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Senior Center hosted Information Fair

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BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center hosted an Information Fair for seniors this past week.

This was the fifth time an information fair has been held at the Senior Center. During the event, Senior Center Director, Betty-Jo O'Brien shared that it was her two-year anniversary as Director.

The Information Fair consisted of 22 vendors in total, with new vendors featured. National Grid was a vendor offering utility bill screenings for savings.

The Elder Services of Worcester had an information booth and is a provider of the meals for the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center. Other information booths were set up and represented town departments such as Barre Fire Department and Barre Police Department.

The Information Fair was busy as a lot of seniors from Barre, Hardwick, and other neighboring communities arrived and explored what the fair had to offer.

"All the vendors are amazing," O'Brien said.

The fair also featured the debut appearance of young Barry, an 8-week-old black Labrador retriever from the Barre Police Department



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

From left to right stands Cheryl Wolfe and Judy Knight of the Stone Church Cultural Center in Gilbertville, who shared information about the church and upcoming concerts and cultural events.

who attended alongside Sgt. Russel Davidson.

Barry is going to training once a week and will receive his certification in about a year and a half. He will be a full-time comfort dog and will be visiting schools, senior centers and will be a part of the crisis response team.

The Friends of the Stone Church members Cheryl Wolfe and Judy Knight

shared information about the Stone Church Cultural Center in Gilbertville. The Friends of the Stone Church is a public charitable corporation and community group, which started back in 2015.

The mission of the group is to preserve the historic church and use the space for events that can be enjoyed by the community. Both Wolfe and Knight were sharing information

about upcoming events that are happening at the Stone Church Cultural Center, including spring concerts.

The Friends of the Stone Church are engaged to finding new members to continue to live up to its mission.

Barre Veteran's Agent Garrett Skinner was at the Information Fair and shared

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Selectmen update on infrastructure projects

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Jamie Gilman, vice-chair of the Board of Selectmen gave an update on infrastructure projects and grants at the April 7 selectmen's meeting. Gilman put together a slide-show presentation, and the first slide went over recent chapter 90 projects in the town, including the following: reclamation and resurfacing of the base coat on Brickyard Road, Donovan Hill Road, Fullham Hill Road and Town Farm Road, engineering for the Complete Streets grant for North Main Street, reclamation of Hines Bridge Road, Stoddard Road and Walker Road, and the resurfacing of the top coats on Smith Hanson Road and Tucker Road. According to Gilman, all of these projects were completed in 2025 by the Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, whom the town awarded the paving contract to that year.

Gilman also went over a grant from the Massachusetts Municipal Pavement Program, which is planned to be used to pave from the North Brookfield town line on Route 67 to Spring Street, with work beginning this month. He said the project

is going to begin with road milling, happening at night.

Gilman said another grant the town is working with is the Small Town Road Improvements to Enhance Public Safety, which is also known as the Strap grant. The grant is administered by the Massachusetts Rural Development Fund.

Gilman said the scope of this project includes sidewalks, curbs, and ramps, but it is a grant match situation. He said the whole grant is just under a million dollars, but the town has to appropriate about \$160,000-\$170,000 in matching.

Gilman said the sidewalk project will go from Spring Street to Summer Street on the east side, and Central Street to Route 148 on the west side.

Gilman said the town received a Complete Streets grant for \$400,000, but were granted an additional \$100,000 to raise the total to half a million dollars. Gilman said there is now \$100,000 left on that grant, which was administered for North Main Street improvement.

He said there was difficulty with this grant, with the last contractor raising the

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Lucy Allen told story of Lizzie Naramore

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GARDNER – The Gardner Museum hosted Lucy Allen from the Barre Historical Society last Thursday, where she gave a presentation about the Lizzie Naramore case.

According to Allen, this case was "one of the worst" in American history, and occurred right here in Barre in 1901, when Naramore killed her six children in a state of insanity.

Allen said the situation was a mixture of poverty, neglect, and abuse from Naramore's husband, Frank. She also said that in 1901, the legal protections for women were minimal, giving the husband in a marriage full control, and making divorce triggered by a woman very difficult.

She said in the case of a successful divorce, the mother would not get custody or any say as to what happens to the children.

Allen said the murders were investigated by a local reverend in Coldbrook Springs named Charles Talmage.

The investigation was not in conjunction with the police or any official agency, but independent. He reached out to the families of Lizzie and Frank, and interviewed residents from Coldbrook, along with their hometowns in New Brunswick and New Hampshire respectively.

Allen said that Naramore

was quite successful before meeting Frank, having worked at a hotel in New Brunswick, before moving to Coldbrook and renting out rooms in a boarding house. She said that Naramore had more rights as an independent working woman than she did while married to Frank.

Allen described that the children were underfed, and complained to school officials, and Naramore even reached out to the superintendent of schools and select board, having received no help from either of them.

Allen described that Naramore likely felt that she and the kids were better off dead than living in poverty and abuse, and murdered the children in order of birth, using both an axe and a club, before using a razor blade to cut her neck and legs.

The children all died, but Naramore survived her wounds, only being charged with one murder, but being pardoned for it. Additionally, she said that there were laws passed just a year later as a direct response to the murders, along with mental health reforms.

After the killings, Talmage gave a sermon placing the blame on Frank, since he was abusive, and refused to work even though he was able to and offered many jobs.

She said the funeral was held at the local church in Coldbrook Springs, and the bodies were presented in open caskets, allowing the



Turley Photos by Zacharias Fragkiadakis

Sisters Anabelle Ickler and Aimee Ickler represented a youth softball organization.

New Braintree held community showcase

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NEW BRAINTREE – A community showcase was held at the Town Hall this past Sunday, where town boards and organizations had the opportunity to showcase what they are doing for the town.

Some of the town boards that had tables included the Historical Commission, Historical Society, the 275th Anniversary Committee, and the Council on Aging. Some local organizations included the Tri-Parish Community Church, the Flower Society, the pickleball group, a girls softball group, and the East Quabbin

Land Trust.

Dan Hamilton, a member of the Historical Society showcased the Boston Post Cane, which he said was given to 400-500 towns and historically given to the oldest resident of that town, and that many towns are

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Kalaora presented 'Rendezvous With Rachel Revere'

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RUTLAND – The Rutland Public Library was transported back to 1775, where Rachel Revere (played by Judith Kalaora) told a first person account of the weeks following her husband, Paul Revere's midnight ride through Boston, alerting troops of the British soldiers' arrival.

Mixing the sense of fear and uncertainty Revere had with humor, Revere told the story of Paul being missing for two weeks after his midnight ride, and her struggles to find him, while supporting the children.

Revere described the dire situation in Boston, including Bostonians being taken prisoner, and that it was only

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Voters approve cruiser, dump truck at Special Town Meeting

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Town of North Brookfield held a special town meeting last Friday at the North Brookfield Elementary School, with a warrant of 29 articles, including transfers for a police cruiser and a dump truck.

The police cruiser motion

was \$70,000 to be transferred from free cash to the Police cruiser capital overlay account, and the dump truck was a transfer of \$128,417 from free cash to the Highway capital overlay account. Both of these transfers were approved by voters.

Snow and ice articles

The first article of the night approved the transfer of about \$2,500 from the

snow and ice sand and snow account to the snow and ice diesel expense account.

Article 2 approved the transfer of about \$1,600 from the snow and ice sand and snow account to the snow and ice salary account; article 3 approved the transfer of about \$12,700 from free cash to the snow and ice salary account; article 4 approved the transfer of about \$61,500 from free cash to the snow

and ice vehicle supplies and repairs account; and article 5 approved the transfer of about \$51,900 from free cash to the snow and ice salt account.

Free cash transfers

Article 7 approved the transfer of \$14,500 from free cash to the Police computer expense account.

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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No. 4 Schoolhouse has May basket event

On Sunday, April 26 from 1-4 p.m. the No. 4 Schoolhouse, Inc., 209 Farrington Road, will hold a May basket making event. The No. 4 Schoolhouse members invites members and the community to this event. Optional things to bring are tissue and crepe paper, glue gun/glue, scissors or anything participants feel would aid in creating a festive one of a kind May basket. The Schoolhouse will provide basic supplies and instruction. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. This is a drop in event. No reservation required.

Jacob Riis property tour

On Sunday, May 3 Barre Historian Lucy Allen and DCR program coordinator Nancy Huntington will lead a joint tour of the former farm property of Jacob Riis. Participants should meet at 11 a.m. at the Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18 Common St., Barre to carpool to the site, where parking is limited. Jacob Riis was one of the most influential journalists and social reformers of the early 20th century. He was an immigrant whose photographs changed the way America looked at the human cost of poverty; he was friends with President Theodore Roosevelt. He spent the last few years of his life in Barre. Riis is buried at nearby Riverside Cemetery. Participants will visit his former home site. The tour will involve walking on hilly and potentially rough terrain. For more information, people may call 978-355-4978 and leave a message to have their call returned.

Legislators office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Sen. Peter Durant's offices invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. On Monday, May 11, staff will be at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road from 10:15-11:15 a.m. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Clothing swap

A clothing swap sponsored by Barre Community Resilience as part of a Barre Earth Day event will take place Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Commonplace Market, 56 Common St., Barre. From April 1 to April 23 people may bring their clean, unstained and unwanted clothes and accessories to The Commonplace Market, left side of the old Barre Bank Building during business hours Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Items dropped off ahead of time will be organized into bins by size/type. Items brought on April 25 will be placed into a miscellaneous bin for people to rummage through.

Annual repair fair

The Barre Historical Society, 18-20 Common St., will hold their second annual free repair fair on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, April 26. This event is run in conjunction with Earth Day events being held on Barre Common for the purpose of sharing knowledge and reducing waste while fostering a sense of community. Repair stations include: Steve Clark and Dave Flick-wiring(lamps/plugs), small furniture touch-up/light repairs; Jayne Day coffee making queen-stop by for a free cup; Chris Higgins-knife and tool sharpening (limit of two items per person); Alice Lambert ceramics repair; bring a chipped or cracked vase, plate, bowl for fixing; Tracy LaRosa check in table/information center director to assist all guests with guidance on which tables to attend for their needs; Tony Menegoni bicycle spring tune up/repair; Kellee Murphy jewelry cleaning/minor repair; Barbara Potter and Sarah Rosa sewing repair, clothes, stuffed animals, blankets, etc.; Colton Prentiss welding/small engine/small tractor repair; Joanne Vierra houseplant Service and Rescue with demonstrations on the half-hour and watch repair.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Quabbin School District offers budget information

From the desk of Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Colleen Mucha

BARRE – Quabbin Regional School District's goal was to develop a budget for school year 2026-2027 that improves student achievement, is operationally efficient, ensures financial stability and fosters a safe, inclusive and positive culture for students and staff.

In working to develop that budget, the district wanted to ensure that the communities understand how schools were funded, the budget process and the resulting budget being proposed at Annual Town Meetings. During this time of year, many questions arose about how the Quabbin Regional School District funding and why it seemed that there was an increased burden on the communities and the school district to be able to maintain services to support students and communities.

This article and several coming later will attempt to explain some of these factors over the course of the next few weeks as towns prepare for their Annual Town Meetings. Hopefully, community member will find these articles helpful and informative.

K-12 public school districts received funds from both local contributions and state aid. Additionally, federal funds came to schools for specific purposes such as supporting students with disabilities and students from low-income families. The allocation of these federal funds was uncertain in recent years and they declined. Opportunities for competitive grants decreased and programs like Title I, which funds intervention programs for students in K-6, experienced cuts in funding.

Massachusetts K-12 schools received state aid funding using the Chapter 70 Aid formula which determined a foundation budget. This complex formula calculation was on the foundation enrollment of the district, with students being classified into nine categories then multiplied by rates as assigned to 11 expense categories. By definition, this was the minimum "target spending level" to provide an adequate education. However, over the years there were several reports, which identified the Chapter 70 Aid formula, as it exists, as flawed, did not adequately fund today's costs and did not support school funding in an equitable manner.

Quabbin, as many of the neighboring districts, experienced a decline in foundation enrollment consistently since the 2004/2005 school year. This was due to declining birth rates, high housing and cost of living and an increased desire for alternative education including private school and homeschooling since the COVID 19 pandemic.

When a K-12 public school had declining foundation enrollment from one year to the next, they were deemed in Hold Harmless status. What this meant was the school district received at least the same amount of Chapter 70 Aid funding as it did the year before. If a district continues to lose foundation enrollment, over time, they accrue "Hold Harmless Debt."

"Minimum Aid" was a component of the Chapter 70 Aid formula since the Education Reform Act of 1993. Reforms to Minimum

Aid occurred in Fiscal Year 2007 and again with the Implementation of the 2010 Student Opportunity Act. Minimum Aid ensured every district received an increase in Chapter 70 Aid, even districts that experience a decline in foundation enrollment. This aid created Hold Harmless Debt, meaning that the amount of Chapter 70 Aid the district received is greater than the calculated aid for that district.

This year, of the 319 school districts, 236 had declined foundation enrollment, two had no change and 81 increased enrollment. The number of districts in Hold Harmless Debt increased dramatically in the past two years to 272 school districts. Quabbin is in Hold Harmless status since FY 06.

Minimum Aid was not a set amount but rather was decided through the legislative process. In 2024, it was \$60 per student and last year it was at its highest of \$150 per student. The amount anticipated for next school year, as outlined in the Governor's budget, is \$75 per student. While this additional amount of aid did help, it was minimal. At \$75 per student that equated to \$141,975 in new funds here at Quabbin. Minimum Aid did not keep pace with increased costs.

Any questions in regards to this article or anything else school or school budget related email cmucha@qrsd.org. District resident's questions will help inform future articles. Quabbin Regional School District is committed to partnering with families and communities to provide students with a wonderful educational experience.



OAKHAM

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Legislators staff hold office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's offices invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. On Wednesday, May 20 office visit will be at the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road, from 12:15-1 p.m. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Church pasta supper

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, on Saturday, April 25 from 5-6:30 p.m. will hold a pasta, meat-ball supper with salad and garlic bread. Dessert will be ice cream. The supper is open to all. A free will donation either check or cash will benefit the church furnace fund. Checks should be made out to Oakham Congregational Church and write furnace fund in memo section of check.

Oakham trip invitation

A bus trip to Ogunquit playhouse, and lunch at Jonathan's in Ogunquit, Maine is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 sponsored by the Hubbardston Council on Aging. The Oakham COA received an invitation to Oakham seniors to attend the trip. A bus will depart Curtis Recreation Field in Hubbardston at 9 a.m. to arrive at Jonathan's for 11:30 a.m. lunch. The group will depart Jonathan's at 1 p.m. for the 2 p.m. show of "Ain't Too Proud." The bus will depart for home at 4:45 p.m. There are two choices for lunch - chicken piccata and seafarer's cache (baked shrimp, salmon and white fish in white wine and lemon. Both meal choices include salad and dessert. People should indicate their choice when signing up. Total cost is \$204 and includes luncheon, show, transportation and driver's gratuity. Deposit of \$50 is due now and balance due Sunday, May 3. Trip needs 40 people minimum. People should call Claudia Provencal to sign up at 978-928-1400, extension221. They should leave their name and phone number.

April COA news

Glucose/blood pressure screening will be held Tuesday, April 28 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Also, Friday, May 1, the COA will be hosting a May Day lunch gathering at the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. Lasagna will be served, as well as sides and desserts. Seniors should sign up at the Senior Center to attend. These events are in addition to the ongoing activities such as puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class. Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

St. Aloysius celebrates 10th year with chicken BBQ fundraiser

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville is celebrating 10 years. Please join them on Saturday, June 6 at St. Mary's Church Hall in Ware, from 1-4 p.m., for a chicken barbecue, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #183. There will be a DJ, all sorts of fun for the kids, basket raffles, a 50/50 and more. Tickets are \$25 for a chicken dinner or \$5 for a hot dog and chips.

Purchase tickets by calling the school at 413-477-1268 or by reaching out to Megan Morrison by phone or text 978-751-1211.

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 27. 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 – Pork rib-i-que with barbecue sauce, mac n cheese, green beans, pineapple, sandwich roll

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

vanilla pudding, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY – Sloppy Joe, herbed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

THURSDAY – Chicken cacciatore, Gemmeli pasta, broccoli, brownie, diet = cookie, whole wheat bread

FRIDAY – Potato crunch fish, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, fruited ambrosia, sandwich roll, tartar sauce

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

Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant's staff to hold office hours in area towns

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's offices invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with.

On Monday, May 11 office visit times are: Hubbardston Senior Center from 9-10 a.m., Barre Senior Center from 10:15-11:15

a.m., New Braintree Town Hall from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and North Brookfield Senior Center from 12:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 13 office visit times are: Ware Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m., Hardwick Town Hall from 10-11 a.m., West Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and Brookfield Town Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 20 office visit times are: Leicester Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m., Depot Village in Spencer at 11 a.m. with Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi's office, East Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-noon and Oakham Town Hall from 12:15-1 p.m. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Select Board – April 23 at 2 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – April 23 at 6 p.m. and May 14 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – April 24 at 1 p.m. and May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – April 24 at 7 p.m. and May 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – April 28 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – April 28 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 5 and May 19 at 7 p.m.
 Council of Aging – May 6 at 12:20 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 11 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – May 11 at 5:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – May 11 at 6 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – May 14 at 1 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 9 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Parks and Recreation Committee – April 23 at 5:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – April 23 at 6 p.m. and May 7 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 6 at 12:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – May 13 at 3 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – May 18 at 3 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Board of Health – April 28, May 12 and May 26 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 6 and May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Agricultural Commission – May 3 at 4:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 5 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Library Trustees – May 7 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – May 20 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Board of Health – April 23 at 6:30 p.m.
 Town Election – May 4 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hour – May 11 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 13 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Cemetery Commission – April 23 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – April 24 at 11 a.m., April 28 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – April 29 at 4:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – April 29 at 4:30 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant Staff Office Hour – May 20 from 12:15-1 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 23 at 5:30 p.m., April 28 at 8:30 a.m., April 30 at 5:30 p.m., May 5 at 8:30 a.m., May 7 at 5:30 p.m., May 12 at 8:30 a.m., May 14 at 5:30 p.m., May 19 at 8:30 a.m., May 21 at 5:30 p.m., May 26 at 8:30 a.m., May 28 at 5:30 p.m. and June 11 at 5:30 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – April 23 and April 30 at 7 p.m. and May 7 at 5:30 p.m. and May 14, May 21, May 28 and June 1, all at 6 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – April 28 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 5 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 5 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 11 at 10:30 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 12 at 11 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – May 21 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – May 22 at 9 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – April 23 at 6 p.m.
 Historical Commission – April 28 at 5 p.m.

Food Pantry distributes food at Barre Congregational Church

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BARRE – The Barre Food Pantry distributed groceries at the Barre Congregational Church in April.

Volunteers of the Barre Food Pantry helped distribute these groceries in a drive-through style where clients can line up their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into an entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

Clients can drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunks of their vehicle. Sharing her perspective on the recent April food distributions is Sonja Blaney, who has been volunteering at the Barre Food Pantry for the last 25 years.

Blaney says the Food Pantry gets anywhere from 20-30 volunteers to assist

in the food distributions. The Food Pantry collects food from local donors, area markets and the Worcester County Food Bank.

Blaney mentioned that farms in the local area donated a lot of produced goods. Students from Quabbin Regional High School and Stetson School students help out as well during these distribution events at the Barre Congregational Church.

“They love it,” Blaney said, as these students pitch in time to help families in the community.

The Barre Food Pantry is motivated to bring in the next generation of volunteers to continue the hard work the Barre Food Pantry does throughout the year. The Food Pantry also delivers to people’s homes if they couldn’t make it to the days of distribution.

For those who want to volunteer, they should call Blaney at 978-355-6921 or

email sonja@barrefoodbank.org.

Donations are accepted at the Barre Family Health Center reception desk, the Barre Senior Center at 557 South Barre Road, the Woods Memorial Library, St. Joseph’s Church and at The South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

The 2026 Food Pantry schedule is posted on their website, <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm>. The next distribution dates are Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Thursday May 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church.

The Barre Food Pantry is an all-volunteer, 501©3 organization, that serves Barre, Oakham, New Braintree, and Wheelwright. Throughout the year the Barre Food Pantry services anywhere from 80-100 families in the area through these food distribution services.



Submitted Photo

Hardwick-New Braintree Police Officers participated in a recent coercive control training hosted by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

Area police officers participated in domestic violence training

WARE – Twenty-one police officers from Ware, Warren, Hardwick and Gardner participated in a training hosted by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

The training was held at the Fire Station with Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator Monica

Moran; three district attorneys, Erin Aiello (Chief of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit for the Northwestern District Attorney), Jessica Fleet (Worcester District Attorney) and Mary Pat Wickstrom (2nd Assistant District Attorney and Supervisor of the Worcester District Court); Behavioral

Health Network advocate Melissa Hutchins and Alianza DV.

Police officers participated in a coercive control scenario, and discussed what should be considered coercive control under the new law that recognizes it as abuse. Officers then broke into groups to write an affidavit based on the scenario.

Libraries celebrate National Library week

HARDWICK – April 19-25 is National Library week and April 21 is National Library Workers’ Day.

Hardwick has two libraries, the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, and the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville, and you can celebrate by visiting both.

On Thursday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at the Paige Memorial Library, listen to the story “Aliens Love Underpants!” by Claire Freedman, an out-of-the-world funny story, then make your own funny art using wax-resist and watercolors. For all ages.

On Saturday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Paige Memorial Library, come to meet with people who keep your libraries open and busy.

Bring your own enthusiasm for libraries.

Visit with staff, trustees, volunteers, and more to learn about how your libraries function. Ask questions, register for a program, borrow a book or have a cup of tea.

On Tuesday, April 28 at 2 p.m. at the Paige Memorial Library there will be a Poetry Slam. Read a poem by you or your favorite author.

This is a time to share poetry in honor of Poetry Month. All are welcome.

Story Time is held every Wednesday, from 10:30 a.m.-noon, with an activity. This is a fun time which promotes early literacy skills through storytelling, encourages a love for reading and books among young children, fosters social skills by

providing a group learning environment, enhances listening and comprehension abilities through interactive sessions, builds community connections between families and local libraries, supports language development through exposure to diverse vocabulary.

Other ongoing library activities include the Paige Book Club, the Cookbook Club, Celebrate Hardwick, the Ongoing Book Sale, the Paige Writers, Paige’s Page to Screen book to movie discussion group, and the Movie Festival Committee.

Come join a group or suggest a new one. More events are coming. Check the library’s Facebook page and website at www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/ or www.paigelibrary.com/

HUBBARDSTON

by Ellenor Downer
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Meeting House holds plant sale

The First Meeting House, 2 Main St., will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Perennials from early spring flowering to late fall flowering and seasonal long. Edible plants some annuals like geraniums and some woody plants. Most plants grew in local gardens. This is a great way to add to an existing garden or start a new one. Plants make wonderful Mother’s day gifts. Donations of extra garden plants are gratefully accepted. This historic Meeting House needs help in preserving its history. Donation may be dropped off on Saturday, May 9 at 8 a.m. People should label names of plants.

Legislators staff office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant’s offices invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. On Monday, May 11 office visit times are: Hubbardston Senior Center from 9-10 a.m. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Country Hen scholarships

The Country Hen Scholarship Fund awards a total of \$1,000 in scholarships to one or more graduating high school students from Hubbardston. Applicants must be a Hubbardston resident for at least three years, be a graduating high school senior planning to attend an accredited college or university and have demonstrated community involvement during their high school years. Applications are available online by visiting the town website at www.hubbardstonma.gov and are due by Sunday, April 26. For questions, they should email admin@hubbardstonma.gov.

Town Administrator Search Committee

The nine member Town Administrator Search Committee needs one more town resident to server on the committee. People should visit <https://www.hubbardstonma.gov/488/Town-Administrator-Search-Committee> for more information. To apply, they should visit <https://hubbardstonma-hubconnect.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/hubbardston-appointments?parentTile=Hub-BRESIDENTS>.

Wellness walk

The East Quabbin Land Trust in collaboration with Hubbardston Open Space Committee will hold a wellness walk, birding and spring ephemerals on Sunday, May 17 at 7:30 a.m. at Henry’s Grove, Lombard Road. The walk includes birding with Steve Lofgren, a grandson of the Henry in Henry’s Grove and Spring ephemerals with Mike Stoll, steward of Henry’s Grove and Hidden Meadow Preserves. The walk will last one to one and a half hours. There is parking along one side of Lombard Road. People should RSVP by emailing atrevett@eqlt.org.

Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Christ Memorial Church tag sale May 9

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A tag sale will be held at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine.

There will be plants (indoor and outdoor), puzzles, books, clothes, kids’ stuff, kitchen and household items, treasures, and more. Name your own price. Please use the Spring Street door should the weather force the tag sale inside.

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Opinion

Letters to Editor

Public records law exist for a reason

A recent article suggested that public records requests are costing the town of Barre time and money. That framing misses the point entirely. Public records requests are not the cause of the town's problems; they are how those problems are uncovered.

Through these requests, residents have learned about serious issues that directly impact taxpayers, including: A town official maintaining a private bank account containing town funds, which was later closed by the Select Board.

The hiring of a department head, who did not meet multiple clearly listed job requirements at the time of hiring, including required licenses and certifications, despite the town being aware of those deficiencies

That same individual being paid at the top rate of compensation despite not meeting basic requirements

Multiple instances where state financial laws and procedures were not properly followed

These are not minor administrative oversights. These are matters of accountability, governance and public trust.

At the same time, town leadership is now acknowl-

edging a budget deficit exceeding \$500,000, even after cuts have already been made. Blaming the cost of transparency for a half-million-dollar deficit is not just inaccurate: it distracts from the real issues that need to be addressed.

It is also worth noting that Select Board Member Richard Stevens has repeatedly campaigned under the slogan "Vote for Transparency." Transparency does not mean selectively sharing information when it is convenient; it means allowing the public to understand how decisions are made and how their money is being used.

Public records law exists for a reason. It ensures that residents can hold their government accountable when questions arise.

If obtaining those records requires time and legal review, that raises a more important question: why are the underlying records so concerning that they require that level of scrutiny?

The residents of Barre deserve answers—not deflection.

Sincerely,
Cory Bombredi
Barre

Peaceful "stand out" planned on the common for April 26

To the Editor

Readers of this newspaper have probably noticed that every Sunday a group of concerned patriots have gathered on the Barre Common, displaying signs promoting democracy and adherence to the law; we exercise our rights of assembly to petition the Government for redress of grievances and man, do American citizens have grievances

Despite deep division in our country, there is a silent majority that increasingly understands the present regime has utter contempt for our laws, due process, freedom of speech and press, and the right of all citizens to vote and to pursue their unique individual happiness. We can be better. We must be better if not for us, then for our children.

On Sunday, April 26, Indivisible of Barre sponsors a peaceful Stand Out on the Barre Common, noon-1:30, as part of a "National Day of Action for Children, Not Cages." In 2025, reported-

ly more than 3,800 children, many of them American citizens, have been incarcerated by ICE under shocking conditions which include contaminated food and water, insufficient bedding, lack of healthcare, unsanitary and scarce bathrooms without privacy. And many, if not most, of these children are incarcerated without due process and/or because of parentage.

Please show your compassion and commitment for universal human rights by rallying with us and demand our government respect the rights of the children, these children who are without their families and undoubtedly terrified for their futures. Unite for these children, remove the divide between us, at least for one day, and help create a country we can be proud of again.

Thank You for your attention to this matter.

Diana Canterbury
Indivisible Barre member
Barre

Gratitude for a community that shows up for pets

Dear Editor,

On behalf of everyone at Second Chance Animal Services, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible community that made our 27th Annual Auction Gala such a success.

This special evening is always more than a fundraiser. It is an example of what is possible when people come together to help pets and the people who love them.

We are so grateful to everyone who attended, bid in our online auction, volunteered their time, and donated items to make the event so meaningful and fun.

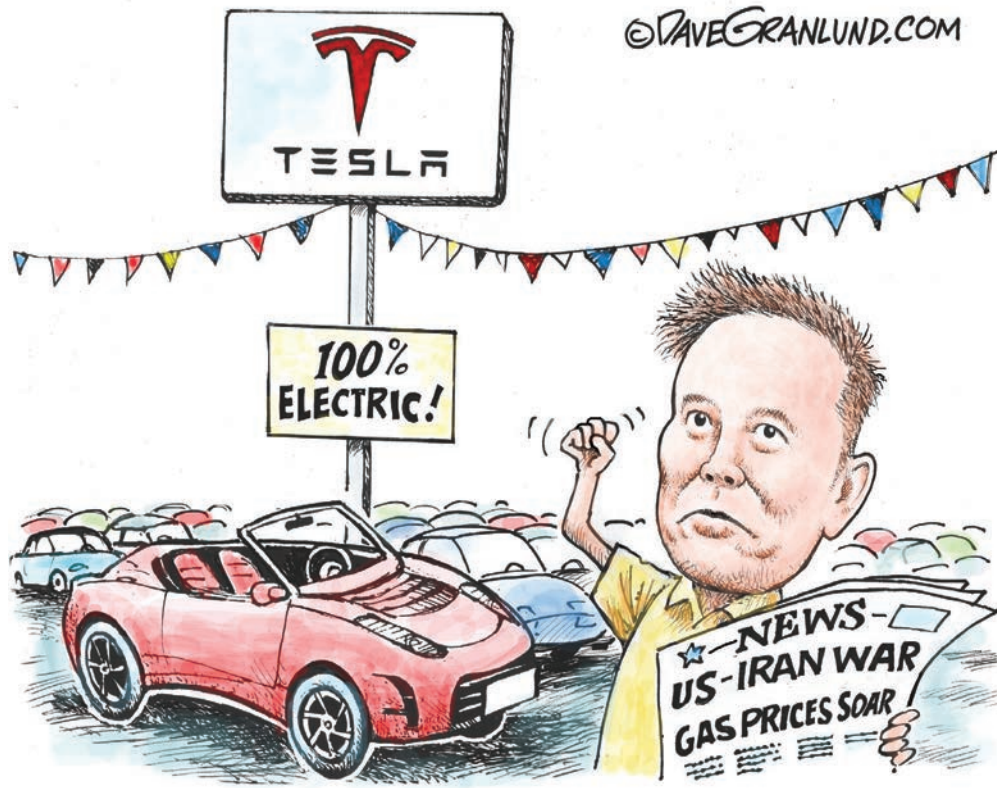
We are especially thankful for the generous support of our sponsors, including Herlihy Insurance, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Andrea Castinetti, Joe Campisi, MWI, Cornerstone Bank,

Davis Advertising, Embie Industries, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and Idexx. Their commitment to our mission helps ensure that pets in our community have access to the care they need.

Because of this collective support, Second Chance can continue providing affordable veterinary care, pet food assistance, and adoption services to more than 64,000 pets each year. Every ticket purchased, every item donated, and every bid placed helps keep pets healthy and with the families who love them.

We are so fortunate to be part of a community that shows up in such a compassionate and generous way. Thank you for helping us create more second chances.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Doray
Chief Development
OfficerSecond Chance
Animal Services



In Past Pages

5 years (April 29, 2021)

The annual town election will take place on Monday, May 3 from noon-8 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, located at 20 Memorial Drive. Offices up for election and the candidates who have taken out papers are as follows: select board for 3 years - Joseph Chenevert, incumbent; assessor for 3 years - Pamela Dunigan, incumbent; board of health for 3 years - Scott Metcalf, incumbent; finance committee for 3 years - vacancy; planning board for 5 years - Genevieve Stillman, incumbent; planning board for 4 years to fill a vacancy - Jody Kablack; constable for 3 years -, Edward Reed; library trustee for 3 years - Judith Webb; library trustee for 3 years - vacancy and cemetery commissioner for 3 years - vacancy. All COVID-19 protocols including mask wearing will be strictly enforced.

The Barre Board of Selectmen opened the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting at its Tuesday meeting and voted to close the warrant at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 13. The board said the ATM would be held Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at a location to be announced. Chair O'Sullivan said the meeting would either be outdoors at Quabbin Regional High School or Ruggles Lane School. He said now the town has tents, he would like to use them. The town purchased the tents with CARES Act funds.

At one point 133 people logged in to North Brookfield School Committee's April 26 meeting held via Zoom at 7 p.m., during which School Superintendent Richard Lind discussed the approximately \$1.3 million cut in the fiscal 2022 school budget being recommended by selectmen and the Finance Committee. Lind read correspondence he received from Board of Selectmen Chair Dale Kiley about the recommendation. On April 13, Lind received a reply to an email he sent to Kiley regarding the fiscal 2022 budget. In his reply Kiley said, "FinComm and the BOS are proposing \$5,158,872.00 as the town's contribution to the FY 22 school budget." Both Lind and Tucker have responded to Kiley's reply but had not received a response as of the April 26 meeting. Lind said he requested a tri-board

Look Back

Woman's Club Officers - 1989



File photo

The Barre Woman's Club held its first meeting of the 1989-1990 season recently at the American Legion Hall on Mechanic Street. The meeting began with a covered dish supper, followed by a program by Elaine McNanna on pressed flowers. Shown are this year's officers of the organization, from left Hazel Wyman, recording secretary; Barbara Warren, treasurer; Roberta Grandone, federation secretary and Melinda Cheney, president.

meeting of the selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee.

10 years (April 28, 2016)

Police Chief Erik Demetropoulos and John Dipilato of the Public Safety Building Committee recommended that selectmen award the bid for the public safety building to the low bidder, P & P Construction of Charlton. Acting on the committee's recommendation, selectmen awarded to bid to P & P. Its bid was \$2,441,447 and included the three alternates. Chief Demetropoulos said that the architect was confident that the project could be completed within the three million budget. The town received \$3 million from the state to build a public safety building. The board expressed thanks to former state Senator Stephen Brewer for his efforts in acquiring that funding for the town. Town administrator, Heather Lemieux, estimated the construction start date to be late May or early June. The new building will house the police department and emergency squad.

Highway superintendent, C. Kevin Currier and selectmen discussed the sidewalks on Maple Street.

Currier said that the sidewalks on Maple Street were a "gray area" as some resi-

dents claim that they owned the sidewalk in front of their homes and others said the town did. He said if the town owned the sidewalks, he recommended eliminating the sidewalk on the left side of Maple Street as the telephone poles were on that side and just keeping the walk on the right side. He suggested that the selectmen talk with the property owners or write them a letter regarding ownership. Another option would be to check the deeds to see who owns the sidewalks. Selectman Matthew Broderick said that the sidewalk by the library was definitely town owned and it needed repairs. Currier stated that installing an asphalt walkway with a berm would be less expensive than concrete with granite curbing. Selectmen asked him to get informal estimates on both asphalt and concrete.

The 20th annual town wide yard sale is Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be space available on the lower common as well as at individual homes in town that will be listed on a map. Entry fees will benefit the 4th of July Committee.

25 years (April 26, 2001)
Petersham recent-

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Grassroots Central Mass hosts skill share and seed swap

To the Editor:

The time is right to join Grassroots Central Mass in a skill share and seed swap. It will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the gazebo on the Southbridge Common rain or shine.

Join us for an afternoon skill sharing event, a kickoff

for our newly formed skills sharing group, and watch for announcements about our monthly skills share, alternating between Southbridge and Brookfield locations.

On April 26, bring your extra seeds (if you have any), your questions and knowledge, and learn about starting

seeds in a container or in the ground. Learn about garden upcycling and gardening on a budget along with your neighbors and community.

Please RSVP to sherryzitter@icloud.com by April 23.

Sherry Zitter
Brookfield

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Some days you wish you don't have to get up.

Yesterday was that day. First my computer was not working so I tried everything. The next morning I decided it must be the wireless keyboard so I had an old one in the cellar that was not wireless and sure enough the computer worked.

I am not very technical so I have wires running all of the desk because of the mouse and the keyboard. I need a computer tech to come and change things.

I worked outside on days that it did not rain. I now have alert buttons in case I fall outside. The Blood Root is in full bloom and I have a good crop of daffodils. There are a lot of buds on the PJM, flowering quince and primroses.

This week I made an easy meal that I sort of invented. I will call it Cabbage Scrabble.

CABBAGE SCRABBLE

one half of a cabbage
one half of a big white onion
one half pound of hamburger

Shred the cabbage and put olive oil in the fry pan. Put the cabbage and diced onions in the pan and cook until soft. Put the hamburger in and fry it. Serve it with Parmesan cheese tossed on the top. Leftovers can be heated up if there are any.

This and That

I have put soil in the three planters on the deck and by the cellar door. The one by the cellar door is in full sun so I will put the pepper plants that my daughter raises for me in her green house. The ones on the back deck will have tomatoes in one and a variety of leafy green things in it.

I planted some marigolds from the seeds my penpal gave me, but they are not up yet. Also, I have some seeds of closed gentians that my Handyman got for me. No sign of them yet and they were planted over winter.

The plants of closed gentian from last year are up in the front garden. They look

very healthy. No hostas are up yet, but they will soon appear, if the deer did not eat all of them. I try to keep things labeled, but it can be difficult when raking out the gardens. The back gardens have a lot of moss so I have to lime things.

On rainy days I did a lot of watercolors. I also cleaned out the drawers of summer tees and decided to keep just one of each color so I made a big bag of them to give to the Senior Center for their clothing sale. I will do the same with the winter tee shirts.

I am trying to get as much done outside before the May flies come out. Of course the mosquitoes will follow. I have to wear a head screen when that happens.

I potted up little perennial plants as I divided them. I heard the Meeting House committee has a plant sale coming up.

Have a good week and enjoy the sun when you see it.

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getting worse. Revere was terrified, but could not show her fear, she had to provide for the family.

Paul was captured, and Rachel sent a letter destined for Paul, along with money to Dr. Benjamin Church, who was a member of the Sons of Liberty, and the surgeon general at the time. She had hoped he would pass the letter and money off to Paul, since he could not be seen in Boston again.

Unfortunately for Rachel, he was also conspiring with the British, and never gave the letter to Paul, instead sending it to the British General Thomas Gage.

Revere also talked about the strict laws of the time,

including the Stamp Act, putting taxes on books, death certificates and more, and that their escape into Charlestown was difficult because food was rationed and meant to be used for the British army. She described unrest in the city, including rioters breaking into the governor's home.

Revere then talked about her journey across the Charles, bringing beds, a chest, and all of the kids of Paul's except Paul Jr. She reflected smuggling sugar in one of the beds, since if they were caught with it by the British soldiers, it would be sure capture.

The story ended with the departure plans.

Kalaora explained it is likely Rachel received a ferry

pass and went to Paul across the river. She said they came back to Boston some years later, where Paul continued working in his old silver-smith shop, able to continue his business, and it was one of the few buildings not damaged or ransacked by the British.

Rachel and Paul both lived into the mid-1800s following the events of the mid 1770s.

About Kalaora

Kalaora is a member of History at Play, which tells stories about influential figures in the form of one-person shows. She is a graduate from Syracuse University with a Bachelors in Fine Arts.

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ly bid farewell to one of its well-liked resident, the Rev. Howard P. Horn, with a reception following the church service at the Orthodox Congregational Church. With a career in the ministry that reaches back to his ordination at Budd Park Church, Kansas City, Missouri in 1934. Rev. Horn has seen a lot of life in a lot of places. Just shy of a dozen places, in fact. Since first graduating from Phillips University in Enid Oklahoma. "Have Bible, will travel." To paraphrase the old time famous TV show, seems to describe the lives of with most ministers, with Rev. Horn being no exception.

The Oakham Friends of Fobes Memorial Library Inc. and the Old Tyme Yankee Fair Committee ran their second annual Great American Ball Roll on Sunday, April 23. The day was a great success with Charleigh Ahearn of Oakham winning the grand prize of \$1,000, which was presented to her in one dollar bills. The Otters entertained the crowd throughout the day and Casey Carle's Bubble Mania performed in Veteran's Hall. The Bubble Mania show was paid in art through a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council.

Drivers commuting south on Route 122 between Quabbin Plaza and the intersection of Vernon Avenue and Worcester Road should expect delays or a detour. Police Chief James R. Thompson said that as a Monday, April 23 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday traffic will be delayed as lanes will either be closed or the route detoured along South Barre Road to Vernon

Avenue to avoid sewer work construction.

38 years (April 28, 1988)

Problems with a leak in the water system at the Hubbardston Center School and the library building resulted in the discover on April 19 f a dozen gravestones and markers in an old well on the Town Common. Some of the gravestones of slate were in fragments, but one read, "Mrs. Sarah Church, died 1788." Some bore initials and a cross. Markers were used to mark the location of family members at a family plot and a main stone would designate the birth and date of death of each member. The well is located the southwest corner of the Town Common. The Church Cemetery behind the First Parish Unitarian Church, has a cemetery stone for Sarah Church, who died Dec. 30, 1788 in the 77t year of her age. This stone in the well seems to be duplicate.

At an hour long public hearing held last Thursday evening in the Henry Woods Building, the Barre Zoning Board of Appeal hear arguments for and against a variance to Mrs. Adeline Lukashuk of Maynard, who brought in a railroad car from Maine and had it placed on her property adjacent to Gaston Pond on Mill Road. Testimony on her behalf was presented by her son, Paul Lukashuk. Serving on the ZBA in addition to Chairman Charles Wyman were Urban Pacheco and Lester Paquin.

The Conservation Commission came before the Barre Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Monday, April 25. Among the items discussed were the Conservation Commission's

concern over a parcel of land in South Barre off Old Hiller Airport Road as a site containing possible Native American relics. Roger Moss, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, explained that they had been called in to investigate the land as a possible wetland violation. The land, owned by Walter Fiore, is currently undergoing a gravel removal operation by R.J. McDonald Co. Because the portion of land is protected under the Wetlands Protection Act, Moss asked those concerned to voluntarily cease operations until the necessary permit is obtained from the Planning Board. McDonald and Fiore complied with this request. Upon further investigation by Moss, he discovered that the area is a possible site for Native American relics. He said he would like to see the area protected from further development and asked the selectmen about purchasing or swapping lots in order to obtain the land.



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In honor of Mother Earth

This week, we celebrate Earth Day. Lots of towns host bulk waste days or a town-wide clean up as ways to note the day.

While most of us garden with great intentions such as beautifying our yards or producing home grown vegetables, it is important to note that the gardening/greenhouse industry hasn't always been what you'd call "earth-friendly." From mountains of plastic pots not rotting away in our landfills to story after story of chemical misuse, we inadvertently hurt the very source of our pleasure.

So, in honor of Earth Day, read from the archives eight easy things we can do as gardeners to tread a bit more lightly on 'ole Mother.

Feed the soil, not the plant

Have your soil tested and ask for organic recommendations to correct nutrient deficiencies. Replenishing your garden with amendments like rock phosphate and greensand will help to create long-lasting nutrient storehouses.

Healthy soil will produce plants that are less prone to insect and disease problems.

Start a compost pile

Layer your vegetable and yard waste, keep it moist and give it a turn. After a short time it will decompose, leaving behind a great source of organic matter.

No matter how you garden, be it vegetables, flowers, herbs, fruits or even shrubs, each benefit from a yearly top dressing of "black gold."

Make compost tea

Are your transplants looking a little pale? Rather than sprinkling them with "blue water," perk them up



with home-brewed compost tea.

Mix one part well-rotted compost or manure to five parts water and allow it to sit for a week or more. Strain before foliar feeding your plants.

Shop Mom and Pop

Buying local, directly from the grower usually means a knowledgeable sales team! Form relationships and learn from their expertise.

Ask them to carry organic seeds, potting soils and pest control options.

Reduce, reuse, recycle!

I first became familiar with this catch phrase back in 1990, when Earth Day celebrations went global. In the context of plastic pots and other containers used to grow or move plants, I'd like to think that the local Mom and Pop shop would take back the pots you bought their plants in and use them to grow next years crop.

If not, maybe you could reuse them to start some homegrown seedlings and recycle the rest. An even better solution for earth conscious growers would be to replace plastic with fiber (stronger than peat and made from recycled materials to boot).

Use least toxic measures to control bugs and other garden thugs

Beer to trap slugs, and baking soda for black spot – the list of remedies to fight garden maladies is numerous and not always a stretch of the imagination. If you must choose a

chemical option follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Assuming that more is better is outdated and dangerous thinking!

Conserve water

We all know that watering during the heat of the day results in lots of moisture lost to evaporation while watering in the evening can make plants more prone to disease. What to do?

For happy, hydrated plants water in the early morning hours instead. Hand watering at the base of each plant or using soaker hoses or drip irrigation is far better than overhead sprinklers when it comes to conservation and disease prevention.

Extend the harvest

Do you know how far most fruits and vegetables have to travel to reach the local supermarket? Probably far more than the average American travels in a year's time. Frustrated? Then read up on various methods of extending the use of your own garden bounty past the growing season.

This could mean growing a few veggies like winter squash, onions or garlic – all of which store well. It could also mean trying your hand at freezing or drying some of your produce for use in the offseason.

Few of us can feed ourselves entirely, but whatever we can grow offsets the rest.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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- "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
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- Volcanic crater
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- True market value
- Italian term for exchange rate
- Informal loan clubs
- Men's fashion accessory
- Children's craft supply
- Extra benefits
- In an early way
- A judge has one
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Tractor unit
- Defunct supercomputer developer
- Promotional materials
- A forgetful state
- One who beheads
- Photographers
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Clergy's vestment
- Expressed pleasure
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Zero
- Ancient Greek word for "earless"
- Nigerian governmental area
- Mild expression of surprise
- Places to hang things
- Keyboard key
- Make a mistake

CLUES DOWN

- Bridge building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Large, stocky lizard
- Romanian river
- Communication
- Stoats
- Showcases
- Bird of prey
- King of Thebes
- Cleaving tool
- Large African antelope
- Three are particularly notable
- Meet one's needs
- C. European river
- Dictator
- Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
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- Consume food
- Woman (French)
- Scrape a surface
- Green vegetable
- Pacific Standard Time
- Capital of Brazilian city
- Paddle
- Cause to become insane
- Drier and flakier
- Mimic
- ESPN personality Kimes
- One who moves slowly
- Secret political clique
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- Supernatural force
- Sanctuary
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave by coating
- North Carolina university
- Midway between south and southeast

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Dick Whipple is the Treasurer and Tracy LaRosa is the Secretary of the Friends Group of the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center.

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information on local property tax exemptions for veterans and talked about the newsletter which can be found on the town website.

Skinner also talked about the coffee hour event for veterans, which is held the third Friday of the month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center.

RightSized Living, represented by Kathy Yeulemski, helps declutter, organize,

downsize and assist elderly people with moving and setting up in their new home. RightSized Living also assists in scheduling and overseeing insured movers and storage providers, developing an overall move or "age in place" plan, cleaning and waste removal and working with realtor on home staging and sale preparation.

Abi Walters and Emily Manzano of Community Legal Aid shared information about the services they offer. Community Legal Aid assists seniors aged 60 or

older, regardless of income, in civil services, government benefits, food stamps, issues with Medicare and help with obtaining needed services.

Community Legal Aid operates in central and western Massachusetts, including the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester.

The Friends Group of the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center were also at the Information Fair. The Friends Group is a nonprofit, which raises funds for activities at the Barre/Hardwick

Senior Center.

The group puts on various events such as dinners, tag sales, shows and recently a polar plunge. The Friends Group raised about \$4,000 during the polar plunge.

Becky Caranci serves as president of the Friends Group, Dick Whipple as treasurer, and Tracy LaRosa as secretary.

Jerry Mallet from the Worcester Registry of Deeds attended the Information Fair, and shared information on dealing with deed fraud. Handouts on how to enroll in consumer notification service were provided.

Mallet was excited to be a part of the Information Fair and said the "Senior Center has done an unbelievable job."

Board members of the Council on Aging were doing some activity sharing during the Information Fair. The board consists of members representing both Barre and Hardwick.

Member David Flick said the Council on Aging assists wherever they can and tries to stay in tune with the senior community.

"We assist where we can," Flick said. "Let people know what is happening."

The Council on Aging reaches out by sharing flyers at the Senior Center, post offices, and the town halls. Flick described this



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Abi Walkers, left, and Emily Manzano represented Community Legal Aid, which provides civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of central and western Massachusetts.

Information Fair and the senior center as a place that offers a wonderful gathering of people. There are billiards, exercise programs, and other activities that can be enjoyed at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center.

"Continue to foster community," Flick said.

Barry the comfort dog from the Barre Police Department visited the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center during the Information Fair on April 15. Barry is an 8-week-old black Labrador retriever and made many friends at the senior center.



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price for the scope of work shortly before it was to be started, and the town is now working with Howard Stein Hudson, which is a planning and engineering firm.

Another grant highlighted by Gilman was the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant, which was \$200,000, used toward improving the School Street intersection with North Main Street. Gilman said Vibram paid for the engineering.

He said the goal of this project was to tear down a wall and guardrail, and bring the sidewalk to street level.

Finally, Gilman said there is a possibility of using chapter 90 money to extend paving to Gilbert Street.

"If all goes well, by the end of the year we will see a brand new Main Street in North Brookfield," Gilman said.

New hire

The board appointed Zachary Ramaska as a lead water operator for the water department. Water Superintendent Jamie Flamand said Ramaska previously worked for the town and is certified, and requires little training.

Color run request

The North Brookfield

Parent Teacher Organization requested to have a 5K color run on a specified route throughout town. A representative from the organization said they held a color run for the past two years at the school but wanted to make it bigger.

Gilman suggested the PTO reach out to the police department to verify the route, and the representative said the PTO is willing to pay for a police detail.

She said they plan on having the route end at the common and having a DJ and vendors as well, and that the parks commission is aware. The representative also said the PTO is insured.

Gilman requested they

come back after the route is verified with the Police Department and they follow through with the Board of Health.

Fire Department structure

The Fire Department said they are considering changing from a board of engineers structure to a weak fire chief structure. The Selectmen noted that the board of engineers is like any other board in town, and has to follow open meeting laws and have a quorum, noting that it could make it difficult for the Fire Department to get business finished.

The department said making this change would result in improved day to day oper-

ations, make decision making more efficient and clarify lines of authority. Gilman said the discussion is just getting started, and the town is consulting legal counsel, and it could potentially be an article at town meeting.

Time carryover request

Town Collector Kimberly Bent requested that her vacation time from last year be carried over to this year since she had no clerk and had to train a new hire, resulting in no vacation. The board approved the request.

TA job posting

Gilman read a letter from Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis, who was not

present for the meeting, asking the board to discuss how Town Administrator jobs are posted. In the letter, he said external postings were unsuccessful and suggested posting internally instead to give town employees the opportunity to apply.

Other business

The board approved various warrants, including payroll, school, fire/highway and general. The board approved the minutes of their March 17 and March 24 meetings. The board signed the warrant for the municipal election, to be held May 4 at the Senior Center, with polling hours from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

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Article 9 approved the transfer of \$25,000 from free cash to the Finance Committee reserve account.

Article 10 approved the transfer of about \$4,500 from free cash to the Selectmen other salary account.

Article 11 approved the transfer of about \$832 from free cash to Police Department bills from the previous year.

Article 12 approved the transfer of \$10,000 from free cash to the Lashaway weed control expense account.

Stabilization transfers

Article 13 approved the transfer of \$100,000 from free cash to Capital Stabilization and article 14 approved the transfer of \$300,000 from free cash to General Stabilization.

Fire Department purchase

Article 15 approved the transfer of \$12,137 from Capital Improvement Stabilization to the Fire Department for the purchase of jaws of life accessories.

Other transfers

Article 16 approved the transfer of about \$1,250 from the assistant Animal Control

salary to the Animal Control expense account.

Article 17 approved the transfer of \$2,000 from Animal Control salary to the Police purchase of service account.

Article 18 approved the transfer of \$12,700 from Police salary to Police chief salary.

Article 19 approved the transfer of \$500 from the election and census account to the dog licenses account.

Article 20 approved the transfer of \$3,000 from Assessors salary to revaluation expenses.

Article 21 approved the transfer of \$100 from the Sewer assistant superintendent salary to the Sewer clerk salary.

Article 22 approved the transfer of \$12,500 from the Sewer assistant superintendent salary to the Sewer operator 2 salary.

Article 23 approved the transfer of \$27,600 from the Sewer assistant superintendent salary to the Sewer expenses account.

Article 24 approved the transfer of \$21,000 from the Sewer assistant superintendent salary to the Sewer indirect costs account.

Article 25 approved the transfer of \$10,000 from the Sewer assistant superintendent salary to the Sewer health insurance account.

Water Department articles

Article 26 approved the transfer of \$5,816 from the water retained earnings account to the water other salary account, after a change of motion on the floor. The motion was originally to transfer the money to water other/miscellaneous wages.

Article 27 approved the transfer of \$20,000 from the water retained earnings account to the water system improvements account.

Article 28 approved the transfer of \$23,536 from the water retained earnings account to the water electricity account.

Prior year's bill

The final article approved the transfer of about \$294 from fiscal year 2026 Highway to the vehicle repair account to cover a prior year's bill.

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Public Notices

**Town of New Braintree
Notice of Public Hearing**

In accordance with MGL, Chapter 87, Section 3, a public hearing will be held at **9:00 am on Thursday, May 07, 2026**, in the Select Board's meeting room at the Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, to consider the removal of trees on Bridge Road and Harrington Road. The trees to be removed have been clearly marked. Reason for removal; dead, diseased and/or will hinder road construction. All interested parties are invited to attend.

This meeting is open to the public.
04/23, 04/30/2026

Oakham

Conservation Commission
There will be a hearing held **May 5, 2026** at the Oakham Town Hall at **6:00 p.m.** for a **Request of Determination of Applicability**.

This request has been submitted by the Oakham Conservation Commission for the purpose of

determining the jurisdictional status of wetlands located at 358 Coldbrook Rd.

Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
Oakham Conservation
Commission

04/23/2026

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 05, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, 3rd Floor, Barre, MA, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, upon the following article to appear on the Warrant for the May 19, 2026 Annual Town Meeting: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Barre Code, Chapter 140 Zoning, Section 140-4, Location of Districts, as follows, §140-4 Location of Districts, A. The location and boundaries of these districts shall be as shown on the Zoning Map of Barre dated March 27, 2026, being the most recent revision

of prior Town of Barre Zoning Maps, which shall be on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

A copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, the Planning Board and on the Town's website at <https://www.townofbarre.com>. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
04/16, 04/23/2026

**Town of Barre
Board of Health**

The Town of Barre Board of Health will hold a public hearing on **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005 to see if the Town will vote on proposed fee schedule changes. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or mail written comments to the Board of Health prior to the hearing.

The proposed fee schedule can be viewed in the Board of Health office during regular hours.
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**Town of New Braintree
PUBLIC HEARING**
Upon the petitions of National
Grid and Verizon New England,

Inc., the Select Board of New Braintree has scheduled a public hearing on **Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:10 p.m.** at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA.

Plan marked jointly for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. No. 31283167 dated March 6, 2026, for permission to install 1 JO Pole on North Brookfield Road beginning at a point approximately 978 feet south/southwest of the centerline of the intersection of North Brookfield Road and Robinson Road. Installing JO Pole #2-25 on North Brookfield Road.

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

The public is welcome to attend.
04/23/2026



Quaboag Hills

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

ARTIST EXHIBITION takes place now through Sunday, May 10 at The Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., Petersham. The public is invited. This opens the 2026 season with a new exhibition, "Paper & Print / One Couple's CottageCollaboration: Elisabeth and Darrell Hyder's Paste Paper and Letterpress Lives." Regular Art Center hours are Thursdays through Sundays, noon -4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition and the Center, people may call 978-724-3415.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

EAST QUABBIN LAND TRUST GALA DINNER will be held today at the Cultural Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road, Hardwick. There will be a dinner and silent auction. Silent auctions items donated by local businesses include: Agronomy Farm Vineyard, Bemis Farm Nursery, Farmers Guild of Hardwick, Garrett Wade, Hannaford, Hardwick Sugar Shack, Klem's, Louise Garwood Landscapes, Many Hands Organic Farm, New England Botanic Garden, Ragged Hill Cider, Salvadore Chevrolet, Still Life Farm, Stillman's Quality Meats, The Center at Eagle Hill, The Kitchen Garden, Whortleberry Hill at Walker Farm and others to come.

CLOTHING SWAP sponsored by Barre Community Resilience as part of a Barre Earth Day event will take place today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Commonplace Market, 56 Common St., Barre. From April 1 to April 23 people may bring their clean, unstained and unwanted clothes and accessories to The Commonplace Market, left side of the old Barre Bank Building during business hours Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Items dropped off ahead of time will be organized into bins by size/type. Items brought on April 25 will be placed into a miscellaneous bin for people to rummage through.

SEWING AND CRAFT SUPPLIES SWAP will take place today from 1-3 p.m. in the downstairs of the Petersham Town Hall, 1 South Main St., Petersham. Sewers, quilters, knitters and other makers may drop of their clean, unused materials from 10:30 a.m.-noon. They may take home materials for their next project for free. They don't have to bring anything to take stuff home. People may visit to see the list of accepted items at <https://tinyurl.com/3hz388ye>.

SECOND ANNUAL REPAIR FAIR sponsored by he Barre Historical Society, 18-20 Common St., Barre takes place today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, April 26. People may recall from last year that this is a free community event, focused on repairing items where volunteers with certain areas of expertise will fix or advise on how-to, for various household items. This free event is run in conjunction with Earth Day events being held on Barre Common for the purpose of sharing knowledge and reducing waste while fostering a sense of community.

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will take place today from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Funds raised benefit the Town's 4th of July Celebration. There will be 200 plus participants selling



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer
This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, April 27. Claire Bechan-Norberg, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Rosemary Horan, James Laramée, Marianne Meyer and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Rail Trail on Route 122 in Rutland.

from their homes or on the Town Common. Free maps are available at town lines, on the Town Common (Routes 122A and 56) and on the Rutland 4th of July Facebook page starting on Saturday, April 25 at 7 a.m. Rutland residents that wish to sell from their homes need to sign up before the end of day on Friday, April 17 to be listed on the map. The fee to have address listed on the map is \$25. Details to sign up are on the Town's website by visiting <https://rutlandma.gov/825/Town-Wide-Yard-Sale>. For those that desire to sell at the Town Common, the fee is \$30. One can sign up ahead of time or arrive the morning of. The spaces on the Town Common are first come first serve. People should -\ bring their own tables and remove their own trash at the end of the day. The yard sale is held rain or shine.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

'HISTORY AT PLAY' with presenter Judith Kalaora will be about Lucy Stone today at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Bulfinch Meetinghouse, 725 Main St., Lancaster. This free event is open to the public and sponsored by the Lancaster Historical Society. Lucy Stone (1818-1893) was an ardent supporter of human rights. For more information, people may call 978-733-6907.

TANGLEWOOD MARIONETTE SHOW, the "Dragon King," will take place today at 3 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. This underwater fantasy based on Chinese folklore is hosted by the New Braintree Public Library. It's the tale of a grandmother's adventure to

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

WORLD TRAVEL PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM will take place today at 10:30 a.m. in the Petersham Unitarian Church, 3 West St., Petersham. When residents of the Quabbin Region travel away from their towns, they eventually return to share stories of their travels. These stories become the essence of the local community's history. To that end, the First Congregational Unitarian Church of Petersham will offer a special program by two world travelers who will share their travels and the insights they gained. The program. Entitled "Global Travel: Windows to the World and Personal Empowerment." The program will feature two world travelers, Brother Northstar and Dr. Larry Buell, both residents of Petersham.

MAY BASKET MAKING will take place today from 1-4 p.m. at No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road, Barre. No. 4 Schoolhouse, Inc. invites members and the community to craft May baskets with them. Optional things to bring are tissue and crepe paper, glue gun/glue, scissors or anything participants feel would aid in creating a festive one of a kind May basket. The Schoolhouse will provide basic supplies and instruction. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. This is a drop in event. No reservation required.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

FUN AND EDUCATIONAL EVENING sponsored by the Holden Grange will take place today at 6 p.m. with a light complimentary dinner and the program at 7 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. The light dinner consists of assort-

ed sandwiches, chips, pickles and drinks. Reservations are required. At 7 p.m., a program entitled "Victorian Secrets" will be presented by Emily Thomas, a public historian and curator of the Clara Barton Museum in North Oxford. The dangers of fashion for women in the 19th century, including flammable dresses, dangerous clothing dyes and corsets will be highlighted. As a professor at Nichols College, Thomas has made it a practice to teach the unexpected. In celebration of Grange month, Christine Hamp, President of the National Grange, will be visiting during this event. All are invited to attend this free program, which will conclude with complimentary dessert. RSVP required by Saturday, April 18 for dinner only by calling 508-886-22341 or emailing holdengrange78@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

QUABOAG VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will meet today at 6:30 p.m. in the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St., West Brookfield. Local amateur radio operators and the public are invited. This month's program features Greg Algieri, WA1JXR on the topic of Antenna Tuners; what they are, how they work, why you might need one, and how to use them. He began his ham radio journey at the age of 15 in 1967.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

EQLT WELLNESS WALK will be held today at 11:45 a.m. at Mass. Central Rail Trail, New Braintree north to Wheelwright and River's Edge Preserve.north to Wheelwright and River's Edge Preserve in Hardwick (meet at 1740 Hardwick Road, New Braintree) . A birding wellness walk will be held Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 a.m. in the Prince River Preserve, Flaherty Road, Barre. All ages and abilities are welcome. To register, people may email atrevvett@eqtl.org.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

SPRING SHOW by Princeton Art Society celebrates 35 years of promoting the arts in the communities today from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Princeton Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. All work is by the society's members, many of whom are award winning artists widely recognized in their fields. The show includes works in oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, photography, and more, including three-dimensional works, with subject matter as varied as the artists.

Calendar Policy

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

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Panthers fall to St. Bernard's

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE — Things didn't exactly go Quabbin Regional's way in their non-league home baseball game against St. Bernard's of Fitchburg.

The Panthers had runners in scoring position in each inning that they batted but only scored five runs. They also struggled defensively, allowing five unearned runs, which helped the Bernardian's secure a 10-5

victory last Thursday afternoon.

"We left five guys on base in the first three innings. The defense also made four costly errors," said Quabbin head coach Mark Battista. "We just didn't play clean baseball today and it's very frustrating."

The Panthers, who posted an 8-0 victory at St. Bernard's last April, entered the home contest with a 3-2 overall record. They were hoping to move two games above the .500 mark for the

first time this season.

"We just need to start playing better baseball," Battista added. "We now have a week off before playing at Bromfield."

The Bernardian's (5-2) also stranded runners in scoring position in the first two innings against Quabbin senior righthander Adam Adams, who allowed eight runs (four earned) on seven hits in 3 2/3 innings. He recorded seven strikeouts and issued four walks.

With one-out in the top of

the first inning, Adams, who threw 86 pitches, walked both junior third baseman Caden Laverdiere and senior Austin Gibbons, who was the Bernardian's starting pitcher.

Gibbons led his team offensively with three singles and a double. He also scored a pair of runs.

Adams, who's hoping to play college baseball at Worcester State University next year, escaped the first inning jam with a strikeout

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Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes
Abigail Falconi balances on one foot as she prepares to spring into her shot-put throw.



Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes
Zakk Mielnicki coils up as he prepares to launch the shot put.

Boys track gets win

BARRE — Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School boys track defeated Groton-Dunstable 80-65. Following the spring vacation week, Quabbin will host Oakmont on Tuesday, Apr. 28 at 3:30 p.m.



Owen Twarog successfully clears the bar in the pole vault.

Quabbin girls track victorious

BARRE — In a close matchup last Wednesday, Quabbin Regional High School girls track defeated Groton-Dunstable 79-65. The Panthers are next set to face Oakmont on Tuesday, Apr. 28 at 3:30 p.m.



A n n a Labrousse takes flight in the long jump.



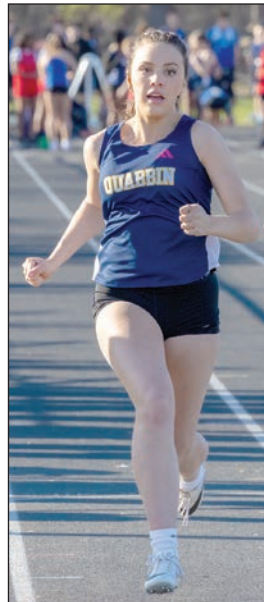
Owura Mensah, left, flies down the stretch in the 100-meter dash.



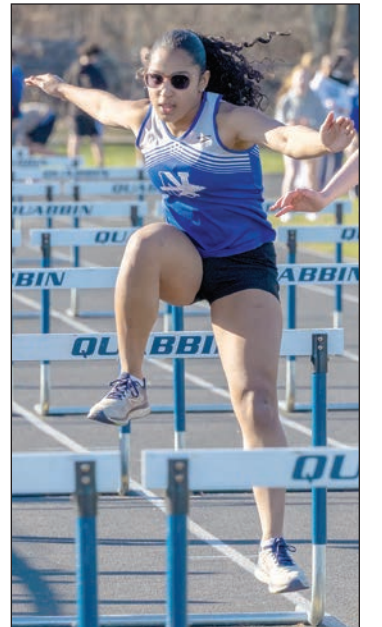
Jinxi Zou jumps the last hurdle on his way to the finish line.



Jinxi Zou takes flight over the crossbar in the high jump.



Maya Putnam, sprints through the 100-meter dash.



Whitney Reeves, races over the hurdles.



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Brody Wetnicka winds back for a pitch.

Tough start for Pathfinder baseball

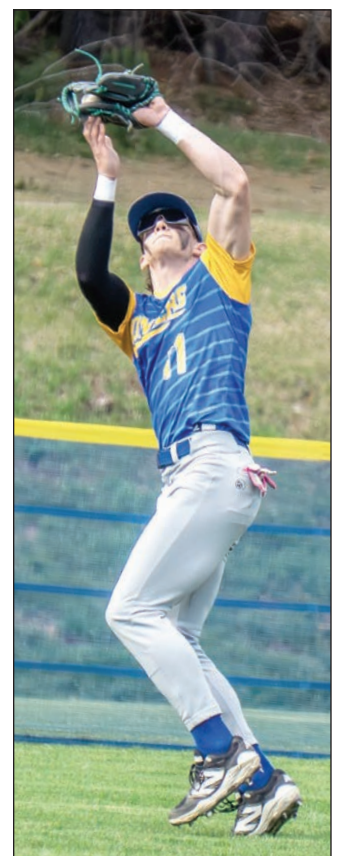
PALMER — Last Monday afternoon, Pathfinder baseball fell to 0-5 on the season with a 15-1 loss against visiting St. Mary's. The Saints scored 10 times in the first inning to pace win. Pathfinder just managed two hits, including a Brody Wetnicka RBI hit. The Pioneer's are now 0-6 on the season.



Jake Kokoski catches a strike.



Zack Smith hits a grounder into play.



Emerson Boronski catches a pop fly.

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Athlete of the Month



NAME: Adam Adams
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Adams was the starting pitcher and winner for the Panthers in the season opener earlier this month. He had a scoreless outing.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



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Taylor Thornton sets to swing.

Ellisyn Gelinias pressures the runner.

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Pioneers still searching for first win

Palmer – Last Thursday afternoon, Pathfinder fell to host Palmer 8-3 at Palmer High School. For Pathfinder, Taylor Thorton and Addison Doktor had two hits each.

Doktor drove in two of Pathfinder's runs. Hannah Roy, Kylee Lukas and Amhia McElreavy had three hits each. Jaclyn Swiatowski had three RBI. Jill Holbrook pitched a complete game, allowing three runs and eight hits, striking out five.

The Pioneers are 0-7 while Palmer improved to 2-5 for the year.



Ellisyn Gelinias pulls back for the throw.

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Addison Doktor winds back for a swing.



Taylor Thornton throws a strike over home plate

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and groundball out.

The Panthers, who had six base hits, put together a one-out rally in the bottom half of the frame.

Senior right fielder Andrew Warfield (2-for-4) lined a one out single into left field before advancing to second base on a wild pitch. Adams followed with a walk, but Gibbons retired the next two batters on a strikeout and ground out.

In the following inning, freshman second baseman JR Falconi and senior left fielder Jordyn Guilderson drew back-to-back walks, but the Panthers failed to take the lead.

The Bernardian's scored an unearned run with two outs in the third. Laverdiere, who served a single into left field, crossed the plate following a fielding error by the shortstop on a groundball hit by sophomore shortstop Justin Little.

Warfield poked a single into left field leading off the

third inning. After Warfield stole second base, Adams drew his second walk of the game. Then Warfield was thrown out trying to steal third base by sophomore catcher Ryan Bouchard before the next two batters struck out.

Gibbons recorded a total of ten strikeouts before being replaced on the mound by freshman righty Yaniel Zapata during the sixth inning.

St. Bernard's built an 8-0 lead after scoring seven runs on five hits in the fourth, as they sent a total of 13 batters to the plate.

In the middle of that inning, Adams switched positions with sophomore third baseman Abe Brown, who worked the final 3 1/3 innings. Brown gave up two runs (one earned) on five hits.

Brown, who walked leading off the bottom of the fifth, scored the Panthers' first run when Adams hit a double to left field.

After St. Bernard's scored

a run in the top of the sixth, the Panthers clawed back with two runs in the home half of the inning.

Senior centerfielder Chase Talbot led off with a walk and scored on a wild pitch. Warfield also reached first base following a fielding error which scored another run. The Panthers had runners on second and third with two outs when Adams hit a line drive to center field. A base hit would've sliced Quabbin's deficit to 9-5, but senior centerfielder Angelo Barry made a leaping catch for the third out of the inning.

Trailing 10-3 entering the bottom of the seventh inning, the Panthers scored two more runs in their final at-bats of the game.

An infield hit by sophomore Jake Doty, who had replaced Falconi at second base, scored junior catcher Alijah Flint (single). A groundout to the pitcher by senior shortstop Aiden Lapointe plated the Panthers final run.

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townspeople to observe them.

Naramore moved to Boston after the murders, and was tracked down by a reporter who wanted to get a story about Naramore and

Frank getting back together, and published her location without her consent, according to Allen. She said it is unknown what happened to Lizzie after that, speculating she may have moved again, changing her name, or being

brought into a witness protection program.

If you were to visit the area where they lived today, you would only see dirt roads and trees, the village is gone, taken as part of the Ware River Watershed.



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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

See No Evil

“See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil,” a maxim popularized in 17th Century Japan, teaches us to avoid all manner of evil influences, fostering discretion in the pursuit of piety.

Though these words and the associated image of three monkeys, cannot be found in Scripture, the truths that such touch on certainly can. This week, let us explore the call to “see no evil.”

1) Significance

The phrase “see no evil” calls us to be wary regarding what we fixate on with our physical and spiritual gaze; to consider those things that arrest our attention, for what we long-entertain may well induce us unto evil. We do well to protect our moral focus, guarding against temptations that seem to center upon matters of sight. Such is certainly born out in Scripture.

2) Selections (Negative)

What does God’s Word teach concerning such sentiments?

Psalms 101:3 (KJV)

3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes.

What is this but a genuine commitment to avoid those corrupting influences that might penetrate the gate(s) of our eyes?

Job 31:1 (NIV)

1 “I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman.”

Job speaks of actively controlling his gaze, i.e., in this case centering upon sexual lust. Why do so many struggle with lust, pornography and beyond? Might it be that we have failed to intentionally covenant with our eyes, intentionally directing or redirecting our gaze in kind?

The Word also warns against looking long upon those things that might serve as intoxicants. Such carry unforeseen effects:

Proverbs 23:31-32

31 Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.

32 In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper.

3) Selections (Positive)

On the other hand, there are things we are called to entertain:

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about it. . . . set your gaze upon such things.

Hebrews 12:1b

1 . . . let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

4) Illustration

Let us end with a biblical illustration. Read through this account and consider matters of both physical and spiritual fixation:

Genesis 3:1-6

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman [Eve], “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the

woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her and he ate it.

What was Eve’s focus herein? Was it the word of the Lord, previously shared or was it the allure of the forbidden fruit? Please note Genesis 3:6a, c (italics mine): “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good . . . and pleasing to the eye . . . she took some and ate it.” What if she had taken a moment to consider God’s command v. the look of the fruit? I daresay that her life and the lives of all born to her, would have gone quite differently. Can you and I not learn from this?

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. We will continue in the next edition with the call to “hear no evil.” Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

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

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Third Sunday of Easter

“Were our hearts not burning within us?”

Scripture Reading: Luke 24 v 13 – 35

I. Introduction

Encountering difficult situations in life can be hard, and navigating such experiences often proves to be inherently challenging. It helps to talk with those close to us about our feelings, and questions, and to feel the support from them. And... sometimes we need a visit from God to help us through. Our passage depicts the challenges encountered by two individuals journeying on the Road to Emmaus, and we see how their lives change when they meet up with the Risen Christ.

II. Were our hearts not burning within us?

These two followers of Christ left Jerusalem and traveled to their home, Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. They left Jerusalem distraught, after the crucifixion of Jesus, and after receiving reports from the women, that Jesus was not in the tomb. They had many questions, which they discussed between them, when they were joined by Jesus on the road. They failed to recognize Jesus, because their eyes were prevented from seeing who He really was. It appeared that they were divinely prohibited from recognizing Jesus. Jesus, meanwhile, after His resurrection, made appearances to His disciples and others. From Luke’s account, He appeared to these two men first. Raised from the dead, and leaving the tomb, where He was for some time, must have been an extraordinary experience. It is inconceivable how He must have appeared to the human eye, and difficult to imagine how He viewed

Himself, being transformed from the dead to the Risen Christ. These experiences truly reflect the mysterious and divine power of God. It is likely that Jesus was aware of the challenges faced by these two individuals because of the events in Jerusalem, which explains why He appeared to them. He probably started a conversation with them in order to enlighten them about the things they hadn’t yet grasped. They did not know who He was and thought He was rather ignorant about the events that took place in Jerusalem. This stranger however, allowed them to express their pain, their hopes and dreams about this Jesus who was just crucified and who would redeem Israel, and would be their Saviour.

Jesus nearly admonished them for their lack of understanding and slow hearts, and for failing to recognize who He truly was—someone who walked among them, shared wisdom, and healed the sick. Then He reminded them of the scriptures, which they were supposed to know, that He, the Son of Man would be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again, as we read in Chapter 24 v 7 - 8. They did not realize that the messages of the prophets concerning the Messiah were related to this Jesus whom they just crucified. Jesus, however, accepted their invitation to stay with them and ate with them. It was only after sharing the scriptures with them and eating with them, that their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him, but then He vanished. What a process of revealing to them Who He was, followed by their own reflection, wondering aloud, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?” David Garland and Clinton E. Arnold in their Commentary on Luke describe how these two men learned only in retrospect what had occurred, after they heard and recognized the voice of Christ, their Lord and Saviour. They did not understand, but now they did. Their hearts moved from being slow, to burning within them with this new awareness, which could only have been done by God. After this, they were able to go back to Jerusalem, elated by this extraordinary and joyful experience, meet up with the disciples, and face the place which brought them so much pain.

III. Conclusion

The message of the Risen Christ is filled with hope for those who were witnesses of His appearances. It is filled with the power of God to break through the pain and suffering, the cross, and the death God’s Son suffered. His message is for us today also, as we make sense of our own challenges, suffering, loss, and other forms of pain and questions we struggle with. It is through the presence of God’s Holy Spirit with us, and through the Holy scriptures that we are promised the comfort, guidance and hope of God in our lives. It is my prayer that we all will remember to lean on God through all of life’s challenges, and that our hearts will be illuminated and experience the burning of the two men on the Road to Emmaus experienced.

Amen

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

Obituaries

John David Magnino, 79

SOUTH HADLEY – John David Magnino, 79, of South Hadley, passed away on Easter Saturday, April 11, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Born

He taught at Quabbin for 18 years before retiring.

While teaching in Barre, John lived in the abutting town of Petersham where he was deeply involved with the



Aug. 23, 1946 in San Bernardino, California to the late Ardeveno and Angelina (Aimonino-Ricauda) Magnino, John was a second and third generation American. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, whose life was defined by service and dedication.

John graduated from California Polytechnic College at Pomona. Following his education, John joined the United States Navy and earned his wings as a Naval Aviator on Aug. 13, 1971 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Specializing in Anti-Submarine Warfare, he made several cruises on aircraft carriers in the North Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans as well as the Mediterranean Sea. He was the Commanding Officer of Fleet Logistics Squadron (VRC 40), based in Norfolk, Virginia. John proudly served his country for 20 years, retiring in May 1990.

His commitment to learning continued as he earned a Master in Education from The George Washington University in 1991. In the fall of 1990, John began teaching, something he had put off for 20 years for the Navy, as a Navy Jr. ROTC instructor at Quabbin Regional School in Barre, teaching naval science courses as well as introducing students to aviation with computer flight programs.

Petersham Lions Club, running their curling tournament to raise money for Lions Eye Research and St. Peter’s Catholic Church, serving on the renovation committee and Parish Council and organizing the annual fair.

After 24 years, John and his wife moved to South Hadley and became residents of Loomis Village where he enjoyed working on the campus forested areas and maintaining the walking trails. He also conducted the annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs. John became active at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, serving as a Eucharistic minister and would bring communion to residents, who could no longer go to Sunday Mass. John also volunteered at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Leilani, daughters Stefani Holmes, Natalie Murphy (Todd) and Tiffany Grygus (Michael), seven grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and extended family and friends who cherish his memory.

Services to honor John’s rich life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Lions Club International Eye Research and/or Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry in South Hadley.

DEATH NOTICES

Magnino, John David
Died Saturday,
April 11, 2026
Service to honor John’s life will be at a later date.

Sanc, Joseph C. “Joe”

Died April 3, 2026
Calling hours May 3 from 1-3 p.m.
Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre
Funeral May 4 at 11 a.m. MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 113 Glenallen St., Winchendon

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Joseph C. “Joe: Sanc, 93

BARRE – Joseph C. “Joe” Sanc, 93, of Barre, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2026. He was born in Roosevelt, New York, on Aug. 22, 1932, the son of the late Victor J. and Lillian E. (Zvonik) Sanc.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Bette Sanc; his devoted daughter, Lynn Adams and her husband, Joseph; his cherished grandchildren, Taylor Mollica and her husband, Diehl, Cameron Adams, and Casey Adams; his adored great-grandson, Walter Mollica. He also leaves his loving sister, Dorothy Gurka; many nieces and nephews and a cousin Jack Zvonik, who was like a brother to him. Joe held a special place in his heart for his little angel, Ava, their miniature beagle. He was predeceased by his daughter, Diane Sanc; his brothers, Victor Sanc and Vincent Sanc; his niece, Janice Gurka and his lifelong friend and best man, Walter Heyes.

Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, carrying a deep sense of duty and honor throughout his life. Following his military service, he began his career at the A&P Supermarket in New York, where he managed the cheese department, an experience that famously led to his lifelong dislike of cheese.

A visit to his best friend, Walter, in Barre, Massachusetts, would ultimately change the course of Joe’s life. Together with his beloved wife, Bette, Joe made the bold decision to relocate their family and purchase the Kozy Kabin Restaurant. In 1972, they opened its doors, creating not just a business, but a beloved local gathering place known for its homemade food, warm hospitality

and Joe’s welcoming spirit, earning him the nickname “Kozy Joe.” The restaurant’s success was even recognized in The Boston Globe and Massachusetts: An Explorer’s Guide.

After many wonderful years at the Kozy Kabin, Joe and Bette sold the business and embraced new adventures together, managing hotels across the country. Their journey took them to places such as South Padre Island, Texas, as well as South Carolina and Colorado, where Joe continued to share his strong work ethic and welcoming nature with all he met.

Above all, Joe was devoted to his family. He shared an extraordinary 71-year marriage with the love of his life, Bette, who was truly his everything and whom he cared for with deep love and dedication. Joe was a proud and loving father and grandfather, always present for life’s important moments, both big and small.

Joe found joy in life’s simple pleasures, enjoying a glass or two of Taylor Tawny Port, scratching lottery tick-

ets, watching the birds, feeding his “pet” chipmunks, sharing daily coffee with friends at Dunkin’ Donuts, reading The Boston Globe and working on puzzles. One of his favorite pastimes was being the longtime chauffeur for “the Boys” on many casino trips. He also enjoyed playing bocce and corn hole at the Barre American Legion Post 2, where he was a proud member.

Joe will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, his infectious smile, his deep devotion to family and the genuine friendship he extended

Friends and family are invited to attend calling hours on Sunday, May 3, 2026 from 1-3 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. The funeral will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 11 a.m. in the MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon with full military honors. Donations may be made in Joe’s name to a Veteran’s charity of one’s choice.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, March 22
 1:10 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Negative Contact
 10:11 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Negative Contact
 11:16 a.m. Fire – Explosive Incidents, West Street, Investigated
 2 p.m. Assault and Battery, Maple Lane, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Mahan, Robert Thomas, 53, South Barre
 Charges Breaking and Entering Building Daytime for Felony, Strangulation or Suffocation, Assault and Battery
 4:17 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Maple Lane, Report Filed
 5:23 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Maple Lane, Peace Restored
 5:28 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Barre Police Headquarters, Removed to Court of Lockout
 Arrest Mahan, Robert Thomas, 53, South Barre
 Charges Breaking and Entering Building Daytime for Felony, Strangulation or Suffocation, Assault and Battery

Monday, March 23
 3:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Nelson Way, No Transport Required
 12:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 8:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop – Disabled, West Street, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, March 24
 12:50 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Austin Street, Investigated
 2:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 6:55 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Report Filed
 8:51 p.m. Safety Concern, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, March 25
 5:54 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished
 11:05 a.m. Threats, Summer Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:07 p.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Barre Town Common, Peace Restored
 6:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Loring Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ EMS Response, Worcester Road, Report Filed

Thursday, March 26
 8:12 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Butterworth Road, Officer/ Chief Advised

8:27 a.m. Escort/Transport, North Brookfield Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest: Cocaine, Trafficking in 18 grams or more, Drug, Posses to Distrib Class A, Drug, Posses to Distrib Class C, Drug, Possess Class C, Drug, Possess Class E
 12:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasat Street, Information Taken

Friday, March 27
 2:25 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Police Headquarters, officer Spoke to Party
 4:56 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Butterworth Road, Information Given
 6:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 10:26 p.m. Noise Complaint, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, March 28
 12:02 a.m. Public Assist, Unknown, Investigated
 12:14 p.m. Safety Concern, Barre Town Common, Information Given
 2:56 p.m. Safety Concern, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:43 p.m. Property Damage, Flaherty Road, Report Filed
 5:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:22 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Union Street, Fire Extinguished

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, March 22
 12:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Malone Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, March 23
 2:03 p.m. Be On The Look Out Notification, Gardner Town Line, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:18 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Malone Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/ Unknown, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:44 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Town Wide, Information Given

Tuesday, March 24
 10:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Grimes Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hale Extension Road, Transported to Hospital

Arrest Harty, Christopher T., 55, Barre
 Charges Leave Scene of Property Damage

Wednesday, March 25
 5:54 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished
 10:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:40 p.m. Fire – Water Rescue/Ice Rescues, Comet Pond, Recovered
 5:47 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Laurel Street, Investigated
 7:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:37 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Verbal Warning

Thursday, March 26
 12:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/ Back Pain, Brigham Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:03 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 10:08 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Simond Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

1:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ol Boston Turnpike, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Removed from Scene
 8:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Brigham Road, Negative Contact

Friday, March 27
 9:05 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Notification, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:52 p.m. Erratic Operator, Brigham Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:20 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Pine Tree Lane, Call Transferred
 3:38 pm. Complaint, Madison Way, Officer Took Call
 6:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:46 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, March 28
 12:25 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:29 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Athol, Call Transferred
 8 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative Contact

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, March 22
 12:15 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed

Monday, March 23
 3:12 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, New Braintree Road, Referred to Other Agency 3:50
 3:50 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, East Hill Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Hill East Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, March 24
 2:47 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Old Turnpike Road, Chief Took His Call
 5:22 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Town Wide, Information Taken

Wednesday, March 25
 5:54 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished
 10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Investigated
 12:03 p.m. Safety Concern, New Braintree Road, Unfounded

Thursday, March 26
 9:37 a.m. Gunshots, Coldbrook Road, South Road, Negative Contact
 5:15 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ware Corner Road, Returned
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Friday, March 27
 3:22 p.m. Animal – ACO Call,

Adams Road, Information Given
 4:31 p.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Information Given
 7:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:05 p.m. Fire – Fire Investigation, Ware Corner Road, Fire Extinguished

Saturday, March 28
 10 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:22 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Union Street, Fire Extinguished
 9:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, March 22
 7:40 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Turkey Hill Road, Investigated
 12:15 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed
 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Information Taken
 3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, March 23
 9:23 a.m. Property Damage, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:42 p.m. Be On The Look Out Notification – Edith Lane, Information Taken
 2:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Cheryl Ann Drive, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Deangelis, Daniel Joseph, 35, Rutland
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Second Offense
 3:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Julie Ann Circle, Transported to Hospital
 3:43 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Hill East Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, March 24
 1:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Arrowhead Way, Transported to Hospital
 8:37 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
 8:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:10 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Vista Circle, Officer Spoke to Party

2:37 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle, Main Street, Entry Gained
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Busuulwa, Allan, 32, Rutland
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Mazyck, Alexander Tyler, 26, Rutland
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 5:09 p.m. Animal – Lost and/ or Found, Valley View Circle, Information Given
 5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:21 p.m. Complaint, Barre Paxton Road, Party Departed without Incident

Wednesday, March 25
 5:54 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished
 7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ EMS Response, Main Street, Report Filed
 2:23 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Area Search Negative
 2:52 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Charnock Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 10:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/ Poisoning
 11:51 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, March 26
 4:03 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 6:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown,

Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:22 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Patriot Lane, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:08 a.m. Serve Warrant, Maple Avenue, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Curtis, Sarah Ellen, 44 Webster
 Charges Warrant
 11:25 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Miles Road, Investigated
 11:44 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summerhill Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, No Transport Required
 3:08 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed
 3:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Peralta, Henry, 45, South Barre
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 3:33 p.m. Threats, Rutland Police Department, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 6:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:25 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained
 9:22 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Grizzly Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:26 p.m. Threats, Quail Run Drive, Report Filed

Friday, March 27
 9:27 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Shrewsbury, Negative Contact
 9:50 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Nancy Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Call – Falls, Thurston Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:55 a.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Turkey Hill Trail, Mutual Aid Transport
 2:50 p.m. Complaint, Irish Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:22 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Investigated
 4:32 p.m. Property Damage, Whitehall Road, Report Filed
 5:03 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Main Street, Returned
 5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Rutland Police Department, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, March 28
 12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:39 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Main Street, No Action Required
 4:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:53 a.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Campbell Street, Peace Restored
 1:54 p.m. Animal – Lost and/ or Found, Glenwood Road, Returned
 3:49 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Miles Road, Returned
 6:22 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Union, Street, Fire Extinguished
 7:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 8:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 8:50 p.m. Safety Concern, Brintnal Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

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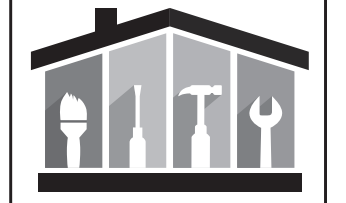
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Deb Morrison with the Flower Society showed off some of the crafts the group makes, and said they even go on trips.

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