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BOH/ **Planning Board** discuss marijuana odors

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

HUBBARDSTON - Board of Health Chair Cathy Hansgate discussed the joint meeting with the Planning Board held on May 3.

She said at the BOH meeting held Tuesday that a second meeting with the Planning Board will be held on Wednesday, June 7 to discuss the odor issue at the two commercial marijuana grow operations on Gardner Road, Royal Sun and Paper Crane. Members of the public also attended the meeting.

At the May 3 meeting, the operators of the two facilities said they would submit their plans for odor mitigation during this year's harvest season. They also said they would submit the plans to the BOH and Planning Board a week prior to the meeting so members of those boards could review them.

Chair Hansgate said she contacted the Cannabis Control Commission and was told the commission would abide by the town's decision regarding the marijuana odor. The board received complaints about the skunk like odor last year. The issue was most pronounced during the flowering stage through the harvest of the plants.

She also said hemp growing was considered an agricultural endeavor, but growing of marijuana was a commercial business under the control of the CCC. She said hemp has a much lower Tetrahydrocannabinol level than marijuana.

Chair Hansgate said she would like to see the two operations on Gardner Road succeed within the guidelines of their special permits with the Planning Board. She said comments made toward the end of the May 3 meeting were uncalled for and those types of comments would not be tolerated at the upcoming June 7 meeting.

The Board received a copy of an Occupational Safety and Health Administration report where an employee at a marijuana facility had a fatal asthma attack triggered by the marijuana powder.

Water testing variance

Jim Ellis of Seminole Avenue attended the meeting to seek a continuation of a variance on water testing at Cushman Pond beach. He said the board granted a one-year variance from the weekly water testing to allow testing once every

two weeks. He said to obtain a variance the swimming site must have two years of clean testing. He also said the variance could be given for four years. If during that time, there was a one reading above allowed bacteria levels the variance would be automatically revoked. Then there would need to be another two years of clean testing to receive a vari-

He said the association, which has access to the semi-private beach, has a small budget and weekly testing of the water would be costly. He said either he or another volunteer did the testing. It

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Hartman's Herb Farm will be selling hanging plants, flowers and herbs at the Barre Farmers Market.

BARRE - This Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the Barre Farmers Market, on the Barre Common, will focus on planting and home gardening.

There will be demonstrations of container planting and gardening questions answered. Children will be planting bean and pumpkin seeds in a cup to take home and watch it

In addition there will be a raffle for a gift basket with something from each vendor. The raffle will go to support Barre's 250th celebration in 2024. The drawing will be pulled at noon at the market.

Hanging plants, window box containers of herbs, maple syrup, honey, dairy products, crafts and more will be available.



Bumpa's Maple Syrup is just one of the many vendors, who will be at the Barre Farmers Market, on Barre Common, this Saturday.

Board accepts welcome sign gift from Chamber of Commerce

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

HUBBARDSTON - The Select Board accepted from the North Central Chamber of Commerce the gift of a welcome sign to the town.

Town Administrator Nate Boudreau said the Chamber of Commerce offered these signs to participating towns, of which Hubbardston was one. They will also install the sign; the Select Board had to select a location and accept the gift on behalf of the

They accepted the gift at their Monday, May 1 meeting and suggested placing it on Gardner Road, the most traveled road. The sign would contain the town seal with the Nonesuch apple.

Public Safety Building Committee

The Select Board approved the charge for the Public Safety Building Committee and would be accepting volunteers to serve on that committee. This committee will play a critical role in determining the future of public safety in our town, by overseeing the feasibility and planning of a new public safety building. A resident survey listed the construction of a public safety building as the top priority in town.

Town Administrator report

Town Administrator Nate Boudreau said he attended an Ad Hoc Open Space and Recreation Committee meeting and it was "one of the best meetings he attended." He said the Economic Development Committee had three

new members. He encouraged residents to volunteer for committees.

He said he completed the first draft for the Annual Town Meeting warrant. He also said the Quabbin Regional School District wanted to add two articles to the warrant. The first article was for a chiller and the other for a press box and bleachers at Alumni Field. The cost of these projects would be shared by the five member towns: Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham. There is an ongoing fundraising effort by alumni to help cover the cost of the press box and bleachers.

New town clerk

The town administrator said Candace M. Livingstone was the new town clerk. He thanked the previous town clerk for staying until the new town clerk began her

Personnel recognition

The Town Administrator offered condolences to the family of Dennis P O'Donnell, who recently passed away. O'Donnell served as on the Select Board and Finance Committee. Most recently, he served as the Administrative Assistant in the Hubbardston Department of Public Works and as the Director of Emergency Management and Response.

Budget update

The Town Administrator said the Quabbin Regional School District Committee lowered the member towns' original assessments. For Hubbardston, the assessment went from 13% to 9% when the state House of

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Fobes Memorial Library to have outdoor play area



Photo by Ellenor Downer Construction is going on at the Fobes Memorial Library in Oakham for an outside play area.

Maggie Ward earns third place in Arbor Day poster contest

By Paula Ouimette Staff Writer pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - Hardwick Elementary School fifth grader Maggie Ward was recently recognized for her artistic ability when she was named the third-place winner of the 2023 Massachusetts Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Ward will soon be honored alongside other winners at a ceremony at the first-place winner's school in Mattapoisett.

When asked how she felt about being named the third-place winner out of all schools from across the commonwealth, Ward said she wasn't expecting it.

"I'm kind of surprised," Ward said. "I hadn't felt very confident about myself.'

But Ward knows exactly why contest judges chose her work.

"It's because I worked so hard," she said. "To make a tree, I got a shape and I added on to it...I added a bright sun. I took up my free time to work on it every day.'

Ward said art is definitely one of her favorite subjects in school and described herself as a creative person.

Ward used mixed media to create her award-winning poster, which is displayed in the entryway of the school. This included watercolor for the sky, tempera paint along with permanent marker.

She created her design by first



Hardwick Elementary School fifth grader Maggie Ward shows her award-winning poster with art teacher Tammra Cook. Ward placed third in the commonwealth for the 2023 Massachusetts Arbor Day poster contest.

sketching it out with pencil.

Ward said she is excited to visit the first-place winner's school where the students will plant a tree in the schoolyard.

The poster contest helped Ward show how important trees are to people, animals and the planet.

"If we didn't have trees, we'd die," she said. "They're also beautiful and calm in a way that makes you feel welcome."

> Her favorite tree is the willow. "They're not loud, not static...

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News of the Towns



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Food pantry to hold distribution

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

Barre Farmers Market

The Barre Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common. The next market will be Saturday, May 13. The market runs through October and includes farmers, crafters, artisans and more.

The Christmas in Barre Committee will hold a craft fair on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street. There will be a wheelbarrow raffle, which includes a wheelbarrow full of gardening tools and supplies. Tickets are \$10 each.

Circle of Song Concert

Circle of Song will hold a concert on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street. Circle of Song is collaborating with members of the Quabbin Community Band for two numbers, "A West Side Story suite" and "Pilgrim's Chorus" from Tannhauser.

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 15. 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 - Smothered chicken with Swiss cheese and mushrooms, wild rice, roasted broccoli, peaches, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Burger with chili and cheese, green beans, herb potatoes, fresh fruit, sandwich

WEDNESDAY - Lemon pepper fish, buttery quinoa, Brussels sprouts, peach streusel cake, diet = half piece, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – American chop sue, corn, honey glazed carrots, strawberries, peasant

FRIDAY - Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Oreos, French bread

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

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250th Anniversary Committee lists events

Anniversary Committee announce a calendar photo con-

The committee is now accepting submissions from local photographers to be used in a commemorative 2024 calendar titled, "Celebrate Barre's past, inspire Barre's future." Photographers are invited to send the committee their photographs of Barre. The committee will select twelve images to be featured in the calendar. Submissions are being accepted now through Monday, May 15.

Photographers of all ages are invited to apply. The commemorative calendars will be available for purchase starting in October 2023, all proceeds from the calendar sales will benefit the 250th Anniversary Committee. Photographers should review the rules and regulations below before submitting their photos by visiting 250anniversary@townofbarre.com.

All photos must be of Barre. Each photograph submitted must

BARRE - Barre's 250th be the photographer's own original work and must have not been previously published in any commercial publication. The photo must be in its original state and cannot be altered, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing, or distorting subjects within the frame. All photos must be submitted in color, 8"x11,", 300 dpi, and landscape format. A maximum of five photos may be submitted per pho-

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

> > **Dancing in the Streets**

Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee will host on Friday, Aug. 4 from 6:30-10 p.m.first ever, "Dancing in the Streets Fundraiser" on the Barre

Common. Proceeds from this fundraiser will aid the committee in hosting its 2024 events, including the Grand Parade and fireworks show.

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

Barre's Autumn Fair

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

Food pantry to hold distribution

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Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, May 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients.Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but decided that the most responsible path forward is

BARRE – The Barre Food to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients May 18 will again be "drivethrough" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Please do not arrive to volunteer on May 18 without first calling Dave Petrovick at 978-852-1696 or Chuck Radlo at

978-355-6463. Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to visit http://www. barrefoodbank.org/index.htm and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page:https://www. facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/.

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Library hosts pastel workshop

Greg Maichack returns to the Hubbardston Pubic Library, 7 Main St., for a new program pastel workshop on Tuesday, May 23 from 6-8 p.m. People should register for this workshop entitled

Participants will create a rose on either a square or 12" x 18," their choice. Maichack has been asked over the years to offer a rose workshop, the most popular of flowers, and a symbol of love. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hubbardston cultural council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

West African Drum Workshop

A West African Drum Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 18 from 7-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. Jafar Manselle with his performance group, The Wendell Warriors, will teach the workshop. People will learn to play a traditional rhythm on West African hand drums and all drums and percussion instruments will be provided.

Story Times

Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., holds story time with Miss Tricia on Mondays at 1 p.m. and are not held on Monday holidays. Children will listen to a story and make a craft. No registration is necessary. Miss Tricia holds a story time on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. as well.

Unitarian church plant sale

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

Senior center events

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

Select Board is accepting ATM articles

BARRE - The Annual Town Meeting warrant is open until Monday, May 15 at 5 p.m.

Warrant articles should be submitted electronically whenever possible. For more information, people may call the Town Administrator's office at 978-355-2504, extension 135 or email townadmin@townofbarre.com.

Circle of Song to hold concert May 20

BARRE - Circle of Song, under the direction of Julie Rawson and Mark Doyle, will perform a show tunes concert on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall, corner of Exchange and Mechanic

Completely comprised of selections from Broadway Musicals and Operas, the program is wide ranging. The program includes "Singin' in the Rain" from the 1952 musical of the same title, "Corner of the Sky from Pippin" (1972), "The Impossible Dream from Man of LaMancha" (1965), "Memory" from

Cats was based on a 1939 poem cycle by T.S. Eliot and first hit Broadway in 1982. "Sabbath Prayer" comes from the famous "Fiddler on the Roof" (1964). "You Will Be Found" is a song from the contemporary Dear Evan Hanson (2016).

The second half of the concert will be directed by Margaret Reidy and will be supported by a number of musicians playing musical instruments. "Pilgrim's Chorus" comes from Wagner's 1845 opera Tannhauser. Finally, the chorus and band will perform a "West Side Story Suite" of ten songs from the beloved musical of that name that hit Broadway in 1961

Vocal solos will be performed by Mark Doyle, Anne Kneeland, Phil Lovett, Ben Wells-Tolley, Lois Wells, Jack Kittredge, Danny LeBlanc, Joan Bevers, Julie Rawson and Karen Guertin.

The supporting musicians include Ben Vasseur on tuba, Sean Kelly on guitar, Toni Musnicki and Judy Schmitz on clarinet, Meridith Lord on flute, Jamie Mailloux on percussion, Cailan McClure on piano, Laura Guilbault on bassoon and Tom Doyle on trumpet.

After that, there will be wonderful refreshments served. And all of this is free, though Circle of Song gratefully accepts donations to keep paying their very talented pianist, Cailan McClure and for sporadic use of

People may email Julie Rawson at julie@mhof. net or call 978-257-1192 with any questions or if they would like to join.



News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Barre Housing Authority – May 11 at 3 p.m. Board of Health – May 15 and June 12 at 5 p.m. Select Board – May 15 and May 24 at 6 p.m. Board of Assessors – May 16 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – May 16, June 6 and June 20 at 7 p.m.

Sewer Commission – May 18 at 7 p.m. 250th Anniversary Committee – May 17 and June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Committee – May 23 at 7 p.m. Cemetery Commission – May 25 at 11 a.m. Felton Field Commission – June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Council on Aging – June 7 at 1 p.m. Water Commission – June 12 at 7 p.m. DPW Commission – June 12 at 7 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – June 13 at 7 p.m. Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK.

Wheelwright Water District – May 15 at 7 p.m. Gilbertville Water District – May 16 at 5:30 p.m. Master Plan Steering Committee - May 16 at

Conservation Commission – May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Board of Health – June 1 at 6:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – June 1 at 7 p.m. Recycling Commission – June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Finance Committee – May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Council on Aging – May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Planning Board – May 18, June 7 and June 15

Memorial Day Committee – May 22 at 5 p.m. Board of Health - May 23, June 13 and June 27

Historic Commission – June 3 at 10 a.m. Conservation Commission – June 7 at 7 p.m. Town Center Committee – June 15 at 7 p.m.

NEW BRAINTREE

Select Board – May 22 at 7 p.m. Finance Committee – May 23 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Planning Board – May 17 at 6 p.m. Select Board – May 23, June 6 and June 20 at 6 p.m.

Downtown Development Committee - June 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board – June 24 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

Select Board - May 11 at 5:30 p.m. Advisory Finance Committee – May 11 at 6 p.m. Board of Health - May 18 at 6 p.m. Petersham Historic District – May 18 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – May 25 at 7 p.m. Board of Assessors – June 1 at 9 a.m. Conservation Committee – June 6 at 6 p.m. Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 6 at 7 p.m.

Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Planning Board Hearings May 23 at 6:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Barre Post 2 to hold Memorial Day chicken barbecue May 29

BARRE - The Barre Post 2, American Legion will host the annual chicken barbecue on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at 1:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 and only 120 tickets will be available. For tickets, people may call Tony Musnicki at 978-337-2351, Charlie Fullam at 978-688-7730, Scott Tourtellot at 508-320-9899 or call the Post at 978-355-2730 and leave a message. The meal will be prepared by the Masons of Mt. Zion Lodge.

Library offers program about bees June 3

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Join local beekeeper John Hedly at the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., as he presents artifacts and information about beekeeping on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m.

He will discuss topics such as starting a beehive, collecting honey, the physical structure of a beehive, the bee colony and how it's organized, bee chores in and out of the hive, and the importance of pollina-

People should register by calling the library at 508-867-0208 or emailing hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.

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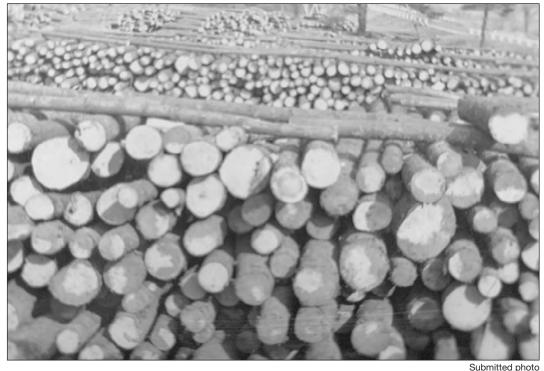
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Talking History comes to Petersham



Petersham events like the 1938 Hurricane and the moving of the West Road Inn to a new location will be the subjects of "The Talking History Corner" at the Petersham Memorial Library on Wednesday, May 17 from 5-7 p.m.

PETERSHAM - The communities surrounding the Quabbin Reservoir have remarkable histories and it is important that the stories of the region and memories be recalled and preserved for present and future generations.

To this end, the Petersham Historical Society has initiated "Talking History Corner" at the Petersham Memorial Library, 23 Common St., near the Petersham Common. It is a time for anyone, who would like to come by and "talk history" to drop in, on Wednesday, May 17, any time between 5-7 p.m. to share their

This is the first of a series of monthly gatherings. The first topic will be oral histories. Often people wonder how

to share their memories and oral histories can be one way to preserve memories of families and of communities.

Larry Buell, area historian, will use a wide range of historic photographs and videos, so that attendees will be able to recall and share their own understandings and memories of events that happened in the town of Petersham. The Hurricane of 1938 and the tornado of 1953; major community events like Petersham Agricultural Fairs in the middle 1900's; and famous and infamous residents and guests like Dorthy Eaton, artist and John Fisike, internationally known historian will be presented. The informal and interactive conversations will be achieved through the Oral History Project of the "People's History of Petersham.

The creator of the program Barbara Hanno, vice president of the Petersham Historical Society, said, "I have lived in Petersham for a number of years and do know there are many amazing stories held by residents which must be told. I look forward to learning more history from those who lived it." Hanno will be on hand to present some information on how to compose oral history or to learn how to perform oral history interviews.

The program co-sponsored by the Petersham Historical Society and the Petersham Memorial Library is free and open to Petersham and friends from other communities.

International Prize-winning pianist performs at the Stone Church May 20

GILBERTVILLE - Ivan New York. He per-Gusev will perform solo piano sonatas by W. A. Mozart and Hall, and has won Franz Schubert in his return the 3rd Gershwin appearance at the Stone Church International Music Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Competition (2017), by popular demand, on Saturday, was a prize win-

A reception with the artist will follow the concert. Tickets are \$25 at the door or online by visiting https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthestonechurch/742984

Those under 18 are admitted free. Holders of current EBT, WIC and ConnectorCare insurance cards may request two free tickets at the box office on the day of the event, under the Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program.

Allan Evans, Arbiter of Cultural Traditions calls Gusev "a profound, genuine musician who makes each note live, and who transports you to another existence." Gilbertville audiences who heard Mr. Gusev play at the Stone Church, most recently in October, 2022, agree that his performances are mesmerizing and transformative.

Originally from Kazakhstan, Gusev earned Bachelor's, Master's and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees with highest honors from the Moscow State Conservatory, then completed a Master's of Music program at Mannes School of Music in

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formed at Carnegie ner at the Chopin International Piano Competition (2018) and has earned other

awards including the Steinway award for outstanding Mannes graduates. Still a young man, he lives and teaches in the Boston area and performs frequently, especially requested by those who have heard him play.

The program of three solo piano sonatas by two great and prolific Viennese musician/composers, each at the height of his career, will reveal Gusev's artistic maturity. Moving from the Classical period in the first half of the program to the Romantic period in the second half, Gusev's complex repertoire illustrates melodic techniques informed equally by the composers' knowledge of the violin as well as the piano keyboard, and their inspiration by passion as well as reason.

Gusev will begin with Piano Sonatas No. 12 in F major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, followed by Piano Sonata No. 13 in B-flat major. Both works were published in 1784 when the composer was 28. A child prodigy,

May 13th

Saturday

413 283-8185 for more info



Ivan Gusev

Mozart produced his first compositions at age seven. He was prolific in many genres including opera, piano concertos, piano sonatas, symphonies, string quartets, and other chamber music. He composed masses and other religious music, as well as lighter works

such as divertimentos, serenades and dances. Although he was well paid and extremely popular during his life, Mozart struggled with life's excesses and experienced financial difficulties. At the time of his death from an illness in December, 1791, at age 35, he was regarded the greatest composer of all time.

In the second half of the program, the audience will hear Franz Schubert's Piano Sonata No. 21 in B Flat, D960, the composer's last major work for solo piano, unpublished until about ten years after his death. "I have looked forward to performing this complete Schubert Sonata since I was in high school," Gusev confesses. It is widely described as one of Schubert's greatest works. Like Mozart, Schubert also died very young, in 1828 at only 29, and also from a disease. The beauty and com-

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BOH to hold clean up and recycling day

The Oakham Board of Health sponsors a clean up and recycling day on Saturday, June 3 from

9 a.m.-noon behind the Fire and Highway Building, Barre Road. It will be held rain or shine.

Volunteers are needed to help accept items for recycling and/or disposal.

Scout units, community groups and residents may help by cleaning up the roads around town by selecting a road and collecting a bag of trash. Trash bags will be provided.

Get rid of specific allowable unwanted junk around the house? Allowable items to be provided, which include televisions, air conditioners, computers, and

They may donate redeemable bottles and cans to the Oakham Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. There will be free disposal of medical sharps in a safe way as well as free disposal of unwanted medications. It is illegal and unsafe to dispose of sharps in

Accepted items and fees for disposal are: tires \$8-\$25; TVs, monitors, computers, laptops and gaming systems \$15; AC's/dehumidifiers \$10; VCR/microwave \$5 and propane tank \$8. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Oakham. For questions, people may email boh@oakham-ma.gov or call 508-882-

Church benefit breakfast

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

Pen Pal

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

Dismas Farm wish list

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

Election information

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

Church news

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

Tickets available for **Strawberry Festival**

NEW BRAINTREE - Anyone wishing to purchase tickets to the New Braintree Congregational Church's Strawberry Festival should call either 508-410-7424 or 508-867-9910.

This year's dinner will be take-out only and will be held on Saturday, June 10. Tickets are \$15 each.







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Opinion

Guest Column



Survivor benefits and spousal benefits are not the same

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author,] and host of a money podcast "if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit." But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit like I have, my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version.

Signed: Confused About My Spouse's Benefit

Dear Confused: I'm not surprised that you are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical and common for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a "spousal benefit" from their deceased spouse. And while that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference? Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term "spousal benefit" means something entirely different than the term "survivor benefit."

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term "survivor benefit" is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term "spousal benefit" is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to clear your confusion:

If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, "guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit." The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased was receiving at death.

If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's Full Retirement Age amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death. In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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

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In Past Pages

5 years (May 17, 2018)

Residents attended an informational meeting on a proposal for a wireless internet service. About 60 people came to hear a proposal by Stan White of Hardwick for high speed internet in a town without a cable provider and where residents internet choice included dial up, satellite or Digital Subscriber Link. Selectmen received two proposals, one from Crocker Communications and the other from the wireless internet service based out of Hardwick.

First the Collins Center and then Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission looked at alternate uses for school buildings in the Quabbin district. Ouabbin Superintendent Maureen Marshall along with superintendent elect, Dr. Sheila Muir and Oakham/New Braintree principal, Patrica Worthington, came to the New Braintree Grade School. Superintendent Marshall said she had preliminary conversations with Center of Hope, an agency in the Sturbridge area that serves disabled adults by offering life skills and other programs. She told the Select Board she did not want to continue conversations with the agency regarding possibly renting the New Braintree Grade School without talking with the Select Board.

It was an unexpected, but welcome surprise for Quabbin Regional Middle School seventh grader, Andrea Zereski, when she not only got invited to the honors breakfast last Saturday morning, but was acknowledged for achieving all A's throughout the school year. One hundred seventy middle school students along with their parents, were invited to the annual honor's breakfast, held in the Quabbin Regional Middle High School cafeteria. "The breakfast gives us a chance to recognize students, who have excelled academically as well as in the arts and community service," Quabbin Middle School principal, Sue Musician said.

10 years (May 16, 2013)

Only 428 voters of the 5,670 or 8% of registered voters turned out for the annual town election on Monday. There were no contests on the ballot. There was only one candidate each on the ballot for library trustee and Wachusett Regional School District Committee, but both positions had write-ins for the second member. Voters approved only one of the four ballot questions They voted in favor of making the treasurer/ collector an appointed rather than elected position. They said no to all capital exclusion questions that totaled \$172,000 for a police cruiser turnout gear for firefighters and a second ambulance.

LOOK BACK Quabbin basketball champion team -March 11, 1995



Champion basketball players from Quabbin wave out the bus windows got fans along the roadway. The team won the district championship last Saturday and police cruisers and fire trucks, sirens wailing, escorted them into town after the game.

Once again the Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., Barre cast delivers another great performance and it came soon after the last production, "Jesus Christ Superstar." This play, "Night Must Fall" by Emlyn Williams in 1935 was a psychological thriller that looked at a pathological killer. Diane Canterbury directed the production and Jeanne Hanson was the producer.

The Oakham Annual Town Election will be held Monday, May 20 with the polls open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. This Monday night meeting was the last selectmen's meeting for Dennis Bergin. He served two terms on the board and decided not to seek re-election. Selectmen Bill Storie and Eliot Starbard told him it was a pleasure working with him and they were going to miss him.

25 years (May 14, 1998)

On April 3, 1973, the Barre Family Health Center opened in the carriage house of the Harding Allen Estate as an outreach of Holden Hospital. The center therefore became part of the America Board of Family Practice's effort to restore the medical specialty called 'general practice." According to Dr. Stephen T Earls, current medical director at Barre Family Health Center, family practice "is the only speciality that works in small rural towns that could never keep a number of specialists busy." The second director and one of the most influential on the health center was Dr. Samuel Pickens.

Barre resident Tim Parse, a senior soccer player at ColbySawyer College has been selected as one of four recipients of the 1998 Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Award of Valor. The award honors conference athletes whose courage, motivation and relentless determination serve as an inspiration to all. The recipient of the award, which has been given annually since 1985, exemplifies strength of character, perseverance and most importantly triumphant accomplishments.

On Sunday, May 21 Barre senior citizens and their guests are invited to celebrate spring at a concert by the Band of Voices at 2 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall. The program will include songs from Africa, South America, Europe and North America. Refreshments will be served following the program

38 years (May 16, 1985)

Theodore H. Curtis was re-elected Hubbardston Selectmen with a vote of 260 against Walter E. Kauppinen with 168. The only other contest was incumbent Gary Mater with 212 on the Board of Health agains Elizabeth Heald with 190. In a surprise sticker campaign Dene Carson got 112 votes for tax collector, but last against incumbent Susan C.M. Flagg with 270.

Evelyn Shepard of Brigham Street retired as postmaster in Hubbardston after serving six years as postmaster and 21 years in additional postal service. She was appointed postmaster May 19, 1979 to take the place of Joseph Homans, who retired. Her last official day with the postal service was

Barre Selectmen joined the ranks of other Massachusetts towns like Sterling and voted to suspend the granting of temporary alcoholic beverage permits on town property. According to Selectman Earl

Sample, "Being the licensing board and being libel for any accidents or incidents has been a concern. We want to absolve the town from any responsibility."

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I am feeling much better this week after catching cold last week and sneezing all the time.

Missy was worried, but we didn't have to go to the vets, thank goodness. He is very nice you understand, but I hate the ride down and back.

Missy had to have the Verizon man here to fix some wiring. He left the block under the clothes hamper out on the floor and I have had a

lot of fun hitting it around the computer room.

Now, it is behind the door and stuck between the legs of the small clothes dryer. It doesn't want to come

I see Missy has some newspapers in the living room I could mess up, but I think I better be good.

What is that thing that is on the floor in the kitchen? Missy has just come back from the store and it looks like a bag. Yep, and I can get right into it and roll around. Wow, this is fun.

Whoops, what happened? My head seems to be stuck through the handle of the bag and I can't shake it off. Missy went downstairs to get her clothes from the dryer and left the cellar door open.

I'll struggle down the stair and look at her for help. When she sees me she exclaims, "Oh, you poor thing. Come here Gertrude and I will take it off.'

I was so glad to have it off I rubbed her legs and purred loudly for her. I know she wanted to pick me up and cuddle me, but she respects my wishes not to be picked up. All I can think of when I am picked up is being put

in that awful cage at the abusive home. Then, Missy said, "Come on Gertrude, we will go upstairs and have a treat.'

I love that woman. She understands cat feelings. Love.

Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Mother's Day is coming this Sunday.

I hope if you are a mother your family takes you out to eat. It is always a surprise where we are going and it usually is a new place each year. I seldom get to go out to eat so it is a treat.

I went to the Rietta Ranch flea market Sunday and only spent \$4. I was only able to go down two rows.

The field was full and the parking lot was full when I left. It was fun talking to all the proprietors at the flea market. They all love to joke. I know quite a few of them and they always give me good advice.

The day before I went to look for lady slippers behind my perennial garden and of course, I tripped and fell so I had to creep on my bum to get to a blueberry bush where I was able to pull myself up. Guess it is time for an alert system. When one falls it is not the fall that hurts, it is the pulled muscles that is used

Asparagus is good in the markets now so I decided to have a recipe to use it.

ASPARAGUS LOAF

- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs
- 2 cups cooked asparagus, drained
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated onion

asparagus into one inch long pieces. Mix all ingredients together. Turn into buttered baking dish and

Serve with 2 cups of white sauce, mixed with 1/2 cup parsley. Makes 6 servings. Note: With the price of butter at \$7 a pound, I am starting to use margarine

from the pasture.

We had a strainer that we strained off the cream from the milk. Those were the days.

This and That

I worked in the gardens when the bugs were not too bad. That is usually early morning. Things are really growing and changing everyday. The leaves have come out on the trees. The crab apple tree and the sand cherry are in bloom and the hostas are almost at their fullest.

I still need to do some more cleaning up of the lawns. The ice storm really did a lot of damage all over town. Many branches are hanging from the trees along Ragged Hill Road and I am afraid someone is going to get injured. The Highway Department needs to do some branch trimming.

I was sorry to read of the passing of Dennis Roll cracker crumbs until finely crushed. Cut O'Donnell. He was a Selectman when we had the bad ice storm a few years ago and he was so helpful to the

Library starts movie discussion group

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The Haston Free Publica Library, 161 North Main St., is starting a movie dis-

cussion group on Monday, May 22 at 6 p.m.
The featured movie is "Dead Poet's Society" (1989, rated PG) and is available to check out with your library card two weeks before the discussion. Watch it from the comfort of your home anytime before the

To register, people call the library at 508-867-0208 or email hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com.

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you sit under them and feel like you're in a story," she

Entering her poster in the contest gave Ward a boost to her confidence and she encourages other students to enter next year.

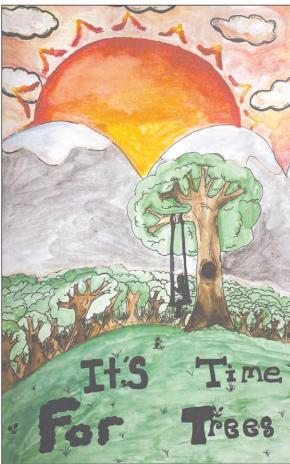
"You can do this. You just have to try," she said. Hardwick Elementary School art teacher Tammra Cook said this is her first-year teaching in the Quabbin Regional School District, where she divides her time

between Hardwick and Ruggles Lane in Barre. Cook said she is so proud of Ward for entering the

"I wanted students to participate in the Arbor Day poster contest because I think it's important for our school to look beyond the school walls and participate in the community. This state sponsored poster contest was something big that they could see would help support Arbor Day," she said.

Arbor Day has been celebrated in the U.S. since 1872 and the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Urban and Community Forest Program hosts a poster contest each year with a different theme. This year's them was, "It's time for trees!'

"Through art, I am so pleased my fifth-grade students could show our love for trees and help promote the importance of trees statewide," Cook said.



Maggie Ward used a mix of watercolors, tempera paints and permanent markers to make her third-place poster.

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bake in moderate oven 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Someone suggested I get a cow. The grain would be too costly and when I was growing up my father had a cow that he milked, but I was in charge of churning the cream into butter and making whipped cream. The boys helped take care of the cow when my father couldn't. Each night they brought her into the barn

town. He also served on many other boards.

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requires following guidelines for the tester to shower before conducting the test and wadding into the water to a depth of three feet. The sample also must be taken one foot below the surface of the water.

The BOH voted to grant a four-year variance.

Other business

The Board reviewed and approved two plans for septic systems. The first was for repairs to a septic system at 55 Bemis Road and the other was for a new construction at 142 New Westminster Road. The second approval required a check with the Conservation Commission that they approved the engineering plans.

HUBBARDSTON, continued from page 1

Representatives budget came out. The 9% was still higher than the 6% increase projected in the town's preliminary budget.

The Town Administrator said the police budget did not increase much despite including new taser equipment. This was due in part to a decrease in the budget with the appointment of Police Chief Ryan Couture from Sergeant.

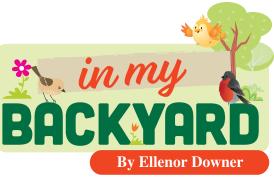
He said there were substantial cost increases in retirement and unemployment. He said, "The budget doesn't have much fat - increases were what departments need not want."

The Select Board voted unanimously to endorse the FY 24 budget.

Other business

The Board accepted the resignation of Peter Russell from Finance Committee and appointed him as Planning Board Alternate until June 30 of this year. They appointed Edward Cronin to the Cultural Council until June 3 as well.

They voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining.



Ovenbird



The ovenbird gets its name from the type of nest it builds, which looks like a Dutch oven.

They place the nest on the ground and it has a domed roof over the nest of grasses and rootlets. The entrance is a small slit.

The female lays three to six white eggs with brown and gray marks. They inhabit mature deciduous or mixed forests. They eat insects, worms and spiders. They walk on the ground and fallen branches and poke under leaves looking for food.

An Oakham resident has ovenbirds in her yard. She hears them making a sharp "chip" call.

The ovenbird is six inches long and has an olivebrown back. Its breast and belly with white with heavy dark stripes. The ovenbird crown is orange bordered by two dark brown stripes

Barred owl

An Oakham resident saw a barred owl in her yard on April 28. She said in an email, "I had a surprise visitor this evening, a beautiful barred owl sat on my deck railing for quite a while. He looked all around before flying up to a maple tree. He sat in the tree for several minutes before going into the woods at the edge of my yard. I finally saw what he was after. He was tracking a squirrel." The owl and squirrel went tree to tree.

Other birds

The same resident sent me an email on May 3 to say she got her first hummingbird on May 2. A friend in Barre told her that her neighbors already had hummingbirds so the Oakham resident put out feeders.

She was glad she already had her feeder up when the first hummingbird appeared.

She said, "For the first time in 31 years of living here, I got my first bluebirds. I bought mealworms and set up my first tray feeder ever. I cannot get over all the birds who have gone to the tray feeder who have been ground eaters, morning doves, juncos and even a

Leucistic rose breasted grosbeak

A Palmer resident sent a photo of a Leucistic rose breasted grosbeak at her feeder. The grosbeak, a male had a lot of white feathers, but it did have the rose colored splash on its breast. This phenomenon causes the partial loss of all types of pigmentation and causes white coloration, white patches, spots or splotches.

Baltimore orioles

An Oakham couple had Baltimore orioles at their suet feeder this week. They were going to get some oranges to put out for the orioles as well. I put out an

The next morning I found one half of the orange on the ground and another on a rock about ten feet from the holder where I put the orange halves. I think it was the work of a grey squirrel or squirrels as I have lots of

Wood stork

I received a note in the mail from a Palmer resident, who saw a wood stork. She wrote, "Two mornings in a row, I saw a wood stork fly and land in some bushes on the cove at Lake Thompson in Palmer. Imagine my surprise – white bird with black wing tips - wood stock is from Florida." She said she opened her "Journal" to she who the bird person was and there was a picture of a heron and my address.

Other birds

The Oakham resident, who has the oven birds, saw two hooded mergansers on Long Pond a few weeks

Originally, I planed to put out my hummingbird feeder the weekend of April 29 and 30, but it was so cold I decided to wait. Instead, I put the feeder out this past Saturday and I spotted hummingbirds on Sunday.

This Monday I saw a catbird. I also have not seen any dark-eyed juncos lately. I think they have all headed north to their nesting grounds.

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

Paige Memorial Library to hold book sale

HARDWICK - The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, are having a book sale downstairs at the Library on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be a selection of books and puzzles and this is held the same days as the Tri-Parish plant, bake, craft and tag sale. On Sunday, May 21 at 11 a.m. Matt York, longtime New England musician/ author, will perform songs of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and Waylon Jennings and tell stories of their careers. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Local Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

NBSB hosts community shred days

PROSHRED Security, North Brookfield Savings Bank announces its 2023 Free Community Shred

NBSB's free community shred days are the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of all sensitive documents you no longer need, such as tax forms or other documents that include personal information and get spring cleaning off to a great start.

Each event will be operated as a drive-thru service.

NORTH BROOKFIELD - In partnership with When attending, people are asked to limit shred items to five boxes or bags per household. They should drive up alongside the member center or designated area where a team member will take their documents to the shred truck on site. Documents will be shredded on site.

> The 2023 Free Community Shred Day schedule is: Friday, June 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m at NBSB, 128 West Main St., West Brookfield and Friday, June 9 at NBSB, 9 Gilbert St., North Brookfield.

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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13

BARRE FARMERS MARKET is held every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market runs through October and includes farmers, crafters, artisans and more.

CHRISTMAS IN BARRE SPRING CRAFT FAIR will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. There will be a wheelbarrow raffle, which includes a wheelbarrow full

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 15. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Gary Brigham, Stephen Craven, James Laramee, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the War Memorial and flagpole on the Common in Oakham.

of gardening tools and supplies. Tickets are \$10 each.

Vendors interested in participating may email christma-

today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian

Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, Hubbardston.

Perennials from early spring flowering to late fall flow-

ering and all season long will be available for purchase.

The sale includes edible plants, some annuals like gera-

niums and woody plants with most grown in local gar-

dens. In addition, to the plants there will be an assort-

MONDAY, MAY 15

are held tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town

Hall, Exchange Street, Barre and will be held every

Monday night. People may email Julie at julie@mhof.

net or call 978-257-1192 or just show up at rehearsals.

Margaret Reidy is the director.

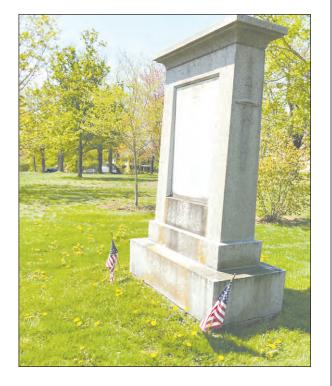
QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS

ment of homemade fudge and candies for purchase.

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE will be held

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

TALKING HISTORY CORNER will take place today from 5-7 p.m. at the Petersham Memorial Library, Petersham. Using a wide range of historic photographs and videos, attendees will be able to recall and share their own understandings and memories of events that happened in the town of Petersham.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

WEST AFRICAN DRUM WORKSHOP will be held on Thursday, May 18 from 7-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. Jafar Manselle with his performance group, The Wendell Warriors, will teach the workshop. People will learn to play a traditional rhythm on West African hand drums and all drums and percussion instruments will be provided.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

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

SATURDAY, MAY 20

TRI-PARISH CHURCH PLANT AND BAKE SALE will be held today and tomorrow, Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., both days, on the Hardwick Common, Hardwick. This popular East Quabbin area event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants and herbs in time for spring planting. There is a wonderful variety in plants offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, as well as Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens. The popular baked potato buffet is returning and a delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine.

CIRCLE OF SONG CONCERT will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. Circe of Song is collaborating with members of the Quabbin Community Band for two numbers, "A West Side Story suite" and "Pilgrim's Chorus" from Tannhauser.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

23RD ANNUAL WALKATHON CELEBRATION by the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts will be held today at 11 a.m. in the Stanley Park's Beveridge Pavilion Annex in Agawam. Registration begins at 10 a.m. The event is suitable for all ages and abilities and will directly benefit NAMI Western Massachusetts' continuing efforts to help improve the lives of those individuals living with mental health conditions and their families. For further information, people may call their office at 413-786-9139 or visit us at www.namiwm.org/events for pledge and sponsorship forms. Volunteers are needed.

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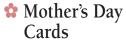
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Indians offense comes through to beat Quabbin

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

WARE—For only the fourth time this spring, the members of the Ware varsity baseball team didn't have to get on a bus to play a game.

Playing a home game for the first time in two weeks, the Indians celebrated a 14-3 victory over the Quabbin Panthers before a good size crowd at Memorial Field, last Saturday night.

"We just love playing games, especially at night, on our home field," said longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. "The atmosphere here makes it a very difficult place for our opponents to play. Our style of play also puts a lot of pressure on the opposing teams."

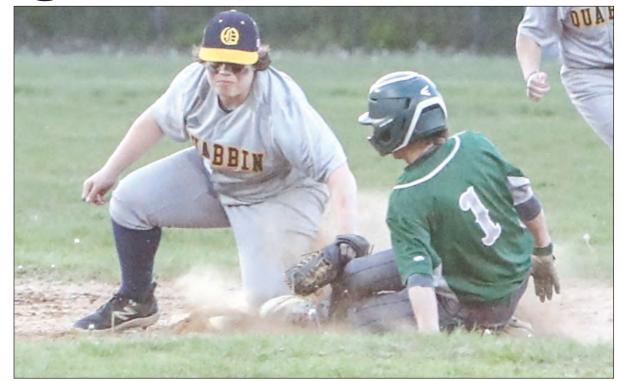
The non-league contest ended after 4 1/3 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

Ware, who had an 8-4 overall record following the home win, also defeated Quabbin, 10-0, a year ago at Memorial Field, which is in very poor condition.

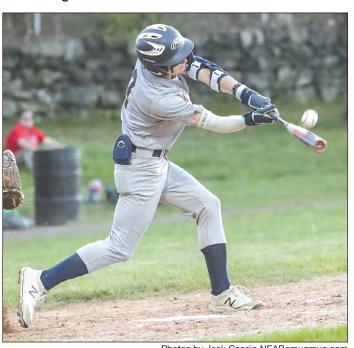
After losing their first two home games of the 2023 campaign, the Indians defeated crosstown rival Pathfinder Tech, 13-2, in their first Saturday night home game on April

While the Indians, who are scheduled to play their final seven regular season games at home, are preparing for the upcoming Western Mass. Class D and Division 5 state tournaments, the young Panthers (0-11) are hoping to win a game or two before their season comes to an end.

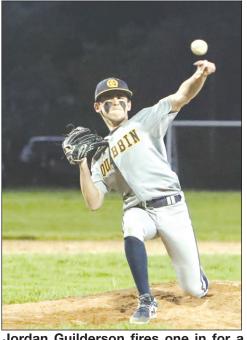
The visitors from Barre haven't won a regular season game since squeaking out a 9-8 home win versus Worcester South last May. They did take an early 1-0 lead against Ware freshman righthander Brady Guimond, who earned his first



Sam Morgan catches the runner at second.



See BASEBALL, page 8 Conner Breeds sends one deep.



strike.

Quabbin boys track picks up win



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com

Will Hood clears 9'6" in the pole vault.



Battle of the big guys as Cole Austin flies the finish line.



across Julio Pagan paces the Quabbin crew in the 1-mile run

Pathfinder handed loss by Pope Francis

PALMER - Last Thursday afternoon, son also. The Pioneers are now 5-3 on the Pope Francis gave Pathfinder another defeat 16-1. Pope beat Pathfinder earlier this sea-

Emma Cehvalier pitches for the

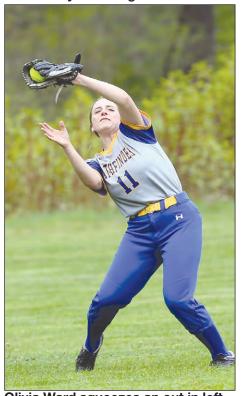


Greenly Lagimoniere makes the catch in center.



season with a lot of games still remaining

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Jen Kinney fields a grounder.



Olivia Ward squeezes an out in left.



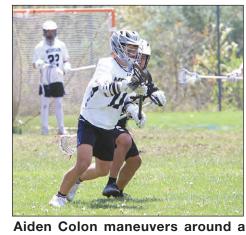
Josiah Lee picks up the loose ball in a lot of traffic.

Mustangs net first win in OT

MONSON - After a 3-3 first half, the teams went to 5-5 in regulation, and an overtime goal sealed the first win of the season for Monson High School boys lacrosse. The Mustangs triumphed 6-5 over Central. Monson, which co-ops with Pathfinder, is now 1-11 this season.



Brayden Pratt sprints up the field after making a recovery.



defender.



Players from both teams vie for the ball

Pioneers U19, U15 take part in tournament

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW-Two girls soccer teams representing the Western United Pioneers had the opportunity to compete in the third annual USL Academy Cup, which was held at the Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa Bay, Florida, from March 30-April 2.

It was the first time that the Western United Pioneers participated in the event.

'The tournament was run very well, and it was a great experience for our girls," said Joe Ferrara, who's the Director of Soccer Operations for the Western United Pioneers. "I've received a lot of positive feedback from both the parents and the players."

The Western United Pioneers U19 and U15 soccer teams took part in this year's Academy Cup matches because the Western Mass. Pioneers, which is a semi-pro men's team, is a member of the USL (United Soccer League).

The USL Academy is a youth platform for professional teams within in the USL system," said Ferrara, who's also the Pioneers General Manager. "Having the Pioneers gives us the rights to have the USL Academy teams."

Federico Molinari coached both the U19 and the U15 teams at the USL Academy Cup. He has been coaching the Pioneers men's soccer team for the past ten years. He's also the club's Director of Coaching.

"It was a great experience coaching the two soccer teams. The

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Sports

Robie takes modifieds win



Brian Robie took the win in last Sunday's modified event.

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Modified super star Brian Robie won Sunday's 80-lap NHSTRA Modified feature at Monadnock Speedway, first setting fast time in time trials, and then leading the final 54 laps of the afternoon's main event to top the second annual Duel at

The Dog biggie.

Other winners on 2023 opening weekend at the storied quarter-mile speedbowl included Tim Wenzel after a post-race inspection was concluded awarding him the win in the NHSTRA Late Models, Cole Littlewood, who wired the Outlaw main, and Gordon Farnum, who rocketed to victory lane in the Mini Stock feature, something he did a dozen times a summer ago. On Saturday's event, Colton Martin took the Pure Stock victory. Owen Zilinski led all the way to score the Young Guns victory. Steve Miller, last summer's Six Shooter champion at Claremont, led all the way Sunday to earn his first career Monadnock victory.

Sunapee's Robie a former track Modified champion here set fast time with a blistering circuit of 12.660 seconds Sunday, the fastest of four sub-13 drivers in the 18-car field. By virtue of a top-four redraw, Sammy Rameau and Aaron Fellows sat on row one as the 80-lap main went green.

Rameau, who like Robie has impressed in past victories here, jumped all over the opening lead and set fast time the first 25 times around. But then Robie, from row two, took control and never looked back.

Fellows, strong in third until the victim of the second – of five – cautions, would return to notch a top ten finish, but with Robie and Rameau setting a blistering pace, it was Kimmy Rivet, methodical all afternoon as she marched forward from row five, earning an impressive thirdplace finish.

Kenny Thompson led the first 20 go-rounds of the Late Model feature but Ryan Bell, firing from row three, then took charge and outran 2022 Monadnock champ Tim Wenzel and Thompson into victory lane. In a postrace inspection, Wenzel was awarded the win.

Farnum, who sold his championship Mini Stock ride only hours before Sunday's feature gave it one last dash to victory lane. Cole Littlewood led all the way to win Sunday's Outlaw main just ahead of Steve Bly. Littlewood's brother Justin won the same event a

year ago. Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Msy 20, when it begins it 2023 Saturday night racing series as it hosts Military Appreciation Night, with a seven-division card of racing.

Results: May 6 event

Pure Stocks: Colton Martin, Zach Zilinski, CJ Johnson, Chris Davis Carlos Grenier, Chris Conroy, Teagan Edson, Mike Douglas, Dominick Stafford, Tim Taft, Trevor Carey, Chris Bingham, Jim Rhodes, Aaliyah Tacy, Matt Croteau, Ricky Melcher

May 7 Event: Young Guns: Owen Zilinski, Adrian Smith, Emma Blake, Markus O'Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Hunter Douglas

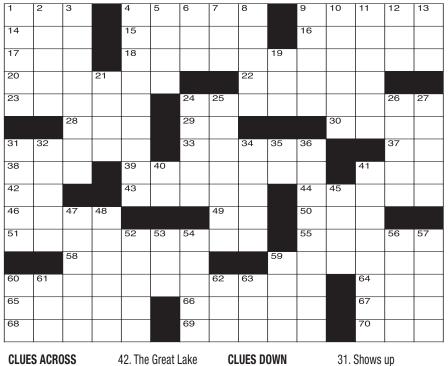
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Mini Stocks: Gordon Farnum, Louis Maher, Jon Fultz, Kevin Clayton, Chris Sontag, Robert Williams, Cameron Sontag, Patrick Houle, Skyler Shippee, Greg Millette, Reagan Buffum, Matt Lambert, Kyle Templeton

NHSTRA Outlaws: Cole Littlewood, Steve Bly, Phil Meany, John Meany, Leighton Lutz

NHSTRA Late Models: Tim Wenzel, Kenny Thompson, Hillary Renaud, JD Stockwell, Chris Emerson, Isabella Minchella, Kevin McKnight, Dan Robinson, Chris Castor, Robert

NHSTRA Modifieds: Brian Robie, Sammy Rameau, Kim Rivet, Tyler Leary, Geoff Rollins, Scott Zilinski, Jeff Battle, Adam Lapoint, Eric Leclair, Aaron Fellows, Nathan Wenzel, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Brian Chapin, Cole Littlewood, Josh Carey, Blair Culhane, Cory Plummer, Joel Belanger



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Education

QRSD preschool holds registration

Regional School District offers integrated preschool programs at each of its elementary schools in Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree for Oakham and New Braintree students and Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre.

The preschool offers an integrated preschool opportunity where students of all abilities are able to learn and grow together. It is a tuition-free, space-limited program offered to students, who reside in the five district towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham.

The preschool program follows the Quabbin academic calendar. Students must be 3 to 5 years old at the beginning of the program and may remain in the program through age 5. If a child does not meet the age eligibility requirement for kindergarten, they are eligible for preschool. Transportation is the responsibil-

ity of the family. The preschools will each have two sessions. The morning program is in session from 9-11:30 a.m. and the afternoon program is in session from 12:30-3 p.m. The time for the New Braintree/ Oakham students is 9:15-11:45 a.m. and 12:15-2:45 p.m. to allow

BARRE - The Quabbin parent pick up at each school. During this time, children will have opportunities to develop their language, social, emotional, physical and academic skills.

> Registration is now open and is ongoing throughout the year. In order to be placed on the waitlist, parents and guardians must complete the first four pages of the registration packet and provide proof of residency/occupancy/ identification (forms available on the Quabbin website) and a copy of each child's birth certificate. All registration forms should be sent to Diana Sanelli by either fax 978-355-6756, email to dsanelli@qrsd.org or mail or drop off at Quabbin Regional Educational Support Center, 872 South St., Barre.

> Notification of acceptance will begin on June 5; at that time, the remaining required paperwork will need to be completed. In the event, the school district has more students than available slots, a lottery process will be used to select students for the preschool program.

> Parents and guardians may call either Diana Sanelli at 978-355-2055 or Shelly St. George, Preschool Coordinator at 413-477-6351

MWCC honor society inducts new members

Alpha Pi Honor Society held a virtual induction ceremony to welcome its new members on May 4, 2023.

Delta Alpha Pi is an academic honor society, which recognizes students with disabilities for their academic achievements. To be eligible, students must have completed twenty-four credits and earned an overall GPA of 3.10. DAPi inductees pledge to demonstrate leadership in advancing the rights of individuals with disabilities, to serve as a role model for other students and to advocate for themselves and other individuals with disabilities. Established in 2017, the MWCC Delta Alpha Pi chapter is one of only twelve in the Commonwealth.

"Congratulations to each and every one of you, you worked very hard both inside and outside the classroom to reach this distinction," said MWCC President James Vander Hooven in his opening remarks. "You have made the decision to per-

GARDNER - The Delta severe, to get the support you need, and to work together to be successful and I commend you for it."

"I would also like to thank your advisors Amy LaBarge and Ann Reynolds, as well as our other staff members for the support they provide our students, the work you do does not go unnoticed," Vander Hooven said.

Welcoming the new members to the DAPi were chapter co-presidents Amanda Robichaud and Nikki Ramos.

The Delta Alpha Pi inductees and graduates are: Lauren Arsenault of Templeton; Marlene Boucher-Ripley of Rutland; Susan Cormier of Fitchburg; Krystyne Curtis of Nottingham, New Hampshire; Alisha LeBlanc of Leominster; Kate Margoles of Gardner; Jay Omeler of Shrewsbury; Nikki Ramos of Fitchburg, co-president; Abigail Randall of Worcester; Amanda Robichaud of Gardner; Alex Townsend of Stow; Lizabeth Velez of Lunenburg and Max Zbikowski of Ashburnham, treasurer.

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career varsity win.

With one-out in the top of the first inning, Quabbin senior designated hitter Nick Warburton (2-for-3) smacked a double into left field. Senior Matt Sands (2-for-3) followed with a ground ball to third, which was slowed down by the thick grass, for an infield hit. Warburton came home on the play following a throwing error by the Indians third base-

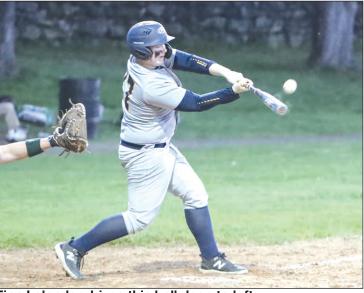
Warburton and Sands had four of Ouabbin's six base hits in the

After Guimond, whose father, Brian, is the varsity baseball coach at Quaboag Regional, struck out the next batter, freshman Adam Adams, who was the Panthers starting pitcher, reached first base following another infield hit before stealing second base. Guimond got out of the jam with a strikeout.

Guimond, who also made a home start against Southwick at the beginning of the regular season, finished the contest with six strikeouts and only one walk.

The Indians put together a two out rally in the bottom of the first.

Junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis and freshman first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka drew walks. Then junior DH Octavio Cotaj, who had an 0-2 count, hit a ground ball single into right field, which



Finn Lelander drives this ball deep to left

brought home the tying run. Kaczuwka scored the go-ahead run on a balk, and Cotaj crossed the plate following a wild pitch to the backstop. The Indians final run of the opening frame scored on a fly ball single into right field by junior second baseman Jack

McKeever (2-for-3). The Indians, who had a total of eight base hits and seven walks, scored five more runs in the second inning.

With runners on first and second base, Sutkaitis drove home the first run of the inning by blasting a double that bounced off the centerfield fence. Then back-to-back bases loaded walks by Cotaj and sophomore right

fielder Jason Mumper increased the Indians lead to 7-1. They scored two more runs when McKeever hit a single into left

The Panthers responded in the third inning with an RBI single to right field by Sands and a groundball out to third by freshman catcher Ian Haupt, which scored another run. Haupt's father, Jim, was the head coach of the Ware football team before the start of the COVID 19 pandemic. Jim Haupt is currently an assistant baseball coach at Quabbin Regional under head coach Mark Battista.

Adams, who's a righty, was replaced on the mound by fresh-

Carvalho (Ludlow), Sophia

man righty Jordyn Guilderson before the start of the bottom of the third inning.

Ware sophomore third baseman Nathan Kaczuwka, who drew a leadoff walk, scored the Indians tenth run during that inning on a wild pitch.

The Indians added four more runs in what turned out to be their final at-bats of the ballgame.

With a runner on third base, senior centerfielder Jack Autcher put down a perfect sacrifice bunt scoring the first run of the bottom of the fourth. Junior shortstop John Mumper and Nathan Kaczuwka also had RBI singles.

The Indians rally continued after the home plate umpire overturned an out call at first base made by the base umpire, which would've ended the inning. The Panthers weren't very happy about the decision. Adams, who had moved to shortstop, was ejected from the game by the base umpire. He'll also be suspended for the next two Panthers games. A couple of Quabbin fans were also ejected from the field by the base umpire.

The Indians final run of the game scored on a fielding error.

John Mumper, who's the Indians ace, replaced Guimond on the mound in the top of the fifth inning. After walking the leadoff hitter, the righty retired the next three batters, which ended the ballgame a couple of innings early.

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players worked very hard at the Academy Cup," Molinari said. "It was also the first time that we combined two age groups together. We really didn't know how the other teams down there were going to be, but both of our teams competed very well

The U-19 girls' team, which was made up of players born in 2006 and 2007, finished with a 1-2-1 record.

"Players who were born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were eligible to play for the U19 team," Ferrara said. "Our U19 team was one of youngest teams down there. We played mostly against 05 players. Our club currently doesn't have a 05 team and the majority of the 04 players are in college and they

the tournament."

The U19 team lost their first two matches 1-0 against teams from West Virginia and Tennessee.

"We hit the post three times in our first two games,' Molinari said. "The other team had a shot hit off the post, but the ball went into the net." After playing a 1-1 tie

against a team from Miami, Florida, the Western United Pioneers finished the tournament by posting a 4-3 victory over a team from New Jersey.

"Overall, the U19 team had a very good showing," Ferrara added. "We played against older teams from the south, who have been playing together for a few years. Our two teams only had five or six training sessions."

Twelve of the U19 players attend a high school located in the region.

Scyocurka (Ludlow), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), Emma Ellis (Ludlow), Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown), Brooke Burrows (Belchertown), Christina Ritter (Agawam), Ava Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Tess Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Claire Poindexter (Minnechaug Regional), and McKenzie Murray (Minnechaug Regional). The U15 team, which was

made up of players born in 2008 and 2009, finished the tournament with a 0-1-3 record. All three of their draws were score-

Twelve members of the U15 squad also live in the Turley Publications coverage area.

They are Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Aneysha Donais (Ludlow), Kacie Klimek (Ludlow), Valentina Molinari Those players are Mia (Ludlow), Payton Dersarkisian

(Hampden), and Isabel Moreau

(Belchertown).

(Ludlow), Ava Friese (Ludlow), Zoriah Wray (Minnechaug Regional), Madison Boulanger "That's our plan," he said. (Chicopee), Maeve Carter (Chicopee), Makenna Sacco (Hampden), Carson Humphries

"I've coached the 09 players in the past," Molinari said. "The 09

players had to adapt to playing with the 08 players. It was also the first time that the U15 team played in a tournament outside of New England. They got to see a different style of soccer."

Because the Academy Cup matches took place in the afternoon, the Western United Pioneers players didn't have a lot of time for sightseeing while they were down in Florida.

"Our games were in the middle of the day, which made it difficult to do anything else," Ferrara said. "We did go out to eat together as a team a couple of nights. It was a fun experience for the players.'

Ferrara is also the League Commissioner of United Women's Soccer and is the owner of the New England Mutiny.

Both the Pioneers and the Mutiny play their home matches at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Ferrara is hoping a few of the Western United Pioneers girls' soccer players join the Mutiny in the coming years.

"I'm always looking for the local soccer players to play for the Mutiny. Rich Friese, who's from

Ludlow, was also a member of the coaching staff at this year's Academy Cup. Ferrara is looking for-

ward to having several of the Western United Pioneers teams compete in the 2024 USL Academy Cup.

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Anna Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of such a day because she loved her own mom so dearly.

At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each one in attendance. Within the next few years, the idea of honoring mothers gained popularity, with large cities celebrating motherhood on May 9, 1914, by an Act of Congress. In time, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day-a day set aside for the "public expression of love and reverence for the mothers" of our nation.

Of course, Anna Jarvis was not the first to deem parental reverence a national priority. Moreover, President Wilson was not the first leader to call for such honor by executive decree. Rather, the Lord commanded the following to the people of Israel millennia ago through His servant, Moses:

Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

In this text, God called for the honoring of parents. Of particular importance for this season, it was His expectation that children esteem and honor those women, who functioned as mothers. To the child in the home, this meant obedience and healthful submission. To the adult, it carried forth the idea of respect, appreciation and kind regard. In an effort to promote fidelity to the Fifth Commandment, let us note the following:

1) MUST

Exodus 20:12 is a call we must follow. Consider that God did not say, "It would be great if you honored your moms" or "I highly recommend you respect your mothers.""Rather, He sovereignly commanded: "Honor your father and your mother." Since this is penned in the imperative, our choice is either obedience unto or rebellion against the revealed will of God. Choose well.

2) SHOULD

Exodus 20:12 is a call we should follow (i.e., for many reasons). In particular, who in this world loves us like our mothers?

A mom's love is unconditional. Such possess the ability to love us when we are most unlovable! When the world abandons us with scorn, shame and derision, mothers draw near. I have seen moms weep over the most wayward, ungrateful and unworthy of children in my time as a minister. Why? Because it is in their nature to love without condition!

A mom's love is perpetual. That is, it does not wane with the passing of time; it does not expire when a child turns eighteen or even eighty. I am 44-years old, and my mother still thinks of me as her baby! Though the manner in which such love is expressed changes with the passing of time, its abiding nature serves as one of the few constants in this world.

A mother's love is sacrificial. I love the following account:

"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." 3) CAN

The call to honor is one that we can obey. God has given us the ability to esteem our mothers in myriad ways:

Firstly, we can love them verbally. When was the last time you shared your affection with the one who loves you most?

Secondly, we can love them physically. Sincere and heartfelt touch is a profound means of showing affection. Don't think you are ever too old to give your mom a hug!

Thirdly, we can love them attentively. Consider the many moments wherein she made you her center of attention. Why not return the favor, lending her a sympathetic ear and truly listening (without interruption)? 4) WILL

I have noted we must, should and can honor our mothers. Yet will we? You see, matters of will relate to choice and choice requires a deliberate decision concerning how we shall act. Will we positively respond to what God has commanded and show forth honor, or not? What say you? May our response mirror what is found in the Book of Proverbs!

Proverbs 31:28-31

28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be

ands have done and let her works bring her praise at the city

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

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Fifth Sunday of **Easter**

"Be filled with the Holy Spirit and Wisdom.'

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 6 v 1-7 and 7 v 55 - 60

1. Introduction:

and facilitator in churches and many other groups and institutions, I have seen, when faced with a difficult situation, how crucial it is to listen carefully to understand the different parties and their concerns. This is usually followed by a meeting, once, twice or sometimes more often, exploring different options to solve the problems and then to come to an agreement that everyone is satisfied with. Sometimes an agreement will come quickly, because people are eager to solve the issues, and at other times it takes longer, because of the complexity of the problem.

A mediation process can sometimes end too soon, because not everyone is willing to work things out. A good agreement involves good decisions, and leaves the group with a peaceful feeling and a commitment to continue working on the issues that have been addressed and also on the healing of relationships. The twelve apostles here in our first passage found themselves in a situation of potential conflict and decided to meet with the congregation to address the issue brought to them. Let's have a look.

2. Finding our way together: The disciples of Christ surely did not receive mediation training as we know it today, and it is not clear that Jesus instructed them to be mediators either. Their calling and purpose involved the preaching of the word of God, about Christ's ministry, His death and resurrection, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the followers of Christ. What they did not realize with the growing numbers, was the importance of getting to know everyone and their needs, and so they did not foresee the potential for misunderstandings about who does what and what they all brought to the congregation, with their various backgrounds and cultures.

In Chapter 6 v 1-7 the Greekspeaking Jews were not happy with the Aramaic speaking Jews about the neglect their widows experienced over the daily distribution of food to all widows. It was the practice during that time for the more well-to-do believers to sell their proper-31 Honor her for all that her ties and to share their income from the sales with the needy in the congregation. Not everyone was honest in these practices, so there were those who did not feel treated well, such as these Greek-speaking widows. It was something the apostles needed to address, because they did not want any conflict among the disciples of Christ.

In verses 2 - 4 we see them gather the congregation to discuss it. At the end of the discussion, they recommended that the congregation select a group of seven people charged with this responsibility of food distribution and handling of the money. In addition to being equipped with knowledge and experience, they needed to be filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

We read that the proposal pleased the whole congregation, and an agreement was reached. They presented the seven men to the apostles, who prayed over them and laid hands on them, an Old Testament practice, for example when Moses transferred his authority to Joshua.

Our passage makes it a point of mentioning the selection of

Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit to be part of the group of seven. In Chapter 7 we read more about Stephan, his powerful ministry of the word and performing miracles, the opposition from the Sanhedrin, and his ultimate demise as he gets stoned to death by those at the Sanhedrin who dragged him out, yelled at him and closed their ears because they did not want to hear what he had to say.

3. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and Wisdom

Apart from using a good process that led to an agreement, they gave new structure to their community of faith, adding this group of people who would be responsible for the distribution of food, in an equitable manner. But more, at the core of the selection of the seven people, was their emphasis on them being filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom.

As apostles they too would be examples of a life filled with prayer, and filled with the Spirit as they researched the word of God and ministered to others. The outcome of a good and successful mediation is for everyone to be in a better place. Work improves, relationships improve, and much more. There may be setbacks and those involved would sometimes call the mediator back for additional help, and in time the feedback and reflection would be that things are much better. In mediation we do not necessarily ask people to be filled with the Spirit, which makes this intervention by the

apostles even more powerful. They placed a strong emphasis on everyone to be filled with the Spirit and wisdom, and a strong focus on the ministry of the word. So, as an added and powerful outcome, we read in verse 7 how the word of God spread, and the numbers of the disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly. On the Day of Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit about 3000 people were added to the community of faith. Later we read 5000 more and so

4. Conclusion

We have gone through Lent, the crucifixion, the Resurrection and now are approaching Pentecost, probably the most powerful remembrance in the life of the church, because it involves the Holy Spirit of God and Christ renewing and filling the lives of Christians so the power and glory of God can be seen in us, being transformed, and as we grow in strength and

We are reminded that Christ is the Head of the church, and we all are stewards of the church. We too sometimes have issues that need to be addressed and mediated. We too come together and look for solutions for our concerns. Most important for us to remember though, is how God calls us, as ordinary and fallible human beings who need the Spirit of God to heal us from our own brokenness, and to fill us, so we can fulfill our roles as followers of Christ.

We are reminded that we cannot be a church without the Spirit, and that the Spirit needs to fill every part of us, and the work we do. May God help us to answer to this call of Pentecost, to be open for a spiritual renewal in our lives and in our church. Amen.

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

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

McQueston, Kathleen Lee Died May 1, 2023

Pierce, Barbara D. (Cernauskas) Died May 2, 2023

Kathleen "Kathy" Lee McQueston, 69

HOUSTON, TX -Kathleen "Kathy" Lee McQueston passed away on May 1, 2023 in Houston, Texas. She was 69 years old. Kathy was a strong, vivacious, and passionate woman. She loved her family and friends fiercely. She was a friend to all, even strangers at the grocery store.

Kathy was born on April 21, 1954 in Ware, to Stanley and Dorothy Miknaitis. In 1978, she married George McQueston. George and Kathy resided in Hockley, Texas and were together for 50 years before her death. George and Kathy had two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica. She was excited to be a grandma to Emmalynne Lee later this year. She is preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Dorothy and several other loved ones. She is survived by her six siblings: Stanley "Butch," Roger, Michael, Gary, Wendy and Eileen "Beanie." She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Kathy had numerous careers throughout her life, but her passion for children was a central focus. Before her retirement in 2019, she was employed with Klein Independent School District as an educational assistant for 21 years. She spent numerous years working with students with disabilities. Her final position was working at Lemm Elementary as a library assistant. She was passionate about sharing her love of children's books with students.

In her free time, she enjoyed taking photos, crafting, getting together

with friends and enjoying sunsets. She loved to spend time in nature, especially with wildflowers, bluebonnets and sunflowers. Each spring and summer, she made several trips to find the best fields of flowers. Galveston was a place of peace for her. She enjoyed spending time jumping in the waves and exploring small shops.

Services will be held in both Texas and Massachusetts. Services in Texas are scheduled for May 19 at 10:00am at Grace Covenant Baptist Church (5010 W. Danville Rd., Willis, TX 77318). Bright-colored casual attire is requested. Services in Massachusetts will be arranged at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to the library at Lemm Elementary by sponsoring new books or making a financial donation. All books will have a special plaque in Kathy's honor. https://www.btsb.com/sosl/lemmele-

Barbara D. (Cernauskas) Pierce, 89

NORTH BROOKFIELD Barbara D.(Cernauskas) Pierce, 89, of North Brookfield, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center after a short illness.

She leaves her son, Brian E. Pierce and his wife Janet A. of New

Braintree; her grandson, Jeremy E. Pierce and his girlfriend AlyssaBeth Heller of Brookfield; two great-grandchildren, Joseph and Autumn; her sister, Helen Hart of North Brookfield and her sister-in-law, Norma Cernauskas of North Brookfield. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, including her special niece, Linda Artruc with whom she spent a lot of quality time over the past few years.

She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Edward W. Pierce in 2006; her three brothers and six sisters and her grandson, Zachary W. Pierce in 2021. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late George and Anna (Kudzma) Cernauskas. Barbara was raised in Wheelwright and was a graduate of Hardwick High School. Ed and Barbara lived in Wheelwright before moving to North Brookfield in 1978.

Barbara was a talented seamstress and baker. She made delicious strawberry rhubarb pie along with many



other treats. She enjoyed reading, as well as feeding and watching the birds, especially the cardinals. She never drove, but she and Ed enjoyed many years together traveling the coast of Maine – with Booth Bay Harbor, Wells and Freeport being among their favorite destinations. They enjoyed camping in Vermont and traveling

to Cape Cod in their younger years. Together, they were happy being beloved grandparents. They enjoyed fishing with Zachary and attending many of Jeremy's sporting events, along with all their special events. Her family would like to thank the staff at Quaboag Rehabilitation and

Skilled Care for the dedicated and compassionate care that they provided to Barbara. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hardwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037.

A Graveside Service for Barbara was held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 11a.m. in St. Joseph Cemetery, South Barre Road, in Barre.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrange-

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Friends of Stone Church receive grant

GILBERTVILLE – Friends of the Stone Church received a \$10,000 matching grant from Preservation Massachusetts and the 1772 Foundation.

The Friends are seeking matching funds as they prepare to complete needed roof repairs this summer.

community group organized in 2015

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and and open to all. Their mission is to preserve and protect the 1874 Stone Church Cultural Center and to make it available as a place of cultural and community enrichment.

They welcome donations toward their ongoing historic preservation project online by visiting www. FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mailing to: FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

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plexity of Schubert's output leaves many to mourn and speculate what he could have produced had he lived a longer time.

Concert videos made during the pandemic in 2021 and 2022 with Gusev and soprano Maria Ferrante can be viewed through the FOSC website www. FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org/music

This concert and the webcasts of Gusev's previous appearances at the Stone Church were funded in part by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. FOSC is proud to have received partial funding for the 2022-23 season from Local Cultural Councils of Hardwick-New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham and Petersham,

local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council. Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and community group organized in 2015 and open to all. Our mission is to preserve and protect the 1874 Stone Church Cultural Center and to make it available as a place of cultural and community enrichment. They welcome donations toward our ongoing historic preservation project online at www. FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, PO Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

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Barre Police Log

Sunday, April 30 9:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley

Road, Citation Issued 4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Walnut

Hill Road, Criminal Complaint Summons: Brown, Jonathan A., 33,

Charges: Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Monday, May 1

9:58 a.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, Valley Road, Message Delivered 2:54 p.m. Identity Theft, South Street,

Report Filed 5:12 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Cut Off Road, Message Delivered

10:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Exchange Street, Officer

Tuesday, May 2

12:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Old Coldbrook Road, Vehicle Towed 2:53 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Information Taken

6:56 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Farrington Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, May 3

12:11 am. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issue, Vernon Avenue, Negative

6:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed

Summons: Williams, Robert J., 37, Charges: Unlicensed Operation of

Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No 7:03 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Root Road, Transported to Hospital

8:40 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party 8:43 a.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

10:19 a.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, Valley Road, Information

2:54 p.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party 3:25 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, South

Street, Services Rendered 4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued 5:32 p.m. Erratic Operator, James Street, Negative Contact

7:28 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Maple Lane, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 4

2:39 a.m. HazMat Incidents, Newburyport, Services Rendered 12:20 p.m. HazMat Incidents, Devens, Services Rendered

1:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kendall Street, Vehicle Towed Summons: Rosado, Roberto Rivera,

56. Leominster Charges: Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Services Rendered 6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued

Friday, May 5

5 p.m. HazMat Incidents, Devens,

10:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, West Street, Report Filed

10:35 a.m. Animal - Lost and/ or Found, Phillipston Road, Animal Returned to Owner 11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle - No Fire

Department/EMS Response, West Street, Report Filed

2:17 p.m. Animal - Bite, Worcester Road, Information Given

3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued 4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued

4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning 5:43 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Maple

Lane, Animal Returned to Owner 6:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning 11:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Saturday, May 6

12:04 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Worcester Road, Investigated

1:10 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Old Hardwick Road, Message Delivered

2:08 p.m. Property Damage, Worcester Road, Investigated 3:33 p.m. Harassment, Allen Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

4:06 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Valley Road, Animal Returned to Owner 6:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued

Sunday, May 7 6:57 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Advised

SOUTH BARRE

Monday, May 1

12:05 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Worcester Road, Officer Advised

Wednesday, May 3

8:47 a.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, Cole Road, Information Given 10:06 a.m. Animal Wildlife, South Street. Information Given

9:54 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Wheelwright Road, Information

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, April 30

10:47 a.m. Road Hazard, Brigham Road, Services Rendered 5:05 p.m. Gunshots, Chippewa Street, Officer Advised

Monday, May 1

7:46 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Woodview Drive, Information Given

Tuesday, May 2

4:49 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Services

Wednesday, May 3

6:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Vehicle Removed

7:52 a.m. Property - Lost and Found, Old Princeton Road, Property Picked Up 8:36 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Services Rendered

1:49 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Gardner Road, Message Delivered 3:59 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Pitcherville Road, Information Taken

Thursday, May 4

Road, Transported to Hospital

4:26 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Hale

2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check, Main Street, Citation Issued 4:33 pm. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

Friday, May 5

12:15 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Main

7:06 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Message Delivered 10:54 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Services

11:41 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issue, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, May 6

5:09 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled,

Burnshirt Road, Vehicle Towed 5:36 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Ragged Hill Road, Located/

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, April 30

1:42 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital 4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Citation Issued 10:12 p.m. Breathing Difficulty,

Monday, May 1

2:47 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Spencer Road, Officer Advised

Tuesday, May 2

Allen Drive, Drill/Test Complete

Old Turnpike Road, Information Given

4:06 p.m. Trauma, Crawford Road,

Saturday, May 6

8:04 p.m. Fire - Smoke

Rutland Police Log

Intervale Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Road, Transported to Hospital

County Road, Citation Issued

Paxton Road, Written Warning

Paxton Road, Written Warning

Street, Transported to Hospital

Road, Officer Spoke to Party

County Road, Written Warning

Paxton Road, Written Warning

Street, Written Warning

Road, Negative Contact

to Hospital

Street, Property Returned

11:36 p.m. Sick/Tingling, Glenwood

Wednesday, May 3

3:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East

4:17 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, South

4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

4:45 p.m. Difficulty Breathing, Main

5:01 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart

5:07 p.m. Illegal Dumping, River

5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East

5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

6:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

11:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Miles

Thursday, May 4

Department, Holden, Negative Contact

Wachusett Street, Officer Advised'

Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Street, Transported to Hospital

Transported to Hospital

2:06 a.m. Assist Other Police

8:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled.

9:25 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Naquag

1:15 p.m. Animal - Lost and/or

2:12 p.m. Dizzy Headache, Main

4:06 p.m. Trauma, Crawford Road,

7:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

Wachusett Street, Written Warning

Problems, Crawford Road, Transported

Street, Criminal Complaint

66, Danforth, Maine

Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle County Road, Gone on Arrival

1:42 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital

Miles Road, Transported to Hospital Clearview Road, Information Taken 8:37 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main

Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital

Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Avenue, Fire Extinguished

1:38 p.m. Falls, Beechwood Drive, Transported to Hospital 2:34 p.m. Falls,

Transported to Hospital Report Filed

Avenue, Written Warning

Avenue. Written Warning

Avenue. Citation Issued 6:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

Paxton Road, Citation Issued 6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

6:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 7:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Department, Rutland, Services

Report Filed

Thursday, May 4

10:08 a.m. Court Duty, East 7:43 p.m. Elevated Labs, Pine Lane,

2:50 p.m. Vandalism, Ware Corner

Road, Information Taken Investigation, Worcester Road,

Sunday, April 30 8:38 a.m. Falls, Highland Park Road,

Summons: Jacques, Thomas G. Jr., Charges: Number Plate Violation to

Street, Negative Contact 10:12 p.m. Breathing Difficulty,

Monday, May 1

2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to

4:45 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Kenwood Drive, Report Filed

Tuesday, May 2

5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

Avenue, Written Warning 7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Avenue, Written Warning

Street, Written Warning

9:22 p.m. Assist Other Police

Wednesday, May 3

8:59 a.m. Fire - Fire Drill, Deacon 4:39 p.m. Identity Theft, Barre Road,

6:31 p.m. Follow Up Investigation,

Brookfield District Court, Report Filed Transported to Hospital

Transported to Hospital

7:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 9:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity,

Transported to Hospital 12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

1:26 p.m. Erratic Operator, East

1:54 p.m. Neurological/Head Injury, 4:31 p.m. Animal - ACO Call,

11:13 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Maple

7:32 a.m. Vehicle Fires, Maple 9:07 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Report Filed

Miles Road, 3:36 p.m. Threats, Main Street,

5:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Found, East County Road, Negative Contact Avenue, Written Warning

Pommogussett Road, Written Warning 7:43 p.m. Elevated Labs, Pine Lane, Transported to Hospital 8:57 p.m. Traffic Hazard, Maple

Investigated

Avenue, Verbal Warning 10:42 p.m Suspicious Activity, Oakridge Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, May 5 5:52 a.m. Seizures, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital

10:04 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services 12:47 p.m. Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital

1:12 p.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, Main Street, Information Given 1:55 p.m. Diabetic, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

3:34 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Sunnyside Avenue, Report Filed 4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning 4:34 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Central

Tree Road, Officer Spoke to Party 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

Paxton Road, Citation Issued 5:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple venue, Written Warning

Street, Citation Issued

Spoke to Party

10:28 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, Michael Drive, Report Filed

Saturday, May 6 9:12 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Prospect Street. False/Accidental/Defective Alarm 1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

1:14 p.m. Hand Injury, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital 1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued 1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued 2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning

Town of Barre

HEARING NOTICE

Dog Hearing

determine if a dog at 160

Valley Road, Barre, MA

ties will have the opportuni-

ty to be heard. The meeting

room is accessible; persons

requiring special accommo-

dations should contact the

Select Board's Office (978)

For the Select Board

Interim Town Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE

execution of the Power

of Sale contained in a

certain mortgage given

by Stanley L. Gutowski

and Julia R. Gutowski

to Mortgage Electronic

Inc., as mortgagee, acting

solely as a nominee for

of Lydian Private Bank,

dated February 3, 2006

and recorded in Worcester

County (Worcester District)

Registry of Deeds in

Book 38407, Page 7 (the

"Mortgage"), of which

mortgage Wilmington

Savings Fund Society, FSB,

not in its individual capac-

trustee for CSMC 2018-

RPL6 Trust is the pres-

ent holder by Assignment

from Mortgage Electronic

as mortgagee, as nominee

for Virtualbank, a Division

Lydian Private Bank, its

successors and assigns to

Wilmington Savings Fund

Society, FSB, not in its

individual capacity, but

solely as owner Trustee for

CSMC 2018-RPL6 Trust

dated January 27, 2021 and

recorded at said Registry of

Deeds in Book 64382, Page

204, and Foreclosure Deed

from Wilmington Savings

Fund Society, FSB, not in

its individual capacity, but

solely as owner Trustee for

CSMC 2018-RPL6 Trust

to Wilmington Savings

Fund Society, FSB, not in

its individual capacity, but

solely as owner Trustee

for CSMC 2018-RPL6

Trust dated November

3, 2021 and recorded at

said Registry of Deeds in Book 66822, Page 334,

for breach of conditions of

said mortgage and for the

purpose of foreclosing the

same, the mortgaged prem-

ises located at 453 South

Road, Oakham, MA 01068

will be sold at a Public

Auction at 12:00 PM on

May 30, 2023, at the mort-

gaged premises, more par-

ticularly described below.

all and singular the prem-

ises described in said mort-

Worcester County,

Massachusetts being a cer-

tain parcel of land with the

buildings thereon situated

on South Road, and bound-

ed and described as fol-

southeasterly corner there-

of on the northerly side of

the road leading from New

THENCE northerly by

Braintree to Worcester;

BEGINNING at the

The land In Oakham,

gage, to wit:

By virtue of and in

Greg Balukonis

355-2504 in advance.

05/11/2023

In accordance with the provisions of MGL C. 140 s.157 and Barre Bylaw C. 11 s. 13, a Public Hearing will be held by the Select said stone wall; THENCE southerly Board on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to by another stone wall 180

01005 is a potentially dangerous or nuisance dog. Road; The meeting will be in the Select Board's Meeting Room, Henry Woods Worcester Road 646 feet. Building, first floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA. at beginning. which time interested par-

Worcester Road at a northway about 12 feet in width,

premises BEING the same premises conveyed to the Grantors by deed dated June 28, 2001 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book

Registration Systems, THEREFROM Virtualbank, a Division ity, but solely as owner Registration Systems, Inc.,

BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the intersection of stone walls in the northeasterly line of South Road other land of William B.

55' 37" E., 175.49 feet along said Herrick land to an iron pin set;

THENCE N. 47 degrees 47' 35" W., 25.79 feet along a stone wall along the northeasterly side South

Registry of Deeds in Book 27173, Page 25. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District)

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

land formerly of Roland Winter and a stone wall 322 feet, more or less, to a stake in said stone wall;

Public Notices

THENCE westerly by another stone wall 566 feet, more or less, to a stake in

feet, more or less, to stake in said stone wall at the New Braintree - Worcester THENCE easterly by said New Braintree -

more or less, to the place of Subject to a right of way from the New Braintree erly direction about 200 feet to the opening in a stone wall at the northerly line of the above described parcel. Said right of way is over the present traveled the easterly line of which about 25 feet westerly of the west side of the house on the above described

24453 Page 12.

EXCEPTING Land on the northeasterly side of South Road in Oakham, being shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled "Plan of Land located on South Road, Oakham, Mass, prepared for D. A. Robinson Contracting, Inc., Owned by Stanley L. and Julia R. Gutowski, 453 South Road, Oakham, MA, October 20, 2003" and which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 808, Plan 32 and which Parcel A is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

and Maura J. Herrick;

THENCE N. 07 degrees

THÊNCE S. 02 degrees 47' 35" E., 114.56 feet along Gutowski land to an iron pin set in a stone wall in the northeasterly line of South Road;

Road to the point begin-

Containing 1,045.00 square feet. Being a portion of the premises conveyed to Stanley L. Gutowski and Julia R. Gutowski by deed of Richard J. Paquette and Mary Kay Paquette dated July 30, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester District

Registry of Deeds in Book 27173, Page 25.

Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises

Terms of the Sale:

a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be

contained in said mortgage

shall control in the event of

announced at the sale. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee for CSMC 2018-RPL6 Trust

900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Gutowski, Stanley L. & Julia R. Gutowski,

20-037757

Korde & Associates, P.C.

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BARRE PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Select Board Meeting Room - 1st Floor, Barre, MA to see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, Zoning, Chapter 140, to include

Rural Siting Principles. A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the public hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the public hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley Chairman 05/11; 05/18/2023 **Town of Barre**

HEARING NOTICE

Proposed Town Bylaw A Public Hearing will be held by the Select Board on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to review an amendment to the Town Code by adding a new bylaw defining the appointment, duties and responsibilities for the Town Administrator position. The meeting will be in the Select Board's Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, first floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA. at which time interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard. The meeting room is accessible; persons requiring special accommodations should contact the

Select Board's Office (978) 355-2504 in advance. For the Select Board Greg Balukonis Interim Town Administrator

05/11/2023 **Barre Planning Board**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:15 **p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, 3rd Floor, requested by American Tower, and LD Acquisition Company, LLC/ Breitenwischer, James K. & Kelly L., holder of option, for eligible facilities request and special permit renewal for the modification of an existing Wireless Communications Services Facility by installing one emergency backup power diesel-fueled generator on a proposed concrete pad within and existing compound enclosed by a chain link fence located at 937 Hubbardston Road, Assessors Map F, Lot 79 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 68695, Page

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman 05/04, 05/11/2023

BARRE PLANNING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Selectmen Meeting Room, floor 1, requested by Caruso Construction Corp. to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, Chapter 140 Zoning, Section 140-7 Residence Districts, subsection A. (5) by deleting in its entirety, and replacing with the following: Two-family dwellings, with the exception that in the Residence Districts R-20 and R-15, the same must be serviced by town water and town sewer.

on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

A copy of which is

Floyd Kelley, Chairman 05/11, 05/18/2023

BARRE PLANNING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:45 **p.m.** at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Selectmen Meeting Room, floor 1, requested by Caruso Construction Corp to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, Zoning 140, Town of Barre Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Map incorporated therein by reference, by changing the zoning district of land on the Northwesterly side of South Street, consisting of land owned by Caruso Construction Corp. as recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 68670, Page 115 and being a portion of Assessors Map 51E and as shown as the shaded area on plan, from what is currently designated as "R-80 Rural Residence

District", to "R-20 General Residence District". A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning

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Floyd Kelley, Chairman

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Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and **Family Court** 225 Main Street Worcester MA, 01608 Docket No. WO23P1458PM In the matter of: Earlene Lorena Lajoie Of: Oakham, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/

Minor) **CITATION GIVING** NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,

§5-304 & §5-405 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Richard L Lajoie of Oakham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Earlene Lorena Lajoie is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Richard L. Lajoie of Oakham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 05/30/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the abovenamed person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A **Keamy**, First Justice of this

Date: April 27, 2023 Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate 05/11/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Probate and Family** Court **Worcester Probate and**

Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. **WO22P0074EA**

Roger W. Lovewell Date of Death: 12/09/2021 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF **COMPLETE**

SETTLEMENT

Estate of:

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

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

day of 05/30/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to

this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to

WITNESS. Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 05, 2023

Stephanie Fattman Register of Probate 05/11/2023

NOTICE OF TIER **CLASSIFICATION MASSACHUSETTS** Electric Company d/b/a **National Grid**

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A release of oil and/or

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more information on this

disposal site, please contact Matthew G. Wagner, Tighe & Bond, Inc., 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085, 413-572-3258. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 2-21948 at http:// public.dep.state.ma.us/ SearchableSites2/Search. aspx, or at MassDEP. Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606, 508-792-7650. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404. 05/11/2023

BARRE PLANNING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Select Board Meeting Room – 1st Floor, Barre, MA to see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, Zoning, Chapter 140, to include Open Space Development A copy of which is

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Floyd Kelley Chairman 05/11, 05/18/2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -

HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A **PUBLIC HEARING** Project File No. 609187

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Replacement H-24-003 Williamsville Road over the Burnshirt River in Hubbardston, MA.

WHEN: 6 PM, Tuesday, May 23, 2023

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement H-24-003 Williamsville Road over the Burnshirt River Project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent pos-

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing bridge and resurfacing the roadway. Bicycle accommodations consisting of

comments in writing prior usable shoulders have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides.

> A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

> > Project inquiries, written

statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProject Management@dot. state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 609187. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

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This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at https://www. mass.gov/orgs/highway-di vision/events.

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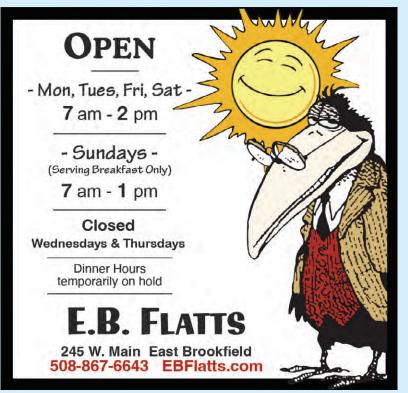


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