# BARRESGAZETTE

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# **QRSD** Committee ratifies teacher contract

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

BARRE - The Quabbin Regional School District Committee, following an executive session to discuss collective bargaining at the beginning of the April 6 meeting, returned to open session to ratify the summary for the Quabbin Regional Teachers Association contract.

The new contract will run from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

### **Student Advisory**

Ella Reeves and Troy Budreau, both students at the Quabbin Middle School, gave a report to the school committee. Reeves said she was a school choice student at Quabbin and her favorite subject was math. She ran track and field and was on the swim team at the local "Y." She said she was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and was looking forward to the upcoming eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Budreau, an honor student, said he played three sports: track, indoor track and golf. He also played baseball last year. He said math was his favorite subject and he said the math department at Quabbin was one of the best.

Following their reports, school committee members asked them questions. In response to why she selected Quabbin, Reeves said it was the academics and sports. When asked what needed improvement, Reeves said the high school should offer more honors classes. Budreau said it was an important need to be comfortable while learning and liked to listen to music with ear buds.

### **Superintendent report**

QRSD Superintendent Sheila Muir said the new strategic plan would be ready for the May school committee meeting. She said the district received a \$60,000 school violence safety grant from the Department of Justice for the middle high school only. It was one of 14 school districts in the state to receive funds, which will be used to hire a consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of the district's safety plan and procedures. Bids were due April 11 for the con-

She said the district would use rural school money to include all the district elementary schools and the Educational Support Center, which houses the district's Central Office.

The QRSD Superintendent said she attended several meeting recently with various legislators. Last Saturday, she attended a Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting in western Massachusetts. Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll and State Auditor Diana DiZoglio spoke at the meeting along with state Sen. Joe Comford and state Rep Natalie Blais. Superintendent Muir said Lt. Governor Driscoll was "very aware" of the problems facing rural schools.

Topics of discussion included the school funding formula; the Payment In Lieu of Taxes formula, which valued state land higher in urban areas such as Plymouth compared to state land in rural areas funds to both the schools and town government. Superintendent Muir said the meeting "sent the message

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# Scout Hunter Casey earns Eagle rank

By Ellenor Downer Editoredowner@turley.com

BARRE - Hunter Casey of New Braintree became the 77th Eagle Scout in the history of Barre Scouting and the first in the new Troop 1026.

He joins over two million Eagle Scouts since 1912 and is part of the 6% of Scouts, who earned the highest rank. Eagle Scout holders include a U.S. President Gerald Ford, actor Oswald "Ozzie" Nelson, author Clive Cussler, astronauts Neil Armstrong and James Lovell, pro basketball player Bill Bradley, Walmart founder Sam Walton and movie producer Steven Spielberg, to name a few.

Hunter started his Scouting journey in the third grade and earned numerous belt loops along the way. He crossed over to Boy Scouts May 20, 2016 and joined Troop 26 in

It was a smooth transition since he knew some of the Scouts in the troop and attended meetings for a couple of months before his cross over ceremony. Richard Stevens was Scoutmaster and continued in that role for the first year and a half of Hunter's Scouting journey. Gary Pearson also was a Scout leader. Hunter's father, Aaron Casey took over as Scout Master after Stevens and stayed until his son finished his Eagle journey.

He achieved many merit badges. An Eagle Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges and 14 of those most come from a list of Eagle required merit badges. Some of his favorite merit badges included water sports, sports, shot gun, swimming, and wilderness survival.

In addition, to the required number of merit badges and Eagle Scout must show leadership. He was quarter master, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader.

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Hunter Casey stands by part of his completed Eagle project, which included renovation of the bath house at Felton Field



The second part of Hunter Casey's Eagle project was the repairing and painting of the pavilion at Felton Field in Barre.

# **New Braintree celebrates** its oldest citizen



Stephanie Benoit celebrated her 98th birthday with family and friends.

NEW BRAINTREE – Family and friends gathered at the New Braintree Historical Society on April 2 to honor 98-year-old Stephanie Benoit, the town's old-

Benoit's paintings, crafts, poetry, awards, and military and

family photos were on display. State Sen. Anne Gobi and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume attended and presented citations to her. Selectman Joe Chenervert also presented Benoit with an award for her outstanding achievements.

The whereabouts of New Braintree's Boston Post Cane, which is bestowed upon the town's oldest resident, is

unknown, so The New Braintree Historical Society gave Benoit a black cane inscribed on the handle with the words "To the Oldest Citizen of New Braintree, Mass." to commemorate the day.

Benoit entertained the gathering with stories of her first visit to New Braintree in 1947 and tales of her valiant efforts in the Dump and Prison Fights.

Guests enjoyed refreshments, and shared memories of Stephanie's influences on their own lives and the impact she has made on the town of New Braintree. The day was a well-deserved recognition of a special woman.

# **Duda advocates for voc-tech education**

By Matty Anderson Staff Writer manderson@turley.com

PALMER - Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendent Eric Duda shared photos and information from his recent trip to Washington, D.C., to advocate for vocational education in the commonwealth.

Massachusetts is one of the most underrepresented states in the country in terms of vocational education, Duda said at the School Committee's April 12 meeting.

While in Washington, D.C. Duda met with Senator Tim Kaine, founder and co-chair of the Senate career and technical education, as well as Congressman Jim McGovern.

Duda explained how wonderful his experience was, and that he feels like he made real progress in representing Massachusetts's' vocational scene.

### **HVAC Department** upgrades

After receiving a half million-dollar grant, the HVAC department was completely transformed with a full renovation. HVAC will have a brand-new space, fully equipped with new tools, better ceilings, new light, better ventilation, and all new boilers.

Renovations are estimated to be completed by July 1, and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in August.

This renovation was much needed considering HVAC workers are in high demand at the moment and the field is predicted to keep grow-

### Behavioral concerns The school district has been

facing unprecedented levels of behavioral issues, including fights amongst the freshman students.

Recent changes have proved effective in addressing the fighting,

including no more congregating for breakfast in the morning, assigned lunch seating and stricter regula-

tion of cell phone usage. Assigned lunch seating with no cell phone usage has proved especially effective, encouraging students to make new friends and entertain themselves in more natural ways such as playing board games.

Chronic absenteeism is at an all-time high following COVID. There are about 35-45 chronically absent students throughout the school, and faculty says that mental health issues have contributed to this issue. The School Committee is considering partnering with local police in hopes of getting this matter under control.

Behavioral issues have also extended to the school buses.

School calendar changes The School Committee

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# **Paige Memorial Library lists events**

HARDWiCK - Cheese and Cheese Making sponsored by the Paige Memorial Library will be held Saturday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town House, 32

Common St. People will learn about cheese and cheese making from Archer Meier and Marlo Stein of Round Table Farm, formerly the Robinson farm. Cheeses will be available for tasting and for purchase. Currently Round Table Farm offers four kinds of small batch, raw milk, aged cheese and specialty cut flowers. Registration is requested but not required. For more information or to register people may call

413-477-6704 or email director-

paigelibrary@gmail.com. They may visit www.paigelibrary.com and Facebook.com/paigelibraryhardwickma for the latest information.

The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library is sponsoring a seed library and raffle. People may come to the Library, 87 Petersham Road, to choose some seeds, record what they take, plant and nurture what they have, borrow a book and buy some raffle tickets.

The raffle basket is full of valuable gardening items and a gift certificate given by the Hardwick Farmers Co-op. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The will be Sunday, May 21.

### Friends group to host 'Abrakaboom' magic show

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

Award-winning performer Mike Bent will enthrall his audience with his Mad Scientist Magic Show. Bent amazes folks ages three and up with magic, science, comedy, music, storytelling and puppets. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

# News of the Towns



Round Town Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com

# Women's Fellowship to hold tea

The Women's Fellowship of the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., will hold a tea/ luncheon on Saturday, April 29 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Tea, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be served. Before the tea/luncheon the Hubbardston Senior Singers will entertain in the church sanctuary at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 and includes luncheon and entertainment.

Raising poultry workshop

Raising organic poultry on pasture workshop will be held Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m.noon followed by a potluck lunch at Many Hands Sustainability Center, 411 Sheldon Road, Barre. Each year many Hands Organic Farm raises 500-600 birds in these range house "tractors" on pasture. Two people feed and water the animals and move their range houses by hand every day to fresh grass. Participants will be moving some for this workshop presentation, as well as building one so you can get up close and learn how it is done. Brooding, chick care, and organic feed management will also be discussed. Sliding scale price for workshop is \$25-\$75. People may register by visiting https://mhof.net/events-workshops/.

### **Barre Food Pantry**

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

### Women's Fellowship Tea/ Luncheon to be held on April 29

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# **Orange Community Band** to perform on April 29



The Orange Community Band 30th Pops Concert, in the Orange Armory in 2018. Stephanie Parker, conducting. Stephanie will conduct the 42nd Pops Concert in the Orange Town Hall, on Saturday, April 29 at 2 p.m.

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band will hold the first Pops Concert since Covid forced cancellation in 2020 on Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. in the Orange Town Hall Ruth B. Smith Auditorium.

In a change of format, seating will be concert-style instead of Cabaret Style and no tickets will be sold in advance. Donations to the band will be accepted at the door. Anyone wishing to be listed as a sponsor or donor in the program should contact Maureen Riendeau by Monday, April 24. This will be the 42nd Pops Concert.

Pops Concerts were started in 1978 and held annually until 2019 as a fund raiser and as a means of getting members in shape for the summer season of concerts on the band-

This year's Pops was still in doubt until well past the usual starting date for rehearsals, so the program is entitled "Favorites" and will feature some tunes from the band's library, as well as several selections very recently added. Conductor Stephanie Parker's 19th season as conductor, although she has been a member of the band for over 30 years, joining the trumpet section as an elementary school student.

Program for the Pops is as follows: First Half: "Star Spangled Banner," "Mt. Everest" by Rossano Galante, "Disney at the Movies" arranged by John Higgins, "That Old Hound Dog Rag" by Randall D. Standridge, "Just a Closer Wall with Thee,"arranged by Don Gillis, "Gustav Holst's "Second Suite in F" containing March, "Song Without Words," "Song of the Blacksmith," "Fantasia on the Dargason" "I've Had the Time of My Life" arranged by Mike Story and "Somewhere"

arranged by Michael Brown. Following Intermission, the band will continue with "Choose Joy" by Randall Standridge, "Phantom of the Opera" arranged by Warren Barker, "In the Miller Mood,"arranged by Warren Barker; "The Legend of Danny Boy" setting by James Swearingen and "John Williams in Concert" arranged by Paul Lavender. Several marches will also be included. The program is subject to

The band rehearses Wednesday evenings at the Central Congregational Church, 93 South Main St. Summer rehearsals will be Wednesdays, June 14, 21 and 28 and July 5, 12, 19, and 26 for the Friday evening concerts in Butterfield Park, 100 East River St., on the bandstand. Concerts will be held on Fridays, June 23 and 30, and July 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 7 p.m.

### **Hubbardston** Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com



# **Cultural Council** conduction survey

The Hubbardston Cultural Council is conducting a survey of interest in cultural programs such as concerts, educational lectures and participatory arts programs. The results of this survey will help to guide the Cultural Council to determine what programs to sponsor in the future. The survey will close on Sunday, April 30. People should email the survey to saralyonm@gmail.com or visit the Survey Line at https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/B59T3HG.

Earth Day recycling

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

**Budget public hearing** 

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

### Senior center events

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

# **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 24. 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 - Breaded chicken, herbed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat bread, sweet and sour sauce, baked apples

TUESDAY - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, vanilla pudding, diet = sugar free vanilla pudding, marble

WEDNESDAY - Sloppy Joe,\* rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, strawberries, sandwich roll

THURSDAY - High Sodium Meal Pork ribi-que,\* Red bliss potatoes, carrots, birthday cake, diet = half piece, sandwich roll

FRIDAY - Roast turkey with gravy,\* mashed sweet potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, cinnamon pears, French bread

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



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### Strawberry festival returns

NEW BRAINTREE - After four long years, the New Braintree Congregational Church is pleased to announce they will be hosting the strawberry festival once again on Saturday, June 10.

The New Braintree Congregational Church had taken over the strawberry festival from the New Braintree Grange. The church had hosted for many years and always had a great turnout.

The year 2019 was the last strawberry festival the New Braintree Congregational Church was able to host. Like many other events, they too were affected by the

For their first year back, it was agreed that everyone wanted to remain safe and satisfied and so it was decided for the strawberry festival to be done as a drive through this year.

The drive through pick up will be at the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive. This allows more meals to be distributed.

There will still be tickets to be sold, and people can contact any of the committee members or call 508-867-7424. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, May 10.

Tickets are \$15 per person and must be paid for in advance.

The meal includes ham, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and homemade strawberry shortcake. .

The New Braintree Congregational Church hopes to see old faces along with new ones with the restart of the strawberry festival.

### **Corrections policy**

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# News of the Towns

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

### **BARRE**

Select Board – April 24 at 5:30 p.m. and April 25 at 6 p.m.

250th Anniversary Committee – April 25 at 5 p.m. and May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee – April 25 at 6 p.m. and May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Committee – April 25 at 7 p.m. 9/11 Memorial Development Committee -

April 26 at 5 p.m. Cemetery Commission – April 27 at 11 a.m. Sewer Commission – April 27 at 7 p.m.

Felton Field Commission – May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Council on Aging – May 3 at 1 p.m. Board of Health – May 8 at 5 p.m. Water Commission – May 8 at 6:30 p.m. DPW Commission – May 8 at 7 p.m. Library Trustees – May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Barre Housing Authority – May 11 at 3 p.m. Planning Board – May 16 and June 6 at 7 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – June 13 at 7 p.m.

### **HARDWICK**

Board of Health – April 20 and May 4 at 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee – April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Planning Board – April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Recycling Commission – May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – May 4 at 7 p.m. Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee -May 5 at 9 a.m.

Council on Aging – May 10 at 9 a.m. Gilbertville Public Library – May 10 at 4 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Finance Committee Public Budget Hearing -April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Select Board with Finance Committee -

April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals Executive Session only – April 20 at 7:15 p.m.

MassDOT Virtual Design Public Hearing – April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Health – April 25 and May 9 at 7 p.m. Memorial Day Committee – April 26 at 5 p.m. Economic Development Committee – April 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission – May 2 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – May 3 and May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Historic Commission – May 6 at 10 a.m. Board of Health – May 9 at 7 p.m.

### **NEW BRAINTREE**

Select Board – April 24 at 7 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Select Board – April 25, May 9 and May 23 at 6 p.m.

Conservation Commission – April 25 at 7 p.m. Special Town Meeting – May 5 at 6:30 p.m. Annual Town Meeting – May 5 at 7:30 p.m. Planning Board – May 17 at 6 p.m.

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

### **PETERSHAM**

Select Board – April 20 at 5 p.m. Board of Health - April 20 at 6 p.m. Advisory Finance Committee – April 20 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – April 27 at 7 p.m. Conservation Commission – May 2 at 6 p.m. Open Space and Recreation Committee -May 2 at 7 p.m.

Board of Assessors – May 5 at 9 a.m. Council on Aging – May 8 at 10 a.m. Cemetery Commission - May 9 at 10 a.m

### **RUTLAND**

Finance Committee – April 20 at 6:15 p.m. Planning Board Public Hearing/Zoning Bylaw Amendments – April 25 at 7 p.m. Planning Board Public Hearing/27 Forest Drive -April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting – May 6 at 6 p.m. Annual Town Election – May 8 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

### **Editorial deadline reminder**

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

# **Annual May Festival 'Celebrating Spring'** is May 6



The Haston Free Public Library's annual May Festival "Celebrating Spring" will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The annual May Festival "Celebrating Spring" will take place at the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., and on the lawn of the First Congregational Church on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Local farms, nurseries, crafters of all kinds, and local businesses and organizations will sell their products and share information about their

Local musicians will perform, and free door prizes will be awarded. The family-oriented festival will also offer a variety of activities for children on the church

An art show, featuring area artists and photographers and sponsored by The Friends of the Town House, will be held at the church's Fellowship

The North Brookfield Fire Department will hold an open house during festival hours at Fire Department headquarters, 56 School St.

A free plant swap, on the

library lawn and sponsored by the North Brookfield Cultural Council, will allow gardeners to share annual and perennial

All plants are free, and everyone is welcome to participate, whether or not you have plants to donate. Plants can be dropped off at the library on May 6 beginning at 9 a.m. Expand your garden without breaking the bank.

For more information about the May Festival, call the Haston Library at 508-

# Historical society to hold annual meeting

ORANGE - The Orange Historical Society will hold its spring Annual Meeting and elections on Wednesday evening, May 10 at 7 p.m. in Witty's Funeral Home.

Members will hear the Annual Report and will receive an overview of plans for the coming season's activities. Society President Kathy Schiappa will chair the business

Plans are underway to open the society's museum on Sunday, June 4, for the season. The French-Weymouth House, is home to the Grout steam automobiles and many exhibits reflecting centuries of Orange

It contains 20 rooms, plus halls, a furnace room, the old "three-holer" indoor convenience and a three-story barn. The Orange Historical Society

has taken on the task of keeping this local treasure neat, clean, and in good repair. Many members have "adopted" rooms within the house to prepare them for the visitors, who are welcomed Wednesdays and Sundays from May to October.

Items were cleaned, labeled and arranged for better viewing. Several rooms still await adoption and more tour guides would

### **Quabbin Visitor Center lists free upcoming events**

BELCHERTOWN - The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center will offers free programs for May.

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

Those who are feeling adventurous may opt to hike further, up the side of Soapstone Mountain to a spectacular view of the Quabbin, though be advised this portion is difficult and will not be a part of the official hike. People should wear appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks.

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People may explore the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed during a moderate 2.2-mile hike on Saturday, May 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest The hike then loops back uphill via the forest road to Gate 27, which is located less than a quarter mile from Gate 26.

The parking for Gate 26 is located at the end of East Main Street (Millington Street) in the town of New Salem. People may park along the side of the road, but should not block the gate or the road.

For more information, they may visit https://goo.gl/maps/ COv63LcDMTv7sziW7.

A Memorial Day commemoration will be held at Quabbin Park Cemetery on Sunday, May 28 from 10 a.m.-noon. Refreshments will be offered at 10 a.m. and the parade and services begin at 11

No registration required and the public is welcome

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

# **Rutland Town Yard Sale April 29** KETONEN-CLARK FARMS

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# Town clerk gives election information

The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Election is Friday, May 5.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, May 15 in the voting room at the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road. The poll will be open 10 a.m.-8

### **BSER** shavings sale

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

Senior field trip

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

### Church news

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

### **Baystate Health Center to hold** Men's Health Awareness Day

SPRINGFIELD - About two-thirds of men avoid booking appointments with their primary care provider and when they finally do see their doctor, they often keep important health information to themselves because they are afraid what their symptoms might reveal.

It's Men's Health Awareness Day at Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center on Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This awareness day is designed to put men in-the-know about their current health and how they can lead a healthier life-

The free educational and informational event will feature free blood pressure, diabetes and prostate cancer screenings, tobacco cessation tips, music and more.

"We invite you to join your brothers and peers to learn more about staying healthy for yourself, your family, and your community. We want to make this the first of a series of events, and ask your input on what is important to you and the community," said Dr. Andrew Balder of Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center.

Men's Health Awareness Day is presented by Baystate Health and Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center & Community Advisory Board (CAB) in partnership with UMass Amherst Center for Community Health Equity Research, Men of Color Health Awareness (MOCHA), and Holy Trinity C.O.G.I.C.

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# Opinion

# Guest Column



## What can I earn in my first year collecting **Social Security?**

Dear Rusty: My 62 birthday is in late August of this year. I would like to start collecting Social Security, but after reading about the need to keep my earnings less than \$21,240 in the first year it doesn't seem fair to those who have birthdays later in the year. I will have earned a lot by the end of August. Or am I missing the part where the year starts from the day you retire? Or is it a fiscal year? Please elab-

Signed: Looking Ahead

Dear Looking Ahead: Born in late August, your first month of eligibility for Social Security will be September (you must be 62 for an entire month to be eligible for SS benefits). If you start your benefits in September, for the months of September through December 2023 you'll have a monthly earnings limit of \$1,770. If you exceed that limit in any of those 4 months, you won't be eligible for SS benefits in any month that the \$1770 monthly limit is exceeded. If you exceed the monthly limit in all of those months, you won't be entitled to any benefits in 2023, unless using the annual earnings limit formula to determine your penalty would result in a lesser amount.

The penalty for exceeding the annual limit is \$1 for every \$2 you are over the 2023 limit and, if using that formula yields a penalty which is less than for exceeding the 2023 monthly limit for September -December, they will use the annual limit instead of the monthly limit to compute your penalty. Thus, your annual earnings earned before September will only count if using the annual limit will result in less of a penalty than using the monthly limit for the months after your benefits start. If you plan to retire from working before September, then there will be no penalty for exceeding the annual earnings limit prior to that, but if you continue to work full time there will likely be a penalty which will cause Social Security to take away some of your benefits.

Starting in 2024, only the annual earnings limit, which will be a bit more than the 2023 annual limit, will apply to you. Generally, if you continue working full time and will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, it may be wise to reconsider claiming your Social Security until your income is below or closer to the annual limit each year, or until you reach your full retirement age after which the earnings limit no longer applies. And if you do claim early and exceed the earnings limit, and if you have benefits taken away for some number of months to satisfy the penalty, you'll get time-credit for those months after you reach your full retirement age. That credit will, essentially, move your claim date forward by the number of months you didn't get SS benefits, increasing your benefit amount accordingly after your full retirement age.

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# In Past Pages

### 5 years (April 26, 2018)

Saturday, May 5 from 3-5:30 p.m. a complimentary CPR class will be offered for anyone interested in learning how to help save lives. This is an opportunity to obtain the lifesaving skill. People are urged to join other member of the community at the Oakham Fire Department, 178 Barre Road. CPR trainers will provide their expertise for this two-hour training session. This effort is being directed by Connor Foreman, a Troop 306 Boy Scout, for his Eagle Scout Project.

Selectman Charles Chase announced he did not wish to be chairman this year and nominated Matthew Urban as chairman. Chase explained in past years the board rotated the position of chair when reorganizing following the Annual Town Election. In edition to electing Urban chair, the board voted Gregory O'Sullivan Vice-Chairman and Chase Clerk.

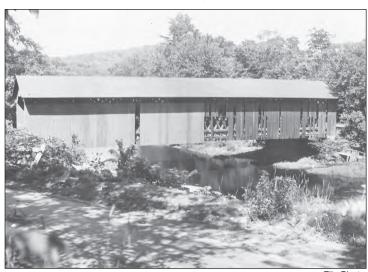
Marshall asked the Quabbin Regional School District Committee to appoint a short term task force. She said the task force charge would be to look into uses for the Oakham and New Braintree schools. She discussed using the New Braintree Grade School as a special education/adult education center with possible blended services with another institution.

### 10 years (April 25, 2013)

Petersham Select Board presented Anne Perkins of Petersham with a proclamation congratulating her on her selection as an Unsung Heroine of Massachusetts. The proclamation read in part, "Be it resolved that the Petersham Select Board wishes to proclaim its deep appreciation to Anne Perkins for her many years of loyal and unparalleled service to this community and now declares the second day of May 2013 as Anne Perkins Day in the Town of Petersham."

The town of Hubbardston held a special town meeting on Tuesday, April 23 in the cafeteria of the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. Before starting the meeting, moderator Ed Leonard held a moment of silence for victims of the Patriots Day bombing in Boston. Voters approved an agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes between the town and Nexamp Inc. for a solar facility on Pitcherville Road. The second article sought authorization for a PILOT agreement between the town and Hubbardston Solar LLC for a solar facility to be installed on Williamsville Road. The final article authorized the treasurer with approval of the board of selectmen to borrow \$40,000 for a new playground at the Hubbardston Center School.

### LOOK BACK Covered Bridge - 1966



The covered bridge in Gilbertville is under going repairs in May 1966.

The South Barre Rod and Gun Superintendent Maureen Club, Route 32, Barre/Hardwick line, will hold a children's fishing derby for ages 14 and under at their trout stocked pond on Saturday, April 27. The derby is free and open to the public and lunch is included.

### 25 years (April 23, 1998)

Two automatic external defibrillators worth \$3,500 each have been donated to the Barre Police Department by an anonymous donor. A defibrillator is a device that uses electric shocks to restart and correct heart rhythms, according to the Barre Emergency and Rescue Squad. The automatic models donated contain a computer that automatically detects what treatment, if any, is needed, making them particularly suited for to first responders like police

The \$500,000 override on the May 6 ballot in Hubbardston has been a hot topic of discussion among voters during the last several weeks. If passed, the override will add approximately \$3 per thousand to the tax rate. It is strongly opposed by many, especially those with fixed incomes or with homes that have high evaluations. Selectmen and the Finance Committee met on April 16 with the highway, fire and police chiefs to discuss the severe budget cuts that will have to made if the override fails.

The annual spring clean-up of a portion of the Ware Rive adopted by the Upper Ware River Watershed Association will be held Sunday, May 3. The work party will gather at the entrance to the gravel pit off Route 67 in Barre Plains at 1 p.m. Most of the items to be removed will be papers and

### 38 years (April 25, 1985)

William J. Gauld, an 11th and12th grade teacher of environmental science and conservation at the Quabbin Regional High School has been selected Massachusetts Audubon's 1985 Conservation Teacher of the Year. Gauld entered teaching 14 years ago, after ten years in business, when he felt the need for a more personally-fulfilling career. He is esteemed by students and colleagues alike as a dedicated and successful teacher, who works unselfishly to instill in his students an understand and respect for nature.

Senator Robert D. Wetmore (D-Barre) and Representative Henry R. Grenier (D-Spencer) announced last week that a bill to allow the reconstruction of Route 67 in the towns of New Braintree, Barre and North Brookfield has been signed into law by Governor Michael S. Dukakis. The section of road to be reconstructed extends from Oakham Road in North Brookfield through New Braintree to Barre Plains.

Barre Site Manager Natalie Ackert presented Certificates of Recognition to the several volunteers at the Barre Meal Site in the American Legion Hall on Mechanic Street including Glenna Bill, Corinne and Howard Hubbard, Emily Mastronardo, Herbert Hudson, George Champigny, Charles Cummings, Teresa Miller, Sam and Emily Lamacchia, Marie (Chris) Seaver, Julia Greene, Carl Ohlson, Persis Stewart, Tony Thompson, Dorothy and Donald Friend, Ralph Willey, Harriet Cimino, Allan Reavey, Marly Rotondo, Lena Puliafico, Esther Bacon, Edna Slayton, Armelina Goyette, Jennie Belle Cooley and Evelyn Fahlbeck.

## Guest column

# **Adventures of** Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I am such a happy cat as Missy has just told me my friend, Timothy, will be staying with us for two whole weeks.

Wow, I can hardly wait for his arrival. It seems Missy's friend has to have emergency surgery and rehab.

I will have a talk with Timothy and tell him we will need to keep our capers on low key

or Missy won't survive the two weeks. We aren't so fast any more with our old age, but we usually manage to get into mischief just the same. Timothy and I have just enjoyed breakfast with

Missy and those wonderful buttered toast treats. Timothy is looking at Missy and imploring her for more. I told him it isn't going to happen, so stop looking at her. You have to wait until tomorrow for more.

I know because I had to learn the hard way and now you have to too. So, Timothy let's check out the bedrooms. You remember how much fun we had chasing each other around through the closet and into the other bedroom, under the beds and over the tops. Don't you?

Okay, let's give it a whirl this morning. Whee, this is fun, but we are getting tired too soon and will have to rest a little while. We can do it again tomorrow since there was no damage done. We will have our morning nap on the back of the coach so Timothy can watch the birdies.

He doesn't have a window at his houses where he can see them. He is just fascinated with them. I love them too, but I get a chance to see them all the time.

There is nothing special going on this morning. Just the hummingbirds chasing each other around and the little birds going in and out of the feeder. Timothy is enthralled. I am not sure he is ready for a nap this morning, but I am.

Have a good week folks.

Love, Gertrude

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I guess we hit some record temperatures for April this week. I had to get the fans out and started the air conditioning one day.

The ticks are out and the May flies have arrived. I went to Rietta Ranch flea market on Sunday but because they had predicted rain there were not as many set up, but I did spend \$6. I went to a table with all one dollar items so I got three things I could

use and a pair of drapes I can use at the den windows for \$3. I was home by 8:30 a.m.

I met some of my old friends there. One is a lady that I always called the "hat lady" because she always wore hats according to the weather and I joked to her about it. This week she told me her name and she did not have a hat on. She also told me how to remember her name so I am sure I will never forget.

Another lady is a nurse and she gave me some telephone numbers I could call to get some home help. People can be so helpful. She also suggested that I get an alert system especially since I work out-

One day last week, I spent taking out the summer clothes and sorting them. Sunday afternoon I spent ironing the tee shirts. Even though I roll them when I put them away they get very wrinkled.

On the way home from the Flea Market I noticed a new sign has finally been put up in the Lovewell Cemetery. It has been missing for a long time.

Work is continuing on the Main Street project, but I always feel sad when I see all the large trees they had to take down, all for a bicycle trail? Wouldn't the late Dot Athens be sad after her big project of having ornamental trees planted along the Main Street. Guess we don't have any more tree

Here is a recipe that my good friend and former neighbor sent me. It is a recipe that her mother used to make.

It has a recipe for one small loaf or two smaller loaves or one larger loaf. She said if you use squash instead of pumpkin to double the spices.

**PUMPKIN BREAD** 

3 cups sugar 1 cup oil

4 eggs

2/3 cup water 1 can pumpkin

3 1/2 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

2 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon cloves

1/2 teaspoon allspice

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. To make the smaller bread, just half the recipe and for the two small loaves or one large loaf use the above reci-

### **Garden News**

Things are coming along fine in the gardens. Most of the leaves have been raked off except for the main hosta bed. The daffodils are in full bloom as are the hyacinths.

Inside the hollyhock seedlings are being transplanted. Foliage only on the amaryllis but hopefully

the blossoms will come. I did pick some flowering quince that the buds were showing color and put them in a vase with the

My twin girls will be coming up during school vacation to finish raking the back gardens.

I will have to get my net hats and body suit out now in order to go out. I found two ticks on my neck while I was pruning the dead wood from the blueberry bushes.

I have a paddle that I can swing to kill the flies. It really works and I sure love to hear the buzz when I hit one. They sure can be a pest to a gardener.

I hope you get out and help clean up the road sides when you have fair weather. I wish the recycling center would open in Hubbardston. Where can you bring things that the rubbish people will not

It was a sad day when the local dumps closed. I know it is better for the environment, but then the roadsides get cluttered. How many mattresses have you seen by the roadside and now television sets. Have a good day.



# Asparagus, a perennial favorite

When I was a kid, we had a big flower garden that ran the length of the gable end of our ranch house.

It was tremendous fun for mom and me each spring to mark the rows and sow the seeds of calendula, cleome, balsam and so many other interesting annual flowers.

Sometime in the mid to late 1980s, it became trendy to install perennial flower gardens. Under the guise of "less work," lots of folks traded in their marigolds and zinnias in place of daylilies and summer

Where am I going with this, you ask? Straight to an article about asparagus.

Yes, asparagus. My favorite perennial vegetable. The correlation came when I was working in my asparagus patch earlier today and I thought about just how much bang for the buck you get from established asparagus for such little annual labor.

In order to thrive, asparagus plants require full sun, fertile soil, a neutral pH, and a weed-free bed. If time allows, prepare the site in the fall prior to spring planting by removing the sod from grassy areas and by making the necessary adjustments to the soil with the addition of lime and balanced organic fertilizers.

A soil test will determine accurate amounts for

Once asparagus crowns have been purchased you shouldn't wait too long to plant them, or they will dry out. At first look, the roots look like fleshy white tentacles of an octopus radiating out from its head!

If planting ASAP is unlikely store them in moist sphagnum moss until you are able to get them in the ground. New advice recommends planting the crowns in trenches 8- 10" deep.

It is helpful to incorporate additional lime and bone meal thoroughly into the bottom of the planting furrow. Set plants on small mounds of soil 12-18' apart in the row and cover with 2" of soil.

As the spears poke through this first layer of soil and begin to fern out, gradually fill in the trench with a mixture of soil and finished compost. It should take six weeks for the furrow to be completely filled in.

Water regularly and top-dress with fertilizer in August of the first year and every spring thereafter. A thick application of compost at this time will also enhance fertility, while liming annually will help keep the pH neutral.



New studies indicate that spears can be harvested for a week-long period the year after planting. Simply cut with a sharp knife at the soil surface.

The following year expand your harvest to four weeks; by year three a full harvest season of eight weeks is possible.

After harvest let the foliage grow, once winter killed it can be cut back and removed from the garden site in case it harbors insect eggs. Good hygiene and hand picking will reduce populations of the asparagus beetle and other culprits of the asparagus patch.

What was I doing out in the asparagus patch today,

Besides thinking about flowers, I was weeding, and prepping the beds for their annual application of lime and compost. It's a fair trade-off for two months of harvesting one of my favorite vegetables!

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.

### **HUNTER CASEY**, continued from page 1

He did many service projects. He helped the Veterans put together blessing bags for Veterans Inc. and met some of the men in the program. He also helped with the clothes line project at Anna Maria College to help raise awareness against domestic violence and sexual assault.

One of the last steps is the Eagle project. Hunter said someone suggested Felton Field for a project. He completed renovation of the bath house and replaced the gable ends of the pavilion at Felton Field. He then gave both structures a new coat of pain.

There were some challenges along his journey, but he persevered. Hunter is the 77th Scout to earn eagle rank in the town of Barre and the first for troop 1026 Barre.

His Eagle ceremony on Sunday, April 16 at American Legion Post 2 was the final step in the process of becoming an Eagle Scout. His mother, Tracy Nickerson, attached the Eagle pin to her son's uniform. The Eagle charge must be given by an Eagle Scout and Richard Stevens welcomed him into the brotherhood of Eagle

Hunter presented pins to his mother, father, paternal grandparents, maternal grandfather and the mentor pin to Gary Pearson. State Rep. Donald Berthiaume attended and presented Hunter with a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives.



A photo of the pavilion before Hunter Casey began his



This is how the bath house looked before Hunter Casey's renovation.

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the community was not alone."

She also attended the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools with many of the districts with declining enrollment in attendance.

### **Directors reports**

Colleen Mucha said there were a lot of field trips happening at the elementary level including a trip to Nature's Classroom the end of May. She said the district received a grant for \$300,000 over three years to focus on inclusion and co-teaching. Once again the Science Technology Engineering and Math Camp would be offered free again this summer at Ruggles Lane Elementary School and at the Quabbin Middle School. So far, over 100 students have shown interest in attend-

Joe Wyman said three students would be going to the Distributive Education Clubs of America from the district to a competition in Orlando, Florida for three days beginning April 22. The school committee gave pre-approval for the trip and voted full approval at this meeting. They said they would like a report on the DECA Competition.

Kristin Campione said the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education found no areas of non-compliance in special education. She also said she attended two unified track meets.

Andrew Walsh said new web page access would be done by the end of the month.

Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, said she applied for a Congressional District Grant for the chiller project replacement.

Greg Devine, Director of Guidance for External Partnerships said Worcester State University has a dual enrollment program with Central Massachusetts High School students. He said the Quabibn Post Grad students planned a town wide yard sale in New Braintree. They modeled it after similar town wide yard sales in

neighboring towns. He said the Credit for Life program sponsored by Country Bank was held and students from Leicester High School and Eagle Hill School also attended.

He said Roots at Gamma offered a non-traditional therapy program, which involved an hour per week at Roots farm animal rescue located in Gardner. Clients observe and interact with farm animals that included goats, pigs, ponies, donkeys, horses, geese, etc. and then to reflect on the animals' behavior. The program provided transportation, but Superintendent Muir said she hoped to possibly offer this program to students in need of this service and to find additional transportation funds for it.



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### **THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

RAISING ORGANIC POULTRY ON PASTURE will be held today from 10 a.m.- noon followed by a potluck lunch at Many Hands Sustainability Center, 411 Sheldon Road, Barre. Each year many Hands Organic Farm raises 500-600 birds in these range house "tractors" on pasture. Two people feed and water the animals and move their range houses by hand every day to fresh grass. Participants will be moving some for this workshop presentation, as well as building one so you can get up close and learn how it is done. Brooding, chick care, and organic feed management will also be discussed. Sliding scale price for workshop is \$25-\$75. People may register by visiting https://mhof.net/events-workshops/.

# Where is this?



This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. 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 24. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko, Jane McCauley, Cheryl Paul, Susan Sherman and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. Bill Bowles correctly identified the Barre photo. His name was accidentally omitted. Last week's photo was of A thyme and a place shop on Gardner Road, Hubbardston and taken from High Street.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA/LUNCHEON will be held today at noon in Fellowship Hall at the

Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. Tea, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be served. Before the tea/luncheon the Hubbardston Senior Singers will entertain in the church sanctuary at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 and includes luncheon and entertainment.

CHEESE AND CHEESE MAKING sponsored by the Paige Memorial Library will be held today at 1:30 p.m. in the Town House, 32 Common St., Hardwick. People will learn about cheese and cheese making from Archer Meier and Marlo Stein of Round Table Farm, formerly the Robinson farm. Cheeses will be available for tasting and for purchase. Currently Round Table Farm offers four kinds of small batch, raw milk, aged cheese and specialty cut flowers. Registration is requested but not required. People may call 413-477-6704 or email directorpaigelibrary@ gmail.com to register. They may visit www.paigelibrary.com and facebook.com/paigelibraryhardwickma for more information.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

PIONEER VALLEY BRASS CONCET as part of the Vespers series of the First Universalist Parish of North Dana, will be held today at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Cross Street, Gardner. This program is part of a series of Vespers programs with musical services sponsored by the North Dana Parish since 1930 when the Parish had to leave North Dana for the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir. This is the 800th such program benefitting from a trust fund set up by sisters Catherine Mason and Mary Hale to ensure that the Parish will not be forgotten. Descendants and friends of original Parish members meet annually to oversee the program. Current members of the brass quintet include Dick Tandy and Steve Babineau on trumpet, Joe Hoye on tuba, Tabitha Greenlees on French horn and Dana Tandy on trumpet. The First Universalist Parish of North Dana will also sponsor the Pioneer Valley Brass performing on Sunday, May 21 at the First Universalist Church of Orange at 2 p.m. and in New Salem at the Swift River Valley Historical Society on Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

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

### **SATURDAY, MAY 6**

A TALE OF TWO, Nashville's duo will be sponsored by the Princeton Arts Society today at 7 p.m. and will be held in the First Congregational Church, 14 Mountain Road, Princeton. Suggested ticket donation is \$10.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 11**

'WILLIE WONKA' presented by the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield will take place today; Friday, May 12; Saturday, May 13; Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m and Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. The performances will be held in the auditorium at the North Brookfield Elementary School, Oakham Road (Route 148), North Brookfield. Tickets are \$16for adults and \$11 for seniors and students under the age of twelve. One dollar for each ticket sold will benefit The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House for the restoration of the Town House. Tickets are available by calling 508- 331-9031 or at the door. 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.

### **Calendar Policy**

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approved adding half days around midterms to lower stress levels for students and staff.

### Trips approved

The School Committee approved a number of upcoming field trips including April 27-29, Skills USA at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School; April 21-26, DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida; May 9, New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Connecticut; and May 25, Brownstone Adventure Sports Park in Portland, Connecticut.

### New hires

The school district looks forward to welcoming new hires Michael Forrest, Transition Coordinator/ Assistive Tech and Reading Instructor; Jennifer Pytel, Paraprofessional; Tonia Speenburgh, part-time Library and Media Support.

### Retirement School Committee members recognized retiree

John Weyant, Carpentry Instructor, for 23 years of great work.

### **Donations**

The School Committee voted to accept a \$15,000 donation from the Palmer Rotary Club.

They also voted to accept a number of gifts including a Lincoln Electric AC/DC Arc Welder and some other tools from Elaine Hodgman; a 2015 Sedona from Mary K. Young; a 2009 Honda Odyssey from Darlene Henshaw; and a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid from Cristian Covert.

Lowes Hardware donated tools and equipment including 49 drills.

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# Shorthanded Panthers fall to Littleton | Panthers suffer

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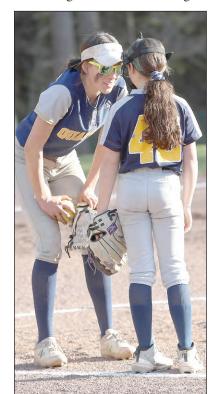
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Prior to last Wednesday's home opener against Littleton High School, Quabbin senior captain Sydney Giorgi had only pitched one inning for the varsity softball team.

Giorgi made her first career varsity start versus the Tigers because junior Mady Breault and eighth grader Abby Rogowski, who are the Lady Panthers top two pitchers this spring, were on a class trip.

Junior Meg Doyle, who's the starting centerfielder, and sixth grader Juliana Guilderson, who normally plays for the junior varsity softball team, also pitched in a varsity game for the first time in the home opener.

The Tigers (4-1), who are the defending Mid-Wach C league



Meg Doyle conferences with Juliana Guilderson.

champions, took advantage of the inexperienced Lady Panthers hurlers by posting a 17-4 victory in six innings.

Despite the loss, Quabbin varsity softball coach Chris Nosek was pleased with the performance of his three pitchers.

"Being a softball pitcher is incredibly hard," Nosek said. "All of the attention is focused on you and you're trying to throw the ball into a small window. I'm very proud of the three girls who pitched for us in today's game. It was the first time that any of them had pitched at this level, and they competed very hard out there."

Besides the two pitchers, the Lady Panthers were also missing three other players for various rea-

Giorgi, who's normally the starting first baseman, did her best during the first two innings of the game. She allowed seven runs on just two base hits. She issued nine walks and didn't record a strikeout.

"When I asked the players who wanted to be the starting pitcher, Sydney was the first person to step up," Nosek said. "She pitched an inning in a one sided game last year, but this was her first varsity start. It's a very difficult role and I'm very proud of her. She stepped outside of her comfort zone and helped the team."

Giorgi was also the captain of the Lady Panthers varsity field hockey team, which is coached by Shelly Zalneraitis, and the girls' varsity basketball team, which is coached by Evan Barringer.

"Sydney is an outstanding threesport athlete," Nosek added. "If she decided to play tennis or golf, she would probably excel in those sports as well."

The other two senior captains of the Lady Panthers softball team are Tori Brewer and Brynn Adams,

See QUABBIN SOFTBALL

**Pathfinder** 

falls at Pope

Francis

SPRINGFIELD - Last Thursday afternoon, Pathfinder softball suffered a tough loss at Pope Francis 16-5. In the loss, Pathfinder fell behind early as Pope Francis racked up the hits. Pathfinder would drop to 1-2 on the

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Bella Nompleggi catches for the Pioneers.





page 8 The Panthers attempt to get an out at home.





Brianna Beynor makes an underhand flip for the out.



Lianna Carrasquillo tries to barehand a slow roller.



Megan Bly catches an out at first base.

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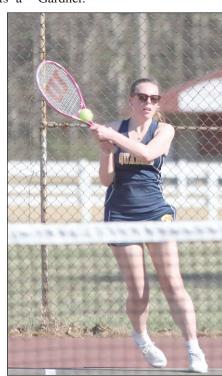
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# narrow loss

BARRE - Last week, 5-0 sweep of North Middlesex Quabbin fell to Leominster on April 6. The Panthers were 3-2 in a close match. Both of off for the vacation week and the Panthers' losses this sea- are scheduled to return to action son have been by 3-2 margins. on Monday, April 24 against The Panthers one win was a Gardner.



Lauren Haddad competes in a match last week.



Photos by Ray Duffy Camryn Orsini returns a hit for the Panthers.

# Quabbin boys track wins

BARRE - The Quabbin boys varsity track team had their first meet against Hudson on Monday, April 10. Quabbin was able to take the win with a 90-point victory with seniors Mark Halaby and William Hood as the top scorers from





Colin Brown and Casey Seem compete in the 800 meter.

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# **Sports**

# T-Birds fall in finale

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The than eight minutes into game action. Springfield Thunderbirds (38-26-3-5, 84 points) fell to the Providence Bruins (44-18-8-2, 98 points) in their regular season finale on Sunday afternoon by a final score of 7-3 inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Providence's win sealed an Atlantic Division championship; the T-Birds will be the 4-seed when they open the First Round of the Calder Cup Playoffs on Wednesday night against the 5-seed Hartford Wolf Pack.

It looked like the Bruins would run away with the game in the opening minutes, as back-to-back goals 43 seconds apart from Chris Wagner and Eduards Tralmaks staked Providence to a 2-0 lead less

However, the T-Birds showed their comeback fight, along with a stroke of luck, to turn the first period around. A dump-in attempt came bouncing near the back of Kyle Keyser's net. The Bruins goalie bobbled the puck, and it skittered right into the slot to Mikhail Abramov, who had a wide-open net

to make it a 2-1 game at 13:58. Just 4:04 later, and after the Bruins committed a pair of minor penalties, Will BItten cashed in his career-high 22nd goal in the paint to tie the score, 2-2, with 1:58 to go in

Vadim Zherenko stabilized after allowing the two early goals to keep the 2-2 game heading into the second, but Providence's power play restored the lead as Vinni Lettieri wired a slapper into the top shelf at 7:56 of the period, making

Once again, the T-Birds had a reply as Greg Printz whistled home a centering pass from Dylan McLaughlin with 3:23 left in the second to send a 3-3 tie into the final period.

The Bruins' offense proved to be too much in the final 20 minutes. Jack Ahcan netted a shorthanded goal off a rush at 3:16, and tallies from Joona Koppanen, Marc McLaughlin, and a second goal of the afternoon from Wagner helped secure the division title for

# Railers win to get last chance at playoffs

Worcester has taken things down to the absolute wire after losing to the Adirondack Thunder Saturday night, 5-1, at Cool Insuring Arena.

With the victory, the Thunder jumped over the Railers into the fourth and final spot in the North Division. Adirondack has 73 points, Worcester 72 with one game left in the regular season. That will be here Sunday afternoon and in order to qualify for post-season play the Railers have to win in regulation time since Adirondack gets the tie-breaker.

"(Sunday) is a Game 7," coach Jordan Smotherman said. "That's what it comes down to. There is no carryover. It's a fresh day.'

It won't be easy. The Thunder is one of the best home ice teams in the league. Adirondack has won six straight home games overall and is 20-10-4 here for the season. The Thunder has beaten the Railers five straight times here and outscored them, 22-6, in those

Adirondack scored twice in the first period and three times in the second. The Thunder had a 5-0 lead before the game was half over. Brent Beaudoin scored the only Worcester goal in the first

GLENS FALLS, N.Y. minute of the third period, con- od as he converted a pass from verting a great pass from Andrei Bakanov, but the game was out of reach by then.

That was the one pleasant note for the Railers on the night. It was the 20th goal of the season for Beaudoin, one of the ECHL's most under-appreciated players.

Patrick Grasso scored twice for the Thunder. Sebastian Vidmar, Dajon Mingo and Shawn Weller had the other Adirondack goals. Mike Robinson stopped 22 of 23 Worcester shots. Robinson had surrendered 16 goals in three previous games prior to this one.

"We didn't attack. That was the problem," Smotherman said.

The first four Thunder goals were against Henrik Tikkanen, the last against Ken Appleby. Smotherman changed goaltenders after Grasso made it 4-0 at 5:20 of the second period, although he did not blame Tikkanen for the Railers early problems.

"I just wanted to change the whole thing," Smotherman, "and get a free timeout just in case we were gonna climb back into that

Vidmar gave the Thunder a 1-0 lead at 8:31 of the first peri-

Ryan Smith. Vidmar had time and space from the right circle and put a snap shot inside the near post before Tikkanen could get over.

It could easily have been 2-0 three minutes later but Tikkanen made a big stop on Mingo's re-direct from about 10 feet in front. He was not to be denied on his next good chance, though, which came at 15:58. He took a feed in the left circle, closed on Tikkanen a bit, and beat him with a wrist shot to the far post.

The period also featured a fight at 15:07 although it was not ruled one, apparently since neither combatant required CPR. Railers rookie defenseman Artyom Kulakov battled Matt Jennings. Punches were thrown and landed but both players wound up with simple roughing minors.

Worcester came out with some energy to start the second 20 minutes. It evaporated quickly and the game was essentially over before 30 minutes had elapsed.

Grasso scored at 4:49 and again at 5:20. Weller made it a 5-0 game with a power play goal at 9:20 and the only question left was if Worcester could bounce back on

# Education

# Oakham Center School students answer a challenge



Addyson Barringer, from left, Helen Poirier of the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter and Sophia Dittami show books about women, who helped the cause of the Revolutionary War. Not shown is Elizabeth Welch. The girls are fifth graders at Oakham Center School.

OAKHAM - Three Oakham Center School students took up the challenge given to them by the Reading Across America community reader, Helen Poirier of the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter who read to the fifth grade class on March 2. Revolutionary

Women the Minute Women in the Fight for Independence was read to the students, then a challenge was issued to find other women who helped the cause of the Revolutionary War and tell how the women helped. Elizabeth Welch told about Anna Strong, Prudence Wright: Leading Sophia Dittami found Nancy Hart,

and Addyson Barringer told about Deborah Sampson. The young ladies all wrote letters to Mrs. Poirier explaining how the women they found aided the cause. The students were presented books about their revolutionary patriot on Wednesday, April 12 at the Oakham Center School.

# **Mattison Albano inducted** into honor society

Albano of Oakham has been inducted into Alpha Alpha Alpha (Tri-Alpha) Honor Society, a national honor society recognizing the achievements of first-generation students, alumni, staff, faculty and administrators.

Albano, a member of the Class of 2025, was one of 67 students inducted into Delta Omicron, the honor society's Holy Cross chapter. Founded in 2018, Tri-Alpha promotes academic excellence and provides members with a multitude of benefits, including opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, campus and community service and the opportunity to receive mentoring from more senior first-generation stu-

To qualify for induction into campus.

WORCESTER - Mattison Tri-Alpha students must meet the following criteria:

The student has completed at least three full-time terms of study. The student has achieved an

overall grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. Neither the student's parents,

nor step-parents, nor legal guardians, completed a bachelor's degree.

In addition to the student inductees, two members of the college community were inducted as honorary members: Adriana DiPasquale, associate director for training and clinical services, Counseling & Psychological Services and Patricia Kramer, assistant dean, Office of the Class Deans, and associate professor. dents, as well as faculty, staff and Department of Psychology. Trialumni who were first-generation Alpha is one of 20 honor societies on the College of the Holy Cross

# Alexia Topor makes Husson University Dean's List

BANGOR, MAINE - Alexia Jordan Topor of Ware was recently named to Husson University Online's Dean's List. Topor was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in psychology program.

Full-time online students, who earn Dean's List recognition must be enrolled as an undergraduate, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours over the course of 21 weeks, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted and achieve a 3.60 to 3.79 semester gradepoint average. Credits from pass/ fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

Courses for full-time online undergraduate students are offered over the course of seven weeks. This accelerated timeframe provides adult learners with an opportunity to balance existing personal and professional commitments as they complete their studies.

# Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

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

open practice, but still has plenty of open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

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

leybaseball.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 informa-The league recently held its tion about the upcoming season.

plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically

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

The Quabbin Valley league is an all abilities league and all are wel-The season is scheduled to begin come to join. Eligibility is playon Sunday, April 23. The league ers 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

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### QUABBIN SOFTBALL, continued from page 7

who started the home opener in left field.

"All three of our senior captains have done a lot of wonderful things during their varsity careers," Nosek said. "They're tremendous leaders on and off the

Adams finished the first home game with three base hits, which were all singles. She also scored two runs. Doyle, who replaced Giorgi at the start of the third

inning, allowed seven runs on four hits over 2 2/3 innings. She walked seven batters and struck out three.

"Meg had never pitched in a softball game at any level before today," Nosek said. "I told her that I needed a couple of innings. She did a good job." Doyle also contributed offensively with two hits

and two RBIs. "We always want to have runners on base whenever

Meg comes up to bat, "Nosek added. "She's a very dangerous hitter for us.' The trio of Adams, Doyle, and sophomore shortstop Ana Dunn had eight of the Lady Panthers nine base

hits against Littleton junior Ella Gearty, who went the distance. After the Tigers scored three runs in the top of first inning, Adams led off the bottom half of the frame

with an infield hit. She scored the Lady Panthers first run on Doyle's triple to left field. Two innings later, Adams hit a flyball single to right field and crossed the plate when Doyle lined

a single into center field. Doyle scored the Lady Panthers third run following another single to center by Dunn, who also went 3-for-3. She also scored a run in the sixth inning. Guilderson was Quabbin's third pitcher against

the Tigers, who scored at least one run in every inning that they batted. She allowed three runs on two hits and issued only one walk over the final 1 1/3

With two-outs in the bottom of the sixth, Guilderson came up to the plate and smacked an RBI single into center field. It was her first base hit and RBI in a varsity softball game.

"It was very cool seeing Juliana get her first varsity base hit in the final inning," Nosek said. "She'll probably remember it for a very long time."

Another j.v. player, who played in the home opener for Quabin was sophomore catcher Makaylah

Nosek, is expecting a much closer game when his squad makes the hour long bus ride to Littleton High School on May 5.

# Church News

# Local pastor offers sermon

### **Church Matters** Part 6

The Bible uses rich imagery to convey the nature and function of the Church. Those who would understand the design and purpose of Christ for His people do well to explore said imagery in kind. Of note for this edition, let us begin to consider the Church as the family of God.

The Gospel of John proclaims that those who believe upon Christ become the children of God. Though every person is a child of God through creation, there is a distinct relational status conferred upon those who become children through faith:

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

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his name, he gave the right to dren, then we are heirs-heirs of Thus said: become children of God- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of

John understood the gravity of being brought into the household of God (1 John 3:1a, NIV): "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" Similarly, the apostle Paul proclaimed there is great benefit in our kinship with Christ, as all spiritual adoptees become heirs of a truly beneficent Father:

### Romans 8:15b-17a

15 . . . the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are chilGod and co-heirs with Christ. **Ephesians 1:3** 

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Of course, with great favor comes great responsibility. Entire sermon series might be penned concerning our obligations to God the Father (e.g., to worship, trust and love Him, etc.). For the sake of this edition, I posit that He is concerned with how we treat one another in Christ. You see, the Father has many children, which means that those who believe in Him possess countless spiritual siblings. To become part of the Church is to find connection with a family composed of the faithful throughout space and time.

What are our obligations one to another?

Ultimately, this is a question deserving of an edition in itself. Prayerfully ponder this query, as we will touch upon it in some detail next week. In the meantime, thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come. Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services.

Check us out online at www. NewLifeBarre.org for more information.

**Pastor James Foley** 

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### Tri-Parish Church to hold plant and bake sale

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

This popular East Quabbin area event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants and herbs in time for spring planting. There is a wonderful variety in plants offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, as well as Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gar-

The popular baked potato buffet is returning and a delicious assortment of homebaked 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 Common will be offered for \$35 each.

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Americas, as Trustee dated

April 24, 2008 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 42807, Page 357, and Confirmatory Assignment from Bank One National Association f/k/a/ The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-SL2 dated April 14, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52373, Page 369, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 2230 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, MA 01068 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00 PM on May 1, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the

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W., 665.09 feet along Lot 4 to a stake in a stone wall at Wiersma land; THENCE S. 76° 06' 58"

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

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court** 225 Main Street Worcester MA, 01608 Docket No.

WO23P0853GD In the interests of Klavdiya Ciska Lucia **Antonian** Of Barre, MA Minor

**NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment** of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **03/08/2023** by Amy Anne Grandone of Shrewsbury, MA will be held 05/17/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located: Worcester Probate & **Family Court** 

Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the

Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one

4. Counsel for

and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. Date: April 12, 2023

going to be heard.

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate 04/20/2023

**Town Of Barre Public Notice Barre Water Customers** 

**Mandatory Residential Outdoor Water Use** Restrictions May 1, 2023 through

**September 30, 2023** Per our Water Management Act Withdrawal Permit, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. we must enforce summer limits on water withdrawal to protect stream flow for aquatic life and ensure a sustainable drinking water sup-

Residential outdoor water use will be allowed on Tuesdays and Thursdays only after 5 p.m. - May 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

We encourage all of our customers to be aware of the amount of water that is being used and to conserve and protect our valuable drinking ater resources.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 978-355-5013 or via email to dpw@townofbarre.com. Thank you,

Board of Water Commissioners 04/20/2023

# **Obituaries**

### Douglas E Bryant, 84

DELRAY BEACH, FL/BARRE -Doug Bryant passed away at his home in Delray Beach, Florida on March 23,

He was born in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, son of the late Merton and Velma (Shephardson) and grew up in Barre. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Bruce S. and Ray A.

He leaves his three children, Beth, Steve and Scott; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Doug graduated Barre High School with the class of 1956; Worcester Tech Class of 1960 and a PhD in chemical engineering in 1965.

He worked briefly for Norton Company in Worcester and for the bulk of his career for Foseco, Inc. in the United States, Mexico, Canada,

and England. At his request, there will be no services and the burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

### **DEATH NOTICE**

**Bryant, Doug** Died March 23, 2023 Burial is private

## Sen. Gobi announces grant awards through state tech office

BOSTON - Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) announces grant awards through the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security.

Communities and organizations in the Worcester and Hampshire District are: Quabbin Regional School District, city of Gardner, town of Hubbardston, town of Oakham and town of Ware.

Awardees will not receive direct dollars through the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security.

Instead, the office will provide training licenses, covered by capital funds authorized by the legislature.

Gobi said, "In today's world, organizations need to take every precaution to safeguard against bad actors. I am glad to see the Administration award these grants to communities in Central and Western Mass. These are necessary investments to protect against growing threats in the digital

# C4R spring kick-off event April 20

PALMER – The Chicopee 4 Rivers Watershed Council invites everyone to a spring kick-off event on Thursday, April 20 from 7-8 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at Palmer Historical Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three

Join C4R and catch up on who they are, what they have done and what they plan to do in 2023 for our local rivers.

As we all get back to "normal" let's get back to the rivers, caring for them and enjoying them.

C4R created four Blue Trails to enjoy and care for, they monitor water quality, restore places, and they hope to do more. They are looking to build a stronger group of local river folk to connect more people to our local rivers and to strengthen their work.

C4R will talk about paddling, monitoring water quality, clean ups, how anyone can participate and begin to rebuild team C4R. All are welcome.

For more information, email chicopeewatershed@gmail.com

### GCM hosts 'Trees are Treasures' on April 22

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

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

The event includes a short, level walk along the Mill Pond Trail at Wells State Park, where interpreters are stationed to discuss forest logging, the importance of wetlands and how to 'read' a forest's history. This is a familv friendly stroll.

This free event will also include children's crafts under the pavilion, and a free tree seedling giveaway. Join GCM to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of our native forest. For more information, visit grassrootscentralmass.org.

### Rutland to hold Town Wide Yard Sale April 29

RUTLAND - The town of Rutland celebrates their 27th Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday April 29 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and is held rain or shine

Maps are available at 7:15 a.m. at the town lines and on the Town Celebration.

Common in front of Community Hall. The map will also be on the Fourth of July Committee website.Participants pay to be on the map and all proceeds go to the Town's Fourth of July

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# **Public Safety**

Monday, March 27

Tuesday, March 28

5:49 p.m. 911- Erratic Operator,

6:12 p.m. Initiated - Motor Vehicle

6:17 p.m. Initiated - Motor Vehicle

9:43 p.m. Initiated - Motor Vehicle

Stop, Williamsville Road, Written

Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, March 29

Vehicle Complaint, Adams Road,

Stop, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Dini, David A. 43, Norfolk

Thursday, March 30

West Street, Area Search Negative

Operating Motor Vehicle with

7:58 a.m. 911 - Erratic Operator.

8:25 a.m. Initiated - Motor Vehicle

Summons: Butrym, Kimberly L., 38,

Charges: Licenses Suspended,

10:10 a.m. Radio - Fire - Mutual

Aid Fire, North Brookfield, Services

Friday, March 31

11:16 a.m. Phone - Animal

Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 2

Arrest: Dini, David A., 43, Norfolk

8 a.m. Initiated - Administration,

Summons: Bigelow, Seth David, 38,

Charges: Operating Under the

11:07 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Old Dana

1:58 p.m. Recreational Vehicle

4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

5:24 p.m. Fire - Appliance Fire,

6:18 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Hubbardston, Services

Brookfield District Court, Services

Complaint, Beech Street, Negative

Wheelwright Road, Written Warning

Valley Road, Fire Extinguished

Influence - Drugs, Negligent Operation

Stop, South Street, Written Warning

South Street, Report Filed

Charges: Warrant

Road, Transported to Hospital

South Barre

Rendered

of Motor Vehicle

6:31 p.m. Initiated - Motor Vehicle

Stop, James Street, Criminal Complaint

8:43 p.m. Phone - Recreational

8:49 p.m. Initiated - Motor Vehicle

Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning

Negative Contact

Barre

Charges: Warrant

West Street, Office Spoke to Party

Valley Road, Negative Contact

# **Rutland Police Log**

### Sunday, April 2

12:23 a.m. Animal - Lost and Found, East County Road, Animal Returned to

3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

9:28 p.m. Complaint, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party 11:47 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Negative Contact

Monday, April 3

8:06 a.m. Truancy, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party 8:25 a.m. Suspicious Person/

Vehicle, Central Tree Road, Officer Spoke to Party 8:46 a.m. Court Duty, East

Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered 11:42 a.m. Animal - Bite, Glenwood

Road, Officer Advised 12:09 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main

Street, Transported to Hospital

1:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Sanchez, Rosa D., 35, Worcester Charges: License Suspended,

Operating Motor Vehicle with. Electronic Device, Use While

Operating Motor Vehicle, First Offense 2:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Rebecca Ann Drive, Removed to Court/Lockup

Arrest: Gonyea, Cailin M., 23, North Grafton

Charges: Operating Under Influence, Drugs, Resist Arrest, Assault and Battery on Public Employee, Child Endangerment While Operating Under the Influence, Yield at Intersection, Fail 3:11 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Information Taken

5:48 p.m. Pandemic, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital

6:37 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Emerald Avenue, Information Taken 7:07 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Public Assist

### Tuesday, April 4

7:51 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Shore Drive, Transported to Hospital

3:59 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

4:57 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Glenwood Road, Services Rendered 9:28 p.m. Falls, Main Street, Public 9:45 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Maple

Avenue, Public Assist

Wednesday, April 5 7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Main Street, Report Filed 7:53 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Main

Street, Information Taken 9:36 a.m. Falls, Main Street,

Transported to Hospital 12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Maple Avenue, Citation Issued 1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed Summons: Boucher, Matthew

Charles, 22, Blackstone Number Plate Violation to Conceal

Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Unregistered Motor Vehicle 4:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Woodside Avenue, Officer Spoke to

5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Stewart, Adrian Anthony, 49. Worcester

Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting

5:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Brito Lavandier, Huascar Rafael, 30. Worcester Charges: Unlicensed Operation of

Motor Vehicle Inspection/Sticker No. Child under 8 years and under 58 inches without carseat 7:36 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Hubbardston, Services Rendered 9:11 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Services

10:41 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Services

### Thursday, April 6

11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning 11:32 a.m. Possible Broken Hip,

Main Street, Transported to Hospital 11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Citation Issued 12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued 12:39 p.m Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued

12:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street. Citation Issued 1:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street. Citation Issued 1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued 1:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Agualzaca Soldado, Wilmer Ramiro, 26, Worcester

Charges: License Suspended for Operating Under Influence, Operating Motor Vehicle with Child under 8 years and under 58 inches without Carseat. Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting Registry of Motor Vehicle Warrants

8:41 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Kenwood Drive, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, April 7

7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

7:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

7:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued 8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheeler Road, Written Warning

9:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Anthony Drive, Written Warning 10:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

10:20 a.m Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop.

Pleasantdale Road Written Warning 10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

12:12 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issue, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint Summons: Scotland, Lucero, 25,

Spencer Charges: Abandon Motor Vehicle 1:23 p.m. Prowler/Trespasser, Main

Street, Officer Spoke to Party 2:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Services

7:32 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Area Patrolled 8:23 p.m. Intoxicated Person, Barre Paxton Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, April 8

10:14 a.m. Assault and Battery, Bushy Lane, Transported to Hospital 10:56 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Removed

11:44 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party 6:26 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Grizzly

Drive. Peace Restored 9 p.m Seizures, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

> Monday, April 3 9:41 a.m. Court Duty, East

# **Oakham Police Log**

### Sunday, April 2

5:26 p.m. Officer Wanted, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party 6:17 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed

7:11 a.m. Fuel Spill, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency 9:27 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Hunt Road. Officer Advised

11:05 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Ware Corner Road, Information Taken 8:24 p.m. Larceny/Theft, South Road, Report Filed

### Tuesday, April 4

a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Shore Drive, Transported to

7:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Animal Returned to

### Wednesday, April 5

9:48 a.m. Harassment, North Brookfield Road Report Filed 11:49 a.m. Animal - ACO Call. North Brookfield Road, Officer Advised

### Thursday, April 6

8:07 a.m. Vandalism, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed

11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued 1:50 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered 3:25 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Area Patrolled

### Friday, April 7

8:25 p.m. Open Door/Window to Structure, Maple Street, Building Checked/Secured

### Saturday, April 8

4:12 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

# **Hubbardston Police Log**

### Sunday, April 3

Problems, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

9:40 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart

### Monday, April 3

8:56 a.m. Road Hazard, New Westminster Road, Referred to Other

11:18 a.m. Property - Lost and Found, Comet Pond Access Road, Information Taken 9:12 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Brigham

Street, Officer Spoke to Party

District Court, Services Rendered

Tuesday, April 4 8:46 a.m. Falls, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital 9:07 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner

4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued 4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 7:28 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Morgan Road, Transported to Hospital

# Wednesday, April 5 1:38 a.m. Falls, Madison Way,

Ambulance Signed Refusal 8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, Morgan Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle -Disabled, Burnshirt Road, Vehicle

### Thursday, April 6

3:20 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke

8:49 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered

4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, South Cove Road, Services Rendered

6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Citation Issued 6:58 p.m. Animal - ACO Call. Healdville Road, Information Taken

### Friday, April 7 1:54 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered

### Saturday, April 8

10:02 a.m. Property Damage, Root Road, Report Filed

1:04 p.m. Brush and Wild Land Fire, Old Westminster Road, Fire E

### Other Agency Rendered 11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West 11:01 a.m. 911 - Erratic Operator, Road, Negative Contact

**Barre Police Log** 

Street, Criminal Complaint Summons: Murray, Shawn George,

Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with

12:19 p.m. Road Hazard, South Barre Road, Removed Hazard

3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South

Street, Citation Issued 3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South

Street, Citation Issued 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Summer Street, Citation Issued 4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued

### Tuesday, April 4

1:19 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Northampton, Negative

Lane, Report Filed Summons: Wasielewski, 63, Barre Charges: Vandalize Property c266

4:32 p.m. Property Damage, Varney

4:40 pm. Animal - ACO Call, Varney

4:55 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Blair Road, Message Delivered 10:22 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning, Peach Street, Transported to Hospital

### 11:10 a.m. Phone - Animal - ACO Wednesday, April 5 Call, Phillipston Road, Information

Street, Citation Issued

Lane, Officer Advised

11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 4:59 p.m. Vehicle Fires, Hubbardston Road, Fire Extinguished ACO Call, Phillipston Road, Message 6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

### Thursday, April 6

9:23 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, School North Street, Officer Spoke to Party 11:15 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Gauthier Road, Message Delivered 1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint Summons: Mendez, Eli D., 29, Holden Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle,

Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered Motor 2:33 p.m. Animal - ACO Call,

Summer Street, Information Taken 4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued 9:07 p.m. Assist other Police Department, Oakham, Services

### Friday, April 7

12:29 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

11:51 a.m. Animal - Lost and Found, Summer Street, Officer Advised 12:17 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Wauwinet Road, Referred to

2:03 p.m. Erratic Operator, Adams

5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Summons: Ackert, Robert Thomas,

Charges: Stop for Police, Fail, Snow/

Recreational Vehicle - Unregistered,

Snow/Recreational Vehicle - Public

Way Violation, Stop/Yield, Fail to, Snow/

Recreational Vehicle - Refuse to Stop

Complaint, Worcester Road, Negative

Saturday, April 8

Street, Investigation (On-going)

Hospital

Agency

23 Barre

Hospital

Vehicle

South Barre

South Barre Road, Citation Issued

9:40 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Summer

10:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

3:56 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning,

5:19 p.m. Breathing Difficulty,

North Brookfield Road, Transported to

Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

7:08 p.m. Fire – Arching Wires, Old Hardwick Road, Referred to Other

Main Street, Investigated

Uninsured Motor Vehicle

8:46 p.m. Follow Up Investigation,

Summons: Ackert, Robert Thomas,

Charges: Charges: Stop for Police,

Fail, Snow/Recreational Vehicle

Unregistered, Snow/Recreational

Vehicle - Public Way Violation, Stop

Yield, Fail to, Snow/Recreational

Vehicle - Refuse to Stop for Police,

Fire, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed

**SOUTH BARRE** 

Wednesday, March 29

- Fire, Nichols Road, Transported to

7:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision

Summons: Bigelow, Seth David, 38,

Charges: Operating Under Influence

Drugs, Negligent Operation of Motor

Saturday, April 1

Keep the Peace, Fir Street, Property

7:28 p.m. Fire - CO Alarm (No

Illness), North Brookfield Road,

Sunday, April 2

Complaint, Beech Street, Negative

Monday, April 3

9:23 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, School

Wheelwright Road, Written Warning

South Street Officer Advised

1:58 p.m. Recreational Vehicle

4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

9:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -

9:32 p.m. Animal - Animal

for Police, Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

# **Hardwick Police Log**

the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 35 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, nine radar assignments, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle accident, one complaint, three investigations, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one brush fire, two animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town

# of Hardwick.

Monday, April 3 11:09 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Church Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

### Tuesday, April 4

12:11 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

1:09 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital 9:33 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

During the week of April 3-10, Fiske Road, Transported to Hospital 8:24 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Negative Contact

8:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Bridge Street, Spoken

### Thursday, April 6 12:35 a.m. 911 Misdial, River Run, Negative Contact 10:54 a.m. 911 Misdial, Bridge

Street, Negative Contact 6:20 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, April 7

3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Hardwick Road, Citation Issued 5:34 p.m. Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting, Barre Road, Report Taken

### Saturday, April 8 6:15 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle

5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Accident, Barre Road, Summons 11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Lower Road, Written Warning 11:59 a.m. Fire/Brush, Upper

Church Street, Extinguished 4:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre

Road, Officer Handled 4:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

Out of Town, Officer Handled 6:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

### Petersham Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, April 9 10:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital Monday, April 10

Road, Investigated

11:46 a.m. 911 Medical

7:24 a.m. Investigation, Barre

# Gas prices increase five cents

WESTWOOD - The average gas price in Massachusetts is up five cents from last week (\$3.34), averaging \$3.39 per gallon.

Today's price is 11 cents higher than a month ago (\$3.28), and 68 cents lower than April 17, 2022 (\$4.07). Massachusetts' average gas price is 28 cents lower than the national average. The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline rose seven cents since last week to hit \$3.67. The main culprit is the high cost of oil, gasoline's main ingredient, which is hovernational average has risen daily since March 29.

"When the cost of crude oil crosses the \$80 a barrel mark, that puts a lot of upward pressure on what we pay at the pump," said Mary Maguire, AAA Northeast Vice President of Public and Government Affairs, "and as long as oil costs remain at the current level, drivers will likely see incremental price increases for now."

AAA Northeast's April 17 survey of fuel prices found the current

ing in the low \$80s per barrel. The national average to be 7 cents higher than last week (\$3.60), averaging \$3.67 a gallon. Today's national average price is 22 cents higher than a month ago (\$3.45), and is 41 cents lower than this day last year

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# Filmmaker Geno McGahee takes on La La Land

By Richard Murphy Correspondent

Geno McGahee has been making movies in the Western Central Massachusetts region for many years.

His work has consisted mostly of horror films, and he has a rep in the

Of late, he has branched out in what can be called a departure. The term departure could be considered an understatement.

With his wife, he was watching a Hallmark Channel movie. Now, in what also might be called an understatement, roughly 99% of "guys' are not fans of such entertainment (though, oddly enough, they know of its existence).

Nevertheless, he found himself a bit intrigued, maybe it was because the filmmaker in him thought he could do

The result of his self-challenge was premiered at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield last October.

The movie, "A Christmas Invitation", was covered by Turley Publications. It is the story of a dysfunctional family who's dying matriarch sends out deathbed invitations for the members to do Christmas together.

It looks to be a disaster, but fate intervened.

"A Christmas Invitation" did well enough that it was Cinema Epoch's best performer for a time and the movie is available on streaming ser-

Cinema Epoch is the movie company McGahee works for.

For his next assignment he was to go on location. Oddly enough he was to go on location where people usually go on location from.

Hooray for Hollywood!

This was the idea of Gregory Hatanaka, owner of Cinema Epoch, the company that distributes McGahee's movies. Hatanaka flew McGahee and his team out to the City of Angels to make a couple of films and have a great time which was obvious as he described the adventure beginning with flying over the iconic Hollywood sign.

It was work, of course, as McGahee spoke about the two films that were

"Fatal Justice" is the story of Dennis, played by Eric Michaelian, an accused killer who is released from prison due to police misconduct. A young college girl murdered, it's not over. "The family of the victim comes

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There is a reason why McGahee wanted to make this movie. His favorite film is "Twelve Angry Men".

"Twelve Angry Men" has tugged at the heart strings of many for decades, and has been done in several versions, including the most famous, as well as a number of foreign language incar-

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McGahee is a Twilight Zone guy so you can expect even more surprises at

Your man has high hopes for "Deadly Western". He wants people to come out of the theater saying to friends, "ya gotta see it."

So it was a great week out on set. What's up back here in the Bay

We can look forward to the eventual premiere again at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

In June he will be filming "Scary Tales 3". Did we mention McGahee does horror?

But, again, a twist.

It will be a comedy. It does fit, as what I've seen of his oeuvre, there is usually at least a tinge of humor.

It will be more than a tinge this The man's heart is in comedy, and

he wants to prove that comedy works on a budget.

McGahee described himself as a natural goofball, and if you follow the man on social media, there is that in

So, watch out for the announcement of the premiere of his Hollywood flicks and then watch out for comedy/ horror made in New England. One could die laughing.

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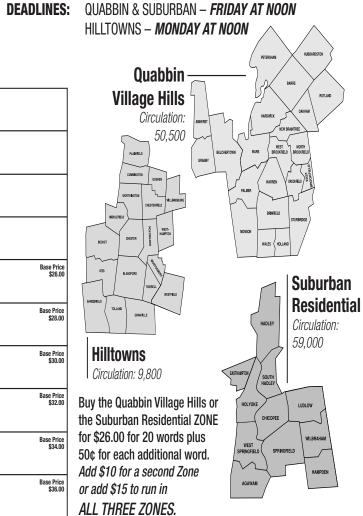
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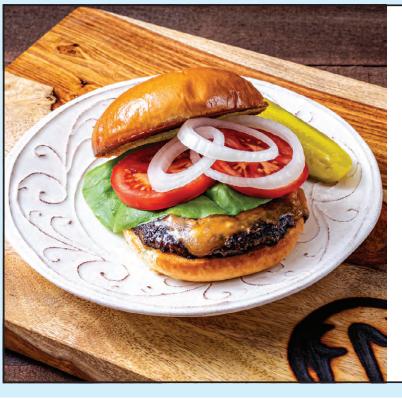




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