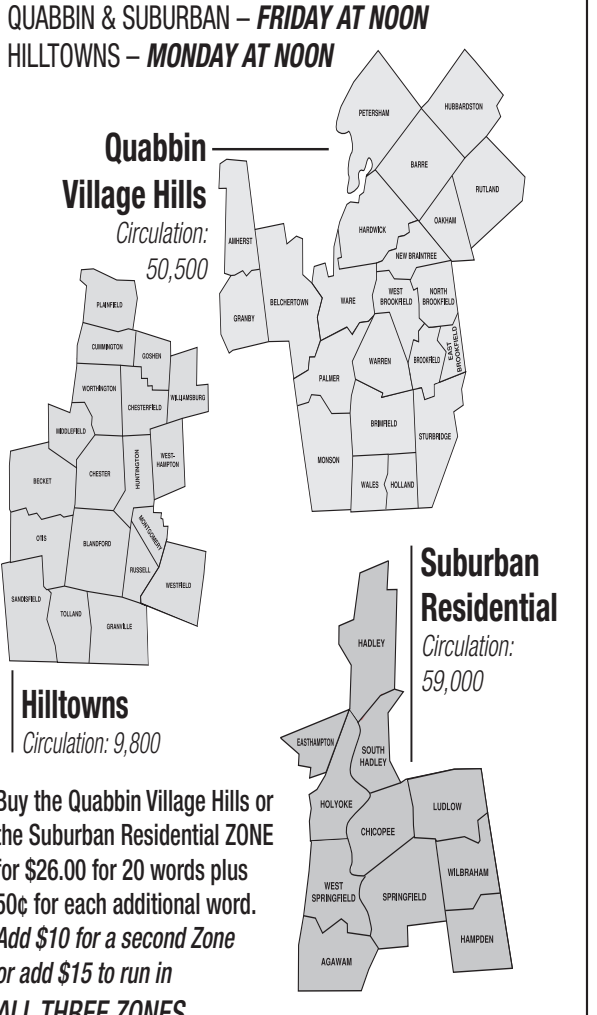
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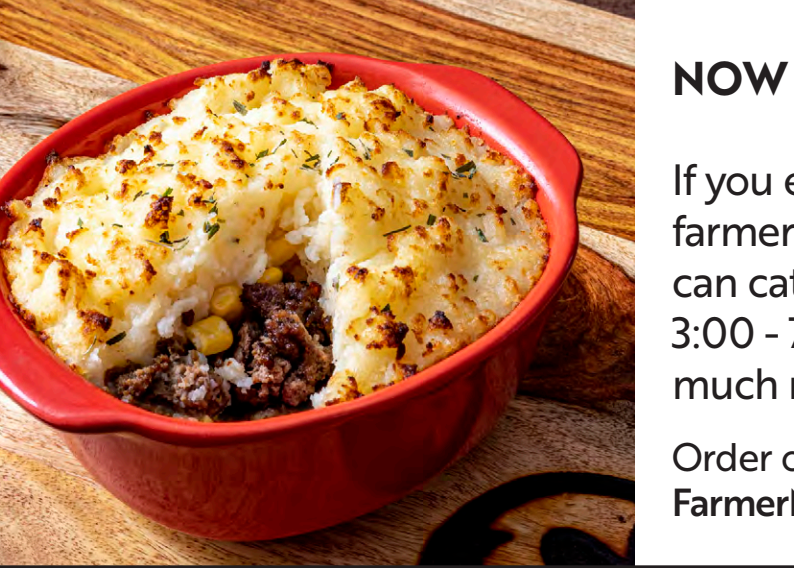
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