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Town continues to discuss tuition agreement

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – School Committee Chair John Magario said recent informational meetings were organized by Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis and Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Stephen Duff, and included board and committee members, along with state Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.

The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the potential for a tuition agreement between the town of North Brookfield and the Quaboag Regional School District.

“It was basically a sales pitch from Stephen Duff,” Magario said at the School Committee’s April 28 meeting. “He’s trying to sell his school to the people present...one of the numbers he threw out was an estimate of \$11,500 per student. It’s still not clear. We’re not even clear the intent would be the full seven through 12 or just nine through 12.”

Magario said if it does include students in seventh and eighth grade, the sixth grade students would have to be reintegrated into the elementary school.

He said there are 149 students in grades seven through 12, and at the estimated cost proposed by Duff, the total cost to tuition out would be about \$1.725 million.

“That number that he gave, is an extreme low-ball compared to their per pupil spending,” Magario said. “Without knowing how many students they would actually get, how much money they would actually get from the state...there’s a lot of questions there.”

Magario said the cost of salaries for staff in grades seven through 12 is \$1.727 million. He said it doesn’t make sense to tuition out, because the cost is basically the same to keep the school open.

He said another major factor is the grant funding the school district receives for being a K-12 district. He said this can also impact Chapter 70 aid.

“There’s a lot of financial considerations,” Magario said.

School Committee member Tonya Matthews said Duff also talked about transportation costs, which could be at the town’s expense if Quaboag isn’t able to absorb them. She said if they tuition the students out, they will never get them back and the teachers will be gone.

“The magnitude of what that would mean to people who are coming into town...how would that affect the overall real estate values,” she said. “There

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BARRE – The Barre Farmers Market opened for another season on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common in the center of town.

The weather was perfect for the opening of another year for people to purchase farm fresh vegetables and fruits in season, plants, local

milk and other dairy products from Barre, eggs, baked goods, crafts, soaps, jams and jellies and more.

Last Saturday, there was musical entertainment with a singer and guitar player featuring John Denver tunes.

Once again Hancock Dairy owners were there with milk, cheese, ice cream and cream from their herd of Ayrshires. Ayrshires, a Scottish dairy breed, are known for their efficient grazing, vigor and

milk production. The milk is also well suited for cheese and butter production. Hartman’s Herb Farm, also from Barre had a great selection of annuals and hanging baskets just in time for Mother’s Day.

This past Saturday, the Barre Lions Club conducted a “Fill the Boot” campaign to raise funds for their many

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Spirits were raised as walkers spread awareness about suicide prevention.

Hope Walks Here

2nd annual suicide prevention walk held at Grenville Park

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WARE – This past Saturday, close to 200 people gathered in Grenville Park to walk in support of suicide prevention for the second annual Out of the Darkness Campus Walk.

This event was organized last year by Kristen Murphy and School Resource Officer Jeannine Bonnayer in memory of Murphy’s son, Ethan Donnelly, who died by suicide in 2023 at the age of 24.

This year’s walk was bittersweet, as participants also came to honor Murphy’s legacy, following her death from a rare and aggressive form of bone cancer this

past February. Her family and friends knew how important this walk was to Murphy, and they vowed to continue it each year.

“We are continuing this forever,” Bonnayer said. “It’s her dream and we will do it for as long as we can.”

Bonnayer said she also lost her colleague Tod this past year, and their department formed a team to honor his memory.

“We are walking on his behalf as well,” she said.

Murphy’s best friend Ronnie Theriault said she knew her friend was at the walk in spirit.

“Kristen’s definitely up there jumping up and down,” she said.

Theriault spoke about the struggles Murphy faced after losing her son, and how she found comfort and support through

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School district looks at budget reductions

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Superintendent Tim McCormick provided an update to the proposed fiscal year 2026 operating budget that was first presented to the School Committee earlier this year.

McCormick said the budget that was presented back in January was “essentially was a level-service budget with the addition of two positions.”

“This version has no new personnel,” he said of the updated budget at the School Committee’s April 28 meeting.

McCormick presented a list of cuts that would save just over \$377,000 from the proposed budget, ranging from staff reassignments and offsets to savings on fuel oil and copy paper. There would also be the elimination of one bus and a reduction in athletic transportation.

McCormick said the process to build the budget spans over several months, taking into consideration the feedback from various stakeholders, including staff, families, students and residents.

He said initially the proposed budget was \$8,024,323.20 (without offsets) which is \$995,717.31 over the previous year’s approved budget, or a

14.17% increase.

McCormick said staff salaries account for 70% of the budget, with an increase of \$268,842 over the previous year without adding any new positions. This is roughly a 5% increase over last year.

McCormick said transportation costs have increased by \$109,722.62 with no additional services. He said this is a contractual increase.

He said there is a \$41,325 increase in Chapter 70 money for FY 26. The required district contribution has increased by \$211,300 and required net school spending has increased by \$252,625.

“The mandatory increase and Chapter 70 aid will not cover the increase in salaries and transportation,” he said.

Financial challenges

Members of the Finance Committee and the Town Accountant were present at the School Committee meeting to discuss the budgetary challenges the town is facing in FY 26.

Finance Committee Co-Chair Chet Lubelczyk and member Kathleen Crevier said their committee voted unanimously to fund net school spending at 100%. Crevier said the town is facing a \$1.3 million budget deficit.

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Selectmen and Planning Board candidates submit statements



Dennis Bergin Jr.
Candidate for
Select Board

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Aaron Langlois
Candidate for
Select Board



Barbara Piucci
Candidate for
Planning Board



Phillip Warbasse
Candidate for
Planning Board

OAKHAM – There are only two contests on the ballot for the Annual Town Election on Monday, May 19.

Dennis M. Bergin Jr., 385 Hunt Road and Aaron L. Langlois of 640 Scott Road face off for one three-year term to the Select Board. Both candidates formerly served on the Select Board. Current Select Board member Lucy Tessnau decided to not seek another term.

The other contest on the ballot is for a five year term to Planning Board. Candidates are Barbara A. Piucci of 259 East Hil Road and Phillip B. Warbasse of 485 East Hill Road. Warbasse is an incumbent on the Planning Board.

These candidates received an invitation to submit a candidate statement along with a photo for this issue of the Barre Gazette. They appear below.

CANDIDATES FOR SELECT BOARD

Dennis M. Bergin Jr
My name is Dennis Bergin Jr. and I am running for a seat

on the Board of Selectmen. I have lived in town for 30 years with my family. I served six years on the Board of Selectmen from 2007 to 2013. I am presently the Town Moderator and have been since 2018.

In my personal life, I am a licensed master electrician and have dedicated 41 years to the trade. I have run my own electrical contracting business for the last 34 years. I believe running a small business gives a unique perspective to fiscal responsibility, as you must follow cost/profit ratios, which is imperative for operations. I believe that these responsibilities and duties can be applied to the town. It also puts you on a very personal level with customers and employees.

I want to see a return to a united Oakham, free from petty drama, mudslinging and lies. The town will need to be united with everything that is coming at us. We have upcoming financial difficulties, just like every other town around us and the battery energy storage system.

We need to stop the petty attacks and move forward. The lack of respect shown to those who have served this

community, past and present, cannot be allowed to continue and does not inspire people to volunteer. Town employees and volunteers should be recognized and thanked for their time and efforts, not belittled, disrespected subjected to false accusations that only serve to divide our community further. The employees, and volunteers shouldn’t be subjected to an attitude of nothing is ever good enough.

My goal is to keep our taxes as low as possible while maintaining services. We need to move forward with communication and alignment between boards and committees with a focus on fiscal responsibility. We need to combine and share resources where we can, whether within town or with other towns around us. We need to continue expansion of online resources but in small, reasonable steps so that we do not commit to expensive programs, unnecessary town positions or technology that the town cannot afford and isn’t ready for yet.

I believe in a sustainable future built on fiscal respon-

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Circle of Song to perform May 17

Circle of Song will be celebrating the arrival of spring at their concert on Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall at 2 Exchange St. The chorus has always been of modest size, but of late numbers have swelled to the low 20s, which necessitated the purchase of a set of risers and sadly, a move away from the signature semi-circle performance style. As usual, there will be a pot-pourri of music with the spiritual “Go Down Moses,” show tunes like “June Is Bustin’ Out All Over” and “Ol’ Man River” and “I Won’t Say I’m in Love.” There will be a Pentatonix favorite, Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah,” Ticheli’s “Earth Song,” Rutter’s “For the Beauty of the Earth” along with the madrigal “Fair Phyllis,” “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” and a gorgeous contemporary song, “Sing Gently” by Eric Whitacre. Finally, Bobby McFerrin takes a different approach to the “23rd Psalm.” They will also perform the all-time favorite, “Oh, Shenandoah.” The concert is free and refreshments will be served. Donations graciously accepted. For those interested in joining, they may email Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192.

Quabbin Community Band rehearsals

Quabbin Community Band rehearsals will be held Mondays from 6:30 8:30 p.m. They are every Monday except Memorial Day through Aug. 4, at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St.The band has nine concerts on Sunday evenings starting on Sunday, June 15 and ending on Sunday, Aug. 10. Concerts are at 6 p.m. and start in South Barre at Nornay Park. Concerts in July move to the center of town and are played on the bandstands on the Common. Membership is free. It being a summer band, it is fine not to come to every rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a lifelong musician and music educator, is the conductor.

Farmers Market

The Barre’s Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common. The market is held rain or shine. The market runs May to October and has a wide variety of local farmers along with home made items.

Historical Society

On Saturdays, volunteers will host open morning hours during the Farmer’s Market on Barre Common this summer. The Barre Historical Society Museum, Common Street, opens at 10:30 a.m.

The museum has a conserved 1859 12-person stagecoach that led Barre’s 250th Parade last year, numerous items pertaining to Allen’s Foundry, a White Valley mural and a replica room of Senator Brewer’s Boston Office. The Historical Society continues to be open Thursday mornings from 10 a.m.-noon or by appointment. On Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m., they will hold their Annual Meeting. A bookmaking workshop for ages 4-104 will be held on Saturday, May 10.

American Legion Auxiliary

The May Barre American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road. Refreshments will be provided by Karen, Kira and Melinda.

Magical Pizza opens in Barre



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Magical Pizza in Barre opened back in March and is a place where you’ll experience “Love at First Bite.”

“Love at First Bite”

By Ryan Drago

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BARRE – A new pizza restaurant in Barre is open for business and it can be “love at first bite.”

Magical Pizza in Barre opened its doors back in March and has been busy since its opening. Owner Bola Mina of Auburn alongside his business partner of three years, Nader Shnoda, opened Magical Pizza in Barre and so far, business has been good to them.

Six years ago, Mina opened his first restaurant in Worcester, Carlos Pizza. Mina also has a pizzeria in Charlton called Georges Pizza. Wanting to branch out in other communities, Mina would introduce Magical Pizza in Barre, which he described as a good town with nice people as part of the community.

According to Mina, the public really enjoys their pizza, but there are some special pizzas that really grew in popularity. The customers really enjoy the steak & cheese pizza, as well as the steak & cheese sandwich. The meatball pizza is very good as well and will most likely be made more often in the future.

There are numerous styles of making pizza; Neapolitan, New York, Chicago Deep Dish, Detroit, Sicilian, and California. Mina describes Magical Pizza’s style as having its own style.

“It is Magical Pizza,” Mina said. “This is the style.”

This pizzeria also offers some delicious baked goods in one of their refrigerators. The big seller is homemade

rice pudding. The fridge still had a lot of delicious slices of cheese-cake, chocolate cake, cookies and brownies but no rice pudding. Mina says the rice pudding goes fast at



The beautifully crafted Magical Pizza logo can be found in the dining area of the pizzeria, located at 570 Summer St in Barre.

Magical Pizza.

The menu of Magical Pizza offers various specialty pizzas, subs, vegetarian options and gluten free pizza as well. One of their specialty pizzas is called “Magical Pizza”. This order features grilled chicken, feta, onion and jalapeno. There is also one specialty pizza called “The Unusual”, featuring bacon, pineapple and jalapenos. Magical Pizza offers small and large size pizzas and calzones.

For weekends only, Magical Pizza offers seafood meals. A meal is served with a side of Rice Pilaf or French fries or onion rings or curly fries with Garlic Bread, Small salad, tartar sauce, coleslaw, and a lemon slice.

Magical Pizza is constantly coming up with great promotions designed especially for their customers’ needs. For a limited time, customers can get a free small cheese pizza on any order online that is \$45 or more.

When you come across the sign off Summer Street in Barre, you’ll notice the chef winking at you and that Magical Pizza is “Love at First Bite”. Mina’s wife is the creator behind the logos for the business and stands out beautifully outside and inside the pizzeria.

Being a recent customer of Magical Pizza, it was appropriate to try either their pizza or calzones for the first time. Mina said their marinara sauce is incredibly good along with their calzones.

“I know you’re going to like it,” he said.

After receiving the meal, it truly is love at first bite at Magical Pizza. There are

also hot subs, cold subs, and wraps available at Magical Pizza. There are amazing dinner options as well that is served with a side salad, choice of French fries, onion rings, curly fires, sweet potato fires or rice. Dinners offered include hamburgers, chicken fingers, wings, steak tips, chicken kebob and grilled shrimp.

Pasta meals are available at Magical Pizza from spaghetti, ziti, ravioli, stuffed shells, lasagna, alfredo, and carbonara. There are party sizes of pasta available as well, half tray and full tray.

Magical Pizza offers dine in, takeout and delivery and can be reached at 978-355-4333 to take your order. To be the first to know about new promotions, follow Magical Pizza on Facebook. Copies of the menu are available at Magical Pizza, located at 570 Summer St in Barre, MA. Be sure to visit www.magicalpizzabarre.com to check out their delicious menu and get your order in. You will also witness fantastic photos of the pizzeria and photos of some of their delicious food items, including pizza, sandwiches and wings.

Magical Pizza is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday from 11am to 9pm, closed on Sundays. This pizzeria’s key to success is to provide quality consistent food that tastes great every single time. Magical Pizza thanks the customers and the community for their continued support of their business. Welcome to Barre, Magical Pizza, where it is “Love at First Bite.”

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Quabbin Regional School District Budget Subcommittee – May 8 at 5:30 p.m.
Quabbin Regional School District Committee – May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
9/11 Memorial Development Committee – May 12 at 5 p.m.
Board of Health – May 12 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – May 12 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – May 12 at 7 p.m.
Barre CommonOversight Committee – May 13 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Committee – May 13 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 14 at 12:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – May 15 at 1 p.m.
Select Board – May 19 at 6 p.m.
Sewer Commission – May 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee – May 20 at 6:30 p.m.
250th Anniversary Committee – May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – May 22 at 11 a.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – June 10 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – May 8 at 5:30 p.m. and May 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – May 8 at 7 p.m. and June 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 14 at 12:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – May 14 at 4 p.m.
Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – May 19 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – May 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – June 5 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Board of Library Trustees virtual – May 8 at 6 p.m.
Board of Parks Commissioners – May 14 at 5:30 p.m.
Emergency Management Planning Committee – May 20 at 3 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Rep. Berthiaume/Sen. Durant office hour – May 13 from 9-10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen – May 20 at 6 p.m
Planning Board – May 21 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – May 12 and May 27 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29 and June 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Advisory Finance Committee – May 8 and May 15 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – May 8 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – May 9 at 9 a.m.
Council on Aging – May 12 at 10 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – May 13 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – May 15 at 6 p.m
Board of Health – May 15 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – May 8 at 6 p.m. and May 10 at 5:30 p.m.
Town Charter Committee – May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Bylaw Committee – May 8 at 7 p.m. a
Select Board – May 10 at 5:30 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting – May 10 at 6 p.m.
Economic Development Commission – May 21 at 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing – May 21 at 6 p.m.

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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Service While You Wait

News of the Towns

HUBBARDSTON

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Mitchell offers program on Comet Pond cottages

Pam Mitchell, Comet Pond historian, put together an extensive slide show entitled “Comet Pond Cottages and More, from 1916 to 2023” depicting most of the original cottages that were located on Comet Pond and the current cottages on the pond along with several stories and observations. This will take place on Thursday May 29 at 7 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Indoor yard sale

The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, will hold an indoor yard sale on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be spices, bake sale, white elephant and plants. There will something for everyone.

Animal Adventures

An education presentation at Animal Adventures, 39 Burnshirt Road, will take place Monday, May 12 at 10 a.m. Families must pre-register by emailing Rhianna at rburke@mocinc.org or Pam at pbernard@mocinc.org. MOC’s coordinated family and community engagement is a program o Making Opportunity Count and is funded by the Department of Early Education and Care.

Senior Center

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

Friends Group presents Finding William Lewis

NEW BRAINTREE – On Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall The Friends of the New Braintree Library will present Finding William Lewis.

Bruce Craven and Christie Higginbottom will relate how they found the William Lewis documents.

They will introduce William through an examination of his writings: his daily journal entries and accounts, including tanning and currying accounts, book sales records, accounts of wife Abby’s work sewing bed ticks and the records of daily work on the farm. This program is funded by the Hardwick/ New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a State Agency. This program is free and open to the public.

If people have any questions, they may call Deb Morrison at 508-867-3324.

Rep. Berthiaume’s chief of staff holds office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume’s Chief of Staff, Donna invites Constituents and town officials to meet her to express any concerns, ideas or issues they may need assistance with.

They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

On Tuesday, May 13, she will be in the town of North Brookfield at the Senior Center from 9-10 a.m.; in the town of New Braintree at the Town Hall from 10-11a.m. and in the town of Oakham at the Town Hall (upstairs) from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 14, she will be in the town of Hubbardston at the Senior Center and Town Hall 9-10 a.m. and in the town of Barre at the Town Hall from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

On Monday, May 19, she will be in the town of Leicester at the Town Hall from 9-10 a.m.; in the town of Spencer at Senior Center from 10:15-11:15 a.m. (Rep Marsi’s Staff Tammy will be joining her) and in the town of East Brookfield at the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Camp Putnam to participate in Summer Food Service Program

Camp Putnam, Inc. is participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced-price meals by family size are listed in below in a chart. Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly foods stamps benefits or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows at Camp Putnam:

8 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call 866-632-9992. Submit their completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;(2) fax: 202-690-7442 or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

These are the income scales used by the United States Department of Agriculture to determine eligibility for reimbursement in the Summer Food Service Program

Chart Income Eligibility

# of Household Members	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	23,107	1,926	445
2	31,284	2,607	602
3	39,461	3,289	759
4	47,638	3,970	917
5	55,815	4,652	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	1,546
For Each Additional Person ADD	+8,177	+682	+158

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 12. 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 – Lasagna and meatballs with Marinara, honey glazed carrots, baked cinnamon pears, Italian bread

TUESDAY – Barbecue chicken, sour cream and chive potatoes, country blend vegetables, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Roast pork with

gravy, herb stuffing, roasted Brussel sprouts, apple crisp, diet = applesauce, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Beef with onion and peppers, red bliss potatoes, green beans, Lorna Doone cookies, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Fish with chimichurri, rice pilaf, roasted California blend vegetables, chocolate pudding, diet = sugar free chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread

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

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a orrection, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



OAKHAM

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Church collecting for Dismas wish list

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, is collecting items for Dismas Farm in Oakham during the month of May. Items on the list include: new twin sized sheets and blankets, new pillows and bath towels, new men’s sweatshirts, sweat-pants and t-shirts sizes large through XXXL, laundry detergent, toilet paper and other cleaning supplies and fuel gift cards to help with transportation costs. People may drop these items off at the church on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon or leave them in the side hall in a bag marked for Dismas Farm. The outer side door is always open.

Church breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, May 10 from 8-9:30 a.m. There will be a free will donation with all proceeds benefiting the Barre and Rutland Food Pantries. People may also drop of non-perishable food items and household items like toilet paper, paper towels, etc. for the food pantries. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot cocoa.

Senior Center activities

Here is the May schedule of activities for the Oakham Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Town Hall. Activities include Tuesday, May 6 SHINE from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., reservations are required;

Tuesday, May 20 and May 27 Yoga at 1 p.m. \$5.00 for walk-ins; Thursday, May 8 Blood Pressure from 11 a.m.-noon; Monday, May 19 podiatry (third Monday of month) from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., reservations required; Tuesday, May 27 Blood Pressure/Glucose Testing from 11 a.m.-noon and Tuesday, May 27 SNAP benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; there are no age restrictions for SNAP.

Other activities include Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-noon puzzling; Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. Walking Group meet at Senior Center; and Tuesdays through Thursdays 11 a.m. Walking Group, meet at Senior Center.

To participate in the walking groups, people should all the senior center at 508-882-4073 and ask to be added to the MSG group and leaving their cell phone number.

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold is held in the Rutland Senior Center;\$3 donation per class.

Thursdays at noon weigh in at the Senior Center with support weight loss group.

Fridays at10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness is held at the New Braintree Town Hall; \$3 donation per class.

Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. at 508-882-4072.

Lunch Brunch meets the third Friday. This month they meet Friday, May 16 at Val’s Restaurant, Holden. There is a sign up sheet at the Senior Center Main Room.

On June 10 at 1 pm. Bemis Farms

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Opinion



Tasks for mid May

Last week’s column alluded to the fact that there was a lot to do in the herb garden. But, let me clarify: there is a lot to do everywhere I look.

Here are some of the tasks I will be working on. Maybe you can relate!

The daffodils put on quite a show this year. Now that the flowers have gone by, they will be “deadheaded” and a sprinkling of balanced fertilizer will be spread around the base of each clump of bulbs.

As the foliage “ripens” it will take in all of those nutrients, storing up wonderful energy for next years’ flowers. Leave the foliage in place until turns brown. The minor nuisance of old foliage is certainly worth the explosion of gorgeous flowers come spring.

It’s time to preheat the soil where your peppers will be planted. Peppers respond best when sunk into warm soil, so laying down black plastic or IRT plastic mulch now will get the soil warm and ready for planting come late May or early June!

Pepper plants should be planted about 12-14 inches apart. I like to unitize a wide row, installing the seedlings in a staggered pattern, so that when full-grown, the leaves of neighboring plants touch one another. They respond well to that, and the close spacing will help to prevent sun scald on ripening fruit.

I also give my pepper plants support by installing tomato cages over each plant, so that the heavy fruit doesn’t cause them to fall over in a windy summer storm.

Lilacs are bursting into bloom. Their season is fast and furious.

When the fragrant flowers have passed, its important to cut them back to the first set of leaves. Pruning the bush can take place anytime, now until July 1. After that, next year’s flowers will be sacrificed.

Always think of the one-third rule when pruning. In other words, take no more than one third of the plant volume-wise. For overgrown lilacs in particular, cut away the oldest, widest trunks all the way down to the ground. Cut back select other large

trunks some of the way, just above a branch.

Keep some suckers coming from the ground, choosing the most logical for replacement trunks down the road.

I enjoyed my first meal of asparagus this week! Perennial edibles are the best. A little maintenance each year and you reap the rewards.

I was just mentioning to someone that asparagus spears grow so fast. In the morning one may be just three inches tall but during a hot, sunny day, it might put on another three inches by nightfall. Someday I am going to have to conduct an experiment and measure!

I will be harvesting spears for about eight weeks now, and doing my best to keep the bed weed-free, less they take over!

Be on the look-out for asparagus beetles and the horizontal eggs they lay going up the spears. I squish on contact! More squeamish folks may prefer to bring a cup of soapy water out to the garden and knock the bugs into it.

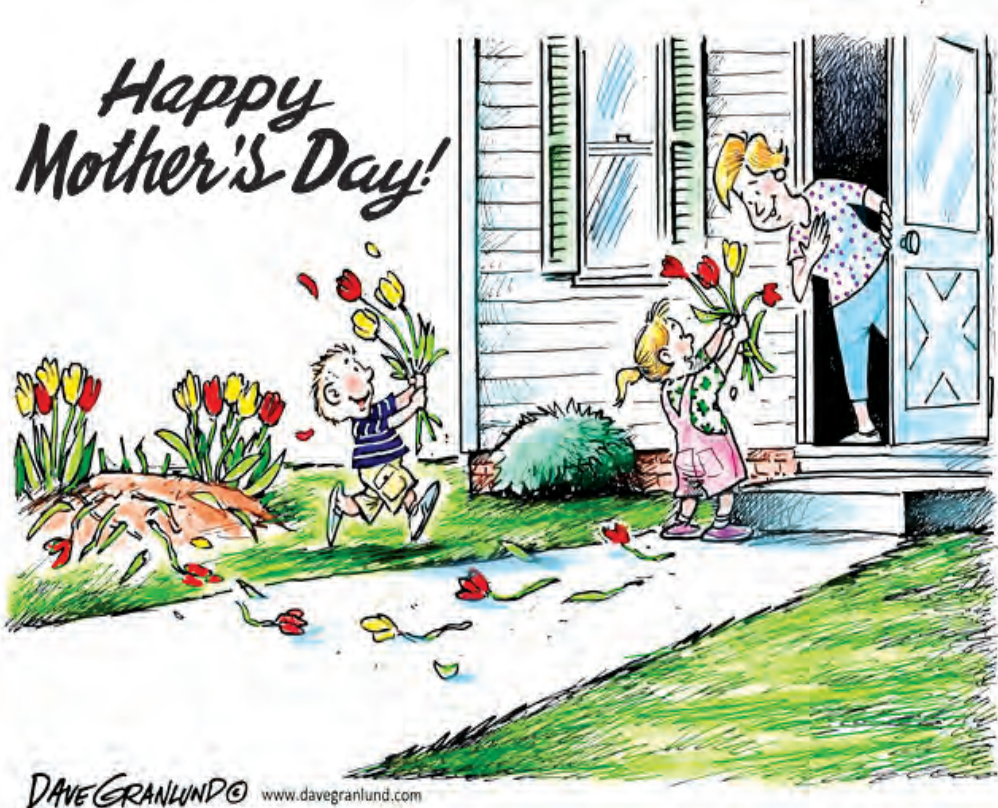
My strawberry patch was going on four years old. I decided turn it under, but I did move a few of the younger plants and started a smaller, new bed.

If you are experimenting with strawberries for the first time, be sure to remove the blossoms of June bearing types so that energy will go into making strong plants, not berries this first year. I know it is a sacrifice, but patience will lead to lots of strawberry shortcake next year.

Have fun doing whatever needs to be done in your garden! I know I will be having fun in mine!

Isn’t May just an awesome month?

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



In Past Pages

5 years (May 14, 2021)

The Annual Oakham Town Election will be held on its regularly scheduled dat Monday, May 18. However, the hours the poll, located in the voting room at Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road, will be from noon-4 pm. Instead of the usual 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the state allowed towns to change election dates and/or reduce polling hours. Voting hours must be a minimum of four hours and must begin by noon or before.

Quabbin Regional School District Committee Chairman “Lee” Wolanin said last Tuesday he was “going to rely more on subcommittees and asked them to do quite a bit more this summer.” He said, “Nothing is going to be simple.” He said having the subcommittee handle a lot more things would free up administrators and teachers. QRSD Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said the technology, special education and plants and facilities subcommittees needed to meet. During a Zoom meeting, Superintendent Muir gave the school committee an update on remote learning.

During a Zoom meeting, the Oakham Board of Selectmen voted to set Tuesday, June 30 as the date for the Annual Town Meeting. There will open the warrant at the Board’s next meeting and keep it open for two weeks. They also will hold a Special Town Meeting with one article to correct an error in the wording of funding for a highway department truck voted at last year’s Annual Town Meeting and approved as a debt exclusion during a Special Election in September.

10 years (May 14, 2015)

Look Back High Plains Playground – 1997



File photo

Don Rich helps prepare the field at High Plains for playground equipment using equipment donated by F.T. Smith.

For most students learning about George Washington and many other forefathers would come straight out of standard history book. But for veteran teacher Kellee Franklin of Barre’s Ruggles Lane Elementary School she decided to go a step further bring those historical figures to life. And what better way to do that then to get the people really matter involved, her students. While other teachers and students were getting a chance to regroup, Franklin traveled Maine and wrote a play that was recently performed by the third grade students at RLS, which chronicled Washington’s travels from Philadelphia to Boston during 1775, when he was the newly appointed commander of the Continental Army.

About sixty people attended a public forum Tuesday night at the Hubbardston

Center School. The topic was the proposed Hubbardston Senior Center and Public Safety Buildings. Originally, the forum was to be a debate between two people in favor and two people opposed to the approximately \$7 million construction of a senior center and separate public safety building. However, no one opposed to the project was willing to speak at the forum. Instead two people spoke about the need for the new buildings.

Oakham Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Currier asked Selectmen to hold highway bid openings during the day instead of at an evening Selectmen’s meeting. He said that more vendors were available to attend daytime bid openings and only a few towns still hold evening bid openings. Currier said it was hard to schedule

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Applying for Social Security at 62 when should I enroll in Medicare?

Dear Rusty:
I am writing to ask for your advice on when I should sign up or enroll in a Medicare Plan.

I have submitted an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62 birthday, in April 2025. I am a single lady with no dependents and currently rent my residence. Please advise.

Signed: Approaching Senior Citizenship

Dear Approaching:
I assume that when you say you have submitted “an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday” you mean you have applied for your Social Security retirement benefits to start in April 2025 and that you will be 62 in March. To be sure you are clear, you must be 62 for an entire month to start your Social Security retirement benefits. Even though you are

starting your Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, you will not be eligible to enroll in Medicare until you are 65 years old. Since you will be already receiving Social Security when you turn 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), effective with the month you turn 65.

You will get a “Welcome to Medicare” packet about three months before your 65th birthday. Your Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) will be free, but there will be a monthly premium (\$185 for 2025) associated with your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which will be deducted from your Social Security payment.

Note that Medicare does not cover all health-

care expenses so, when the time comes, you may wish to explore other private healthcare coverage (either a Medicare Supplement plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan). Also, Medicare Part A or Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs, so you may wish to obtain such coverage separately. One way to explore all of this is by, shortly before you are 65, contacting AMAC’s Medicare department at 1-800-3349330 or www.amac.us/medicare. And until you are eligible to enroll in Medicare at 65, you may wish to seek regular healthcare insurance for those under 65 years of age.

Please understand that we are here to answer all your questions about Social Security and Medicare enrollment. However, at the AMAC Foundation, we are not insurance specialists, which is why I suggest con-

tacting an insurance specialist as described above.

I hope this is helpful, but please don’t hesitate to contact us again at any time.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

This has been a week of a lot of rain, but things are growing well and the trees are leaving out.

The Japanese Flowering Quince is in full bloom and has taken over where I had a nice bush of forsythia. The PJM is beautiful and the Sand Cherry is at its peak.

The hostas are all poking through the gardens. My youngest daughter gave me some liquid to spray on the hostas to keep the deer away from eating them. The deer seem to like the larger leaf hostas.

The epimediums are in full bloom and seem to be taking over the hosta and deck gardens. I did transplant a few and found some growing in the moss garden.

This week I found my sign that says “Serenity Hill” on the ground. It was attached to a tree, but the frame fell apart. It was made by a friend from Winchendon the year we had our house built in 1988 so I guess it

was getting aged, like me.

When we built this house in 1987 and 1988, there was another house with the same plan being built on Underwood Road. Ken was invited to see it with a tour. Recently the same house was for sale and I was able to view it and the inside rooms on my computer. The inside is very modern compared to our house. They have it painted a different color and it has a two car garage where ours is a one car garage. It was interesting to see.

Going through my recipe books I thought this sounded like a nice easy recipe with a lot of the ingredients I keep on hand.

ONE DISH STROGANOFF

1 lb. hamburger, browned and drained
2 1/2 cups water
1 tablespoon catsup
1/4 teaspoon pepper
8 ounces French onion dip
2 teaspoons parsley
1 beef bouillon cube

4 ounces medium noodles
2 tablespoons flour

Mix all ingredients except onion dip and flour. Place in a 10 inch skillet. Bring to a boil, then simmer with cover on. Cook 15 to 20 minutes. Mix dip and flour together. Add into the meat mixture. Cook and stir until thickened. Cook one minute more. Serves 4.

This and That

Most of the leaves in the backyard are now raked up. Each day I go out and dead-head the daffodils. They have been very nice this year. All of a sudden you will notice, the trees have leaved out. The crab apple is about to burst and the fiddlehead ferns are almost ready to pick.

I just found out that Rietta Ranch flea market has opened for the season. I hope I can go this year if my limping gets better. Have a good week and don't forget to smell the flowers.

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charitable projects.

Fidelity Bank located on 56 Common St., across from the town Common has Saturday morning hours from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Farmers market patron can stop in to get some money, walk across the street to the common to purchase the

many items offered there.

Fresh fruits and vegetables not only taste better, but they contain more nutrients than produce in grocery stores, which is often shipped from long distances and even imported from other countries. With eggs often hard to find and expensive to boot, farm fresh eggs at the market are the next best thing to hav-

ing one's backyard flock of hens. Holloway Farm offers fresh eggs and plants as well.

People could even visit a bright pink tent with side panels for a palm reading. This is just one of many fun happenings taking place on Saturday mornings at the Barre Farmers Market now through October.

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the bid openings with the Selectmen's meeting schedule. Selectman Eliot Starbard said the process was more open having it during a public meeting and stated he never heard any vendors complain about evening bid openings. Selectmen Starbard and Matthew Broderick voted to not change the bid openings. Selectman William Storie did not have an opinion one way or the other.

25 years (May 11, 2000)

People are invited to join the Upper Ware River Watershed Association pick up trash and litter from along the Prince River watershed between Route 122 and Route 32 in Barre. The group will meet at Leader Supply parking lot May 13 at 9 a.m. and the organization will provide volunteers with trash bags, heavy gloves and coffee before they set out to clean along the river. It is anticipated that students from Quabbin Regional High School environmental science class will be present to provide much needed assistance and enthusiasm.

About 14 Oakham residents voted to extend the

Annual Town Meeting to Monday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakham Center School. Selectmen originally planned to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 19, but changed the date to Monday, June 12 due to the Quabbin Middle School graduation on June 19.

On Sunday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in the Petersham Unitarian Church, the Petersham Sawtooth Musicians will present their annual spring concert. Young local musicians team up with professionals in a program of chamber music, traditional songs, madrigals and opera arias and ensembles. “Between Living and Dreaming,” a song for soprano, cello and piano by Susan Riley Calдини, will receive its world premiere performance.

38 years (May 14, 1987)

Barre Selectmen announced a \$3,000 donation to the Quabbin Community Band Auxiliary at their regular meeting on Monday, May 11. Selectman Earl Sample said that the donor wished to remain anonymous. Sample thanked the benefactor for his generosity and noted that the benefactor had only the best interest of Barre and the Barre concerts in mind

in making the donation. Selectmen Ruth Trifilo and James Sullivan also thanked the individual.

Allen Russell of Mechanic Street appeared before the Barre Selectmen to voice his complaint about the recent increase for town dump stickers. The price has jumped from \$1 to \$10. Sample noted the Selectmen had no jurisdiction over the Board of Health, who set the price. He said the Board of Health is a duly elected body and answers only to the taxpayers.

The joint parade committee of the Gilbertville American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars announce that the Memorial Day services will be held in the three Hardwick villages on Sunday, May 24. The itinerary starts with services in the Congregational Church in Gilbertville at 8 a.m. followed by a breakfast brunch in the American Legion Post, an assembling of the marchers in Wheelwright at 9:15 a.m. The marchers then will assemble on Ruggles Street, Hardwick at 1:15 a.m. and start the march. After the Hardwick exercises, the marchers will assemble at Mechanic Street in Gilbertville.

Matthew Donaghy promoted to Captain

WEST BOLYSTON – Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis announces the recent promotion of Matthew Donaghy of Hubbardston to the rank of captain at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

As captain, Donaghy will be responsible for commanding and supervising the officers and staff under his charge. He will also oversee the care, custody and control of inmate activities, ensuring the safety of both staff and inmates.

Donaghy, a 15-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, was promoted to sergeant in 2017 and then to lieutenant in 2021. The new captain will now assist with operations within the Main Jail area of the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction.

“Promotions at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office are granted to individuals who show exceptional merit, a strong work ethic, and unwavering dedication to their duties,” stated Sheriff Evangelidis. “Captain Donaghy has proven himself to be a leader during his time with the sheriff's office. I look forward to watching him take on a new role, men-



Submitted photo

Captain Matthew Donaghy of Hubbardston, from left, is shown with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis after Donaghy's promotion.

tor younger staff, and fulfill the mission of the sheriff's office for the residents of Worcester County.”

The Worcester County Jail and House of Correction is responsible for pre-trial detainees and inmates sentenced to 2.5 years or less. The facility can accommodate over 1,000 inmates and is in West Boylston

Additionally, the sheriff's office operates community support/reentry centers in Fitchburg, Worcester and Webster.

To learn more about the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and how to become a Correctional Officer, people may visit www.WorcesterCountySheriff.com.

Achieving Scouting America's highest rank

Ethan Salvadore obtained Eagle Scout badge

NEW BRAINTREE – Recently Ethan Salvadore, son of Michele and Joe Salvadore of New Braintree achieved Scouting America's highest rank by obtaining his Eagle Badge.

Ethan joined Cub Scouts in elementary school and continued on with Boy Scouts with Troop 144 of Oakham since sixth grade through his senior year in high school. For his Eagle Project, Ethan and many volunteers created new trails and installed a railroad ties staircase in a steep hillside at Pynchon's Gristmill in West Brookfield.

In his time in Troop 144, Ethan has gone on many outdoor adventures. He



Submitted Photo

State Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume present Eagle Scout Ethan Salvadore with a certificate of recognition from the Legislature.

has climbed all the highest peaks in each New England state.

Ethan canoed 60 miles in the Northern Maine wilderness and lived off the grid on his own supplies for nine days, hiked throughout the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park. He attended

many summer camps and camp outs throughout New England.

Ethan earned 26 merit badges on his journey to Eagle, learning many skills along the way. Ethan will be attending UMass Lowell in the fall to study engineering.

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are a lot of other things to consider.”

Matthew also shared concerns about whether the populations grew in each of the towns, and if there would be room for North Brookfield students at Quaboag Regional Middle High School if that happened.

Magario said even with the tuition agreement, the town would still be responsible for out of district special education placement costs, which total around \$1.8 million.

He said the timing of this proposal is not ideal, and there are still a lot of questions that haven’t been answered, including what would happen to those special education students who are placed out of district.

Magario said Duff proposed a three-year contract with the town, but Magario believes this is not in the best interest, financially, for Quaboag, but also that renegotiating year to year would not be beneficial to the students.

“Looking at the information presented...the talk has been talked but no one’s actually given it much thought,” he said.

School Committee member Ralph Kay said Duff told them at the informational session that if Quaboag Regional Middle High School received the school district’s ninth through 12 grade students,

they would only need to hire one additional teacher. He said Quaboag is a “more bang for your buck” opportunity for students, even if it doesn’t save the town a lot of money.

“There’s so many more opportunities at Quaboag that we cannot offer here, between sports, drama club, 15 AP courses, career programs such as EMT and CNA and things like that,” Kay said.

Kay said there is an “appetite” in town for a change, made evident by the efforts of the regionalization committee that spent years exploring the possibility of joining the Quaboag Regional School District.

“I think that the idea of working towards regionalization is a good idea, and I would support tuitioning,” he said.

School Committee Vice-Chair Timothy Canada said there are steps to take before a school is closed, including the involvement of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

“It can’t happen this year,” he said.

Canada said they owe it to the town to have a public informational session to allow residents to ask questions about the proposal.

“There’s steps that we need to take which legally we have to do, and we need to analyze them and make sure we do them properly in conformance with what DESE wants us to do, to close the school down,”

Canada said. “I’m not saying I’m opposed to it; I’m saying that we need all the information in front of us so we that we can analyze that and then present it to the town prior to making any sort of decision like that.”

Canada said it’s not that the conversation isn’t being had by the committee, but they are trying to “fill in all the blanks” from the informational session in order to talk about the proposal more realistically.

“And really analyze what the impact would be on the students and the town as a whole,” he said.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said in a recent phone interview that the town doesn’t have the final numbers for the cost of the tuition agreement because the School Committee members have failed to do their jobs.

Petraitis said the town is working aggressively to get a firm number and move forward with the information they have. He said this potential tuition agreement is about more than just the cost to the town.

“That’s one of the major factors,” he said. “But at the end of the day, it’s how can we best serve our kids. If it breaks even, then they’re going to get a better education at Quaboag anyway.”

With net school spending at 100% for fiscal year 2026, Petraitis said the School Committee should consid-

er the possibility of a tuition agreement with another school district, or face a further reduction in its services to students.

“Their only recourse is to massively cut the elementary school,” he said, to meet net school spending.

Petraitis said there is still time to reach a tuition agreement with the Quaboag Regional School District for the upcoming school year, but it would require quick action by the School Committee to make it happen.

“We can’t keep beating around the bush,” he said.

Petraitis said approval of the tuition agreement does not require a town meeting vote, but the School Committee needs to make its decision by the end of this month so DESE can make a determination in June.

“DESE has made it perfectly clear that they want us to do something different,” Petraitis said. “They have been after us for years.”

Petraitis said while it is not the School Committee’s job to close the high school and tuition its students out to another school district, it is their job to research the possibility and know the costs.

“To say there are ‘too many unanswered questions,’ that proves they are not doing their jobs,” Petraitis said.

Petraitis said he believes that a tuition agreement with Quaboag could pave the way for regionalization with the

larger school district, and that a number of North Brookfield students are already opting to school choice there now.

“If we tuition out, I think that it [Quaboag] would be more inclined to move toward a permanent regionalization agreement and I think that’s the goal,” he said.

Public comment

Richard Rigney, Professional Rights and Responsibilities Chair of the North Brookfield Teachers Association, shared concerns regarding the discussion about tuitioning students out to another school district.

“I feel like that’s a very shortsighted and dangerous route to go for the town,” Rigney said. “Basically, the town would be giving over all control to another town without any input or say in that matter.”

Rigney said the possibility of budget cuts is another concern the union has, noting that things that are typically cut first are the fine arts and electives. He praised the work of the art students and the band, as well as the school district’s STEM and physical education programs.

“All these things are important, they keep kids in district,” Rigney said. “Obviously budgets are tight, but I urge the School Committee and the townspeople to fight for the schools and those programs.”

Residents attending the meeting asked the committee

members if they were interested in communicating with the Quaboag Regional School District for a tuition agreement.

“Right now, we are not formally looking into it,” Magario said. “It’s not something that’s been voted on; it’s not something that’s been officially discussed. It’s all comments from outside and we’re addressing those.”

Matthews said it is her understanding that in order to move forward with tuitioning out to another school district, the School Committee would need to vote in favor of it as well as voters at a town meeting. Lubelczyk and Crevier said they were told it did not require a town meeting vote, unlike regionalization which did.

A parent in attendance at the meeting spoke positively of the experience her children had in the school district, and the benefit their education in North Brookfield has had for their future.

Eighth grader Dante Giangrande, who is on the Student Council’s Executive Board and Class of 2029 president said he has attended North Brookfield Public Schools since first grade.

“This school has become my family,” he said of the high school. “I feel that I would be lost in a larger district somewhere else, and I would not have any of the opportunities that I have here today.”

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sibility and careful planning. We will grow, but it needs to be in a thoughtful, controlled manner. I will listen to both sides on any issue and help to achieve unity.

We have many great people working and volunteering for the town. We need all boards, departments, and residents to work together to keep Oakham the town we want it to be. I have no personal agenda. My concern will always what’s best for Oakham.

Being a selectman is one position on a board of three. I feel I bring experience, fiscal responsibility, which never goes out of style, ability to be a team player and a no-nonsense style. I stay true to who I am, but I am willing to listen to people.

I will always make a decision from my beliefs and convictions. It may not always please everyone but you can rest assured I will be true to my word and principles. I respectfully ask for your vote on May 19.

Thank you

Aaron L. Langlois

Oakham is fortunate to have two candidates for Selectman, who care deeply for our town, love the outdoors including hiking and who have each called Oakham home for over 20 years.

But this election is about more than shared values. It’s about choosing the leadership Oakham needs to meet the challenges ahead. From economic uncertainty to staffing and volunteer shortages to increasing state mandates, rural towns like ours need leaders with experience, resolve, and a clear plan. I believe I offer just that. For the past decade,

I’ve served Oakham with integrity, first on the Board of Health, where I helped guide our town through the pandemic and later as a Selectman, where I became known for digging into the issues,

communicating openly, and always showing up prepared while promoting modernization and advocating for our seniors.

My leadership extends beyond town government. For over 30 years, I’ve served in the Boy Scouts of America, locally, regionally, and nationally, focused on youth protection, outdoor programming, fiscal oversight and mental and emotional wellness. Next summer, I’ll serve as the Wellness Lead for the 2026 National Jamboree, supporting the health and well-being of over 20,000 Scouts and leaders nationwide.

Professionally, I bring nearly three decades of healthcare experience as a social worker, a hospice nurse, and for the last 20 years, as a hospice executive. Today, I serve as Vice President of Hospice & Palliative Care at VNA Care, leading a team of 130 employees and recently achieving a 95% employee satisfaction rate – supporting families and staff through life’s most difficult moments.

I’ve been described as a servant leader—someone who listens, puts others first and follows through. And let me be clear: I have never sought elected office outside of Oakham. Not in the past. Not now. Not ever. My commitment has always been and always will be, to this town and its future.

From the first day I learned about the proposed Battery Energy Storage Site on Coldbrook Road, I have taken a firm public stand against it. I research daily, organize community efforts and have personally reached out to our state legislators and the Governor’s office including the Lieutenant Governor drawing on relationships built through my service on the Local Government Advisory Commission and the Massachusetts Select Board Association. I’m not just raising Oakham’s concerns; I’m working to ensure they are heard at the highest levels.

If we want to protect what matters most, we must be engaged with decision-makers. If we are silent, we have no voice and no one will hear us. I support policies that protect Oakham’s rural character, sustainability and future. I believe our zoning bylaws are appropriate and that careful planning is essential to preserving what makes Oakham special.

With experience managing both nonprofit and municipal budgets, I bring a strategic mindset to town finances. I support capital planning, grant development, exploring shared services with neighboring towns, and maintaining sound financial policies while always supporting the employees and volunteers who keep Oakham running.

I have also consistently advocated for greater transparency and public involvement – remote access to meetings, timely posting of minutes, and open communication because I believe everyone deserves a voice in our town’s decisions. I don’t just talk about public service I show up, I listen and I lead.

I’m committed to helping Oakham grow stronger together. If the last few months have taught us anything, it’s that when we stand together in unity, we are at our strongest and a force to be reckoned with.

On May 19, I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue working with you and for Oakham.

**CANDIDATES FOR
 PLANNING BOARD**

Barbara Piucci

My name is Barbara Piucci and I am honored to run for a seat on the Oakham Planning Board.

Like many in town, I chose to call Oakham my hometown because of its beautiful natural resources, open space and rural neighborhoods and community. All around us, small towns are facing challenges in growing and adapting to

change while maintaining their rural character.

Many towns in Massachusetts are facing an onslaught of private, for-profit developers of Battery Energy Storage Systems. One developer is trying to locate a massive grid-scale energy storage project in Oakham by circumventing the town’s bylaws, against the will of the citizens, and with little thought to the impact on the community, our schools, residents and businesses or the surrounding towns. This is the second such BESS attempt in Oakham in three years.

While I understand and agree that energy storage is needed to support the growing demand for electricity, lithium batteries are inherently unstable, as was seen at the recent disaster at Moss Landing in California. Batteries work because of a chemical reaction. Locating a BESS in Oakham is like locating an industrial chemical plant in Oakham. Battery Energy Storage Systems are industrial facilities that belong in industrial areas and not in our rural residential town.

Land use planning decisions have long term consequences for the people, who live in town. Oakham needs to start planning ahead for rural growth rather than relying on reacting to outside influences when they appear.

If elected, my priorities will include actively involving the town residents in meetings and decisions. I will promote and be prepared for the thoughtful, steady planning of rural growth. I will fight to prevent private, for-profit Battery Energy Storage Systems and any other projects that would be detrimental to Oakham’s rural character.

My professional experience includes over 25 years working in the field of Human Resources with a specialty in Compensation Planning. I have also started and sold several small businesses over the years and raised a family. My husband and I moved to

Oakham 12 years ago and are proud to call it home.

I respect each person in town and their individual beliefs, concerns and dreams for Oakham’s future. My concern is that if we do not plan for Oakham’s future, its future will be determined by private for-profit real estate developers.

We need to stop reacting and start planning. I understand the serious nature of the role the Planning Board plays in the town’s future and promise to work hard and smart for the residents of Oakham.

I respectfully ask for your vote for the Planning Board on May 19. If elected, I will use my life experiences and commitment to Oakham to fight for land use planning that will keep Oakham rural, while allowing it to keep up with the times.

Phillip B. Warbasse

I’m requesting your support for re-election to the Oakham Planning Board.

I moved with my wife Mary to Oakham in 1987 to work as an architect in Worcester and Princeton. Through the years since, I have served our town with care, respect, professionalism and integrity, working with your five member Planning Board collectively and constructively on the many routine issues and the occasional surprises.

We worked to develop subdivision regulations, as a basis for reviewing applications. We developed zoning bylaws for regulation of cell towers and for commercial solar installations in compliance with Massachusetts law that allows a town to reasonably regulate but not prohibit large commercial solar.

The first large commercial solar was built on Barre Road in 2018, then suddenly six more applications were filed within a few months, from companies as far away as Burbank, California and Vancouver, Canada.

National Grid received so many applications to connect that they suspended all applications and when they resumed the process, all six Oakham applications had been withdrawn. With the help of several information meetings sponsored by the East Quabbin Land Trust, to enable members of any town to exchange ideas and information on how to address the onslaught of commercial solar applications, we updated our solar bylaw ready for the next application, increasing the Town’s financial protection by requiring a cash escrow fund

for future decommissioning of a large solar field. The zoning amendment passed at Special Town Meeting December 2019 and was approved by the Attorney General in April 2020.

Beginning in April 2022 we opposed a 100 megawatt, for-profit, lithium battery energy storage system off East Hill Road East that would have decimated the property values and quality of life of the closest residents, who would have been directly impacted by the extensive clear-cutting, industrial construction and power line interconnection and the potential risk of an uncontrollable runaway lithium battery fire.

Support for opposition to a “battery park” in Oakham was demonstrated by a meeting attended at the public safety complex by 300 residents. The Planning Board then developed a zoning amendment prohibiting stand-alone commercial BESS in Oakham, which passed unanimously at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting and was approved by Attorney General Maura Healey in January 2023.

Since November 2022 the Planning Board has been following a new, 180 megawatt BESS proposed for Oakham. Developers have avoided presentation meetings with the town, while progressing quietly in the back-ground with the state permitting process.

Today our BESS prohibition zoning bylaw is likely to be overruled by the state, as battery storage installations in Carver, Medway, Westfield, Wendell and Everett will be approved for construction against vigorous resident opposition. The Planning Board will continue to oppose any BESS in Oakham with full support of our residents and the efforts of our Representative and Senator to unite legislators from all other threatened towns and cities in support of a moratorium suspending any BESS application.

The Planning Board meets monthly. All Planning Board meetings are open to the public and welcome to all. Meeting notice is published as required on the town website and, because we know that some residents have limited or no internet access, we always post paper notice in the message cabinet outside the Town Hall.

I am proud to be serving Oakham as a Planning Board member and I look forward to your continuing support in the May 19 election.

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Over 50 Quabbin Regional High School students, staff and administrators signed up for the walk.

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the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and talking to people who had also lost their loved ones to suicide.

Theriault said the Out of the Darkness Campus Walk was about healing.

“Let’s make this walk pain free and help someone to heal,” she said. “Let’s walk for everyone.”

Theriault thanked the community members and businesses who supported the walk through donations and participations, as well as the Town of Ware, which donated \$5,000.

Karen Carreira of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention spoke on

behalf of the organization, which she also used for help following the loss of her own son.

“I found hope through the connections that we have,” she said.

She thanked the walk participants for their continued support, and for the impact their donations will have to prevent suicide.

“Your efforts today and money raised today go toward continuing that research” Carreira said. “We are brought together this morning through tragedy and struggle, but we stand here together in hope. As you walk today, you can feel it.”

Following the walk, live music was provided by Lyle’s Leftovers (Ethan’s

father Shawn’s band), AKA Music and She Shed. Hotdog lunches were donated by the Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183.

Various businesses donated dozens of raffles prizes and Country Bank was on hand to pass out snacks and water. Quabbin Regional High School students offered a rock painting activity.

At the time of the walk, over \$7,5000 was raised to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention with the top earning teams being Walk for Ethan, Mopar or No Car Crew and Walmart Family. The individuals were Kristen Murphy, Kym Russell, Laurie Emerson, Terry Smith and Brianna Connor.

Hardwick election results

Voters elect Schaaf to Select Board

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – A total of 338 out of 2,135 registered voters took to the polls this past Saturday for the annual town election.

This represents 15.8% of the town’s voting population.

Securing a three-year seat on the Select Board with 241 votes was Jeffrey Schaaf. Candidates Jeffery Smith and Elizabeth Cyran received 52 and 43 votes,

respectively.

Planning Board incumbent John Samek retained his seat for another three-year term, securing 199 votes, with Cyran receiving 128.

Lisa Gaskill earned the majority of the votes for a one-year term as Paige Memorial Library Trustee with 164 votes over Barry Koch who received 116 votes. Both Stacey Hill and Laura Grunweg were reelected to three-year terms as Paige Memorial Library Trustees.

Tina Lindsey-Pease received 221 votes, which

earned her a three-year term as Constable, and incumbents Eric Vollheim and Ryan J. Witkos were both reelected to this position with 248 and 276 votes.

Kristyl Kelly was elected to serve on the K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee for a two-year term and Jennifer Garvey was reelected to a three-year term on that committee.

Nathan Goddard received 261 votes as Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee for a three-year term and Lucinda Childs was reelected to the Board of Assessors for a three-year term.

Scout Matthew Erickson passes Eagle board of review



Submitted photo

Shown from left, are Richard C. Stevens, Matthew Erickson, Gary Pearson and Mike Collins of Troop 1026 Barre. Scout Erickson passed his board of review to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 9

BARRE PLAYERS THEATER, 64 Common St., Barre presents “Helen’s Most Favorite Day” written by Mark Dunn and directed by Jessie Olson today and Saturday, May 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 11 at 2 p.m. For tickets,, people may either call 978-799-5300 or visit <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/barre-players/67cb073bf63d890f59b-97be1>.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

INDOOR YARD SALE hosted by The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, will be held today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be spices, bake sale, white elephant and plants. There will something for everyone.

BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP will be offered by the Barre Historical Society today from 10 a.m.-noon. It will be held by Director Kellee Murphy. This is fifth installment in traditional arts series. Attendees will be given the basics of book making and all materials will be provided for this free class fit for ages 4-104. Advance registration is not required but it’s helpful to know if people plan to attend by emailing barrehistory@gmail.com. They should reply with the number attending.

BUS TOUR OF HISTORIC SITES sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society will take place today starting at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 40 seats on the bus. People should reserve a seat by emailing the Historical Society at rutlandmahistorical@gmail.com. The tour consist of about 15 historical topics throughout the town including a walking tour of the town commons and six stops where they will be disembarking the bus for more detailed presentations. Total walking distance is ½ to ¾ of a mile, some walking on unpaved surfaces. Sturdy footwear is encouraged. The total time for the tour is expected to be approximately 2 ½ hours and will be followed by light refreshments and an open house at the Wood House. This event is free of charge. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

GLOBAL BIG DAY for counting birds will take place today at 7:30-9 a.m.at the Accessible Rail Trail, Church Street, Ware. The trail is accessible to mobility devices. Participants will meet in the parking lot. The event will happen if there is light rain. It will be rescheduled in the case of heavy rain. People should dress for the weather and bring snacks, water and a folding chair if they find it difficult to stand for long periods of time.

BARRE FARMERS MARKET is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market is held rain or shine. The market runs May to October and has a wide variety of local farmers along with home made items.

Where is this?

This week’s mystery photo is from Petersham. 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 12. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Marna Mucha correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.



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A NAME YOUR OWN PRICE TAG SALE will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., North Brookfield. This event was rescheduled due to last weekend’s weather. There will be plants, puzzles, books, clothes, kitchen/household/kids items, treasures and more.

PRESENTATION ‘IMMIGRANTS FACTS FICTION’ sponsored by Grassroots Central Mass.: will be held today from 3-5 p.m. in the lower level of the Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge. This event is free. Grassroots Central Mass hopes to foster a fuller understanding of some of the struggles that prompt people to move from their home countries and also to make connections to the journey to the U.S. that many of our own family members made either recently or in the past. They plan to tell this story through music, poetry, and the voices of people who have made the long journey here along with the presentation of some historical facts. For more information on Grassroots Central Mass., people may visit our website: <https://grassrootscentralmass.org> or email info@grassrootscentralmass.org.

MONDAY, MAY 12

STORY TIME for preschoolers hosted by the New Braintree Public Library,

45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree will be held today beginning at 9 a.m. The readings will include “A Seed Grows” by Antoinette Portis and “Plant the Tiny Seed” by Christie Matheson. Children will be given the opportunity to plant seeds to bring home, care for them, and watch them grow. This reading and crafts program is held at the library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. except Memorial Day through Aug. 4, at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St., Barre. They have concerts on nine Sunday evenings starting on Sunday, June 15, and ending on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. with June concerts in South Barre at Nornay Park and July concert in the center of Barre. Membership is free. It being a summer band, it is fine not to come to every rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a lifelong musician and music educator, is the conductor.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING will take place today at 7 p.m. in Barre Post 2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. Refreshments will be provided by Karen, Kira, and Melinda. Hope to see you there.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES, an educational presentation will take place today at 10 a.m. at 39 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. Families must pre-register by emailing either Rhianna at rburke@mocinc.org or Pam at pbernard@mocinc.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

WEST BROOKFIELD ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL takes place today on the West Brookfield Common, Route 9, West Brookfield. The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St., will offer their famous Asparagus Chowder from the church lawn. Hot chowder by the cup, cold chowder to take home, heat and eat by the quart, cookies and cold drinks will be available from 10 a.m. until it runs out. Inside and outside dining is available. People may call the church for more information at 508-867-7078.

CIRCLE OF SONG SPRING CONCERT will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. Circle of Song is finishing up its 24th year with an eclectic and quite fun line up of songs from many genres, mostly of American music. The protagonist is played by Emma Dooley and other dancers besides Grace are Michele Tranes and Siobhan Moynihan. People are invited to come and celebrate mid-spring with Circle of Song. The concert is free and refreshments will be served. Donations are graciously accepted. People interested in joining should email Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192.

EXPLORING NORTH SIDE OF QUABBIN WATERSHED will take place today from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 29, Rte. 202, New Salem. This is a 2.4 mile out/back hike on Quabbin’s north side of the watershed. Participants will be walking through the forest on a dirt road and ending at the shoreline of the reservoir. Walking to the water, the hike covers 1.2-miles and relatively little change in elevation. They will then backtrack and head out the way they came in. People should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed.

To register, people should visit Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 29.

New law raises Social Security income for some

Until recently, if you received a pension from a job that did not pay into Social Security and you've also worked in a job that did, your Social Security benefits at retirement were reduced based on your pension income.

As of Jan. 5, 2025, that's no longer the case, thanks to the Social Security Fairness Act. Now, you'll receive both your pension and your fully earned Social Security benefits because the Act repealed the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

This new law also repealed the Government Pension Offset (GPO) provision which had reduced spousal or survivor Social Security benefits for people employed in government jobs. These benefits will be increased in 2025.

There are nearly 3 million people who, depending on their situation, may see their benefits increase – from very little to \$1,000 a month or more. Those impacted fall into these professional categories: teachers, firefighters, and police officers in many states; and federal employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System.

The Act is retroactive to January 2024, and the Social Security Administration paid an additional lump sum benefit to affected people in March 2025. Going forward, most monthly income "raises" appear on April checks (for March benefits). A few more complex cases may take a little longer.

A word of caution – beware of scammers. The Social Security Administration doesn't tend to call, email or text; they'll send a letter regarding changes to your retirement benefits. And they will never ask you to pay for assistance or to have your benefits started, increased, or paid retroactively. But you can call the SSA at 800-772-1213 to ask if your retirement benefits have changed.

Plan for your increased retirement income

Of course, everyone's needs are different, so there's no one “right” way to handle a lump sum benefit or a monthly raise in income. But here are a few suggestions:

- Pay off some debts. If you have credit card debt a car or student loan, you may want to pay it down, or even pay it off.
- Invest in an individual retirement account (IRA). If you still have "earned" income – from wages, salaries, tips, bonuses, commissions, self-employment earnings or long-term disability payments – you can contribute from these sources to an IRA. There are tax benefits and an array of investment choices, so it's an excellent way to build resources for retirement.
- Save for college. If you have children, or grandchildren, who have college in their plans, you might want to put some money into a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, which provides tax benefits and gives you great flexibility in distributing the money.
- Build an emergency fund. If you don't already have an emergency fund with three to six months of living expenses, you can work on that. Keep the money in a liquid, low-risk account, so that it's readily available to pay for unexpected costs. Without such a fund, you may be forced to tap into your long-term investments.

Above all, you may want to get some help. A financial professional can recommend ways of using the money to help you meet your goals. Take any recent government correspondence that shows how your retirement benefits have changed so you can build or review your retirement income strategies.

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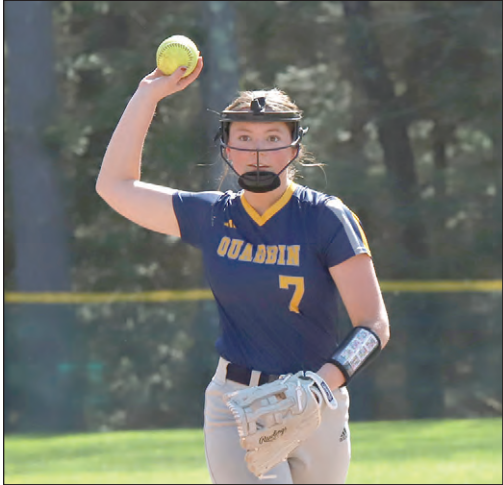
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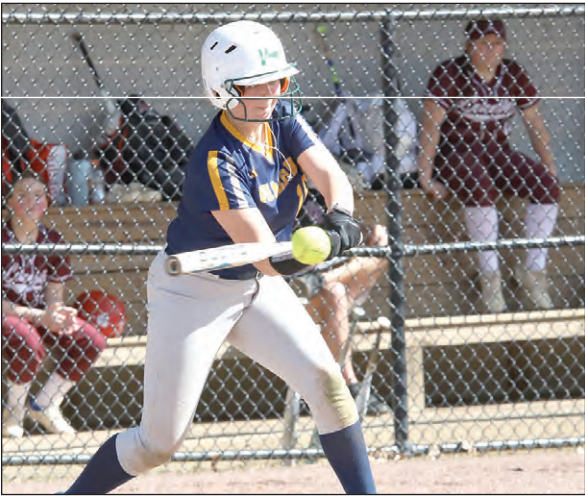
Jordan Blanchard fields a grounder to short.



Carly Beaton makes the throw to first.

Panthers win wild one with Leicester

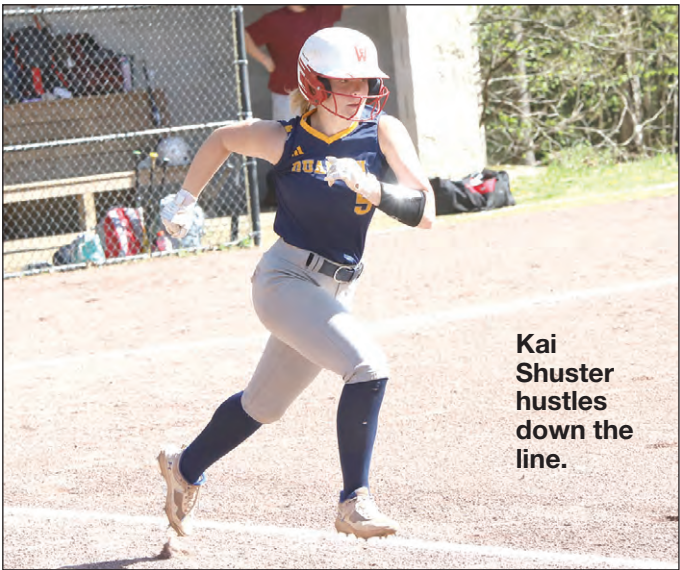
BARRE – Last Thursday afternoon, Quabbin Regional softball picked up a 13-11 win over visiting Leicester. Despite a four-run first, Quabbin came back with five runs in the bottom of the inning, and the scoring did not stop from there. The Panthers were also able to hold of Leicester's offense in order to pick up the win. The Panthers were rained out earlier this week and are hoping to play on Thursday, May 8 at Lunenburg at 4 p.m.



Jennavicia Roseberry squares up a pitch.



Ju-Ju Guilderson rounds third and comes around to score.



Kai Shuster hustles down the line.



Abby Rogowski sends a pitch to the plate.



Tim Russell delivers a pitch home.

Five-run third keys win for Pioneers

PALMER – Last Monday afternoon at Legion Field, Pathfinder baseball scored all five of its runs in the top of the third inning, and rode that a 5-1 win over Palmer. Brayden Mega had three hits while Tim Russell turned in a complete game with 12 strikeouts and allowing just a run and four hits. The Pioneers are 9-1 while Palmer fell to 2-11. Brendan Hess also turned in a complete game, striking out nine in his outing. Sebastian Mayberry had two hits, including a triple for the Panthers.



Zander Auffrey leads off first base.



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Edward Szostek fields a hit to center.



Emerson Boronski makes the catch on a fly ball to left

Unified Track holds first meet

Last Thursday afternoon, the Quabbin Regional High School Unified Track team held its first meet of the spring season. The Panthers hosted Narragansett on a sun-splashed day at Quabbin Regional High School.



Narragansett is a regular rival for Quabbin Unified Track.



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The Unified Track teams from Quabbin and Narragansett took place last Thursday.



It was a beautiful, warm day for the first track meet of the year.



The Unified Track team typically hosts two meets and travels for two other



The teams were split into groups to take part in the long jump, javelin, and shot put.

Mustangs fall to 0-11

MONSON – Last week, the Monson High School boys lacrosse team, which co-ops with Pathfinder fell to 0-11 with losses to Granby and McCann Tech. For the Monson, it was a tough game with a 6-0 shutout against McCann. Granby scored a 7-2 win over Monson last Friday. The Mustangs are back in action on Friday, May 9 against Bay Path Tech.

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Sports

Candlepin League News

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Bogey Doubles

EAST BROOKFIELD – The second round of matches during the Bogey Doubles League on April 28 featured Murphy & Kenneson against Rando & MacDougall.

In game one, Rando & MacDougall won by a score of 260-254. In game two, Rando & MacDougall won again by a score of 259-230.

The team of Rando & MacDougall defeated Murphy & Kenneson for a three-game sweep by a score of 278-259. Duncan MacDougall finished the match by bowling a 131. The final score was 797-743 in favor of Rando & MacDougall.

Mondor & Brayton bowled against Clauson & Santora during the second match of the evening.

In game one, Clauson & Santora won by a score of 264-259. Gary Santora started the match with 118.

In game two, Clauson & Santora won again by a score of 271-258. Santora followed up with a 132. In game three, Mondor & Brayton won 280-229. With a big win in game three, Mondor & Brayton won total pinfall by a final score of 797-764.

Pellett & Nester bowled against Halbedel & Fontaine. In game one, Aaron Fontaine started with a 133 to win for his team, 278-256. Game two was won by Halbedel & Fontaine by a score of 250-249.

In game three, Pellett & Nester won by a score of 264-236. Fontaine finished with 124 and a series of 376. The final score was 769-764 in favor of Pellett & Nester.

Gauthier & Clough bowled against Sandman &

Marvin. Game one was won by Sandman & Marvin by a score of 255-254. Game two was won by Sandman & Marvin by a score of 260-247.

Gauthier & Clough won the last game by a score of 272-245. The third game victory helped Gauthier & Clough win total pinfall, 773-760.

Renaud & Ward bowled against Talamini & Gravel. Renaud & Ward won game one by a score of 263-249. Talamini & Gravel won game two by a score of 276-252. Talamini & Gravel won the last game by a score of 278-251.

The final score was 803-766 in favor of Talamini & Gravel.

Bogey Lanes will be having summer leagues starting soon in the month of May. For more information call the lanes at 508-867-6629 or visit Bogey Lanes at 199 North Brookfield Road.

Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame announces Class of 2025 Indutees

HOLYOKE – The Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the induction of its Class of 2025, recognizing a distinguished group of individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport of baseball in the region. The induction ceremony will take place on June 5 at 6 p.m. at the Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke.

This year's honorees include:

- **Pete Fatse:** An infielder who played at Minnechaug Regional High School and the University of Connecticut. Fatse was selected by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 24th round of the 2009 MLB draft. He currently serves as the hitting coach for the Boston Red Sox.

- **Todd Ezold:** A stand-out catcher for Classical High School in Springfield and the University of

Massachusetts Amherst. While at UMass, Ezold was a finalist for a position on the 1984 US Olympic Baseball team and was later drafted by the New York Yankees in the 18th round of the 1985 Draft.

- **Terry Murphy:** Former Mayor of Holyoke. A graduate of Holyoke High School, Murphy played for Holyoke Community College and Stonehill College, contributing to the legacy of baseball in the area.

- **Tom Sgroi:** Coaching Westfield High School from 1983 to 2003, Sgroi achieved an impressive record of 330 wins and five Western Massachusetts championships, earning his place in the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1996.

- **Kevin Stannard:** Recently retired after over 30 years of coaching at Taconic High School,

Stannard led his teams to more than 400 victories and state championships in 2017, 2019, and 2021.

- **Rich Tettemer:** The Hall of Fame committee is pleased to award the Garry Brown Excellence Award to Rich Tettemer, who has been a prominent figure in local sports media since joining WWLP in April 1988. Rich currently anchors the weekday morning and noon editions of 22News.

“We are thrilled to honor this remarkable group of individuals whose contributions to baseball in Western Massachusetts have left a lasting impact,” said Matt Drury, President, Valley Blue Sox. “Their achievements reflect the rich history and passion for the game in our community.”

The induction ceremony will include remarks from each inductee, celebrating their accomplishments and contributions to the sport.

In the Classroom



Submitted photos

Juniors and senior students at Quabbin Regional High School watch as emergency personnel respond to a staged crash on Friday, May 2 at the school.

District Safety Team simulate car crash

BARRE – On Friday May 2, the Quabbin Regional School District Safety Team, composed of administration and members of the five district towns fire and police, hosted a Crash Simulation for grade 11 and 12 students.

The goal of this event was to encourage students to reflect upon decisions that they make when operating a motor vehicle or when choosing to be driven by another person.

The messaging to students was that “They Matter.” This simulated crash was held in the parking lot adjacent to Alumni Field. Although this was a staged event, emergency vehicles police, fire and EMS responded to the scene as they would for an actual event.

Quabbin student actors, Hunter McQuestion, Cameron Forde, Rachel Harrington, Jayne O’Brien, Brody Faucher and Jahzara Tweedell, took on the roles of “victims” in the crashed vehicles and did an admirable job in a difficult situation.

A special thank you is necessary for Barre School Resource Officer Mark Sawyer, Barre Sgt. Russell Davidson, Barre Chief James Sabourin, QRSD Director of Safety Kevin Clark, New Braintree/Hardwick Lt. Kevin Landine and New Braintree Fire Chief Dennis Letendre for their knowledge and expertise in organizing this event.

In addition, we are grateful



A victim sits on the ground near a car crash during a simulation staged by the Quabbin Regional School District safety Team.

for the emergency response participants from Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston and New Braintree who responded and re-enacted their important roles at a crash scene. We were also fortunate to have three of our student intern junior fire department members, Kylie George, Madeleine Gaumond and Kevin Thompson participate in the scenario in their roles on the fire department. Final thanks go to Barre Select Board member, Mark Regenius and Paul Maio from New Braintree for donating the cars for the event.

Our juniors and seniors were attentive and respectful during the crash scenario as well as during a debrief after the event. Students asked good questions and were fully engaged. Counselors, admin-

istrators, and a comfort dog from the Princeton Police Department were on campus for the remainder of the day in the event any student needed to talk or share their feelings in regard to what they saw this morning.

Driving distracted or impaired has serious consequences. Talking to students on an ongoing basis is critically important to help this message stick. We appreciate support from families and our community. It is our hope all of our students will continue to make the best decisions for their health and safety during the upcoming prom and graduation seasons as well as throughout their lifetimes. Our students Do Matter, now and always.

Monty Tech students experience Fire Academy training

STOW – A group of senior Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and Property Maintenance students from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on, immersive experience at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Stow.

This field trip offered valuable training and insights into firefighting techniques, fire safety, and team building. The Massachusetts Fire Academy provides fire training to municipal fire service personnel and offers immersive school tours and programs for students to gain practical experience with firefighting equipment and skills. While the HVAC students received a Hot Works, fire safety certification junior year, this experience took their training to a new level. HVAC Instructor Gabe Josephs said, “The Hot Works certification offers foundational fire prevention knowledge, this immersion program reinforces just how serious a situation can become when mistakes happen.”

The students experienced the life of a firefighter through a mix of classroom instruction and hands-on drills. The day included gear-up exercises, hose line training, a mock fire scenario and drills on the second floor of the Academy’s training building. They also practiced search-and-rescue in a pitch-black building, forcible



Submitted photo

Monty Tech students learn entry skills into a building.

entry techniques, and a final challenge to suit up in under a minute—tests that pushed their teamwork, quick thinking, and ability to perform under pressure.

For one student this day meant so much more. Jack Mateychuk from Holden visited the fire station where his late father, James “Jaime” Mateychuk, had worked part-time after his retirement from the Worcester Fire Department, where he devoted over twenty years to Rescue 1. In a heartfelt tribute to Jaime’s legacy, his colleagues, including those who weren’t scheduled to be at the Academy, came together wearing matching “Gone but

Not Forgotten” shirts to support Jack during his visit.

This experience was far more than training; it was a tribute to Jack’s father and a demonstration of the bond within the fire service community. Josephs said, “It was great to experience this with my students and I know it will have a lasting impact on them.” The Monty Tech HVAC and Property Maintenance program has seen an evolution in its curriculum and credentialing opportunities for students, continually seeking valuable opportunities for them as they develop and explore a variety of important career pathways.



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Chicken barbecue to benefit St. Aloysius Catholic School

WARE – The Knights of Columbus Council #183 will be holding a chicken barbecue at St. Mary’s Church Hall, 57 South St., on Saturday, May 10 from 1-4 p.m. to benefit St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville.

In addition to a delicious lunch that includes a half chicken, baked potato, salad and dessert, there will be music provided by DJ Brian, a grand prize offering, raffles and face painting for the kids. Please consider attending this event to support the school.

Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children up to age 14 and are available from St. Aloysius students, or online at <https://www.staloysiuscs.com/support/k-of-c-barbecue/> through April 30. You may also call the school at 413-477-1268 to order and pick up your tickets.

If you know of anyone interested in donating to the raffle baskets or becoming an event sponsor, please have them reach out to Roberta McQuaid by emailing rmcquaid@staloysius-catholicschool.com.

Tag sale at Christ Memorial Episcopal this Saturday

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will hold its “name your own price” tag sale on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This event was resched-

uled due to last weekend’s weather.

There will be plants, puzzles, books, clothes, kitchen/household/kids items, treasures and more. Rain date is Saturday, May 10.

Kids and adults craft their own toys at Barre Library

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BARRE – It was an evening of crafting and creativity as the Woods Memorial Library hosted Project Sid.

The library brought in some broken and used toys and offered a fun youth program for kids to bring these toys back to life. Kids got to join the library’s Toy Mash-Up Lab and turn old and busted toys into something completely brand new.

This event was inspired by the character Sid from the film “Toy Story”. If you’ve seen the film, you’d know Sid would create and mix up parts of his toys to make his own wild creations. Several kids showed up for Project Sid and several adults got involved as well.

Youth Services Librarian Kayla Phillips was working on several projects and had a



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

A skeleton garden made by Kayla Phillip

few toys displayed that were made by her children. The first project Phillips made was called a “skeleton garden”. This was a garden featuring skeleton heads as part of the plants and other fea-

tures in the garden.

Phillips was working on another cool project in the form of an action figure. The library provided boxes full of donated and used toys that could be put into a new use.

Phillips came across a lot of insect toys and decided to craft a fly themed action figure with wings and bugs all over the figurine.

On the other side of the craft room was Aubrey knitting a basket for her stuffed bumble bee. Her mother also participated during Project Sid and was painting a tree-house and using a tin lid and repainted it green. It was almost as if she was creating her own playground.

The tool used for adding new arms, legs and heads to new toys was hot glue guns. The library provided those as well and helped these creative toymakers craft their own new toys.

These old used toys were brought back to life thanks to Project Sid at this fun event for tweens and teens.

For more fun events at Woods Memorial Library visit www.barrelibrary.org.

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School Committee approves program of studies

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – High School Principal John Diorio presented the program of studies for the 2025-2026 school year to the School Committee for approval.

At the April 28 meeting, Diorio said they have made about five changes to the existing program, including language related to graduation requirements and competency determination, and community service requirements.

“It was 30 hours, we changed it to 40 hours for grades nine through 12, that way it would be 10 hours per year for our students,” he said.

Diorio said there are plenty of opportunities for students to earn community service hours on the school campus, from helping out at events and stocking the food pantries.

Diorio said they have also changed the number of summer school credit recovery classes a student can take to a maximum of two classes, or more at the principal’s discretion. He said this is to discourage students from failing classes during the regular school year and making them up during the summer.

Diorio said they have also added two new math elec-

tives – statistics and quantitative reasoning. He said they have also added engineering and technology and classes for Advanced Manufacturing Pathways.

A more detailed course description has been added for existing science classes; forensics and brain and behavior.

The School Committee members voted to approve the program of studies for the 2025-2026 school year.

Applied Learning conference

Superintendent Tim McCormick, Diorio and middle school science teacher Caitlyn Malone spoke about attending the Applied Learning conference held in Denver, Colorado at the beginning of April. They were able to attend the conference which was paid for through a grant from the One8 Foundation, which is also funding the school district’s Project Lead the Way initiatives at the elementary school and middle school.

McCormick said they toured three schools in Denver with Applied Learning programs, and he said that each school was very different and distinct.

Diorio said Applied Learning features a lot of project-based learning and real-world applications.

“This just goes right along with what we’re doing,” he said. “It has to do with teachers and students

engaging in real-world collaboration and iteration where they can work on complex problems. The key here is they’re meaningful to the students.”

Diorio said the students are more engaged and participated more in things that are relevant to them. He said that collaboration and communication are two key aspects of Applied Learning.

Malone said she has seen results firsthand in her classroom and that students are thinking like scientists and having engaging conversations.

McCormick said Applied Learning isn’t just for science-based classes and that it can be used in all coursework.

“The hope, the goal, is to allow this to grow so that we see examples of Applied Learning in every single classroom that are in these buildings,” he said.

Interim Director of Student Services

McCormick said an interim Director of Student Services was hired part-time to work in an hourly capacity. He said they are conducting interviews to fill the position full-time.

Interim Director Kathleen Baris has extensive experience in this position, having recently retired after 12 years with Webster Public Schools.

Administrators’ reports

Elementary School Principal Arthur Murphy

said students in grades three through five have completed the English Language Arts portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test. He said the school had 100% participation.

He said during testing, students received tickets for their hard work and there will be an assembly celebration at the completion of all MCAS testing. He said the math portion of the test starts next week for grade five.

Murphy said the Earth Day celebration took place on April 13 and students enjoyed making and flying kites out of reusable materials, making planters and birdfeeders, decorating reusable cloth bags, participating in archery, Earth Day bingo, and much more.

Diorio said middle school students made a great effort on the English Language Arts portion of MCAS testing and had 100% participation on both days of testing.

He said STEAM Night was held on March 25 and over 150 students and families attended the event. He thanked all of the staff who worked to make the event a success.

Diorio said the high school was invited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges to give a presentation to school representatives from schools around New England. He said he received a lot of pos-

itive feedback about the presentation.

He congratulated recent National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society inductees.

He said May 9 is the junior prom at the Hitchcock Tavern in West Brookfield and graduation will be held on June 1.

Student Representative report

Student Council Representative Dante Giangrande said spring spirit week was held prior to April vacation.

“We had different themes for each day,” he said.

Classes also competed in a lip sync contest and the fifth grade students were invited to watch.

He said the Student Council’s Executive Board election will be held on May 5 to elect the new board for the 2025-2026 school year.

Giangrande said Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 5-9, ending with a staff appreciation breakfast.

Class day/field day will be held on Friday, May 30 and class elections will be held in late May for rising seventh through 12th graders and rising sixth graders will have elections in the fall.

A lock-in for Student Council members will be held on Friday, June 6 to Saturday, June 7. Student Council members will stay overnight at the school, participating in workshops and

teambuilding activities.

Curtain donation

McCormick said the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield has offered to donate a new curtain for the auditorium in the elementary school. The committee accepted the donation of the curtain, which is valued at more than \$2,000.

Library book policy

School Committee Chair John Magario said there is already an existing policy in place for parents who have concerns about books in the school’s library. He said there is a form that can be filled out and submitted for review.

“If there’s an issue with a book that you have, you can follow the established policy,” he said.

Recognitions

Magario recognized School Committee members Tonya Matthews and Ralph Kay for their time serving on the committee. Both members did not seek reelection this term.

“I want to thank you both for your service,” he said.

McCormick recognized first grade teacher Mike Shelburne for organizing the annual Earth Day celebration at the elementary school. He also recognized Adjustment Counselor Tova Margolis and Guidance Counselor Courtney Erhardt for planning the second annual Wellness Day at the junior/senior high school.

Tri Parish holds plant, bake and tag sale May17 and 18

HARDWICK – The Tri Parish Community Church welcomes the public to their 19th annual plant, bake, craft and tag sale May 17th and 18th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the beautiful Hardwick common.

The sale will feature traditional, favorite, and connoisseur perennials, plus selected

annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs. There is a wonderful variety in plants offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman’s Farm and Howe’s Farm and Garden both of New Braintree, Tracie’s Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Cooperative Exchange of

Hardwick and “homegrown lovelies” from private gardens.

The proceeds from the plant and bake sale support the operational expenses of the church. Come spend the day enjoying all that Hardwick has to offer while supporting the fund-raising efforts of the church.

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She said in the past the town has been able to fund the school district’s budget, but they can’t do it anymore because there is no available money. She said according to state Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, many towns have tried to pass overrides, but these votes usually fail.

Crevier said it’s not just the school department that needs to reduce its budget; it’s across the board.

School Committee Chair John Magario said an override vote should have gone before the voters and not dismissed by one member of the Board of Selectmen.

“Just completely discounting the opportunity to have an override I think is unfair to the citizens of the town,” he said.

In a recent phone interview, Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said an override would not be a long term solution to the town’s financial challenges, and the town would likely need another one in a few years to continue to meet the growing budget.

“We have looked at and discussed the override and what it entails,” Petraitis said.

Petraitis said the town has to get its debt exclusions under control before considering an override to balance the budget. These debt exclusions include the sewer upgrade and the Highway/Fire buildings project.

“We need to get that under control before we talk about an override,” Petraitis said.

Other potential budget cuts

McCormick said further cuts to the FY 26 budget could “tremendously harm our students and our families.”

“These are cuts that maybe in the short term would help us financially in some aspects, but would hurt

is in the long term with how we can retain students and offer programs that our students deserve and need,” he said.

Potential further cuts include the elimination of visual and performing arts classes, key clubs and co-curricular activities such as Art Club and Pep Band, the removal of the library/media specialist position in the elementary school, one of the two physical education positions, an English Language Arts teacher, one paraprofessional and a district instructional coach, as well as the reduction of the English Language Learners position from full-time to part-time, saving the town \$476,651.

The cuts also include two new positions McCormick had proposed for FY 26; a sub-separate teacher and an ABA, which he said could potentially decrease out of district special education costs.

McCormick said the school district receives 75% reimbursement for out of district special education placements through Circuit Breaker, but the direct cost to the school district has increased. He said they project that 13 students will be in out of district placements for FY 26.

“This cost...is going to stay somewhat steady,” he said.

In terms of school choice, McCormick said there is an increase in students leaving the school district since 2020. He said they are not seeing as many students opting to school choice into the district.

McCormick said the role of a school superintendent is to advocate for students, families and teachers.

“The amount of cuts that I just outlined here...is not something I would get behind,” he said. “It impacts too many kids, too many families, and does a disservice to the education of our kids here in the district.”

He said a level service budget is a maintenance budget. He said it is not “wish list” spending.

“It’s not getting fancy, it’s maintaining what we have for our students, our families and our teachers,” he said.

McCormick said the cuts could cost the school district more, especially with out of district placements.

“If we move forward with these projected cuts, I will guarantee you we will see more kids leave the district,” he said. “Making this widespread of a cut will negatively impact our district and our students.”

McCormick told the School Committee he hoped they could find a better way to move forward than making these projected cuts.

Committee Vice-Chair Tim Canada said the list of projected cuts would be a “terrible blow” to the school district, with a direct impact on the students.

Magario said eliminating staff positions was not ideal and committee member Tonya Matthews said she would not be able to vote on further cuts without knowing how much the proposed budget needed to be reduced.

The committee moved to reduce the budget by \$377,105.50 (per slide 88, FY 26 general budget reductions), reducing the increase over last year’s approved budget from \$995,717.31 to about \$618,000. Town Accountant Shiela LeBlanc said there is still another \$300,000 that needed to be cut to reach net school spending of 100%.

This motion did not include the cutting of staff positions, which will be discussed as the School Committee waits to hear more information, including the target number to reduce the budget to, and final numbers for state aid including Rural School Spending and Chapter 70.

“Right now, we don’t have the full picture,” Canada said.

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05/08, 05/15, 05/22/2025

New Braintree Select Board Notice of Public Hearing
Upon the petitions of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., the Select Board of New Braintree has scheduled a public hearing on **Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:05 p.m.** at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA.
Plan marked jointly for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. No. 31101937 dated March 11, 2025, for permission to install I JO Pole on North Brookfield Road beginning at a point approximately 1,000 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Robinson Road. Installing Pole P8-2.
Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.
The public is welcome to attend.
05/01, 05/08/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
NOTICE TO FARMERS
The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection is offering hay for sale located on the Ware River Watershed in the towns of Rutland and Hubbardston. For details call/email Russ Wilmot on or before **May 15** at 857-262-3809 or russell.wilmot@mass.gov
05/08/2025

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Church News

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Mother’s Day

The sixteenth chapter of the Book of Romans is interesting, in that the apostle Paul extends personal greeting to some twenty-eight individuals.

This reveals that Paul was a man of rich connections in Christ, being a spiritual father and friend to many. Yet in in the midst of said chapter that we read the following:

Romans 16:13 (NIV)

13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

This passage is revealing. Not only was Paul a father and friend to many, but he was also a son in the faith in some regards. How often do we think of the apostle through such a filter? Likely not often.

Of course, this passage does raise questions: Who was this woman? What was her name? How did she come to know Paul and for how long had they been connected? How had she been like a mother to him? It is this final question that intrigues me most, so consider this bit of speculation:

1) Wisdom

Had this woman offered Paul much-needed instruction? Had she been the conduit through which God communicated some necessary bit of wisdom? After all, who better to learn from than a motherly figure?

“One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters.” George Herbert Palmer
“An ounce of mother is worth more than a ton of priest.” Spanish Proverb

2) Encouragement

Had this woman offered Paul much-needed encouragement? Paul was continually beset by both adversary and affliction. Had the mother of Rufus instilled some sense of hope and confidence in his journey, as he battled a sense of despair? Mothers do seem to have a way of cheering us on when all seems lost. As one author wrote: “A mother is a woman who shows you the light when you just see the dark.” We can only wonder if she had been faithful to the following commands:

1 **Thessalonians 5:11a, 14**

11 . . . Encourage one another and build each other up . . . 14 encourage the disheartened, help the weak

Hebrews 10:24b

24 . . . spur one another on toward love and good deeds . . . 3) Example

Had she served as an example to Paul in some way? Who can exaggerate both the impact and influence of a godly mother.

“The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from men—from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms.” Oliver Wendell Holmes

“Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.” Billy Graham

4) Affection

Had she shown tender affection or nurture to the apostle? Did she aid him via a particularly compassionate act that shone brilliantly against the backdrop of a darker moment? Was it the making of a meal? The offering of a lovingly-penned letter?

Was it the mending of a garment or the treating of a wound? The love of a mother is truly boundless and transformative. Consider the following illustration in kind:

“William Gladstone, in announcing the death of Princess Alice to the House of Commons, told a touching story. The little daughter of the Princess was seriously

ill with diphtheria. The doctors told the princess not to kiss her little daughter and endanger her life by breathing the child’s breath. Once when the child was struggling to breathe, the mother, forgetting herself entirely, took the little one into her arms to keep her from choking to death. Rasping and struggling for her life, the child said, “Momma, kiss me.” Without thinking of herself the mother tenderly kissed her daughter. She got diphtheria and some days thereafter she went to be forever with the Lord. Real love forgets self. Real love knows no danger. Real love doesn’t count the cost.”

Ultimately, we cannot answer the questions posited above. Scripture is silent as to the relationship between the apostle and the mother of Rufus. All we do know is that she had blessed his life in some way, and he sought to honor her in kind.

Yet what about us? Have we taken the time to rightly recognize our mothers? If you have a mother, biologically, adoptively or spiritually, have you expressed your care, affection and honor accordingly? If not, there is no better time than right now.

Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, visit us online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. See you soon.

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Third Sunday of Easter / Baptism and Communion

“You are Instruments Whom I have Chosen.”

Scripture Reading:
Acts 9 v 1-20

I. Introduction

We each have our own life journeys, influenced and shaped by our relationships with loved ones, friends and those we meet along the way.

In addition, we possess various passions and interests that contribute to enriching our lives and providing them with purpose. We try our best to be good neighbors and good friends and good family members.

We also try our best to be on the right path and when it comes to the spiritual path, we know that that path is personal to us, and as Christians, we try to follow Christ and the message of love, peace and compassion towards others. We are not perfect, and we all have different journeys when it comes to our relationship with God and Christ.

II. Saul’s Journey on the Road to Damascus

The disciples of Christ and the broader following of Christ knew that their lives would change after the crucifixion of Jesus. They had considered the risks and the challenges they presented to the authorities of that era. Many were persecuted for their belief in Christ and His teachings.

Saul was actively involved in the persecution of Christ’s followers. This included making threats to their lives and proceeding with their arrests. He was on his way to Damascus to obtain letters from the High Priest to capture the followers of Christ, when he was stopped by the Risen Christ on that road.

We see him surrounded by a flashing light from heaven, after which he fell to the ground and heard the voice of Christ, asking him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” The Son of God stated that his actions are not solely directed at the disciples of Christ, but rather at Christ Himself. The Living Christ seeks to engage in dialogue with him and is demonstrating the divine power to hinder his plans.

Ananias, a disciple in Damascus who was also a target of Saul, received instructions from Christ to visit Saul. This encounter led to a profound transformation in Saul’s life. Ananias was concerned for his own life, but now he became Christ’s messenger to Saul, restored his sight and healed him.

Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit and his conversion led to the adoption of his new name, Paul, which marked a significant transformation in his life. His new ministry commenced immediately following this pivotal experience.

The key to this change in the life of Saul and where his journey would take him, was Jesus’ appearance to him, but also, Jesus’ words to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry My Name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people in Israel.” Paul transitioned from persecuting churches to establishing them, becoming a significant instrument in the hands of God.

III. Conclusion

Saul’s pursuits, interests, and actions posed a significant risk to the lives of Jesus’ disciples as they endeavored to spread the good news to a wide audience. Christ’s intervention in his life provided an important opportunity for change, transforming him into an influential figure for the church during that time and continuing to impact the church today.

This morning, Christ is present on our journey, calling each of us by name, redirecting our paths and purposes, so that we may serve as unique instruments in God’s work. Nothing can render us too inadequate or sinful for Christ to intervene and affirm our role as instruments of God. May God help us to see and hear Christ when that happens.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
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Barre Gazette

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, April 20
2:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Broad Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:17 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Spring Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
9:50 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, April 21
2:03 a.m. Missing Person, South Street, Report Filed
9:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), West Street, Transported to Hospital
12:41 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Flaherty Road, Investigated
2:42 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pleasant Street, Report Filed
6:42 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, April 22
10:19 a.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Information Taken
11:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Broad Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gauthier Road, Public Assist

Wednesday, April 23
7:21 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Report Filed
9:21 a.m. Animal – ACO

Call, Kendall Street, Message Delivered
10:42 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Wauwinet Road, Advised Civil Action
11:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
1:18 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Phillipston Road, Fire Extinguished
2:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, April 24
11:14 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Nelson Way, Investigated
2:10 p.m. Assault and Battery, South Street, Call Transferred
3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
3:52 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
6:57 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kendall Street, Information Taken
7:06 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasant Street, Information Taken
7:43 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kendall Street, Officer/Chief Advised
9:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Britton Road West, Transported to Hospital

Friday, April 25
10:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital
12:34 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Glazier Road, Investigated
2:40 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kendall Street, Officer/Chief Advised
3:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Winter Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:25 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kendall Street, Information Taken
10:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, South Barre Road, Mutual Aid Assist
10:40 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Summer Street, Information Given

Saturday, April 26
6:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, School North Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:12 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Summer Street, Officer/Chief Advised
11:32 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Main Street, Investigated
7:50 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Main Street Investigated

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, April 20
5:36 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Old Turnpike Road, Entry Gained

Monday, April 21
8:55 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Lincoln Road, Referred to Other Agency
1:39 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Rutland Road, Fire Extinguished
5:05 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Old Turnpike Road, Located/Found

Tuesday, April 22
6:48 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), East Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
1:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

6:42 p.m. Fire – Animal Rescue, Edson Road, Rescued
9:30 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Vehicle Removed

Wednesday, April 23
11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons Nano, Kelsey, 27, Warren
Charges Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

Thursday, April 24
1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
2:42 p.m. Public Assist, Worcester Road, Located/Found
2:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written

Warning
3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
9:44 p.m. Erratic Operator, North Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Friday, April 25
12:28 p.m. Court Duty, Worcester District Court, Court Duty
2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Citation Issued
3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, April 26
10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, April 20
12:40 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Root Road, Referred to Other
6:48 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Templeton Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Monday, April 21
10:37 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Bemis Road, Officer Spoke to Party
12:25 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Information Given
3:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, April 22
6:40 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Road, Message Delivered
11:48 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Nestlewood Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, April 23
1:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital
5:55 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Verbal Warning
6:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Princeton Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, April 24
9:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, High Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, April 25
12:30 p.m. Serve Warrant, Brigham Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest Cassano, Katherine Lynn, 38, Hubbardston
Charges Warrant
2:54 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Gardner Road, Information Taken
5:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Public Assist

EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of Memorial Day,
PUBLIC NOTICES
EARLY AD DEADLINE
Place your public notice
no later than NOON

Thursday, May 22

– Thank you!

Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Monday, April 20
11:15 a.m. Property Damage, East County Road, Report Filed
1:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Athens Avenue, Transported to Hospital
6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
6:59 p.m. Complaint, Glenwood Place, Gone on Arrival

Monday, April 21
1:30 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
12:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Summerhill Drive, Transported to Hospital
1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
1:39 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Rutland Road, Fire Extinguished
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
Summons McKown, Madison Lynn, 27, Rutland
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker No
2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
2:33 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Rutland Heights Way, Officer Spoke to Party
2:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
3:30 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Woodside Avenue, Information Taken
3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons Escobales, Marion Leigh, 27, Westminster
Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with Subsequent Offense
6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:33 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Muschopauge Road, Negative Contact
8:01 p.m. Disturbance Disorderly, Bernard Road, Negative Contact
9:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Finn Park Road, Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, April 22
12:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Sunset Trail, Transported to Hospital
7:30 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Whitehall Road, Investigated
7:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
9:17 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed
9:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Written Warning
9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Brunelle Drive, Transported to Hospital
10:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons Castro Campos,

Jose Esau, 29, Worcester
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S10
1:50 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Miles Road, Negative Contact
3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons Thompson, Shaun R., 49, Groveland
Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:58 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Place, Information Taken
8:14 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
11:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman’s Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest Belliveau, Daniel J., 54, Rutland
Charges Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Third Offense, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Marked Lanes Violation, Drug, Possess Class E

Wednesday, April 23
7:30 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
8:18 a.m. Escort/Transport, Worcester District Court, Removed to Court
Arrest Belliveau, Daniel J., 54, Rutland
Charges Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Third Offense, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Marked Lanes Violation, Drug, Possess Class E
8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons, Michael John, 52, Phillipston
Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
10:25 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Information Taken
10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
11:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
2:19 p.m. Property – Lost/Found Surrender, Beechwood Drive, Information Taken
2:21 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Kosta Avenue, Transported to Hospital
3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Peters Avenue, Transported to Hospital
5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Crawford Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Tyler, Timothy Stolberg Jr., 37, Spencer
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Drug, Possess Class A, Drug, Possess Class B, Drug Possess Class E

9:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Area Patrolled
11:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

Thursday, April 24
7:15 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Michael Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
8:31 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, East County Road, Referred to Other Agency
12:44 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Britney Drive, Negative Contact
12:53 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Bethany Drive, Information Given
3:58 p.m Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street Mutual Aid Transport
5:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Prescott Street, Mutual Aid Transport

Friday, April 25
10:39 a.m. Safety Concern, Pommogussett Road, Negative Contact
11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
Summons Cardarelli, Jennifer Mary, 29, Franklin
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
12:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
12:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
12:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
2:41 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
4 p.m. Burglary, Glenwood Road, Investigated
4:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:35 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Verbal Warning
5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
8:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
8:35 p.m. Vandalism, Athens Avenue, Report Filed

Saturday, April 26
8:53 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Fisherman’s Road, Public Assist
11:30 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Vista Circle, Report Filed
11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Main Street, Report Filed
4:09 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Returned to Family
7:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Prescott Road, Gone on Arrival
9:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Julie Ann Circle, Transported to Hospital
10:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of April 21-28, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 84 building/property checks, 54 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, five traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, three assist other agencies, two investigations, two motor vehicle investigations, one harassment, one threat, one property damage, one identity theft, two safety hazards and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 21
12:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact
1:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Officer Handled
3:41 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
6:19 p.m. Investigation, High Street, Investigated
7:05 p.m. 911 Harassment, Fiske Road, Transferred Call to C7

Tuesday, April 22
9:17 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Death/Unattended
9:24 a.m. Identity Theft, Hardwick Road, Investigated
8:23 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 23
9:42 a.m. Threat, Petersham Road, Spoken To
1:33 p.m. Harassment, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
2:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Written Warning

Thursday, April 24
7:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:04 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
11:17 a.m. Property Damage, Hardwick Road, Verbal Only
12:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
1:09 p.m. 911 Notification, Gaudet Road, No Action Required
8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Off Prospect Street, Investigated

Friday, April 25
7:26 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Sewer Detail, Officer Handled
4:01 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

8:44 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Cleveland Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, April 26
4:32 a.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, Checked/Secured
11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, High Road, Investigated

Sunday, April 27
10:02 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
5:34 p.m. Safety Hazard, Church Street, Officer Handled
9:59 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled

During the week of April 28-May 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 57 building/property checks, 38 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, three traffic controls, 18 emergency 911 calls, nine citizen assists, one investigation, one illegal dumping, six fire calls, seven safety hazards, one complaint, two utility issues, one motor vehicle accident, five animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, April 28
9:05 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patrill Hollow Road, Services Rendered
9:53 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Ridge Road, Services Rendered
3:52 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, April 29
8:11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Served in Hand
10:53 a.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Barre Road, Extinguished
11:04 a.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Lower Road, Merge
12:29 p.m. Fire Alarm, Barre Road, Services Rendered
12:30 p.m. Fire/Brush, Rail Trail, Merge
4:38 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled
10:53 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Could Not Locate

Wednesday, April 30
3:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Services Rendered
3:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Services Rendered
3:56 p.m. Safety Hazard, North Road, Services Rendered
9:24 p.m. 911 Disturbance, High Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, May 1
5:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written

Warning
6:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
12:43 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Jackson Road, No Action Required
12:48 p.m. Fire/Other, Barre Road, No Action Required
4:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
4:38 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Officer Handled
5:01 p.m. Fire/Brush, Barre Road, Unfounded
8:07 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, May 2
9:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Officer Handled
4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Taylor Street, Criminal Complaint
5:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Clapp Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 3
11:25 a.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
1:55 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Services Rendered
4:36 p.m. Safety Hazard, Taylor Hill Road, Removed Hazard
4:37 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, River Run, Dispatch Handled
4:39 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Removed Hazard
5:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, Creamery Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
5:46 p.m. Fire/Other, Main Street, Unfounded
6:01 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Services Rendered
6:32 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hillside View, Removed Hazard
7:23 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, North Road, No Action Required
11:29 p.m. 911 Misdial, Greenwich Road, Transported Call to C7

Sunday, May 4
12:54 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
5:52 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled
6:37 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Grove Street, Spoken To
6:46 a.m. 911 Utility Issues, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
7:18 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
11:12 a.m. Utility Issues, Ruggles Hill Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
12:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hillside View, Officer Handled
5:23 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 21-28, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 17 building/property checks, 23 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, one traffic control, three emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, two safety hazards, two complaints, one brush fire, two animal calls and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 21
11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued
11:31 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Tuesday, April 22
1:39 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact
11:04 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Could Not Locate

Wednesday, April 23
6:12 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, McEvoy Road, Transported to Hospital
8:16 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Thursday, April 24
2:35 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Padre Road, Extinguished

Friday, April 25
6:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
12:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Written Warning

Saturday, April 26
3:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, April 27
6:31 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ware Road, Officer Handled
3:51 p.m. Vandalism, Dennis Whitney Road, Officer Handled
4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning
4:53 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Oakham Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
5:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

During the week of April 28-May 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 12 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, 12 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, one assist other agency, one investigation, two property damages, 19 safety hazards, two complaints, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 28
9:45 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
5:38 p.m. 911 Complaint, McKay Road, Transferred Call to C3
6:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Voice Message Left
6:58 p.m. 911 Property Damage, McKay Road, Transferred Call to C3

Tuesday, April 29
9:10 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Thursday, May 1
5:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, McEvoy Road, Transported to Hospital

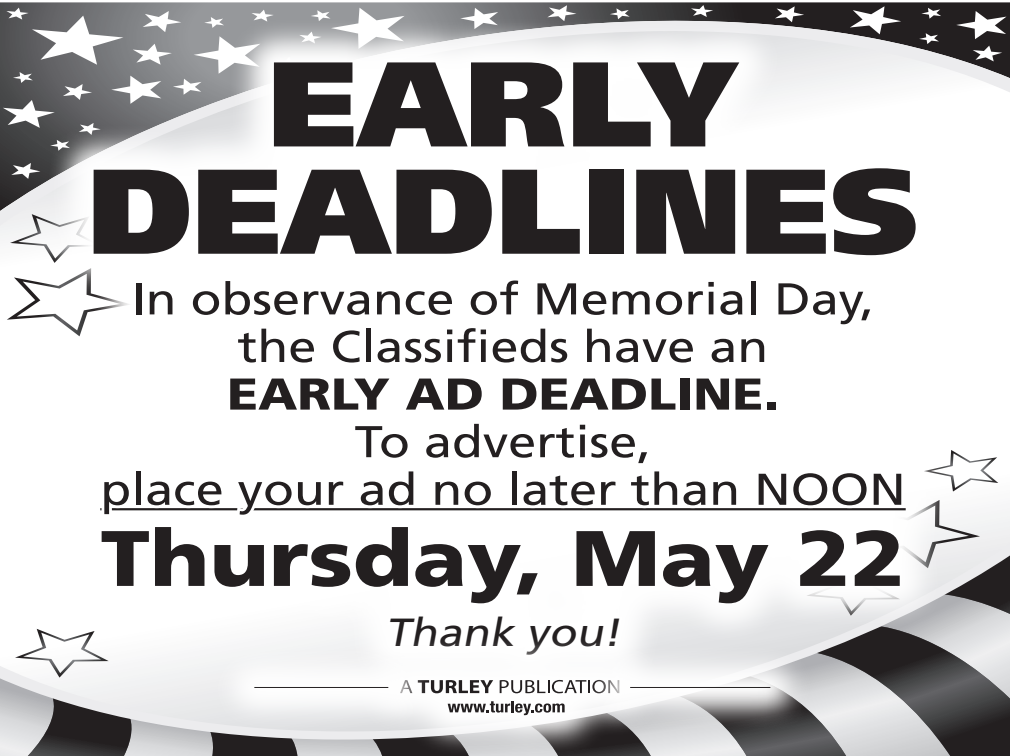
Friday, May 2
9:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
11:11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Saturday, May 3
6:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Written Warning
10:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unitas Road, Dispatch Handled
1:31 p.m. Property Damage, West Brookfield Road, Report Taken
4:37 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barr Road, Report Taken
4:40 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Road, Services Rendered

4:41 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled
4:45 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Thompson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
4:46 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Wine Road, No Action Required
4:49 p.m. Safety Hazard, Oakham Road, Removed Hazard
5:10 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

5:21 p.m. Safety Hazard, Oakham Cut Off Road, Negative Contract
5:29 p.m. Safety Hazard, Wine Road, Removed Hazard
5:40 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Handled
5:56 p.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Dispatch Handled
5:59 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
6:11 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
6:37 p.m. Safety Hazard, Cushman Road, Removed Hazard
6:49 p.m. Safety Hazard, Webb Road, Removed Hazard
6:51 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
7:53 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barr Road, Services Rendered
9:07 p.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Services Rendered
10:07 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Gilbertville Road, Vehicle Towed
11:38 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, May 4
8:39 a.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
9:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
5:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Report Taken



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