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Board to hire consultant for TA search

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BARRE – The Barre Select Board opted to hire a consultant to help them in the search for a new Town Administrator.

Following the board's unanimous vote at their Monday night meeting, Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis said he would reach out to three firms and ask them to send a letter of services to the Select Board. He said for a town the size of Barre the fee would be about \$10,000.

He said if the board went with a Search Committee it would add at least a month to the process.

The Interim Town

Administrator said it was important to create a bylaw, which defines the town administrator as chief executive officer. He said the bylaw should also define the role of the Department of Public Works Commission and the Town Administrator.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall asked if the board should move forward with this bylaw to present at the Annual Town Meeting and he responded in the affirmative and said they had six weeks to do it.

Chair Marshall said the previous Town Administrator Jessica Sizer did not leave because of the money and she took a job, which paid slightly less. Her role had a lot of responsibility, but no author-

ity, which was frustrating.

Motions for STM

The Interim Town Administrator presented the Select Board with the motions for the four articles on the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 25. The motion for Article 1 was to transfer \$100,000 from free cash for the 250th Anniversary and any state, private and charitable foundations funds received would be used first so the \$100,000 in free cash could be less.

The second article motion would use \$39,611.26 from free cash to pay a consultant hired to work with the new treasurer/collector.

Article 3 and 4 motions

changed the original wording on previous town meeting articles to include state required language not stated in the original articles.

The new wording for the purchase of an ambulance (Article 3) and a new fire truck (Article 4), added "five year lease purchase agreement." The motions also added funding would be contingent on the passing of a debt exclusion, which the Department of Revenue allows for lease purchase agreements. Interim Town Administrator Balukonis said an election with the ballot question regarding these debt exclusions must take place within 90 days of the town meeting vote. Failure to pass the debt exclusion would nullify the purchases.

Information on how the tax rate would increase would be available for the STM Tuesday.

Potential projects for town

The Interim Town Administrator said he went through previous year capital plans to come up with a list of possible projects requested by state Sen. Anne Gobi for possible state funding. Some of them included a generator for Ruggles Lane Elementary School, a new generator for the Barre Senior Center, American Disabilities Act compliant projects and although not on the capital plan lists, he added

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Selectmen continue talk of sewer betterment rates

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HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen discussed the proposed sewer betterment rates as presented by RCAP Solutions' Regional Director Laurie Stevens.

Betterment rates based on the calculation system presented at the April 24 meeting would be determined by several factors including Title V flow-per-room measurements and bedrooms per house.

The overall cost of the proposed wastewater treatment upgrade project is \$27,728,500 which includes construction of the Hardwick Road pumping station, upgrades to the collection system, the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility and Wheelwright Water Pollution Control facility.

While \$17,017,500 is funded through a large grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the remaining costs are funded by an additional \$22,500 grant, \$5,000,000 in state funding, \$7,500 applicant contributions and a \$5,681,000 loan.

From the letter of conditions, section C loan and grant terms states half of the loan amount must be carried on the tax base. This determines the overall betterment costs.

The tax base is responsible for \$2,840,500.

Betterment rates based on these calculations would cost \$1,914.08 for a one-bedroom house, \$3,828.17 for a two-bedroom, \$5,742.25 for a three-bedroom and \$7,656.33 for a

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Food policy council looks at short and long-term needs

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WARE – Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council met for the second time since its formation, and began brainstorming the Council's vision and mission statements.

At the April 19 meeting, Project Coordinator for Community Health Emily Coderre had members break down into small discussion groups to come up with ideas for the statements, before coming back together as a whole to share their ideas.

"We will draft a vision and mission and bring it back to everybody for further input," she said.

Coderre explained that a vision statement is what the Council wants to accomplish in a perfect world, and the mission is more action oriented.

"A mission statement is concise, outcome oriented and inclusive," she said.

The Council was divided into two groups; in-person attendees and remote attendees.

Coderre asked them to create a vision for where they see the Council in the next year, three years and even five years.

For the first year, members said they would like to identify the nutritional needs and food security issues people in the Quaboag Valley are faced with.

"Wouldn't it be great if we had a really good picture of food efforts going on?" asked Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. "Where are gaps?"

One member of the Council, Jean Smith, said she sees the need in the towns her food pantry services each day.

"Every day I have new families calling me because they are in trouble," Smith said.

Smith's food pantry covers three towns that are located miles from the nearest grocery store, limiting the availability of fresh and healthy food.

Not everyone has the means to travel either, she said.

"There's no public transportation, no public housing, or you're a senior living in a housing authority. There's one bank and two stop lights in three towns. If they want to grocery shop, it's 11 miles one direction or 12 the other," she said. "I'm fighting every day to keep it going."

Government assistance, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, can offer relief for people on fixed or low incomes, but many are unaware if they qualify or not.

“Every day I have new families calling me because they are in trouble.”

Jean Smith

The amount of SNAP benefits people receive each month has fluctuated greatly since the start of the pandemic as well, making it difficult to rely on.

One issue, Smith said, was giving too many SNAP benefits during COVID.

"It's a yo-yo," Smith said. "They cut it back so far [after COVID] that it's less than they were getting pre-COVID."

With the cost of groceries and other necessary items going up, along with the cost of utilities and medicine, seniors especially can't afford to meet their basic needs.

"They're living on what I'm giving them," Smith said. "The food pantry is supposed to supplement what they can't afford to buy. Now they rely on me...I've basically become their entire food budget and that's sad."

Smith shared some ways she has pushed back against this rising need in her towns, by contacting legislators, and also organizing a growing program with the local

Friends of the Town House gather area artists together

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House held their first Arts Community Gathering on March 5.

People involved with the arts were introduced to the organization's ambitious project: the restoration of the North Brookfield Town House as a regional cultural center.

An original slide presentation by Friends president Jim Buzzell told of the rich history of this iconic building and its great potential to entertain, heal, and revitalize the Central Massachusetts rural community with its Great Hall performance space, its classroom and workshop space, and its space for a restaurant and offices.

Bonnie Milner, of Long View Entertainment, emphasized the value of collaboration between the Friends and area artists. Eva Brown, Friends board member, described ROAR – Rural Opportunities Through Art and



Courtesy Photo

The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House held their first Arts Community Gathering last month.

Restoration – the pilot programming being held off-site at present, and the many opportunities ROAR programs and the restored Town House hold for area creatives.

Following the presentation, a lively discussion ensued with

questions and answers for participants and suggestions for the Friends.

The Friends of the Town House hope to hold other gatherings. If you are interested in attending one, please notify the Friends at friends@nbtownhouse.com.

Quabbin Visitor Center renaming honors Campbells

Dedication ceremony will be held June 4

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BELCHERTOWN – At the close of last year, efforts to rename the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Quabbin Visitor Center were successful.

Now, the Visitor Center is named in memory of two people who dedicated much of their lives to the Quabbin Reservoir, and were key in the creation of the Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center will now be called the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, and it will be dedicated in their memory at a ceremony on Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m.

This honor comes two years after Les' death in 2020 at the age of 95. His wife Terry, died in 2007 at the age of 66.

"We've been working on this for two years," said Paul Godfrey, board member of the Friends of Quabbin, Inc., a nonprofit organiza-



Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette

Shown from left are Paul Godfrey, Anne Ely and Mark Lindhult standing next to a poster Lindhult made using photos of Les and Terry Campbell, and some of Les' photos of the Quabbin Reservoir.

tion with over 300 members across the country.

Godfrey said the Friends, along with Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists and Quabbin Photo Group (photography clubs started by Les), contacted state representatives and senators to help them create a bill to rename the Visitor Center. Both state Sen. Anne Gobi and state Rep.

Susannah Whipps were instrumental in bringing this to reality.

"They both pushed to get this through," Godfrey said.

As the end of the session neared, the groups were uncertain if their bill would become a law in time, especially as the world was dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Dec. 28, 2022, the bill

became law when Governor Charlie Baker put his signature on it.

It seems only natural to name the Visitor Center after the Campbells, as they both had a prominent role in making it what it is today.

Les was born in Ware and spent most of his life in Belchertown.

His involvement with the Quabbin Reservoir began when he was still in high school, and started working for the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission in 1944 as a laborer.

After he graduated from Ware High School, Les became a Junior Civil Engineer.

He later went on to work in the Water Quality Laboratory upstairs in the Quabbin Administration Building where he stayed for 44 years, retiring in 1988.

Les was also an award-winning photographer, becoming nationally and internationally known for his wildlife photography.

"His photography came from his love of birds," said Anne Ely, board member of the Friends and member of both the PVPA and Quabbin

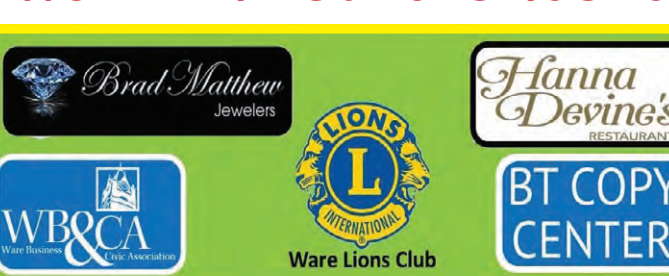
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Historical Society to hold annual meeting

The Barre Historical Society, 18 Commons St., will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, May 4.

All members are encouraged to attend to hear reports on the past year, proposed updates to bylaws, and plans for the future. Anyone with questions can email Barrehistory@gmail.com or call the Society at 978-355-4978 and leave a message.

Women's Fellowship to hold tea

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

Greg's Restoration Car Show

Greg's Restoration Car Show will be held Saturday, April 29 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Felton Field, 120 Old Coldbrook Road.

Quabbin Community Band Rehearsal

Quabbin Community Band begins rehearsals Monday, May 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street. Rehearsals will be held every Monday night except the Memorial Day holiday. Margaret Reidy is the director. People may email julie@nhof.net or call 978-257-1192 for more information or just show up at rehearsal.

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 May 1. 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 — Chicken pot pie, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, yogurt, biscuit

TUESDAY — Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY — Teriyaki beef, steamed rice, broccoli, strawberries, fortune cookie, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY — Potato crunch fish, potatoes au gratin, Capri blend vegetables, cinnamon streusel cake, diet = half piece, marble rye bread, tartar sauce

FRIDAY — Cinco de Mayo, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn, sour cream, pineapple, pita bread

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

Birds of a feather flock together



Jim Tucker had two pileated woodpeckers at his feeder at the same time. Photo courtesy of Jim Tucker

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Cultural Council survey due April 30

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

Senior center events

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

Quabbin Community Band season begins Sunday, June 18

BARRE — The Quabbin Community Band will be starting its 2023 season under the direction of Margaret Reidy with the first rehearsal on Monday, May 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall, corner of Exchange and Mechanic Streets.

Band musicians from 12 years of age to 90 are welcome to participate. Rehearsals continue every Monday night through Monday, Aug. 7.

The first concert of the season will be Sunday, June 18 at 6 p.m. on the Nornay Park gazebo, Main Street, South Barre and the last concert will be Sunday, Aug. 13 in the Harding Allen Bandstand, corner of Concert Mall and Common Street on the Barre Common.

The band will participate in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 29 at 11 a.m. Line up is at the corner of Park and Broad Streets.

The first four concerts will take place at the South Barre Common and the last five at the Barre Center Common. There will be an additional concert on Thursday, July 13 on the Oakham Common on Thursday, July 13 from 6:30-8 p.m.

This is a summer band, so although it is fantastic if people can make every rehearsal and every concert, vacations and other responsibilities intervene and musicians should come when they can. They should bring a music stand to rehearsals and concerts. There will be no rehearsal Monday, May 29 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

In 2023 the Quabbin Community Band will be operating under its present name for 50 years. Come and celebrate with the band on Sunday, Aug. 6 for a special reunion concert.

People may email band president Julie Rawson at julie@nhof.net or call 978-257-1192. Musicians of all levels are encouraged to attend.

Elaine Griffith to teach color mixing class at Petersham Art Center

PETERSHAM — Artist Elaine Griffith of Artis4every1 in Oakham will be helping students create the artistic colors they dream about at the Petersham Art Center in her class, "Making Color, Mixing Magic" on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Creating the colors the artist envisions in their imaginative eye can be challenging. Griffith, a graduate of the School of the Worcester Art Museum, will teach students how to meet that challenge with her skillful expertise.

"Do you find yourself mixing huge puddles of mud, or buying little bottles of craft paint, when you are painting?" says Ms. Griffith, with a smile. "You can learn the secrets to getting exactly the colors you want."

In this class, students will be taught how to use a palette knife to get their colors clean and brilliant. Creating color charts to save and refer to later, along with other techniques, will give the students the tools to understand



Courtesy photo

Artist Elaine Griffith will hold a class in "Making Color, Mixing Magic" on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m.-noon at Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., Petersham.

how to make every color they can visualize in the world.

Elaine Griffith graduated in 1972 from the School of the Worcester Art Museum with the Washburn Award for General Excellence. She began as a freelance artist doing portraits of people, pets and homes, as well as signs and graphic designs. She

exhibited in many shows, exhibits and galleries, being honored with several awards and solo shows. At this stage of life, she has time to increase her studio time and work on her own creations, as well as help people express their inner artistic talents with her Artis4every1 classes that she has been teaching in Oakham and at other venues.

"I am very excited about this class," says Karen Bellefeuille, a Petersham Art Center student. "I paint for fun, but I always want my colors to be perfect. Sometimes I just can't find the right combinations. This is a perfect chance to learn how to make that happen."

People may call the Petersham Art Center at 978-724-3415 for more information and to register. The Petersham Art Center is a non-profit venue for the art and craft of the North Quabbin region, featuring classes, exhibits, and a gift shop of handmade, artisan items, open Wednesday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Historical Society accepting scholarship applications

RUTLAND — The Rutland Historical Society is accepting scholarship applications.

The scholarships are offered to any two Rutland high school seniors planning to enter college who have resided in the

town of Rutland for at least two years. The two \$500 awards are based on scholarship with an emphasis given to involvement and contributions in the areas of both school and community. Applicants can obtain scholar-

ship forms by emailing Sheila Judkins at sljwheeler@gmail.com. Forms should be submitted with an official transcript, SAT or ACT scores and a letter of recommendation by Thursday, June 1.

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Theatre Guild of North Brookfield presents 'Willie Wonka'

NORTH BROOKFIELD — "Willie Wonka" will be presented by the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield will take place Thursday, May 11; Friday, May 12; Saturday, May 13; Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m.

The performances will be held in the auditorium at the North Brookfield Elementary School, Oakham Road (Route 148), North Brookfield.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$11 for seniors and students under the age of twelve. One dollar for each ticket sold will benefit The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House for the restoration of the Town House. Tickets are available by calling 508-331-9031 or at the door.

The performance is supported in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Historical Society holds fundraiser for powder horn on April 30

HARDWICK — The Hardwick Historical Society has an 18th century powder horn on loan that has significant ties to the town and its history; and the goal is to bring it home to stay.

All are invited to come hear the story about the powder horn's significant ties to Hardwick.

On Sunday, April 30, from 3-5 p.m. at the Hardwick Town House, Don Madden from Belchertown will bring the audience back to the 18th century with some artifacts of the era and a lecture. Donation at the door is \$20.

In addition, the Hardwick Historical Society will offer any person or business a spot on the donation plaque for \$100 or more.

There will be mocktails and light food, as well as the chance to get a glimpse of the historic powder horn.

Hardwick Historical Society is a 501c3 nonprofit and your donations are tax deductible. Donations can also be mailed to Hardwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037.

News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Cemetery Commission – April 27 at 11 a.m.
 QRSD Superintendent Search/Screening Subcommittee – April 27 at 5:15 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – April 27 and May 18 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board – May 1 at 6:30 p.m.
 QRSD Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – May 2 at 3 p.m. and May 3 at 1:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – May 2 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – May 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 2, May 16 and June 6 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 3 at 1 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – May 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – May 8 at 7 p.m.
 Finance Committee – May 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – May 11 at 3 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Agricultural Fund Trustees – April 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – May 1 at 5:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – May 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – May 4 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee – May 5 at 9 a.m.
 Council on Aging – May 10 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – May 10 at 4 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – May 15 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – May 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – April 27 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health and Planning Board – May 3 at 7 p.m. cannabis odor complaints
 Planning Board – May 3 and May 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 Historic Commission – May 6 at 10 a.m.
 Memorial Day Committee – May 8 and May 22 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 9 and May 23 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Special Town Meeting – May 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Annual Town Meeting – May 5 at 7:30 p.m.
 Cultural Council – May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – May 9 and May 23 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 17 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

Select Board – April 27 at 5:30 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – April 27 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – April 27 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – May 2 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 4 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – May 5 at 9 a.m.
 Council on Aging – May 8 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 9 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – May 18 at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – April 27 at 6:15 p.m.
 Ad Hoc By-law Committee – May 2 at 1 p.m.
 Annual Town Meeting – May 6 at 6 p.m.
 Annual Town Election – May 8 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Historical Society to present program on artist Patty Day

PETERSHAM – The local Quabbin Region has had many noted artists, poets, and writers.

One of the most notable was Patty Day (1885-1983) a part-time resident of Petersham who was nationally known for her miniature paintings. In honor of Patty Day's life and times, the Petersham Historical Society at its Annual Meeting on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m will offer a special program, "Patty Day and Friends: A Program by John Woolsey."

The program is co-sponsored by the Petersham Historical Society and the Petersham Memorial Library. The program will be offered by John Woolsey, Petersham resident and research and writer of "A Patty Day Album: The Art, Writing, and Memories of Martha Buttrick Willson Day." Woolsey studied primary sources, historical record, letters, journals and oral history oral interviews to weave together a bound book where he called "...Patty Day was a distinctive character - colorful, amusing, and engaging."

Patty Day was a well known Petersham resident in the mid 1940s, 50s and 60s while she did her art and engaged in community events of the times. Her home near Brown's Pond, was often the center of large parties and quiet afternoon teas



Submitted Photo
Artist Patty Day, (1885-1983) will be the focus of Petersham Historical Society's Annual Meeting on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m in the Petersham Town Hall.

on the back veranda. Many present members of Petersham have endearing memories of Patty Day, including Larry Buell, local historian who worked for Mrs. Day in the summer for 25 cents an hour.

Buell recently stated, "...as a twelve year old working at Patty Day's home opened my eyes to art, culture, and special

ways to appreciate the local landscape of Petersham." In the early 1980s Buell facilitated a series of oral history interviews with Mrs. Day that are partly incorporated into Woolsey's writing. All are welcome to attend the program and share a story or two of Patty Day. The program is free and open to the public.

Earth Day cleanup targets newest park

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – The Conservation Commission and a group of dedicated volunteers continued their work to develop Ware River Park in Gilbertville; removing piles of brush and invasive plants on Earth Day.

"It was pretty much all through the park," Vice-Chair Becky Bottomley said of the invasive plants. The most prevalent at the Lower Road site being the bittersweet vine.

"They will actually strangle and kill the trees," she said.

The Conservation Commission has the care and custody of Ware River Park, spanning from the gazebo at New Furnace Landing to the area across from St. Aloysius Cemetery on Lower Road (known as the Thompson tract).

Ware River Park now has two paddling access points for the Upper Ware River section of the Blue Trail, made possible by the efforts of the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council. Signs mark the access on Lower Road, and at the New Furnace Landing.

Last fall, a kiosk was installed next to the gazebo featuring a map of the Blue Trail network.

While most of the trash has been removed from the park in previous cleanups, volunteers still gathered a large pile of metal and other debris this past



Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette
Abbie White gathers bittersweet vines that she cut down from trees at Ware River Park as part of an Earth Day cleanup.

Saturday. A bench sits at the top of the Lower Road section, constructed from old railroad ties. Soon there will also be picnic tables, giving trail users and paddlers a place where they can sit and enjoy a picnic.

Ware River Park is also going to have the newest section of the rail trail, which will be completed by June 1.

Bottomley said people are already embracing Ware River Park, with

some travelling from as far as Westborough to enjoy a treat from the bakery and the view of the Ware River.

A view that was once obstructed by the overgrowth of invasive plants, until the Conservation Commission made it their priority to develop the park during the pandemic.

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Town clerk gives election information

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

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

Church news

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

Town clerk lists election information

NEW BRAINTREE – The Annual Town Election will take place on Monday, May 1 from noon-8 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive.

Offices up for election, and the candidates who have taken out papers are as follows: Select board for three years: Dennis Letendre, Jr. and Randall Walker; Treasurer for three years Janet Pierce, incumbent;

Town Clerk for three years Jessica Bennett, incumbent; Assessor for three years Claire Reavey, incumbent and Assessor for one year to fill a vacancy, Shelby Pollard.

Other offices include: Auditor for three years Renee Gregoire; Finance Committee for three years, Amie Lefevre; Board of Health for three years Paul Thompson, incumbent; Moderator for three years Jeffrey Howland, incumbent; Constable for three years Susie Mulliken, incumbent; Quabbin Regional School District Committee for three years Peggy Thompson, incumbent; Constable for one year Rory Fitzgerald and two seats for Library Trustee for three years: Marjorie Wissiup, incumbent and Theresa Langelier.

Cemetery Commissioner for three years and Planning Board for five years are vacant on the ballot.

People may call Jessica Bennett Town Clerk at 508-867-2071, extension 102 or by email to townclerk@newbraintree.org with any questions or concerns.

C4R plans paddles on the Ware River Blue Trail

C4R is planning two paddles in May on Saturdays, May 13 and May 27.

C4R is reviewing river conditions to decide the best of the noted dates for each. Final decision planned for Thursday, May 4. These are opening day paddles

The Upper Ware River trail paddle would run from Old Furnace landing in Hardwick to the Ware River Park in Gilbertville. It is 4.5 miles and takes about two hours. The Lower Ware River trail paddle will run from the Banas Farm/Robbins Road access in Ware to the Bennett Street access in Palmer. It is 6 miles and takes about 2.5 hours.

People may RSVP for either or both paddles by emailing chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Rutland to hold Town Wide Yard Sale April 29

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

Maps are available at 7:15 a.m. at the town lines and on the Town Common in front of Community Hall. The map will also be on the Fourth of July Committee website. Participants pay to be on the map and all proceeds go to the Town's Fourth of July Celebration.

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Opinion

Guest Column



Garden Lady questions for a rainy Sunday

I received a pruning question from a reader as a follow-up to my recent article on the subject of what to prune when in terms of spring flowering bushes.

The question was directly related to pruning a white magnolia bush. Without knowing the species exactly, I would venture to guess that because it is white the question relates to Magnolia stellata, or the Star Magnolia and not its cousin, the large pinkish-purple flowered Saucer Magnolia.

The Star Magnolia is a shrub or small tree that is highly adaptable to various soils and heat/cold conditions spanning from Maine to Georgia, to Minnesota and even the West Coast.

Fragrant flowers are 3-5-inches wide and typically made up of 12-18 tepals (a term for petals and sepals together) but depending on which cultivar or variety chosen, there may be upwards of 30-50 of these per flower.

What makes this bush extra showy (if double flowers weren't enough!) is that it blooms prior to leaf break, and the flowers show up beautifully against smooth gray bark.

Because it can stay in bloom long - if conditions are right, almost three weeks, sometimes there is an overlap of unfurling leaves alongside flowers.

It's a beauty alright. Sometimes a heat wave, then a cold wave can turn the flowers to mush overnight, but it is a chance we gardeners take. This year the show is a glorious one, indeed.

Our reader wrote in that his Magnolia has suffered some damage in the late snowstorm we had. Branches were bent and broken and some corrective pruning needed to happen, but when? Typically, regular pruning would take place after flowering so as not to compromise upcoming blooms, but this type of pruning can be accomplished as needed to prevent further injury.

Prune back to limbs that show no sign of injury. Regular training of the tree should be done within the first five years - magnolias are notoriously slow healers; so bigger cuts could take a long time to heal.

Thank you for your question. I hope this helps. The following question came from Marvin, who is wondering how to acclimatize overwintered geraniums back into the garden.

"I potted some geraniums from the garden last fall and took them into the house. They have been blooming since late February and bring sunshine and joy to the room!!! I would like to put them back into the garden this spring. What steps do I need to take to make this transition successful? Cut them back? etc."

Yay! I am so happy that you had success with your geraniums.

Like you, I have been doing this same process for a few years now and agree with you that they do indeed add "sunshine and joy" to our indoor spaces at a time when we need it.

You are smart to think about the transition back into the garden. If you were to simply move them outside on the first nice day, no doubt you'd be met with disappointment.

First off, I would gradually start reducing the amount of fertilizer you are giving them, if any. We don't want a lot of tender new growth that could be susceptible to damage from the elements. Next, give the plants a good grooming. Lift up foliage to reveal any brown leaves or spent flowers and pinch these away.

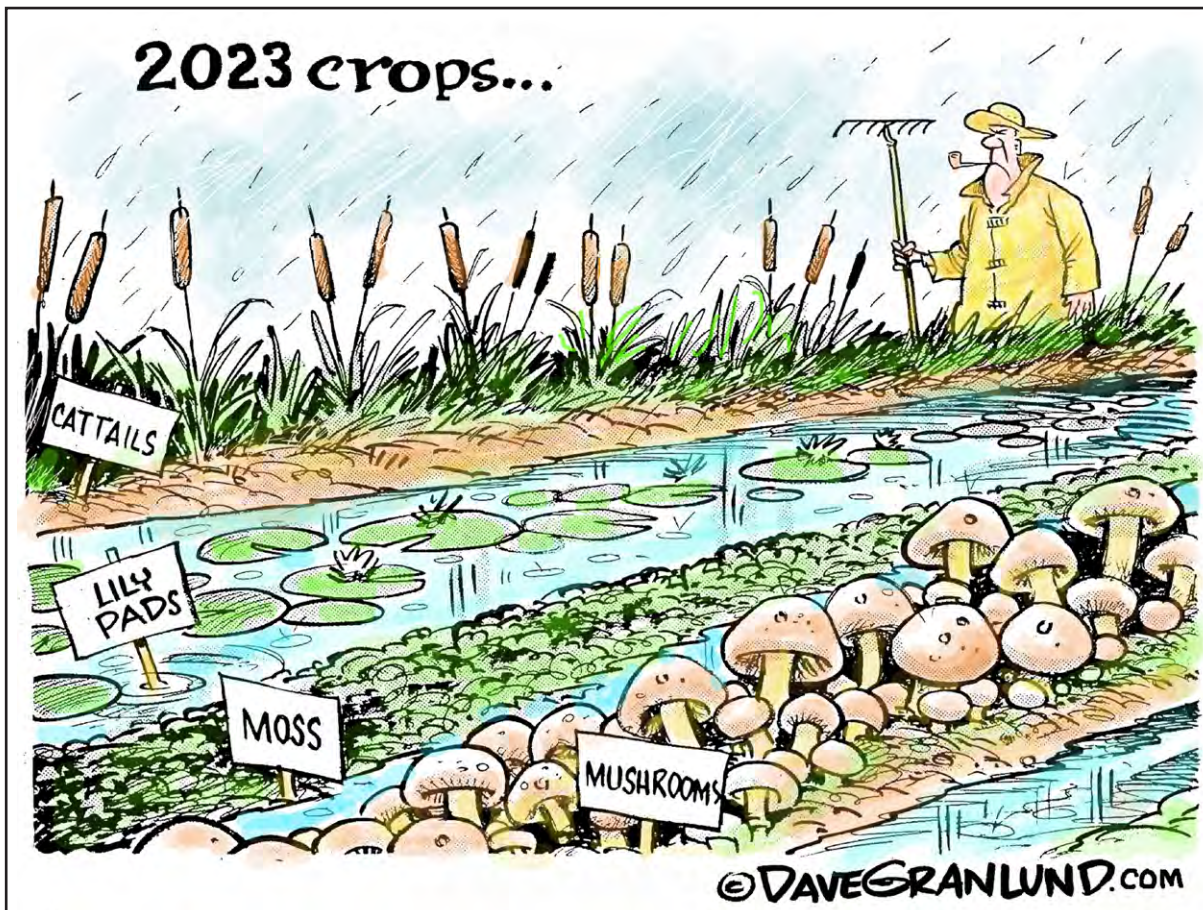
Now comes shaping. If the plants have grown lopsided prune them back to a good overall shape by cutting stems to right above a node (the place where the stems of the leaves attach). If you are happy, stop here and begin to harden them off.

I would try this beginning around Mother's Day Weekend barring there is no frost in the forecast. Find a sheltered spot (from wind and sun) and set them outside for a few hours then bring them in for the night.

Gradually expose the plants to more and more sun until they are outside all day and night. The process should take a week to 10 days.

By following these steps, you will hopefully avoid sun scald and other issues. Best of luck to you!

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



In Past Pages

5 years (May 3, 2018)

Oakham Finance Committee Chair Paul Rochette presented selectmen with a citizen's petition requesting an article to fund an audit for the annual town meeting warrant. He referred to an audit as a good business practice and said that it was at least ten years since the town had one. He said an audit was not part of budgets during those years due to fiscal restraints. The citizen petition proposed funding \$20,000 for the audit through the stabilization fund. Finance Committee member Clare Hendra contacted neighboring town about possible firms, how frequently they did an audit and cost. Most held an audit every two or three years.

Quabbin seventh grader Lillian Maxwell has been singing her entire life. She had her chance to do lots of singing over the past two weeks, as she and over 400 middle school musicians gathered together to perform in the 46th Annual Central District Junior High School Music Festival Concert, this past Saturday at Blackstone-Milville Regional High School.

The Barre Finance Committee met with representatives for the police, Department of Public Works and school department last Wednesday. Barre Police Chief John Carbone said budget increases in wages was due to new union contractual obligations for officers salaries. He said the Barre Police Officer wages were low and not competitive with surrounding towns. DPW Superintendent Jason Pimental said the highway budget had a level funded budget with the exception of step increases, union contractual wages and an increase in uniform costs due to the recent union agreement.

10 years (May 2, 2013)

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,887 to the town of Barre for the Woods Memorial Library for its public library construction project. "This money will go a long way for the town of Barre," said state Sen. Stephen Brewer. "I have been a resident of Barre my whole life and I know the important role the town's library plays as an educational tool and community meeting place. This money will allow for much needed repairs to the Library's Children's room and restore a valuable resource for the public."

Vincent Giambrocco, International Engineering Group President, spoke to the Petersham Selectmen and Advisory Finance Committee members about the asbestos removal from the town's Nichewaug Inn buildings. Giambrocco advised the board that the bid packages prepared by Montachusett Regional Planning Committee are not complete and do not contain information legally required under Massachusetts law for securing bids for hazardous materials removal. Giambrocco said the paperwork he looked at

LOOK BACK Sign of Spring - 1989



Shearing sheep is one of the signs of spring. The photo was taken in Hardwick in April 1989.

was not complaint with state law, did not contain construction documents and were not prepared by a licensed project designer, as required by law.

Voters in the town of Barre said yes to a debt exclusion question for the replacing of the roof and installing windows at the Ruggles Lane Elementary School. The yes vote allowed the town to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2 1/2 up to \$1,508,735. Two hundred sixty three voted yes and 201 said no. Just over 16.5% of the 3,422 registered voters went to the polls to cast ballot at the Annual Town Election this Tuesday. This election coincided with the state special primary election to fill the Senator in Congress seat vacated by John Kerry.

25 years (April 30, 1998)

Two flowering pear trees were dedicated to the late Joseph Russell III, former tree warden in a moving ceremony held last Thursday on Barre Common. Current tree warden David Carlson, the Barre Business Association and others decided to pay tribute to Russell in this way, suggesting the trees be planted in the area where his family sold produce at the Farmers Market each year.

Hubbardston Fire Chief Seth Knipe says he is awaiting a decision on May 5 by the people of Hubbardston regarding the level of fire protection they are willing to support. In the fire department's budget, there appears to be a \$10,000 salary increase for the Fire Chief, which has bothered some voters. Knipe said what appears to be an increase actually raised the number of course of paid service in the town from 20 to 32. The town has been moving in the direction of having a full-time chief for some time.

Mary Kenney, who was elected to the Petersham Board of Selectmen in March of 1997, has resigned, charging threats and intimidation. She said the board is merely a "figurehead" and blames the Finance Committee and

Moderator for recent problems. She said lies have been told about her and threats made against her and other town officials. She added she is not one to be a "figurehead" and needs to see progress. Failing to see progress, only continued dissension, she decided to step down.

38 years (May 2, 1985)

A year of celebration and homecoming is planned for the 75th Anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church, South Barre. Completed and consecrated on Nov. 12, 1910, the church was described as "an attractively edifice of stone and wood" and was a gift to the community by Francis Willey of Bradford, England, then Lord Barnby, founder and owner of the Barre Wool Combing Company.

Superintendent of Schools Corridon Trask at the Quabbin School Committee meeting, April 18 noted the "stressful conflict" arising from the Quabbin Fiscal Year 86 proposed budget and the recommendation by the joint Finance Committees of the member towns within the district to cut it. The proposed budget is an increase of 9.1% over last year's budget and the joint Finance Committees want to hold Quabbin to a 2 1/2% level. Acting Chairman Richard Alan noted that assessments to member town have been going down steadily since 1980.

With 153 voters crowded into the Barre Town Hall Monday night, the article seeking acceptance of the Quabbin Regional School District to include grades kindergarten through 12 was unanimously passed on a voice vote followed by a hearty round of applause. No discussion preceded the vote. Hubbardston had already approved regionalization at a town meeting April 16 by one vote, 40-39. Oakham voted next, but sealed their votes, counting them Monday evening as requested by the School Committee. That vote was 66 in favor and 25 opposed. Hardwick and New Braintree also voted Monday evening and passed regionalization by wide margins.

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,
When I woke up this morning I knew that I had two things to do today.

I thought I would wait until after my breakfast, but Missy had just finished her shower and I knew I needed to go into the shower to get my paws really clean or there wouldn't be any water left by drain. So in I went and got the dirt and sand out between my toes.

Last week when I tried to wash my paw by putting it in my water dish I created a disaster. Water went everywhere. Missy mopped it up with paper towels and yelled at me. "What am I going to do with you Gertrude?"

I told her in cat language to pet me, feed me and love me in spite of my capers. Now, I will have my breakfast and my treats and then check out that piece of bamboo that I hid on the cleaner.

She was here yesterday. Yep, hooray, that little piece of bamboo is right there in the winter slipper where I put it

I will play with it a little while this morning in the closet and then put it back in the slipper. I did it I out-smarted the cleaner, I hope. Next time I will tell the tale.

There isn't much to get into today as there are no papers or books to scatter and the cardboard box is empty. I will check out the front hall to see what's there I can get into. I know there is a bag full of something under the desk as I saw Missy put it there last week.

I wonder what is inside that I can get out. Whatever is in there slides out easily. It is some kind of greeting cards. Whoops, I am making quite a mess. Perhaps it would be a good idea to have my morning nap now before Missy sees her cards strewn all around.

Love,
Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It was a rainy Sunday so I did not go to Rietta Ranch flea market, but I got a lot of things done inside. We had a nice visit from our oldest grandson.

I worked outside most mornings trying to get the gardens cleared of leaves. Because there are no bugs out early I go out as soon as it is light. My angel twins did not come up to help this week.

I brought a big bag of cans and bottles to the Girl Scouts drive at Curtis Field on Saturday. I have noticed that the forsythia is not good this year. The buds must have been winter killed. The flowering quince is lots of daffodils and hyacinths out right now. I need to get to my woodland garden and remove the leaves. Things are trying to grow.

Here is an easy dessert recipe.

BREAD PUDDING

3/4 cup brown sugar
2 slices of buttered bread, cut in pieces
2 eggs, beaten in 2 cups milk
1/4 cup raisins
1 teaspoon vanilla
dash of salt
Whipped cream or ice cream
In a double boiler, put in brown sugar. Add bread,

cut in pieces. Beat eggs into the milk, add vanilla and salt. Add, but do not stir. Add raisins, do not stir. Cook over boiling water for 1 hour. It may puff up a little. Let cool briefly run a knife around edges. Place bottom-side up in a deep dish. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream. Makes 4 servings.

This and That

Things are growing nicely in the gardens and I even had to weed a little. I checked the vegetable garden to see if anything was growing and could not find any sign of the hollyhocks yet but I did find some strawberry plants that need the leaves raked off.

I planted lettuce, spinach and broccoli in a planter box. I am not sure if I will get enough spinach as it takes a lot to make a serving, but I will try.

I plan to put my herbs in the strawberry jars this year. I have one large one and two small ones.

I am anxious to get the house plants outside, but I have to wait until the end of May.

I will start feeding the hummingbirds at the beginning of May. They usually arrive about May 1. I like to make a mixture of boiling water and sugar. I do not like the store bought red stuff. The birds don't either. My container is red so that attracts the birds.



Male ruby-throated hummingbird



It is almost May and May is the month ruby-throated hummingbirds usually return to this area.

Some people already put out nectar feeders in anticipation of their return. I will put out a nectar feeder this weekend. I usually see the males first, then the females.

The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird found in Eastern North America.

These birds are only 3 1/2 inches long and are green. The male has a black head, iridescent red throat, which may appear black and a white breast and belly. The female is green with a whitish throat and underbelly. Eyes and bills are black.

Hummingbirds eat flower nectar, insects, spiders and sap form sapsucker drilled holes. They come to hummingbird feeders.

In spring, the male defends a territory of about 1/4 acre. In dive displays, he flies in a U shape, rising about 10 to 20 feet on both sides. It resembles the swinging of a pendulum. After mating, the female lays two white eggs in cup shaped nest of plant down, bud scales, covered with lichens, bound with spider's silk and placed on a small, horizontal limb.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds, both male and female, near migration, will temporarily defend a food source such as nectar feeders. They migrate 600 miles across the Gulf of Mexico, having

stored enough food to make the crossing.

Hummingbirds make varied chips and twittering noises. Their wings make a whirring or humming noise, which is how they got their name. When I refill a nectar feeder and return to hang it out, I often hear their humming wings or I will see them perched on a nearby branch.

Nectar

I mix 1/4 cup white sugar to 1 cup water. The mixture should be brought to a boil to ensure all the sugar dissolves and to eliminate bacteria. Cool the mixture before setting it out. It also can be kept in the refrigerator for about a week. It is important to keep nectar feeders clean and change the mixture frequently. I prefer the nectar feeders that have a moat on top to fill with water to deter ants.

I have several larger birds, who drink water from the moat. I even have downy woodpeckers that drink nectar.

Nesting bluebirds

A Belchertown resident said he saw a nesting pair of bluebirds in his yard so he built a bluebird house and now the pair call the bird house home. He succeeded in his quest to attract bluebirds to his yard.

Pileated woodpeckers

The Belchertown resident also has pileated woodpeckers at his feeders. I often hear pileated woodpeckers calling or hammering away on a tree, but I rarely see one. The other day, I heard the call and looked up to see one fly from my yard to the woods across the street.

Ospreys

I received an email this week. The writer visited the site in Wilbraham where osprey had nested previously. He said, "I saw two osprey at a nest on a light pole. I don't think they are incubation eggs because one bird brought a stick to the nest while I was there and both birds left the nest which I don't think would happen if incubation had started."

He said for anyone wanting to go see this nest the best place to view the nest is from the Wilbraham Senior Center parking lot and park on the side of the lot facing the playing fields. There are stick nests on three light poles. He said, "The nest I saw the birds at was the right most light pole as viewed from the Wilbraham Senior Center." I think I will take a road trip to Wilbraham.

Other birds

An Oakham couple saw the first grackle of the year last week. I had a male goldfinch in bright yellow plumage perched on my feeder pole recently.

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

Tri-Parish Church to hold plant and bake sale

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

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

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

The popular baked potato buffet is returning and a delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and

bread will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine.

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

Applications may be obtained by emailing Marguerite at mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6942. Vendors should reserve their space early.

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a new heating system for the Henry Woods Building. He said he would contact Sen. Gobi's office, read the list and ask what projects would have the greatest appeal for funding.

Technology and Communication Committee

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon recommended the creating of a Technology and Communication Committee to establish best practices for technology and changes in commu-

nication such as the website and an electronic sign. He said one issue that comes up is the video recording of meetings bylaw. The equipment side for this bylaw to be enacted was lacking. The only room with video recording equipment is the Select Board meeting room.

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school along with a canned soup drive.

High school students grow plants in greenhouses and then give them out to bring home and plant. Whatever that plant produces, the grower gives to the food pantry.

"We get a lot of fruits and vegetables all summer long with that program," Smith said.

Smith has also sent postcards to legislators, advocating for change.

Group members also looked at creating connections between food sources and building a volunteer base in the coming years.

"We should have a good picture of what is available now," Council member and Senior Outreach Program Coordinator with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation Carol Zins said.

Members also talked about hosting cooking classes that focus on creating healthy and affordable meals, as well as increasing

community dinners, similar to the Knights of Columbus's monthly meal delivery program.

The nutritional and food needs will need to be understood, as well as the barriers preventing people from access.

Farmers markets are another way to bring fresh food directly to residents.

For the mission statement, Coderre asked the members why the Council exists, who will it serve and how it will serve them.

Gramarossa said this is the first time this kind of group has been organized in the Quaboag Valley and she saw it as an opportunity to speak for the needs of the region.

"This is a chance to represent this often-overlooked area," she said. "They [the Council] can be the voice."

The focus of the mission would be to connect people to existing resources, access to healthy food, share best practices among food pantries and improve on what already works.

"We have both the urgent

needs, as well as some longer term improvements to work on," Gramarossa said.

The next hybrid meeting of the QVFC will be held on Wednesday, May 10 from 9-10 a.m. at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

About QVFC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

For more information, people may email the Council Coordinator, Caitlin Geaghan at cgeaghan@townofware.com or Project Coordinator for Community Health, Emily Coderre at ecoderre@townofware.com.

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four-bedroom and up.

Betterments for commercial and industrial businesses are calculated as a per bedroom rate.

Only loan amounts can be levied as betterments.

The terms of betterment amounts and interest can be paid over the course of 10-20 years.

One resident raised concern that the calculations would not be accurate as she lives in a two-bedroom house alone and would be charged betterment rates based on rooms that are not occupied.

Board Chair H. Robert Ruggles agreed this calculation may not be the best method for determining betterment rates as there are a lot of large houses that do not necessarily have occupants generating "flow."

Vice-Chair Kelly Kemp said a public hearing will need to be held in the future presenting other betterment calculation methods and adjusted rates.

Ruggles said his concern is the town has a difficult time collecting taxes from some residents, and presenting increased sewer betterment rates may make that issue worse.

Stevens said the reason this model was chosen is because Title V is already a state law, and is sewer related.

Ruggles said if, "you give me this option... I'm going to say no - go back to what we already have."

Town Administrator Nicole Parker said, after testing a few other methods, "this seemed to be the most equitable."

Kemp said, "it's going to go up...it passed through...and here we are."

The Board will meet with RCAP Solutions again on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. to revisit betterment rates and options.

"Everyone is welcome to come," said Kemp.

ARPA request

The Board reviewed the Sewer Department's request to use American

Rescue Plan Act funding for the purchase of a mower and trailer.

Ruggles said he doesn't believe the mower presented is a good machine for the town, as it is a 23-mph mower "and only puts out 15 mph."

Superintendent Scott Potter said the only reason he picked a smaller one is because they have to mow small areas.

Clerk Eric Vollheim asked if the Department has tried getting a quote from an individual who mows for other parts of the town.

The Board tabled the discussion.

Superintendent's report

Potter said the usual relay alarms have been sounding though they made it through the weekend without an alarm.

A new pump was delivered this past Friday, costing over \$13,000.

"The price of everything has gone through the roof," said Potter. "Last time we got one it was \$7,000."

FY 24 budget

The Finance Committee present-

ed the final recommendations for the fiscal year 2024 budget.

Finance Committee Chair Kenan Young said, "right now with all the ins and outs, we've got a cushion of \$97,000 in the positive."

The Committee recommended using ARPA funding to pay for the estimated \$160,000-\$175,000 snow and ice removal budget from FY 23.

The Committee also recommended using ARPA funding to pay off \$63,587 of outstanding leases for the town, as well as consider using \$112,000 to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department.

"That'll leave approximately a \$63,000 balance in ARPA funds... that will clean up a number of items for us," said Young.

The Committee "strongly suggested" level funding across the budget with the exception of contractual changes.

Young said, "we need to try and reset ourselves a little bit and get back on some sound footing...putting raises in this year is going to increase the budget next year which means we won't be able to fund stabilization."

Ruggles said many towns and cities are losing employees because "they say no more money...but a 1.5-2% raise is often enough to get people to stay."

Kemp and Ruggles suggested looking the budget over again and meeting with the Finance Committee again before considering that recommendation.

The Committee said they are looking to fund the reserve account for \$35,000. Last year's amount was

Second Chance Veterinary Hospital offers grooming

SOUTHBRIDGE – Grooming is not just about making your furry family member look good.

It can also play a vital role in their overall health and help prevent a wide range of issues that can affect their quality of life. Second Chance Animal Services is now offering dog grooming services at their Southbridge Community Veterinary Hospital, and they have begun to offer subsidized pricing for those that qualify.

Second Chance CEO and founder Sheryl Blancato says that while grooming needs vary by breed, grooming can be a very important part of keeping pets healthy. "Regular grooming helps remove loose hair, dirt, and debris from your dog's coat, preventing matting and tangles that can lead to skin irritation and infections. It also stimulates blood flow to the skin, promoting a healthy, shiny coat."

Second Chance has taken in many long-haired shelter pets in dire need of grooming help accord-

ing to Blancato. "The before and after photos are remarkable, but what really stands out to me is how grooming can bring out the spunk in so many pets. Grooming can also help prevent painful conditions like ingrown nails, ear infections, and dental problems and helps detect any unusual lumps, bumps, or skin changes that may indicate an underlying health issue. Catching these issues early on can help prevent more serious problems down the line."

It's for the latter reasons that Second Chance added subsidized rates on grooming services to help pets live better lives. All Second Chance hospitals have been offering subsidized rates for veterinary care as part of their mission to keep pets in their homes and out of shelters. The nonprofit recently added grooming to their Southbridge educational hospital so Bay Path Vocational/Technical High School students in the veterinary science program could learn about grooming alongside

experienced groomers. Hospital Director Shellina Meixner said she is thrilled to be able to offer affordable dog grooming. "We've also added walk in nail trims for only \$10 during our grooming days." Meixner added that dog owners must provide a valid rabies certificate for all grooming services.

Overall, regular dog grooming is a crucial part of pet care that should not be overlooked. Whether you do it yourself or take your pup to a professional groomer, the benefits are clear: a happy, healthy, and well-cared-for furry friend.

Pet owners who would like to take advantage of Second Chance's grooming services can call 774-318-1101 to schedule an appointment. Walk-in nail trims are also available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Southbridge vet hospital, 700 Worcester St., Southbridge. For more information and pricing, people may visit www.secondchanceanimals.org/grooming/.

\$15,000.

"We need a little bit more cushion in that account," said Young.

He added the stabilization account is roughly 2.6% and Committee members believe it should be at 10%.

"We need to put something in there to get that to 5%," said Young.

The Committee suggested using

free cash to fund the stabilization account at \$100,000 and capital planning at \$72,000.

"That puts stabilization just over 4%," said Young.

It was also recommended that operating leases do not go in the operating budget.

"All you're doing is driving that operating budget up and getting out

of capital...Capital should be a five-year plan," said Young.

Reorganization

This was the first meeting of the Board of Selectmen following the April 10 election, and Ruggles was appointed chair, Kemp was appointed vice-chair and Vollheim was appointed clerk.

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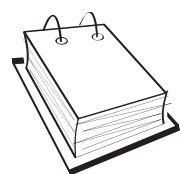
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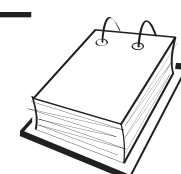
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

ART IN BLOOM will be held at the Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St., Fitchburg today through Sunday, April 30 during museum hours Thursday 1-5 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and free for members.

MOUNT PLAYERS, the Mount Wachusett Community College student troupe, present "13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview" by Ian McWethy with two free shows today at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Theatre at the Mount, located at MWCC, 444 Green St., Gardner.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA/LUNCHEON will be held today at noon in Fellowship Hall at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. Tea, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be served. Before the tea/luncheon the Hubbardston Senior Singers will entertain in the church sanctuary at 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 and includes luncheon and entertainment.

CHEESE AND CHEESE MAKING sponsored by the Paige Memorial Library will be held today at 1:30 p.m. in the Town House, 32 Common St., Hardwick. People will learn about cheese and cheese making from Archer Meier and Marlo Stein of Round Table Farm, formerly the Robinson farm. Cheeses will be available for tasting and for purchase.

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, May 1. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Stephen Craven, Elizabeth Laramée, James Laramée and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was of the site for a new pavilion at Camp Putnam, Rutherford Road, New Braintree.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Currently Round Table Farm offers four kinds of small batch, raw milk, aged cheese and specialty cut flowers. Registration is requested but not required. People may call 413-477-6704 or email directorpaigelibrary@gmail.com to register. They may visit www.paigelibrary.com and facebook.com/paigelibraryhardwickma for more information.

RANGE COMMUNITY BAND POPS CONCERT will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Orange Town Hall Ruth B. Smith Auditorium. In a change of format, seating will be concert-style instead of Cabaret Style and no tickets will be sold in advance. Donations to the band will be accepted at the door. Conductor Stephanie Parker's 19th season as conductor, although she has been a member of the band for over 30 years, joining the trumpet section as an elementary school student.

GREG'S RESTORATION CAR SHOW will be held today from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Felton Field, 120 Old Coldbrook Road, Barre.

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

Orange at 2 p.m. and in New Salem at the Swift River Valley Historical Society on Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS begin tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre and will be held every Monday night. People may email Julie at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 or just show up at rehearsals. Margaret Reidy is the director.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

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

SATURDAY, MAY 6

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13

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

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Photo Group.

Ely spoke about how Les would welcome photographers to his home and taught classes on how to matte and frame their photographs.

"There's a number of photographers in the Valley that now frame their work because Les taught that class," she said.

"He'd help any photographer," Godfrey added. Les was also a pioneer in photography techniques

including the innovative use of flash. He also developed lap dissolve multiprojector slide presentations.

"He had an international road show set to music," said Mark Lindhult. This show included the use of 12 projectors.

Lindhult is also a board member of the Friends group and a member of the photography clubs, and he remembered how warm and welcoming Les was to club members.

"The notion of a 'friendly critique'...it's really pervasive both photography groups," he said.

Ely and Lindhult said that while Les was responsible for many slide and photographic advancements, he never patented his work.

Ely said Les brought photography groups to the Quabbin Reservoir from all over the country, and he was instrumental in bringing the New England Camera Club Council to the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

"He was very giving, his house was always open," she said.

Godfrey said Les was involved with the master plan committee at MDC in 1975 and he proposed the creation of the Visitor Center, which didn't immediately

come to fruition.

By the 1980s, his proposal had piqued the interest of MDC Commissioner William Geary and state Sen. Robert Wetmore.

"They liked the idea and between the two of them, they made it real," Godfrey said.

Les and Terry then formed the Friends group, comprised of a diverse group of people from around the region.

Terry quickly moved into the volunteer position of keeping the Visitor Center manned by a staff of Friends group volunteers for several years until she was hired as a Program Coordinator in 1988.

Terry started holding Tuesday Teas, a gathering for those displaced by the reservoir to talk about their feelings and get to know each other as they would have if they still lived in their original towns.

Tuesday Teas continue to be held the first Tuesday of each month at the Visitor Center.

Les amassed a large collection of photos taken of the towns lost to the Quabbin Reservoir, and he made stunning triptychs which are displayed in the Visitor Center.

These triptychs show views of the same place over time in a three-photo series, starting with photos taken by engineers before and during the construction of the reservoir, followed by a recent photo taken by Les.

"Everywhere you look, there's a Les or Terry touch," Godfrey said, gesturing around the Visitor Center.

Both Les and Terry were passionate about educating people about the Quabbin Reservoir, Godfrey said.

"There's so much more here than just water," he said.

The dedication ceremony will be held at the Visitor Center, 485 Ware Road, on Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. There will be guest speakers and refreshments.

A former student of Les' will be videotaping the ceremony.

Those wishing to attend need to register by May 12.

People can register by visiting <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8813b059a7d6416dad1cf461453a55c1>, calling the Visitor Center at 413-323-7221, emailing godfrey@umass.edu or mailing Paul Godfrey, 47 Harkness Road, Pelham, MA 01002.

When calling, emailing or mailing, please include your name, address, phone number, email, number of guests joining you, as well as any special needs you or your guests may have.

About Friends of Quabbin, Inc.

The Friends of Quabbin, Inc. is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing public enjoyment and appreciation of the unique natural and historical resources of the Quabbin Reservation.

Through annual membership dues and donations, the Friends are able to continue this work, as well as preserve key pieces of the landscape, including the Keystone Bridge in New Salem. The stone bridge has suffered damage and needs extensive repairs in order to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Donation forms are available on foquabbin.org and can be mailed along with checks made payable to "Friends of Quabbin, Inc" to Friends of Quabbin, Inc., 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007.

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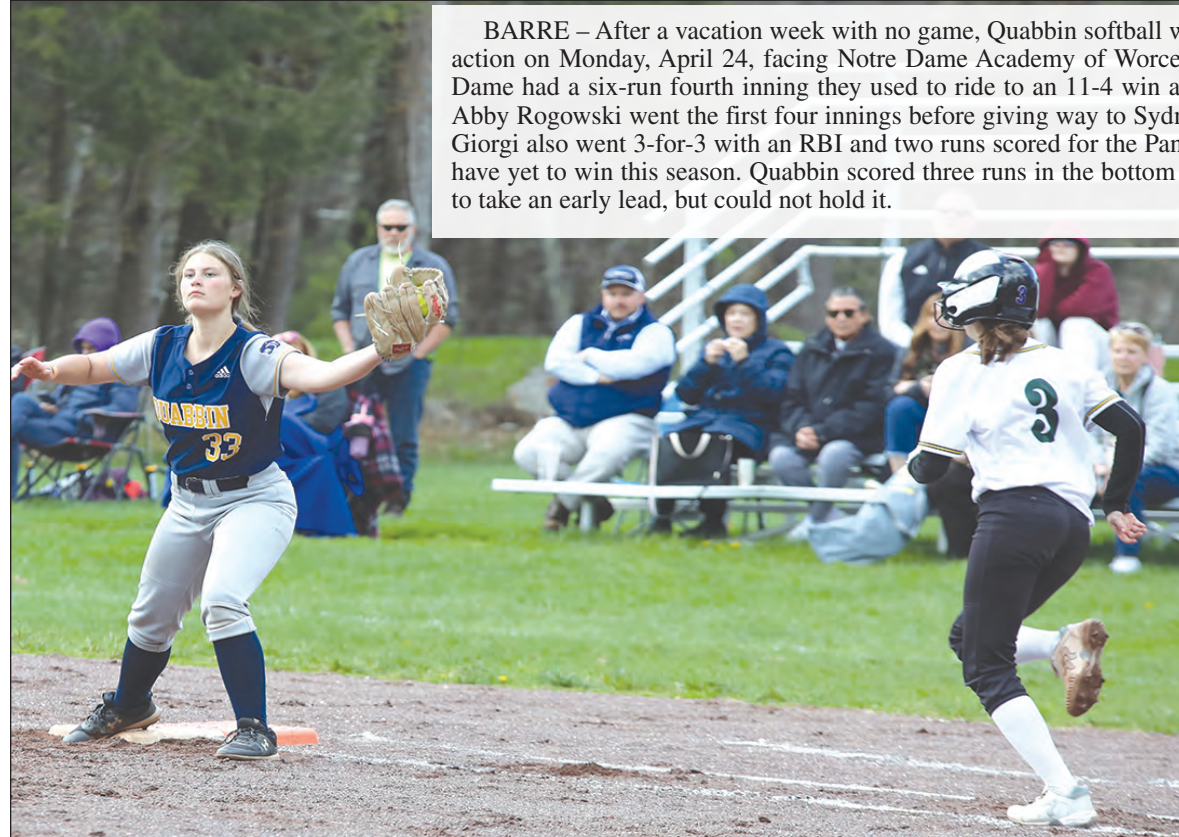
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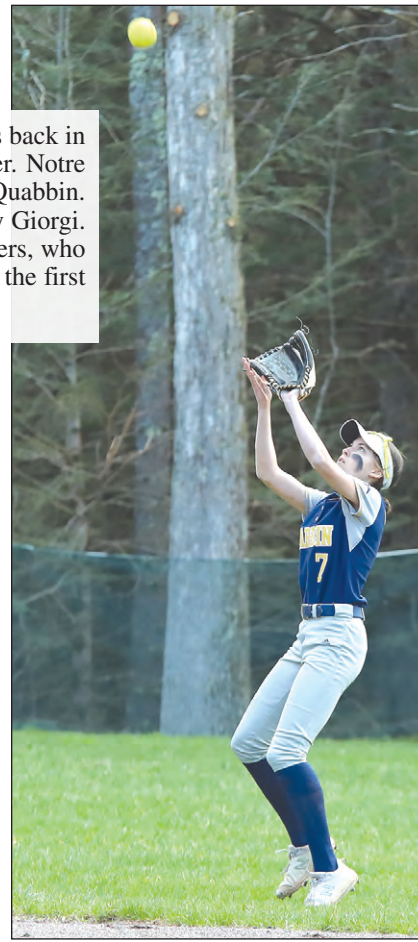
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Panthers return to action



BARRE – After a vacation week with no game, Quabbin softball was back in action on Monday, April 24, facing Notre Dame Academy of Worcester. Notre Dame had a six-run fourth inning they used to ride to an 11-4 win at Quabbin. Abby Rogowski went the first four innings before giving way to Sydney Giorgi. Giorgi also went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored for the Panthers, who have yet to win this season. Quabbin scored three runs in the bottom of the first to take an early lead, but could not hold it.

Photos by Ray Duffy



Meaghan Doyle catches a pop fly.



Jordan Blanchard slides headfirst into home.



Anna Hautala makes the out at second.

Abby Rogowski gets an easy out at first base.



Brynn Adam stretches for a catcher to save a home run.

Quabbin baseball falls to N. Middlesex

BARRE – On Monday, Quabbin baseball returned to the field and faced North Middlesex on the road. The hosts scored 10 times in the first two innings and rode that to a 15-3, five-inning win. Finn Leander got the start for Quabbin, but Travis Laroche would take over in the second inning and go the rest of the way. Quabbin is out to an 0-7 start this season.

Girls Golf

The Quabbin Regional High School girls golf team picked up its first win of the season on Monday, defeating Ayer-Shirley 32.5-11.5. Mackenzie Casey would lead Quabbin with a card of 48 at Quail Hollow. Quabbin did lose to Westboro, who was also golfing in the match. Quabbin is 1-5 this season.

Four-run fourth lifts Pioneers to a win

PALMER – Last Tuesday morning, Pathfinder scored eight runs in the first four innings en route to an 8-5 win over visiting Putnam Vocational. Jesse Cygan had a 2-for-3 game with two doubles. Brayden Mega had a hit and two RBI in the game. The Pioneers are up to 5-2 this season.



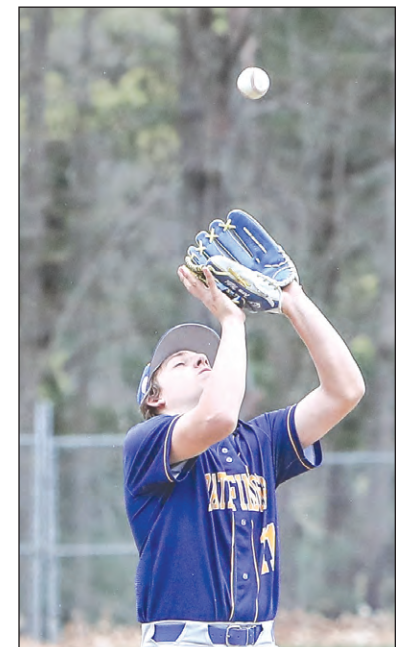
Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
Tim Russell fires in a pitch during early action.



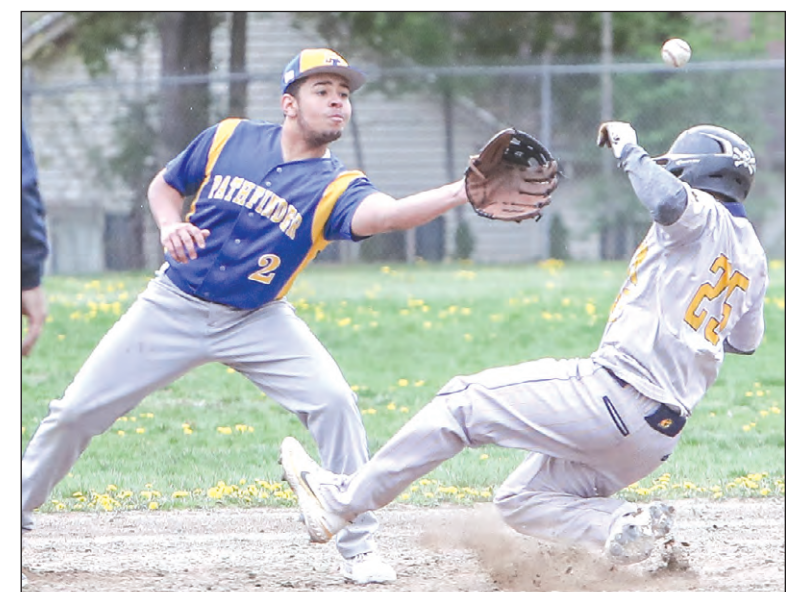
Catcher Jarett Skowyra runs down a Putnam player for the tag.



Brayden Mega tags second base for the out.



Trevor Millet readies to grab this pop up.



Tagge Valliere gets ready to catch the out at second.



Sam Lauzier watches his shot go in the net.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
Brady St Martin looks to pass.

Mustangs struggles continue

MONSON – Last Thursday afternoon, Monson High School boys lacrosse, which co-ops with Pathfinder Regional, fell against St. Mary's 10-5. The Mustangs have had a rough go so far this season, and have yet to win their first game. Monson hopes to rebound on Friday, April 28 against Smith Vocational.



Brayden Pratt eyes the field as he looks to pass.



Kyle Beaudry fires it down field.



Matt Murphy makes a great defensive move at goal.

Sports

Williams wins Icebreaker event

THOMPSON, CT — With the weather conditions cooperating one week later than expected, the 49th Icebreaker Weekend April 8 and 9 at Thompson Speedway successfully opened the 2023 New England racing season with plenty of heart-pounding thrills to set up the summer to come at the Big-T. The Thompson Outlaw Open Modified Icebreaker 125 came down to a stunning green-white-checker in one of the most spectacular open wheeled races in recent memory while winners in the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) Super Late Models and the Thompson local divisions proved themselves as the class of the field.

The 49th Icebreaker 125 included some of the Northeast's best Modified pilots ready to tackle the highbanks for the \$10,000 winner's share of the \$46,000 guaranteed purse. Keith Rocco and Matt Swanson brought the twenty-two-car field to green with Swanson getting the jump in the Gary Casella-owned #25.

Swanson would hang tough before a hard charging Ronnie Williams overtook the lead on lap 25 followed by Woody Pitkat and Chris Pasteryak as Swanson slid to fourth. Carl Medeiros Jr. brought out the first major caution on lap 55 with several mid-pack teams taking advantage and heading pit-side for adjustments.

Realigned side-by-side to return the field to green, Ronnie Williams got the jump on a slip-sliding Pitkat with Rocco coming around to steal second. While Williams, Pitkat and Rocco battled hard in the top-three, 2022 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Jon McKenney joined the top-five. McKenney would make it to third with Anthony Nocella also joining the top-five before Anthony Bello's spin on lap 72 would bring the first crucial caution. While all the top runners jumped pit side for fresh Hoosier Race Tires, Williams and McKenney elected to stay on the field to lead the impending restart.

RJ Marcotte stole away the

lead from McKenney and Williams as the tire strategy helped Swanson and Nocella battle for second. Nocella would take the lead on lap 78 with Pitkat following and stretching out their lead before the caution flag flew on lap 107 as the engine expired on Teddy Hodgdon's machine. Nocella kept the lead while a four-way battle for second saw Pitkat, McKenney, Williams and Mike Christopher, Jr. toss and turn for position. Pitkat brought out the final caution on lap 123 after backing into the turn one wall to set up a green-white-checker between Nocella, Williams, McKenney, Christopher Jr. and Chris Pasteryak. Nocella gave it all he could, but Ronnie Williams rounded the long-standing leader to claim the \$10,000 49th Icebreaker 125 over Jon McKenney and Anthony Nocella. Mike Christopher Jr. brought the Baldwin Racing 7NY home in fourth and Todd Owen powered up to round out the top-five.

T-Birds lose first game of playoff series

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds were unable to quell a ferocious Hartford Wolf Pack attack, as the visitors skated off with a 6-1 win on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Atlantic Division First Round of the Calder Cup Playoffs inside the MassMutual Center.

Despite holding the home ice, the T-Birds did not get off to a flying start, and the Wolf Pack made Springfield pay for it just 3:37 into the contest. Tanner Fritz picked up a puck near the left-wing wall and slipped a pass through the slot to a waiting Lauri Pajuniemi on the right-wing side. Pajuniemi took care of the rest, lifting a wrist shot over Joel Hofer to give the visitors the opening goal of the series and a 1-0 lead.

Hartford continued to have the better of the offensive play all period, and Hofer was tasked

with multiple stellar saves. Some of his best included a blocker-side denial on Pajuniemi in the slot, as well as a left-to-right pad save on a breaking Bobby Trivigno at the edge of the paint. Pajuniemi nearly extended the lead with a long flip shot that glanced off the crossbar with precious seconds remaining on the clock.

The second period was marred by Springfield mishaps, beginning with a lapse in coverage following an unsuccessful power play. After serving a two-minute minor, Wolf Pack All-Star defenseman Zac Jones stepped out of the box and went backhand-to-forehand to beat Hofer on a breakaway at 6:02 to make it 2-0.

Another Springfield power play generated more offense, but after Dylan Garand the Wolf Pack PK got the job done, Pajuniemi sneaked out of the box and got

a breakaway of his own, beating Hofer on the stick side to make it 3-0.

After nearly scoring at the end of the first, Hartford did get on the board at the tail end of the second, as defenseman Blake Hillman crashed the far post to tap home a feed behind Hofer to make it 4-0 with less than six seconds on the clock.

Things continued to come up roses for the Wolf Pack when Ryan Carpenter connected on a one-timer at point-blank range at the 3:42 marker of the third. Springfield finally broke up Garand's shutout bid when Adam Gaudette rifled a one-time power play slap shot to the upper corner at 11:44, but that's all the T-Birds would get on this night, as Ty Emberson added his third point and first goal of the night with an empty-netter in the final two minutes.

Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

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

The league recently held its open practice, but still has plenty of open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

Registration for the 2023 season remains open and any interested players can go to [www.quabbinval-](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org)

[leybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org) to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

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

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

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

Education

Quabbin Middle School lists grades 7 and 8 honor roll

BARRE — Quabbin Regional Middle School announces the third quarter honor roll for grades 7 and 8.

Grade 7 students making high honors are: Brent Benoit, Abraham Brown, Vivien Burch, Alianna Casey, Kaylee Correia, Samuel Feldman, Alison LaRoche, John Orsini, Stella Pears, Ellie Poulin, Kristen Schur, Ava Sobol, Benjamin Thompson and Erin Trotter.

Grade 7 students making honors are: Haleigh Agurkis, Josephine Buck, Eleanor Carroll, Wyatt Clark, Brian Colleton, Aiden Crane, Adrien Cyr, Jake Doty, Olivia Drake, Aliyah Edouard, Andrew Erickson, Audrey Faucher, Sydney Freeman, Larrah Gagne, Daniella Gaudreault, Callahan Hardy, Samuel Jamieson, Ava Kinney, Matthew Labrousse, Emma Lindsey, Marcus McDonald, Kingston McKenzie, Lillian

McKinstry, Max Melad, Audrey Niles, Anthony Noborini, Angelina Orr, Zion Parks, Aubrie Phelps, Moira Powers, Juliet Priestley, Veanna Salvatore, Carter Stevenson, Leah Thomasian, Noah Toupense, Akhai Tran, Catherine Tucker, Matthew VanScoy, Charlotte Wilder and Shane Woodruff.

Grade 8 students making high honors are: Jacob Bassett, Madeleine Boisselle, Makenzie Casey, Kylie Cerezo, Sarah Churchill, Cameron Delamere, Kherington Deschenes, Christopher Diaz, Lens Dorsainvil, Isabel Doty, Tess Dunphy, Alijah Flint, Steven Gagnon, Morgan George, Anna Hautala, Emma Hill, Jillian LaMontagne, Audrey Laursen, Nathan Marchand, Hannah Mellor, Anna Metalf, Autumn Nagle, Breann Parker, Ella Reeves, Andrew Rigney, Madeleine Scheeler, Lukas Tobin, Grace

Vanoudenhove, Brendan Welch, Ellary White, Carlo Zolla and Leanna Zou.

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FSU holds spring choral concert May 9

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University's choral ensembles will perform a concert as "One Voice" on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium, 353 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The choral groups will perform under the direction of Assistant Professor Jonathan Harvey of the university's Humanities Department.

"The idea of this concert is that music from many different times and traditions has the power to speak to us, and bring us together," Harvey said. "Music on the program includes pop, musical theater, Renaissance, folk songs, spirituals, Baroque, R&B, and avant-garde. Come for the music you know, and encounter a new favorite."

In addition to the live concert, the program will stream online at <https://www.youtube.com/live/9S-jx795VQRo?feature=share>.

People may learn more about Fitchburg State's choral and instrumental programs and academic offerings by visiting fitchburgstate.edu/music.

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HCC announces finalists for its next president

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College is one step closer to hiring its next president.

The HCC search committee evaluating candidates to succeed President Christina Royal has whittled a field of 50 down to four. All four finalists have many years of experience in higher education and now hold top-level administration positions at community colleges in the Northeast and all four are persons of color, two Latinas and two African-American men.

They are: Noemí Custodia-Lora, vice president of the Lawrence Campus and Community Relations at Northern Essex Community College in Massachusetts; Tony D. Hawkins, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, Continuing Education and Workforce Development at Frederick Community College in Maryland; Arlene Rodríguez, provost and vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts; and George Timmons, provost and senior vice president of Academic and Student Affairs at Columbia-Greene Community College in New York.

The announcement was made in a message to the HCC community from Eleanor P. Williams, chair of the search committee and vice chair of the HCC Board of Trustees, and Robert Gilbert, chair of the HCC Board of Trustees.

five members of the HCC Board of Trustees — Williams, Gilbert, Vanessa Smith, Ted Hebert, and Iyonna Vidal — three HCC faculty members, seven HCC staff members, one member of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors, and one student, as well as Robert Awkward, assistant commissioner for Academic Effectiveness at the Massachusetts Dept. of Higher Education. Four members of the search committee are also HCC alumni.

To aid in the search process, HCC retained the Pauly Group, Inc., a national consulting firm that previously assisted the college in the hiring of Royal, HCC's fourth president.

"This truly is an exciting time for the HCC community as we seek to find the next leader for the college," Williams said in a separate statement.

Each of the four finalists has been invited to visit the HCC campus for a day and a half of tours, open forums, presentations, and interviews: April 6-7, Noemí Custodia-Lora; April 10-11, George Timmons; April 11-12, Tony D. Hawkins and April 13-14, Arlene Rodríguez.

Custodia-Lora, a former biology professor, holds a Ph.D. in physiology and endocrinology from Boston University and a bachelor's degree in biology from the Universidad de Puerto Rico.

Timmons holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University, a master's degree in higher education from Old Dominion University, and a bachelor's degree in financial management from Norfolk State University.

Hawkins, a former professor of speech, communication and theater, holds a Ph.D. in higher education, leadership and technology from New York University, a certificate of advanced study in administration, planning and social policy from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, a master's degree in speech communication from the University of Georgia and a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Towson State University.

Rodríguez, a former English professor, holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, a master's degree in English from Lehigh University and a bachelor's degree in English from Fordham University.

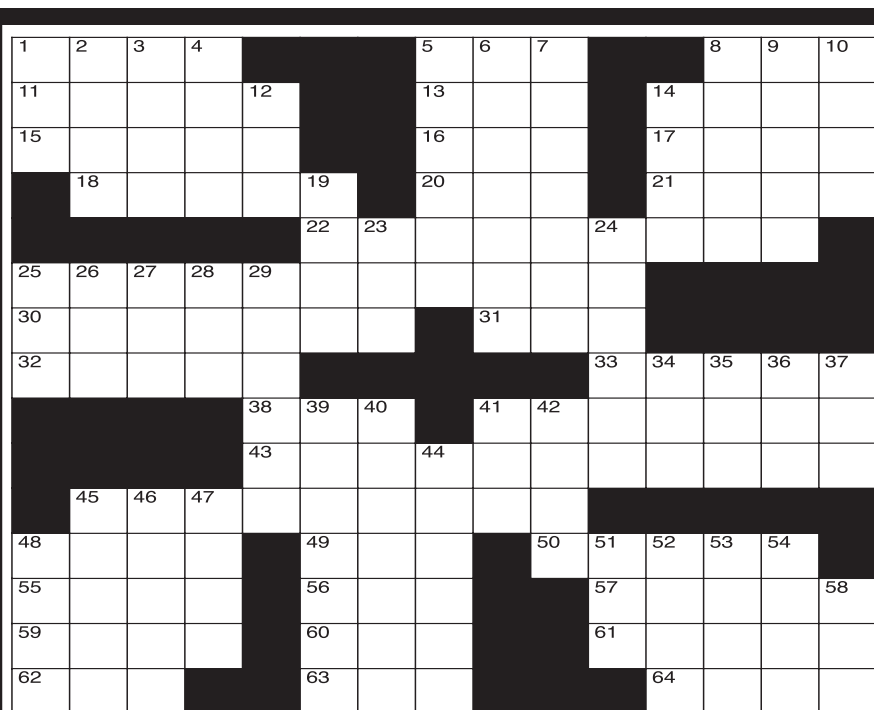
The HCC Board of Trustees is expected to vote to approve a new president at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 25.

Full resumes of the candidates can be viewed at hccpresidential-search.com/finalists.

"As conversations continue toward the selection of HCC's fifth president, we have total confidence that the candidate selected from among our finalists will bring strong, inspiring leadership to the college," they said in a joint statement.

In August, President Royal, who's been with HCC since January 2017, announced that she would retire after the 2022-2023 academic year. Her last day will be July 14 and she expects to assist with the transition to the next administration.

The 18-member search committee included



CLUES ACROSS

1. It's all over the beach
5. A cirque
8. Corpuscule count (abbr.)
11. Influential report author
13. Satisfaction
14. Recurring only at long intervals
15. Islamic calendar month
16. Neither
17. Gelatinous substance
18. American electronic music producer
20. Old computer system
21. Professional organization
22. Malaria mosquitoes
25. Not composed of matter
30. It's in the ocean

CLUES DOWN

1. Soviet Socialist Republic
2. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
3. Venomous snake genus
4. Uninteresting
5. Straightforwardness
6. Expression of wild excitement
7. Arrange in order
8. East Indian cereal grass
9. Hillside
10. Bird beak covering
12. Baseball stat
14. Edge of a surfboard
19. Wrapping accessory
23. Express approval
24. Deduce
25. Similar
26. Born of

CLUES DOWN

27. Automobile
28. Obligated to repay
29. Live in
34. Influential journalist Tarbell
35. Set aflame
36. OJ trial judge
37. Scottish town
39. African nation
40. Egg-shaped wind instrument
41. Mimic
42. Frees
44. In slow tempo
45. Sword
46. Related on the mother's side
47. Mars crater
48. Plant of the lily family
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Amazon river tributary
58. Adult male human

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Sydney Giorgi
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Giorgi, in addition to pitching in relief for the Panthers, went 3-for-3 on April 25 against Notre Dame Academy.

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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Local pastors offer sermons

Church Matters Part 7

In the last edition we identified the Church as the family of God. Those who believe upon Christ become part of a kinship composed of countless spiritual siblings throughout the nations. Thus said, what are our obligations to one another? Since our heavenly Father desires a healthful family, how are we to treat those with whom we are connected in Christ Jesus? Let us consider the following in reply:

1) Love

God desires for His children to love one another. Love is the supreme indicator of our faith and proves our profession. What did Christ Himself say on such matters?

John 13:35 (NIV)

35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

What is love? In a generation that grossly misconstrues the nature of love, consider this text penned by the apostle Paul:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

2) Sacrifice

Selflessness is the natural outflow of love. Consider that members of the family of God are called to be sacrificial in their dealings one with another. The Early Church demonstrated their concern in the most practical of ways, as is chronicled in the following selection:

Acts 4:32-35

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Let us strive to put this ancient call into contemporary practice!

Galatians 6:2

2 Carry [bear] each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

3) Encouragement & Comfort

God desires for His children to be conduits of comfort and encouragement in the world, particularly unto one another. The Church (i.e., both universal and local) is to be a safe-haven wherein men, women and children can find life-giving support amidst difficulty:

1 Thessalonians 5:11b

... encourage one another and build each other up.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

How many know that this world can run you down? Life is difficult, comprised of innumerable moments that bring wear and tear to our souls. Thankfully, God has provided a family that serves as a conduit of consolation and inspiration in our darkest hours! Have you availed yourself of the benefit of a local assembly? If not, consider what you may be missing.

4) Patience & Pardon

No family can long endure without the practice of patience and mutual pardon. This includes the family of God and any local aspect of it! We are all humans, with foibles and failings in kind, so no church will ever be perfect. Will people disappoint you at times? Yes. Therefore, our heavenly Father calls His own to the disciplines of forbearance and forgiveness:

Ephesians 4:1-2

1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:32

32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Extend to others the grace you both desire and have received in Christ, our Lord!

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

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Third Sunday of Easter

"May our hearts burn inside at the sound of His voice."

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 24 v 13- 35

1. Introduction

We have many things in our lives that bring us excitement and joy, things like music, sports and gardening, and other hobbies; our work and volunteer activities in our communities. We experience that internal joy when we fall in love, when we look at our loved ones and feel gratitude for them in our lives. There is much more we can think of, that makes our hearts burn and brings us fulfillment in life. In our passage we read about a different kind of burning of the heart as we encounter these two disciples on their way to Emmaus and hear them reflect on their experience with the Risen Christ. Let's have a look...

2. The Road to Emmaus

The Gospels describe how after Jesus' resurrection, He made several appearances to a number of people, that is, the women, His disciples, and then the disciples and the crowd of more than 500 people and more. Even Paul talks about how Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus. We do not know whether it was a visionary experience, but he speaks with conviction about that encounter with Christ. Here we read about Jesus' appearance to the two disciples who left Jerusalem after the crucifixion and after they heard about the empty tomb, and now were on their way to Emmaus, probably their home, about 7 miles from Jerusalem.

Jesus' disciples had a difficult time believing that it was Him who appeared to them, still struggling with the loss of their Savior. Jesus' purpose with these appearances was to assure them, and to remind them of who He is and what had been said about Him in scriptures, and what He told them, would happen to Him. Ultimately, during these appearances He would become visible and recognizable to them.

This is exactly what is happening here where we see the two men leaving the City of Jerusalem, discussing the gruesome death of Jesus on the cross. What had just happened there in Jerusalem? How could this have happened? One cannot imagine how awful the experience must have been, and the loss of having this unique Being with them, teaching, healing and being a compassionate presence with them, eating with them, and being in community with them. While they were discussing these issues, they were suddenly joined by this person who did not seem to

know anything about this Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. This is how they described Him to their companion, "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people." They had hoped He would be the Messiah, who would redeem Israel, and save them from their enemies, those who left them scarred during and after the Babylonian exile. Now He is gone, dead. Even the talk about Him being raised on the third day is a bit of a puzzle, because He is nowhere to be found

The response they got from their fellow traveler was quite surprising and even more confusing when he told them how slow of heart they were for not knowing and believing what was said about Him in the scriptures. Jesus discloses to them that it is Him, the Messiah, but they still do not seem to recognize Him at this point. These were His words, 25, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." This man became their teacher on their way home to Emmaus. There was something different about him, they realized, so much so that they did not want him to go on, on His journey, and so they invited them into their home. There He broke bread, blessed it, and shared it with them. At that point their eyes were opened, and they recognized Who He was. And then He left, disappeared, and they were on their own. It appeared to have been a divine act of preventing their eyes from recognizing Him, and a divine act to open them again to recognize Him. We don't know why, but they would never forget this extraordinary experience.

3. Our hearts were burning, they said!

Here comes the crucial point and climax of this experience for these two disciples. The power of Jesus' presence with them, and His teaching of the scriptures made their hearts burn. They were transformed by the resurrected Christ, from being slow of heart, to having hearts that burn inside at the sound of His voice and His teaching. Having hearts filled with the word and the Spirit of Christ made them into living testimonies as they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples what had happened to them.

4. Conclusion

More than 2000 years later we still echo these words, Christ is risen, and Christ is with us. Christ is the Head of the church, and of our church, right here in Barre. When we read or hear the word of God, and allow it to settle inside our souls, we open our hearts to burn. Sometimes we might be a little slow of heart in understanding how God works and speaks to us. The burning and enlightenment might come gradually. For some it might happen sooner than for others. We may not experience the appearances the early disciples have experienced, but we have our Living God with us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit reveals to us the mysterious ways of God and guides us when we pray alone... and together, when we come together as a community of faith, worshipping God, and serving others. And then, when the heart burns inside, we begin to recognize that we are being touched and transformed by the Living God.

As longstanding and as new members of the Barre Congregational Church, we are all on our journeys in life, like those two travelers on their way to Emmaus. Our journeys have led us here to worship God in this place and to love and to serve. May God help us all to come together and share with one another those experiences of our burning hearts, and may God bless all our efforts, and our relationships with one another, and bring us peace.

Amen

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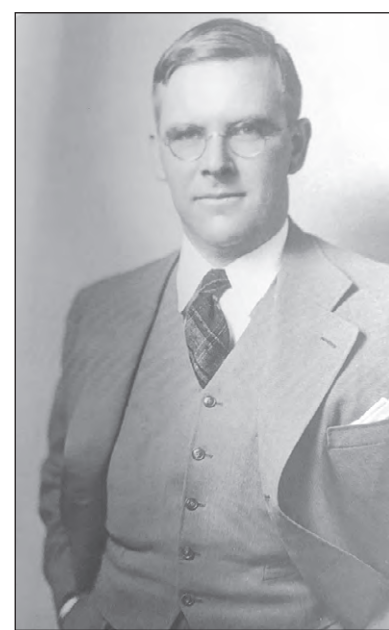
WW II Holocaust activist to be honored in Petersham

PETERSHAM – The Quabbin region has had many influential and strong voices on social and environmental justice issues over the years.

Many who have been internationally recognized never get the local recognition they require. One such extraordinary international relief effort during WW II is the work of the late Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp whose courageous efforts in 1939 to rescue gypsies, Jews, artists, philosophers and other targeted groups caught in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. The Sharp's heroism and the dangers they faced are well portrayed in the PBS award-winning documentary film, "Defying the Nazis: The Sharp's War" written and co-directed by internationally recognized documentarian, Ken Burns and Rev. Sharp's grandson, Artemis Joukowsky.

Rev. Waitstill Sharp was the minister at the First Parish Congregational Unitarian Church in Petersham from 1967 to 1972. Rev. Sharp and his ministry at Petersham and his international relief efforts will be recognized and discussed at a special multi-faceted program at the Unitarian Church of Petersham on Sunday, May 7. The program will include a 10:30 a.m. program and service in the Church's Sanctuary with a presentation by Rev. Sharp's grandson, Artemis Joukowsky.

Immediately following the morning service will be the dedication of a special plaque in memory of Rev. Sharp. Following the service a short community refreshment period will be offered, followed by the showing of the Ken Burns The Sharp's War video at noon in the Church dining room where co-author with Burns, Artemis Joukowsky will intro-



**Rev. Waitstill Sharp
(1902-1983)**

duce the film and answer questions at the end.

Artemis Joukowsky is an author, filmmaker and socially conscious venture capitalist. He is the grandson of Waitstill and Martha Sharp and has spent decades researching his grandparents' heroic rescue missions in Europe. Artemis is a graduate of Hampshire College and the visionary and founder of the new higher education curriculum, Learning to Learn University within UMass's University Without Walls.

Part of Artemis' background in social and environmental justice has its roots in Petersham, where according to Artemis, "I spent a wonderful summer in 1972 living in Petersham...that period continues to be an inspiration and helped to inform my own environmental and community work." Larry Buell and his University of the Wild is a partner in the new UMass program and according to

Artemis, "...throughout my adult life I have been influenced by the work of Larry Buell, particularly in the area of student-centered environmental education and leadership. My on-going work with Larry and his University of the Wild strengthens my connection to the community of Petersham and its rich environmental history. I look forward to coming back to Petersham to share my work and its local roots."

The late Waitstill Sharp (1902-1983) and his wife, Martha and their international acclaimed efforts will be remembered in Petersham with all the other visionaries and activists who have strong roots to the Quabbin Region, including, but not limited to those connected to the internationally recognized Harvard Forest, including, Benton McKay, Founder of the Appalachian Trail in 1920; Bob Marshall, Founder of The Wilderness Society in 1935; Ian McHarg, Internationally known Landscape Design author of Design with Nature and most recently, the New York Times Best-selling author of "The Witness Tree: Seasons of Change for a Century Old Oak," who continues to study the landscape of Petersham, particularly Old Growth Forests for her next book.

The program on Sunday, May 7, in its various forms will offer a remarkable testimony of how individual actions can have international impact and actually save lives. Sharp's action is an inspiration and can inspire people's commitment to individual action during these trying times of transformation and change.

The program is free and open to the public. For information contact Larry Buell at <Larry@UofWild.org> (978) 855-1420

St. Mary's Women's Club receives gift



Submitted Photo

St. Mary's Women's Club received a surprise gift from Rev. Shaun O'Connor, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Orange at the recent 100th Anniversary celebration. After viewing a slide show highlighting special people and special moments of some of the last 60 or so years, Fr. O Connor called club president Emily Carey to the front to receive a gift for the club of a beautiful statue of our Blessed Mother Mary, which Father said was to remind the club members of Mary's role in the story of salvation, and of our need to follow Mary's example in our activities as a club.

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Michael J. Swistak
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Remembrance is a golden chain.
Death tries to break but all in vain.
To have, to love and then to part,
is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.
The years may wipe out many things
but this they wipe out never:
The meaning of those happy days
when we were all together.

We love and miss you both,
Mary Ann & Mark
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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, April 16
 11:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
 4:47 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Station Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity, South Street, Services Rendered

Monday, April 17
 9:18 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, West Street, Located/Found
 10:03 a.m. Brush and Wildland Fires, James Street, No Fire Service Necessary
 1:32 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Services Rendered
 8 p.m. CPR Adult > 8 years, Everett Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, April 18
 6:18 a.m. Trauma, Harty Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 3:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 5:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, April 19
 5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Diaz Perez, John I., 22, Worcester
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense,
 Inspection/Sticker, No, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Thursday, April 20
 4:22 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, West Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:51 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley Road, Message Delivered
 5:22 p.m. Brush and Wildland Fires, Old Dana Road, Fire Extinguished

Friday, April 21
 1:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Citation Issued
 7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Old Coldbrook Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
 11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 7:31 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Fruitland Road, Information Given
 10:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Grove South Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Bouton, Anthony James, 34,

Nampa, Indiana
 Charges: Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%
 Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Saturday, April 22
 9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning
 10:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Vehicle Towed
 11:36 a.m. Seizures, Chapman Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:47 a.m. Falls, Broad Street, Mutual Aid Transported
 12:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Message Delivered
 10:50 p.m. Allergic Reaction, South Street, Transported to Hospital

SOUTH BARRE

Tuesday, April 18
 6:50 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Celona Square, Information Taken
 6:56 p.m. Complaint, High Plains Road, Information Taken

Wednesday, April 19
 1:27 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, South Barre Road, Officer Advised

Thursday, April 20
 5:50 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Fir Street, Entry Gained

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, April 16
 1:24 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:49 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact
 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: McLenthian, Gabriel Alan, 19, North Adams
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Greater Than
 Was Reasonable and Proper
 5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
 Summons: Dey, Joyce L., 38, Athol
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 8:50 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Newman Drive, Fire Extinguished
 11:17 p.m. Rapid Heart Rate, Turkey Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, April 17
 11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Glenwood Road, Report Filed
 12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 12:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Written Warning
 2:31 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Tuesday, April 18
 7:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Written Warning
 8:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 8:33 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Woodside Avenue, Officer Advised
 8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, April 19
 7:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Central Tree Road, Citation Issued
 7:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Central Tree Road, Written Warning
 7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Edson Avenue, Citation Issued
 8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:08 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milne Road, Report Filed
 9:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Written Warning
 9:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Central Tree Road, Written Warning
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Old Turnpike Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Mattson, Brian John, 57, Rutland
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 10:43 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, April 20
 6:43 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Carly Circle, Officer Spoke to Party

7:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:14 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, East County Road, Animal Returned to Owner
 9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:10 p.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Bigelow Road, Removed Hazard
 1:24 p.m. Brush and Wildland Fires, Barre Paxton Road, Fire Extinguished
 3:05 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Intervale Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:56 p.m. Falls, Michael Drive, Mutual Aid Ambulance
 5:02 p.m. Vomiting, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, April 21
 3:39 a.m. Medical Alarm, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:30 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Sunnyside Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 11:31 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue Signed Refusal
 12:03 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, East County Road, Report Filed
 3:45 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Joanna Drive, Report Filed
 8:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Tessa Drive, Services Rendered

Saturday, April 22
 8:55 a.m. Harassment, Main Street, Services Rendered
 11:53 a.m. Animal – Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken
 12:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
 7:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, April 16
 7:29 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Healdville Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 9:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, New Westminster Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, April 17
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, April 18
 12:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 2:59 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Information Given

3:41 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 5:10 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Brigham Street, Report Filed
 9:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

Thursday, April 11
 10:30 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, West Comet Pond Access Road, Report Filed
 10:31 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained

Friday, April 21
 6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 9:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

9:38 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Paperwork Served
 11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 4:03 p.m. Burglary, Williamsville Road, Report Filed
 6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Templeton Road, Criminal Complaint

Saturday, April 22
 2:58 p.m. Vomiting/Dehydration, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 6:50 p.m. Chest pain/heart problems, 9 Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, April 16
 9:47 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, South Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, April 18
 5:16 p.m. Officer Wanted, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

Wednesday, April 19
 11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Old Turnpike Road, Signed Ambulance Refusal
 5:35 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

6:09 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered
 10:43 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, April 20
 6:38 a.m. Funeral Detail, Out of Town ending on South Street, Services Rendered
 12:28 p.m. Funeral Detail, South Street, Services Rendered
 2 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Friday, April 21
 10:18 a.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact

11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 12:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 1:26 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, New Braintree Road, Information Given

Saturday, April 22
 5:49 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Road, No Action Required
 10:39 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Gaffney Road, Services Rendered
 1:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Scott Road, Services Rendered

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of April 10-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 74 building/property checks, 54 directed/area patrols, 12 traffic controls, 33 emergency 911 calls, 19 radar assignments, 10 citizen assists, 2 assist other agencies, 10 complaints, 2 investigations, one threat, one brush fire, five animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 10
 11:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:50 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, North Road, Dispatch Handled
 7:27 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Tuesday, April 11
 12:58 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 11:33 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, No Action Required
 3:20 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Shore Road, Services Rendered
 4:15 p.m. Threat, Mill Street, Spoken To
 4:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 8:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To

Wednesday, April 12
 5:29 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:41 a.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 9:04 a.m. 911 Misdial, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
 11:09 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Main Street, Report Taken
 11:47 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 12:07 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Wheelwright Bank, Gone on Arrival
 6:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, April 13
 10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 4:25 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Breen Road, Extinguished
 5:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:31 p.m. 911 Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled

Friday, April 14
 5:24 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Out of Town, Negative Contact
 8:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 9:36 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 11:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Bridge Street, Investigated

Saturday, April 15
 4:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Spoken To
 9:33 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Sunday, April 16
 10:23 a.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Court, Negative Contact
 2:29 p.m. Fire Alarm, Barre Road, Investigated
 3:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

Monday, April 17
 12:21 p.m. Complaint, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, April 18
 6:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 7:03 p.m. 911 Misdial, North Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 19
 11:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 11:48 a.m. 911 Assault, Lower Road, Report Taken
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Summons Issued

Thursday, April 20
 10:14 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Church Lane, Spoken To
 11:53 a.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, Spoken To
 3:36 p.m. Medical Emergency, Charity Hill Road, Services Rendered
 6:58 p.m. Assist Citizen, Creamery Road, Services Rendered
 8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Friday, April 21
 3:11 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 8 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Railroad Lane, Transported to Hospital
 8:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered
 4:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, Czesky Road, Officer Handled
 5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
 5:38 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Petersham Road, Spoken To
 6:59 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact
 8:09 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled

Saturday, April 22
 11:09 a.m. 911 Misdial, High Street, Investigated
 4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 6:24 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 10:02 p.m. Complaint, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 11:13 p.m. Complaint, Thresher Road, Spoken To

Sunday, April 23
 11:15 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Shunpike Road, Checked/Secured
 12:40 p.m. Fire Alarm, Prospect Street, Investigated
 7:29 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Prospect Street, Spoken To

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of April 10-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 35 building/property checks, 49 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 15 radar assignments, one brush fire, two complaints, two citizen assists, one scam, four emergency 911 calls, four animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 10
 2:32 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Old Turnpike Road, No Action Required

Thursday, April 13
 4:22 p.m. Fire/Brush, West Brookfield Road, Extinguished
 8:44 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Ravine Road, Spoken To

Monday, April 17
 3:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 7:27 p.m. Scam, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, April 18
 9:30 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Dispatch Handled

Wednesday, April 19
 3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, April 20
 3:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Friday, April 21
 10:15 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Ravine Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, April 22
 11:12 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

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Baystate Health offers free virtual events

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health is offering three free informative virtual events during May's Stroke Awareness Month.

“Stress, Lifestyle and Silent Stroke,” presented by Dr. Rajiv Padmanabhan, stroke director in the Department of Neurology at Baystate Health, will be held on May 4 from 6-7 p.m. Dr. Padmanabhan will discuss how many people feel stress at some level in their lives and answer the question, “Can stress and unhealthy lifestyle choices cause stroke or even a silent stroke?”

“Signs of a Mini-Stroke in Women,” presented by Dr. Heydi Flores Podadera of the Department of Neurology at Baystate Health, will be held on May 9 from 6-7 p.m. Women have a higher lifetime risk for stroke. Dr. Podadera will discuss mini-stroke symptoms that could be missed, causes, diagnosis and treatment.

“Stroke Rehab at Home: Hand Therapy Exercises,” presented by Michelle Lantaigne, OT of Baystate Rehabilitation Care will be held on May 22 from 6-7 p.m. Motor impairment of the hand is common after a stroke. Stroke rehabilitation and exercises to regain or build strength is part of the recovery process. Lantaigne will discuss the role of occupational therapy in stroke recovery and provide helpful hand exercises to do at home.

To register for the free stroke events, people may visit baystatehealth.org/strokeseries.

On average, someone in the United States has a stroke every 40 seconds. There are about 795,000 new or recurrent strokes each year. On average, someone dies of a stroke every four minutes. It is also the leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the U.S. Stroke risk increases with age, but strokes can, and do, occur at any age.

For more information on the comprehensive stroke treatment available at Baystate Health, people may visit baystatehealth.org/stroke.

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C4R Watershed Council held kick-off meeting April 20

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PALMER – The Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council held its spring kick-off meeting, highlighting the work that's been done since it was formed almost 10 years ago, and plans going forward.

River enthusiasts from the towns within the commonwealth's largest watershed filled the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center in Three Rivers on April 20, discussing ways they can work together to bring awareness to the Council's work.

The purpose of the Council is to give a voice for the four rivers that make up the watershed, the Swift, Ware, Quaboag and Chicopee, said C4R Coordinator Keith Davies.

All four of those rivers converge in Palmer.

"A lot of communities are reconnecting with their river," Davies said. "We've kind of become the voice to get neighboring towns talking to each other."

Water sampling

Davies talked about some of the Council's focuses last year, including expanding the Blue Trails and continued bacteria monitoring.

Davies and a crew of volunteers take water samples at 15 locations to monitor the bacteria count, to determine if the water is safe for recreational activities.

"Sampling for bacteria is a simple way to do that," he said. "This helps river users know water is safe."

If bacteria counts are high, this speaks to the health of the river, and possible areas of concern.

"If you want to enjoy the rivers, you want to know it's healthy," Davies said.

Three out of four Americans participate in outdoor recreation each year, Davies said, and paddle sports are among the fastest growing segments of the industry.

"More people go fishing each year than go to Disney World," Davies said.

Samples are collected at the sites twice a month on Thursday mornings, June through September. These sites are paddling access points along the Blue Trails.

A Blue Trail is just like a hiking trail, but for paddlers, Davies said.

"We're used to trails in the woods, in this case, the river is the path," he said.

Blue Trails

The Blue Trails cover 34 miles and are broken up into four sections, the Upper Ware River, Lower Ware River, Upper Quaboag River and Upper Chicopee River.

Most of the Blue Trails are on calm water, except for a section of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail where there is whitewater. This section starts at the Ware River Park access in Gilbertville and continues for three miles to the Church Street access.

The Ware River Park access was added to the Blue Trail last year after Davies approached the town of Hardwick about putting one upstream from the existing access at New Furnace.

"It reignited their park project," Davies said.

Now Ware River Park has two access points for paddlers, a kiosk with Blue Trails map, more parking, and a nearly finished segment of rail trail, with more improvements planned.

C4R created another new access point on the Upper Ware River Blue Trail, along the newest section of Mass Central Rail Trail managed by the East

Quabbin Land Trust on Church Street in Ware.

"It didn't exist before, and will now be available to people," Davies said.

Further down the Ware River, a new kiosk with Blue Trail sign was added at the Banas Farm access off Robbins Road.

Davies described it as a "rustic" launch, which runs to the Bennet Street Bridge Abutments access behind Forest Lake.

Restoration

In addition to bacteria monitoring and expansion of the Blue Trails, C4R also works to remove invasive water chestnut plants.

These aquatic plants need to be pulled from the water by hand regularly a few times a year to limit their growth.

The next water chestnut pulls will be held at Oxford Marsh in Chicopee on Saturday, June 24 at 9 a.m. (rain date June 25 at 1 p.m.); Saturday, July 15 at 9 a.m. (rain date Sunday, July 16 at 1 p.m.); Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. (rain date Sunday, Aug. 13 at 1 p.m.); with a final pull in late August.

Water chestnut pulls will also begin at the Red Bridge access sometime in mid-June.

Other restoration work C4R takes part in are general cleanups to remove litter and debris.

Going forward in 2023

"Volunteers are always great to have," Davies said, adding that C4R needs a core team of people to continue moving forward.

"Sampling and trail work wouldn't be possible without volunteers," he said.

C4R is also hosting fun and educational events to bring more attention to the rivers, including a poetry and photo contest held over the summer.

The theme of the Haiku & Picture Contest is "Our Local Rivers," with entries accepted beginning June 1. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 18.

People can capture a Haiku moment or an image of a river or tributary in the C4R watershed. There is a limit of three Haiku poems per entry; preferably original, unpublished work.

Photos should be 5 by 7-inch copies or jpeg format.

Poems and photos need to capture a sense of the local rivers or watershed, and a river or tributary in the C4R watershed should be the focus.

Electronic Haiku copies should be sent as a Microsoft Word document, and paper submission should have two copies, one with the author's name and one without.

Categories include youth under 18 and adults. Please note your age on the submission.

Winners will be announced at C4R's annual summit in early November.

How to help

People can also help support the work of C4R by becoming a member.

Memberships and donations help C4R with resources for basic operations, including preparing events, creating and maintaining Blue Trails, collecting samples, writing reports and performing community outreach.

C4R has established a nonprofit relationship with the Connecticut River Conservancy, which holds and manages C4R funds for tax exempt purposes for all donors who want this coverage.

To become a member, visit c4rivers.org and click on "Membership – Join/Support C4R."

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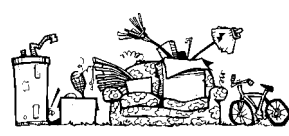
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Gas prices increase nine cents

WESTWOOD – The average gas price in Massachusetts is up nine cents from last week (\$3.39), averaging \$3.48 per gallon. Today's price is 22 cents higher than a month ago (\$3.26), and 65 cents lower than April 24, 2022 (\$4.13). Massachusetts' average gas price is 18 cents lower than the national average.

"The recent surge in oil costs took a break last week, with the price of oil tumbling back into the upper \$70s per barrel," said Mary Maguire, AAA Northeast Vice President of Public and Government Affairs. "If this oil price trend continues, drivers may see falling gas prices sooner rather than later."

AAA Northeast's April 24 survey of fuel prices found the current national average to be 1 cent lower than last week (\$3.67), averaging \$3.66 a gallon. Today's national average price is 22 cents higher than a month ago (\$3.44) and is 46 cents lower than this day last year (\$4.12).

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