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History comes alive with

Judith Kalaora

RUTLAND – Judith Kalaora, the Founder and Artistic Director of “History at Play” returned to the Rutland Public Library on Tuesday, April 9 to the delight of lovers of history.

Kalaora mastered a unique and entertaining way to present her one woman plays. Once again, the Rutland Historical Society sponsored the event.

Kalaora’s vision in 2010 was to bring to life the lives of accomplished, but sometimes forgotten women in history. In June 2023 she brought Miss Deborah Sampson to Rutland. Born in Massachusetts in 1760, she wanted to be part of the fight against the King. She disguised herself as a man; joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment and fought in several battles including the siege of Yorktown in the American Revolution. People may visit <http://www.judithkalaora.com/> for more information.

This time, Kalaora introduced to the audience five women, who played relatively unknown, but very significant roles in WW II. Three American citizens and two, British. The first was Vera Atkins, a Romanian born, British citizen, whose job it was to find volunteers to wage a “secret war” in Europe. They were to carry out spy and sabotage missions in Nazi occupied France and elsewhere for the new British organization called the Special Operations Executive. Atkins recruited the American multilingual Virginia Hall (1906 – 1982), who spoke English, French, German and Italian.

Not to take away from the other women, but she had one of the most dangerous jobs any person had...man or woman during the war. Though Hall was from



Submitted photos

Ann Baungartner was the first woman to fly a jet plane and she flew in non-combat during WW II.

a wealthy Maryland family and educated at Vassar and Radcliff she did not fit in with that world. She wanted adventure, the more dangerous the better, despite having lost her lower left leg in an accident prior to the war.

She was the first female secret agent ever deployed to Nazi Occupied France. For Hall, it

was even before the US declared war on Germany on Dec. 11, 1941. She eventually left the SOE and joined the newly formed OSS in late 1942, headed up by the legendary “Wild Bill” Donovan.

Soon Hall had over 1,500 men, who looked to her for direction. She was a natural leader and mas-

ter at collecting reliable information as to what the Nazi’s were doing, as well as what the not to be trusted, Vichy government in Southern France was doing. She carried out assignments with ever changing disguises. The Gestapo

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New Senior Center Director selected

Board offers position to Betty Jo O’Brien

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BARRE – The Select Board unanimously offered the Senior Center Director job to Betty Jo O’Brien at their Monday, April 1 meeting.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said they interviewed three candidates for the job. Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon said all three were “great candidates.” Town Administrator Tammy Martin researched all of the candidates.

All three of the references for O’Brien checked by the Town Administrator said she “works well with people.” Select Board Chair Marshall said, “she can manage the ship” and should be aware there were some hard feelings at the Senior Center. Some people moved away from the center in the past.

Vice Chair Dixon made a motion to offer the Senior Center position to O’Brien pending a Criminal Offender Record Offender Record check. Select Board clerk Mark Regienus seconded Dixon’s motion.

Manholes

Department of Public Works Chief Operator Tom George said 50 manholes on Mechanic Street and Worcester Road need to be replaced with new ones. He said the cost was about \$25,000 and MassDOT would install them.

Select Board Chair Marshall said the DPW Commission would meet to discuss this. She said procurement regulations required the town obtain three quotes. She

also said American Rescue Plan Act funds was a possible source of funding.

At present, the DPW did not have a full complement of employees and were in the process of interviewing for a mechanic.

Welcome to Barre sign

Elizabeth Martin attended the meeting to discuss the replacing of the Welcome to Barre sign. She said the Historical Commission wanted the sign to “mirror” the Woods Memorial Library sign. The sign would be located in its current location, where the town scales used to be located.

The Historical Commission also felt an electronic sign was not appropriate for a historic district such as the Barre Common area. Vice Chair Dixon said the Henry Woods Building was a potential location for the electronic sign. The Barre Police Department said the Quabbin Plaza area had a lot of traffic and the sign could pose a distraction and possible safety issues to motorists.

The Select Board approved the Welcome to Barre sign and for it to “mirror” the library sign. They also approved of ARPA funds to cover the cost and approved the placing of an electronic sign outside the historic district.

Video recording devices

Vice Chair Dixon said the town’s tech people recommended wireless options for recording meetings in locations other than the Selectmen’s meeting room, located on the first floor of the Henry Woods Building. That room has hard wired camera equipment, which is costly.

He said the devices cost \$1,000

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QHSUA members look at survey results

By Paula Ouimette
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Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance’s epidemiologist Maegan Boutot shared feedback gathered from a recent survey sent to alliance members.

The alliance serves the towns of Barre, Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, Hardwick, Hubbardston, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield. Some of the towns, particularly Brimfield, Hubbardston, Holland, Monson, Oakham and others, lack representation.

“We have a lot of folks who work in the region attend our meetings, but not as many who live in those towns,” Boutot said at the April 8 meeting.

She said the survey was distributed to those who attend the alliance’s meetings and are on the email list.

Boutot said the survey showed that members preferred monthly meetings being held on Monday mornings, or even in the afternoon. An afternoon session would potentially open up the meetings for more youth and community members.

Hybrid meetings were the primary choice as well as virtual. Having in person meetings posed a challenge for working people.

Boutot said those taking the survey also asked for more research updates.

“Research is a broad subject,” she said. It can cover prevention, treatment, recovery or events with speakers.

Survey takers said it would be

great to have more speakers at meetings.

Boutot said the survey also showed that alliance members wanted to receive more information about kratom and hemp-based cannabis, as well as neurodivergence, mental health and substance use.

Boutot said there was less interest in policy making.

“People seem to be more interested in the science than the rules and regulations,” she said.

The alliance will still continue to be involved in policy making, Boutot said.

“We’re still involved in them and still working on them,” she said.

The alliance is now forming working groups with community members to focus on different areas of substance use prevention, including vaping prevention and education, school substance prevention and more.

“We are here to listen,” Boutot said. “We are learning and growing...the team is growing.”

Safe Storage update

Drug Free Communities Program Director Rebecca Edwards said Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance is running a Safe Storage campaign, to encourage people to safely store their medications and substances in their homes.

Proper storage includes keeping medications out of sight and reach of children; in a locking medicine box; or in a locking, scent-free pouch (for cannabis). It also means disposing of unused or expired medication at the police station or CVS in Ware.

QHSUA member Mark Klee is also working with pharmacy partners to find ways to distribute lock boxes from those locations in the future.

Edwards said people can also ask for Dispose RX, a tablet that

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Quabbin held presentation about parenting and anxiety



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Lynn Lyons of New Hampshire gave a presentation on worrying at Quabbin Regional High School.

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BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School welcomed Lynn Lyons to present a presentation on worrying called “Modeling Matters: What parents need to know (and do) to decrease stress, worry and anxiety.”

Lyons is a licensed clinical social worker and psychoanalyst based out of Concord, New Hampshire. She has traveled internationally as a speaker and trainer on the subject of anxiety.

Anxiety plays a role in families, at home and in schools.

With this presentation, Lyons has a special emphasis on cell

phones and social media and how they impact worrying, stress and anxiety.

According to Lyons’ studies the rate of worrying and anxiety amongst adolescents began before the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the pandemic contributed to the increase of anxiety, worrying and stress, Lyons believes the initial increase had started about a decade earlier when technology began growing in popularity.

Technology such as smart phones and social media outlets were making their way into not only in homes but also into classrooms in school. Lyons believes that kids are more and more afraid of their emotions and

social media is heavily involved in it.

“Inaccurate information is making it worse,” Lyons said referring to the use of social media being involved in daily life.

When discussing worrying, Lyons describes worrying as predictable, redundant and persistent.

Regarding anxiety, Lyons shared that anxiety demands both certainty and comfort.

Certainty revolves around someone wanting to know what’s going on in advance and to have some form of control. Comfort

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Hospital property discussed at joint meeting

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WARE – The Hospital Review Committee held a joint meeting with the Historical Commission to share updates about the Mary Lane Hospital property.

At the April 11 meeting, Building Commissioner Anna Marques provided information she gathered during an unscheduled walkthrough of the hospital on March 15 and another more recent walkthrough.

Marques said the second walkthrough was in response to a call the Fire Department received for a pulled alarm. She said there have been a lot of false alarms calls to the property.

“I got to see the room that was abated,” Marques said. “A week and a half prior it was closed off.”

This room “shows potential” Marques said.

The abatement contractor, American Environmental, is about halfway done with the Wetherby building. Marques said chandeliers and other features have been removed from the building due to concerns about what would happen to them.

Marques said someone from the Department of Environmental Protection, the agency overseeing the asbestos abatement, also toured the building and conducted that inspection. Marques said she couldn’t go in some of the areas that the DEP inspector could.

Marques said the DEP did issue a notice of noncompliance with conditions of what needs to be fixed. It was not enough to shut-

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News of the Towns



Round Town

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No. 4 Schoolhouse holds May Day event

The No. 4 Schoolhouse friends will hold their annual May Day basket making and perennial drop event on Sunday, April 28 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the schoolhouse located at 209 Farrington Road. The No. 4 Schoolhouse has a long history of May Day Baskets. People are invited to hear the May Basket story, tell theirs and make a basket for someone. All supplies will be provided. There is no cost, but donations are welcome. For the Perennial Drop, people are invited to share their perennials. They will be planted in the school yard. Many hands make light work so anyone willing to help should bring their gloves, rakes, shovels, and help push back the old growth and make room for new spring garden growth. Volunteers are there to do the planting if people only want to drop-off perennial donations.

If people can't make it, but would like to be involved, the No. 4 Schoolhouse friends are in need of donations of supplies such as sponges, rags, Murphy's Oil soap, old newspapers, topsoil, compost, mulch, water by the gallon for both cleaning and for the gardens and Barre Landfill trash bags, cups, snacks and more. They accept gift cards if that's easier and they will do the shopping. Finally, the No.4 Schoolhouse relies on its supporters with donations to help with the upkeep of the property. Anyone wishing to send a donation may mail their check to No. 4 Schoolhouse, P.O. Box 85, Barre MA 01005 or VENMO us @no4schoolhouse.

Looking to the Future

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

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of April 15. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY — Potato crunch fish, lemon herb rice, peas, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread, tartar sauce

TUESDAY — Sloppy Joe, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwich roll,

WEDNESDAY — Stuffed pepper casserole, mashed potatoes, carrots, chocolate mousse, marble ry bread

THURSDAY — Ranch chicken, red bliss potatoes, roasted California vegetables, birthday cake, diet = half piece, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY — Braised beef, Gemelli pasta, broccoli, pear crisp, diet = applesauce, Italian bread

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

Pastel workshop set for May 21



Participants in the pastel workshop on May 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. will create a seascape to take home.

HUBBARDSTON — On Tuesday May 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. pastelist, Greg Maichack, will hold a hands-on pastel workshop for adults and older teens at the Hubbardston Public Library, Main Street.

This pastel painting workshop serves sheer beginners to advanced artists. All materials are provided, including professional grade pastels, paper and pencils. People should call the library at 978-928-4775 to register. Space is

limited.

This program is supported in part or in whole by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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This is a very special year as Barre is celebrating its 250th Anniversary. Every event will include this reminder as it is a huge celebration year.

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Barre Food Pantry holds distribution

BARRE — The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, April 18 from 5:30 - 7 pm.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but decided that the most responsible path forward is to contin-

ue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients April 18 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Based on the success of

distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

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

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates by visiting the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Hubbardston

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Plant sale happens May 11

The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston will hold their annual spring plant sale on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Perennials from early spring flowering to late fall flowers and a season long will be for sale. There will be edible plants, some annuals like geraniums and some woody plants. Most plants are grown in local gardens so people know they grow in the area. This is a great way to add to an existing garden or to start a new one. In addition to the wide variety of plants, there will be an assortment of homemade fudge and candies.

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Poetry event

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

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

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eggs may be picked up on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Cribbage is played on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. Pitch is played the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Art group meets every Friday at 9 a.m.

Tri-Parish church seeks vendors for tag and craft sale

HARDWICK — The Tri-Parish Community Church announces their 18th Annual Plant and Bake Sale, on the Hardwick Common Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 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, Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens. 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. People should reserve their space early. All are welcome.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Conservation Committee – April 23 and May 13 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – April 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – April 25 at 11 a.m.
 Council on Aging – May 1 at 12:30 p.m.
 Select Board – May 6 at 5:30 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – May 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – May 9 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 13 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – May 13 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 11 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – April 18 at 6:45 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – April 22 at 3 p.m.
 Finance Committee – April 22 and May 6 at 6 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – April 22 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 23 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – April 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – May 2 at 7 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – May 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 8 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – May 8 at 4 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – May 13, June 10, July 8 and August 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – May 20 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board Public Hearing – April 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – April 24 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Fire/Highway/Building Committee – April 18 at 4 p.m.
 Library Strategic Planning Committee – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Finance Committee – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – April 23 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – April 29 at 2 p.m.
 Annual Town Election – May 6
 Downtown Development Committee – May 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 15 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health April 20 at 2 p.m.
 Select Board – April 29, May 13 and May 28 at 6 p.m.
 Library Trustees – May 1 at 4:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 4 at 10 a.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing – May 9 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 10 at noon
 Town Elections – May 20 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 21 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Petersham Select Board – April 18 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham School Committee – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – April 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – April 23 at 5:30 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 7 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 7 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 13 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 14 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Public Information Session Community Preservation Act – April 21 from 1-3 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – April 23 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board Public Hearing – April 29 at 6 p.m.

Library hosts Mary Lane Hospital talk with Steve Granlund

HARDWICK – The Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville, will host resident Steve Granlund to talk about Mary Lane Hospital on Thursday, May 2 at 6 p.m.

Granlund will talk about the closure of Mary Lane Hospital and its impact on the community. He has done extensive research on this issue and will share what he's learned.

Historical Society holds special display

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society will host a mother/daughter bridal gown display, plus a WWII love story on Saturday, May 11 from 1-4 p.m. at the Wood House, 232 Main St.

The display will include several mother/daughter wedding gowns, two of which are the same dress worn by both generations, a grandmother 1887 and a granddaughter 1950, wedding gown from Rutland, grandmother-in-law/granddaughter-in-law dresses, a grandmother dress 1937 and her two granddaughter's gowns.

The display will also have a wedding gown, bridesmaid gown and flower girl dress all donated from Historic Society members.

Our WWII love story is from the parents of one of the members. They will have on display, her gown, veil, cake topper, going away dress, trousseau and more as well as letters to her WWII sweetheart and also letters to her parents as a new bride away from home for the first time.

The event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Town Wide Yard Sale set for April 27

RUTLAND – Rutland, the geographic center of Massachusetts, again celebrates as a community the 28th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday April 27 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Historically people have come from near and far to participate in this one-day event. The maps will be available starting on Saturday April 27 at 7:15 a.m. at the Town Lines, on the Town Common in front of Community Hall and on the 4th of July Facebook page.

Participants pay to be on the map and all proceeds go to the Town's Fourth of July Celebration. Over the years this event raises over \$3,500 for the town's 4th of July Celebration each year. It has been told "It's my Favorite Day – kinda my

own special Holiday."

According to Benjamin Barakian, Chair of the Town Wide Yard Sale Committee, "This year will be stronger than ever. As of April 10, they are on target to have over 200 participants selling from their yards, garages and on the Town Common too and this number will continue to grow. It's a day full of fun and joy."

This year again is being anticipated as a record breaker in the number of sites/locations and people selling their treasures both from their homes and on the Town Commons. The Yard Sale goes on in any kind of weather – sunshine, rain, warm or cold. People may call Ben with any questions at 508-886-3367 or email at rutlandyardsale@gmail.com.

Rutland is proud of its history and proud of their annual yard sale tradition. Everyone has lots of fun; it's kinda like trick or treating for families. Community groups, businesses and all enjoy the day.

Several town organizations gather to sell their items for charity, businesses boom and the town streets and sidewalks come to life. Food Trucks will be in front on Community Hall on Main Street. The amazing part of the day is everything is done and cleaned up by 4 p.m. It's fun to watch people stop and pick up free things at the end of driveways at the end of the day. People should feel free to make this part of the day too, they never know what they can find for free.

Orange Community Band performs pops concert on April 21

ORANGE The Orange Community Band 43rd Pops Concert will be held in the Ruth B. Smith Auditorium in the Orange Town Hall on Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

Stephanie Parker, beginning her 22nd year as Conductor of the band, will direct the program. Donations will be accepted at the door for band expenses including rental of the auditorium. No tickets will be sold.

The concert will be a bit different from most of the past concerts, as seating will be concert-style, in rows, not cabaret style with individual tables. The band has been rehearsing for several weeks and will be performing some of the new music purchased by donations from New Salem Academy Trustees, past season concert sponsors and individual donors.

The concert will open with the National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key, followed by "Tenth Regiment March" by R.B. Hall.

The overture will be "Highlights from Exodus" by Gold/Arr. by Reed, followed by "Two Moods" by Grundman. Dick Tandy will perform a trumpet solo, "The Magic Trumpet" by James Burke, arranged by Hubble. James Burke once performed in Orange with the Mahar Regional High School in the 1960s.

"What Was I Made For?" heard in the recent movie, Barbie, by Eilish O'Connell and arranged by Brown, is one of the new selections recently purchased by the band. "Into The Joy of Spring" by James Swearingen is a relatively new number. "Yakety Sax" by Rich and Randolph and arranged by Osterling is an old favorite for many area bands. Another new selection is "An American In Paris" by George Gershwin and arranged by Booker. "Tipperary March" arranged by Edmondson will close the first half.

Intermission will be followed by a performance of

"Novelette No. 1 in F Major" by R. Schumann, a piano solo by Michael Ploof. The band will then perform "Men of Ohio March" by Henry Fillmore, Music from "The Sting" arranged by Cavacas, "So Far Away" by King and arranged by Holcombe. "Stevie Wonder in Concert" arranged by Murtha is another new selection. The concert will close with the Sousa favorite, "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The program is subject to change.

The band will also perform its usual free summer concert series on Fridays beginning June 21 in Butterfield Park. Concert sponsors will include Orange Lions Club, New Salem Academy Trustees, Witty's Funeral Home, Orange American Legion Post 172, The Perkins Family, the John Marsh Howe family and Dottie Verheyen and Miffy Sirois in honor of those who have carried on the tradition of band concerts in Orange.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – Register now at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, to create a "Scrunch-Paint" tie-dye style silk scarf on Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town House, on the Common, in Hardwick.

Each participant will leave with a beautiful silk scarf masterpiece created under the direction of Gariné of Kalina Folk Arts. This workshop is for teens

and adults. This program is supported by a grant from the Hardwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is required by emailing director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, calling by calling 413-477-6704 or stopping at the library during open hours.

The Paige Writing group meets on alternate Tuesdays

at 3:00, the Paige Book Club meets monthly at 2 p.m., the Cookbook Club meets the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Legos open building sessions are held on Quabbin School District early dismissal days from 2-4 p.m.

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

Annual town election is May 4

HARDWICK – The Town of Hardwick's Annual Election will be held on Saturday, May 4, at Hardwick Elementary School, 76 School House Drive and the polls will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Selectboard voted to opt

out of vote by mail for this election, so those who have previously submitted a vote-by-mail application will not be receiving a ballot for this election.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 54 § 86 & 89, those who are unable to

vote during polling hours may request an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 29.

The deadline for in-person absentee voting is noon on Thursday, May 2.

Oakham

Ellenor Downer
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OHA Museum opens May 5

The Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, opens for the season on Sunday, May 5 from 1-4 p.m. The museum features a police and fire exhibit. The museum is open the first Sunday of the month May through October.

Church breakfast

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

Roadway Cleanup

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

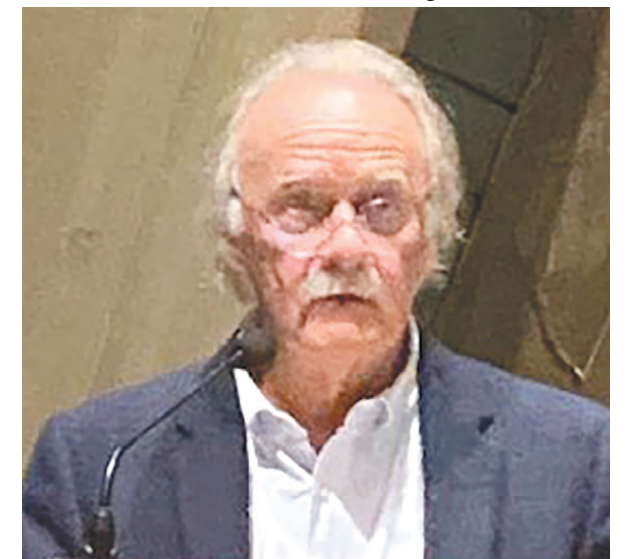
Recycling Day

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

Senior center

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

Local poet presents 'What We May Be'



John Hodgen

HUBBARDSTON – John Hodgen, Hubbardston native and poet presents an evening of poetry based on his new book "What We May Be" on Wednesday, April 24 from 6-7 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, Main Street.

His new book "What We May Be" will be available for signing and purchase. Hodgen is the writer-in-residence at Assumption University in Worcester and Advisory Editor for New Letters at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Hodgen won the AWP Donald Hall Prize in Poetry for Grace (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005).

Light refreshments will be served. No registration is necessary.

Editorial deadline reminder

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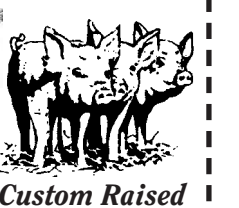
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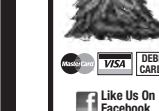
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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Can I claim Social Security and still work?

Dear Rusty

I will be turning 63 soon. Can I apply for Social Security and continue to work?

Would I be limited to how many hours or how much I could make? I know my monthly SS amount would be cut by 30% or somewhere around there, but how would working affect me? I was trying to read up on this, but the \$1 and \$2 thing confused me. I have an offer to take a work-at-home position and need to decide soon, but it is a cut in income. The cut would be okay if I could draw my Social Security too.

Signed: Wanting Work at Home

Dear Wanting

If you claim your Social Security to start in the month you turn 63, you'll be claiming 4 years before your Full Retirement Age of 67, which means your monthly benefit at 63 will be about 25% less than it would be if you claimed SS at age 67. And if you are working before your FRA, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test."

The 2024 earnings limit for those collecting early Social Security benefits is \$22,320 (this limit changes annually). If your annual earnings exceed the limit, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will recover that penalty amount by withholding future benefits until they recover what you owe.

If your work earnings are under the annual limit, you will get all your monthly SS benefits. But if you exceed the limit, they will find that out after you submit your income tax return (the following year) and issue you an overpayment notice, telling you how much you owe for exceeding the limit last year.

They will then withhold your benefits until they get back what you owe or you can repay them in a lump sum. To avoid the overpayment notice, it is best to inform Social Security in advance that you will exceed the annual earnings limit and they will simply withhold your monthly SS benefits during the year for enough months to avoid overpaying you.

So, what you should do depends largely on how much your earnings from your new work-at-home position will be. If your earnings are below the annual limit, no penalty will be assessed. If you only exceed the annual limit by a little bit, then you can still work and earn and simply repay them what is owed for exceeding the limit or have your SS benefit temporarily withheld.

If you only exceed the earnings limit by a little, you'll still get benefits for most months of the year. But if you significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you could even be ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age, the earnings limit goes away at your FRA.

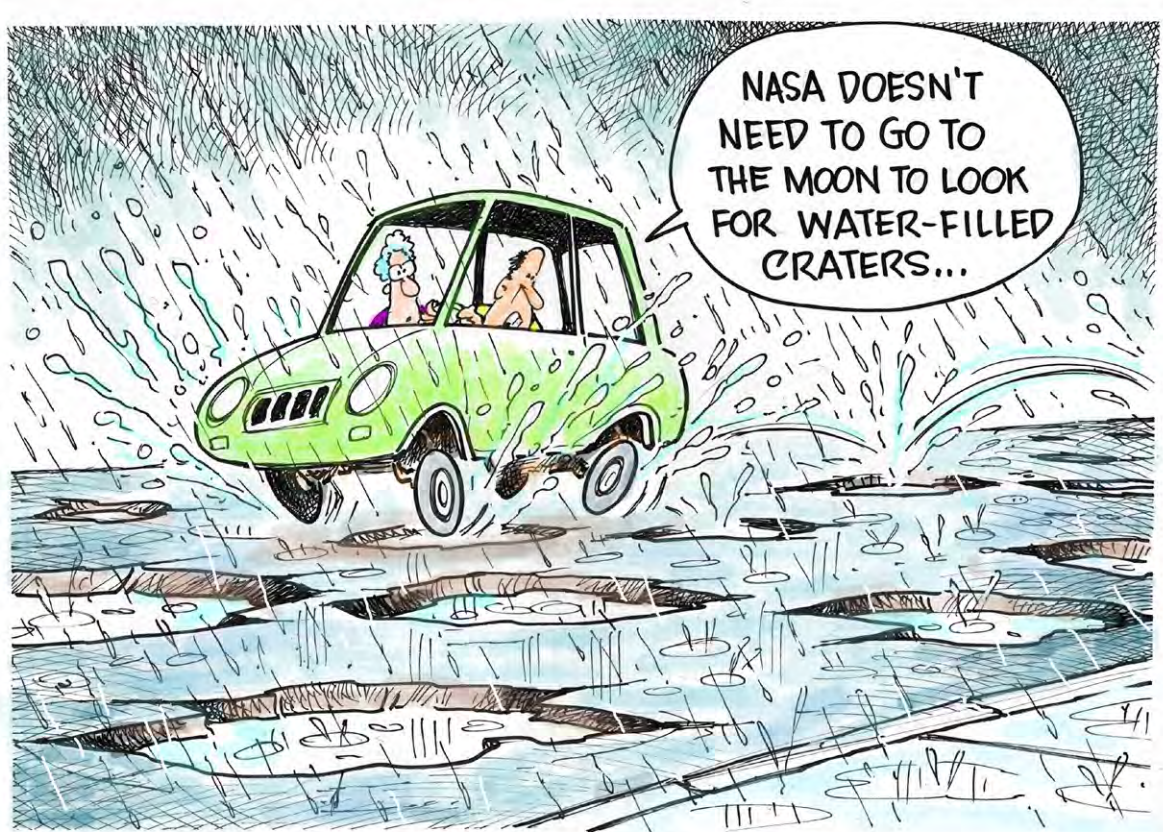
So, what you should do depends on what "a cut in income" means in terms of your expected annual earnings amount. If your total annual earnings will be under the annual limit, your SS benefit won't be affected. If you only exceed the limit by a little bit, then you will get SS benefits for most months of the year. But if your annual earnings are significantly over each year's annual earnings limit, then you won't get SS benefits for most months of the year and may even be temporarily ineligible to receive benefits.

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In Past Pages

5 years (April 25, 2019)

Last week Sandy Hood was one of a group of people, who attended the program "Quabbin Reservoir Clearing the Valley," presented by Quabbin Reservoir Visitor Center manager, Maria Beiter-Tucker held at Woods Memorial Library in Barre. The hour long free and open to the public program covered a variety of topics directly related to the construction of the reservoir. "I enjoyed the program," state Hood. "I was interested and wanting to know how much detail or how long it took to actually make it work." Beiter-Tucker began her presentation from the inception of the reservoir, explaining how the area was selected, spoke of the natural river sin the proposed area and also spoke of the downside of the project – how four rural towns – Enfield, Dana, Greenwich and Prescott would need to be disbanded and residents relocated.

Quabbin Regional High School's Envirothon Team has been conducting an extensive community research and action project in Barre, as part of their participation in the statewide Envirothon competition. The Massachusetts Envirothon is a competition for high school students. Teams representing schools form all around the state compete in mid-May each year, presenting their community research and action projects, as well as demonstrating their knowledge and skills at four ecological stations: Wildlife, Forestry, Soils and Aquatics. In past years, the team from Quabbin Regional High School had made a strong showing at the Envirothon competition.

Quabbin Regional High School has been designated as an Innovation Pathway School District and stone of only sixteen school districts in the state to received this prestigious and competitive designation. Quabbin Regional School District has identified a need and a sense of urgency to prepare all of its students for college and career readiness. Through these Innovation Pathways, QRSD will address the challenge of workforce needs that industries throughout the Commonwealth encounter.

10 years (April 17, 2014)

Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Currier discussed the Rutland Road drainage and paving project. He explained that the road had drainage on the left side of the road that began before the farmhouse and continued just past Eva Grimes trailer. Former Highway Superintendent Wes Dwelly installed that drainage many years ago. The right had no drainage. Currier said he planned to install about 600 feet of drainage on the right side. He said the project included reclamation of the road to remove severe frost heaves.

The Quabbin Regional School District submitted to Oakham Selectmen discussed the list with the two Oakham members

LOOK BACK Society Tea - 1989



Turley Publications File Photo

For nine years, the summer sunshine has graced the portico of the Barre Historical Society for its annual Garden Party. Last Sunday's memorable event served to bring friends and acquaintances together for an afternoon of conversation and reminiscence. In addition to the refreshments and conviviality, the building itself was open for touring – proudly showing itself off to visitors from far and near. Folks gather for tea beneath the stately columns of the building's façade.

of the QRSD Committee. Steve Labarre and Ada Pease and Paul Rochette, finance committee chairman at their Monday night meeting. The district listed the Public Address system/PA and telephone system as a "critical need." The estimated cost was around \$30,000. Classrooms presently do not have telephone to call 911. Teachers would either use their own cell phone or call the button on the PA system. Labarre said two rooms at the Oakham Center School do not have public address access and were not being used at present.

The new weight room has opened so many doors for Quabbin students and the school system as a whole," said strength and conditioning coach Meg Matthews in regards to the changes that have been made to the high school's weight room has done a complete 180 from the weight room of the past, with new equipment, multiple fitness programs and a strength and conditioning coach. It has transformed from a single room to now four rooms, each filled with new equipment, available for anyone that wished to utilize it.

25 years (April 22, 1999)

Along the roads and in the woods there are clouds of yellow-green as the willows enter spring. There are could of red as the maple trees come into full star-

ry flower, And for the third spring there are people gathering lifting their voices in song and camaraderie. The Band of Voices meets every Wednesday night at the Barre Town Hall from 7:15-9 p.m. They are farmers, teachers, nurses, computer programmers, day care directors, carpenters, engineers, parents, children and grandparents. The members of the group from a wide variety of musical backgrounds and range in age from teen-agers to senior citizens.

Barre Police Chief James Thompson met with selectmen Tuesday night to discuss his request to hire two additional full-time officers. Thompson said this year officers responded to 2,478 calls, about double the amount of calls from the previous years. This included about 150 arrests. "Work has doubled and we're using tow officers no on most calls," Thompson said, "We need more full-timers so we can do a two-person patrol."

Low police budget accounts were a concern of Oakham Selectmen at the Tuesday, April 20 meeting. Selectmen said many of the accounts in the police budget have zero balances or very small businesses left in the accounts. Police Chief David Galena said he is aware the department is running

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Election letters to the editor welcome

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

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

Campaign news

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

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Guest Column

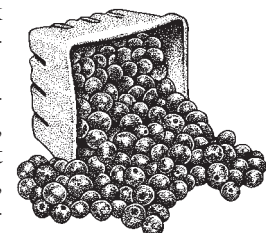


by Roberta McQuaid

Blueberry propagation experiment

A reader from Hardwick wrote in asking how to propagate blueberry bushes.

I've never tried to propagate blueberry bushes myself, but have always thought that it would make good sense, especially if you have a limited pocketbook and a few productive plants on hand already, or at least you know someone that does.



Obviously, you would not want to replicate a plant that doesn't produce well or one that turns out berries that aren't to your liking.

In researching this skill, I found there to be two schools of thought on the matter: propagation by either softwood cuttings or hardwood cuttings.

Softwood cuttings are taken when the bush is in active growth, usually late June through early July, roughly about two months after spring growth began. The growth is new, not woody, but should not be super pliable or light green in appearance either, nor should it contain any flowers or immature fruit.

A stem should be cut about 5-8 inches long and the leaves should be pinched off of the last couple of inches. Fill a 4 inch or slightly bigger pot with a material that will drain freely but not be too fertile.

You are mainly looking for anchoring material; good options being equal parts sand and peat moss or sand and perlite. I've even heard of people using bark mulch.

Some experts employ a rooting hormone; others say the cutting will root regardless. I will use it because I have some on hand.

You will notice that there are different types of rooting hormone. Usually, it will say whether it is the type for softwood or hardwood cutting right on the container.

I'll dip the bottom of the stem into the hormone. Using a pencil, I'll make a hole in the material I've chosen to root the cuttings in and insert the cutting into the hole so at least those two or three nodes from where the leaves were, are covered.

I set the pots in the shade, and I mist them a few times daily so that they will not wilt and die before they form roots. Experts say that this method will yield roots in 2-7 weeks.

Some challenges include keeping the media wet enough to prevent wilting, but not so wet that you end up with fungal problems.

Hardwood cuttings, in contrast, are taken during the dormant season, usually around the time that you are pruning. One expert actually recommended using stems from branches that are pruned away.

The stems should be green or red in color and diameter-wise just smaller than that of a pencil. Much narrower stems seem to produce good results as well. It's important to cut off the tips of branches that con-

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

The weather this week has been rainy and cold. I did get out a couple of days to rake, transplant stray plants and to edge a couple of gardens. Each day something new seems to appear.

I specialize in hostas as they like the shade and they are one of the last things to come through the soil. I have hand picked out the leaves and cleaned the bed. The Epimediums are showing and some are evergreen. In that bed I also have several varieties of ferns.

I noticed a forsythia was in full bloom up the street from me. I don't have a single blossom on my bushes. Earlier I did bring some branches inside and forced them and they did bloom.

Comet Pond and the East Branch of the Ware River have been stocked with trout. The fishermen are happy about that and I've see quite a few boats going down Main Street headed to Comet Pond.

I worked on making some more totes with the fabric that was given to me. I especially make bags to bring to the grocery store. I ask the clerk not to put too many things in one bag as they are too heavy for me to carry.

This sounded like an easy meal to make.

CHEESEBURGER PIE

1 lb. ground hamburger
Chopped or shredded onions
Dash of salt

Dash of pepper
3/4 cup of Jiffy Mix
1/2 cup milk
3 eggs
1 cup shredded cheese

Brown hamburger and onions in pan, add salt and pepper. Lay hamburger in the bottom of a pie plate. Separately mix Jiffy mix, milk, eggs and cheese in a bowl. Mix well until smooth. Add mixture to the hamburger. No pie crust is needed. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.

This and That

Not much is happening on Serenity Hill, but the outside work is getting done before the bugs arrive. The ticks are going to be plentiful this year so check your body daily if you work outside.

One of the daily chores is to pick up pine cones and small branches that fall with the wind. The Dahlias and Tuberous Begonias are growing well in the cellar windows. I may have to bring them up into better light soon as they are about six inches high now. It will be at least another month before I can plant them outside.

I also planted some seeds of milk weed pods to attract the Monarch Butterflies. We don't happen to have any in our meadow.

Have a good week and they claim spring is coming.

Tri-Parish church seeks vendors for tag /craft sale

HARDWICK – The Tri-Parish Community Church announces their 18th Annual Plant and Bake Sale, on the Hardwick Common on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 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, Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens.

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 mcrever1.mc@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6942.

People should reserve their space early. All are welcome.

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each and four should be sufficient at a total cost of \$4,000. Funding would come from Public Educational Governmental Access funds. He said video training would be offered to board and committee members. "I think this is a good step to meet the bylaw," Dixon said.

Wrestling Club request

Joel Cranston attended the meeting to discuss possible use of the upstairs for a wrestling club for elementary school age children. He said the club's goal was to prepare young students for the Quabbin High School wrestling program.

He said the group was willing to carry liability insurance and would be holding practices only, not competitions. They planned to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m.

Select Board Chair Marshall said there were some issues in using the upstairs hall. The fire escape needed repairs and the Town Administrator was in the process of obtaining quotes both for the Town Hall and the Henry Woods Building fire escapes as both failed an inspection. In addition, there were American Disability Act issues. She said the town's insurance carrier, Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, would not allow use of the upstairs hall without a safety complaint fire escape. The lower level of Town Hall was also mentioned as a possible location for the club.

Use of town property

The Quabbin Community Band requested the use of the Harding Allen Bandstand and Town Hall for rehearsals May 6 through Aug. 5 from 6-9 p.m. The Band season begins on Father's Day and runs

through mid-August. The Select Board approved.

Reorganization of the Board

The Select Board met for a brief meeting on Thursday, April 4 with only two items on the agenda: to reorganize following the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 1 and to ratify the Police Union Contract. Select Board member John Dixon nominated Maureen Marshall as Chairman. Dixon said he had projects he was working on and did not wish to serve as chair at this time. Marshall nominated John Dixon as Vice Chair and Mark Regienus as clerk. The board unanimously approved the nominations.

The Select Board voted to ratify the Police Union Contract as presented in executive session. The contract was for three years retroactive from July 1, 2023 to 2026.



Virginia Hall



Jackie Cochran

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had her on their "most wanted" list.

Over in England, another British citizen, the "reluctant debutant" the brilliant Jane Fawcett, was working as a codebreaker at Bletchley Park, near London, the home of British code breaking during WW II. She was key to the success of several military successes. The sinking of the Bismarck marked the first time that British codebreakers, Fawcett, had decrypted a message that led directly to that victory. Cheers erupted among the staff at Bletchley Park, but their celebration remained private.

It was not part of the program, but I have no doubt that Fawcett because of her brilliance and knowledge of German worked with the master mathematician Alan Turing who could not speak German, at Bletchley Park to break the Nazi's Enigma computer. People may watch the extremely well-done movie "The Imitation Code" free on Amazon.

Following the war, Fawcett remained quiet about what she did during the war. All the code breakers were ordered to remain silent, in part, because the USSR was emerging to become the

next enemy. She died at home in Oxford at age 95 in 2016.

By this time, audience members who had not seen Kalaora before watched her go behind the partition in the corner of the set and while Vera Atkins (Kalaora) or Fawcett (Kalaora) would be delivering the lines that Kalaora wrote Kalara would slip out of sight and within minutes would reappear as another woman.

Smith College graduate, Ann Baumgartner, appeared twenty minutes into the play. She was a blaze of fire when she heard the news that the U.S. was looking for women pilots in non-combat roles to ferry planes from factories to port cities. A Florida woman, Jackie Cochran, was one of the heads of the Women Airforce Service Pilots group connected to the war department.

Baumgartner could hardly control herself. The spark that ignited the fire in her came after a trip to a NYC roof top where she may have been on a date, but quickly lost interest in him when she saw fighter planes soaring high in the sky. She was in love and with no interest in pursuing what she studied in college, biology and biochemistry. In a couple of years, she became the first woman to fly a jet plane in WW II.

Jackie Cochran became a

business executive post war, but close to aviation. She pioneered women's aviation as one of the most prominent racing pilots of her generation. She set numerous records and was the first woman to break the sound barrier in 1953.

All of the five women that Kalaora depicted came through the war without injury. None of them, however, received any special compensation or benefits awarded to men, who were in uniform in combat or not. Virginia Hall, who went on to work with the CIA after the OSS was phased out, did receive something, thanks to Bill Donovan – special recognition and other benefits two years after the war. Then during the Carter Administration the American women were officially recognized for their contributions.

History At Play future shows are posted on the website www.HistoryatPlay.com They are all well done, inspiring and educational. There were some grammar and middle school aged children at the play. They all watched and listened attentively. That was very refreshing to learn. Hopefully, more teenagers will see future productions. Because as the saying goes, "If we are not aware of our history, we are bound to repeat it."

Ridge Shinn is on a mission to regenerate the land

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

Finally, a day that felt like spring here in western central Massachusetts.

I was in Hardwick Center to meet with Ridge Shinn and it was warm enough that we could take seats, and sip coffee on the porch of Mimi's Coffeehouse.

Though many in farming in our neck of the woods know of Shinn, most of the citizenry don't. Shinn is a bit of a radical in that he advocates raising beef on a 100% grass diet.

The man has had long experience with livestock. In the late 1970s he was a founder of the American Minor Breeds Conservancy (now: The Livestock Conservancy). He was as important as anyone in promoting breed preservation.

Since, he has been busy promoting the idea of grass-fed beef in different ways.

Shinn was a founder of the New England Livestock Alliance, Hardwick Beef, Big Picture Beef and other entities. He grazed cattle on a local land trust property and ran Hardwick-based Big Picture Beef

What he is doing currently is different, but is still in the livestock game.

Shinn is executive director of Northeast Grass-fed Beef Initiative. The goal is to partner with farmers to support transitions to regenerative grazing and pasture management practices.

If all that is not enough, he has, with Lynne Pledger, written "Grass-Fed Beef for a Post-Pandemic World: How Regenerative Grazing Can Restore Soils and Stabilize the

Climate". Our world has changed since COVID and Pledger and Shinn look at how we should adapt to our new world disorder with a local answer.

The book is available from its publisher, Chelsea Green as well as Amazon, and other outlets.

How necessary is the mission? Shinn pointed out that when he moved to Hardwick, there were 13 dairy farms. Now, there are none.

So how is the land being used? Has it gone to housing in that pretty town?

No. The farms still cut the hay, but as there are no cows, the hay is sold off.

This is essentially a mining operation as the nutrients in the soil go into the hay and are not replenished. The nutritional value of the soil declines.

Contrast this with a situation in another state where some of the farmers have decided to heed Shinn's message.

Wyoming is known for cold weather most of the year. Our region of the Bay State is not a tropical climate, but there is no comparison with the harsh winters out west.

Shinn spoke of farmers in the Cowboy State who keep cattle in the conventional manner and others who opt for the grass-fed method he advocates.

One farmer, Glenn, utilizes the method and his cattle remain outside throughout the winter, and it's a long winter.

So, what is the method that Shinn advocates? The term he used was Adaptive Multi-Paddock Grazing or AMP. The cattle are moved regularly, and the land regenerates.

This is key because the top

of the plants grazed are the most important as that is where the nutrients are.

Cows are not mowing machines. They are herbivores with no top teeth.

With adequate browse, they can be moved to the next paddock and photosynthesis can do its job and regenerate the pasture. By the time they get back to the first paddock, they can repeat the process.

This is the method Shinn practiced when he had stewardship of a land trust property that would see it improve during his tenure.

At one point, he stated, "water is the real story." That conventionally farmed land resists absorbing water but water will readily penetrate the soil of regenerated land, and thus plant productivity and biodiversity are improved.

Plants breathe in carbon and is not carbon sequestration greatly to be desired?

The word regenerative is in the sub-title of Pledger and Shinn's book and is the opposite of the Big Ag system of CAFOs. CAFO stands for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

They do concentrate animals, lots of them in a feeding operation. Thus, there is horrible waste products and the degradation of the land.

This is ultimately our food supply.

Shinn mentioned the words of authors Professor David Montgomery and wife and collaborator, Anne Biklé. People say you are what you eat, but the aforementioned couple has it as "You are what your food eats."

In the end, what we eat is a product of soil, and we too are products of that soil.

Fisher Museum Harvard Forest hosts open house on April 27

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

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

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

The shorter (45 mins) tour will depart at 2:30 p.m. and will be led by Clarisse Hart, Director of Outreach and Education at

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

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

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

The Harvard Forest welcomes individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities.

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

The Harvard Forest, founded

in 1907 and located in Petersham, Mass., is Harvard University's outdoor laboratory and classroom for ecology and conservation, and a Long-Term Ecological Research site funded by the National Science Foundation. Its 4,000-acre property, located on unceded Nipmuc land, is one of the oldest and most intensively studied research forests in the U.S. Open to the public year-round, the site includes educational and research facilities, the Fisher Museum and miles of recreational trails. Harvard Forest scientists and educators host educational programs for thousands of K12 and university students each year and work closely with the Nipmuc people to ensure that this land and its benefits are accessible and sustaining. People may learn more by visiting <http://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu>.

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Electrical aggregation program moves forward

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Representatives from Colonial Power Group came before the Board of Selectmen to give an update about the town's status for municipal electrical aggregation.

At the April 9 meeting, Mark Cappadona and Denise Allard said they filed a plan to create electrical aggregation in the town of North Brookfield five years ago, when electricity prices had increased to \$.33 cents per kilowatt-hour.

"There was a giant backlog at the Department of Public Utilities that has since moved on, and they're giving us a directive...they want you to choose some products for your plan," Cappadona said.

Cappadona and Allard said once the DPU has the town's selected products, it will issue an order within a couple of months.

"Probably one or two months," Allard said.

Cappadona explained the various products that ranged from basic service (similar to National Grid) at the lowest price, to products that use more renewable energy, and the "opt out" product.

Two of the products before the board included Option 1, which has about 5-50% more renewable energy than basic service and would provide more economical cost for those wanting renewable energy.

Option 2 has a lower rate, but less renewable energy. Option 2 also gives residents the ability to "opt in" for more renewable energy than the standard product.

Allard said the aggregation is only for electrical supply, National Grid would still provide delivery.

"This would just have a town program with consumer protections in it, that the town would have an available rate that folks would be automatically moved to," she said.

Allard and Cappadona said residents can move back and forth between suppliers without penalty.

The board selected Option 2 because it offered more options to residents.

Regional public health agreement

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition has an inter-municipal agreement for the Public Health Excellence for Shared Services grant. This agreement includes the towns of Leicester, Holden, Oakham, Barre, Hardwick, New Braintree, Brookfield and North Brookfield.

He said the agreement has been looked over and approved by town counsel, and he read from the agreement:

"The purpose of the grant is to implement the recommendations made in that report [June 2019, Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health] by increasing local public health capacity through cross-jurisdictional shared services, programs and agreements."

The intermunicipal agreement will expire when grant funds are no longer available, or when terminated. The agreement will not exceed 25 years unless permitted by statute.

The board voted to accept the grant services.

"Leicester will provide a shared services coordinator, regional administrative assistant, regional health inspector, an epidemiologist, and a public health nursing services," Petraitis said.

Soil sampling

The board signed an access and consent agreement to enter property in order to conduct soil sampling at the site of the former asbestos manufacturer, Aztec Industries, Inc. located at 14 South Common St.

The agreement also includes access to the town's adjacent property located at 10 Grove St.

The town has expressed interest in redeveloping both properties for public use and the Department of Environmental Protection wants to evaluate the potential risk of asbestos exposure to public health.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Brandon Avery said this is the first step to making the property usable, which could potentially include extending the rail trail through the property to bring access to the common, as well as other passive recreation.

Avery said the East Quabbin Land

Trust is helping with grant applications for the project.

Hiring freeze

Petraitis said the town is looking at a \$1.6 million deficit going into the next fiscal year. He said one of things they are considering is a hiring freeze, outside of necessary personnel.

Vice-Chair Elizabeth "Brooke" Canada agreed that it would be a good idea.

"This would just have a town program with consumer protections in it."

– Denise Allard,
Colonial Power Group]

The board approved a hiring freeze for all new positions. Any existing positions that need to be filled will require the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Letter for CMRPC

The board signed a letter of support for Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, to apply for the Massachusetts Broadband Institute's Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program. This program could address digital disparities and promote access to technology for all residents, including low income and senior citizens.

The letter stated in part: "We believe that ensuring digital equity is crucial to bridging any existing gaps in access to information and services. As a small town with a strong sense of community, we understand the importance of providing individuals with the tools and resources they need to succeed in today's digital age. Through this planning effort, we can develop strategic initiatives to expand broadband infrastructure, increase digital literacy and promote affordable access to technology resources in North Brookfield."

Mount Pleasant Street project

Petraitis said the low bidder for the Mount Pleasant Street Phase 1 construction was Peter Amorello Construction & Demolition, Inc. for \$397,515. This project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant.

Fire Department reports

Chief Darin Anderson read the Fire Department's reports for December through February.

He said the department responded to 16 calls for the month of December, which included one mutual aid structure fire, four medical assists, one motor vehicle accident without injuries, two carbon monoxide incidents, four false alarms, one system malfunction, one sprinkler activation due to malfunction, one smoke detector activation due to malfunction and one unintentional smoke detector activation

Anderson said brings the total number of calls for 2023 to 275.

He said this year is off to a busy start, with 34 calls for the month of January. This includes one chimney fire, six medical assists, three motor vehicle accidents with injuries, five motor vehicle accidents without injuries, one oil/combustible liquid spill, one electrical wiring/equipment problem, one threat to burn, two water problems, one good intent call, one false alarm, two sprinkler activations due to malfunction, four smoke detector activations due to malfunction, one unintentional transmission of alarm, three smoke detector activations (no fire) and two CO activations (no CO).

Anderson said the department also conducted 15 permits and inspections that month.

February had 30 calls, including one mutual aid structure fire, one chimney fire, nine medical assists, one motor vehicle accident with injuries, four motor accidents without injuries, one water leak, one animal rescue, two assist other agencies, one mutual aid/cover assignment, two smoke scares, one false alarm, three smoke detector activations due to malfunction, two CO detector activations due to malfunction and one smoke detector activation (no fire).

The department conducted 20 permits and inspections as well.

Parks & Rec. survey

Avery said the Parks & Recreation Committee received a strong response to a recent survey, including over 170 online responses and about 35 written responses.

"I would like to just thank everybody for their participation," he said.

EQLT seeks volunteer preserve stewards

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust seeks volunteer preserve stewards.

These volunteers make a difference on conservation land close to home. Group training is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. at East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road.

Volunteers will meet seasoned preserve stewards and new volunteers as they review the role and responsibilities of this critical volunteer position that helps care for the land. People should email Cynthia at chenshaw@EQLT.org so there will be enough pizza and drinks to share.

Library holds Rainforest Reptile Show on April 21

NEW BRAintree – Rainforest Reptile Shows, a hands-on traveling animal show, is coming to the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m.

Children of all ages will have a chance to come into direct contact with live reptiles, artifacts and their incredible stories. This program is presented by the New Braintree Public Library and is sponsored in part by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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

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makes the medication unusable and safe to throw away. These are available at Walgreens or your local health department.

For more information, visit www.qhsua.org/safe-storage.

Grant updates

Community Engagement Coordinator for QHSUA Abaigeal Duda said the alliance is applying for the next cycle of the STOP Act Grant in May. The grant would target underage drinking in 12-20 year olds.

This is a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

"We did have a STOP Act Grant that was extended through December 2023," Duda said. "This round will build on what was already established. We are really excited to apply for this."

Duda said the alliance was able to accomplish a lot with the first grant round, and the second one, if received, will focus on the towns of Palmer and Ware.

Events and updates

QHSUA member Sue Lewandowski said John Morello will visit North Brookfield Public Schools on May 8 and meet with students before welcoming community members from across the region to his "Dirt" presentation that evening.

The evening presentation will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the elementary school. A meet and greet will be held afterward.

"We really want a huge group," she said. "It isn't just for North Brookfield."

Lewandowski said Morello will be in the school all day speaking with students prior to the performance that will be held in the Elementary School.

Various organizations and service providers will have tables set up in the building, including QHSUA. The school band will also perform, and food will be available.

Duda said Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be held on April 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. via Zoom.

"It is our goal to get as many people trained in this as possible," she said. "So you can recognize signs of distress, whether substance use or mental health."

Those that participate in the Youth Mental Health First Aid training can also choose to take part in a separate "train the trainer" session that will be held over three days.

Nisha Humayun, the Project Coordinator for Community Health with Healthy Quabooag, talked about the Quabooag Valley Food Policy Council and how its members are being trained on how to interview community members to complete the food assessment.

Dave Burns of the Palmer Police Department said the collaborative Community Strong Wellness events being held at the Palmer Public Library will continue on select Thursday afternoons from 1-4 p.m.

The next Community Strong Wellness event will be held on April 25. People are encouraged to stop in and meet the staff, or share any questions or concerns they may have.

This regular monthly event will assist people looking for help with problematic substance use, mental health concerns, housing stability, financial assistance, health insurance questions and more.

Quabbin Visitor Center lists First Thursday hikes

BELCHERTOWN – The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, is hosting First Thursday Habitat Hikes each month.

All ages are welcome at these programs; however, dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin Reservoir.

Quabbin is an area of immense diversity of habitat, from shady vernal pools to sunny mountaintops. Staff will be hosting hikes one Thursday each month (weather permitting) to spotlight some of these beautiful landscapes.

Hikes will vary in location and intensity and may focus on an individual species or on a more general area. For more information and to register visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir or email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov

Gate 37 Forest Walk to Wetlands

A 1.5-mile east Gate 37 Forest Walk to Wetlands will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (<https://goo.gl/maps/wPedFYxiN-5Qp8sVv9>)

Meet at Gate 37 off Route 122 in the

North of Quabbin Reservation. Parking is limited.

This Habitat Hike will be a short walk down a forest road to a stunning wetland habitat. It is a little over 1-mile round trip.

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.

Register at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c3936c4d26c8443694b6b-3fc0beb97d4>.

Tower Trail Habitat Hike

Join a 3-mile moderate Tower Trail Habitat Hike on Thursday, June 6 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (<https://goo.gl/maps/9K3L4xf44nbVK4bG7>)

This hike will meet at the parking area inside the Middle Entrance off Route 9. It is a moderately difficult hike, approximately 3-miles round-trip up Quabbin Hill through woodland and mountain habitat and back.

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Quabbin Visitor Center lists upcoming free events

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

The Quabbin Interpretive Services program operates the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, offering public and school education programs, teacher workshops, and general information about DCR’s water supply resources and watershed management, the history of the Quabbin Valley and wildlife of the area.

Staff members are available to assist with visitor information and services. An automated telephone system, 413-323-7221, provides 24 hour access to current information on fishing, hunting, programs, rules and regulations, and public access.

All ages are welcome to these events. 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 anywhere on the Quabbin Watershed.

Space is limited. To register for any of these events, visit www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events.

Exploring Quabbin Park
On Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., exploring Quabbin Park via the Tower Trail and Webster Road Trail at Quabbin Reservoir, 100 Winsor Dam Road, Belchertown.

The hike will begin at the Tower Trail parking area which is located just inside the Middle Gate off Route 9 in Belchertown.

(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/KeEppMjMkDsjjMFz8>)

Participants will hike up to the Observation Tower and take in the scenic view. The tower is currently closed indefinitely for repairs, so people won’t be able to go inside.

Hikers will then utilize a connector trail down to Webster Road, and then loop back to where they began. The trail to the tower gains 475 feet of elevation.

Register here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ce6482df-ca1943e78057b9bf42c06a5c>,

Quabbin’s Hidden History
On Sunday, May 12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. learn about Quabbin’s Hidden History: Webster Road on this approximately .5 mile easy hike.

Meet at the Hank’s Meadow parking lot.

(<https://goo.gl/maps/4Ri-Eq17PCNEf6s9E7>)

Quabbin’s ghost towns are hiding in plain sight - if you know where to look. This two-hour guided interpretive walk will teach you how to read the natural landscape as you uncover clues that reveal the hidden history of Webster Road.

Explore old cellar holes and historic stone walls, get to know some native and invasive plants, and learn more about the families who lived in the town of Enfield a hundred years ago.

Register here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8fa0a8815fd-1474c801926220047b22f>.

Memorial Day at Quabbin Park Cemetery

On Sunday, May 26 from 11 a.m.-noon, a Memorial Day Commemoration will be held at Quabbin Park Cemetery.

Refreshments will be offered at 10 a.m. and the parade and ser-

vices begin at 11 a.m. No registration required.

In 1868, Major General John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30 as a special day for honoring the soldiers that had died in the Civil War. Like communities across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns’ demise in 1938.

Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four towns. Please join the Friends of Quabbin, the Swift River Historical Society, the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Chauncey D. Walker Post #239, American Legion and the staff of the DCR Quabbin Reservoir for our annual Memorial Day Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery.

The public is welcome but please, no dogs.

(<https://goo.gl/maps/tDuKU-2VLjxnhVbdc8>)

Quabbin Park Cemetery tour

Following Memorial Day events on Sunday, May 26 from 2-3 p.m. take an easy walking tour of Quabbin Park Cemetery.

The walk is on uneven ground

(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rv4tz-dEPrrobaljV9>)

After their Memorial Day remembrance ceremony, join DCR staff for a cemetery tour focused on the stories of some of the Valley residents that served and lost their lives in service to the United States. The tour will begin at the town monuments.

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‘Rough Seas, Safe Harbor’: Wings of Song perform spring shows

STURBRIDGE – Wings of Song, a community chorus that draws its 50+ members from many communities in south-central Massachusetts and north-eastern Connecticut, has begun rehearsing for a one-of-a-kind musical program that it will offer three times this spring: on Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Church, 16 East Main St., Webster; on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Church of Monson, Congregational, 5 High St., Monson; and on Sunday, May 19 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish, 16 Church St., Fiskdale (Sturbridge).

Admission to all three concerts is free, with a freewill offering collected at intermission.

“Rough Seas, Safe Harbor” will take audiences on a huge sea voyage, much of it aboard a whaling ship that might have left New Bedford, in, say, the 1850s, and sailed practically around the world, separating crew members from their families for as long as two years.

Nym Cooke, who served as Music Director for a similar program presented by the Revels organization based in Cambridge, (the “Sea Revels”), has combined 29 stirring, eloquent songs of the sea into a seven-part odyssey. The individual sections of the program are titled “Home Port”, “Setting Sail”, “At Sea”, “Shipwreck!”, “Foreign Ports”, “Wives and Mothers at Home” and “Return and Reunion”.

The individual songs vary tremendously in their points of origin, but collectively they weave a moving tapestry of life at sea – and also of life at the home port, for those left behind. There are

recently composed choral works such as Allister MacGillivray’s “Away from the Roll of the Sea” and Leon Dubinsky’s “We Rise Again”.

There are many short, anonymously composed sea songs, including chanteys (work songs) with titles like “Blow, Ye Winds, in the Morning”, “Away Rio!” and “Cape CodGirls” (all of these capstan, or pumping chanteys).

There’s a dockside street cry, “New Oysters!” and the part-song “To Portsmouth”; both are sung as rounds, and hail from 17th century England. There are classics of the sea-faring repertoire, songs such as “What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor?” and “Blow the Wind Southerly”.

There’s an 18th century New England fuging tune, “Ocean” by Supply Belcher of Farmington, Maine, and the U. S. Navy’s signature hymn tune, “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”.

There’s “The Last Hymn,” the gripping narrative of the aftermath of a shipwreck, that will surely leave no eye dry. There are passionate songs of parting (“Fare You Well, Mary Ann,” “Adieu, Sweet Lovely Nancy”) and of homecoming (“The Jamestown Homeward Bound,” “Rolling Home to Old New England”).

There are choral arrangements by Cooke (“Sailing Away”, “Where Am I to Go?”); there’s a song about a young lady committed to an insane asylum by her cruel parents while her lover is at sea (“I Love My Love”); there are unforgettable, moving anthems of the ocean like “The Mingulay Boat Song”, “Leave Her, Johnny” and “The Seamen’s

Hymn”. As always at Wings of Song concerts, there are audience sing-alongs, seven of them this time, including “Somos el Barco” (“We Are the Boat”), “Deep Blue Sea” and some of the songs already mentioned.

Wings of Song will sing a cappella; with piano accompaniment by Brooks Milgate or Nancy Ducharme; and with a “fo’c’s’le band” comprised of guitar and pennywhistle (Tim Loftus), concertina (Chris Maden), fiddle (Hunter Foote), stand-up bass (Ellen Bradley), banjo and harmonica (Leslie Sweetnam), and percussion (Sarah Jo Burke).

This is sure to be an unforgettable adventure – both musically and narratively – and the concert venues are sure to be crowded, so be sure to arrive early for a good seat.

All venues are handicap accessible. Audience members are invited to join the chorus for tasty (and free) refreshments after each concert.

These concerts are sponsored in part by the Monson and Sturbridge Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Wings of Song is grateful for this support – and for the continued support of their many faithful audience regulars, supplemented by first timers whom they are always glad to see.

Anyone needing more information is encouraged to email Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com or Wings of Song President Carol Curtin at carolcurtin77@gmail.com.

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out of money but he is confident his department can make it through to the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Selectmen warned him that he can not deficit spend and that he must keep close track of part-time pay. There is about \$4,500 left in the police department fiscal 1999 budget excluding the police chief salary account.

38 years (April 24, 1986)

The people concerned with opposing the medium security prison want to make it perfectly clear that all the reasons, which made New Braintree a bad choice in 1984 are all still here. Prisons should be near to metropolitan areas, close to inmates relatives and to services such as courts, medical care and libraries. This was the consensus of approximately 200 New Braintree and surrounding town residents, who attended an anti-prison meeting at the town hall on Wednesday, April 16. The Conserve Our Small Town committee organized the meeting, which Senator Robert Wetmore and Representative Han Grenier were asked to attend.

Winslow A. Sawyer Jr. Director for the Quabbin regional District announced today that Clayton J. March, a junior at Quabbin Regional High School has been chosen to take part in the 1986 High School National Honors Band. Clayton will be going to Knoxville, Tennessee on June 11-15 and will take part in intensive rehearsals and other music related activities for four days. David C. Hersey, a senior at Quabbin Regional High School was also selected as an alternate.

Construction of wastewater collection and treatment facility in Barre will not cause significant adverse effects and the U.S. Environmental Protections Agency does not propose to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. The project consists of constructing a 0.3 million gallons per day secondary treatment facility, located in South Barre, with a discharge to the Ware River.

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tain any buds that look like flower buds - they are a little rounder in appearance.

The same pot size and anchoring material is recommended but you would use a rooting hormone geared towards hardwood cuttings; it is a bit stronger. Hardwood cuttings are handled the same way - placed in the shade and misted, but because they have to “wake up” then callus and root, they take a few weeks longer to show results in at least two months, maybe 3-4.

No matter which way you take your cuttings, it’s important not to tug on them or disturb them in any way in their pot, even though you may be anxious to see how successful you’ve been. You will know they are rooted by the quality of new growth you’d see; maybe even a new branch coming from the base.

Once sufficiently rooted the cuttings can be transplanted into a more fertile media and a larger pot or into a nursery area in your garden.

I’m excited to try taking cuttings of my blueberry bushes. I may even take some from my mom’s plants.

What a nice memory it would be to have the descendants of my childhood blueberry bushes growing on my own property.

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

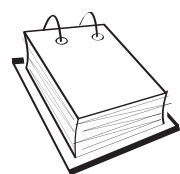


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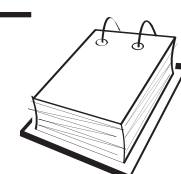
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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

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

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

BARRE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION will occur today from 5:30 -7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients April 10 and April 18 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

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



Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from Rutland. 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 22. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Dan Elliot, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Town Office Building, Main Street, Petersham.**

Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

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

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

EARTH DAY RIVER CLEANUP will be held Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m.-noon. C4Rivers sponsors the clean up of a few access points along the Chicopee River. People should meet at 9 a.m. at the Collins Dam portage site on the Ludlow side of the Chicopee River across from North Wilbraham. They will venture to the Putts access on River Road in Wilbraham and finally service the Indian Orchard access on Water Street. They will finish at noon. People may call Jim Emerson at 413-386-3623 for more information. Sites may be viewed by visiting Chicopee Blue trail map link.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

HUBBARDSTON LIBRARY POETRY EVENT with Hubbardston poet John Hodgen in honor of April being poetry month will take place today at 6 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., Hubbardston. presents poetry event. Hodgen is the Writer-in-Residence at Assumption University in Worcester and Advisory Editor for New Letters at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Hodgen won the AWP Donald Hall Prize in Poetry for Grace (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005). His fifth book, "The Lord of Everywhere," is out from Lynx House, which is also publishing his new book, "What We May Be," this spring. He has won the Grolier Prize for Poetry, an Arvon Foundation Award, the Yankee Magazine Award for Poetry, the Bluestem Award, the Balcones Prize, the Foley Prize, the Chad Walsh Prize from Beloit Poetry Journal, the Collins Prize from Birmingham Poetry Review and a Massachusetts Cultural Council Award in Poetry.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

RUTLAND TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will take place today from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. with vendors listed on a map and some set up on the Town Common, Main Street, Rutland. Maps will be available the day of the sale at 7:15 a.m. at the Town Lines, on the Town

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Calendar Policy

POLICY: Our calendar section is intended to promote "free" events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public to enter are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation and contact information.

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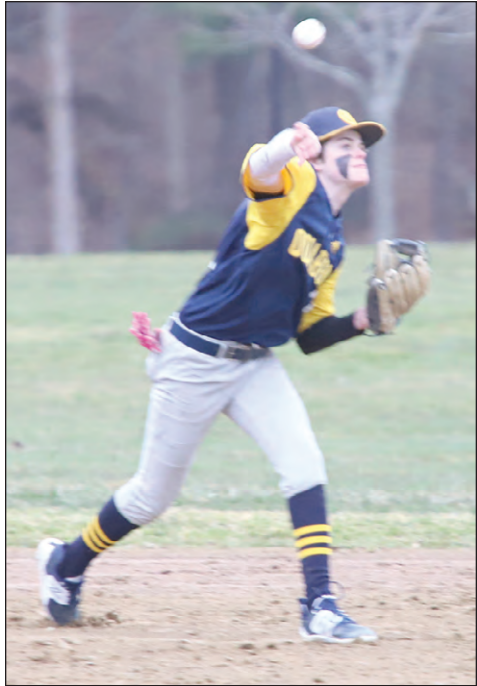
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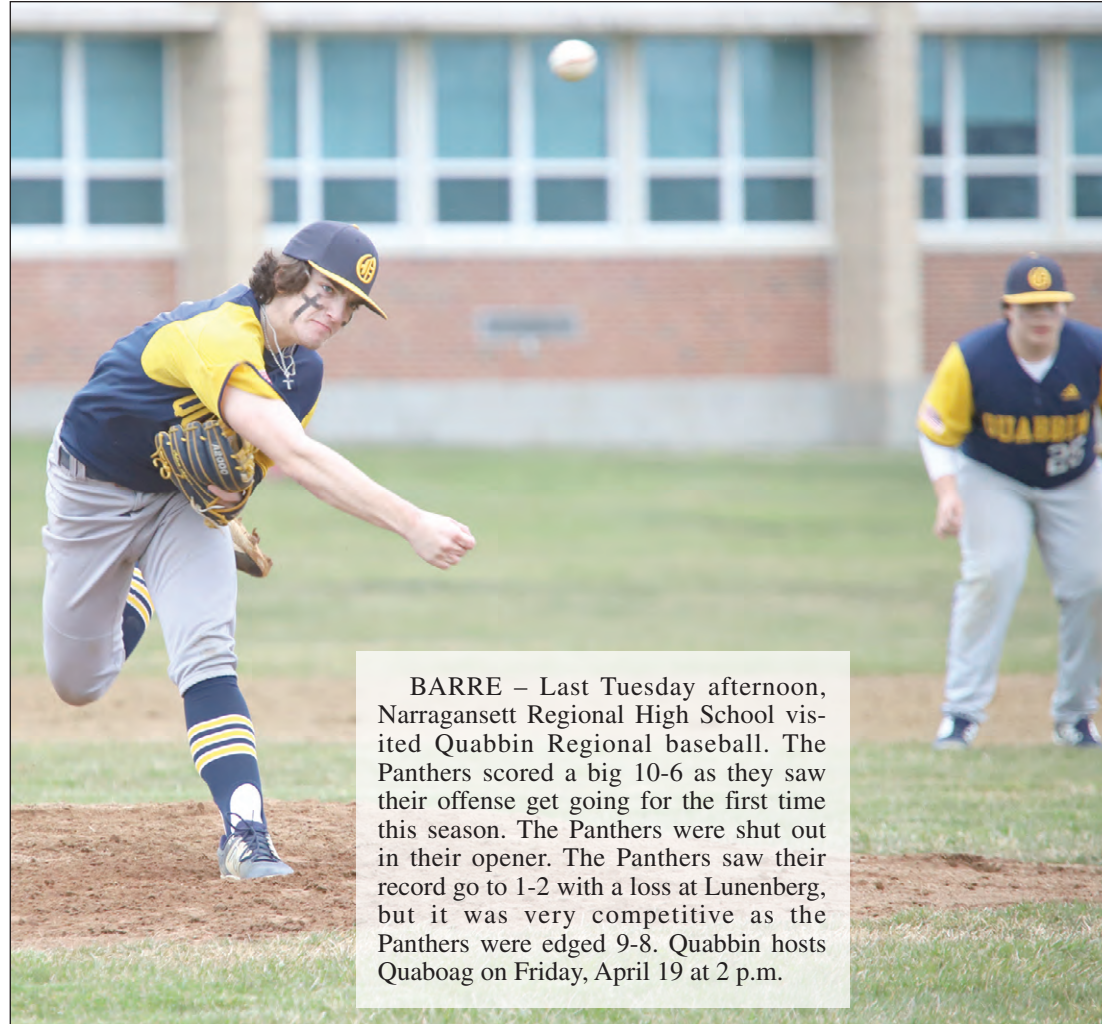
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SPORTS

Panthers rebound from opener with win



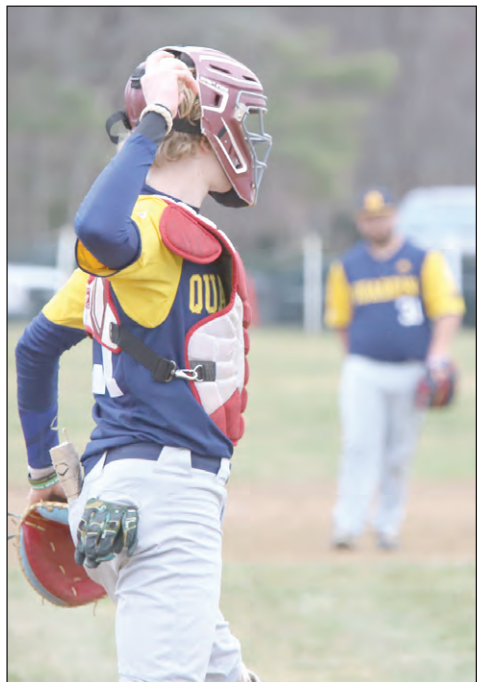
Aiden LaPointe follows through on a throw to first base.



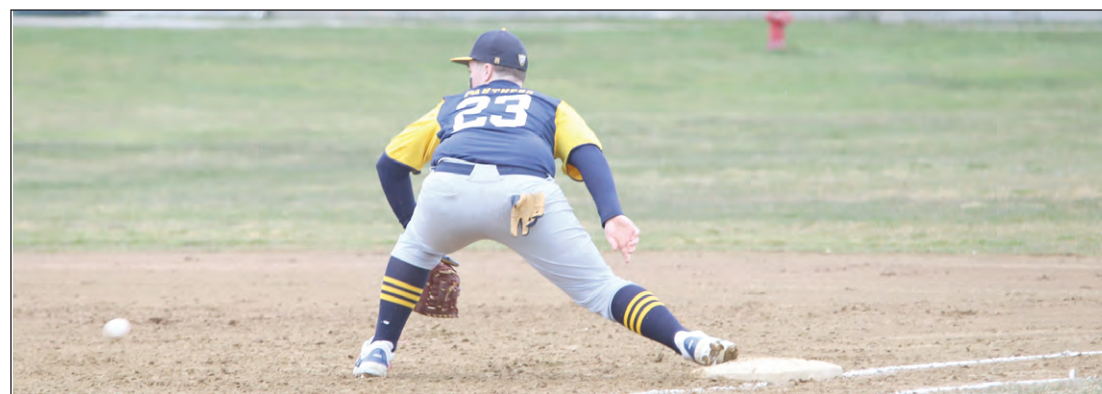
Adam Adams delivers a pitch for the Panthers

BARRE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Narragansett Regional High School visited Quabbin Regional baseball. The Panthers scored a big 10-6 as they saw their offense get going for the first time this season. The Panthers were shut out in their opener. The Panthers saw their record go to 1-2 with a loss at Lunenburg, but it was very competitive as the Panthers were edged 9-8. Quabbin hosts Quaboag on Friday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

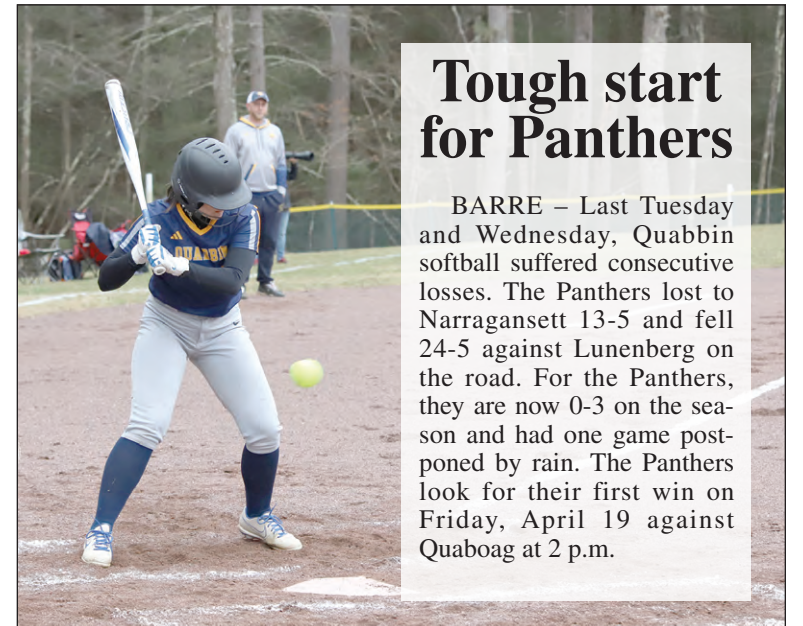
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Sam Morgan sends a throw back to the mound.



Finn Leander digs out a throw at first base.

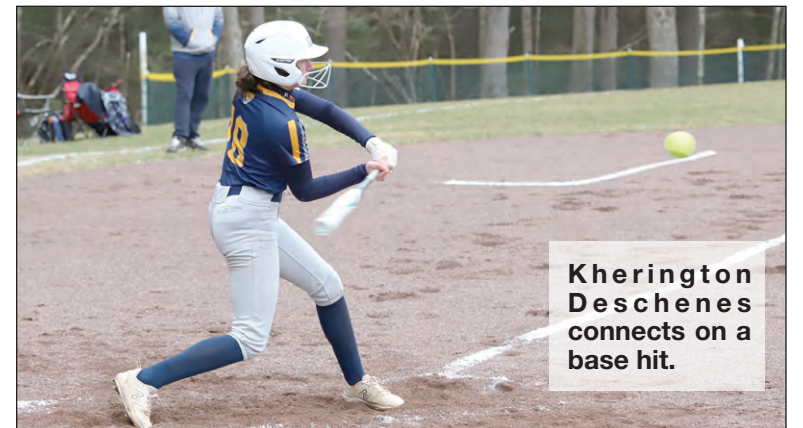


Tough start for Panthers

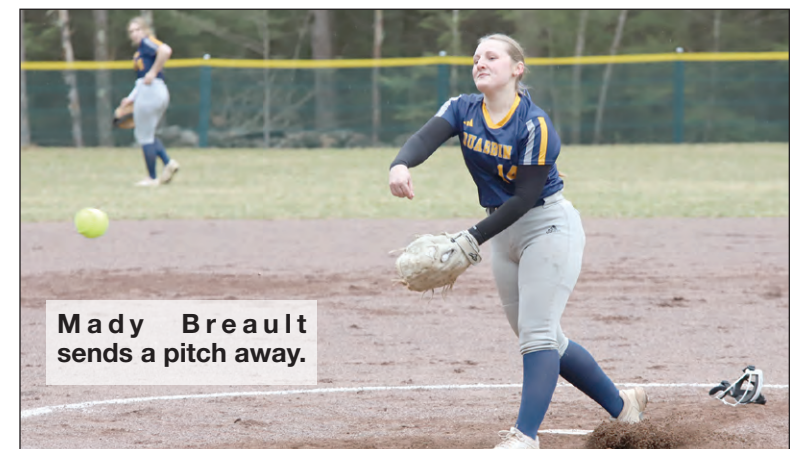
BARRE – Last Tuesday and Wednesday, Quabbin softball suffered consecutive losses. The Panthers lost to Narragansett 13-5 and fell 24-5 against Lunenburg on the road. For the Panthers, they are now 0-3 on the season and had one game postponed by rain. The Panthers look for their first win on Friday, April 19 against Quaboag at 2 p.m.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Lilly Swett watches a pitch cross the plate.



Kherington Deschenes connects on a base hit.



Mady Breault sends a pitch away.



Catcher Haleigh Parkinson throws down to second.

Rams double up on Mustangs

SOUTH HADLEY – Using neighbor South Hadley High School's turf field, Granby boys lacrosse hosted Monson last Monday night. The Mustangs, which co-op with Pathfinder, fell on the road 12-6 to the Rams. The Rams were led by Riley Goodhind with four goals and three assists. Kamdyn Lopez and Connor McDonnell had three goals and two assists each. Monson is 1-1 this season while the Rams are out to a 2-1 mark.



Brody St. Martin observes the offensive area looking to make a pass.



Samuel Lauzier looks to make a pass on the run.



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Oswaldo Nieves sends a pass up the field.



Landon Couture sprints for the opposing goal.

Panthers shut out West Boylston

BARRE – Last Wednesday, the Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis team shut out West Boylston at home 5-0.

Annabella Magill had a big match with a 6-1, 6-1 win in straight sets. Carlee Rich was a

bit better in third singles as she won 6-0, 6-0.

Camryn Orsini picked up a win in second singles and both doubles teams also picked up wins in their matchups. Quabbin is out to an 4-0 start this season.

Registration now open to take part in Bay State Games

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

From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

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

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Sports

Win keeps playoff hopes alive for T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-35-3-2) snapped their six-game slide with a 4-2 comeback win over the Providence Bruins (40-20-6-3) on Sunday afternoon inside a sold-out MassMutual Center, the 19th such crowd this season.



The afternoon started rocky, as Patrick Brown connected on a forehand from the slot area on the day's first shot to give Providence a 1-0 lead 46 seconds into the contest.

T-Birds starting goaltender Colten Ellis put himself into a pickle at 9:24 of the first when he mishandled a puck to the side of his net. After a pair of Bruins dislodged it, the third man on the attack, rookie Jaxon Nelson, deked to the backhand to beat Ellis and give Providence a 2-0 advantage. It was Nelson's first professional goal.

Brandon Bussi drew the net for the Bruins, and after shutting out the T-Birds on March 10, he had his sights on duplicating the feat on Sunday, holding the T-Birds off the board past the midpoint of

regulation.

With their backs against the wall, the T-Birds leaned on their Man of the Year to jumpstart the squad. Off a draw at 13:08 of the middle stanza, Drew Callin pushed past his opponent to hack a shot toward Bussi's crease. The normally stout netminder sprung a leak this time as the puck sneaked under his legs to get Springfield on the board, cutting the lead to 2-1.

Following matching minors and another penalty to the Bruins, Springfield's man advantage earned a 4-on-3 opportunity, and the AHL's leading goal scorer made his presence known as Adam Gaudette rifled a one-time snapper over Bussi's glove at

14:40, tying the score off a perfect cross-ice setup by Jakob Vrana.

Special teams proved paramount for Springfield, as the penalty kill went a perfect 5-for-5, including two clutch successes in the final period. Gaudette provided more heroics at 10:32 of the third when he skated in on the right wing on a 2-on-1 and blistered a wrist shot over Bussi's blocker to give the T-Birds a 3-2 lead on his 44th goal of the season. The two-goal day for Gaudette was his 12th such game this season.

With Providence clamoring for an equalizer in the final minute, Callin, rookie Dylan Peterson, and Keanan Washkurak gutted out a defensive zone sequence to clear their end. Washkurak capped things off with an empty-netter from the red line to give the T-Birds the victory.

The T-Birds look to earn a second straight win over the Bruins when they travel to Providence for a rematch on Friday night at the Amica Mutual Pavilion at 7:05 p.m.

HoopHall announces unique new exhibit for this summer

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced another brand new exhibit coming to the museum this summer titled The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked. This innovative and immersive experience will be unlike anything the Basketball Hall of Fame has previously produced. The Hall of Fame has collaborated with the NBA's most storied franchise to present this inaugural installation of The Vault.

"We are excited to launch another state-of-the-art space in the world's finest sports museum," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked is a limited engagement that will feature a finely crafted experience that will capture the imagination of sports fans and speak to the heart of what makes basketball the world's most popular game."

Matt Zeysing, Vice President of Curatorial for the museum, began working on The Vault concept more than a year ago. "We knew we wanted to create something spectacular, something that basketball fans had never seen before. The Boston

Celtics represent a winning tradition that is second to none and that tradition still continues today. To that end, our team has carefully curated and brought together the most sought-after Celtic memorabilia in the world."

Set in an immersive bank vault, Celtics legends from the past and present will take visitors on an epic journey to discover the true meaning of Celtic Pride. The Vault will feature authentic game-worn jerseys, championship rings, the original '81 NBA championship trophy, long-lost footage, and much more.

"The Boston Celtics are honored to bring their history and tradition to life with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked," said Boston Celtics Team President Rich Gotham. "We hope fans enjoy this immersive experience, which will showcase unique memorabilia and celebrate the Celtics' storied legacy."

Visitors will enjoy an exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

Some roster spots still open in Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League prepares for its season opener on Sunday, April 28 featuring three games.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

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

Education

Quabbin High lists honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., lists the third quarter honor roll.

Grade 9 High Honors
Students in Grade 9 attaining High Honors are Klavdiya Antonian, Madeleine Boisselle, Makenzie Casey, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Tess Dunphy, Grace Flamand, Anna Hautala, Audrey Laursen, Anna Metcalf, Ella Reeves, Grace Vanoudenhove and Brendan Welch.

Grade 9 Honor
Students in Grade 9 attaining Honors are Skyler Bard, Carter Bassett, Jacob Bassett, Halo Bissonnette, Ava Brady, Emma Clark, James Cook, Benjamin Darcey, Kherington Deschenes, Katelyn Durant, Brody Faucher, Quinlan Fauteux, Alijah Flint, Jacoby Hartshorn, Violet Kelley, Sadie Kennan, Jillian LaMontagne, Ailey Majoy, Scarlett Merriman, Mia Miville, Samantha O'Connor, Owen O'Donnell, Julia Quintal, Arianna Riendeau, Abigail Rogowski, Emma Ryan, Kailynn Schuster, Sienna Shaw, Gabriella Totas, Owen Twarog, Ellary White and Leanna Zou.

Grade 10 High Honors
Students in Grade 10 attaining High Honors are Kenzie Gallagher, Elizabeth Mattheson and Zoe Orellana Cadenas.

Grade 10 Honors
Students in Grade 10 attaining Honors are Adam Adams, Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Brandon Brooks, Tricia Bruso, Troy Budreau, Kylee Costello, Annabella DiMartino, Mia Ducos, Kalina Dyer, Garrett Erickson, Evelyn Giese, Adelaide Harmon, Samuel Kane, Collin Lindley, Grace Manna, Samuel Morgan, Parker Proulx, Aaron Rowell, Wesley Sanderson, Cameron Vega, Andrew Warfield, Bianca Wilder, Collin Wilk, Hannah Zereski and Jin Xi Zou.

Grade 11 High Honors
Students in Grade 11 attaining High Honors are Matthew Erickson, James Geary, Isabel LaBelle, Ethan Salvadore, Irene Stogitis and Jaxon Warburton.

Grade 11 Honors
Students in Grade 11 attaining Honors are Andre Ampong, Haley Ayer, Alexander Bedard, Jordan Blanchard, Kevin Boles, Kaeliana Boucher, Kyle Clark, Ava Conley, Teaghan

Earle, Adam Faulha, Angelina Feliciano, Jack Fors, Ellie Frost, Sophia Gagne, Kyra Grummell, Samuel Guertin, Veronika Mendrek, Nathen Pride, Luke Salvadore, Kaylee Shaw, Sadie Sheldon, Sydney Slattery, Isabella Smith, Julia Smith, Richard Tucker, Ryan Wing and Ryan Wreschinsky.

Grade 12 High Honors
Students in Grade 12 attaining High Honors: Kylie Casey, Ally Legare, Sophia Januszewski, Michael Tobin, Benjamin Vasseur and Brianna Whitelaw.

Grade 12 Honors
Students in Grade 12 attaining Honors are Alena Arnold, Annabel Audino, Hannah Baxter, Trinity Boissoneau, Sophie Borbone, Brianna Caponigro, Evan Cole, Samantha Dube, Jady Gonzalez, Sophia Januszewski, Grace LaValley, Gavin Majoy, Emma Masser, Grant McConaughy, Cole Morrill, Camryn Orsini, Carlee Rich, Kayla Sherblom, Julianna Stanger, Amy Stauder, Christian Stogitis, Heather Stuart, Lillian Swett, Gracie Talbot and Eleanor Thompson.

Quabbin Middle School lists third quarter honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional Middle School, 800 South St., lists the third quarter honor roll.

Seventh grade High Honors
Seventh grade students making High Honors are Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Xavier Fjeld, Olivia Gregory, Carson McConnaughy, Gemma Mullins, Greyson Mullins, Whitney Reeves, Robert Tobin, Launa Tran and Jack Wynne.

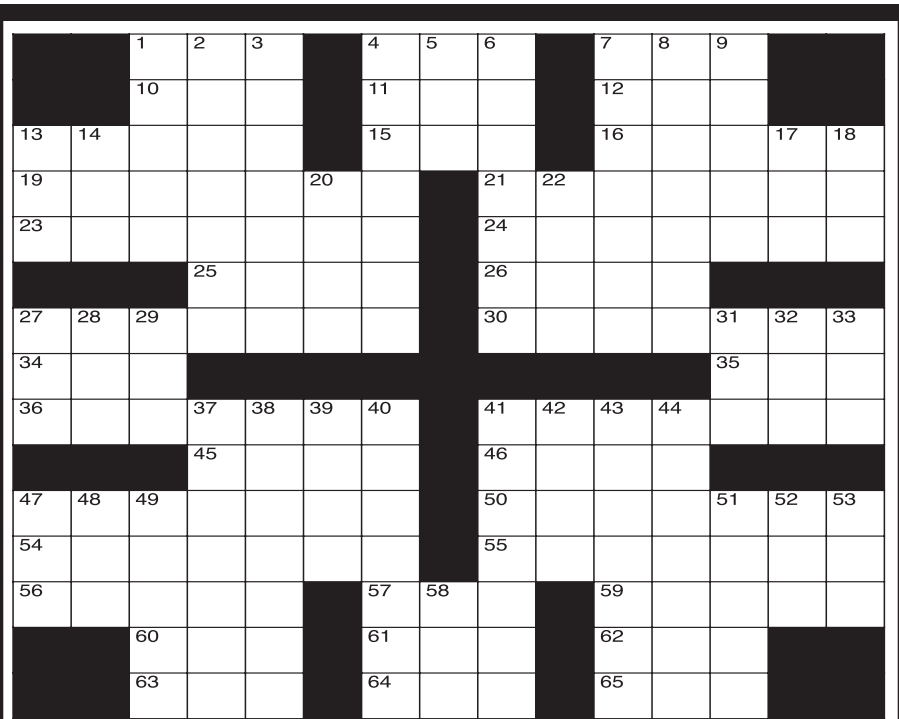
Seventh grade Honors
Seventh grade students making honors are Adeelya Andrade, Joshua Caranci, Joseph Cook, Madison Cyr, Gabriel DeGiudice, Jeremy DeMoranville, Fiona Derr, Landon Devine, Brynn Dunphy, Maya Faucher, Finian Fauteux, Silas Flint, Mason Garey, Juliana Guilderson, Hayston Hay, Madisyn Hill,

Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Ryan Morin, Sarah Neal, William O'Neill, Chloe Richardson, Ava Rogowski, Connor Roohan, Jacob Rosario, Zoey Salvadore, Dimas Santos Jr., Madison Scanlon, Madisyn Shotwell, Annabelle Silver, Rosalie Stark, Addison Surprenant, Michael Tabares, Mackenzie Toupin, John Tyler and Maxwell Wade.

Eighth grade High Honors
Eighth grade students making High Honors are: Nicolas Antonio, Brent Benoit, Abraham Brown, Josephine Buck, Vivien Burch, Nichols Carroll, Kaylee Correia, Samuel Feldman, Alison LaRoche, John Orsini, Zion Parks, Stella Pears, Ellie Poulin, Moira Powers, Benjamin Thompson, Erin Trotter and Catherine Tucker.

Eighth Grade Honors
Eighth grade students

making Honors are Haleigh Agurkis, Anyiah Bergeron, Mackenzie Black, Carlmorisia Campbell, Eleanor Carroll, Alianna Casey, Justen Chris, Wyatt Clark, Aiden Crane, Adrien Cyr, Jake Doty, Olivia Drake, Andrew Erickson, Arianna Fargnoli, Audrey Faucher, Julian Forsyth, Sydney Freeman, Daniella Gaudreault, Violet Hanks, Callahan Hardy, Ally Harrington, Chloe Howarth, Ava Kinney, Matthew Labrousse, Lorali Lamarre, Dylan Lantegne, Collin Leclair, Emma Lindsey, Kingston McKenzie, Max Melad, Lynn Diarra Michel, Anthony Naborini, Angelina Orr, Aubrie Phelps, Juliet Priestley, Lucas Proctor, Gwendolyn Ruis, Kristen Schur, Ava Sobol, Carter Stevenson, Hailey Stoll, Noah Toupense, Akhai Tran and Matthew VanScoy.



CLUES ACROSS

- Midway between south and southeast
- For each
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Photographs
- They ___
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Cool!
- A son of Jacob
- Cut off
- Deavour
- Agent of one's downfall
- Best
- Network of nerves
- Partner to "oohs"
- Origins
- Sewing utensil
- Alias
- Swiss river
- Greek mythological figure
- Type of whiskey

CLUES DOWN

- An involuntary muscular contraction
- Earnest

CLUES ACROSS

- Lay to rest
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Select jury
- Feeling
- Action regarded as morally wrong
- Makes angry
- Act incorrectly
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Class of escort aircraft carrier
- To what degree
- Buzzing insect
- The human foot
- "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- A place to stay
- Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

- Cuts out surgically
- Can't move
- Baseball stat
- British soldier
- Traditional medicine plants
- Political party controlled by managers
- Hebrew prophet
- Supporter
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Liberty Mutual mascot
- Georgia rockers
- A place where building is done
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Clothing retailer
- Supplement with difficulty
- Annoy constantly
- Founder of Babism
- Indigenous person

CLUES ACROSS

- in parts of Asia
- Sea eagle
- Leave behind
- Time of day
- Colorless crystalline compound
- They lay out course requirements
- A diamond has three
- Algerian coastal city
- Remove cover
- Rechristened
- Distinctive practice
- Defunct phone company
- Turkish officer of high rank
- Eliminate from the body
- Witness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Founding Father Franklin

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tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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Education

Quabbin names next Athletic Hall of Fame Class for 2024

PART 1

BARRE – Eight athletes and a pair of championship teams will be honored at the tenth induction ceremony of the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame to be held on Nov. 9 at Hardwick Crossing Country Club in Gilbertville.

Dating back to the first induction held in 2006, this will bring the total number of honorees to 73.

The individual inductees include Rick Wine ('77), Ann Marie (Midura) Kilpatrick ('86), Melissa (Staiti) Leslie (2000), Hadley Adams ('03), Bob Mitus ('04), Ethan Dickson ('07), Kyla Dickson ('09) and Christian Horton ('12), while the 1973 State Finalist Baseball team and the 1985 State Finalist Softball team will also be honored.

Here is a profile of the first five inductees:

Rick Wine (Class of 1977)

An athlete, a coach, a contributor – Rick Wine checks all three boxes at Quabbin.

He was an exceptional three-sport all-star and leader on the soccer, basketball and baseball teams. He would go on to play all three sports at Thomas College where he was Athlete of the Year as a senior.

Rick later served as a JV basketball coach and varsity assistant at Quabbin from 1981-85. Over the past several decades he's been a tremendous benefactor to Quabbin athletic teams and student athletes with unparalleled contributions to team sponsorships and many scholarships.

Ann Marie (Midura) Kilpatrick (Class of 1986)

A five-year member of varsity field hockey and basketball teams, she was also a four-year varsity softball player. She led the field hockey team in scoring

three straight years scoring over 40 goals, and was a two-time team captain and Wachusett League All-Star, and team most valuable player.

With the basketball team, she was the leading scorer as a senior where she was voted Most Valuable Player, Wachusett League Honorable Mention All-Star and was named to Monty Tech All-Tournament team.

She also excelled on the softball diamond where she was the frequent leadoff batter and played second base and later shortstop through her career. She was consistently among the team's top hitters and in the team's 1985 state finals run had a .531 batting average and led the team with 25 RBI and ten stolen bases.

Melissa (Staiti) Leslie (Class of 2000)

One of the most decorated track performers of the late 1990s and early 2000s, Melissa was perhaps the best pole vaulter and high jumper in school history. She was team MVP in both indoor and outdoor track during her sophomore, junior and senior years. She was also a multiple league All-Star in outdoor track, as well as MVP and league all-star of the field hockey team.

She twice captured the league championship in the pole vault and was also twice competed in the New England meet. She was also the district high jump champion where she set the district record as a junior. In addition, she was chosen to play in the Best of 60 Senior Field Hockey All-Star game and the Massachusetts vs. Connecticut game.

Melissa served as Quabbin girls' track coach the year after her graduation and then returned in 2003 and has been coach of the

spring track team since then, guiding many Quabbin athletes to success on the track.

Hadley Adams (Class of 2004)

The first female athlete in Quabbin history to receive an athletic scholarship to a Division I college, she took her field hockey talents to Boston University. As a senior captain for the Panthers in 2003, she was the Central Mass. Division I Player of the Year, leading the team in scoring and was selected Mid-Wach League MVP and the All-Star award. She was a varsity field hockey starter since her freshman year.

Hadley was a National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-American in 2002 and 2003, chosen to the National Futures Elite program both years and competed in the U.S. Field Hockey Futures National tournament.

An accomplished track athlete, she set the indoor track record in the 55-meter dash (7.5 seconds) and also played on the basketball and golf teams.

Bobby Mitus (Class of 2004)

One of the winningest golfers in Quabbin history, he helped to lead the 2003 Panthers to the Division I Central Mass. championship – the only title in school history. Over a four-year varsity career, he posted a 71-5 individual record as well as being medalist 21 times.

Mitus was a four-time Mid-Wach League All-Star and was team MVP all four years and Mid-Wach MVP his senior year. He was Division I medalist in the Central Mass. tournament in 2003 and competed in the state tournament three times, finishing second during his senior year.

Next week: the final three inductees and two teams will be profiled.



Submitted photos

Students enjoy watching the eclipse on Monday, April 8.

QRHS Grade 8 went to Washington, D.C. April 8-11

BARRE – Each year, in the early spring, Quabbin Regional Middle School Eighth Graders descend upon the nation's capital and this year's trip had some added excitement.

The bus ride down to Washington D.C. was filled with anticipation and wonder and it was sure to be truly out of this world.

On Monday, April 8, the buses found an open spot in a Maryland Home Depot parking lot. All 140 students climbed off the buses to not only stretch their legs, but to also witness the solar eclipse. Students donned eclipse glasses and pointed toward the sky with great delight. Students could be overheard asking one another if they were seeing the same thing and if it felt colder to them.

This moment is one that our students will likely remember forever. Together with their classmates, they witnessed an extraordinary event that will not be repeated for another 20 years. When asked by their own children if they remember the solar eclipse, many will be able to recall exactly where they were and who they were with, a lasting shared and meaningful experience for all.

The same can be said about the other events of the week. Students were able to visit the Washington Monument, National Air and Space Museum, National Zoo and even the Botanical Garden, just to name a few. Students marveled at the architecture, history and beauty of the area. They learned new and interesting facts and information as they bonded with one another, deepened and developed lasting friendships.

Here are just a few of their



Chaperones shown are from left, Mrs. Brown, Ms. Eyer-Pelletier, Ms. Hicks and Mr. Deschamps.

thoughts about the trip including something that may have surprised them.

"My favorite thing was the American History Museum. Something that surprised me was how faded the constitution is. My favorite food was Ramen at the African History Museum." Andrew

"Something that surprised me was how the bricks changed at the Washington Monument and my favorite thing was the zoo." Aubrie

"My favorite thing on the trip was the Botanic Garden. Something that surprised me was how quickly the trip ended. My favorite food was the pineapple from the hotel and it was a very fun trip, lots of walking but worth it. I made a lot of good friends so I'm happy about that." Lealani

"My favorite thing was the Air and Space Museum, all of the Vietnam War names surprised me

and my favorite food was Chipotle." Aiden

"Getting closer to former and new friends and raspberry lemonade smoothie," Nick

"My favorite thing was the zoo. Something that surprised me was the amount of names for the people that died in the 9/11 attack." Sophie

Offering students the opportunity to experience, learn and discover new things together brings the Quabbin Regional School District great joy. We are proud of our students and our staff and we are always humbled when we hear how well they represented our school, district and community.

One of our goals is to provide students with diverse experiences where they can learn together. There is no better place than Washington D.C. to deepen their understanding of civics and the purpose of government.

QRHS PRESENTATION, continued from page 1

is the feeling of being safe and comfortable or else wants out of something.

Lyons shared a quote from David Barlow that defines anxiety as a form of someone's way of overestimating and underestimating certain situations.

"Anxiety is an overestimation of the problem and an underestimation of your resource to deal with it," Lyons paraphrasing Barlow.

In other words, what may seem like a big deal to the individual with anxiety may not be as big of a deal to others.

"It's a bummer, not an emergency or crisis," Lyons said.

Lyons then spoke about avoidance and how it is a primary trap that leads to anxiety taking over. Avoidance is a tactic people use when handling certain situations that may stress them out or trigger their anxiety.

This primary trap is the promotion of elimination and avoidance.

"The more you try to get rid of a worried thought or symptom, the stronger it gets," Lyons said.

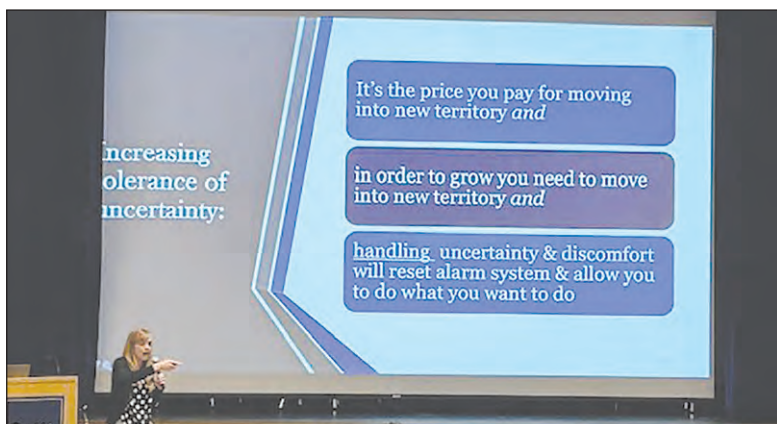
If someone is avoiding something that makes them anxious, it does more harm than good.

Lyons suggests that parents should pay attention to connection. Humans need connection to bond and form meaningful relationships.

According to Lyons, being in front of screens get in the way of making those connections.

Back in 2012-2013 Lyons believes that smart phones really started to get into the hands of teenagers and the age of kids getting cell phones is getting even younger.

Lyons also believes that social isolation has a significant impact on the emotional and physical



Lyons' presentation focused on worrying and anxiety and how parents handle it with their children.

health of children and adolescents.

Getting kids involved in group work and volunteering opportunities help give purpose. Group work also gives children the practice and opportunities to connect.

School projects, sports, activities and clubs all offer real-life interactions. When fostering connection versus isolation, Lyons believes both anxiety and depression makes isolation.

Tracking is a source parents use as a digital app to track their kids' phones to know exactly where they're located. Lyons feels that tracking is more intrusive and gets in the way of developing problem solving.

In other words, Lyons hopes parents begin promoting autonomy and support it in any way as their kids move into adulthood. Instead of relying on devices parents and their children can communicate responsibly and build on critical skills such as relationship repair, awkward empathy, self-disclosure and emotional literacy.

Before wrapping up her presentation, Lyons gave away two copies of her book "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents." Her most recent book "The Anxiety Audit" was released back in October of 2022.

Lyons has been traveling and presenting Modeling Matters since 2015 and was featured in the recent documentary "Anxious Nation". Folks can listen to Lyons on her podcast, Flusterclux on multiple podcast outlets.



Lyons is the host of the podcase Flusterclux and thanked the audience for letting her share her presentation on worrying.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Christian Growth Part 5

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

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

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

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

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

What are the varying aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Let us continue our exploration of said fruit with the topic of peace:

What is peace? Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but the presence of harmony, accord and rest in life and living.

1) We Are Called to Be at Peace with God

Only those who know peace with God can possess the peace of God amidst their earthly associations and afflictions. How can we be at peace in the world if we are at odds with the One who made it? Ultimately, we find peace with God through Christ alone:

Romans 5:1a

I . . . since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2) We Are Called to Be at Peace with One Another

Those who are at peace with God are called to pursue peace with their fellow man.

Hebrews 12:14

14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

2 Corinthians 13:11

11 . . . brothers and sisters . . . strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Romans 12:17-20a, 21

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on

you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. . . ."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

3) We Are Called to Be at Peace Amidst Adversity

There is an inward sense of rest or repose available to those in Christ. Consider this timeless and timely promise of Jesus:

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

How can we appropriate peace in the storms of life? Consider the principles presented in this passage penned by St. Paul:

Philippians 4:1-13

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! 2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Principle 1 - Those who would know the peace of God shall be peacemakers (cf. Matt. 5:9)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Principle 2 - Those who would know peace must be people of worship, prayer and gratitude.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Principle 3 - Those who would know peace must consider what they entertain or focus upon.

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the

secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Principle 4 - Those who would walk in the peace of God must learn contentment in the Lord.

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

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

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Third Sunday of Easter

"The Risen Christ calls us to be Purified."

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com and Facebook page. Scripture Reading: 1 John 3 v 1-7

I. Introduction

As imperfect human beings, we are always faced with situations where we must decide how to think, behave, and act in ways that are constructive and do not have negative effects on ourselves and/or those around us. It is not easy to be on the right path all the time.

We make mistakes and we hurt ourselves and we hurt others, sometimes knowingly or unknowingly. Sometimes we get through it, and we feel better, and other times we become depressed, because we believe we failed ourselves and those around us.

We are also surrounded by forces and circumstances that are not always helpful to what we believe in and the way we believe we should be living. Let's see what we can learn from John as he is attempting to help the congregations he oversaw in their own struggles as children of God.

II. Be purified, says Christ

The Apostle John has become an older man now, as he is writing from Ephesus to the churches in West Asia Minor, in the region of modern-day Turkey. He spent his last few decades in Ephesus and wrote the Gospel of John and these three letters of John. He was the last living apostle and felt compelled to reassure the congregations which he oversaw about their faith in the Risen Christ.

It was the end of the first century, and the churches were relatively young in their life in Christ, and in the development and strengthening of their faith. It was a period of religious pluralism, and superstition and paganism, and they were plagued by false teachers, as described in 1 John 2 v 19. They infiltrated the churches and brought

confusion to them about their belief in Christ.

One of the doctrines John felt compelled to address was the form of Gnosticism which had developed during that time. Some Gnostics believed that the world was developed by a lesser divine being, and that Christ was a mere messenger of the remote Supreme Divine Being. They accepted Christ's deity, but not His humanity.

They believed that matter was evil, and spirit was good, and therefore Christ could not have taken up the physical being. They separated the body from the spirit, and that the body was a prison in which the spirit was incarcerated. For anyone who committed sin, it meant that the spirit was not impacted by the sinful body.

John was concerned about this issue, as the essence of the church and the believers was that they believed in Christ who died and rose again on the third day. They believed the Risen Christ was intrinsically linked to the physical Jesus who lived and died.

In Chapter 2 v 28 he encourages them to continue believing in what they have been taught and experienced in Christ, so that at His second coming, they would not be ashamed in their faith. He solidifies their belief in Christ, by talking about the hope they have in Christ. It is a purifying hope that gives the believer a solid foundation of inner peace and certainty that their help comes from God. He calls upon them to abide in Christ, who showed them how to walk the walk of righteousness and persevere in this world of confusion and darkness.

They must cleanse themselves from their sinful desires, and they will have the strength because the Risen Christ lives in them through the Holy Spirit. To sin, he says is to be in opposition to God's laws of righteousness, and no one who lives in Christ keeps on sinning, he says in verse 6.

III. Conclusion

During this season of the Resurrected Christ, we are not alone in what we are going through. The Risen Christ is with us, and calls us to be purified, and not fall into the trap of negative thoughts. We must not abandon our faith and be careful to not live a life that would be regrettable to Christ and to God. The Risen Christ calls us to follow His example of love and peace and forgiveness, and to live according to the values He promotes, a life that is uplifting and healing to ourselves, but also to those around us and the world as we travel it daily.

May God help us to go within and to purify our thoughts, our hearts, and may our lives be beacons of light and of all that the Risen Christ stood and died for.

Amen.

Pastor Margaret Keyser
Barre Congregational Church
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Earth Day/celebration at Wells State Park April 20

STURBRIDGE – Grassroots Central Mass will continue its tradition of celebrating Earth Day with its fourth "Trees Are Treasures" event on Saturday, April 20 at Wells State Park in Sturbridge from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

This event includes a short, level walk along the Mill Pond Trail at Wells State Park, where costumed interpreters are stationed to discuss the importance of wetlands and forest ecosystems, at both child and adult levels. This is a family friendly stroll.

This free event will also include children's crafts under the pavilion, storytelling, facepainting and a free tree seedling giveaway. Join GCM to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of our native forest.

For more information visit grassrootscentralmass.org/

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down the abatement process.

The notice of noncompliance, "did not warrant stopping the project," Marques said.

Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch asked if the removal of the asbestos would make the site more appealing to potential developers.

Marques said in her opinion, it would.

Committee member Terry Smith said the DEP's report identified 1,825 "hot" asbestos samples taken from the buildings. He said six underground storage tanks were also located using ground penetrating radar.

Smith said his opinions about saving any or all of the buildings has changed.

"I think the Wetherby building could be saved," he said. Smith added that he thought the town could even take ownership of that building and some of the land, depending on the proximity of the underground tanks.

Members of the Historical Commission have been reaching out to medical companies since enacting a nine-month demolition delay on the property at the beginning of the year.

Commission member Claudia Kadra said they have reached out to 33 potential companies, starting with sending letters, then follow-up phone calls when they didn't get a response.

Kadra said the commission "didn't get any hits."

Kadra said the commission is seeking a legal opinion as to whether or not the site can be used for nonmedical purposes, such as senior housing. Trietsch agreed that a legal opinion would be good to have, as the Lewis Gilbert Trust has language pertaining to medical use.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said they have sought counsel from a trust attorney to research the will and the trust.

Ware resident Cindy Bourcier has submitted a packet of information to the attorney, and she has also filed a petition with the Hampshire County Court to halt distributions from the trust.

Bourcier said in her research, she has found more trusts that have been moved to the Baystate Health Foundation, the fundraising entity for Baystate Health, which owns the Mary Lane Hospital site.

"It's not just the Lewis Gilbert Trust, it's a whole bunch of them," she said.

Bourcier said very little money from the trust has come back to benefit the res-

idents of Ware and Gilbertville as was intended. She said of \$4.8 million, only \$80,000 came back to Mary Lane Hospital.

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund said he and Bourcier have been working together to research.

"Very little, sometimes nothing" came back to benefit the townspeople, Granlund said. He said most of the money went back to the foundation.

Granlund said there is a "lack of trust" between many residents and Baystate Health.

Trietsch said he has sent an email to Baystate Health representatives, but has not received a response. He said he believes Baystate Health is looking to "run out the clock" on the demolition delay.

Bourcier said it will be easier for Baystate Health to dissolve the nonprofit without assets; which is likely why they are seeking demolition of the buildings.

"It's the big picture that needs to get resolved," she said.

Smith said there is a lot at stake regarding the property, including money and the site itself.

"This is the most important thing for the town to focus on," he said.

The commission is meeting with Wayfinders to discuss the site and its potential for housing. Wayfinders also developed the former Church Street School into senior housing.

The commission will also reach out to urgent care providers, if legal counsel believes it will fit with the language in the trust.

Committee member Denis Ouimette talked about the importance of having a neutral developer work with the town to find a use for the property, so it does not sit vacant for years. He said Westmass Area Development Corporation has a great reputation in the region, and the town's zoning bylaws will help maintain local control.

"To say we lose control of the property is incorrect," Ouimette said, in regard to working with Westmass. "We don't want it sitting there empty for the next 10 years."

"We don't own the site, so we have limited control, but we still have some control," he said.

A complete report of the walk-through and other reports can be found on the Hospital Review Committee's page on the town website at www.townofware.com.

The Historical Commission will continue to discuss the Mary Lane Hospital property at its Monday, April 22 meeting in the Selectboard's meeting room in the Town Hall.

A burial service for **SYLVIA M. MENARD** of Barre, will be held on **Monday, April 29, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.** in **Glen Valley Cemetery** 446 Valley Road, Barre

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July 1, 1930 - April 29, 2018

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache,
that lies beneath the smile.
No one knows how many times,
we have broken down and cried.
We want to tell you something,
so there won't be any doubt.
You're so wonderful to think of,
but so hard to live without.

We love and miss you both,
Mary Ann & Mark
Blair & Andy
Morgan, Beckett and
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Barre Gazette
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Public Notices

Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on a **Notice of Intent** to for the decommissioning of groundwater monitoring wells, removal of culverts at a stream crossing, and removal of iron flocculation from a groundwater-fed pond at property located at 99 Depot Road, Assessors Map H, Lots 1, 2, 3, 9A, 10, 11, 348, 370, 479 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Books 4180, 8070, 12989, Pages 75, 20, 20 consecutively.

From: Resource Control, Inc. 600 New Ludlow Road South Hadley, MA 01075
To be held on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.

Ronald Rich
Chairman
04/18/2024

TOWN OF OAKHAM Zoning Board of Appeals

The Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular business meeting on **May 9, 2024** in Memorial Hall (Oakham Town Hall), 2 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham, MA. There will be a public hearing scheduled on the following items **starting at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

VARIANCE: Owner/Applicant: Chris Stark and Brynne Stark

Location: 680 Spencer Rd., Oakham, MA 01068
Map: 411 Parcel 10

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

Interested Parties/ Abutors may review the application by calling 508-882-3358 and making an appointment to view the application at the Town Hall.
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
Zoning Board of Appeals
4/11, 4/18/2024

Town of Barre, MA Public Notice Hydrant Flushing

The Barre Water Dept. will be flushing hydrants during the months of April and May 2024. During this time there may be some

discoloration in your drinking water. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, we can be reached at 978-355-5013 or via email to dpw@townofbarre.com.
04/18/2024

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 001485 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Glen D. Moreau, Jennifer Boulay, Amanda Moreau**
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Rockt Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Oakham, numbered 172 North Brookfield Road,** given by **Glen D. Moreau to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated October 29, 2020, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 64267, Page 41,** and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **5/27/24** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 4/12/2024
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
04/18/2024

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Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto,

please be advised that at their meeting of **Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, the Barre Board of Selectmen will consider a request to give Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 19th day of March, 2022.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:
Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked Worcester Road - Barre, Massachusetts.
No.# 30538179
Filed with this order:
There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:
Worcester Road - National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Worcester Road beginning at a point approximately 1500 feet North of the centerline of the intersection of Wildwood Drive. National Grid will be installing (1) stub pole to replace dead tree guy, install (1) anchor and guy wire and replace (2) poles from 35' CL4 to 40' CL3 for reliability, Barre, MA.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Select Board's Office at (978) 355-2504 x 135.
For the Board of Selectmen
Sandra Hood

Administrative Assistant
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All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:
Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked - Bentley Road - Barre, Massachusetts.
No.# 30917893
Filed with this order:
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Bentley Road - National Grid to install 2 JO poles on Bentley Road beginning at a point approximately 1070 feet Southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Ruggles Lane and Bentley Road and continuing approximately 150 feet in a Southern direction. Within town right of-way, National Grid to install pole 7 with anchor and guy wire approximately 150 feet South of existing pole 6 and to install pole 8 with anchor and guy wire approximately 155 feet South of new pole 7 in order to provide

service to new home being built at 65 Bentley Road, Barre, MA.

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Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
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Land Situated in the County of Worcester in the State of MA
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Notice of MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 63 Pine Tree Terrace, South Barre, MA 01074
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James E. Tyler to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and now held by **US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust,** said mortgage dated April 10, 2013 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50780, Page 1, as affected by Partial Release dated February 21, 2024 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 70221, Page 307, said mortgage was assigned from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated July 11, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 57424, Page 384; said mortgage was assigned from Community Loan Servicing, LLC F/K/A Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment dated May 13, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 65172, Page 337; said mortgage was assigned from Federal National Mortgage Association to MCLP Asset Company, Inc. by assignment dated March 30, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 68965, Page 118; said mortgage was assigned from MCLP Asset Company, Inc. to US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment dated May 2, 2023 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 69181, Page 388; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on May 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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Public Notice

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MAY 11
SATURDAY, MAY 11
ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE will be held today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, Hubbardston. Perennials from early spring flowering to late fall flowers and all season long will be for sale. There will be edible plants, some annuals like geraniums and some woody plants. Most plants are grown in local gardens so people know they grow in the area. This is a great way to add to an existing garden or to start a new one. In addition to the wide variety of plants, there will be an assortment of homemade fudge and candies.

TUESDAY, MAY 21
PASTEL WORKSHOP for adults and older teens will be held today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. by pastelists, Greg Maichack, at the Hubbardston Public Library, Main Street, Hubbardston. This pastel painting workshop serves sheer beginners to advanced artists. All materials are provided, including professional grade pastels, paper and pencils. People should call the library at 978-928-4775 to register. Space is limited. This program is supported in part or in whole by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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CALENDAR, continued from page 8

Common in front of Community Hall and on the 4th of July Facebook page. Tag sale participants pay to be on the map and all proceeds go to the Town's Fourth of July celebration. After 4 p.m., there will be free pick up at the end of participants driveways. People may call Ben with any questions at 508-886-3367 or email at rutlandyardsale@gmail.com.

STERLING GRANGE 150th ANNIVERSARY will be observed with a with a public supper and program on today at 5:30 p.m. at the Sterling Senior Center, 36 Muddy Pond Road, Sterling. Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, bread, cake and ice-cream will be served. A brief history of the Grange will be presented by the Massachusetts State Grange historians, Amber and Randy Vaill. Lively tunes from The Sterling Strummers will conclude the festivities. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 6 - 12 and free for children 5 and under. Reservations can be made by calling 508-886-2341 or emailing name and number of tickets to sterling-grange53@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

MAY DAY BASKET/PERENNIAL DROP EVENT will take place today from 2:30-4 p.m. at No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road, Barre. This is a very special year as Barre is celebrating its 250th Anniversary. Every event will include this reminder as it is a huge celebration year. The No. 4 Schoolhouse has a long history of May Day Baskets. People are invited to hear the May Basket story, tell theirs and make a basket for someone. All supplies will be provided. There is no cost, but donations are welcome.

For the Perennial Drop, people are invited to share their perennials. They will be planted in the school yard. Many hands make light work so anyone willing to help should bring their gloves, rakes, shovels, and help push back the old growth and make room for new spring garden growth. Volunteers are there to do the planting if people only want to drop-off perennial donations.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

OVERDOSE PREVENTION TALK will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Rutland Public Library, Main Street, Rutland. This is presented by Dr. Thomas J. Allen Jr. He will explain the leading causes of substance use disorder and its stigma in a slightly different way maybe and just maybe perceptions can change.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

MAMA MIA will be presented by he Theatre Guild of North Brookfield today, Saturday, May 4, Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, May 5 and Sunday, May 12 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium at the North Brookfield Elementary School, 10 New School Drive, North Brookfield. Tickets are available at the website www.theatre-guildofnorthbrookfield.com or may be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students age 12 and under. The performance is supported in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, April 7
 10:46 a.m. Public Assist, Jewett Road, Public Assist
 4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
 4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Boivan, Roland J., 50, Worcester
 Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 5:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Pilch, Tracy Jo, 40, West Brookfield
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate, Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 8:38 p.m. Keep the Peace, Old Coldbrook Road, Party Departed without Incident

Monday, April 8
 9:44 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, No Action Required
 11:34 a.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, No Police Service Necessary
 1:34 p.m. Public Assist, Mechanic Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Walnut Hill Road, Public Assist
 4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
 5:41 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Summer Street, Property Returned
 5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning

9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Valley Road, Vehicle Towed
 11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, April 9
 1:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, South Street, Vehicle Towed
 9:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 9:38 a.m. Keep the Peace, Britton Road East, Public Assist
 12:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Spring Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:21 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Old Dana Road, Peace Restored
 6:32 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Wauwinet Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, April 10
 3:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:55 a.m. Identity Theft, Austin Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:24 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Dana Road, Information Given
 9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, School North Street, Written Warning
 10:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, James Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Kascia, Victorial Rose, 21, Palmer
 Charges: Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
 1:05 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Broad Street, Officer Advised
 2:03 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Investigated
 3:30 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Edward Lane, Officer Took Call

Thursday, April 11
 9:30 a.m. Harassment, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued

Friday, April 12
 10:09 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Hubbardston Road, Fire Extinguished
 11:59 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre/Hardwick Line, Negative Contact
 12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 1:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, April 13
 1:57 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, School Street South, Investigated
 Summons: Stevens, Erik Andrew, 50, South Barre
 Charges: Breaking and Entering for Misdemeanor, Trespass
 11:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Ruggles Lanes, Transported to Hospital
 4:18 p.m. Property – Lost and/or Found, South Street, Information Given

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, April 7
 9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:30 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley View Circle, Information Taken
 3:58 p.m. Property – Lost & Round, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:30 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist

Monday, April 8
 2:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Carleton, Nolan N., 22, Hubbardston
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Inspection/Sticker, No
 6:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Memorial Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:29 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 10:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Infection, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:27 a.m. Harassment, Highland Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:58 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Paddock Road, Investigated
 12:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 1:22 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed
 1:35 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Cameron Drive, Report Filed
 3:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prouty Lane, Written Warning
 3:55 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Charnock Hill Road, Entry Gained
 4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Written Warning
 4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 5:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Choking, Pleasantdale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 6:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:22 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Transported to Hospital

1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Mojumber, Saiful Aref, 33, West Roxbury
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 2:50 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Prescott Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:56 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Main Street, Officer Advised
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:17 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Area Search Negative
 6:11 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated

Thursday, April 11
 12:21 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:36 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Advised
 7:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Lewis Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:42 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative
 8:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:25 p.m. Animal – Lost and Found, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Advised

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of April 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 45 building/property checks, 51 directed/area patrols, nine traffic controls, five radar assignments, 11 emergency 911 calls, five assist other agencies, one citizen assist, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle investigation, one investigation, one fire, one motor vehicle accident, one complaint, one animal call and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 8
 9:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:10 a.m. Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:36 p.m. Abandoned Motor Vehicle, Prospect Street, Investigated
 3:28 p.m. Fire/Other, Barre Road, Investigated
 5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, April 9
 1:02 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

to Hospital
 1:16 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, North Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 1:37 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Off Ruggles Street, Services Rendered
 2:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Court, Transported to Hospital
 11:14 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 10
 5:29 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered
 10:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, April 11
 6:58 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
 3:53 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Turkey Street, Merge

Friday, April 12
 1:30 a.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
 11:56 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Taken/

Referred to Other Agency
 2:25 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:07 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, Officer Handled
 5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Bridge Street, Investigated

Saturday, April 13
 7:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Turkey Street, Written Warning

Sunday, April 14
 9:53 a.m. Safety Hazard, Goddard Road, Removed Hazard
 2:48 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Call Canceled
 4:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:08 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 8:39 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, Dispatch Handled

Monday, April 15
 5:08 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, April 7
 9:11 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact
 7:50 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, North Brookfield Road, Area Search Negative

Monday, April 8
 11:23 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

Tuesday, April 9
 5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Crawford Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, April 10
 6:37 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Road, Message Delivered

Thursday, April 11
 5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Friday, April 12
 3:46 p.m. Evidence Processing, Barre Road, Administration Complete

5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Happy Hollow Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, April 10
 6:37 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Road, Message Delivered

Thursday, April 11
 5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Friday, April 12
 3:46 p.m. Evidence Processing, Barre Road, Administration Complete

7:45 p.m. Stroke (CVA), North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, April 13
 3:05 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Crawford Road, Removed Hazard
 6:37 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Unfounded
 9:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 11 building/property checks, 42 directed/area patrols, six traffic controls, three radar assignments, one emergency 911 call, three citizen assists, one assist other agency, two safety hazards, one complaint, one motor vehicle investigation and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 8
 12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Cemetery Road,

Investigated

Tuesday, April 9
 2:25 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Cut Off Road, Officer Handled
 1:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unitas Road, Officer Handled
 5:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unitas Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 10
 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation Issued

Friday, April 12

2:58 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Unitas Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, April 13
 2:32 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Road, Investigated
 4:10 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Road, Dispatch Handled

Sunday, April 14
 3:53 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled
 5:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unitas Road, No Action Required

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, April 7
 2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Party Departed without Incident

Monday, April 8
 11:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Barre Road, NO Transport Required
 4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Gardner Road, Investigation (On-Going)

Tuesday, April 9
 10:32 a.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist
 10:45 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Boston Turnpike, Transported to Hospital
 12 p.m. Keep the Peace, Underwood Road, Message Delivered
 12:04 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Gardner Road, Report Filed

2:54 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, New Westminster Road, Information Given
 3:57 p.m. Keep the Peace, Gardner Road, Peace Restored
 5 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 8:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Investigated

Saturday, April 13
 6:11 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Worcester Road, Investigated
 7:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Gardner Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 7:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:18 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

2:54 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, New Westminster Road, Information Given
 3:57 p.m. Keep the Peace, Gardner Road, Peace Restored
 5 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 8:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Investigated

Saturday, April 13
 6:11 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Worcester Road, Investigated
 7:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Gardner Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 7:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:18 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

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Senate announces Chapter 90 funding for region

BOSTON – State Sen. Peter J. Durant (R-Spencer), along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate, approved \$375 million in bond authorizations for statewide transportation projects, including the state's Chapter 90 program, which would create a reliable funding source for local infrastructure investments like roads, bridges, regional transit equipment and infrastructure, bicycle infrastructure, and electric vehicle infrastructure, among other things.

Projects funded by the annual legislation often improve quality of life for residents in every region of the state, and many play a role in environmental mitigation.

Every city and town in the Commonwealth would receive a share of \$200 million in funding to be used on maintenance and construction of roads and bridges. \$150 million would be allocated equally to six programs targeting specific transportation infrastructure, and \$25 million would be allocated to cities and towns through the rural roads program.

The towns in the Worcester-Hampshire District will receive \$11,928,953 in Chapter 90 funding. Below is a breakdown of Chapter 90 Funding in the Worcester-Hampshire District: Brookfield, \$167,473; East Brookfield, \$93,423; Hardwick, \$353,856; North Brookfield, \$306,023; New Braintree, \$203,707; Ware, \$424,825; and West Brookfield, \$229,488.

Of the \$375 million in total authorizations, the legislation would allocate \$25 million to each of the following programs that target specific infrastructure areas:

- Municipal Pavement Program, which focuses on the improvement of municipally owned state numbered routes.
- Municipal Small Bridge Program, which provides financial support to cities and towns for small bridge replacement, preservation, and rehabilitation projects.
- Complete Streets Funding Program, which provides funding to municipalities for streets that provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes such as walking, biking, transit, and vehicles.
- Municipal Bus Enhancement Program, which provides grant funding to build out infrastructure related to mass transit by bus.
- Mass Transit Access Grant Program, which provides grants for design and construction improvements to access commuter rail stations or other mass transit stations, such as parking lots, drop-off and pick-up zones, bike storage infrastructure, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Municipal/RTA EV Grant Program, which provides grants to Regional Transit Authorities and municipalities for the purchase of electric vehicles and related charging equipment.

A previous version having been passed by the House of Representatives, the legislation now awaits final enactment in each branch, before being sent to the Governor's desk for her signature.

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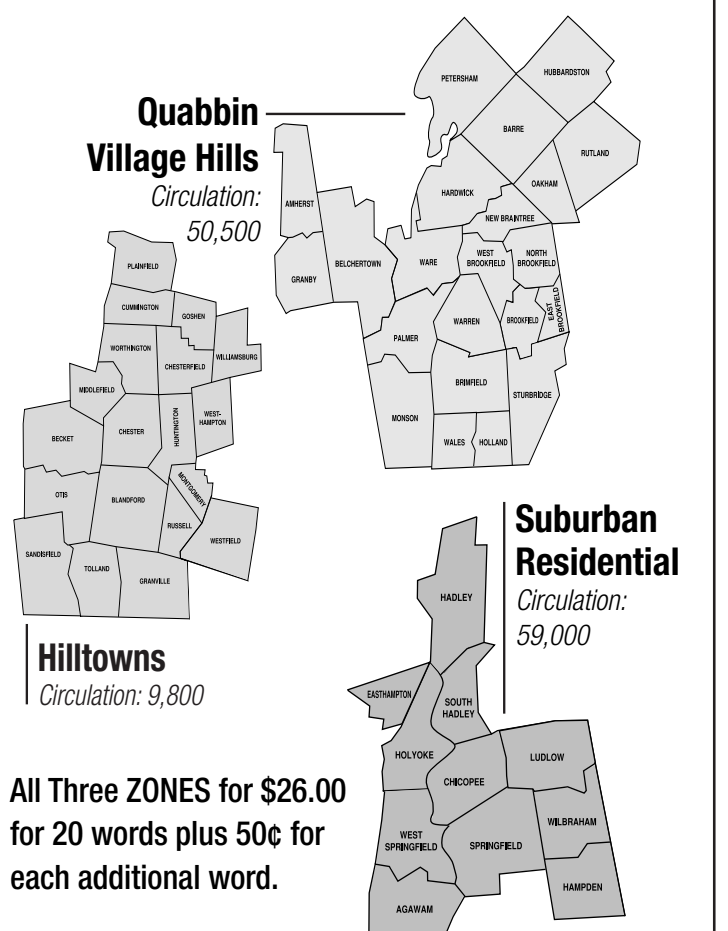
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