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Select Board sets ATM date

Warrant open May 1 and closes May 15

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BARRE – The Select Board opened the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting at their Monday, May 1 meeting and close it two weeks later on Monday, May 15 at 5 p.m.

They also set the date for the Annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. The location would be announced later, but it would be held either be at the Quabbin Regional High School or Ruggles Lane Elementary School.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall, after a resident's concern during the public comment period that the warrant was not posted on the website, added to the motion for the warrant to be posted on the town website and published in the Barre Gazette.

The resident also said said the changing of the wording of warrant articles was confusing to her and should not be markedly changed from the posted language. Chair Marshall said the Special Town Meeting was a "difficult town meeting." Marshall said the board had town counsel approve the wording of all the meeting articles before posting them, but just before the meeting, town counsel said the wording of articles regarding the purchase of a new fire truck and a new ambulance were "all wrong" and he changed the articles wording.

Voters approved the purchase of the fire truck and ambulance at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. The Select Board voted to change the funding of these two items from within the general budget to a debt exclusion at the Tuesday, April 25 STM. Town counsel changed the wording so it no longer included the wording about the debt exclusions.

The revised articles, in essence, will still be funded through the general funds. Chair Marshall said the funding method would be a "challenge." Funding such a capital expense through a debt exclusion would free up some cash for the general budget. The Select Board and Finance Committee policy for the future was to fund all large capital expenses through a debt exclusion, which is an exemption from Proposition 2 1/2 for the life of the debt only. Interim Town Administrator

Interim Town Administrator
Greg Balukonis recommended the Select Board hold a public hearing on the proposed town administrator bylaw on Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m. He recommended the board reconvening the nuisance dog complaint hearing on the dog living on Valley Road for May 15 as well. The Board voted to hold both public hearings on May 15.

Zoning bylaw change
Jim Caruso of Caruso Construction requested a bylaw

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Hook, line and sinker

Annual fishing derby continues long tradition

By Dallas Gagnon
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HARDWICK – Generations of local families bundled up in their raincoats and rubber boots to participate in this year's annual South Barre Rod and Gun Club fishing derby.

While the derby is open to children 14 years and younger, many parents and grandparents could be seen alongside their relatives helping tie knots or putting bait on fishing hooks.

Club member Dale Anderson joined his son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren at Saturday's event, using worms and power bait to try and lure in some trout.

Anderson said his granddaughter Sophie and her mother Emily dug for worms on Friday night, though his grandson Elliott was not interested in digging.

He added "club members aren't allowed to fish during this week," which allows for the pond to be fully stocked for the kids to enjoy fishing.

Francis Fowley joined his granddaughter Natalie Bedard for the derby.

"She's the girl to beat," said Fowley. At only 7 years old, Bedard has won first and second place a few years in a row. "She even beat the older girls," said Fowley.

This year, the club received a generous donation to stock the pond from the family of late club member John Mitko.

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Shown from left to right, dad Barrett, grandfather Dale, daughter Sophie, son Elliot and mother Emily fishing at Saturday's derby despite the rain.



Chase McQueston holding his 12 1/4 inch rainbow trout.



Amelia's first catch of the day.



Duke and John Warren were fishing for trout.

Judith Kalaora presents story of first woman soldier

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

RUTLAND – Last month, the Rutland Historical Society and the Rutland Cultural Council sponsored a very special performance at the Rutland Public Library written and performed by Judith Kalaora the Founder and Artistic Director of "History at Play" a theatrical organization with a highly respected national reputation and a growing international one.

Her vision in 2010 was to bring to life the lives of influential but sometimes forgotten figures in history, particularly women.

Following an introduction by Rutland's Historical Society President, Shelia Jenkins, to an audience of history lovers, Miss Deborah Sampson, played by Kalaora, came into view. Instantly, the audience realized they were about to witness history in the making. Deborah was dressed in the kind of garments worn by women of modest means replete with undergarments under a wool gown. She wore a tight corset molding her feminine form with the obligatory bustle in the back to add fullness and support the layers of drapery underneath. Her lace



Photo by Eric Goodhart

Judith Kalaora, founder and artistic director of "History at Play," portrays the first woman soldier Deborah Sampson.

petticoat was visible in the front. For over an hour Miss Sampson spoke without a break or word out of place. She would change her clothes three times effortlessly while still engaging the audience with her personal story. A story that was quite remarkable as everyone would soon learn.

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Hall of Fame honors 'the Golden Era' of basketball

By Paula Ouimette
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SPRINGFIELD – In celebration of National Library Week April 23-29 the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame gave away free copies of two books centered around the commonwealth's official state sport.

One of these books, "Jack 'The Shot' Foley - A Legend for all Time: With Togo Palazzi and Central Mass Basketball" by Mark "Pathfinder" Epstein, tells the story of the Golden Era of basketball in the 1950-60s, and its legendary players.

Copies of the book were given away to Hall of Fame visitors last week, and they will also be sold in the gift shop going forward.

Having his book selected by the Hall of Fame was a complete surprise for Epstein, who got the call notifying him of the honor at his home in South Carolina the week before.

"It was like a culmination of dreams for so many people," Epstein said. "The book represents so much...certainly, Jack and Togo won't be forgotten."

Epstein said that even though he authored the book, which is his second published work, it's not his story.

"It's not one person's book...it belongs to everyone," he said.

Epstein wrote this book over the better part of a year, interviewing hundreds of people, from athletes to coaches, and family and friends. Each one had a story to tell.

"I was touched by so many people," Epstein said.

Having his book chosen is not just an honor for Jack, Togo and everyone else who made an impact on central Massachusetts basketball, it's also an honor for Epstein and his family.

Epstein is the son of the late Charlie Epstein, a Worcester legend known for his Water Street sporting good's store, Charlie's Surplus.

Charlie is still remembered by those in and around Worcester for his kindness and sense of humor. He was always quick with a song or a story, and had a seemingly endless supply of bullseye's candies in his van.

Charlie would take that van, packed to the ceiling with clothing, shoes and socks, and visit families in the smallest towns in Worcester County, to make sure that every child had what they needed to play their favorite sport.

Being chosen by the Hall of Fame also recognizes both his father and his brother, Epstein said, not just himself.

"It's an appreciation for what my family did for central

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Yoga class to be held May 6

On Saturday, May 6 at 10:15 a.m. Yoga on the Floor class will be held at Listening Wellness Center Yoga Studio. This is a free class. For more information or to register, people may call 978-257-8180 or email lisa@burnoutoblivioushealthcoaching.com.

Barre Historical Society

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.

Barre Food Pantry

The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday May 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, May 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients May 10 and 18 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

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 8. 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 – Stuffed pepper casserole, mashed potatoes, carrots, vanilla pudding, diet = diet vanilla pudding, peasant white bread

TUESDAY – Chicken pesto, lemon seasoned potatoes, country blend vegetables, cinnamon pears, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Lentil stew with cheese, steamed white rice, green beans, Mandarin oranges, Italian bread

THURSDAY – Mother's Day Meal, chicken cordon bleu with gravy, apple cornbread stuffing, roasted cauliflower, double chocolate cake, diet = chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Breaded fish patty, tarter tots, spinach, fresh fruit, tartar sauce, sandwich roll

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

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Cradle Rock Chapter holds installation



Submitted Photo

Cradle Rock Chapter No. 125, Order of the Eastern Star installed officers on Wednesday, April 19. Shown in the middle of the back row are Dorothy Koski, Worthy Matron and John Fritscher, Worthy Patron.

Greg's Restorations hosts 6th annual show, meet and swap




Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Shown is owner Greg Ward and his father David Ward at Greg's Restorations 6th annual car show.

Reggie Lang of Hardwick and his 1937 Ford.

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BARRE – Vehicles of many years, makes and models lined up in Felton Field for Greg's Restorations sixth annual car show, swap and meet this past Saturday.

Car show host Greg Ward said he started the event eight years ago as a fun way to promote his automotive restoration company, Greg's Restorations, of Rutland.

Since then, Ward said, "the show grew from 100 cars to well over 500 show cars in 2022," though "this year the event wasn't as busy due to the weather forecast predicting heavy rain."

Despite the rain, many adults and children gathered outside for hours checking out a variety of vehicles - some nearly a century old and others only a few years old.

One of the vintage vehicles in attendance was Hardwick resident Reggie Lang's black 1937 Ford truck.

While many "motor heads" customize or modify their vehicles, Lang said his Ford is "pret-

ty original."

He said he purchased the vehicle from the family of the original owner, and only puts on about 400 miles a year.

"It wasn't converted... It was brought to the condition it is now by the family," said Lang.

Since he purchased the vehicle, Lang said he hasn't had to do any cosmetic upkeep and even has the original paint job.

Rod Wheeler was also in attendance with a 1968 Toyota FJ40 Land Cruiser.

Though Wheeler said he likes Land Cruisers for several reasons, one reason is that they are "very sculpted," and another is his first car was a Land Cruiser.

Wheeler owned his first FJ40, a 1970, from 1974-1984.

In 2018, he purchased his second - 34 years later.

According to Wheeler, he and his wife had looked at hundreds of FJ40's online before finding this one.

"It was the right age, the right color, the right location, the right price and the right condition," he said.

Wheeler was fortunate enough to stumble on a rare tool kit fully stocked with all the original tools sold with FJ 40's.

Wheeler said he was at a car show when someone noticed his vehicle and said they might have the original tool kit that was once sold with Land Cruisers.

After about three weeks of waiting to hear

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back from that person, Wheeler said they were able to find the kit but had to think of a price.

After two more weeks of waiting for a response, Wheeler said he believed the situation was going to be "just one of those things," until finally, the gentleman made him an offer he could not refuse.

Now, Wheeler keeps the kit in the back of the Land Cruiser alongside the FJ 40 miniatures and trophies.

Ward said, "Swap meets were very popular back in the day," and were a means of "selling used/second hand parts to the automotive community... to maybe help someone with their projects or parts they have been looking for."

By combining the car show and swap meet, Ward said it offers "the best of both worlds."

The show also supports local businesses by offering a platform for food vendors to sell their products.

The event also supports the local fire association by raising money at a food shack serving breakfast and lunch.

A percentage of this year's profits will be donated to the David Hobbs Foundation to support local youths' journey in pursuing automotive.

"A few years ago, we lost our great friend Dave Hobbs who was an automotive wizard... [He] could fix anything and would always lend a helping hand to help anyone fix their broken car, free of charge," said Ward.

"Dave was an automotive school teacher at Monty Tech and always wanted to see the younger generation succeed in the automotive field," said Ward.

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Unitarian church to hold plant sale

On Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, will hold its annual spring plant sale. Perennials from early spring flowering to late fall flowering and all season long will be available for purchase. The sale includes edible plants, some annuals like geraniums and woody plants with most grown in local gardens. In addition, to the plants there will be an assortment of homemade fudge and candies for purchase.

Town Administrator open hours

Every Monday, Town Administrator Nate Boudreau holds open office hours from 4-6 p.m. During these hours, residents can drop by the office and speak with the Town Administrator directly about any concerns, questions, or feedback they may have about the town. This is a great way to get involved and stay informed about what's happening in your community.

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.

250th Anniversary Committee lists events

BARRE – Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee announce a calendar photo contest.

The committee is now accepting submissions from 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. Photographers should review the rules and regulations below before submitting their photos by visiting 250anniversary@townofbarre.com.

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.

Parade participants needed

Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee is looking for parade participants for their Grand Parade scheduled for Sept. 21, 2024. Anyone interested in signing their business, family, group, or organization up for a spot in the parade should email the committee at 250anniversary@townofbarre.com.

Dancing in the Streets

Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee will host on Friday, Aug. 4 from 6:30-10 p.m. first ever, "Dancing in the Streets Fundraiser" on the Barre Common. Proceeds from this fundraiser will aid the committee in hosting its 2024 events, including the Grand Parade and fireworks show.

The fundraiser will take place on Barre Common where the main thoroughway will be closed for literal dancing in Barre's streets. The night will include a D.J., food trucks, and beer and wine from local brewers and vintners. The committee promises a night that will be unique and memorable for the community. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Barre Family Pharmacy or online at bit.ly/barrefundraiser. This is an age 21 plus event.

Barre's Autumn Fair

For the third year in a row, Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee will be hosting its Autumn craft fair on the common on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The fair boasts close to 100 vendors which include the Barre Farmers Market as well as local food trucks, music and activities for children.

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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.
 Conservation Committee – May 9 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – May 11 at 3 p.m.
 Select Board – May 15 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 16, June 6 and June 20 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – May 18 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 25 at 11 a.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

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.
 Planning Board – May 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – May 9 at 6:30 p.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

Historic Commission – May 6 and June 3 at 10 a.m.
 Memorial Day Committee – May 8 and May 22 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 9, May 23, June 13 and June 27 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 10 at 5 p.m.
 Council on Aging – May 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 18, June 7 and June 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 7 at 7 p.m.
 Town Center Committee – June 15 at 7 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.
 Downtown Development Committee – May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – May 9 and May 23 at 6 p.m.
 Friends of the Town House – May 10 at 7 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 – May 4 at 5:30 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – May 4 at 6 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.
 Planning Board – May 25 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – May 4 at 6:15 p.m. and May 6 at 5:30 p.m.
 Historic Commission Site Visit – May 6 at noon
 Select Board – May 6 at 5:30 p.m.
 Annual Town Meeting – May 6 at 6 p.m.
 Annual Town Election – May 8 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wings of Song sail our 'Blue Boat Home'

By Paula Ouimette
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Get ready to set sail as Wings of Song embarks on a musical journey on a "Blue Boat Home" with three multi-media performances meant to bring awareness to climate change.

Led by Music Director Nym Cooke, the 40-member community chorus will perform songs spanning decades, cultures and genres, accompanied by a backdrop of images and readings of poignant texts.

The images projected in a slideshow are both beautiful and sad, showing views of Earth, along with endangered and extinct animals. The slideshow is run by 15-year-old Bella.

While views on climate change differ (even within the chorus), all agree that Earth needs to be cared for.

"It is good to acknowledge that we're scared about what's happening with the climate," Cooke said. "We don't have to agree but we still work together."

The performance is named after the theme song, "Blue Boat Home" by Peter Mayer and comes from the line "and the Earth is my blue boat home."

"Blue Boat Home" will be a mix of chorale pieces, vocal solos and audience sing-alongs.

Joining the chorus is Tim Loftus on rhythm guitar and flute and Brooks Milgate providing piano accompaniment.

"Brooks is a key part of the success of our sound," Cooke said.

Loftus plays a Native American-style flute, and was inspired by Choctaw music to write his own tune.

"We have several Native American songs, including a Navajo round," Cooke said.

There's also a blend of pop music by Neil Young, John Lennon and Elton John, as well as folk music by Pete Seeger, Jean Ritchie and even some rhythm and blues by Marvin Gaye.

The performance begins and ends with Mayer's "Blue Boat Home", and it also features original pieces written by chorus members.

Terry McGinty of Warren wrote "The Shadows", which is an elegy for extinct and endangered species.

"It's not only our species being affected by this [climate change]," Cooke said. "We're all in this together."

The second piece was written by Donna Dufresne of Pomfret, Connecticut.

Cooke said Dufresne is a singer/songwriter and actually wrote this piece three years ago when Wings of Song first planned to premiere the performance.

She presented "Wake Up" to Cooke, who made a chorale arrangement of it.



Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette

Music Director Nym Cooke directs the 40-member chorus, Wings of Song.

"It's powerful," he said.

Cooke said "Blue Boat Home" is made in a framework to respect and celebrate Earth.

"The whole program is about honoring a planet...our only home," he said.

Using his love of music to bring awareness to climate change, just seems natural for Cooke, who has been immersed in music his entire life.

"I grew up in a household surrounded by music," Cooke said.

Both of his parents were classically trained, and his father was a composer.

While his youthful musical interests were more focused on rebellion and rock and roll, Cooke dedicated his professional career to the early New England sacred chorale music of the 1770s-1820s.

"You had literally hundreds of self-taught composers teaching singing schools. Teaching young people to sing and read music," Cooke said.

These singing schools turned into supply for church choirs and were run only by men, Cooke said, although he will continue searching for women composers.

"I'm looking all the time," he said.

These composer arranged songs in four-parts like traditional chorale music, but with more of a folk-like feel.

"They started writing by instinct," Cooke said.

The songs were written with tenor carrying the melody, before adding in the bass, soprano, and lastly, alto.

"They didn't test them out," Cooke said of the arrangements. "That's what give the music a cool flavor...it's linear."

Unlike the choirs that sang those early composers' pieces, Wings of Song has had three years to test out "Blue Boat Home" as they had originally prepared to perform it at this time back in 2020, but were unable to due to the pandemic.

"My hope is this will raise people's awareness, and encourage them to do a little bit more for the planet," Cooke said.

About 'Blue Boat Home'
 People will have three oppor-

tunities to experience "Blue Boat Home," with the first being on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, 16 Church St., Fiskdale.

The second will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (the "Hill Church") in Woodstock, Connecticut.

The final concert will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m., in the auditorium of the Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley. Students at the school, under the direction of music teacher Becky Bussiere, have been learning sing-along melodies to join the chorus during the concert.

A special feature of that concert will be some brief remarks delivered by Massachusetts's "Climate Chief," Melissa Hoffer, who was appointed to her newly created position by Gov. Maura Healey on the Governor's first day in office.

Admission to all the performances is free, and people are invited to make a freewill offering at intermission.

All concert venues are handicap accessible. Doors will open half an hour before each concert; in Fiskdale and Woodstock, Connecticut, people are advised to arrive early in order to be sure of a seat.

Anyone wishing for more information on these concerts or on joining Wings of Song, whose fall rehearsal season begins Monday, Sept. 11, is encouraged to email Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com, or President Carol Curtin at carolcurtin77@gmail.com.

A portion of what is collected during the concerts will be donated to a leading organization working to combat climate change. After the concerts, the chorus will announce the amount of its donation, and the recipient.

"Blue Boat Home" is supported in part by a grant from the Sturbridge Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Poster artwork for "Blue Boat Home" was designed by chorus member Cindy Young.

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Church to hold benefit breakfast

The Oakham Congregational church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold on Saturday, May 20 from 8-9:30 a.m. a benefit breakfast for the Barre Food Pantry and the Rutland Food Pantry. People may also bring non-perishable food items for the food pantries. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Pen Pal

Oakham senior pen pals will be receiving an invitation to the annual ice cream social at the Oakham Center School where the seniors meet their fourth grade pen pals. They corresponded via letters during the school year. The invitations will be available for the seniors to pick up in the box outside the Fobes Memorial Library rear entrance on Thursday, May 11. The social will be held sometime in June.

Dismas Farm wish list

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, during the month of May will be collecting items for clients at Dismas Farm, located on Lincoln Road. Items include: new twin-sized sheets and blankets, new pillows and bath towels, new men's sweatshirts, sweatpants and t-shirts, sized large to XXXL. Other items include laundry detergent, toilet paper and other cleaning supplies and fuel gift cards to help with transportation costs. People may drop off items on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-noon or leave in the hallway at the side entrance to the church, marked for Dismas Farm, anytime as the outside door is always open.

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. This Sunday, May 7 is Family and Communion Sunday. There will be no Sunday school held. Donations for the Barre and Rutland Food Pantries may be dropped off either Sunday morning or left in the side hall during the week.

New Braintree Library holds story times

NEW BRAINTREE – STORY TIME will be held Mondays, May 8 and May 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive.

The May 8 program will feature "The Pencil" by Allan Ahlberg and Bruce Ingman. The May 22 program will feature "Piglet Comes Home" by Melissa Shapiro, DMV. This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular hours for more information.

Grange to hold Veteran recognition program

HOLDEN – The Holden Grange will hold a Veterans recognition on Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St.

All veterans and those presently in the service are cordially invited to attend. Veterans in attendance will be recognized, along with the branch in which they served. Three of the veterans will be awarded Quilts of Valor. Lynette Gabriela, Director of Veterans Services of Wachusett District, will speak on state and federal benefits, eligibility and resources. Gabriela serves the communities of Ashburnham, Ashby, Gardner, Princeton and Westminster.

Annual May Festival 'Celebrating Spring' is Saturday, May 6

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

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

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

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

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

A free plant swap, on the library lawn and sponsored by the North Brookfield Cultural Council, will allow gardeners to share annual and perennial plants.

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



A slideshow projects images related to climate change during the performance.

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Will minor children get Social Security benefits if father claims at age 62

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits?

Signed: Father of Two

Dear Father of Two: Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old or up to 19 if still in high school. You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf, which could include simply saving the money for their future. But there's more to consider.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement even if you claim at 62, but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15 year old ages-out of eligibility at 18 or 19, the younger child's benefit will increase to the full 50% of your FRA amount. That is unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your record. In that case the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record for both your children and your wife. Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

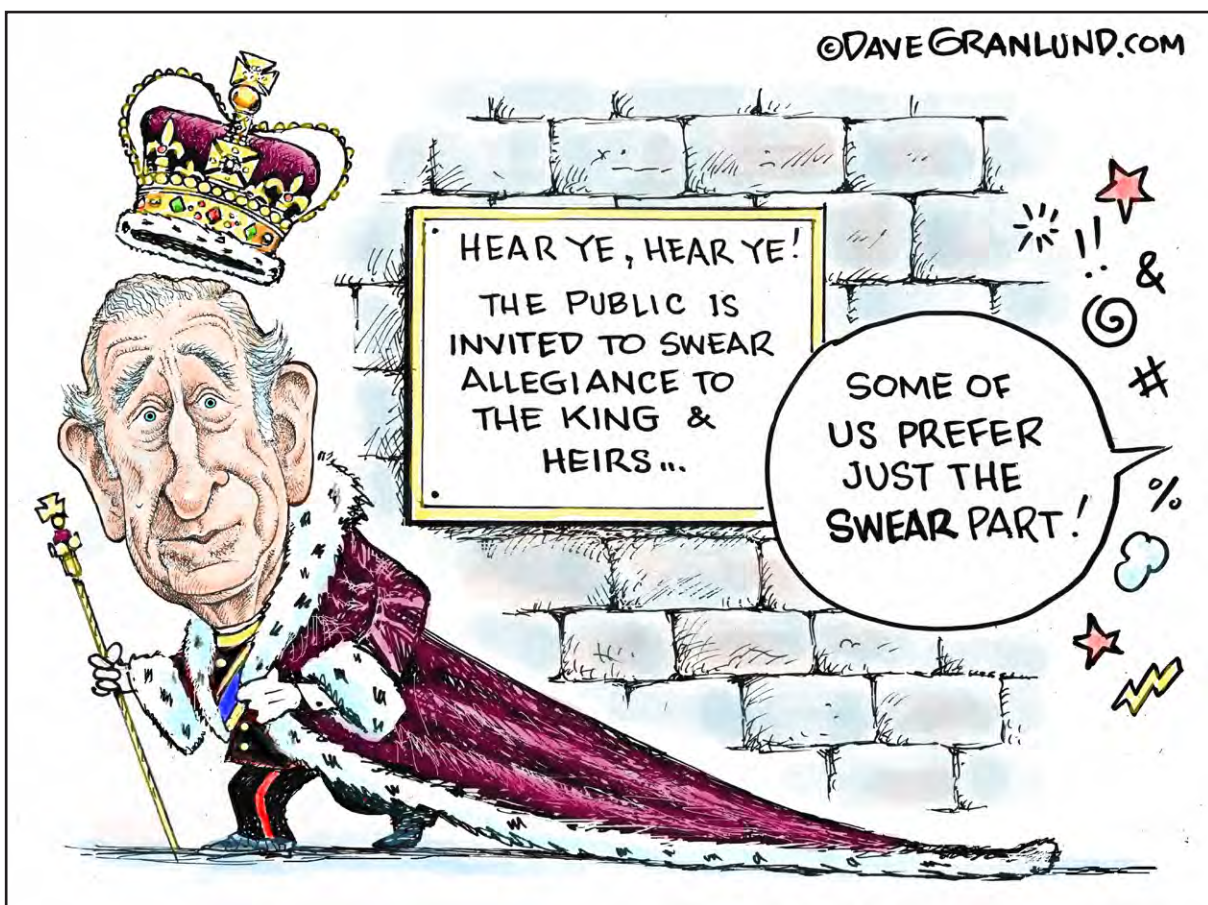
It's important to remember that by claiming your own SS retirement benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

It's also important to remember that claiming benefits before your full retirement age will mean that, if you work, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. The earnings limit changes annually (it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are withheld for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children and possibly your wife to dependent benefits restricted by the Family Maximum. But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



In Past Pages

5 years (May 10, 2018)

The Oakham Board of Assessors spent over 100 hours researching deeds and documents dating back to the 1800s concerning the town beach on Lake Dean. The Assessors disagreed with some of the content of KP Law's letter regarding its research on town beach ownership. The assessors said Sarah Butler held title and ownership of the property when she gifted it to the town in the 1960s. The town held town meetings to accept the gift. KP Law said the beach way was transferred before gifted to the town. The board's research was more extensive than the research by town counsel. They felt the public should have access to the beach and it was not owned by an abutter as the town's law firm stated. They said the posts and chain should be removed as well as the sign prohibiting access.

Barre resident Sam Lipson mentioned a break in a stonewall and the lack of a mounted re-closure pad for a solar farm on South Street. The access road and break in the stonewall were not part of the permit and the contractor never submitted any requests for this. Selectmen Greg O'Sullivan proposed a cease and desist as the contractor went beyond the plan. Selectmen voted to instruct the building inspector to issue a cease and desist to Barrage Solar, the contractor, until the company either complies with the existing plan or obtains planning board approval of the changes.

It was a fun mom's night out for Elizabeth Ryan and Rachel Bellemer as they enjoyed lots of tasty treats and good music at the annual "Swinging Desserts," last Friday night at the Fobes Memorial Library in Oakham. According to library director Samantha Bodine, the dessert fundraiser has proven successful enough to supplement one third of the programing budget for the year. "It's our biggest fundraiser," Bodine said. "People are always so generous donating to our silent auction. Local businesses, local artists and many patrons all donated things in support of the library."

10 years (May 9, 2013)

Books and beer turned out to be a winning combination when the Blind Pig Pub in Athol recently hosted a reading by Petersham Selectman Fredrik (Rick) Marsh read selections from his book, "A through Zoe, A Collection," as well as a piece from his new book, which is scheduled for publication in the early fall. Among the work he chose for the event was an amusing story about his exchange with a woman about the writing on her shirt and his thoughts on t-shirts in general.

Debra Stuart of Barre taught kindergarten, first or second grade for over 26 years for the Quabbin Regional School District. Twenty-two of those years were at the Oakham Center School and the others at the New Braintree Grade School. For most of those years, she taught kindergarten. This January, she passed away from ovarian cancer. Her co-workers and friends wanted to do some-

LOOK BACK Rites of Spring Festival - May 1, 1976



File photo

The Morris and Sword Team of Marlboro, Vermont is seen here doing the stick dance with the "clown" at right, waiting her chance to join in. The talented group of dancers performed several ceremonial dances of ancient fertility rites of old England, intended to aid crops, frighten evil spirits away and encourage the resurrection of spring.

thing special to honor her memory. They decided revitalizing the primary media center would be a way to "speak to her memory," celebrate her life and show what she meant to the community and school.

The Barre Planning Board held a public hearing regarding a request for a special permit to erect a 120 foot lattice style communication tower on town owned property off of Pleasant Street. The Planning Board unanimously approved the special permit for the tower, access road, cabinet and fencing off of Pleasant Street.

25 years (May 7, 1998)

A crew from the Barre Highway Department was preparing to install sidewalks on an area of the town common, when their truck sunk in the mud. The situation was quickly resolved when the load was lightened. The crew is trying to complete the project before Memorial Day, but the rainy spring has been hampering efforts.

To commemorate 25 years of providing a wide range of medical services and support to patients of all ages, the Barre Family Health Center is sponsoring a Family Fun Fest on Friday, May 8 from 3-8 p.m. The Fun Fest Committee members have planned a variety of celebratory activities as a way to "give back to the community." Games, a clown, a moonwalk for kids, hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy are just a few specialties among many.

The override question that failed and a last minute sticker campaign for selectmen that succeeded brought out over half of the town of Hubbardston's registered voters at Tuesday's election. Weary election workers finally posted election results at 5 a.m. Wednesday. The \$500,000 override to be used for funding the Fiscal Year 1999 oper-

ating budget was soundly defeated 836-257. In a surprise vote, David Simmerer was turned out of his selectmen's seat by Dorothy Athens, who won by a narrow 491-468 margin.

38 years (May 9, 1985)

Cradle Rock Chapter 125, Order of the Eastern Star had an installation of officers on April 27. Officers installed were John D. Whitmore, Associate Patron; Jane E. Whitmore, Associate Matron; Elizabeth Ann Smith, Worth Matron and Stanley P. Ericson, Past Patron as Worthy Patron.

"We are at the 11th and 3/4 hours. We need to decide on a recommendation," said Arlene Betteridge of Barre's Finance Committee, who chaired the joint finance committee meeting of all four Quabbin towns on May 1. At this meeting, not only Finance Committee members were present, but Quabbin School Committee members had requested to come and present their position on the proposed budget. Unfortunately, the bell tolled and no compromise decisions were able to be made. In April, the Quabbin School Committee presented a budget with gross assessments averaging 24.3% higher than last year. This 24.3% increase is before the New Braintree entry fee adjustment.

The Hubbardston Annual Town Meeting will be held in Center School auditorium May 13 at 7:30 p.m. There are 21 articles on the warrant, which has been posted in the Post Office, Ken's Grocery and Hubbardston Town Office. One of the highest money requests on the warrant is a request for a new truck for the highway department with plow and sander attachments to replace the 1973 GMC truck, at a cost of approximately \$60,000.

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I have breakfast every morning with Missy.

That is I have my buttered pieces of toast, but I don't always eat them all. I like to save some for later. When I do this, Missy gives me "the look."

This morning, she missed the wastebasket when she threw her napkin and it landed on the floor with me right after it. I batted it around the kitchen floor, it sailed across the floor here and there. Boy what fun.

Whoops, the darn thing went into the living room and it doesn't move at all well on that fluffy rug. Missy is going shopping this morning and I am about to be a very naughty cat and go places that I know I should not. Missy has been very firm about this through the years and I have been good about doing as she asked.

But there comes a time when I am tempted to forget all about my training. I am not allowed in the corner cupboard where Missy keeps all her cooking pans. I am waiting until she goes out this morning to open the cupboard door. I know when she takes out the pans, they often make a noise, especially the ones in the back of the cupboard made of tin.

I wonder what will happen when I put my sleek body up on that top shelf and start moving things around. The heavy stuff I'll leave alone, but the light weight plates come out easily.

The cupcake pans will need a little more finesse and juggling before they will tumble out. I did it. Wow, this is the most fun I have had in a long time.

I found a funny thing in the corner and it was some kind of funnel that I could put my paw right in. It had a big enough hole so my paw didn't get stuck. Hooray, what a mess on the kitchen floor. Missy won't be very happy with me when she comes home and probably no treats tomorrow.

That the breaks, folks.

Love,
Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

There was lots of rain this week, but it does make the gardens grow and the lawns are turning green.

It means we have to think about getting the lawn mower in condition. I did not go to Rietta Ranch fleas market as I was not sure if they had it. It was misty when I got up at 4 a.m. I saved some money this week.

I put out the hummingbird feeders and made some sugar water for them. I haven't seen a hummingbird yet.

I had a nice long visit with a man, who is going to be my handiman. He was a classmate of my oldest daughter and is back living in his homestead. We spent the evening speaking of old times, cranberry picking, Hubbardston Nonesuch apples and town boundaries among other things.

He would like to know if there are any of the grafted Nonesuch apple trees left in town that were planted during the Bicentennial of the town in 1967. I have a short list of those, who I remember had them and most of them have been lost. I remember my brother had a lovely one, but two years ago the apples were so heavy on the tree that it came right out of the ground roots and all. I had wished I had replanted it. Because the apple trees were draft trees, they could not stand that much weight.

Also, in a ceremony on the Town Common, one was planted there and that is no longer there. If anyone knows of any that exist please contact me.

The Cranberry bogs in town were discussed. Many were established by just throwing cranberries in rivers. One bog was taken over by the beavers. Several families in town make cranberry wine and cranberry relish with the berries. They keep well in the freezer. They usually come ripe in October.

My friend from New Hampshire sent me this recipe that her mother used to make and thought the readers would enjoy it.

DEVILED SEAFOOD

- 1/4 cup finely chopped green or red pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 can (about 6.5 oz) drained shrimp
- 1 can (about 6.5 oz.) flaked crab meat
- 2 cups herb-seasoned stuffing, crushed
- 1 cup mayonnaise

In a medium bowl, stir together all ingredients. Spoon into a one quart shallow casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

This and That

I'm almost done with the raking of the gardens and lawns. The compost piles and the brush piles are very high. We were not able to burn this year due to the weather and the season is over now. I guess the wildlife will like the brush piles.

We had turkeys and deer visit us recently. One Tom turkey was refusing to let me park the car in the driveway. I honked the horn and he yelled back at me. I guess he was protecting his hen.

The daffodils and hyacinths are doing well. Most of the daffodils are yellow, but I have one bed or white ones and a few miniature ones.

I raked out the wildflower garden and things are coming up there also. Sometimes I find a surprise. The Epimedium's are in blossom and the hostas are poking their points up. It will look quite different on Serenity Hill in a couple of weeks.

The flowering quince is in full bloom and the sand cherry is about to open its petals. There was not much forsythia this year. The frost must of gotten the buds.

Spring has sprung on the hill. I am glad to see winter passed.

Have a nice week. My daughter is counting the days until school ends. She is busy in her greenhouse.



April showers make for great transplanting weather

It was a lot of fun to take advantage of the overcast days this week to get some transplanting done.

Do you wonder why it is advantageous to undertake this task when it is cloudy, or even drizzling out? If your guess has to do with less stress on the plants, you are right on target.

Read on for more about what kept me busy and why!!

I hope I am smarting up some when it comes to homegrown seedlings. This year, instead of growing 300 tomato plants (yes, I was a little kooky last year) I downsized to just under 70.

Still enough for me to share but not so many that we have to have a brigade to get the many trays into the house each night that temperatures dip in my unheated greenhouse.

The tomato seeds were sown in the third week of March and were transplanted into 6 packs the second week of April.

Recently, they started to show signs that they were ready to be potted into bigger containers. Height was one give-away. Secondly, was a root ball that was pretty filled out but not quite root bound (roots swirling in a tight mass).

I lifted each plant from the cell of its 6-pack and positioned the plant on the bottom of a 4" pot and filled in with new potting soil.

Tomatoes are unique in that they will make roots up the stem.

After all the transplanting was done, I gave them a drink or fish emulsion/seaweed fertilizer to lessen any shock and provide them with a good boost.

Because it was overcast, I was able to do this right in the greenhouse and keep them in there without

worry that the sun or heat would be too much for plants that recently had their roots disturbed.

On occasion, when I've been forced to get transplanting done during a sunny stretch, I would immediately water the plants then place the trays of plants in the shade to recover for at least a day or two.

Now, a mention on temperature. Cloudy is one thing, and today with my greenhouse doors closed, 50 degrees outdoors meant a few degrees warmer inside.

I would not keep tomato plants outside if temperatures were colder than fifty or they will start to show signs of distress. They are much happier at 55 to 60 degrees.

So, for the next couple of weeks, (gasp) in and out they will go each day.

Without a greenhouse would mean moving them around your windows to catch the sun, or placing them back under the grow lights until temperatures moderate. At least I am not moving 300 this year.

Overcast skies were also helpful when it came time to re-do one of my perennial borders. I did a soil test on this particular garden last year and followed the recommendations to increase nitrogen (blood meal) and potassium (wood ashes).

It is neat that the wood ashes do double duty to get the pH a little higher as well.

Once the amendments were mixed in, I began lifting plants from the old garden, dividing them up and replanting them in the new garden. Some of the plants were overgrown, hence the need for division.

Using a sharp shovel, I simply sliced them down the middle of the clump and if needed, divided the halves into quarters. Now lots of roots were severed in the process, so cloudy skies and the rain that followed really helped to settle the plants into their new locale without shock.

The garden is a collection of plants that butterflies love. I have a butterfly bush in the corner that is 3 years old. That one really frigid night we had where temperatures dipped into the negative double digits killed off top growth, but I am hopeful that growth will return from the crown.

Hopefully, I will see that over the next two to three weeks. What did you accomplish over these cloudy days?

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

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Mitko's granddaughter Hailey Scott said growing up she would always attend the derby as her grandfather was "always here."

"He would have loved it... It's a great time [and] despite the cold and rain, the kids look like they are having fun," said Scott.

The event is completely free, open to the public and every child leaves with a prize. Children and parents do not have to be associated with the club to participate in the derby.

The pond is stocked with three different kinds of fish including brook, rainbow and brown trout.

According to one club member, the largest fish released in the pond was a rainbow trout estimated 5 pounds and 20-24 inches long.

One fisherman, Chase McQuestion, caught a 12 1/4 inch rainbow trout, which he presented at the measuring station.

Children were given the option



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Three generations - grandsons Hunter, Andrew and baby Gus out fishing with their grandfather Paul, and his sons' Bob and Steve Mitus.

of catching and releasing the fish or taking them home to eat.

Although it was not a trout, fisher Amelia smiled as she held a kiver she caught using a worm.

John Warren and his son Duke

Warren, 7, opted for bobbers "just to keep it off the bottom."

Warren said he and Duke come almost every year. He said it is a "good event" and the club "puts a lot of money back into itself."



Fishing poles were offered as prizes.

The derby is led by volunteers and club members.

Club member Paul Morrison said, "we like to promote fishing for the youth - we are very big on that."

Additionally, children receive a free hot dog lunch and have the option of getting their fingerprints stamped and scanned by the Hardwick Police Department.

Lieutenant Kevin Landine and

Sergeant Rob Toupin said they come every year to support the derby.

"It's all volunteers and it is an all-around good event... We have really good kids in town," said Landine.

Anderson said fishing is beneficial for children because "it's not just about fishing."

"It's about the experience and being in nature."



Seven-year-old Natalie Bedard is "the girl to beat," as she has won first and second place in the derby a couple of years in a row.

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change be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to allow multi-family units on South Street. He proposed to build a multi-family unit with ten to 12 units on six acres of land next to the U.S. Post Office. He said some of the units would be age 55 and older. He said it was difficult to find an apartment in Barre and he felt the area would be conducive to apartments. He has been meeting with the Planning Board. His intent was for a zoning bylaw change rather than obtain a variance.

Chair Marshall said putting that number of apartments on six acres seemed small. She also said it would affect the school population as well.

Barre Trails update

Steve Salvatore gave an update on the Barre trails. He said volunteers from town with support from the New England Mountain Bike Association have cleared trails on Woods Road, which is located on private land and they maintain a trail on Town Property located on Town Farm Road, with access on Worcester Road. He said students from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School made a kiosk for the site. He said one of the missions was to have better marking on the trails.

He said the group continued with Ed Yaglou's vision for accessible trails in the area. Salvatore said outdoor recreation, in an area where there aren't a lot of other attraction, helped bring people to Barre, who also spend money at local restaurants and businesses.

Other business

The Select Board approved the health care proposal from Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association. Currently, 49 are enrolled from the town of Barre with 18 of those retirees.

Dennis Fleming said he put his name in for an apartment at Grandview Terrace in September and he was number 36 on a waiting list. He said there was a bylaw, which provided preference for Barre residents. The Select Board would inquire about the turnover of units and the bylaw.

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Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?"

The second question reads, "Shall the Town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the Town upon the retirement of the current Town Clerk?" The results of Question 2 are non-binding and only serve as a public opinion advisory question.

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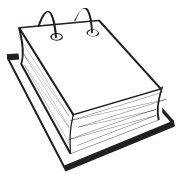
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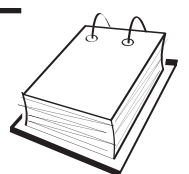
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 4

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

FRIDAY, 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.

YOGA ON THE FLOOR will be held today at 10:15 a.m. at Listening Wellness Center Yoga Studio, Barre. This is a free class. For more information or to register,

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This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. 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 8. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the Brooks Pond Beach located on Brooks Pond Road, in North Brookfield.

people may call 978-257-8180 or email lisa@burnout-tobllishealthcoaching.com

MONDAY, MAY 8

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS will be held 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.

STORY TIME will be held today and Monday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Today's program

will feature "The Pencil" by Allan Ahlberg and Bruce Ingman. The May 22 program will feature "Piglet Comes Home" by Melissa Shapiro. DMV. This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular hours for more information.

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 Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre so reads, ... from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, 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.

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE will be held today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, Hubbardston. Perennials from early spring flowering to late fall flowering and all season long will be available for purchase. The sale includes edible plants, some annuals like geraniums and woody plants with most grown in local gardens. In addition, to the plants there will be an assortment of homemade fudge and candies for purchase.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

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

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Panthers defeat Narragansett

BARRE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin girls track defeated visiting Narragansett 101-42. The Panthers had an overwhelming showing with Marilyn Giese, Natalia Marchand, and Bella Smith all

scoring double individual wins for Quabbin.

Giese took the javelin and 100 meter, Marchand took the high jump and 200 meter, and Smith captured wins in the triple jump and 400 meter.



Lily Carlson sticks the landing in the long jump.



Bella Smith crosses the finish line in the 4 by 400 meter relay.



Angelina Feliciano hands the baton to Liberty Osowski in the 4 by 400 meter relay.

Photos by Ray Duffy



Natalia Marchand focused on approaching the high jump bar.



Kaeliana Boucher has her debut as a pole vaulter.

Panthers defeated on the road

CLINTON – Last Friday afternoon, in a game that featured a lot of offense, Quabbin was outlasted at the plate by host Clinton 11-6. Despite Quabbin taking leads in each of the first three innings, Clinton was able to come

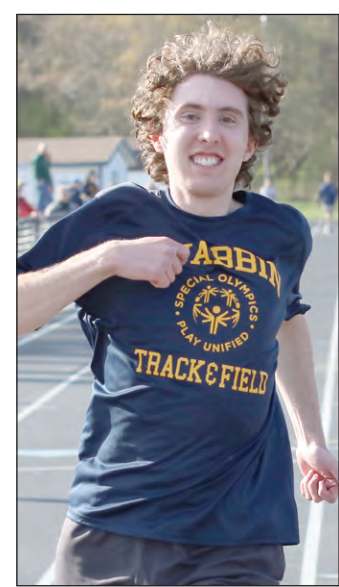
back with three runs each in the fifth and sixth innings to grab the win. Finn Leander, despite the tough game, went the distance for Quabbin.

The Panthers are now 0-9 to start the season.

Unified track competes

BARRE – For the second season, Quabbin is hosting Unified boys and girls track. Last week, the Panthers were in action. Quabbin will be hosting the league meet later this month.

Luke Salvadore cheers for Ryan Morin as he crosses the finish line.



Chad Plouffe finishes the 440 meter.



Tyler Gregory at the long jump while his coach looks on.

Photos by Ray Duffy

Pioneers fall in five to Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Several members of the Pathfinder Tech varsity baseball team played for the Ware junior varsity team when they were in the seventh and eighth grades.

When the crosstown rivals battled each other at historic Memorial Field, it wasn't a very memorable homecoming game for the Pioneers players who reside in Ware.

The Indians, who overcame an early 2-0 deficit, scored nine runs in the fourth inning leading to a 13-2 non-league victory on Saturday, April 22. The only meeting of the regular season between the two squads ended after 4 1/2 innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

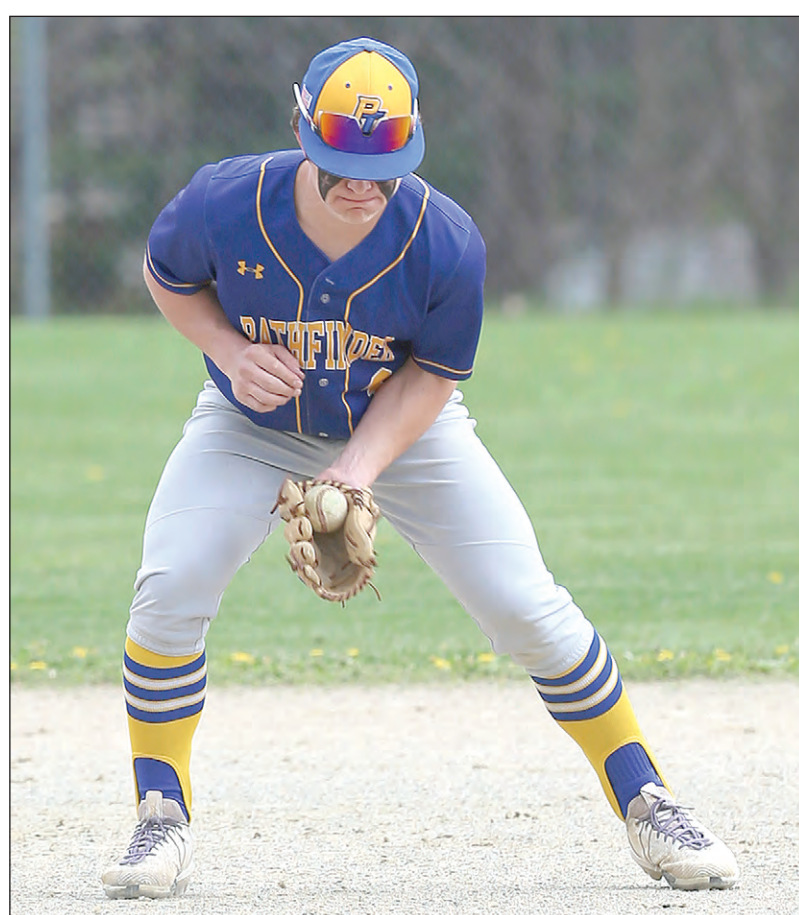
"I've known the Pathfinder players from Ware since they were little kids. They played on our j.v. team when they were in the seventh and eighth grades," said longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. "We do wish that they were playing for our baseball team this year, but they decided to go to Pathfinder for the vocations."

The Pathfinder Tech players, who live in Ware, are sophomore third baseman Trevor Millet, senior first baseman Jesse Cygan, and sophomore lefthander Tim Russell, who was the Pioneers starting pitcher against Ware.

The home victory improved the Indians overall season record to 5-2. "I've never lost to Pathfinder in baseball since I've been the varsity coach," Slattery added. "We've been getting better in every game that we've played this season."

Six of the nine batters in the Indians batting order scored two runs.

The benefactor of the run support was junior righthander John Mumper, who was the winning pitcher for Ware. He allowed two runs on two base hits. He struck



Hunter Griswold smothers a ground ball.

out ten batters and didn't issue any walks in 4 2/3 innings. The only reason why Mumper didn't pitch a complete game was because of the pitch count rule.

"We took John out at 70 pitches because he only needs three days rest before making his next start," Slattery said. "If he threw over 70 pitches, he would need four days of rest and he wouldn't be able to pitch in the game at Palmer on Wednesday night."

Mumper left the game with two outs and two strikes on a batter in the top of the fifth inning. Freshman righthander Kyle Kaczukwa threw a first pitch strike, which ended the

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

ballgame. "I wish that I could've pitched the whole game, but I'm just happy that we got the win," Mumper said. "We fell behind in the first inning, but I settled down after that."

The Pioneers (5-3), who were missing four starters, took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning with a little bit of help from the Indians defense.

With one-out in the frame, Millet hit a flyball, which was misplayed by the leftfielder, and he wound up at third base. Then Russell hit a moon shot to right field for a triple. Millet scored easily and Russell also came home on the play follow-



Zander Auffrey makes the catch in right.

ing a throwing error.

Mumper retired the next two batters on a ground ball and a strikeout.

Pathfinder only had two more base runners during their final four at-bats. Freshman catcher Jarret Skowyra singled to center with one-out in the third before being thrown out trying to steal second by junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis. Sophomore shortstop Brayden Mega was hit-by-a-pitch with two outs in the fourth.

Ware took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Mumper reached base leading off the frame following a throw-

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Jarrett Skowyra slides into second.



Ethan Nompoggi slides into third base.



Tim Russell pitches for the Pioneers.

Sports

T-Birds make large donation to Rays of Hope

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced a donation of \$30,000 to the Rays of Hope as a result of proceeds from the live jersey auction during the T-Birds' 6th Annual Pink in the Rink game on March 11.

Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa and Vice President of Sales & Strategy Todd McDonald presented a check to the Rays of Hope earlier this week inside the MassMutual Center. This year's Pink in the Rink game set new records for total funds generated, and the MassMutual Center came out in full force with a sixth straight "Pink" night sellout crowd of 6,793.

Established in T-Birds' inaugural season in 2016-17, "Pink in the Rink" serves as a kickoff to the Rays of Hope fundraising efforts each March to shine a light on breast cancer awareness outside of the traditional October awareness month. Each year, the fundraising efforts culminate in the annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run in October. Since the establishment of this staple night, the Thunderbirds have generated more than \$100,000 for the Rays of Hope Foundation, all of which stays local in Western Massachusetts in hopes of finding the cure.

Proceeds from this donation were raised primarily via the post-game live jersey auction, as every Thunderbirds player had his jersey sold to directly benefit the Rays of Hope. In addition, Chris Hayes, General Manager of Oak View Group Hospitality, the food and beverage partner for the MassMutual Center, contributed toward the donation total through the sales of Pink Whitney beverages throughout the evening.

"Pink in the Rink once again proved to be one of the most special nights of our historic season," said Costa. "We share in the Rays of Hope Foundation's pride for our community and our fan-base for their steadfast support year in and year out. We want to congrat-

ulate the Rays of Hope on their 30th anniversary and are proud to continue such a meaningful partnership that celebrates so many brave women and men in Western Massachusetts who have not only survived breast cancer but also thrived in generating awareness through their Rays of Hope family."

"We're sending our signature big pink hug to the Springfield Thunderbirds and their fans for illuminating HOPE in our community," said Kathy Tobin, Director of Annual Giving and Events for the Baystate Health Foundation. "As we kick off Rays of Hope's 30th Anniversary, we reflect on those who have helped us get to this moment. We may not have a cure for breast cancer yet, but we have made lifesaving breakthroughs in treatment and the research continues. Importantly we have a big extended family of support here in western Massachusetts. Thank you to the T-Birds for lifting our survivors up!"

Since its inception in 1994, Rays of Hope has raised over \$16.6 million to support the women and men living in western Massachusetts touched by breast cancer. Funds also support vital research at the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research.

The T-Birds Foundation was established in 2018 with a mission of serving the Springfield community and the Pioneer Valley beyond every win and loss through a focus on providing and supporting initiatives in the areas of health and wellness, youth enrichment, and civil service. During the 2022-23 season, the T-Birds Foundation raised more than \$131,000 for charitable causes in Western Massachusetts.

This year's Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer will be held on Sunday, October 22. For more information, visit Baystatehealth.org/Raysofhope or call 413-794-8001.

Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

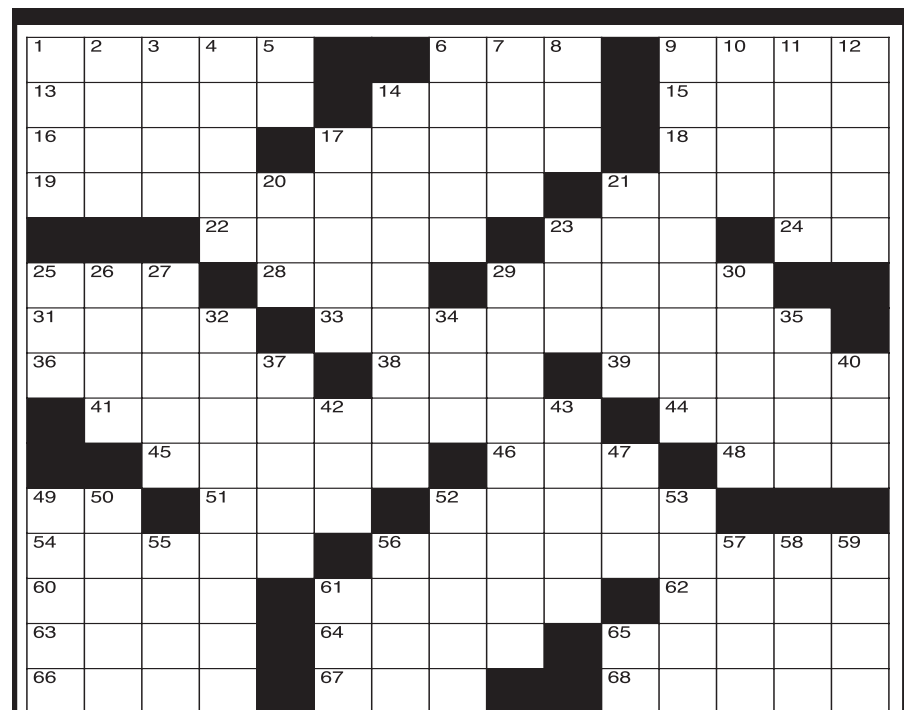
More players are needed for the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League as it seeks to infuse new talent into its league for the 2023 season.

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

Registration for the 2023 season remains open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 23. The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all abilities league and all are 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.



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Education

QCC's Police Academy graduates have 100 percent job placement

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College's Police Academy held its second graduation ceremony of the Academy's extended format program on April 27 and already the entire graduating class of 17 officers have all secured employment.

"We are delivering highly skilled officers to communities across the Commonwealth. I'm so proud of our graduates and this program," said QCC's Chief of Police and Director of the Police Academy, Kevin Ritacco.

The Academy runs courses during the evenings and on weekends. Graduates from the program are eligible for entry-level hiring into a law enforcement agency, pending a department's specific requirements and standards.

Among the speakers and dignitaries at the graduation were Municipal Police Training Committee Director of Training Andrea Nardone and Executive Director Chief Robert J. Ferullo, Jr., (Ret.), Worcester Assistant District Attorney Edward Karcasinas, Jr. and Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association President Yessenia Gomez.

QCC Police Academy 2023 graduates and places of employment include:



Courtesy photo

QCC Police Academy graduates flanked by QCC campus police officers and Academy Deputy Director Captain Joseph P. Cecchi, in suit.

- Antonio Baez-Quero – Assumption University Police Department
- Jorge Duque Beltran – Holy Cross College Police Department
- Eric Esteves – Ware Police Department
- Andrew Frimpong – Wayland Police Department
- Riniel Liriano – Sutton Police Department
- Jeffrey McCray – Wayland Police Department
- Derek Mendes – Quinsigamond Community

- College Police Department
- Klevis Nako – Shirley Police Department
- Nicholas Nuttall – Assumption University Police Department
- Marcos Oliveira – Maynard Police Department
- Richard Reuss – Framingham State University Police Department
- Labady Riviere – waiting for official hiring date
- Duche Romeus – Salem State University Police Department
- Ivette Marily Rosa –

- Worcester State University Police Department
 - Derek Sorensen – Littleton Police Department
 - Michael St. Martin – West Boylston Police Department
 - Brendan Sweitzer – Westborough Police Department
- The Academy is authorized by the Municipal Police Training Committee, under the direction of Chief Ritacco and Academy Deputy Director, Captain Joseph Cecchi
- To learn more, people may visit QCC's Police Academy.

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she was 13. Having done a good job to educate herself she even taught school at age 20 during summer sessions in 1779 and 1780 and doing her weaving at night.

In 1782, the Revolutionary War, which began in 1775, raged on. Besides being intelligent, independent and ambitious, Deborah was seeking adventure. This was her country and she learned through her own experience the value of being independent and self-reliant. Like many soldiers in the Continental Army, she was inspired by the written words of Thomas Paine.

Since it was a criminal offense in those days to pretend to be a man in uniform regardless of the reason, Deborah disguised herself as a man named Robert Shurtleff. She joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment and fought in several battles including the siege of Yorktown. Wounded multiple times, she was always fearful of being discovered. She once went in the woods and used her skills to sew her wound after removing the musket ball that caused it.

She often volunteered to be a scout in front of the infantry

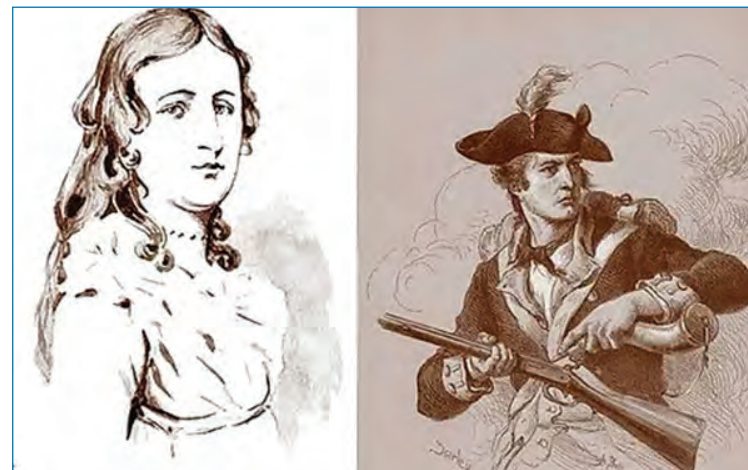


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Drawings of Deborah Sampson as a woman and as a soldier.

to remain separate from the main army as much as possible. As Robert Shurtleff, she received commendations and rank. However, after Yorktown she came down with a fever and put under medical care at West Point. The doctor taking care of her soon realized that, Sergeant Robert Shurtleff was a woman, not a man. Fortunately, he did not tell anyone. But he was able to help get her honorably discharged, as a man.

Deborah went on to marry and had three children with her husband. She did not receive a military pension until two

years after the war when she met Paul Revere. Revere was an accomplished silversmith in Boston who attempted to ride to Concord April 19, 1775 to warn the citizens the British were coming. Unfortunately, the British arrested him in Arlington within an hour.

Posthumously, Revere lives on in history because a poet named Longfellow in 1860 took poetic license and wrote "listen my children and you shall hear, the midnight ride of Paul Revere." It rhymed. Deborah Sampson and others of her day did not know how famous

Revere would become. But she appreciated the connections he had.

Revere was her hero because he shared Deborah's true heroic contributions during the war with Massachusetts governor, John Hancock and was able to get her a state pension for her rank and service of \$4 a month. In 2023 dollars, that would be \$48 a month.

In 1785 Deborah became a very popular speaker in the East often dressed in uniform. She was the first woman to be a regimental soldier in the army and a lecturer in the United States. Though it would be more than a century before women got the right to vote in 1920, no one can dispute that Deborah Sampson's drive and patriotic commitment to make a difference set off one of the sparks that eventually became a fire leading to independence for all women.

This and other important performances are being performed in towns throughout Massachusetts and the nation year around. Schools, of course, are a terrific venue for them. To check out where and when, people may visit the "Events" page at their website <http://www.historyatplay.com>.

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Massachusetts," he said.

When the call came to tell Epstein his book had been selected for National Library Week, he realized what it must feel like for the athletes that are inducted.

"My wife said, 'it's like being let in the side door,'" Epstein said with a laugh. "She keeps me

humble... Those five words, 'we want to honor you,' I'll never forget. It's surreal."

Thanks to help from donors and the Leo S. Walsh Foundation, a total of 2,200 copies of the book have been given to central Massachusetts student athletes, along with school staff.

"It's mind boggling," Epstein said of the book's success, having sold over 4,000 copies and being ranked the 60th basketball

book in the world.

Epstein made it his mission last year when the book was released, to have this story reach student athletes throughout central Massachusetts to inspire them, just as Jack inspired him.

Jack was Epstein's mentor, coach and closest friend.

After his professional basketball career ended, Jack became a teacher and a coach, and was known for his engag-

ing (and oftentimes loud) teaching style.

"We all got in the side door," Epstein said, echoing what his wife said to him. Jack, Togo, and the Golden Era of central Massachusetts basketball, will never be forgotten.

Epstein and his family have been invited to the Hall of Fame on May 27 to be officially recognized for the book and its contribution to basketball.

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ing error by the shortstop. Then his younger brother, Jason, who's a sophomore right fielder, drew a walk. After the next batter hit a pop-up caught by Russell, Kyle Kaczuwka, who started at first base, and his older brother Nathan, who's a sophomore

third baseman, tied the score with back-to-back RBI singles. Then a bunt hit by senior leftfielder Owen Welsh scored the go-ahead run.

Two innings later, the Indians scored a controversial run.

Sutkaitis lined a base hit into left with one-out in the third. He tried stretching it into a triple but was initially called out by the

home plate umpire after being tagged by Millet. Because the Pathfinder second baseman had interfered with Sutkaitis at second base, the base umpire called obstruction and he was safe at third base.

"I've never seen that called in a game before tonight," said Pathfinder head coach Paul Bouthiller. "My second baseman

was just covering second base and the runner ran into him. It was a bad call by the umpire. We just didn't play very well after that."

Sutkaitis scored on a wild pitch that sailed to the backstop giving the home team a 4-0 lead.

The Indians put the game out of reach by scoring nine runs in the following inning.

The two biggest hits of that frame were two run singles by John Mumper and freshman shortstop Brady Guimond.

The Cougars are scheduled to make a visit to Memorial Field on May 17.

Nathan Kaczuwka also contributed with an RBI single during Ware's fourth inning rally. Kyle Kaczuwka had a sacrifice fly. The Indians other three runs scored on two wild pitches and a throwing error.

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Church Matters Part 8

Ours is an era in which church participation is on the decline. Each year fresh statistics emerge to detail the apathy an increasing number feel toward the Church and matters of organized religion. It would seem our generation much prefers the disorganized variety, wherein each person worships a God of their own making. Yet I would call you to reconsider the reasons for which a great many have excused themselves from the community of faith.

1) The Leadership
Countless have been burned by poor, incompetent or even immoral leadership. You do not need for me to spell out the failings of the clergy or the stigma some have brought upon the reputation of the broader Church. There are most certainly ministers who have no place standing behind the pulpit, with some belonging behind bars. However, the vast, vast majority are doing all they can to effectively, albeit imperfectly, serve the people to whom they are called.

Might your standards for pastoral leadership be awry? The following selection humorously portrays the unrealistic expectations some have for the clergy:

"The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight and is also the church janitor. The perfect pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books and donates \$30 a week to the church.

He is 29 years old and has 40 years-experience. Above all, he is handsome. The perfect pastor has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and he spends most of his time with the senior citizens. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his church. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office to be handy when needed. The perfect pastor always has time for church councils and all of its committees. He never misses the meeting of any church organization and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched. The perfect pastor is always in the next church over.

2) The People
Mahatma Gandhi is credited with the following statement: "If it weren't for Christians, I'd be a Christian."

Scripture is clear that Christ is spiritually present among those who gather in His Name (Matt. 18:20). Do you want to know what else is present as believers gather? Human foibles, failings, flaws and the capacity for disappointment. Ultimately, the Church is full of people, and no person gets it right all the time. This writer makes no pretense of having it all together. Stick around me long enough and I will eventually let you down! However, the Church is not for perfect people, but for the perfecting of those who want to both know and serve the Lord.

I will quickly note that this excuse befuddles me as a minister. The same man or woman who condemns the local church for being too judgmental also rejects it for being too full of hypocrites! Is this you? If so, I would ask you to consider if your expectations are, once again, amiss.

3) A Final Summation
My former pastor, God rest his soul, offered this insight: "The Church is like Noah's Ark; all those animals and only one window, but it was the best thing afloat." The Church of Christ is messy and full of imperfect people, but it remains the best thing afloat! Let us not pretend that

there is a viable biblical alternative. Ultimately, Christ Jesus has committed Himself to building one thing and one thing only: His Church (Matt. 16:18b). If this be the case, who are we to reject what He has purposed to create?

Hebrews 10:24-25
24 . . . let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Christ calls His sheep by their name."

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

Scripture Reading: John 10 v 1-10

1. Introduction
When we enter our homes, close our doors and windows, we hope and believe that we will be safe and protected. There is peace of mind that all is well, and we come and go, knowing that those who enter are in fact the ones who belong in that house. There is comfort and protection. It is not always the case though, that being behind closed or locked doors is enough to give us safety. Some of us may have experienced burglaries or heard of others who have gone through such a terrible experience. The news is full of such awful experiences and the impact on people's lives.

2. The gate and the enemies
In this passage we read how Jesus introduces the sheep in their sheep pen, which was a secure and protective environment for them, with a watchman standing guard at the gate. Anyone who would not use the door to the pen, would be called a thief and a robber, coming to steal, kill and destroy the sheep. To be an authentic shepherd to the sheep, that person would enter through the gate and the sheep would recognize their voice, trust them, and follow where they were leading them. Crucial to this story is the voice of the Eastern shepherd, who had an individual call for each sheep, and the sheep would recognize the voice of the shepherd, calling them. The sheep would not follow a stranger, because they did not recognize the voice of that stranger.

2. The gate and the enemies
Then Jesus goes on to tell His listeners that He is the gate for the sheep, and anyone who came before Him, are thieves and robbers, who do not have the interest of protecting the sheep but were there for their own interest and wellbeing. He was talking about the religious leaders of the establishment of the time, who did not care for the poor and the needy. He introduces this parable right after the episode in Chapter 9 with the blind man, whom He healed, and who then was ousted by the Pharisees at the temple. They did not care what happened to this man, and when He was healed, instead of rejoicing with him, treated him like an outcast. They were,

in His eyes, the thieves and the robbers stealing the lives of people, because they did not care for them. And so, He is the gate for His sheep, and anyone who comes through Him will be protected and saved and find pasture. They will have a fulfilled and blessed life, because of Him.

3. Good Shepherd
This passage also falls within the broader scope of this chapter, where Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep, and they know Him. He knows the name of every sheep, and He calls them by their name, and they listen and follow Him. He is the Good Shepherd to those who were poor, and sick and left to beg on the streets by the religious leaders of His time. They were left to suffer, and their lives were squeezed out of them by the ones who were supposed to care for them. Harsh words by Jesus... And then, when He came to heal them and feed them, His ministry and leadership were seen as a threat, and He was hated and crucified. Important is that He, the Good Shepherd saw the pain and suffering and did something about it.

For Jesus to identify Himself as the gate of the sheep pen, and the Good Shepherd also meant that He is the One sent by God to bring salvation to the lost souls of this world. He offers a full life to those who acknowledge Him as their savior. This contrasts with what the people are experiencing under the leadership of the establishment, those who lack the care and compassion and spiritual comfort to the ones who need it. Jesus, on the other hand, brings physical and spiritual comfort to them. His presence changed the lives of those around them.

4. Conclusion
Jesus' disclosure to the Pharisees and others about being the gate and the Good Shepherd, is His proclamation about God's love for humanity. God does not select who is worthy and not worthy of being brought into the sheep pen, so to speak. God wants every human soul to be saved, and to experience the glory of God through the Son, Jesus Christ. God also wants their lives to be healed from illness and poverty and suffering, and all humanity to experience fulfillment in their lives... to live life to the fullest. Jesus as the gate is both the access to God for the salvation of humanity, and as the Good Shepherd, is there for every human being to feel cared for and protected.

God's mercy, I believe, is so wide and deep, and so mysterious. God is patient with all of us, and God's ways for salvation is both specific, giving us Christ to lead us there, and so wide that only God knows the path of every sheep. God calls us by our name, and we listen and hear God's voice when our spirits are awakened, and we turn away from our lives as we know it and turn to God as God wants us to know and experience it. God's saving grace is for the whole of humanity, so we all can go into the sheep pen, protected from the enemy and the robber, and to experience the fullest of blessings from God.

As children of God, we are called to be there for those whose lives are not always protected by forces outside their control. God wants our lives to be living testimonies of the love and care and compassion God has for us, and to go and do the same to others. May God bless this message to each one of our lives.

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

Chamber bowling event rolls a strike

By Marcelo Gusmao
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PALMER – Members of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce met last month at Diamond Junction Bowling, North Main St., for a casual dinner and some friendly competition.

A dinner of stuffed shells and meatballs was provided by

Apollo 1 Pizza. TJ's Pop offered gourmet popcorn samples and Easthampton Cider Project had a hard cider tasting.

The Chamber exists to promote economic growth and tourism across the 15 towns it serves. The Chamber advocates for policies to develop the community, and to advance the interests of its members.

According to the Chamber's website, the "Quaboag Hills

Chamber of Commerce offers more than just networking opportunities. We help our business community from the smallest entrepreneurs to the largest corporations."

The Chamber offers training and seminars to help small businesses improve and expand, and boost business visibility throughout the region.

For more information about the Chamber, visit qhma.com.

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

O'Donnell, Dennis P.
Died April 29, 2023
Graveside service May 8 at 1 p.m.

Sansoucy, Leonard P.
Died April 16, 2023

Dennis P. O'Donnell, 72

HUBBARDSTON – Dennis P. O'Donnell, 72, of Hubbardston, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 29, 2023, in his home.

Born in Boston on Sept. 6, 1950, he was the son of the late Patrick J. and Mary E. (McGrath) O'Donnell. He graduated from Bedford High School with the Class of 1968. Dennis attended Bentley College from 1968 to 1970 and received Associate Degrees from Mount Wachusett Community College in 1991 in Business and Computer Information Systems. While at the Mount, he was the Vice President of the DPMA Club –receiving member of the year in 1989-1990, Class Valedictorian, received the President's Key Award, Outstanding Student Award in Computer Information System, a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Dennis was a Computer IT Manager employed by Plexus Co. in Ayer for several years prior to his retirement in 2006. He was previously employed by Scandia Trading Company. In his retire-

ment, he was the clerk for the Town of Hubbardston Highway Department, as well as the Emergency Manager for the Town of Hubbardston.

Dennis was a congregant and treasurer of the First Congregational Church of Gardner. He was very active within the Town of Hubbardston, serving on its Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Library Trustee, Cable Advisory Committee and the Recreation Field Committee.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judith L. (Smith) O'Donnell of Hubbardston; two sons, Sean C. O'Donnell and his significant other Jenny MacFarlane of Sturbridge and Mark T. O'Donnell of New York City, New York; a daughter, Amy R. O'Donnell of Seattle, Washington; three grandchildren, Evan, Dylan and LilyRose O'Donnell; a brother, Brian O'Donnell and his wife



Renee of Bedford; two nieces, Emily and Amanda O'Donnell; two godchildren, Crystal and Nicholas Bopha; several extended family members and friends.

Graveside Services will be held Monday, May 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. in Rural Glen Cemetery, Worcester Road, Hubbardston. A reception will follow at the Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Boulevard, Gardner.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Toys for Tots, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172, or on their website at (www.toysfortots.org). Please reference in memory of Dennis P. O'Donnell.

Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols Street, PO Box 455, Gardner, MA 01440, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.boucherfuneral.com

Leonard P. Sansoucy, 65

OAKHAM – Leonard P. Sansoucy "Len" or "Lenny" of Oakham, 65, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2023 surrounded by his family after a long battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

He was born in Holyoke to Leonard and Florence Sansoucy on June 7, 1957. He grew up in Chicopee with his five older sisters.

Len enlisted in the Army shortly after graduating Chicopee High School and spent his service years in the 529 Military Police Company stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. Upon returning to the states, he was campus security at Mt. Holyoke College. A passion for law enforcement led him to the Massachusetts State Police where he served many and varied positions beginning in 1986. He was undercover narcotics in Worcester, computer forensics as part of the

9/11 team, instructor at the academy and on the Turnpike until his retirement in 2013.

Upon retirement he enjoyed archery, hunting, travel, reading, wine making, listening to opera and moving earth around with his Kubota tractor. It was his departed sister, Carol Sypek, who encouraged him to read as a child. He did the same for his children and in recent years they held a weekly family zoom book club which provided hours of sharing and laughter.

On the Turnpike, he stopped a motorist for speeding and her excuse was she was so involved in listening to Puccini, "La Bohem." He let her off, but with the caveat Verdi was better. Len was a lifelong Red Sox fan and through the generosity of the Red Sox and



CCALS, was able to throw out the first pitch on Lou Gehrig Day 2022.

He is survived by his loving wife, Juli; children, Laura Scott of Easthampton, Lisa Moriarty of Granby, Lindsay Pollard of Watertown, New York; stepchildren, Sara Holmes of Shutesbury and Abigail Holmes of Clementon, New Jersey; grandchildren: Jackson and Jameson Scott, Madelyn and Eli Pollard, Henry Moriarty and Penelope Holmes-Araujo and four sisters: Eileen Ringenbach, Linda McMahon, Nancy Gadsby and Deborah Sansoucy as well as very dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Compassion Cares ALS, P.O. Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574 or ccals.org.

Public Notices

OAKHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

There will be a Determination of Applicability hearing on **May 16, 2023** at the Oakham Town Hall at **6:00 p.m.** The request has been filed by Thaddeus Szkoda for work to be done at 158 New Braintree Road for the purpose of adding 2 bedrooms and a deck/porch. This work may fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
Oakham Conservation Commission
05/04/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court

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Estate of:
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Wanda S. Kukas of Barre, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/16/2023.**

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 14, 2023
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
05/04/2023

Barre Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, 3rd Floor, requested by American Tower, and LD Acquisition Company, LLC / Breitenwischer, James K. & Kelly L., holder of option, for eligible facilities request and special permit renewal for the modifica-

tion of an existing Wireless Communications Services Facility by installing one emergency backup power diesel-fueled generator on a proposed concrete pad within and existing compound enclosed by a chain link fence located at 937 Hubbardston Road, Assessors Map F, Lot 79 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 68695, Page 39.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.
Floyd Kelley, Chairman
05/04, 05/11/2023

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, April 23
 9:18 a.m. Seizures, Root Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:20 a.m. Vomiting, Pleasant Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:13 a.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning
 6:34 p.m. Burglary, Valley Road, Investigated
 9:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued

Monday, April 24
 6:58 a.m. Tree Hazard (No Wires), Wauwinet Road, Removed Hazard
 8:32 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Farrington Road, Report Filed
 10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kendall Street, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Eddy, Zackary W., 36, Barre
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Inspection/Sticker, No
 3:35 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Varney Lane, Information Given
 6:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Pleasant Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:40 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint, Cut Off Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:06 p.m. Burglary, Farrington Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, April 25
 12:28 a.m. Property – Found, South Street, No Action Required
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

6:17 p.m. Attempted Motor Vehicle Stop, Chamberland Hill, Information Taken
 6:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued
 8:21 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Services Rendered

Wednesday, April 26
 7:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:09 a.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued
 4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 6:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Maznick, Nicole M., 35, South Barre
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense

Thursday, April 27
 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
 4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
 5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Old Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Cross, Dennis David III, 21, Barre
 Charges: Stop for Police, Fail, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Stop/Yield Fail To, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

Friday, April 28
 3:39 a.m. Abdominal Back Pain, Peach Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 10:02 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Officer Advised
 10:12 a.m. Brush and Wildland Fire, South Street, Investigated
 12:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Barre Depot Road, No Action Required
 12:18 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Old Coldbrook Road, Message Delivered
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning
 4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, April 29
 6:30 a.m. Numbness/Burning, Vernon Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Ruud, Gina T., 35, Hubbardston
 Charges: Operating Under Influence, Alcohol OR .08%, Stop/Yield, Fail To

South Barre
Monday, April 24
 Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, South Barre Road, Message Delivered

Tuesday, April 25
 Alarm – Trouble Signal, Wheelwright Road, Information Given

Wednesday, April 26
 4:28 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Austin Street, Information Taken

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, April 23
 9:02 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Prospect Street, Report Filed
 2:27 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Report Filed

Monday, April 24
 11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 11:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Howe, Emily M., 25, New Braintree
 Charges: Warrant
 3:02 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Barre Paxton Road, Services Rendered
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:34 p.m. Burns, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:23 p.m. Burglary, Wachusett Street, Report Filed
 6:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:05 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Campbell Street, Animal Returned to Owner
 9:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 10:52 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Lantern Lane, Officer Advised
 11:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:01 p.m. Falls, Sunnyside Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 12:43 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pommogussett Road, Officer Advised
 12:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Fountain, Deborah L., 51, Rutland
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Number Plate Violation
 Summons: Fountain, Robert F., 69, Rutland
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Number Plate Violation, Unlicensed/Suspended Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit
 1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 2:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Found, East Country Road, Information Taken
 1:43 p.m. Falls, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:42 p.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Irish Lane, Investigated
 2:59 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pommogussett Road, Officer Advised
 3:06 p.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
 6:57 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Nancy Drive, Investigated

Thursday, April 27
 6:51 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Birchwood Road, Information Given
 10:57 a.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Pommogussett Road, Services Rendered
 11:14 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Sunnyside Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 11:25 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:56 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Valley View Circle, Information Given
 3:26 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 7:22 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Barre Paxton Road, Information Given
 8:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Vista Circle, Investigated

Friday, April 28
 8:12 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Information Given
 9:33 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Tanglewood Circle, Report Filed
 1:03 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Memorial Drive, Animal Returned to Owner
 11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 11:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of April 24-May 1, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, three traffic controls, eight emergency 911 calls, five radar assignments, three citizen assists, three assist other agencies, three complaints, one fraud, one scam, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle accident, one investigation, one burglary/breaking and entering and five motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 24
 8:32 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
 12:39 p.m. Scam, Mellon Road, Report Taken
 1:16 p.m. Medical Emergency, Convent Street, Transported to Hospital

4:19 p.m. Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:08 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Spoken To

Tuesday, April 25
 7:45 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Turkey Street, Report Taken
 6:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Shunpike Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, April 26
 1:47 p.m. Complaint, School House Drive, Report Taken
 6:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, April 27
 8:40 a.m. 911 Misdial, Turkey Street, Spoken To

Friday, April 28
 1:23 p.m. Fraud, Patrill Hollow

Road, Report Taken

Saturday, April 29
 1:28 a.m. 911 Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Main Street, Report Taken
 2:30 p.m. 911 Investigation, Main Street, Spoken To
 2:45 p.m. 911 Misdial, Prospect Street, No Action Required

Sunday, April 30
 12:39 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Negative Contact
 10:12 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Dispatch Handled
 11:32 a.m. Parking Complaint, North Street, Citation Issued
 11:59 a.m. Complaint, Route 32, Officer Handled

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, April 23
 10:04 a.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:02 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, North Brookfield Road, Property Returned

Monday, April 24
 6:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 6:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 6:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed
 7:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Secured

Thursday, April 27
 9:02 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 1:25 p.m. Low Hanging Tree, Spencer Road, Information Given
 4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Friday, April 28
 2:31 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Spencer Road, Report Filed
 4:34 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Adams Road, Report Filed

Saturday, April 29
 1:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, April 23
 7:22 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered
 2:07 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:43 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 7:28 p.m. Fire – Electrical Emergency, Hale Road, Services Rendered

Monday, April 24
 8:47 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered
 6:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

6:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, April 25
 8:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Services Rendered
 2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, New Templeton Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Wednesday, April 26
 3:37 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Flagg Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning
 6:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

Friday, April 28
 3:32 p.m. Stroke (CVA), Gardner Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 3:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:29 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, High Street, Investigated
 11:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, April 29
 12:38 p.m. Unattended Death, Morgan Road, Report Filed

Sunday, April 30
 6:29 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Information Given

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 24-May 1, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 10 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, two traffic controls, five radar assignments, one brush fire, one fraud, one citizen assist, six emergency 911 calls, two burglaries/breaking and entering, one investigation, one safety hazard, three animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 24
 4:28 p.m. Fraud, Mara Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, April 25
 4:53 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 9:22 a.m. Fire/Brush, Ware Road, Extinguished
 10:06 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 10:53 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 26
 11:36 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Out of Town, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, April 27
 10:14 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity,

Hardwick Road, Investigated
 11:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, April 28
 5:03 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Worcester Road, Report Taken
 8:12 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Letendre Lane, Report Taken
 1:54 p.m. Investigation, Worcester Road, Officer Handled
 4:50 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, April 30
 12:56 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Barre Road, Officer Handled

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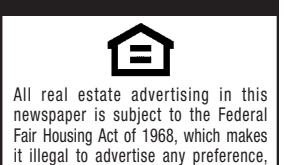
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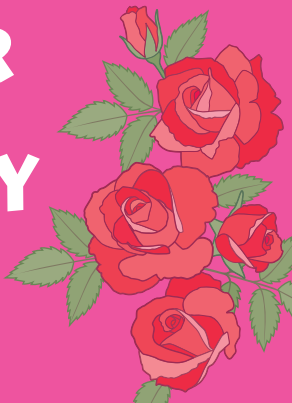
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