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Select Board accepts articles

Finance Committee to review them next

By Ellenor Downer
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OAKHAM – The Oakham Select Board went over the articles for the Annual Town Meeting at their Monday, May 6 meeting.

After going through all the articles on the warrant, the Board voted unanimously to accept them as presented. The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday to go over the articles. Select Board Chair Donald Haapakoski read each article.

Some of first articles are standard articles, which appear on the warrant annually. They include accepting town reports as printed, authorizing the treasurer to borrow money, authorizing the Select Board to set salaries, accepting Chapter 90 funds and approving limits on the town's revolving funds.

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Historical Society exhibit showcases brides

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

RUTLAND – Who would have “thunk” it?

This past Saturday the popular Historical Society in Rutland drew an enthusiastic group interested in wedding gowns worn by brides over the decades. When I told my bride, Carol, that was where I was going on Saturday, she immediately decided to be my chaperone.

I was glad she came because she has a talent for finding and wearing all things tasteful and stylish in clothes. We met several ladies, who had beautiful wedding photos and gowns of their own on display. She immersed herself into conversation.

There were family photos taken in the 1932 of a grandmother's, wedding, then in 1962 of the mother's and in 1992 of a daughter. Occasionally, a photo would show a mother and daughter wearing the same dress. Discussion about the similarity of three dresses would spark debate around the refreshment table as to whether a bride was wearing a carefully preserved wedding dress of the mother and the grandmother. Unsurprisingly, it was a male who assumed that to be the case. It took a little while, but he humbly admitted his error and agreed to have his eyes checked.

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Turley photos by Eric Goodhart

Judith Menard of Oakham had a display of bridal gowns along with other memorabilia. This is the wedding photo Louise Frappier Oscar Michaud from 1940. They married when he was home on leave.

Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance welcomes new director

By Paula Ouimette
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Members of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance welcomed the new Prevention Director, Emily Kirby, following the retirement of Gail Gramarossa.

At the May 13 meeting, Kirby introduced herself and shared information about her education and experience with substance use and harm reduction.

“We are in a complete void,” Kirby said, in terms of harm reduction in the Quaboag Hills area.

Kirby said there is no local access to syringes, with the closest being Amherst and Worcester. She said there is also a need for more sharps disposals.

Kirby grew up in Berkshire

County and has a bachelor's degree in nutrition and a master's degree in public health and public policy. She has worked for WIC, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Berkshire Harm Reduction.

“I've had a lot of hands-on experience in harm reduction,” Kirby said.

Recovery Center of HOPE update

Community Engagement Coordinator for QHSUA Abaigeal Duda said the Recovery Center of HOPE is an all pathways, regional recovery center on Main Street in Ware.

The idea to create the center (as well as the QHSUA) was discussed 10 years ago by the

Quaboag Hills Community Coalition, as a way to address the opioid crisis and substance use.

“They started a group that eventually became the QHSUA and one of their main goals was to start a recovery center,” Duda said.

Duda said the members did a lot of hard work, and now there is the Recover Center of Hope at 52 and 78 Main St., which is overseen by the Western Massachusetts Training Consortium.

“This wouldn't have happened without them. Now, they do such a good job making sure this continues,” Duda said of the consortium.

Duda said the best thing about the center is the feeling you get when you walk through the door.

“These are great people, and it makes all the difference,”

Duda said.

Representing the Recovery Center of HOPE were Julie Lutz, Operations & Administration Coordinator and Susan Daley, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator.

Daley said the center is truly a community, and it is run by people in recovery, as well as friends, family members and allies.

Lutz said the center provides social support for people in recovery.

“Our peer recovery center supports people on their recovery journey...to move forward and build a meaningful life in recovery,” she said.

Lutz said substance use affects all people in one way or another, and that the center provides an environment where people can

engage in safe dialogue.

“We always welcome non-judgemental and compassionate curiosity,” she said. Lutz said All Recovery meetings are inclusive and nondenominational.

Daley said peers determine what, when and how activities are offered at the center. Hours at the center have also increased significantly, offering support Monday through Saturday.

All Recovery meetings are held Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m., with additional times on Tuesday at 4 p.m., Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. A Wellness Hour is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.

Coffee hours are held on Mondays from 1-2 p.m. and a book club has started on the first

and third Monday of each month at 2 p.m. A peer-led writing group meets on Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Game nights provide fun for the whole family on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. Community Growth Meetings to develop new ideas and make important decisions for the center are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Snack and Spruce gives the community a chance to enjoy snacks and music while they clean the center on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

“We just kind of take care of the space that takes care of us,” Lutz said.

Art hour is held from 1:30-2:30

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Northern lights illuminate the sky



Photo by Jessica Legassey

The photographer took this photo of the northern lights on Friday, May 10 in Rutland.

State Auditor seeks signatures for ballot question

By Paula Ouimette
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WEST BROOKFIELD – State Auditor Diana DiZoglio has one wish for her birthday on June 5, and that's to gain the 13,000 signatures needed to get a question on the November ballot.

This ballot question would allow voters to compel the Legislature to be audited. The audit would be performative, and also look at how tax dollars are being spent.

“This is the same type of audit we do for every other entity,” DiZoglio said. “Legislature is the only one refusing.”

Last fall, over 75,000 residents across the commonwealth signed a petition after DiZoglio's request to audit the Senate and the House of Representatives was denied by the House Speaker and Senate President.

DiZoglio and her office staff have been traveling to towns and cities, asking for help to collect the necessary signatures before the deadline, making a stop in West Brookfield on May 5.

DiZoglio said she has a “deep love and affection” for policy making and transparency in the

Legislature, after spending six years as a state representative and four years as a state senator before taking her current office in 2023.

“We do so many great things here in Massachusetts,” DiZoglio said.

Despite this, the commonwealth is ranked one of the least transparent state governments, she said.

“As your state auditor I've been given the really unique opportunity to have a platform; a singular voice,” she said. “We need transparency. There are a lot of tough conversations that need to be had.”

DiZoglio said she has been reflecting on the saying, “knowledge is power,” and she feels that this applies to a legislative audit, and how its results will spread knowledge and power back to the voters.

“I've seen knowledge hoarded, essentially, by people in power,” she said. “If we have knowledge about state budget and government, we have an opportunity to join in – to rise against or support.”

DiZoglio said her office works



State Auditor Diana DiZoglio

to “bring light” to over 200 state entities. She is it is common practice in many other states to audit the Legislature regularly as well.

“The decisions that impact us all should be made in the light of say,” she said.

DiZoglio said no system is perfect, but that the government should strive to be better.

“Our goal and our mission is to help,” she said of the State Auditor's office. “To make sure everyday people get the best services.”

DiZoglio said the government cannot improve its service to constituents if potential problems can't be identified and addressed. She said it's “deeply concerning” that her office's efforts to get access to the Legislature have been demonized and talked down about.

“It doesn't say a lot of good things about how our system is running. What is there to hide?” she said.

DiZoglio said there have been 113 audits of the Legislature completed by her office dating back to 1849. Now, they are unable to get

access to information about public tax dollars, she said.

DiZoglio said the audit is a non-partisan issue, and it's more about those who have power and those who do not.

“Leadership has a lot of power,” she said.

Retaliation is also a common occurrence is the Legislature, DiZoglio said, adding that this behavior is “unacceptable.”

She said retaliation directed at herself personally is missing the mark, and coming back on the voters who elected her.

“This is something that needs to be talked about over and over again...This is not the Massachusetts we know and love,” she said.

DiZoglio urged residents to “have a seat at the table” before decisions are made in the Legislature, asking them to help gather the remaining signatures for the ballot question before the June 5 deadline.

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News of the Towns

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Historical Society hosts banner making
A traditional arts program of banner making for all ages for the Happy Bicenquingenary (250th) Birthday Barre will take place Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Heritage Center, 20 Common St., Barre. The fourth installment in the traditional arts series, this class will be led by Directors Eileen Bohigian and Kay Potter Flick. Attendees will be given the basics of stringing paper decorations, following a banner design to hang in their home in preparation of celebrating Barre's Bicenquingenary Birthday, Founding Day, on June 17 and throughout the year! All materials will be provided for this free class fit for ages 4-104. Drop-ins are welcome.

Circle of Song concert
After practicing assiduously for four months, Circle of Song is ready to wow the crowd on Saturday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street. Now 20 strong, the Circle of Song has a program with some really nice solos by Karen Guertin, Danny LeBlanc, Scott Bryant and Siobhan Moynihan and an engaging dance routine led by Grace Jenkins. From foreign language to spiritual, to madrigal, show tunes and contemporary ballad, the program will inspire audience with their engaged performance. The refreshments at the end are out of this world. For more information on the concert and how to join the choral group for the fall, people should email Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call her at 978-257-1192.

Berthiaume's and Durant's staff visit
State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, and Senator Peter Durant's, Constituent services coordinator, Jared Grigg, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues where they may need assistance. On Tuesday, May 21 from 9-10 a.m. they will be at the Barre Senior Center. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with staff to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Farmer's Market
The Barre Farmer's Market is open Saturdays now through October from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common. There be many local vendors selling cards, honey, jams, jellies, crafts, plants, flowers, vegetables and fruits in season, eggs, dairy, ice cream and more. The event is held rain or shine.

Food Pantry
The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, May 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients May 16 will again be "drive-through" style distribution. 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.

NBHS holds program on Winnimuset Valley

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Historical Society will share stories and information about the Winnimuset Valley on Friday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at their museum on 10 Utley Road.
Paul Benoit will host a round table discussion of the Winnimuset Valley where King Philip had a campsite, where Sarah and Mary Rowlandson were taken after a raid of their home in Lancaster, where the Barre Hiller Airport, the Benoit Farm and the Dump fight took place. They will also discuss where the now abandoned roads and home were. Refreshments will be served. If people have any questions, they may call Deb at 508-867-3324.

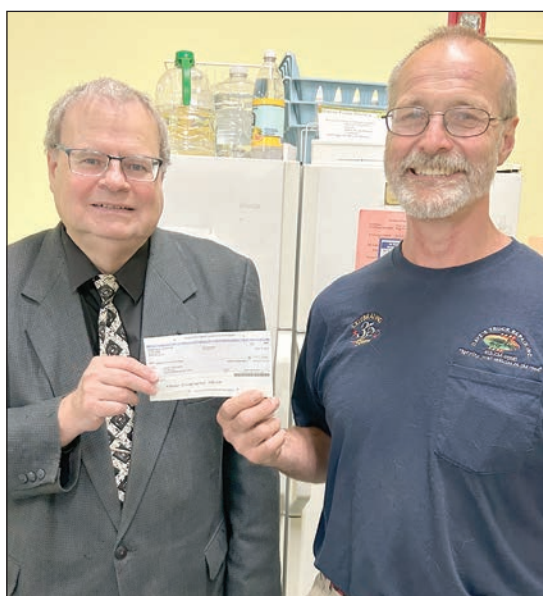


Ramsey DiLibero, Darlene (DiLibero) Kellner, J Colleen Ferguson, June Ferguson, Submitted photo

BHS Class of 1946 holds 79th reunion

By Darlene (DiLibero) Kellner
BARRE – The illustrious Class of 1946 from Barre High School recently gathered for their 79th class reunion, a poignant and cherished occasion celebrating lifelong friendships and cherished memories. Despite the passage of time, the bonds forged during their high school years remain unbreakable.
The reunion, held on Jan. 24, 2024, marked a significant milestone for the three surviving members of the class, all of whom are now 95 years old. Ramsey G. DiLibero of Glenmore, Pennsylvania, June (Swindell) Ferguson of Rohnert Park, California and Leo Tamkus of Wheelwright, came together to reminisce about their shared experiences and celebrate the enduring spirit of camaraderie.
In a touching display of dedication, Ramsey DiLibero co-piloted his own small plane with his daughter as pilot, from Glenmore to California to reunite with June, while Leo Tamkus joined the festivities remotely via phone. Despite the physical distance, the emotional connection among the classmates transcended any barriers, as they laughed, shared stories and reflected on their formative years at Barre High School.
The reunion, held in Rohnert Park, California, in the picturesque San Francisco area, provided the perfect backdrop for the classmates to reconnect and celebrate their enduring friendship. Against the backdrop of the rolling hills and scenic vistas, Ramsey, June, and Leo exchanged heartfelt anecdotes, reaffirming the bonds that have stood the test of time.
"It was truly a joyous occasion to reunite with my fellow classmates after all these years," remarked Ramsey DiLibero. "Despite the years that have passed, the memories of our time at Barre High School remain vivid and cherished."
June Ferguson echoed his sentiments, stating, "The opportunity to come together and relive our shared experiences was incredibly special. Our class may be small in number now, but our bond remains as strong as ever."
Leo Tamkus, though unable to join in person, expressed his gratitude for the chance to connect with his classmates once again. Though he couldn't be there in person, the warmth and camaraderie shared during the reunion warmed his heart. It was a beautiful reminder of the enduring friendships we forged all those years ago.
As the sun set on their memorable reunion, the Class of 1946 departed with hearts full of gratitude for the cherished memories and enduring friendships that have enriched their lives for over seven decades. Though scattered across the country, the spirit of Barre High School lives on in the hearts of Ramsey, June, Leo, and all their classmates, forever united by their shared experiences and unwavering bond.
A little more information, back in August of 2021 the class of '46 held a reunion with eight of the living members. Ramsey believes that at this point they are the only three still living members of the class. They are all 95 years old.

Lions Club donates to the Barre Food Pantry



Submitted photo
Tim Mara, from left, of the Barre Lions Club hands a check from the Lions to David Petrovick, Director of the Barre Food Pantry.

Sheriff's Office to hold drive-thru senior picnic

SHREWSBURY – Sheriff Evangelidis and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office announce the return of the annual Sheriff's Senior Picnic on Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m.1 p.m. at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.
Due to the success of previous years, the picnic will once again be held as a drive-thru and feature a barbecue boxed lunch, goodie bags, music, giveaways, raffle prizes and more.
The event is free and open to all residents in Worcester County over the age of 60. Space is limited and an RSVP is required by visiting the following link ReserveDeputySheriff.com/2024-senior-picnic
They may also RSVP by calling 508-796-2638 or emailing nydia@worcestercountysheriff.org. They should leave a message with their name, address and phone number. Those wishing to attend must register by Monday, May 20.

Corrections policy

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West African Drumming Workshop for Teens and Adults
On Thursday May 30 from 6-7 p.m. there will be a West African Drumming Workshop for teens and adults at the Hubbardston Public Library, Main Street, Hubbardston. The Wendell Warriors drumming ensemble and teacher Jafar Manselle will show you how to make different tones on the drum and introduce African rhythms used for village celebrations. As a group, they will all play together and celebrate the day. A drum class is always a celebration. People may call the Hubbardston Library at 978-928-4775 to register.

Hidden Meadow Hike
Mike Stoll and Tim Hawley will lead a walk to the secluded Hidden Meadow on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. The trail weaves through varied terrain with a rich history of change. Hidden Meadow is a preserve of 150 acres protected by a partnership of the East Quabbin Land Trust with the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Town of Hubbardston through its Community Preservation Act fund. Meet at the new parking area on Lombard Road, 1.2 miles south of New Westminster Road.

Berthiaume and Durant staff office hour
State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna, and Senator Peter Durant's, Constituent services coordinator, Jared Grigg, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues where they may need assistance. On Tuesday, May 21 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. they will be at the Hubbardston Senior Center. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with staff to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Hubbardston Library offers scholarships
The Hubbardston Public Library offers two \$500 scholarships for Hubbardston residents pursuing post-secondary education. To be eligible, they must be a current Hubbardston resident. They should submit their application to: Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., Unit 8 Hubbardston, MA 01452. The deadline is Sunday, June 30. For questions or more information, people may email the Hubbardston Public Library at library@hubbardstonma.us or call 978-928-1400.

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

Medicare 101 educational event set for May 22

BARRE – The Barre Senior Center will be hosting an educational presentation on Thursday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the senior center located at 557 South Barre Road for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare.
The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run from 1 to 1.5 hours, including time for questions.
The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed insurance agent, who will explain the basics of Medicare including:
• Why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare coverage each year
• The pros and cons of each of your Medicare coverage options
• What to consider when deciding which Medicare coverage option is right for you
• Ways to save money and get better Medicare coverage in 2024
For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call 774-271-5199 or 711 for TTY callers.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?
We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.
This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.
Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661.**

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Board of Health – May 20 at 5:15 p.m. and June 10 at 5 p.m.
 Select Board – May 20 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – May 21 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 21 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – May 22 at 2 p.m.
 Water Commission – May 22 and June 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – May 22 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – May 22 and June 10 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 23 at 11 a.m.
 Conservation Committee – May 28 at 7 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 11 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – June 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – June 13 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – May 20 at 3 p.m.
 Finance Committee – May 20 at 6 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – May 20 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – May 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 4 at 5:30 p.m.
 Recycling commission – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – June 6 at 7 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 12 at 4 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Parks Commission – May 20 at 5:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Library Strategic Planning – May 16 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – May 17 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – May 21, June 4 and June 18 at 6 p.m.
 Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield – Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m.
 Planning Board – June 19 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Town Elections – May 20 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Planning Board – May 21 and June 18 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board – May 28, June 4 and June 24 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 14 at noon

PETERSHAM

Select Board May 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – May 16 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 16 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – May 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham Electronic Voting Advisory Committee – May 22 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 28 and June 4 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 4 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

By Law Committee – May 16 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board – May 28 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Hearing – May 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Anna Berd wins first varsity individual national title in IHSA Nationals

MILL SPRING, N.C. — Endicott College senior Anna Berd of Hubbardston became the first student-athlete in school history to win a varsity individual national championship on Friday evening at the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association National Championship, hosted at the Tryon International Equestrian Center.

Berd bested a field of 16 riders in “Novice Equitation on the Flat” to complete the historic feat, which also marks the highest placement and first-ever individual national title in equestrian program history.

In total, 8,000 riders compete in IHSA shows nationwide and only 400 riders make it to nationals. Berd is now the No. 1 ranked novice rider in the entire country.

“I can’t begin to describe how thrilled I am with today’s results. We had nationals in our sights from the start of the year and I’m so proud that Anna was able to clinch the win,” said Endicott equestrian head coach Megan Martin. “Watching her grow as a rider over the last three years has been a joy and today was the culmination of years and years of hard work. We drew a lovely horse and she looked fantastic. This was an incredibly well-deserved win for Anna and our program.”



Courtesy photo Endicott Equestrian
Anna Berd of Hubbardston was the first student athlete in Endicott College’s school history to win a varsity individual national championship.

Higginbottom to discuss advantage of heirloom vegetables

NEW BRAINTREE – Garden History Consultant Christie Higginbottom will discuss the advantages of heirloom vegetables on Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive.

Christie Higginbottom has worked as a costumed interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village. She coordinated the historic horticulture program researching, planning and planting the re-created kitchen and flower gardens at the museum’s historic households. Higginbottom also supervised the Village’s Herb Garden collection, a garden exhibiting over 300 varieties of historic herbs.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This program is sponsored by New Braintree Public Library. The program is free and open to the public.



Petersham Friday Market returns

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Friday Market returns Friday, May 24 from 3-6 p.m., once again bringing local food, handmade crafts and live music to the town common.

People are invited to come enjoy the day with the vendors and live music. The common provides limited seating or people can bring their own. It is also wheelchair accessible.

Free Living Farm of Petersham and Rick Wilkey Produce will bring locally grown produce, including asparagus, spring greens and early roots. Valcourt Sugar Shack will offer maple syrup made in Petersham. Eggs, vegetable and flower starts and crafts will also be available, including bat and bird houses, wreaths and wood carvings. Local practitioner Seeing Hands Massage will offer relaxing and therapeutic massage.

Fern and Rita is scheduled to provide the first live performance of the 20-week music series.

The Petersham Friday Market runs from May 24 – Oct. 4. The live music series is offered thanks to support from the Wild Geese Foundation, Petersham Town Meeting voters, the Petersham Cultural Council, Petersham Grange No. 95, Harvard Forest and other local donors.

Vendors of produce and other edibles can email petershamfridaymarket@gmail.com for more information about joining the market. Community organizations, social service and health care agencies interested in sharing information about their programs and services are also welcome to inquire. The Friday Market charges no vendor fees.

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Library to hold Kids’ Fest

On Saturday June 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., will hold Kids’ Fest. This is the annual end of school bash. All are welcome to this free event. The Kids’ Fest is funded by the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc., the Oakham Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council. No registration is required.

Town election

The Annual Town Election will be held Monday, May 20 with the polls open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Voting is in the upper level of the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road. For those who wish to take advantage of early voting it will be held on Saturday, May 11 from noon-4 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Senior Center activities

On Thursday, May 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. a Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone representative will be at the Senior Center, lower level of Oakham Town Hall. The movie on Wednesday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. is “Out of Sight.”

Zumba Gold meets Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the North Brookfield Congregational Church, North Brookfield; Wii Bowling and Corn hole is held Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.; yoga Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays “Walk Aways from 11 a.m.-noon; coffee with friends Wednesday from 9 a.m. to lunch; Socializing Thursday Afternoons from 1-3 p.m.; Functional Fitness Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall and Quiet Time rides with music, Wii bowling, quiet contemplation or casual conversation 10 a.m.-noon.

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 20. 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 – Lentil Stew with cheese, steamed white rice, green beans, pineapple, pumpernickel bread

TUESDAY – Meatballs with onion gravy, bow-tie pasta, roasted Brussels sprouts, pears, French bread

WEDNESDAY – Fish with crumb topping, scalloped potatoes, honey glazed carrots, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread, tartar sauce

THURSDAY – Chicken with barbecue sauce, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, birthday cake, diet = half piece, white peasant bread

FRIDAY – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green peas, chocolate mousse, marble rye bread

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Select Board member Aaron Langlois said the board should review all revolving funds each year to make sure they were being used as intended.

This year the town’s total budget would appear as a single article, which would include Quabbin Regional School District and Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School. In the past, the two school districts, which the town was a member, were separate articles.

The warrant for 2024 will only have one budget article. Article 8 would include the \$4 million plus

town budget and the \$41 million school budgets. The Board opted to use over \$210,000 from free cash and \$50,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act grant to help bridge the revenue gap.

Two new articles on the warrant would one establish a capital stabilization account for Oakham Center School and second fund the new stabilization account. This money would be used to cover the town’s share of capital expenses at the elementary school.

The Fire Department submitted an article to establish a revolving fund for fire permit fees. There will also be an article to hear the report from the Town Hall Planning Committee.

Several articles if approved would adopt some state statutes such as funding 50% of retired employees medical and dental insurance and increasing tax abatements for veterans from \$400 to \$800 maximum.

The funding of a portion of retirement for retirees would be \$2,000 for the first year – source Stabilization Fund and \$5,000 per year after – source ARPA. Currently, the town has 15 veterans on 10% disability, who received tax abatements.

Town Counsel wrote personnel regulations for the town to vote at town meeting. The town voted the original in 1963 and updated in 2002 and 2012. This latest version met all state and federal standards.

The Police Department submitted an article for a new police cruiser. The town currently had \$33,000 in the Police Department Vehicle Stabilization Account and had an article to put an additional \$11,000 in the account Fiscal Year 2025, making the total \$44,000. A new vehicle cost about \$48,000.

A resident attending the meeting asked if the town negotiated the school budget. Select Board member Langlois said the town did not have much say in the school budget. Select Board Chair Haapakoski said the state formula for education hurts the towns with the school budget. Chair Haapakoski said Oakham had the third lowest tax rate compared to other Worcester County towns.

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Opinion

Guest Column



Memories on Mother's Day

I came across the column below and it brought back a wonderful memory of my oldest daughter being a year old and her having a fascination with pansy faces.

Fast forward to Mother's Day 2024, 16 years later, and I find a vase of fragrant double narcissus "Bridal Crown" and lilacs in my bedroom from said child. How sweet.

But before I even found and read the column, I was seriously thinking about devoting one of my perennial borders to a garden of memories. Most of the plants in my landscape hold special meaning anyway, but a garden devoted to my childhood would be neat.

It was certainly those early experiences that shaped my career and honestly my life in general. Maybe you can relate.

Read on for a "blast from the past."

Gardening was a big part of my childhood. Our backyard, while under an acre in size, was immense to me, full of nooks and crannies to explore.

We had a rock garden, and garden on a banking, a garden devoted to annuals, and of course, a vegetable garden. We also had a few choice flowering plants and shrubs just outside of the screened porch and fruit trees and bushes tucked in here and there.

One of my favorite spring pastimes as a kid was to pick little bouquets of lily of the valley, lilacs or peonies and place them around the house. I also enjoyed moving plants from one place to another in the yard.

My mom is reminded of one of my adventures in transplanting each time the lawn mower maneuvers around a clump of lilacs planted smack dab in the middle of the upper landing.

Most of the flowering perennials we had were handed down from my mother's grandmother ("Babci") or her Aunt Julia. They aren't rare by any means, but to know they came from a line of strong women before me makes me want to pass these same plants on to my daughter.

My daughter is just over a year old and she has already taken an interest in flowers. This, of course, has made me very happy.

She points them out on her shirt or in books, and each time we stroll around the yard she clamors relentlessly until I give her a stem or two to hold. Recently, a single pansy face held her attention long enough for me to actually do some work in the garden...nothing short of a miracle for a busy little girl like her!

When she is a bit older I think it would be fun to plant a memory garden. In it we could commemorate five generations of flowers and the ladies who grew them.

First, I would include all of the heirloom flowers that my mom has tended over the years originating from her grandmother and aunt's garden: the deep purple bearded iris, the sweetly scented lemon lily and frilly pink peony. Then I'd add her favorites, the flowers I remember her growing when I was a kid: ground phlox, lily of the valley and candytuft.

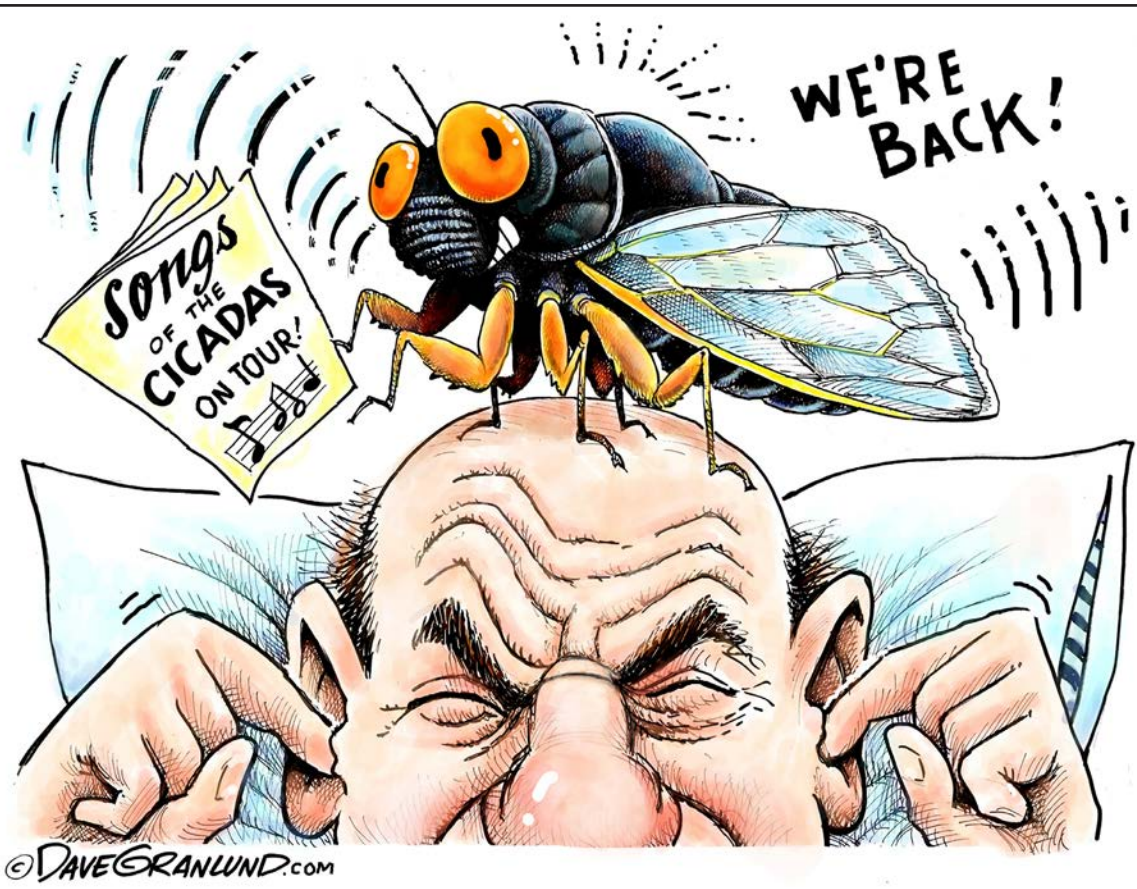
Next would be my contribution, pretty primroses that originated in England and double columbines that I started from seed several seasons ago. My daughter could add her favorites too - this year pansies would have certainly made the cut!

Fast forward to the present day, Mother's Day 2024. No not consider installing a memory garden of your own?

If you aren't lucky enough to have family heirlooms already growing in place, ask your mom or grandma what their favorite plants are and go from there. I'm sure that many are still available for purchase.

Involve the kids by making stepping stones, plant labels and other simple ornaments to decorate the space. Tailor the design to suit your taste - it certainly doesn't have to be grandiose, just special, like the gardeners who came before us.

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



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In Past Pages

LOOK BACK

Town Hall Building Committee - 1983



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The New Braintree Town Hall Building Committee includes sitting from left, Constance Small, Dorothea Thomas-Vitrac, Stephen B. Craven and architect Joseph P. Mattel. Standing from left are chairman John Klem, Clifton M. Waugh, Henry Skowrya, R. Bruce Reynolds and Paul H. Walker, Jr. Absent when the photo was taken was Gregory Tyler.

5 years (May 23, 2019)
Oakham voters elected Lucy Tessnau to a three-year term on the Board of Selectman at Monday's election. She had 96 votes. Donal A. Haapakoski got 65 votes, Clare L. Hendra received 35 votes and Matthew Brunelle had 16 votes. Two hundred fourteen voters out of 1,334 registered voters or 6.2% went to the polls Monday, May 20 for the annual town election. All other candidates on the ballot ran unopposed with no one on the ballot for a one-year term as Moderator.

Barre Selectmen chair Matthew Urban said he heard from some voter they find it hard to review the Quabbin School budget as presented and at town meeting they vote a lump sum. Quabbin Regional School Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said she understood the school budget was complex. She and Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, gave a slide presentation to Selectmen and member of the Finance Committee at the Monday night meeting. They explained the School Committee controls the budget. The budget has 18 categories and 876 accounts that use the coding required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Lucy I. Tessnau received the most votes in a four way race for a three year term to the Oakham Board of Selectmen. She had 96 votes. Donal A. Haapakoski got 65 votes, Clare L. Hendra received 35 votes and Matthew Brunelle had 16 votes. Two hundred fourteen voters out of 1,334 registered voters or 6.2% went to the polls Monday, May 20 for the annual town election. All other candidates on the ballot ran unopposed with no one on the ballot for a one-year term as Moderator.

10 years (May 15, 2014)
The Oakham Board of Selectmen voted to move the Annual Town Meeting date from Monday, June 16 to Monday, June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Oakham Center School. Since Selectmen recently found out that the town face a \$100,000 shortfall this allows additional time for the Finance Committee and Selectmen to come up with a balanced budget to present to voters. Finance Committee Chairman Paul Rochette said the Finance Committee was meeting Wednesday night. Selectmen opened the warrant Monday night and voted to close it on Tuesday, May 20 at 9 a.m.

Chris Eaton of Massachusetts Audubon Society's Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary bought a few salamanders and lots of pictures to a program at the Hubbardston Public Library last Thursday night. She said spring is a busy season for amphibians. The tiniest frog found in Massachusetts is the spring peeper and its "peeping" is one of the first sounds of spring. The male puffs out its throat to call to females. She showed photos of two frogs and asked people to identify the bullfrog and green frog. The best way to identify them is by the lateral fold. The lateral fold on the bullfrog wraps around its ear and on the green frog it runs the length of the back.

Seventy-five voters transacted town business at a Special Town Meeting this Monday in about 35 minutes. Chairman of the Board Richard Jankauskas said the town's certified free cash amounted to \$564,719. He also thanked the Finance Committee for all their work. Voters unanimously approved 13 articles and on the recommendation

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Guest Column



Future retiree worried about future

Dear Rusty

I keep reading that the SSA will only be able to pay out 75% of benefits come 2033.

If congress were to do nothing and this reduction in benefits occurred, would seniors already collecting benefits in 2033 have their benefits reduced or would it only be those who have not begun to collect have their future benefits reduced? I will be collecting my benefits no later than 2027, but my wife will not reach full retirement age until 2033 and we are looking for information on whether we need to adjust savings now to account for mine or my wife's possible reduction in benefits.

Signed: Worried Senior

Dear Worried Senior

If Congress does nothing to prevent Social Security's reserves from depletion, Social Security, by law, will only be able to pay out benefits equal to income, which is estimated to be about 23% to 25% short of what will be needed to pay full benefits starting in 2033.

That would mean everyone who is already receiving monthly Social Security benefits would get a payment 23% to 25% less than they were previously receiving. And without reform, new beneficiaries would get benefits similarly reduced.

The action needed to prevent those cuts from happening resides with Congress and any program reform they enact would likely only affect those who are not yet collecting. Whether or how that would affect you and your wife as future SS beneficiaries depends on the scope of reform Congress will enact which, of course, is not yet known. That uncertainty, itself, is reason enough to bolster your savings for your future retirement.

The probability of Congress allowing the Trust Funds to be depleted, thus necessitating an across the board cut in everyone's benefit is, in my opinion, slim it would be political suicide. Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial woes they just currently lack the bipartisanship and political fortitude to do so. And it's doubtful any Social Security reform will happen this election year rather, the opposing sides will likely just sling accusations at each other in 2024. But rest assured that both sides of Congress are acutely aware that reform of the Social Security program is needed soon, and we are already seeing signs that progress on reform may be forthcoming, but not until after the 2024 elections.

Congress is notorious for waiting until the last possible moment to act, and I don't suggest you alter your Social Security claiming strategy based on the unknown. But building a bigger nest egg for retirement is always a prudent goal. Also, calling your Congressional Representative to endorse needed Social Security reform which ensures your future benefits will not be cut would be a good move.

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For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

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Hardwick

Hardwick annual town election results listed

HARDWICK – Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos posted the official results from the town's annual election that was held on May 4.

A total of 6.17% or 128 out of 2,074 registered voters cast their ballot.

Results are as follows: Select Board, William F. Tinker, 121; Board of Assessors, Kathryn W. Hosley, 117; Board of Health, John S. Mott, 124; Paige Memorial Library Trustee (three-year terms), Christopher W. Buelow, 112 and Jennifer E.

Garvey 104; Paige Memorial Library Trustee (one-year term), Stacey A. Hill, 113; Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee, Halley E. Terry Stillman, 120; Planning Board, William R. Cole, 119 and Erik I. Fleming, 101.

A seat on the K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee was not filled, with Anne Van Arsdell receiving two write-in votes, but declining to accept the position. Colin Brown, Frank Hanson and Rodney Witkos each received one write-in vote.

Mass Wildlife sponsors habitat walk on May 17

HARDWICK – On Friday, May 17 from 7-9 p.m. their will be a habitat walk at Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area, Patril Hollow Road hosted by MassWildlife.

Muddy Brook supports one of the largest actively managed fire-influenced landscapes in the interior of Massachusetts. The regionally significant barrens and oak woodland natural communities support over 20 state-listed species and a wealth of other highly specialized and

often rare plants and animals. Ecologists will provide an overview of the ecology and management of the site. If the weather cooperates, whip-poor-wills and many other species should be heard.

People will meet at Patril Hollow Road and should dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes for walking. Site walks will be held rain or shine, but they will be cancelled or cut short if there is thunder and lightning.

East Quabbin Land Trust celebrates anniversary

HARDWICK – On April 20, over 175 friends and families gathered at The Center at Eagle Hill to celebrate the founding of the East Quabbin Land Trust over 30 years ago.

It was a joyous evening as everyone enjoyed the delicious choice of meal offerings, soft live music and warm camaraderie.

The EQLT was formed to foster a meaningful relationship with the natural world by conserving, connecting with, and caring for the farmlands, woodlands and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts.

The Trust currently holds 1,700 acres of woods, fields, wetlands and streams in 24 separate property groupings throughout the nine towns comprising this region. These lands are open to the public and many have miles of recreational trails for everyone young and old to enjoy.

You can learn more about EQLT online at www.eqlt.org.

In addition to the dinner and entertainment, there were several fundraising activities to help continue funding the spectrum of activities that go into maintaining current properties and help integrate new opportunities as they emerge.

The first activity was a silent auction of 50 generously donated items from local businesses and individuals ranging from massage sessions to vacation getaways that helped to raise nearly \$8,000 for the Trust. The second activity, which is still ongoing, was a matching challenge grant of \$50,000 which raised \$34,000 in one evening where each dollar raised was matched dollar for dollar.

EQLT encourages everyone to continue to participate in the still

open challenge as they strive to reach their goal of fully matching this \$50,000 grant by going to <https://eqlt.org/support/>. All donations made to EQLT are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and directly impact the land conservation and community character of the East Quabbin region not only for current residents but for future generations to come.



These centerpieces decorated the tables at the annual gala.



East Quabbin Land Trust's Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw, left, is shown with Judith Jones at the land trust's annual gala.



Supporters of the East Quabbin Land Trust enjoyed the annual gala at The Center at Eagle Hill.

Submitted Photos

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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of the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to table the other two articles. In short order, residents spent \$323,346.48 in free cash and transferred \$80,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Account to the Sewer Administration Expense Account,

25 years (May 20, 1999)
Dr. Thomas Tashjian of Oakham expressed his concerns over falling Scholastic Aptitude Tests scores at the Quabbin Regional High School at the May 13 meeting of the QRSD School Committee. According to an article printed in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and verified by Tashjian at the Department of Education website, the average score by a Quabbin student in the math

portion dropped 30 points between 1995 and 1998. It dropped by 10 points in the verbal section. Tashjian questioned whether the shift of emphasis in the school's curriculum from sequential and problem solving skills to global and critical thinking skills might be putting Quabbin students at a competitive disadvantage. Superintendent Maureen Marshall agreed the district was no longer teaching for the SATs, but is instead focusing its curriculum toward the state's Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test.

The Oakham Board of Selectmen met with Brad Cheeney, an engineer with CME Associates of Southbridge at the Monday meeting. He reviewed the project and said that there were three things that need to be done.

The easements need to be completed. The board needs to get an extension of the order of condition with the Conservation Commission. Finally, the project should go out to bid. Cheeney added the East Hill Road project can be done in sections. The Selectmen also asked about the numerous catch basins. Because of the water problems in several sections, the numerous turns in the road and the elevations 48 catch basins are needed.

Police Chief James Thompson, while searching for a runaway last Saturday, found 27 marijuana plants near the railroad tracks in South Barre. "The plants were in three cardboard boxes just waiting to be planted somewhere outside," Thompson said. It is evident they were grown in a greenhouse

or under lights in someone's home. Thompson said the plants were 7 1/2 to 8 inches tall, but he would probably grow to be about 8 to 10 feet tall.

38 years (May 22, 1986)
The Selectmen reviewed a letter presented to them from Charles Wyman of Pleasant Street, objecting to a fence constructed this week by Romeo Salvadore, owner of the Barre Hotel, at their Monday evening meeting, May 19. Salvadore had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the fence and the vacant lot next to the hotel on Grave Street, but notified the Selectmen he was unable to attend.

The Quabbin School Committee at their May 15 meeting approved by a vote of 12-2 the appointment of Maureen M. Marshall as the new

superintendent of Quabbin Regional School District. Mrs. Marshall is currently the principal at Quabbin High and will assume her new duties as of June 1. The step up will be made at that time, due to the fact that current Superintendent Corridon F. Trask, who is retiring, has 25 vacation days which must be used up before he leaves.

A majority of concerned, cost-conscious Barre voters rejected the Quabbin Regional School Committee's proposed 1987 budget at Saturday's Annual Town Meeting. An amendment brought forward by the Barre Finance Committee was passed – cutting \$112, 675 from Barre's 1987 school assessment. Barre voters joined with Hardwick's rejection of the school budget at their annual town meeting held last week.

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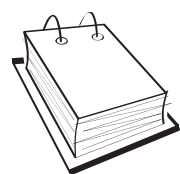
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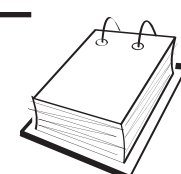
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20. Unifies
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23. Alternative name
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28. Cathode-ray tube
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1. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
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24. Vermont town
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32. Greek mythological nymph
34. Gregory __, American dancer
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40. Indicates position
41. Came before
45. An extra seed-covering
47. Cheerful
48. Deli sandwich staple
52. Skateboarders love them
53. Mandela's party
54. Sierra lake
56. Nickname for Elizabeth
57. Remove from record
59. Employee stock ownership plan
60. Former NFLer Newton
61. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
62. Work unit
63. Town in Cambridgeshire

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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 16

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS take place tonight at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. The choral group of 23 years sings in four-part harmony and often in other languages. People may email julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 for more information. They perform several concerts during the year. The next concert will be Saturday, May 18 at the Barre Town Hall. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay. If people are interested in joining Circle of Song, they may email Julie Rawson, director, at julie@mhof.net, or call 978-257-1192 or show up at a rehearsal.

RUTLAND SCHOLARSHIPS sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society are now accepting scholarship applications. The scholarships are offered to any two Rutland high school seniors planning to enter college, who have resided in the town of Rutland for at least two years. The two \$500 awards are based on scholarship with an emphasis given to involvement and contributions in the areas of both school and community. Applicants can obtain scholarship forms by emailing Sheila Judkins at sljwheeler@gmail.com. Forms should be submitted with an official transcript, SAT or ACT scores and a letter of recommendation by May 31.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

BARRE FARMER'S MARKET will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. There are many local vendors selling cards, honey, jams, jellies, crafts, plants, flowers, vegetables and fruits in season, eggs, dairy, ice cream and more. The event is held rain or shine now through October.

SATURDAY STORY TIME will be held today from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre in the multipurpose room at the library. The program is recommended for ages three to six. Each week Ms. Katie will read a story and pair it with a craft or related activity. To request sign language interpretation or other accommodation for special needs for any program, people should call the Library Director at least two weeks before the program date at 978-355-2533 extension 101 or email jhood@barrelibrary.org.

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. 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 20. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition., Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko, Cheryl Paul and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week of the soccer field at the Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68 in Hubbardston.

SPRING FAIR sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society will be held today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Rutland Town Common, Main Street, Rutland. Rain date is Sunday, May 19. The fair includes vendors, crafts, plants for the garden and food trucks. Vendor space is still available. If interested in reserving a space, people should email ballenlocke@gmail.com.

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE, Universal Pictures "Migration," an animated and family friendly film, will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. at the First Congregational church, Main Street, Rutland. People should bring chairs or blankets. There will be free popcorn. In the event of rain the movie will be shown indoors. All are welcome.

ELISE HALL, THE SAXOPHONE LADY PRESENTATION will take place today at 1 p.m. at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. A concert will follow at the Rutland Congregational Church, Main Street, Rutland. She was a prominent wealthy socialite in Boston (1835-1924) who defied social norms by mastering the saxophone. After the concert, a reception will be held back at the Rutland Library. This event is supported by Mass Humanities, Rutland Public Library, Hans Betancourth, Wachusett Regional School District, Rutland Events Committee, and First Congregational Church of Rutland. It is free and open to the public.

CIRCLE OF SONG CONCERT will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. They have been practicing assiduously for four months, Circle of Song is ready to wow the crowd. Now 20 strong, the Circle of Song has a program with some really nice solos by Karen Guertin, Danny LeBlanc, Scott Bryant and Siobhan Moynihan and an engaging dance routine led by Grace Jenkins. From foreign language to spiritual, to madrigal, show tunes and contemporary ballad, the program will inspire audience with their engaged performance. The exciting news is that although the national population only has 1% farmers, Circle of Song has eight farmer members. The refreshments at the end are out of this world. For more information on the concert and how to join the choral group for the fall, people should email Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or call her at 978-257-1192.

TRADITIONAL ARTS PROGRAM of banner making for all ages for the Happy Bicenquinguanary (250th) Birthday Barre will take place today from 10 a.m.-noon at the Heritage Center, 20 Common St., Barre. The fourth installment in the traditional arts series, this class will be led by Directors Eileen Bohigian and Kay Potter Flick. Attendees will be given the basics of stringing paper decorations, following a banner design to hang in their home in preparation of celebrating Barre's Bicenquinguanary Birthday, Founding Day, on June 17 and throughout the year! All materials will be provided for this free class fit for ages 4-104. Drop-ins are welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

HIDDEN MEADOW HUBBARDSTON HIKE will take place today at 2 p.m. Mike Stoll and Tim Hawley will lead a walk to the secluded meadow. The trail weaves through varied terrain with a rich history of change. Hidden Meadow is a preserve of 150 acres protected by a partnership of the East Quabbin Land Trust with the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Town of Hubbardston through its Community Preservation Act fund. Participants should meet at the new parking area on Lombard Road, 1.2 miles south of New Westminster Road, Hubbardston.

GARDEN HISTORY CONSULTANT Christie Higginbottom will discuss the advantages of heirloom vegetables today at 3 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. She coordinated the historic horticulture program researching, planning and planting the re-created kitchen and flower gardens at the museum's historic households. Higginbottom also supervised the Village's Herb Garden collection, a garden exhibiting over 300 varieties of historic herbs. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This program is sponsored by New Braintree Public Library. The program is free and open to the public.

MONDAY, MAY 20

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, corner of Mechanic and Exchange Streets and continue through Monday, Aug. 6. Musicians should bring a stand and bring their friends and family members, who play instruments. This is Margaret Reidy's third year as conductor. All musicians are encouraged to be part of this community group of folks from their early teens to those in their 70s. There are two exceptions to this rehearsal schedule. Monday, May 20 rehearsal will be held at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., in the band room under the direction of Toni Brown and there will be no rehearsal on Monday, May 27 due to Memorial Day holiday. The Quabbin Community Band will play in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

PASTEL WORKSHOP for adults and older teens will be held today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. by pastelist, Greg Maichack, at the Hubbardston Public Library, Main Street, Hubbardston. This pastel painting workshop serves sheer beginners to advanced artists. All materials are provided, including professional grade pastels, paper and pencils. People should call the library at 978-928-4775 to register. Space is limited. This program is supported in part or in whole by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

HISTORY OF RUTLAND PRISON CAMPS LUNCHEON will be held today from 11:30a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main Street in Rutland. Daniel Suchocki and David Libby will present an informative talk about the history of Rutland's Prison Camps. The Rutland Prison Camps were established in 1903 when the Commonwealth purchased 914 acres in Rutland to reclaim and improve wasted lands. Upon completion of a dormitory and other buildings, prisoners serving sentences for drunkenness and other minor offenses were moved in. Please call (508) 886-4108 #5 to reserve your seat. This event is sponsored by Rutland Public Library, Rutland Council on Aging, Mass Humanities, and Rutland Events Committee.

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

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Panthers suffer pair of defeats

BARRE – Last Thursday and Friday, the Quabbin Regional High School softball team took a pair of losses, falling to Montachusett Regional 10-8, then losing to Littleton on the road 10-0.

The Panthers are now 2-11 on the season and had three games remaining on its regular season schedule.



Catcher Abby Rogowski makes a throw down to second.



Juliana Guilderson makes a pitch for the Panthers during recent action.

Quabbin golfers split doubleheader

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School girls golf team hosted a tri-match and suffered a loss and a rare tie.

The Panthers were defeated by Wachusett 33-12. Coach Richard Lindsten said Wachusett was a tough opponent and was undefeated.

Quabbin and Auburn tied 22.5-22.5. Kylie Casey and

Makenzie Casey each shot 47 while Kaylan Cavanaugh shot a 56. The trio played nine holes.

On Monday afternoon, Hopkinton defeated Quabbin 24.5-23.5. Makenzie Casey shot a 47 to lead all scorers. Lindsten said the Panthers improved their scores by 14 strokes over the first matchup with Hopkinton.

Girls tennis sweeps a doubleheader

BARRE – Doubleheaders are more of a baseball thing, but Quabbin Regional girls tennis had a split doubleheader last Friday afternoon as the Panthers hosted two different teams and played consecutive matches.

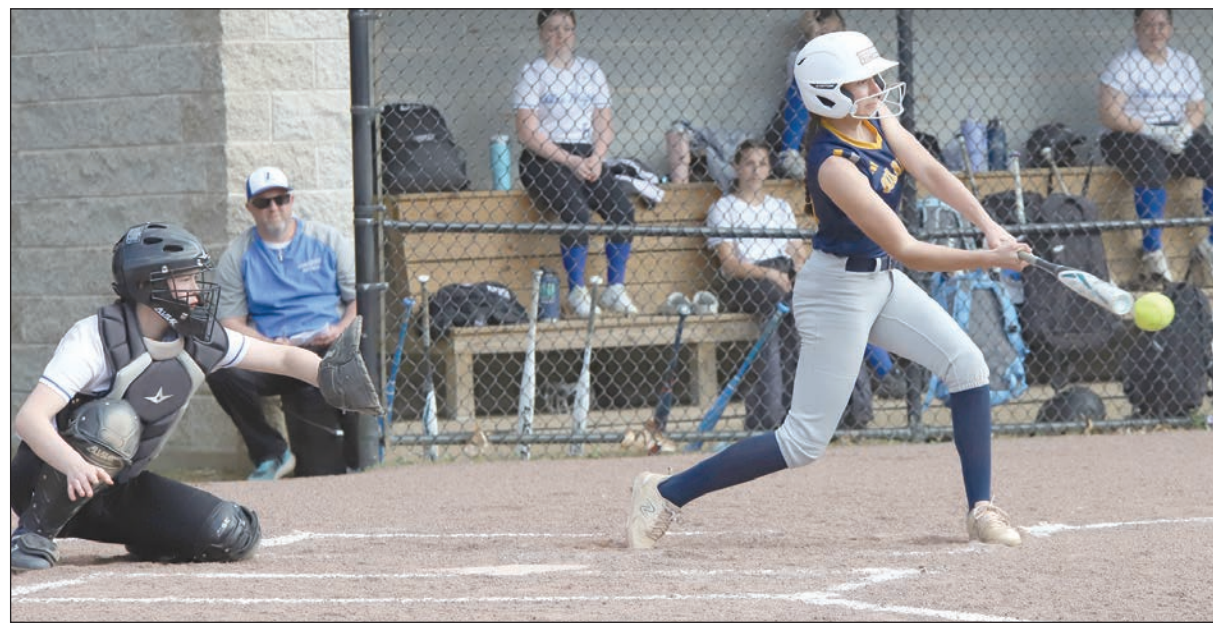
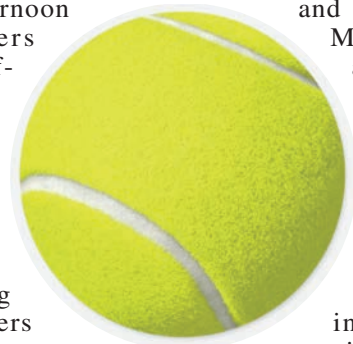
First, the Panthers would sweep Doherty High School 5-0. Following that, the Panthers got a 4-1 win over Tyngsborough.

In the win over Doherty, Annabelle Magill, Camryn Orsini, and Carlee Rich all picked up singles wins. Both doubles teams were also victorious.

In the Tyngsborough match, Magill and Rich both scored wins and the doubles teams of Farrah Wojcik and Kalina Dyer and Madelyn Stauder and Elizabeth Matheson both won as well.

The wins were followed by a 5-0 sweep of Gardner High School. Dyer got a match in singles action against Gardner and picked up a 6-2, 6-0 win.

Magill and Rich also won singles matches. The doubles team of Mia Ducos and Haley Ayer got a win in the match. Quabbin girls tennis is now 13-1 on the regular season.



Kherington Deschenes swings and connects.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Lilly Swett picks up a soft hit to right.



Dominic Kierkla angles toward the goal and looks to shoot.

Offense comes up big for Mustangs

MONSON – Last Saturday afternoon, Monson boys lacrosse, which co-ops with Pathfinder Regional, scored its eighth win of the season over Central 16-8. In the win, Dominic Kierkla had five goals to lead the offense. Kyle Beaudry and Brodie St. Martin had three goals each. The Mustangs are now 8-3 on the season.



Seth Mitchell makes a rush up the field.



Goalie Osvaldo Nieves winds up for a long throw.



Brody St. Martin, covered by a teammate looks to make a pass.

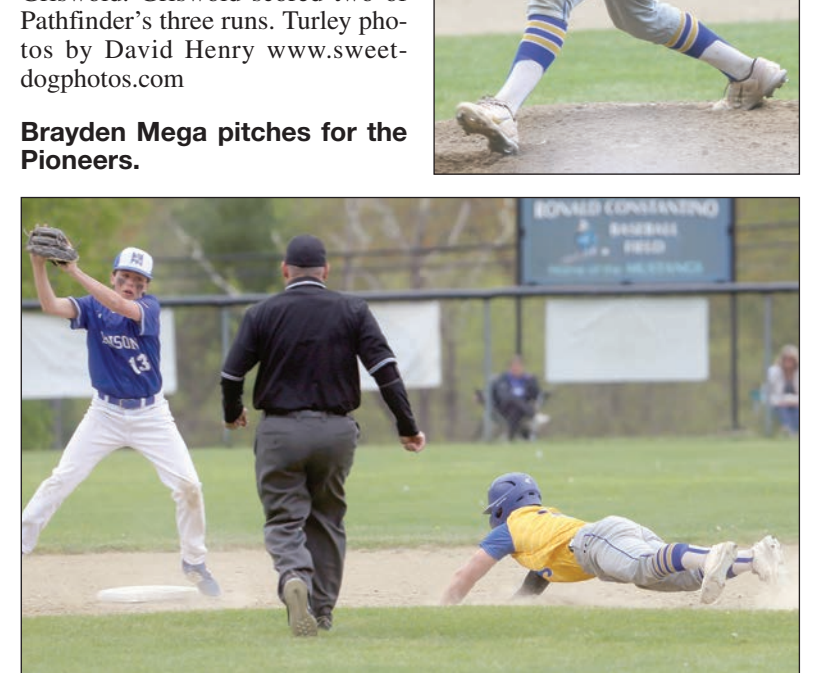
Pioneers comeback falls short in seventh

MONSON – Last Saturday afternoon, Monson baseball scored three times in the fourth inning to lead the Mustangs to a win over Pathfinder. In the 5-3 decision, Monson got some big hits from

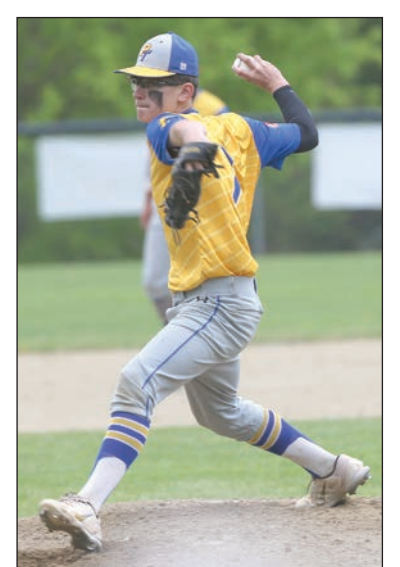
the top of their lineup to back a great effort by pitcher Austin Meacham, who had two of the RBI for the Mustangs. The Pioneers were led with two hits each from Miguel Velasquez and Hunter Griswold. Griswold scored two of Pathfinder's three runs. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Miguel Velasquez fires a throw across the diamond.



Hunter Griswold slides into second on a steal attempt.



Brayden Mega pitches for the Pioneers.



Edward Szostek beats the throw to the base.

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Church News

Local pastors offers sermon

Christian Growth Part 8

Those who would walk with the Lord do well to consider this classic text on the matters of Christian growth and renewal.

Galatians 5:16b-17, 19-25 (NIV)

16 . . . I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

What are the varying aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Let us continue our exploration of said fruit with biblical faithfulness.

What is faithfulness? Faithfulness is defined as steadfastness, constancy and loyal allegiance. This term speaks to the virtues of fidelity, trustworthiness and dependability. We do well to consider that there is a two-fold application to this facet of the fruit of the Spirit:

1) Faithfulness to God

We are called to be faithful to the Lord. We are called to be steadfast, constant and loyal in our allegiance to Christ Jesus. He will not abide a divided affection (cf. Luke 14:26)! Moreover, we are called to be trustworthy, careful in the exercise of our stewardship and abounding in fidelity. The following parable of Christ touches upon such themes quite vividly. Note:

Matthew 25:14-30

14 "Again, it [the Return of Christ] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went

off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' 21 His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22 The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' 23 His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'

24 Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26 His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant. So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

2) Faithfulness to One Another

We are also called to demonstrate faithfulness one to another. The Lord would call us to the exercise of steadfastness, constancy and loyalty amidst our earthly associations, proving trustworthy, reliable and dependable in all we do and say. Scripture speaks highly of the power of friendships founded upon such elements:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

11 But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

12 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.

13 But how can one keep warm alone?

14 Though one may be overpow-

ered, two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Before we close, allow me to bring forth one more passage pertinent to our discussion. Paul penned the following to Timothy amidst his final moments on earth (i.e., shortly before his execution in the days of the mad emperor, Nero). Note:

2 Timothy 4:9-10a, 11a

9 Do your best to come to me quickly, 10 for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. . . . 11 Only Luke is with me.

It saddens me to read of the desertion of Demas in the midst of great crisis. It saddens me to read of Paul's longing for Timothy's presence. We can only hope he made it in time. Yet it brings joy to my heart that Paul had a man like Luke. Thank God that He provided a faithful friend when others proved faithless and ran. As the saying goes, "A faithful friend runs in when the world runs out!" May I ask, do you have a "Luke" in your life? If so, treasure them, as they are rare! Moreover, are you a "Luke" to someone in your world? Are you the type of person who rushes to aid others in their need, or are you a "Demas" who is consumed with other concerns? It should be rather clear which of the two you ought to be.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

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

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A Pastoral Message by Pastor Margaret Keyser

Barre Congregational Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter, and
Sunday after Ascension Day
Mothers' Day

"Protect them as I come to You."

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com and Facebook page. Scripture Reading: John 17 v 6 - 19

I. Introduction

When I think of Mothers' Day, I think of those who gave birth to us and those who did not give birth to the children they raised as their own. I think of our sisters and nieces, aunts and grandmothers and those

who are our neighbors, walking down the street, the ones we meet at the store, the library and so forth.

These are all mothers and women who care for us in the best way they can. Then, there are the mothers who may have failed us, some would say...the ones who, in their own weaknesses have been absent and not there for us. And there are the dear mothers who are not with us today, who passed on and who have left us with precious memories. These, and more are the mothers we think of today on Mothers' Day. We think of our relationships with them, the good and not so good, and all that we learned from being around them.

II. Protect them as I come to You, He prayed

While we celebrate Mothers' Day, we also think of the relationship that Jesus had with His disciples during His time on earth, and how He was preparing them for the day He would ascend into heaven. Theirs was a bond of love and care, and His prayer here in John 17 on their behalf says it all. This is a prayer at the end of the long farewell discourse from Chapter 13 - 16, where He washed their feet, predicted what would happen to Him, comforted them as He talked about His departure from this earth, that as disciples they must stay in Him, who is the true vine.

Then He promised the Holy Spirit who would be with them always. These chapters show the heart of the Son of God for those whom, as He says in verse 6, God gave to Him out of this world. In this chapter as He is praying for them and for the church. He also speaks to God about His relationship with them, how He took care of them, taught them everything about the knowledge of God. His mission was fulfilled in them, He says, knowing that they knew and believed He came from God. He consecrated them and set them apart for the important work of building the Church of Christ.

And so, He prayed to God to protect them, while He is preparing to leave this earth to be with God. He spoke earlier about this world that hated them; in the way they hated Him. This is a world whose message is so opposing to the message of God. It is estranged from God and it needs the message of salvation, of love and peace and forgiveness. It needs to come together by listening to and respecting each other and their needs.

The world needs the help of My disciples to change its ways, to find the joy I give. He says and so, please protect them, because I am sending them out where they will be dismissed, rejected, hated, and persecuted. Protect them from the



Submitted photo

Officers were installed this week for St. Mary's Women's Club. Left to right: Joann Sahagian, corresponding secretary, Maureen Riendeau, vice president; Robin LaCroix, treasurer; Emily White, president; Mary Carey, secretary; and Fr. Shaun O'Connor, Spiritual Advisor.

St. Mary's Women's Club installs officers

ORANGE - St. Mary's Women's Club in Orange held its 102nd installation of Officers at its recent Banquet and Installation held in the Parish Center. Forty members and guests enjoyed a meal catered by the Black Crow, and were entertained by the musical group Legacy. Fr. Shaun O'Connor praised the group for its perseverance when many other similar groups have fallen by the wayside, and encouraged them to look ahead rather than to the past for ways to serve the church and the community.

The slate of officers was reelected from current officers: Emily White, President; Maureen Riendeau, vice president; Mary Carey, recording secretary; Robin LaCroix, treasurer, and Joann Sahagian, corresponding secretary. The Board of directors includes Kelly Cellana, Marilyn Elwood

and Yvette LaCroix for one year, and Colleen Peloquin, Carol Krouse, and Donna Woodard for two years.

The Club has stationed a baby crib in the church entry to collect baby clothes and other necessary baby items to be given to Valuing Our Children after Fathers' Day. The club has collected baby items between Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day for over a decade.

The next gathering of the club will be a trip to the Barre Cross on June 11, meeting at the Parish center at 8 am, and traveling to Barre to attend Mass at St. Thomas, then proceeding to the Barre Cross for a visit. The group will stop for lunch on the trip home. Reservations required in advance. A planning meeting will be held on August 10 at 6 p.m. to finalize plans for the Oct. 12 Fair.

evil one, He prayed. I sanctify them for this Holy work, oh God and so surround them with Your love and protection. Send Your Holy Spirit to be with them, so they will always feel Your presence. What an intimate prayer of Christ for His disciples.

III. Conclusion

Christ is our Mediator to God. When He ascended to heaven, He also took on the role of intervening on behalf of all of us. Christ wants us to be protected from evil. Christ reminds us that our lifeline to God is a life of prayer because that is how God knows that we need and desire God's assistance and protection. Christ wants us to know that in this world we will have opposition to His message, because it is not

fancy to many. There are those who oppose this idea of a world of love and peace and kindness. Despite that, the joy He gives is worth the relationship we have with Him and with God.

His prayer of protection is for us too, as we speak and serve. Therefore, to all of us, but a special message to all the women here and in this world, may God help us to be examples of this call from Christ, to be set apart and be sent by God and to bring peace into this world that needs it so much today. Happy Mother's Day.

Amen

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

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As people arrived to the building known locally as the Franklin Wood House, there was a not to be missed display in the front room. On the table were handwritten letters rarely seen in the 21st century, and photos brought by Oakham resident, Judy Menard. She was a gracious and delightful source of memories that many could identify with in their own personal history.

Judith shared a World War II love story with everyone that came to her table filled with personal family memorabilia. Her parents Grace Schwartz and Russell LaPearl, dated and married during WW II while he was serving in the Air Force. They moved to Worcester, from Pennsylvania, when Judy was six and had two sons, who looked remarkably alike. Possibly because they were born just minutes apart.

The three siblings had good role models growing up as their parents were devoted to each other throughout their lives.

In another room, Louse Frappier and Oscar Michaud were there in spirit. They married in 1940 when he came home on leave from the army. Their daughter, Elizabeth Michaud was married to Stephen Callahan. She wore her mother's wedding dress. Their reception was the first one held in the newly renovated barn at Salem Cross Inn in 1975. A venue still operating and available today for such future special ceremonies.

There were many more stories that were recounted and admired that day. It was the first time such a program was presented by the Rutland Historical Society. If you were not there, don't wait for another one anytime soon. There are many other historic programs planned for the future. Fortunately, some of the items on display Saturday will remain as part of the Society's collection. The Rutland Historical Society is grateful to the brides and their families for sharing their special wedding gowns, photos and memories.

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"You have the power to make change, I cannot do this without you," she said.

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Kylie Bulger

Bulger, a student at UMass Amherst, was one of 51 students selected to receive a scholarship. The students were honored for their awards at MassCPAs’ annual, member-wide networking event, Connect 2024, on May 8.

“The dedication and talent of these scholarship recipients is

truly inspiring,” said Zach Donah, CAE, president and CEO of MassCPAs. “Their commitment to the accounting profession fills us with confidence about the future of the industry in Massachusetts. We’re honored to support their academic journeys and play a role in their success. We extend our sincere gratitude to this year’s donors and volunteers for helping students achieve their dreams through our scholarship program.”

Scholarships are funded 100% through donations to the MassCPAs Educational

Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to inspire and support the next generation of CPAs in Massachusetts, and since the program’s inception in 2006, the Foundation has awarded over 400 scholarships to aspiring CPAs, ranging from \$2,500 - \$10,000 and totaling more than \$1,900,000. MassCPAs scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate accounting students who are attending a college or university in Massachusetts or attending a college or university out-of-state with a permanent residence in Massachusetts. Scholarship funds are issued directly to the students and can be used for tuition, books, interviewing expenses or other needs.

Tyler Bishop named to Washington College internship program

CHESTERTOWN, MD – Washington College congratulates Tyler Bishop of Rutland being chosen as a 2024 Explore America Summer Internship recipient.

Bishop is one of 29 students participating in the internship program this summer and will be heading to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park to work, learn and expand their horizons.

Sponsored by the Washington College Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience, the Explore America Summer Internship program is one of the most exciting and dis-

tinctive opportunities available to Washington College students and characteristic of the hands-on learning that sets Washington College apart from other liberal arts institutions. The Program matches students with full-time, fully paid summer internships at an array of leading cultural institutions and non-profits across the country. In addition to providing paid jobs awardees are granted a \$6,000 summer stipend for 10 weeks of full-time work and valuable experience. Explore America Internships introduce students to mentors, who can change the course of their lives.

MWCC exhibits student portfolios

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College announces the unveiling of the Graphic and Interactive Design associate degree Portfolio Showcase, at the MWCC Graphic and Interactive Design Gallery in the Haley Academic Center at the college, 444 Green St.

The works will be on display now throughout the summer. “We are excited to invite the community to witness the exceptional talent and dedication of our Graphic and Interactive Design students,” said Leslie Cullen, Chair of the Graphic and Interactive Design Department at MWCC. “This showcase not only celebrates their achievements but also highlights the transformative power of creative education in shaping future industry leaders.”

Attendees can expect to engage with a wide array of projects, including branding and identity campaigns, marketing collateral, digital imaging and illustration and publication design. The event offers an opportunity for networking and collaboration, connecting students with professionals and enthusiasts passionate about design innovation. To learn more about the MWCC Graphic and Interactive Design degree program, people may visit mwcc.edu/gid.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete Intensive Research Projects

WORCESTER – At Worcester Polytechnic Institute, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue.

About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the

university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to

real problems that affect the quality of people’s lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

These local students were part of a team that completed an intensive project. Gavin Burkhardt of North Brookfield, class of 2025, majoring in biology and biotechnology and environmental and sustainability

studies was part of a project titled, “A Plastic Future: Assessing Water Quality Enhancement.”

Micaela Tourtellot of Oakham, class of 2025, majoring in electrical and computer engineering was part of a project titled “Green Bucharest: Nature in the City.”

Devin Kachadoorian, of

Rutland, class of 2025, majoring in mechanical engineering was part of a project titled “Designing a Model Community Food Security Collaborative.” Aili Bray of Oakham, class of 2025, majoring in chemical engineering was part of a project titled “Making the Invisible Visible.”

Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, May 5
9:37 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Cat Alley, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, May 6
7:48 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Gauthier Road, Call Transferred
10:57 a.m. Complaint, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
11:46 a.m. Illegal Dumping, West Street, Investigated
1:57 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Allen Drive, Officer Took Call

Tuesday, May 7
12:28 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Exchange Street, Investigated
1:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Murphy Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, May 8
7:50 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, High South Street, Information Taken
9:22 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Adams Street, Animal Returned to Owner
9:47 a.m. Public Assist, Hubbardston Road, Dispatch Handled
11:25 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Broad Street, Information Taken
3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 9
3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
4:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
6:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, May 10
3:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Nelson Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:45 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasant Street, Information Given
6:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
8:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 11
3:22 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Clem Court, Officer Advised
11:56 a.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Exchange Street, Investigated
4:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Fruitland Road, Officer Advised
4:40 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, James Street, Fire Extinguished
6:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
Summons: Basa, Carlos Junior Correia, 21, Brockton
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle
9:49 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, May 5
11:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Turnpike Road, Negative Contact
4:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact

Monday, May 6
1:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Shore Drive, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, May 7
8:32 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Crawford Road, Message Delivered

Wednesday, May 8
4:07 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, South Road, Animal Returned to Owner
6:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
7:49 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Lincoln Road, Secured

Thursday, May 9
11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield, Written Warning
8:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Brookfield Road, Mutual Aid Transported

Friday, May 10
12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning

Saturday, May 11
1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
2:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
3:50 p.m. Complaint, East Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:36 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Public Assist

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, May 5
1:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
6:27 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
9:21 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:35 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
12:10 a.m. Harassment, Cheryl Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
7:46 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Highland Park Road, Report Filed

Monday, May 6
12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
10:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Cedar Avenue, Transported to Hospital
4:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
7:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Beechwood Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:39 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Oakridge Drive, Investigated
10:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Wachusett Street, Vehicle Removed

Tuesday, May 7
10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed
1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Drive, Written Warning
1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
9:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

Wednesday, May 8
10:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Public Assist
11:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
12:20 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Philips Avenue, Report Filed
1 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
6:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
10:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Kenwood Drive, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 9
6:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

7:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:27 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Arline Drive, Information Given
11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Viana Duarte, Paulo, 31, Worcester
Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
12:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
1:18 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Harmon, Lisa P., 40, Westbrook, Maine
Charges: Credit Card, Receive Stolen, RMV Document, Possess/Use False/Stolen,
Attempted Larceny, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Drug, Possess Class B
5:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
5:59 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, Glenwood Road, Investigated
Summons: Burns, Jackson, 22, Rutland
Charges: Assault and Battery
8:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Brookfield Road, Mutual Aid Transported

Friday, May 10
5:52 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Beverly Hills Drive, Information Taken
7:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning
10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
11:23 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Down Arcing, Oakwood Road, Public Assist
1:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
4:27 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Tadrus, Maged Bssada, 48, Gardner
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
7:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Johnson Way, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 11
1 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Soucy Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
2:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 6-13, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 73 building/property checks, 20 directed/area patrols, 11 radar assignments, 17 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, five complaints, one safety hazard, two animal calls and 16 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 6
8:20 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Removed Hazard
9:19 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
9:48 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
4:01 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Lower Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 7
8:06 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Pine Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
3:36 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Spoken To
4:19 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Pond Road, Transported to Hospital
5:52 p.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, May 8
2:04 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Could Not Locate

Thursday, May 9
6:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning

Monday, May 6
11:12 a.m. Assist Citizen, Wine Road, Spoken To

Friday, May 10
9:58 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To
10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Grove Street, Vehicle Towed
3:57 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Officer Handled
6:53 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To

Saturday, May 11
4:31 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
5:39 a.m. Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital
9:56 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Citation Issued
9:57 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Church Lane, Investigated

Monday, May 13
12:51 p.m. Medical Emergency, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 7
6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, May 8
9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 9
7:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

9:59 a.m. Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital
3:06 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, North Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, May 12
9:22 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
6:54 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
10:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered

Monday, May 13
12:51 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Pond Road, Transported to Hospital
7:01 a.m. 911 Misdeal, Main Street, Spoken To

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, May 5
6:17 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Main Street, Report Filed
7:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, High Street, Mutual Aid Transported

Monday, May 6
7:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
9:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
9:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
11:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, May 7
2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Templeton Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Fernandes, Joao Carlos, 37, Holden
Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
3:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Evergreen Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 9
10:05 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
2:14 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Report Filed
3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
7:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Choking, Gardner Road, No Transport Required

Friday, May 10
12:50 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Main Street, Information Given
5:06 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Westminster Road, Officer Advised

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of May 6-13, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, 11 directed/area patrols, one traffic control, three radar assignments, five emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, four animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, May 6
11:12 a.m. Assist Citizen, Wine Road, Spoken To

12:51 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 7
6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, May 8
9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 9
7:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Friday, May 10
2 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Barr Road, Report Taken

Saturday, May 11
11:15 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sibley Road, Transported to Hospital
12:52 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Monday, May 13
3:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, McEvoy Road, Services Rendered
6:10 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Barr Road, Services Rendered

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p.m. on Wednesdays, and Feel Good Fridays offer food and fellowship each Friday at 10:30 a.m. A Women's Recovery Circle is held on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

Lutz and Daley said the center also helps people connect with important resources with the help of Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger of the Quabbin Health District for "Ask the Nurse" on the second Friday of the month from 1-2 p.m. Krieger provides blood pressure, blood sugar and wound checks, as well as confidential consultations for health issues, nutrition, foot care, cardiovascular and respiratory health, immunization and vaccines, diabetes management, women's health, mental health and more.

Community Resource Assistance for people living in Hampshire County is offered every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. Staff can assist with MassHealth, SNAP benefits, advocacy, detox, substance use

programs, resume building, job searches, job applications, interview preparation and provide housing information.

Transportation is another area the Recovery Center of HOPE can assist people in recovery with, through use of its Guiding Rides van.

Lutz said transportation is "extremely challenging and a tremendous barrier," not only for treatment, but also to meet basic daily needs such as grocery shopping and laundry. The van even takes weekly shopping trips to Walmart and monthly trips to Trader Joe's.

"We're really willing to go anywhere," Lutz said. "It's made a big difference already."

John Morello's performance of 'Dirt'

Performer John Morello spoke with members of the alliance about his performance "Dirt" which has been presented at schools across the country and in Canada.

Duda said "Dirt" covers a number of issues young people face, including bullying, substance use

and mental health.

"He's been kind of taking our area by storm," Duda said. Morello is set to perform next at Ware Public Schools on May 23.

Morello talked about his recent performance at North Brookfield Public Schools, which kicked off Student Wellness Week in the school district.

QHSUA member and organizer of the North Brookfield event, Sue Lewandowski, said two students came forward to talk about what they are going through after watching Morello's performance.

Nekr Jenkins of Q-Drug said students at the Quabbin Regional School District still talk about "Dirt" two years after Morello's visit.

An actor and stand-up comic, Morello wrote "Dirt" as a one-person show that touched on his life experiences. Morello said he grew up with addiction in his family and he wanted to explore how he made it out, and how others didn't.

"I wanted to address some of those

things I was feeling," he said.

The show, which features a series of intertwined monologues, was never intended to be a school performance. After a teacher saw it performed in a theater, she invited Morello to bring "Dirt" to the schools.

"It really took off with the students," Morello said. "When you make yourself vulnerable and make it a story and not a lecture...I think it makes it more accessible to kids and they appreciated that I wasn't talking down to them. It's a great conversation starter."

Morello said he has tried not to change "Dirt", which he has performed over the last 20 years.

"I just kept on doing my show and spoke my truth," Morello said. "With the idea that the right people will get it and the right people will connect with it."

Morello said he talks a lot about mental health, both through the characters and his own personal experiences.

"Talking about struggles gives us all hope," Morello said.

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