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Garrett Erickson performed on the bass during a performance at the Senior Night Concert.

Concert highlights senior soloists

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BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School hosted its annual Senior Night Concert to highlight its graduating class and the music department.

Senior soloists included Aidan Mahoney, who opened the concert with a Jimi Hendrix-inspired rendition of

the National Anthem on electric guitar. This performance was followed by an arrangement of “In My Life” featuring all of the seniors from chorus, band and orchestra.

Garrett Erickson on piano and Aiden Fuller on drums performed “Imagine”, followed by Gabriel Miller singing “Bloodsport”, which he dedicated to his mother.

Elizabeth Lambert sang

“So Anyway”, followed by “I’m Moving On” by Rose Lyden and “Amor Eterno” by Juliana Lindsten. Lindsten sang her song in Spanish, and a capella, after a technical glitch stopped her music.

Maxwell Ure performed an excerpt from “Money” on the tenor saxophone and Finnegan Leander performed an excerpt from “Swan Lake” on bass clarinet.



Elizabeth Lambert sang “So Anyway” during the Quabbin Regional High School’s Senior Night Concert held on May 14.

Bailey Burke performed a duet with Symphonic Winds Director Toni Brown for the song “Samba-lele”. Abigail Falconi also performed on clarinet with Brown for “Op. 62/3 No. 18”.

Seniors Emma Harrington on trumpet, Annie Howe on saxophone and Lia Sherblom on clarinet performed

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Select Board accept MGL Chapter 90 70C

Police Chief recommends some roads for 25 mph limit

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – The Select Board on the recommendation of Police Chief James Sabourin reduced speed limits on several roads in town.

He said by adopting Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Section 17C, this allowed the Select Board to establish 25-miles-per-hour speed limit in thickly settled or business districts. He said West Street to Washburn Avenue, Pleasant Street from Lovers Lane and Hawes Hill Road and a stretch of South Street to Root Road met the thickly settled or business district. The Select Board office will notify Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

TA report

Town Administrator Melanie Jackson presented the Fiscal Year 2027 budget review at the May 4 meeting. She said the accountant submitted the town’s free cash balance sheet to the Department of Revenue last Monday.

She estimated free cash could be as high as \$800,000. This was in part due to \$424,000 in receipts, which were not transferred in the process of switching software.

She said it was “tough” to come up with a budget. She said the Board of Assessors need a clerk in that office. She said she was not sure the \$45,000 for the town audit would be sufficient.

Some cuts in the budget included \$3,000 in the recreation budget, \$6,000 cut for Felton Field, \$1,000 from Conservation Committee and a reduction of \$500 for Wachusett Greenways.

The Town Administrator said she received permis-

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SB reviews budget, ATM warrant

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board discussed the warrant for the upcoming annual town meeting, scheduled for June 1, including article 11, which considers the municipal budget for fiscal year 2027.

Some impactful line items discussed included the police, school and regional dispatch.

At the May 15 meeting, Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald gave a detailed outline of various line items in the FY 27 budget. He said the departments switched to a line item budget, which added hundreds of lines to the budget.

He said there are more than 530 items on this budget, compared to about 120 last year. Fitzgerald said there were about \$310,000 worth of one time impacts added to last year’s budget.

Fitzgerald said the Police Department budget is up 9.1%, but the increase is still a cut to the department.

Police Chief Ryan Couture said there is a sergeant retiring this year, and they do not have the money to fill an open patrol spot. Couture said the department has two sergeants at the moment.

Fitzgerald said the Quabbin Regional School District budget came in at about a 4% increase to the town budget, compared to the

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Select Board hears concerns of citizens

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RUTLAND – The Select Board held their first meeting after the annual town election on May 12, where newly elected member Sheila Dibb joined the board.

The board heard concerns of citizens, re-organized, and handled some administrative work.

The first resident to speak was Lou Cornacchioli, who gave an update on electrifying the bandstand and cleaning the Civil War monument. He said he brought this up last year before leaving the state for the winter.

Cornacchioli said he talked with people at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, who said electrifying the bandstand would be a one

day project for a professional electrician, but a little bit longer with students.

Cornacchioli said a representative from the school committee told him they voted to move forward with allowing the project, but there was no time to do it before the school year ends this year in June, so it will have to wait until the fall. Cornacchioli said he would raise money to electrify the bandstand as well.

Town Administrator Heather Butler said they would need to get an electrical permit.

Moving on to the Civil War monument, Cornacchioli said he got a price from a vendor that does steam cleaning, and it came out to between \$400-\$600, and that he would pay the price to give back to the town if the board was okay with it.

Select Board member

Harry Sechman said the monument is close to him since he is a veteran, and was not opposed to it.

Cornacchioli also talked about town meeting. He said it was difficult to follow, and there were no handouts given for attendees to follow along with. He requested that in the future, handouts be made.

Cornacchioli also raised concerns that nobody on the floor acknowledged the outgoing Select board Chair, Jen Leger.

Finance Committee Chair Darren Ross also spoke during public comment, asking the board about what will happen with the \$660,000 for the school budget, and asked if the board would go on record recommending the usage of that amount in free cash to fund the budget.

Select Board member Leah Whiteman said if

the school budget assessment comes in below that amount, they have a passed budget since it was contingent on the override, but if the assessment is above that, it will have to be voted on.

He said using that free cash puts them in a tough place for next year, but Whiteman said this has been a conversation for a long time.

Select Board member Alex Mowatt said they use \$300,000 each year in free cash. Ross said they just lost 19 people because of cuts, and Whiteman said without that free cash they would lose even more.

Butler said that \$660,000 is already appropriated from the town meeting motion, and is not available for any other usage.

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Gehring wins Select Board seat

OAKHAM – Frederick J. Gehring Jr. won a three-year term to the Select Board against incumbent Donald A. Haapakoski.

Gehring received 308 votes and Haapakoski got 78 in the Monday, May 18 Annual Town Election.

Lucille DiLeo won a two-year term to the Board of Health on a write-in campaign with 190 votes against Susan Collette, the candidate on the ballot, who had 147 votes.

Barbara A. Pucci won a three-year term to the Board of Health. Lucille DiLeo received 54 write in votes for the three year term to BOH.

All other candidates ran unopposed on the ballot.

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Tri-Parish Community Church holds annual sale

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HARDWICK – The Hardwick Common was busy this past weekend with the Tri-Parish Community Church’s annual Plant, Bake, Craft & Tag Sale taking place.

This was the 20th year the Tri-Parish Community Church has held this annual sale which is all made possible by a volunteer effort. This event benefits the Tri-Parish Community Church’s operating expenses.

Members of Tri-Parish Community Church were hosting a plant sale and a bake sale on the Hardwick Common, and the weather

was perfect for the occasion. Jennifer Pollard, who grew up in Hardwick, had moved back to the area around 2018 was keeping busy with both the plant sale and bake sale taking place.

The plant sale featured pots of annual flowers, herbs, perennials and vegetables. The bake sale featured a variety of home baked cookies, pies and other pastries.

There were also three plant vendors who attended this year’s plant sale. There was Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Howe’s Farm & Garden of New Braintree and Stillman’s

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Doug Swanson of Dragonfly Wood Arts of Hardwick was one of the craft vendors during the 20th Annual Tri-Parish Community Church Plant, Bake, Craft and Tag Sale.



News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Pet vaccine clinic set for May 23

Pet owners in Barre and the surrounding area can register their cats and dogs for affordable lifesaving vaccines at an upcoming Community Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m.-noon hosted by Second Chance Animal Services at the Barre Public Safety Building, 655 South St. The clinic will offer \$5 rabies vaccines, free distemper/parvo vaccines, and \$19 Leptospirosis vaccines, along with microchipping for \$22. The clinic is open to all pet owners, regardless of where they live. Advance registration is encouraged, as space is limited. Walk-ins will be permitted as time allows. Pet owners can register online at secondchanceanimals.org/scasconnect-north-brookfield/. This clinic is made possible in part by Petco Love and the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts. For more information, people may visit www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Memorial Day ceremonies

Barre Post 2, American Legion hosts the Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 25. The first will be at the monument in South Barre at 9:15 a.m. The second will be at St Joesph's Cemetery at 10 a.m.. The third will be at Glen Valley Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. At noon a parade will begin in Barre Center. All Veterans are welcome and encouraged to participate. At 1:15 p.m. the annual chicken barbecue will be held at the Post Quarters at 450 South Barre Road. It is put on by the Masons.

Legislators office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume's and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet with their staff, Donna and Kim and Jard to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance. On Tuesday, June 9 staff will be in the Barre Senior Center from 10:15-11:15 a.m. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting with Rep. Berthiaume or Sen. Durant.

Water Department notice

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Food Pantry distributions

The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, May 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients May 13 and 21 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Library holds science playgroup and story time

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, will host the CFCE MOC coordinated science playgroup on Monday June 8 at 10:30 a.m.

The target age group is six and under, all are welcome.

The library hosts a story hour on Monday June 22 at 11:30 a.m. Children enjoy a story, craft and independent playtime. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.



Submitted photo

Barre and Hardwick seniors got dressed up for a Kentucky Derby celebration.

COA hosts Kentucky Derby celebration

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center was filled with excitement, laughter and colorful hats during its spectacular Kentucky Derby Celebration, which drew a wonderful crowd for an afternoon of fun and community spirit.

Participants enjoyed thrilling horse races, faux betting, delicious food, prizes and plenty of friendly competition throughout the event. Guests arrived dressed in festive Derby attire and creative hats, adding to the lively atmosphere

that made the celebration truly unforgettable.

The event featured exciting races with attendees cheering loudly for their favorite horses and jockeys, while faux betting added an entertaining twist that kept everyone engaged. Between races, guests enjoyed great food, desserts, socializing and lots of laughter.

The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center extends a heartfelt thank-you to everyone, who attended and helped make the Kentucky Derby Celebration a tremendous success. Special

appreciation goes to the volunteers and staff who worked hard behind the scenes to create such a memorable event for the community.

Events like these continue to showcase the importance of connection, friendship, and fun in bringing older adults together and strengthening the community.

For more information about upcoming programs and events at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, people may call 978-355-5031.

Post 2 lists Memorial Day exercise

BARRE – The Barre Post #2 American and Legion, Post #2 Auxiliary and Son of the American Legion lists the order of exercise for Memorial Day, May 25.

On Monday, May 25 at 9:15 a.m. ceremonies begin on South Barre Common. Post 2 Commander Joe Petracone gives the welcome. Pastor James Foley offers a prayer and gives the address.

Other activities include placing of the wreaths, salute by Honor Guard, playing of "Taps" and playing the National Anthem by

the Quabbin Community Band. Pastor James ends with a benediction.

The group reassembles at Saint Joseph Cemetery at 10 a.m. Father Callahan offers a prayer. The placing of the wreaths, salute by Honor Guard, playing of "Taps" and playing of National Anthem by the Quabbin Community Band.

They then reassemble at Glen Valley Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Pastor James Foley opens with a prayer. Placing of wreaths, salute by Honor Guard, playing of "Taps" and playing the National Anthem by the

Quabbin Community Band.

The group reassembles for the parade to North Park at noon. The parade lineup includes Post #3 Commander, Colors, Honor Guard, Legion members, Veterans, Auxiliary members, Clergy, Select Board, Barre Police Officers, Band, Barre Firemen, cars, Barre Riding and Driving Club, All Scouts, Brownies, Little League, other organizations Fire vehicles, Rescue Squad and Rescue vehicles. Dr. Richard Allen donated the use of automobiles for the parade.

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 25. 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 – Memorial Day no meal served

TUESDAY – Turkey supreme, cornbread stuffing, country blend vegetables, pineapple, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, peaches, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Greek chicken, steamed white rice, Brussels sprouts, birthday cake, diet = small piece, Italian bread

FRIDAY – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread, sour cream

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

Barre holds pet vaccine clinic on May 23

BARRE –Pet owners in Barre and the surrounding area can register their cats and dogs for affordable lifesaving vaccines at an upcoming Community Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m.-noon hosted by Second Chance Animal Services at the Barre Public Safety Building, 655 South St.

The clinic will offer \$5 rabies

vaccines, free distemper/parvo vaccines, and \$19 Leptospirosis vaccines, along with microchipping for \$22. These services are designed to help pet owners protect their animals from common but serious diseases while also improving the chances of reuniting lost pets with their families.

The clinic is open to all pet owners, regardless of where they live. Advance registration is encouraged,

as space is limited. Walk-ins will be permitted as time allows. Pet owners can register online at secondchanceanimals.org/scasconnect-north-brookfield/.

This clinic is made possible in part by Petco Love and the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts

For more information, people may visit www.secondchanceanimals.org.



OAKHAM

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Parade starts at 10:15 a.m.

Oakham Memorial Day Parade starts at 10:15 am leaving Oakham Center school to walk to the Oakham Town Common. Oakham Memorial Day services start at 10:30 a.m. on the Oakham Town Common. The Quabbin High School band and Quabbin Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps will be marching in the parade and participating in the Memorial ceremonies. The Oakham Historical Committee will have coffee, doughnuts and water for sale before the start of the parade.

Berthiaume and Durant staff office hour

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OHA open house

The first open house by the Oakham Historical Association takes place at the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, on Sunday, May 24 from 1-4 p.m. At 1 p.m. Andrew Boone, local author of the book "Bathsheba Spooner," presents a reading and shows slides of the book.

Known as "a most horrid piece of villainy" one observer wrote upon hearing of what is now recognized as the most sensational crime of the American 18th century. It is the Revolutionary counterpart to the Lizzie Borden case from the next century. Open houses are the last Sunday of the month. Other dates are June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. There is a virtual tour of the Quabbin Cemetery on June 28 at 1 p.m.

Summer band concerts

The summer band concert series begins on Thursday, June 25 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham. The Friends of the Oakham Bandstand sell popcorn, drinks and ice cream. Other Thursday concert dates include: July 9 The Traveling Homebodies, July 23 The Long Run: Songs of the Eagles, Aug. 13 The Cropdusters and Aug. 20 The Otters.

COA events

Blood pressure and glucose screening will be held Tuesday, May 26 from 11a.m.-1 p.m.; no appointment is needed. Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Water Department closes well for maintenance

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The town will take all necessary precautions to maintain water service using the South Barre Well during this period.

The Water Department appreciates residents' cooperation and understanding while this important maintenance is completed. For more information, people may call the DPW at 978-355-5013.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Conservation Committee – Mu 26 at 7 p.m.
 Historical Commission – May 28 at 11 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – May 28 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission – June 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – June 1 at 5 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – June 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 2 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – June 8 at 5:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – June 8 at 6 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 9 at 7 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – June 11 at 1 p.m.
 Barre Common Oversight Committee – June 18 at 5 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – June 18 at 6 p.m.

HARDWICK

Select Board – May 21 at 6 p.m. and May 26 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – May 21 at 6 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – May 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – June 4 at 7 p.m.
 Town Meeting – June 6 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Pubic Library – June 10 at 3 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – June 15 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 23 and July 21 at 6 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – May 21, June 3 and June 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – May 21 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 26 at 7 p.m.
 Annual Town Meeting – June 1 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Library Trustees – June 4 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 9 and June 23 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 17 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 22 at 5 p.m.
 Community Preservation Committee – June 25 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Cultural Council – May 28 at 6 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant office hour – June 9 1:30-2:14 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 17 all day

OAKHAM

Select Board – May 22 at noon

PETERSHAM

Select Board – May 21 at 5:30 p.m., May 26 at 10 a.m., May 28 at 5:30 p.m. and June 11, June 18 and June 25 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – May 21, May 28 at 5:45 p.m. and June 1 at 6 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – May 21 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – May 26 at 6:30 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 2 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 2 at 7 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – June 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 5 at 9 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 9 at 11 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board May 27 pole hearings – May 27 at 6 p.m.

SB votes to offer TA position to Magee

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
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HUBBARDSTON – Following the three interviews of town administrator candidates on May 11, the Select Board held a meeting on May 15 to discuss their interviews and appoint a town administrator.

The board ultimately voted to offer the job to Alex Magee pending contract negotiations.

The discussion started with Select Board member Kris Pareago asking for clarification on the process of the interviews with the search committee.

Two members of the committee in attendance included chair Kari Sacramone and Police Chief Ryan Couture. They clarified that each candidate interviewed was asked the same questions, before they chose the top three.

Pareago said there were allegations that one of the candidates had seen the questions beforehand, and wanted to make sure that was not the case. Sacramone and Couture said that did not happen, with Sacramone saying that none of the candidates answered as if they knew what question was coming, and the questions were decided in an executive ses-

sion.

Following this explanation, Pareago made a motion to move forward and enter into contract negotiations with Elizabeth Kazinskas. The motion was seconded for discussion by Select Board Vice-Chair Katie Young.

Pareago said he chose Kazinskas because of her resume, experience, knowledge of finances, locality and connections in the state house.

Select board member Peter Walker said he thought she was the least qualified of the three candidates interviewed. Walker said her work as acting mayor would not have gotten her into the “nitty gritty” of finances, and that she never worked under a town administrator, only as a city councilor.

Young said it sounded like Kazinskas wanted to utilize outsourcing for certain tasks, and did not want to run the town like a city. She said the learning curve would be difficult and longer for her coming from Gardner.

The motion was defeated 1-3, with Pareago being the only member in favor.

Second motion

Following the defeated motion, Young made the motion to move forward with Alex Magee. Young said his master’s degree in

administration could help the town on the business side.

She said he was “second in command” in many places, but worked in town governments, including work as a deputy town manager. Young said he would be humble enough to work with, and got a good impression from him.

Pareago said he did not think Magee had a good understanding of Hubbardston, and has only worked in towns that have larger budgets than Hubbardston, and only lasted an average of two years in each previous position.

He said the learning curve would be “longer and steeper.”

Pareago also said he did not think Magee had the right connections on the state level.

Select Board Chair Jeff Williams said it should not be a disqualification that Magee can handle larger budgets, and his references said they would hire him again. Walker said Magee has a lot of financial experience, and he met all of his expectations other than experience as a town administrator.

The motion to move forward with Magee passed 3-1, with Pareago voting no. The board said they will set up a time to begin contract negotiations with him.

HUBBARDSTON

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Memorial Day parade starts at 11 a.m.

Hubbardston’s traditional Memorial Day parade and ceremony and service takes place Monday, May 25. The parade starts at 11 a.m. at the Curtis Rec Field and ends at the Common, 2 Main St., First Meeting House, formerly known as First Parish Unitarian Church. Ceremony and service takes place around 11:45 a.m. Any veteran interested in marching or riding on the float should email hubbardstonma250@gmail.com, call the Town Clerk’s office at 978-928-1400, extension 202 or visit her office at 48 Gardner Road.

Legislators office hour

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Brigham Street truck exclusion

The Hubbardston Select Board and Massachusetts Department of Transportation approved a heavy commercial vehicle exclusion for Brigham Street from Main Street/Worcester Road Road, Route 68 to Evergreen Road. Signs are posted and the town will begin to enforce this exclusion 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Alternate routes are Worcester Road (Rte. 68,, Old Princeton Road and Evergreen Road.

Town meeting and election

Hubbardston’s Annual Town Meeting is Monday, June 1 at 7 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School, 8 Elm St., gymnasium. Hubbardston’s Annual Town Election is Tuesday, June 9 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School gymnasium. The last day to register to vote at the Annual Town Meeting is Friday, May 22 by 5 p.m. People may register in the Town Clerk’s office, 48 Gardner Road from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The last day to register in the Annual Town Election is Saturday, May 30 by 5 p.m. in the Town Clerk’s office from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. People may also register online by visiting <https://www.sec.stat.ma.us/ovt/>.

Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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On Tuesday, June 9 staff will be in the Hubbardston Senior Center from 9-10 a.m., in Barre Senior Center from 10:15-11:15 a.m., in the Oakham Town Hall from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in New Braintree Town Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and in North Brookfield Town Hall from 1:30-2:15 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 10 staff will be in the Ware Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m., in Hardwick Town Hall from 10-11 a.m., in West Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and in Brookfield Town Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 17 staff will be in the Leicester Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m., in Spencer Senior Center from 10-11 a.m. and in East Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-noon. Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi’s office will be in Spencer. People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting with Rep. Berthiaume or Sen. Durant.

Barre Historical Society displays maps at library



Submitted photo

The Barre Historical Society has some of their beautiful Barre maps on display at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre, where people can stop by to see them up close. The society thanks the Woods Memorial Library for inviting them to be a part of this space.

Senior Center lists upcoming events

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St., will offer the following events and activities during the month of May.

Activities include: Medicare Help with Ed Spater, Thursday, May 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. by appointment; and Free Art Class, Thursday, May 28 at 11 a.m.

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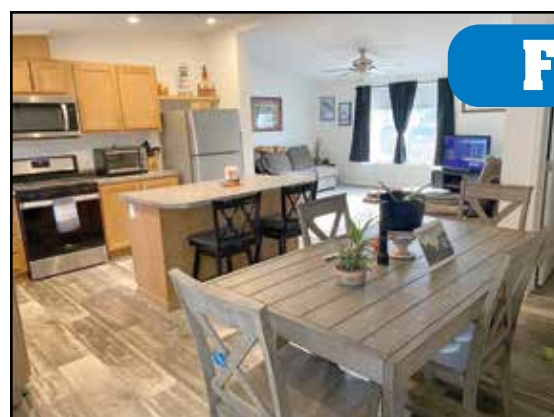
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Opinion

Guest Column

The you I did not know

By A. B. Splaine

I recently accompanied a dear friend to the wake and funeral of a kindly neighbor of hers.

An acquaintance whom she knew only a little of, but for decades lived in sight of her home. Slowly at first, and then a bit more as the morning progressed, other neighbors that she also knew came in to pay their respects. As I sat there, barely knowing only one or two of her neighbors, it occurred to me how special this all too human exercise is.

The generous greetings of the grieving husband and his daughter to a total stranger like me was one of kindly thoughtfulness and grateful appreciation.

It put me in mind of my father's passing when I was seven and my mother when I was twenty-one. Their deaths led me to understand that nothing in this life we lead is forever and that we must cherish whatever our personal histories allow.

As both the husband and the daughter expressed their heartfelt and soulful reminiscences, I was struck by their genuineness and the simple elegance of their messages. Both my lady friend Kathy and I have

been through this same experience in recent years and we were touched by the sweet, caring expressions of love for their mother and wife.

It speaks volumes about the ability of one loving human being to impart that feeling to their families. It begs the question of why we find it so difficult to be that way to all our brothers and sisters in the family of man with whom we share this tiny planet.

Death of a loved one is a time for sadness, no doubt, but it is also a time for demonstrating our caring concern for one another.

Though I did not know the family mentioned here, I came away with such a deep sense of what this lovely lady brought to her family's life, that I felt the need to say so.

Perhaps it's my age or the many losses of a long lifetime, but I think more likely it is the lovely simplicity of expressing love for another human being and in so doing, stir the soul of a complete stranger.

It brought to mind a poem I wrote several years ago called "The You I Did Not Know."

Editor's note: This poem appeared in the May 14 issue of the Barre Gazette.

Guest Column

A time of connection

By Elaine Daisy McKay

Our vacation trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in late February of 2005 and the touring of the battlefield would bring new depths to our understandings and appreciation of the Civil War and our American history.

We walked and stood with gratitude and awe on the battlefields and especially at the monument of the National Cemetery where President Lincoln gave his "Gettysburg Address." The cemetery was dedicated to the 52,000 men, who had died on these grounds that lay now before us.

As we stood there and read his address, my memory took a flash back in time. I really had to ponder how long ago this flash back represented.

As I reflected on my age in the eighth grade and deducted where I was today, fifty years was the magic number. I could see myself standing nervously in my crisp white dress with white patent leather shoes, preparing to give the graduation speech for my class. Our small town hall

was filled to capacity for that special night.

I stepped forward, cleared my throat and began to speak.

"Four Score and Seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal...etc., I carried the speech to the end without forgetting a word.

I blushed feverishly as the audience rose with a standing ovation. It had been my chosen presentation. The band struck up the national anthem and we all stood saluting the flag. It was a very heartwarming night.

That memory of that graduation speech had been buried in my memory bank until that day at the memorial. Now I stood on the ground and felt the reverence flow through me.

With tears in my eyes, I felt I had finally been connected to the words I spoke so proudly so many years ago. I was allowed the pleasure of a time of remembrance, reverence and a time of connection.

I am so grateful.



Submitted photo

Elaine Daisy McKay delivers the "Gettysburg Address" at her eighth grade graduation.



In Past Pages

Look Back Quabbin Cross-Country Team – 1971



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The boys' team won the League Championship at Lawrence Academy in Groton. Pictured from left to right are: Coach Dick Shea, Charlie Chase, Louis Panaccione, Tom Gustafson, Dino Lamacchia, Bert Allen, Dave Williams, and Floyd Bowles. All runners finished in the top 20. Lamacchia was the overall winner and set a new course record.

5 years (May 27, 2021)

The Barre Board of Selectmen discussed the location of the Tuesday, June 15 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Chairman Gregory O'Sullivan said typically 200 to 250 attend and they prefer the meeting indoors. He said he thought the high school was a better location than Ruggles Lane Elementary School. Selectman Maureen Marshall said the high school cafeteria can sit 600 and the acoustics were awful, but it was air conditioned. The board decided to hold the ATM in the cafeteria at the Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre.

The Hubbardston Select Board met in person May 17 to review and award the Hubbardston Center School roof repair and replacement.

Select board chair Dan Galante said the town received four bids for the roof project. The lowest bid was Capeway Roofing Systems, Inc. with a bid of \$2,040,250, an amount less than the architect estimated. Other bidders were MDM Engineering, Greenwood Industries and Titan Roofing. Galante said Capeway Roofing had a score of 90 and it was a good score. The score came from ratings by previous project owners. The three select board members present Galante, Kris Pareago and Katie Young voted to award the roof bid to Capeway Roofing of Westport.

The Reopening Committee of the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre voted to open the church to indoor services began Sunday, May 23. Safety protocols will be in place to protect everyone from unseen virus threats. Masks will be required of all in attendance. Entry is through the front door. The

side door may be used for those needing the elevator. Exit through the rear door except for those that need to use the elevator where use of the side door is acceptable. Sign in, with phone or email information, required to the notebook used for contact tracing. Singing is not going to be permitted. Some pews will be blocked from use to ensure safe social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available for use by all in attendance. A staff member will sanitize all areas used before and after use. Front and rear doors will remain open during services to allow for fresh air circulation.

10 years (May 26, 2016)

A capital plan was not a new idea for the town of Barre, but the Collins Center presented a draft of a five-year plan at a recent finance committee meeting. The final report should be ready in a week or two. Staff from the Collins Center of UMass Boston interviewed department heads, reviewed their requests and evaluated them against a set of criteria as part of a Community Compact Grant project. They explained that hopefully, once a capital plan was in place and implemented there would be fewer and fewer emergencies, as vehicles and equipment would be replaced prior to major breakdowns and over several years to avoid replacing them all at once. This also included building projects.

Kindergarten student, Angelina Orr of Barre, had been looking forward all week to the Math and Movement Family Fun Night program held last Wednesday at Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre. And she wasn't disappointed. "I'm having a lot of fun," Orr said. "I'm learning some new math, like learning coordi-

nates on a graph using animal figures." The gym was packed for an evening of fun and high energy when the Math and Movement program stopped by for a visit.

Coordinated by veteran RLS math and current fourth grade teacher, Carolyn Foley, the event was something new and exciting for the school. "I came across this program when I was researching ways to engage the widest range of students in math learning activities," Foley said. "It was highly recommended and seemed like a good fit for our community."

The Oakham Finance Committee presented a letter to the board of selectmen expressing its concern that selectmen overruled its financial recommendations. FinCom chairman Paul Rochette stated that if selectmen did not allow the finance committee's recommendations to go forth to town meeting, there was no reason to for it to exist. He said the selectmen cut the request from the board of assessor's for software that the FinCom recommended. The software (\$1,500) would allow property values to be listed online, a service that most other towns have. In the letter, the committee said, "We are all volunteers and are dedicated to the fact that we are supposed to be an autonomous committee directly serving the town residents with our financial recommendations." Later in the letter, the committee stated, "The finance committee feels strongly that our recommendations should be presented to the public as submitted."

25 years (May 24, 2001)

Dion Robbins-Zust fulfilled a lifelong dream as he gets to be the Giant in a recent performance of

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

This has been a very unusual week with the weather, a couple of nights with freezing temperatures and then two days of 80 degrees.

I cant put out the house plants yet, but I do take in a hanging pot of petunias each night that is cold.

I want to plant a few more seeds in the planter boxes.

The main one is ready for the tomato plants to go in and another one for the pepper plants that my daughter grew for me. I have them in the windows of the house until the end of May.

I got a plumber to come and fix the bath tub regulator so that was good news. Now, I need to get the water conditioner working or a new one.

There seems to be something needing to be replaced every week. The house is now 38 years old and things are wearing out like I am.

The Fiddlehead ferns are now in full height and very pretty in the front covering the house foundation. Most of the hostas and epemediums are out and the Maiden Hair Fern is coming up.

I also like the Japanese ferns that are in various places in the yard. The crab apple tree is in full bloom and the

birds are enjoying it.

I haven't got many blooms on the lilacs. I guess I need to put more lime on the base. There may not be enough sun for them either.

Here is a recipe that my friend, Nancy, sent me and sounds like something my readers would enjoy making.

ITALIAN LEMON CHICKEN

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup of Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons Dijon style mustard
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1 pound skinned, boneless chicken breast halves or thighs

In small bowl, combine all ingredients except chicken, mix well. Pour marinade over chicken in a shallow dish, cover and refrigerate for 4 to 8 hours. Remove chicken and pour marinade into a small pan and bring it to a boil for a few minutes.

Grill chicken over medium hot heat, brushing occasionally with marinade, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until chicken is fully cooked. It makes four servings. This can be done on a stove inside also.

This and That

The ticks are bad this year so make sure when in the garden or after a walk in the woods that you check your body each night. Both Ken and I have had one embedded and had to seek medical help. I really don't like to spray myself with poisons, but I may have to at least the clothing.

It is tough enough to garden with the pesky gnats and mosquitoes but now we have the ticks to contend with.

The welcomed rain has made the gardens perk up and things are growing well. Most of the daffodils have gone by but Azaleas are out and some late daffodils.

I heard that the Lady Slippers are out and some other wild flowers. My handyman keeps me up on that subject.

Now to either get some herb plants or to start some from seed. It may be too late to start them from seed. I miss the local shop where I used to get my plants. So many businesses have gone away.

Plants are very expensive this year. The pansies are doing well in the window box.

Have a good week and enjoy the nice weather.

Why do we wait until Memorial Day to plant?

For as long as I can remember, the "safe date" for planting tender crops was always Memorial Day.

This year in particular the holiday is on the early side, the 25th of May, as opposed to the 30th or 31st. Here in New England, five or six days can make all the difference in the world.

Sure, as I write, the mercury is set to rise well into the high eighties for three or four days, then become more reasonable again. It's a wonder the plants know what to do.

Anyhow, read on to learn about some tender plants and how they respond better when soil or air temperatures have warmed.

Although cool loving peas and warmth loving beans are both legumes, bean seeds in particular crave seventy to eighty degree soil in which to germinate. This is particularly evident with white seeded bean varieties, since the white seeds reflect the heat instead of holding on to it like dark seeds do.

Oftentimes, white seeds will rot before they sprout if planted too soon. If you are in the mood to gamble and desire an early sowing of beans, use a dark seeded variety.

Untreated corn seeds will not germinate in soil below 60 degrees. We are advised to be patient and trust that seed planted in warm soil will make up for lost time, and they typically will, in no time flat.



Those of us who plant only a small plot have luck starting corn seeds indoors then transplanting the seedlings outside. I sowed my corn two seeds per six pack a few days back and have it on heat along with a sowing of winter squash and melons and all are popping up nicely.

I usually pick the best of the two in the cell of the pack and pinch away the slower one so there is no competition, giving the stronger seedling all of the room to grow nicely. Never pull out when thinning; roots may be disturbed.

Speaking of seedlings, it's also important not to shock our home grown pepper or tomato seedlings by transplanting them into cold soil or cold air. Night temperatures should be a consistent 50 degrees before planting out peppers.

I typically preheat the soil my peppers are to be planted in with black plastic, laying it right down in the garden bed for a week prior to planting. I cut holes into it at transplanting time, amending each hole as I go.

For added warmth, some gardeners looking to get a head start often use a row cover to add a few degrees of warmth and protect

plants from the wind.

Tomatoes are planted outside after all danger of frost has passed. Typically on Memorial Day! In fact, I think the whole "safe date" theory came to be because of tomatoes! When I was just getting started in horticulture I remember all sorts of contraptions people used to use to try and get the first ripe tomato in the neighborhood.

By planting tomatoes transplants earlier you could get earlier fruiting. Cloches or wall-o-waters were popular before the floating row covers became the rage.

I typically wait to transplant my tomatoes. Mine are huge this year.

Remember, if your plants get big and your are still a few weeks away from getting them from the six pack into the ground, "pot them up." It's a term for going up a size, say from a cell to a four inch pot, so roots don't get bound before they get the chance to live happily ever after in the garden.

Soon enough, for sure!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 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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sion from the DOR to factor in the town's free cash as submitted at \$687,000 even though it was not certified yet. The budget included transferring \$62,000 from general stabilization. The town may get \$255,000 in supplemental funds for snow and ice.

She also said the town needed to stop borrowing money from different places and it was "not sustainable." She recommended forming a committee. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

She said when she began the budget process, she thought to balance the budget, people would need to be laid off. That was not neces-

sary.

The Town Administrator said the town needed to replenish the stabilization fund. No money went into the fund this year.

The town's total budget was \$16,091,641. Town Administrator Jackson said she hoped the Senate budget would increase rural aid.

ATM warrant articles.

The meal tax is on the Annual Town Meeting warrant again this year. Other articles besides the usual warrant articles are a debt exclusion for a plow and dump truck, abolish the Department of Public Works per the Inspector General's recommendations and an article to amend the Quabbin Regional School District

agreement

Wage authorizations

The Select Board approved a wage authorization for Jacob Rourke, DPW Water Operator at 40 hours per week for \$25.31 as of June 23, 2025 increased to \$25.82 retro from July 1, 2025.

They also approved a new wage authorization for Jacob Rourke in his current position as Assistant Chief Water, PW-3 Step 1, 40 hours per week \$28.54 effective April 13 of this year.

Other business

The Select Board voted to dispose the items on the Fire Chief's fire surplus disposal list.

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Jack and Beanstalk at the Hardwick Town House and sponsored by the Hardwick Preschool. And based on the response by six-year old Hannah Benoit, he was suitably intimidating.

Two simultaneously reported fires in Petersham on Saturday, May 19 kept area firefighters busy and caused extensive damage to one Petersham home. It less than a minute's time at 12.32 p.m. Saturday afternoon, Petersham firefighters were dispatched to a house fire at 37 West St. The first fire units to leave the station responded to the West Street residence to find that fire had already broke through

windows on the first floor and that the fire was extending into the second floor. Using the mutual and system that is in place to help community fire departments during such events, firefighters from Phillipston dispatched to control the brush fire with Petersham units and other from Athol, Barre and Hardwick responded with equipment and manpower to extinguish the fire.

Two residents of Broad Street extended the Monday

meeting of the Barre Board of Selectmen. It was at June 2000 Annual Town Meeting that voters appropriated money for a report by an engineer to be completed regarding, solutions to drainage problems in the Broad Street/Ruggles Lane area. At the last Department of Public Works meeting the residents received notice that an individual was hired and that the report would be available Monday night. The residents came to the meeting hoping to look at the report.

38 years (May 28, 1988)

Ancient customs and revelry were recreated by seventh grade students, teachers and more than 100 parent volunteers during an overnight voyage to "Greece" at Quabbin Regional High School on Thursday, May 21. The Greek overnight began at Thursday at 6 p.m. and ended at 5:30 a.m. Friday morning. Day classes on Thursday and Friday were cancelled to give student students some pre- and post-Greece sleeping time. An array of outdoor and indoor events made the overnight festive as well as educational. There was a Greek dinner atmosphere in the cafeteria where delicacies

such as Greek salad, pizza, Syrian bread, baklava and homemade Greek cookies were served.

Parade Marshal Dominic Franciose looked quite spiffy and stepped smartly as he led marchers in the Memorial Day onto Barre Commons for the 25th time. Franciose has been involved with parades for 52 years, according to Sen. Stephen Brewer, who dedicated his speech to this long-time Legionnaire.

The weather was perfect at the annual memorial service at the Quabbin Park Cemetery in Belchertown. Families gathered whose ties were in the Swift River Valley, now at the bottom of the reservoir. It is 60 years since "finis" was written to this once fertile farming and small manufacturing area by the Metropolitan District Commission. Still there are former residents from such families as Threshner Webster, Doubleday and dozens of others, who find their way each Sunday before Memorial Day to the beautifully maintained cemetery where the various town monuments have been gathered surrounding the grounds.

North Brookfield Memorial Day observance

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Memorial Day Observance Program will take place on Monday, May 25.

The program will begin at 8 am - a Military Color Guard, Firing Squad, Bugle Players and Drum will render appropriate salutes/taps honoring Deceased Veterans at the Walnut Grove and St. Joseph's cemeteries respectively. This ceremony will not be cancelled in inclement weather.

Following that (weather permitting) a Memorial Day Parade is planned as well. Parade participants will form at the North Brookfield Firehouse parking lot. The parade will step off at 9:15 am.

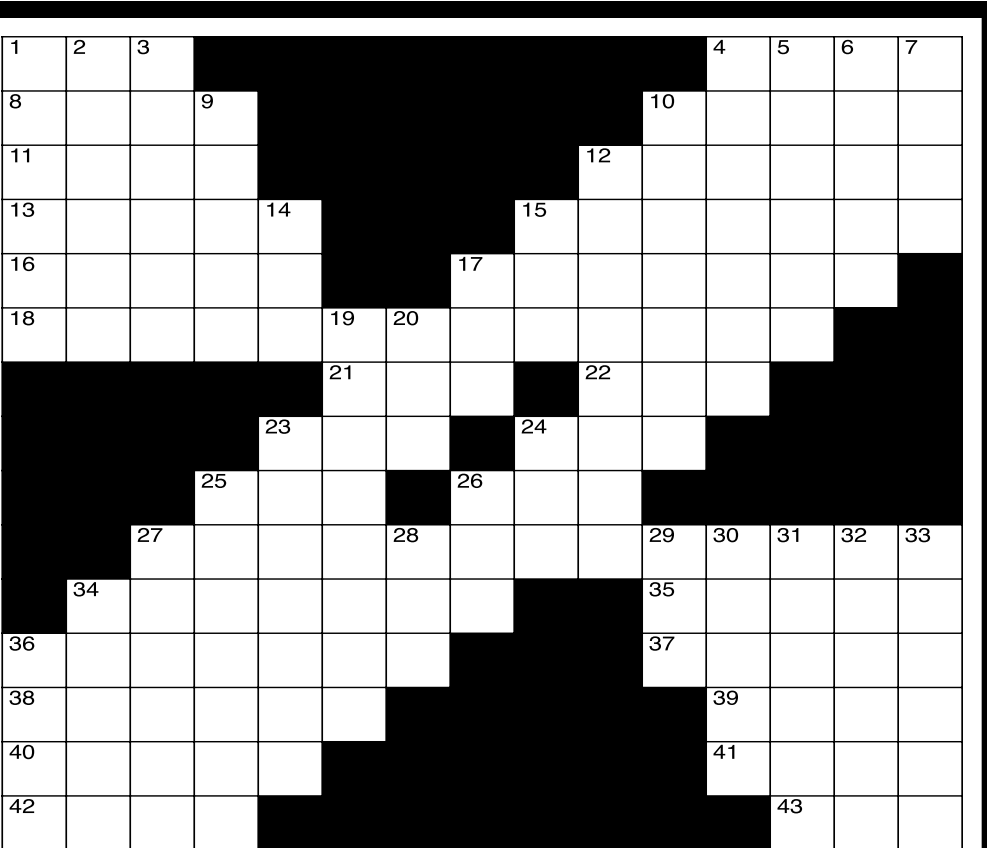
A Memorial Day Program will then take place, following the parade, in front of the North Brookfield Haston Public Library. All public is welcome.

All veterans are welcome

and encouraged to participate in the cemetery programs, parade, and to join fellow veterans in front of the library.

In the case of inclement weather, an abbreviated program will be held in the Sanctuary of the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, following the cemetery programs.

Please call Veterans' Services 508-867-0205 with any questions.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Government lawyers
4. The back of a person's neck
8. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
10. In a less flashy way
11. Living room piece
12. Shepherd dog
13. A citizen of Iran
15. Moved slowly
16. Small finch
17. Previously
18. What a kid does on Halloween
21. Monetary unit
22. Using dry humor
23. Ocean

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from
2. Admirer
3. Expedition to observe animals
4. Act that is legally void
5. WW2 combatants
6. A tool
7. Loomed at
9. Showing wild excitement
10. Banknotes
12. Tired
14. Printers need it
15. Women's patriotic group
17. When you anticipate getting somewhere

CLUES DOWN

19. Functions
20. Breed of sheep
23. Mocking pieces
24. A major division of geological time
25. Andiron
26. Many not ands
27. Cuban city
28. He voiced "Olaf"
29. Criticize
30. "Thundercats" character
31. Markings
32. Gets up
33. MLB lefty reliever A.J.
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Stone Church hosts free Concerts on the Lawn

HARDWICK – On Saturday, May 31 at 2 p.m., The Weir River Concert Band is preparing to “Celebrate America Through Music” on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

The concert will include traditional and contemporary music that is part of America’s musical history to celebrate our country’s 250th celebration.

Music by Aaron Copeland, John Williams and John Phillip Sousa along with many other pieces will be featured. The band will also be joined by vocalist Karen Guertin and guest conductor Ian Wykes for an afternoon of great music.

The Weir River Concert Band is celebrating its 21st year of performing for the local communities.

The band is 40+ members strong with musicians from several surrounding communities including Ware, Palmer, Monson, Gilbertville, Hardwick,

Rutland, the Brookfields and Spencer. They have members of all ages and playing abilities.

On Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m., Weir River Jazz is preparing to “Celebrate Jazz in June”

Weir River Jazz is a group based on the traditional Jazz Ensemble and Big Band formats directed by John Sacco.

Weir River Jazz grew out of the concert band to focus on jazz and improvisation. This June vocalist Donna-Lee DePrille will join the concert.

Since 2020, both groups have made the Gilbertville Stone Church Cultural Center their rehearsal home.

A career veteran, John P. Sacco was awarded the Silver Star for his actions in Vietnam in October of 1969. He trained at Boston Conservatory and taught music in the public schools.

The public is invited to bring lawn chairs. Tents, refreshments and accessible facilities will be provided.



Turley Photos by Camren Robertson

Virginia Morin hugged Symphonic Winds Director Toni Brown, while Quabbin Singers Director Julia Tuttle looked on.

Libraries host ‘stuffy’ vet clinic on May 30

HARDWICK – Doctor Rosie Helps the Animals will be held on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m.

This is an Interactive “Stuffy” Vet Clinic for children who will learn to use a stethoscope and take home take a mini vet kit.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, it will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville. Children should bring a stuffed animal to be examined. May is National Pet Month dedicated to celebrating the human-animal bond.

Dig into Reading starts June 23 as the first day of the Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading program. This year readers will search out activities on Archaeology, Paleontology, History and plants. Stay

tuned for more details.

Story Time is held every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, with interactive activities to support language development, encourage a love for reading and books and foster social skills.

Ongoing library activities include the Paige Book Club, the Cookbook Club, Celebrate Hardwick, the Ongoing Book Sale, the Paige Writers, Paige’s Page to Screen book to movie discussion group, and the Movie Festival Committee.

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“Beauty and the Beast”. Anthony Quartarone both sang and played the euphonium for a rendition of “My Way”.

Seniors were also recognized with awards for their dedication to the music program at Quabbin, with Erickson receiving the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award; Lambert the National Chorale Award; Virginia Morin the Director’s Award for Chorus; Harrington the Severino D’Annolfo Award; and Falconi the John Phillip Sousa Band Award.

Falconi was also award-



Juliana Lindsten sang “Amor Eterno” in Spanish for her solo.

ed the Quabbin Pro Musica Scholarship in honor of the late Gretchen Nahkala.



Anthony Quartarone performed on the euphonium (and also sang) during “My Way”.

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Ross also said the Select Board was in the wrong at town meeting because they made an amendment to his motion “within 30 seconds of seeing it.” He said they did not know he was going to take that \$660,000 and tie it to the school budget.

Reorganization

Select Board member Paul Mattson nominated Sechman as chair, but the motion was defeated 2-3, with board member Alex Mowatt, Whiteman and Dibb voting in opposition and Mattson and Sechman in favor.

Sechman asked Mowatt why he voted against him,

saying that last year, Mowatt voted to appoint Leger as chair since it was her last year, and Sechman said this year is also his last year. Mowatt said he did not think Sechman supported the override enough, and said he was part of the reason why it failed at the polls.

Sechman also asked Whiteman, and she said she was concerned about the ability for all opinions on the board to be heard. Sechman said he found these opinions “unsettling.” Mattson said he thought Sechman had a good idea of the town and its finances, and would be comfortable having him as chair.

Dibb said it was not appropriate for this to hap-

pen, because the discussion was not helping the motion and second move on. Sechman said the town has a right to understand why the board members vote one way or another for chair.

Following this, a motion was made to appoint Dibb as chair, which passed 3-2, with Sechman and Mattson opposed. Since Dibb was virtual, she ceded her spot as chair to newly elected vice chair Alex Mowatt.

The motion for him to be vice chair passed unanimously. Whiteman was voted as clerk unanimously.

Appointments and resignations

The board appointed trea-

surer Nick George as tax title custodian, and ratified the appointments of Darren Ross and Brianna Cwalinski to the Finance Committee. The board also accepted the resignation of Lauren Williams as associate Planning Board member, since she is now officially on the Planning Board on a five-year term.

Contract

The board signed a contract for Chapter 90 work on roads in the amount of \$625,000. Butler said work is anticipated to be done by the end of the summer.

The board will meet next on May 26, the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

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Mark M. Turnbull won a three-year term as moderator with 334 votes. Susan B. Turnbull won a three year term to Board of Assessors with 324 votes.

Dawn R. Thistle won a three year term as Library Trustee with 351 votes. Matthew A. Broderick won a five year term to Planning Board with 332 votes.

Other unopposed candidates on the ballot were Matthew Zebadiah Brunelle Cemetery Commission with 325 votes and Walther H. Nutter received 320 votes for a three year term on School Committee.

A two year term as Constable had no candidates and there were no write-in votes.

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Hardwick Planning Board reviews final bylaw drafts

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The Planning Board met on April 21 which included a discussion regarding the bylaw proposals.

According to Planning Board Chair William Cole, the board has not finished the final draft yet of these proposals. However, an outline of the bylaws has been sent to the Select Board. Cole wanted to make sure the board agrees with what they have spoken about so far.

An outline of these changes will be presented to the

town and the board thought of setting a public hearing date to present these five bylaw proposals. The drafts would have to be available on the town website.

With this in mind, the Planning Board moved to a motion to set a public hearing date. The Planning Board unanimously voted on a public hearing date for Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town House.

The board reviewed every section of some of the bylaw proposals involving Earth Removal & Importation and Farm Animals.

Under importing, the board wanted to review any possible changes to import-

ing of gravel. Cole read through each section to see if language needs to be adjusted or justifies what the bylaw states when importation, such as importing gravel is happening in town.

Terminology was also addressed when it comes to earth removal. The Planning Board appeared unclear on how the measuring is being done for gravel. The board wants to know if measurements are done on the ground or what is being collected in the truck.

Members of the Planning Board also asked what potential projects are considered industrial and what is allowed under a special

permit. Operation concerns were also brought up when discussing exemptions.

During this discussion, it was said that when it comes to municipal uses, they may have some exemption from special permits. However, a project involving municipal use shall require a site plan review. It depends on the nature of the project.

With a public hearing in place, this gives neighbors of sites to ask questions directly. For conditions on a special permit, the Planning Board agreed with wanting to put in reasonable conditions for an applicant.

There was a concern about language with how to

decide whether or not to suspend a special permit. Is it the Planning Board's job or the Building Inspector's job. One member pointed out it should say "the Town" is the proper wording with reserving the right to suspend a permit for a good cause.

After an extended review of the draft, the Planning Board seemed okay with what is said regarding Earth Removal and Importation. Cole commented that the Farm Animal bylaw seems clear.

Mail file

The Planning Board went over various sections in their mail file. The first was

a DBA for Annika Condit's home occupation, a hair salon, at 43-45 Petersham Road. The applicant did submit an application for a special permit.

According to the bylaw, this home occupation is listed for Site Plan Review only. Looking at the home occupation section, this application does not require a public hearing.

"No hearing needed," Cole said.

The board decided to submit back to the applicant to remind her that this is for a Site Plan Review.

Another mail file was for **See HARDWICK, page 11**

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proposed 7.5% increase earlier this year. Fitzgerald said the committee is hearing concerns of the town, and that careful conversations can have an impact.

Fitzgerald said the increase is still "significant" since it adds \$295,000 to the town's budget. He said the town has been losing the most students in the district over the past few years, but the increases continue to be significant.

Fitzgerald said the Central Mass Regional Dispatch budget is up 9% over last year, coming in at about

\$170,000. He said the town can't afford to have this line item increase at the rate it has been, and conversations with chiefs in the town suggest the regional dispatch is not aligned with how Hubbardston runs their public safety. Fitzgerald said he recommends the board continue looking for other options.

Other budgetary notes

Fitzgerald said the facilities budget has been centralized into one line item, with costs pulled from various other line items to fund it. He said there were about a million dollars unclassified in last year's budget, and they

used some of that money to fund a new line item for human resources.

Fitzgerald said their legal costs are up 9.7% as a result of a bill from KP Law, and their liability insurance is up 57% due to a number of accidents last year. He said the planning budget is down 53%, partly as a result of a position being eliminated. Fitzgerald said their debt service is up 85%.

Warrant articles

Fitzgerald also gave a brief outline of every article in the warrant. Article 1 is to appoint town officers, and article 2 is to hear town reports.

The third article is to amend the FY 26 budget. The fourth article was recommended by Fitzgerald to use \$20,000 in free cash to start a special purpose stabilization fund for end of employment benefits.

The fifth article was also recommended by Fitzgerald to use \$20,000 in free cash to fund a facility and maintenance budget utilizing MGL chapter 40 section 5b. Article 6 is to approve Department of Transportation agreements.

Article 7 is to accept educational grants. Article 8 is to authorize usage of the Holden Hospital trust fund for its stated uses.

The ninth article is to set the revolving accounts of various boards, committees and departments. Article 10 is to pay bills from a prior year. Article 11 as aforementioned is the municipal budget.

Article 12 is a \$450,000 appropriation for Montachusett Regional Technical High School. Article 13 is a \$6 million appropriation for Quabbin Regional School District. Article 14 is \$52,000 in debt service to QRSD.

Article 15 is \$20,000 for the administration of grants. Article 16 is \$30,000 for the PEG fund. Article 17 is a request of \$230,000 for cap-

ital improvements.

Article 18 is a \$9,900 application for a permanent story walk submitted by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Article 19 are Community Preservation Act articles. Article 20 is \$6,320 for the open space and recreation plan.

Article 21 would have been to accept the updated agreement with the QRSD, but the board removed it from the warrant because they were not ready to make a decision. Article 22 is for the treasurer to work with delinquent property tax owners for a payment plan.

Finally, article 23 is a zoning article.



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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 21

BARRE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION take place today from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients May 21 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

WOW ART EXHIBITION aka Wild Ormery Women/Wise Overlooked Women is on display at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St., Ware now through Saturday, June 20. The exhibit is open Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. This invitational show, curated by Terry Rooney, originator of the Amherst Biennial and the Pioneer Women exhibits, features work from women of wisdom.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

SPRING PLANT SALE takes place today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Petersham Town Common, Main Street, Petersham. There will be annual and perennial flowers, vegetable starters, and trees. Proceeds benefit the Petersham Unitarian Universalist church. In case of rain, sale will be at Davis Hall, 3 West St., Petersham.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

QUABBIN PARK CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY takes place today from 10 a.m.-noon at the Quabbin Park Cemetery, Belchertown Road, Rte. 9, Ware. The community will honor fallen veterans and celebrate 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. The Friends of Quabbin, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Veterans Councils of Belchertown and Ware invite the public to attend the annual Memorial Day Commemoration. Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has served as the gathering place for Memorial Day services honoring the four lost towns of the Swift River Valley. Schedule includes 10 a.m. refreshments served at Quabbin Park Cemetery Building and 11 a.m. march step off. Following the march, services take place at the Quabbin Town Monuments in the cemetery.

MONDAY, MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES Barre Post 2, American Legion hosts the Memorial Day ceremonies on today. The first ceremony will be at the monument in South Barre at 9:15 a.m. The second will be at St Joseph's Cemetery at 10 a.m. The third will be at Glen Valley Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. At noon a parade will begin in Barre Center. All Veterans are welcome and encouraged to participate. At 1:15p.m. the annual chicken barbecue will be held at the Post Quarters at 450 South Barre Road.

CHICKEN BARBECUE hosted by First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, 144 Main St., North Brookfield takes place



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer
This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, May 25. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and James Laramie correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the new pavilion on Oakham Road, New Braintree.

on the church lawn under the big tent today from noon-2 p.m. The meal includes a 1/2 barbecued chicken, whole potato, green beans, salad, dessert and drink for \$15. A hot dog meal for children over age 10 is \$5 and free for children under age 10 with purchase a chicken barbecue ticket. The Steve Bell Trio will perform at 1 p.m. on the church lawn. There will be corn hole games, gaga ball and face painting. To reserve tickets, people may call the church at 508-867-8428.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

RADIO OPERATOR CLUB MEETING takes place today at 6:30 p.m. in the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St., West Brookfield. This month's program the club will be discussing their plans for Field Day on June 27-28. ARRL Field Day is the most popular annual on-the-air amateur radio event in the U.S. and Canada, held on the fourth weekend of June. It acts as a combined emergency communication exercise, community open house and technical competition. Operators set up temporary, often off-grid stations to simulate disaster response while making as many radio contacts as possible. It is primarily an emergency preparedness exercise designed to teach operators how to set up stations in less-than-optimal conditions (e.g., tents, parks) when using standard infrastructure. Operators use generators, batteries, or solar power. It is open to the public. All are welcome to attend.

BIRD WALK FOR NON BIRDERS takes place today from 10-11 a.m. at Gate 41 off Route 32A, Petersham. It is Flat terrain and an approximately 0.5 miles round-trip. There is a maximum of 13 attendant. Intended for

birding newbies, this short walk will take the group to a birding hotspot, where they will use apps, field guides and each other to try to find and identify different species. This is led by a novice birder. Participants should bring water and dress appropriately for the weather and tick protection. All ages welcome; no dogs allowed. Registration is required. People should call 413-323-7221.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

11TH ANNUAL CABIN FEVER COLLECTORS' SHOW takes place today and Sunday, May 31 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. both days at Grange Hall, 9 Hubbardston Road, Templeton. There is handicapped parking around the back. People should email nh1924society@gmail if they would like to sow their collection.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

PIONEER VALLEY BRASS CONCERT takes place today at 1 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Parish on Cross Street in Gardner. This is a free public concert of music sponsored by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana. This 820th program is made possible through a trust fund administered by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana, created by sisters Catherine Mason and Mary Hale before north Dana was among the towns taken for the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir. People may call music coordinator Maureen Riendeau at 978-413-6867 for information about First Universalist Parish of North Dana or to schedule a vespers program.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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PLAYGROUP takes place today at 10:30 a.m. in the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The target age group is 6 and under, all are welcome. They will have also have a Story Hour on Monday June 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the library. Children enjoy a story, craft and independent playtime. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL hosted by the New Braintree Congregational Church takes place today at 5:30 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree. This family-style meal includes baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and beverages followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$12 for children ages 5 to 10 and free for children 4 and under. There will be one sitting. People should make their reservations by calling 508-410-7424 or 413-477-6653.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

RUTLAND LIBRARY 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the building happens today from 1-4 p.m. at the library building located at 280 Main St., Rutland. The public is invited and numerous activities are planned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

SOLSTICE SING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE takes place today at 7 p.m. in The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, UCC, 36 N. Main St. W. Brookfield. A social hour takes place from 6-7 p.m. Solstice Sing for Peace and Justice - Songs to Cultivate Community, Compassion, and Commitment features local singing group, A Chorus for These Times, directed by Nym Cook with instrumentalists and guest artist Leslie Sweetnam. All are welcome. Snacks will be served. There is no admission charge. but donations will be accepted to support Abby's House, Worcester's For more information, people may call the church at 508-867-7078, email Karen Murphy at kmurphy718@charter.net or Nym Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com.

Calendar Policy

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 Word document format is 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.

TRI-PARISH CHURCH from page 1

Farm of New Braintree.

What makes the annual sale possible are the volunteers who help put this event together.

"It is a team effort," Pollard said.

Members of the Tri-Parish Community Church were thankful to use the space on the Common to host a plant sale, bake sale, craft vendors,

games for kids, and local music. There were also flow-er-pots for kids.

There were a lot of unique crafters and artisans on the Common. For example, Got Eggs showcases pysanky art, which is egg design. Debbie Nichols is the founder of Got Eggs and has been decorating eggs for the last 15 years.

Nichols uses brown and white eggs to decorate, which also features waxing and dyeing. Got Eggs had America 250th themed patriotic eggs

for sale on the Hardwick Common.

Next to Got Eggs was Jean Bears and table full of stuffed teddy bears made from refurbished fur coats. Jean Nichols has been making these bears for 60 years and they come in all colors.

Also featured was Dragonfly Wood Arts, which is based out of Hardwick. Doug Swanson is the owner of Dragonfly Wood Arts and he has seen a lot of organic growth in his business.

Dragonfly Wood Arts has many unique items such as pens, cutting boards, personalized charcuterie boards, custom cutting boards and unique gifts. Swanson does custom engravings and can put special messages on these unique wood crafted items.

The quality of this craftsmanship looks great in person as Swanson continues to craft and treats his work with care.

"The boards are my kids," Swanson said.

It was a weekend of community fun as the Tri-Parish Community Church Plant, Bake Craft, and Tag Sale had something for everyone.



Celebrate the 250th birthday of America with some decorative patriotic eggs created by Debbie Nichols of Got Eggs.



Betsy is shown watering flowers during the plant sale on Hardwick Common.



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Boys track hosts Lunenburg

BARRE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School boys track had a home meet, hosting Lunenburg High School. The boys had won two of their first three meets so far this season. The final score of the meet was not reported as of press time.



Jaymeson Pina builds up momentum for an airborne launch in the triple jump.



William O'Neill coils up as he gets ready to send the discus flying.



Owen Twarog bends over backwards as he sails over the high jump.



Matthew Labrousse gets the leverage he needs to clear the bar in the pole vault.



Sadiki Francis bolts for the finish line in the 100-meter hurdles race.



Audrey Niles easily clears the bar in the high jump.

Quabbin girls track takes on Lunenburg

BARRE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School girls track had a home meet, hosting Lunenburg High School. The girls had won two of their first three meets so far this season, beating Hudson and Groton-Dunstable. The final score of the meet was not reported as of press time.



Robyn Waltz propels herself upwards in the pole vault.

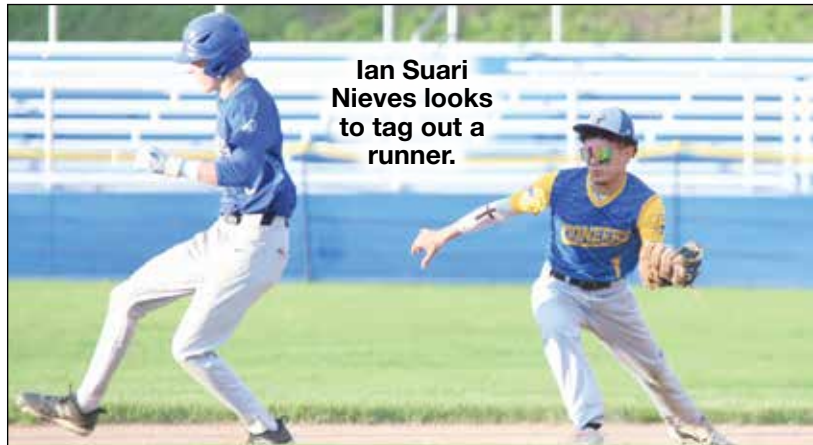


Katy Twarog goes flying for distance in the triple jump.

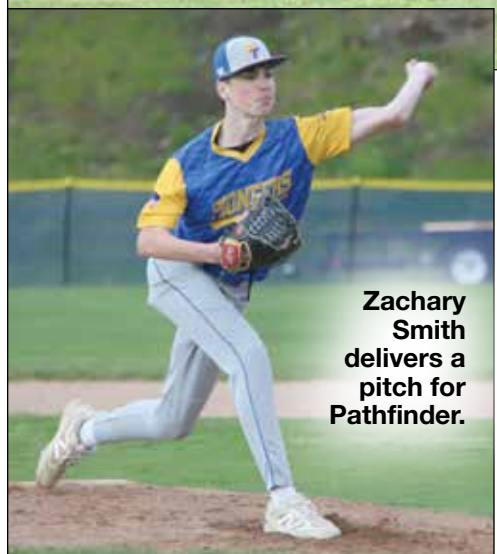
Pathfinder suffers home loss to Granby



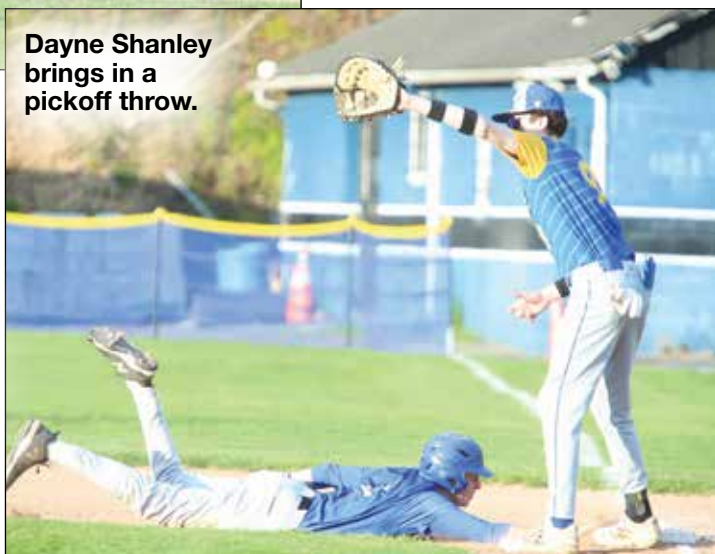
Brody Wetnicka sends a throw across the diamond for the Pioneers.



Ian Suari Nieves looks to tag out a runner.



Zachary Smith delivers a pitch for Pathfinder.



Dayne Shanley brings in a pickoff throw.

PALMER – Last Monday under the lights of Legion Field, the Granby High School baseball team had a 10-run third inning and it powered the Rams to a 17-4 win over Pathfinder that ended after five innings because of the mercy rule. Brandon Carillon and Anthony Santiago had three hits each. Carillon had five RBI. The Rams are just 4-12 on the season while Pathfinder fell to 1-13.



Aiden Girard slings a throw to first.



Sarah Jean-Francois spins into her throw as she hurls the discus.



Olivia Abbas-Peck flies over a jump in the 100-meter race.

Monson boys lacrosse falls to South Hadley



Brennan Peterson runs for the goal. See story and more photos on page 10.

Sports

Monson boys lacrosse falls to South Hadley

MONSON – Last Tuesday afternoon, Monson High School met a tough challenge, losing 13-3 at home. South Hadley got a huge game from Tyler Quist with seven goals and five assists. Gavin Quist and Mason Peters had two goals each. South Hadley, which now co-ops with Granby, is 9-7, while Monson, which has been co-oping with Pathfinder for the last few years, is now 9-6 on the season.



Caleb Becker runs for the goal.



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Landon Couture runs into traffic.



Riley Hurst gets ready to pass.



Dom Menard runs through the middle of the field.

In the Classroom

Quabbin High School honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School lists third quarter honor roll. The following students made the honor roll.

Grade 9 High Honors

Student in Grade 9 attaining High Honors are: Alison Baptiste, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Maya Faucher, Silas Flint, Porsche Mathieu, Whitney Reeves, Madisyn Shotwell, Addison Surprenant and John Tyler.

Grade 9 Honor Roll

Student in Grade 9 attaining Honor Roll are: Olivia Abbas-Peck, Emma Ackert, Shahad Alshujairi, Kalina Bassett, Annabella Desrosiers, Brynn Dunphy, Tyler Ellis, Kiara Hanny-Rivera, Sarah Jean-Francois, Aixamary Maldonado, Sage McQueston, Gemma Mullins, Greyson Mullins, William O'Neill, Nathaniel Perry, Lukas Potter, Chloe Richardson, Kimberly Riendeau, Jillian Rigney, Ava Rogowski, Connor Roohan, Zoey Salvadore, Adele Strickland, Michael Tabares, Robert Tobin, Mackenzie Toupin, Launa Tran, Robyn Waltz, Dylan Woodward and Jack Wynne.

Grade 10 High Honors

Student in Grade 10 attaining High Honors are:

Grade 10 Honor Roll

Student in Grade 10 attaining Honor Roll are: Brent Benoit, Anyiah Bergeron, Abraham Brown, Josephine Buck, Brian Colleton, Kayla Curran, Ryan Dailey, Hailey Days, Aliyah Edouard, Maya Edouard, Arianna Fagnoli, Audrey Faucher, Sydney Freeman, Daniella Gaudreault, Nolan Gorman, Chloe Howarth, Ava Kinney, Matthew Labrousse, Alison LaRoche, Collin Leclair, Emma Lindsey, Gianna Montalvo, Audrey Niles, Anthony Noborini, Sophia Pena, Aubrie Phelps, Moira Powers, Juliet Priestley, Carter Stevenson, Hailey Stoll, Silas Stukuls Barrieau, Ryleigh Sullivan, Natalie Theriault, Benjamin Thompson, Erin Trottier, Catherine Tucker, Matthew VanScoy and Shane Woodruff.

Grade 11 High Honors

Student in Grade 11 attaining High Honors are: Alexa Araujo, Madeleine Boisselle, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Tess Dunphy, Kathryn Ford, Ella Reeves and Ellary White.

Grade 11 Honor Roll

Student in Grade 11

attaining Honor Roll are: Klavdiya Antonian, Skyler Bard, Jacob Bassett, Halo Bissonnette, Ruari Bosley, Mackenzie Casey, Brody Faucher, Grace Flamand, Kayleigh Fuller, Kirk Kaelin II, Sierra Lambert, Jillian LaMontagne, Audrey Laursen, Scarlett Merriman, Anna Metcalf, Mia Miville, Jesse Newton, Samantha O'Connor, Sylvan Rector, Emma Ryan, Sienna Shaw, Brady Skinner, Owen Twarog and Brendan Welch.

Grade 12 High Honors

Student in Grade 12 attaining High Honors are: Adam Adams, Tricia Bruso, Elizabeth Matheson and Madelyn Stauder.

Grade 12 Honor Roll

Student in Grade 12 attaining Honor Roll are: Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Troy Budreau, Bailey Burke, Kylee Costello, Mia Ducos, Kalina Dyer, Hemily Halaby, Adelaide Harmon, Ian Haupt, Annie Howe, Emma Kahlau, Anthony Landry, Jacob LaValley, Aidan Mahoney, Grace Manna, Hunter McQueston, Adrian Parker, Madeleine Rigney, Lindsey Ryan, Cameron Vega, Samantha Vessair, Thomas Wigglesworth, Bianca Wilder and Jin Xi Zou.

Regis College awards degrees

WESTON – As it begins to recognize its centennial year, Regis College celebrated its 96th commencement on Saturday, May 9 at the Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston where it awarded 1,036 degrees from associate to doctoral levels.

Local students awarded

degrees were Serenity Ayala of North Brookfield, a degree in nursing and Madigan Burgess of Rutland, a degree in diagnostic medical sonography.

With more than 600 nursing students graduating, the degree was once again the highest number awarded

among the university's programs amid the local, regional and national nursing shortage. To address the urgent need for health care professionals during a national and regional nursing shortage,

Regis has graduated more than 3,700 nursing students in the past five years.

Kindergarten registration is now open at NBES

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Elementary School is excited to announce that kindergarten registration is now open for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please contact Katelin at North Brookfield Elementary School by calling 508-867-8326 or emailing kgaines@nbschools.org.

MWCC announces Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society inductees

GARDNER, MA – Mount Wachusett Community College announces the induction of outstanding students into the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The ceremony, held on April 15, recognized these exceptional students for their exemplary academic achievements, leadership and commitment to community service, welcoming them to the Phi Delta

chapter. The 2026 MWCC Phi Theta Kappa Inductees are: Xavier Cruz of Barre, Evan Bourque of Hubbardston, Steven Nelson of Hubbardston, Alejandro Aponte-Cruz of North Brookfield, Jeremy Parkinson of Oakham and Sophia Mason of Rutland. Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, honors students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship and service.

Giampaolo Maneri graduates from WPI

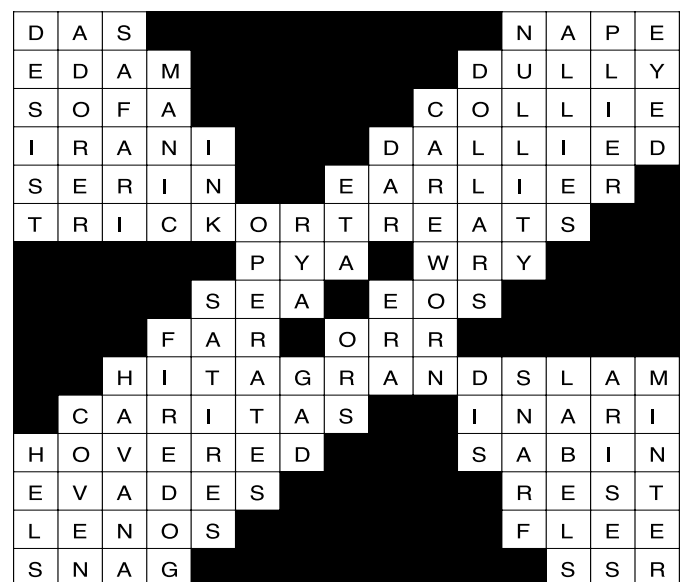
WORCESTER – Giampaolo Maneri of Barre will graduate from Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Friday May 15.

Giampaolo majored in computer science. He is dedicated to empowerment through education and coding. He is an aspiring college professor who believes strongly in increasing access around the world to quality education through STEAM and vocational programming.

While at WPI, he founded a non-profit organization, Universal Education Initiative, that developed an English-language computer programming/coding course for students in Venezuela. He won funding for the non-profit by participating in a WPI-sponsored innovation competition for students. While in high school, Maneri taught younger students in Latin American and the Caribbean about computers, coding and robotics by

leading a virtual course. At WPI, Maneri was a campus tour guide and member of the WPI Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. "I really like the experience of teaching," Maneri said. "Some of the students in classes I taught had never used a computer and within a few months, they were coding. I am passionate about finding ways to make a topic resonate with people."

About his time at WPI, Maneri said, "the people here at WPI are awesome. They've been supportive of me, even before I ever stepped foot on campus. The academics here are top-notch, but you can't find a group of people like this in many other places. I am also so grateful to my family for their support. I would not be here without them."



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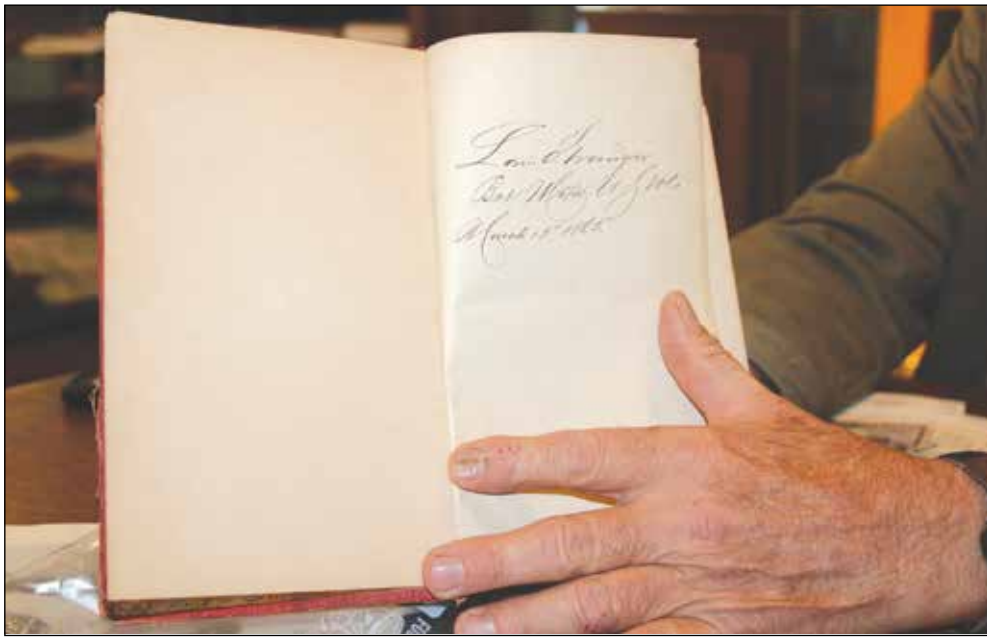
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The signature of Louis Edwin Granger is on this copy of the Military Dictionary by H.L. Scott. Granger donated the Civil War memorial located on the town's common, and he is buried in the upper cemetery. This book is a recent addition to the Hardwick Historical Society museum's collection.

Historical Society publishes commemorative newsletter

By Paula Ouimette
pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK – As the country prepares to mark 250 years of independence, the Hardwick Historical Society is publishing a commemorative newsletter.

Hardwick played an important role in the Revolutionary War, and has been called “the heart of the rebellion” by many.

On April 19, 1775, 64 of the town's men joined the Minutemen in Cambridge to head into battle. At the time, Hardwick's total population was just 1,000 people.

Noble talked about recent additions to the society's museum collection, including a Military Dictionary owned by Louis Edwin Granger. The book is also signed by Granger, who is buried in the town's upper cemetery, and notable for his donation of the Civil War monument on the common.

Noble said Granger's only request from the town was to provide the foundation for the monument to be placed on. He said it required five casks of cement to make the base.

Granger served as a Brevet Major in the 13th Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil War, and participated in key battles such as Antietam, Bull

Run and Gettysburg.

Granger was born in Hardwick in 1842 and died in New York City in 1899 at the age of 57.

The Military Dictionary came from the collection of Civil War veteran Pvt. Eugene Taylor Colburn, who fought under General George Armstrong Custer.

Noble said the book was purchased at an auction, and then generously gifted to the museum.

The museum also has the Ruggles war chest in its collection, and a powder horn believed to belong to Joseph Allen, an early settler of the town who moved here in 1736.

The museum also has a frock coat that belonged to Calvin Paige, and a Bausch & Lomb Balopticon, a high-grade projector that was purchased for \$500 in 1910. Noble said the town hall had a closet built to house the machine.

There are a number of military uniforms on display from various wars, including World War I and Vietnam. A World War I uniform even has yarn dolls pinned to the inside of its lapel, placed there by a French citizen after being liberated by U.S. soldiers.

The museum also has Native American artifacts, in-

cluding arrowheads found around the town.

The museum's collection of paintings by the late Ware artist Elizabeth Howe Lincoln has returned to the town she called home, and is now on display at the new location for Lost Towns Brewing in the millyard. The paintings are of notable Hardwick buildings and it is fitting that they are located at a business that got its start in Gilbertville.

The museum, located at 40 Common St., has been a popular stop for trolley tours offered by Bygone Excursions of Palmer, and it is set to open for its regular hours starting in the summer.

The museum is typically open on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from noon-2 p.m., June through October. It is also open during the Hardwick Community Fair, held Aug. 14-15.

Private tours are also available by appointment.

To make donations to the Hardwick Historical Society, and for more information about the museum, visit www.hardwickmahistorical-society.org. Donations can also be mailed to Hardwick Historical Society, P.O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037.

Hardwick lists Memorial Day schedule

HARDWICK - The town will observe Memorial Day throughout the various villages. Please note after Wheelwright, the times are approximate and may be 15-30 minutes earlier than stated.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the World War II memorial in Wheelwright,

Barre Road.

At approximately 10:45 a.m., assemble on the west side of the Common and proceed to the Civil War memorial. After services there, proceed to the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to the old Town Hall.

Reassemble at the Hardwick Cemetery at approx-

imately 11:15 a.m. across from the Highway barn on Petersham Road.

The ceremony will then continue to Gilbertville, meeting at St. Aloysius cemetery, Upper Church Street at approximately noon, ending at the World War I memorial, Route 32, Main Street around 12:30 p.m.

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Eagle Hill School and their dorm request for adjustment to the approved retention pond. Cole asked Vice Chair Harry Comerford if there was anything else this project needed. Comerford commented that they may have to speak with Conservation.

The Planning Board also talked about the Mill Reuse survey of properties. The board wanted to know if they have a complete inventory of the mills in Hardwick. Maybe look for other properties. The Board hopes to hear more from this Mill Reuse survey.

Financial accounts

The Planning Board wants to get up to date on how fees and accounts are used. In other words, understand the process.

The board briefly talked about the town payroll for the Clerk, which is funded by the town. The 53G account is an interest-bearing municipal account, that can be used by

a planning board, to hold fees paid by applicants for hiring outside consultants.

For a 53G account, the town has to receive consulting fees. The board had questions about the amount that currently sits in the town's 53G account. The board was uncertain on where that money belonged. Approximately \$3,400 is in the account and the Planning Board wants to find what do with that money.

The Planning Board would then talk about the Revolving Account and propose increase and allowed uses. There are many revolving accounts in town. For the Planning Board they're looking to make a simple amendment for this account.

ANR fees are collected but where the money is going is still uncertain. Cole said there are various elements to the revolving account. The Chair thinks at some point the board might want to decide to include, at the Annual Town Meeting, to add ANR fees and filing fees to meet the Planning Board

expenses.

This involved amending the \$500 increase to Planning Board expenses. The board moved to add ANR and filing fees with the annual distribution being \$5,000 for the revolving account. This vote passed and will go to the Annual Town Meeting.

The next vote was to amend the budget request for Planning Board expenses

from the amount of \$500 to \$300. This also passed unanimously.

CDBG

The Planning Board talked about the Community Development Block Grants. It was mentioned that in the past the town had a CDBG application with Ware that fell through and soon the town of Hardwick went with

the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

One of the big projects is the Memorial Park Planning Project. As part of the update, the board wants to know what they can get done this current round for CDBG. The board feels there are other projects that can be done, such as infrastructure related projects.

Public Notices

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provision M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6, the Barre Planning Board has rescheduled the public hearing to **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:20 p.m.** (due to conflict with the Town's Annual Town Meeting on May 19th) in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Jonathan and Chelsea Abram for a special permit for a noncommercial kennel for property located at 176 Station Road, Assessors Map G, Lot 104 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 73195, Page 266.

All interested parties who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
05/14, 05/21/2026

Oakham

Conservation Commission

There will be a NOI hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:15p.m.** at the Oakham Town Hall. The NOI was submitted by Moraga Storage LLC for the purpose of constructing a 180MW Battery Energy Storage System on property located at 358 Coldbrook Rd., Oakham. Some of the activity may fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protective Act. Plans may be reviewed at the Oakham Town Hall via appointment with the clerk of the Commission by calling 508-882-3358.

Submitted by:
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
05/21/2026

NOTICE TOWN OF NEW BRAintree SEALED BID REQUEST

The Town of New Braintree Select Board requests sealed bids on gasoline, diesel, 2 fuel and services on heating equipment for FY 2027. For details and bid packet, please call 508-867-2071 ext. 100 or email: racerra@newbraintree.gov
05/21, 05/28/2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank W. LaRange to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated November 16, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56343, Page 90, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded on June 28, 2022, in Book No. 67821, at Page 147 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at

10:00 AM on June 5, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 711 South Barre Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: The following described parcel of land, and the improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Worcester (Worcester District), Commonwealth of Massachusetts to wit: Commonly known as: 711 South Barre Road, Barre, MA 01005 Parcel No.: Map H, Lot 451

Legal Description: Land with the buildings thereon in that part of Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as South Barre, on the easterly side of South Barre Road, known as Route 32, being shown as Lot 1 on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Barre, MA owned by D.A. Robinson Contracting, Inc., Scale 1"=50'," dated February 23, 1999, drawn by Donald A. Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., New Braintree, MA and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 739, Plan 18, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Lot 1 contains 0.619 Acres. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52145, Page 219.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
22145

05/07, 05/14, 05/21/2026

Oakham

Conservation Commission
There will be a NOI hearing on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:00p.m.** at the Oakham Town Hall. The NOI was submitted by Cara Peck of Holden for a single family home to be constructed on Robinson Rd., Oakham. Some of the activity may fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetland Protection Act. Plans may be viewed at the Oakham Town Hall by appointment with the clerk of the Commission at 508-882-3358.

Submitted by:
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
05/21/2026

NOTICE OF AN INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER I CLASSIFICATION 148 Main Street, Barre, Massachusetts RTN 2-21639

Enforcement Document No: 00022053

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above referenced location. Detections of petroleum hydrocarbons have been observed at this location which is a Site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This Site has been classified as Tier I, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this Site will be conducted by Jurisdiced Agencies, LLC who has employed Jeffrey A. Curtis, Licensed Site Professional, to manage response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0000). M.G.L. c. 21E and the MCP provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at the Sites;

1) The Chief Municipal Officer and Board of Health of the community in which the Site is located will be notified of the major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition of ten of more residents of the municipality in which the Site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by the Site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405. To obtain more information on this Site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Curtis, Primary Loss Control, 362 Putnam Hill Rd. Sutton, MA 01590 or at 508-294-0367.
05/21/2026



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Barre Gazette

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, April 19
 1:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Watt, Tyler K., 26, Spencer
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Second Offense
 Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
 3:37 a.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Watt, Tyler K., 26, Spencer
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Second Offense
 Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
 12:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 1:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:37 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:35 p.m. Complaint, Paddock Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:36 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Anthony Drive, Returned
 4:09 p.m. Complaint, Paddock Road, Gone on Arrival
 4:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:27 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:11 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Area Search Negative
 11:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
Monday, April 20
 5:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
 11:33 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Turkey Hill Road, Investigated
 12:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:49 p.m. Property Damage, Rolling Ridge Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:30 p.m. Weapons/Ammo Complaint, Cheryle Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:09 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Walnut Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Lantern Lane, Transported to Hospital
 9:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Patriot Lane, No Transport Required
 10:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Anthony Drive, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, April 21
 8:51 a.m. Emergency

12:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Prospect Street, No Transport Required
 2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 3:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Shore Drive, Transported to Hospital
 4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 6:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 7 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Dellacroe, Joseph A., 60, Rutland
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Safety Standards, Motor Vehicle Not Meeting RMB
Friday, April 24
 11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vista Circle, Written Warning
 11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 2:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 2:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Cedar Avenue, Referred to Other Agency
 8:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:52 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Investigate
 10:14 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Morris Lane, Investigated
Saturday, April 25
 7:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Autumn Wood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 8:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:10 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Cedar Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:05 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheeler Road, Report Filed
 11:50 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheeler Road, Report Filed
 12:37 p.m. Noise Complaint, Victoria Avenue, Negative Contact
 1:45 p.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
 5:49 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Wachusett Street, Information Taken
 7:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Jamie Ann Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 8:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Party Departed without Incident
 11:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Investigated (On-Going)
 11:53 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Mutual Aid Assist

Barre Police Log

Monday, April 20
 1:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Exchange Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons McManus, William, 40, Dunstable
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 6:59 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Exchange Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Edward Lane, No Transport Required
 2:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:11 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Phillipston Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, April 21
 4:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:49 p.m. Safety Concern, Worcester Road, Call Transferred
 9:53 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 19:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Exchange Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons McManus, William, 40, Dunstable
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 6:59 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Exchange Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Edward Lane, No Transport Required
 2:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:11 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Phillipston Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, April 21
 4:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:49 p.m. Safety Concern, Worcester Road, Call Transferred
 9:53 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
Wednesday, April 22
 1:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Pleasant Street, No Transport Required
 11:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Worcester Road, Report Filed
 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
 4 p.m. Keep the Peace, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued
 9:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, No Transport Required
Thursday, April 23
 8:50 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Hancock Road, Call Transferred
 11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
 11:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 4:32 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Summer Street, Report Filed
 5:08 p.m. E-911 Hangup/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent, Ruggles Lane, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Furno, Steven, 30, Barre
 Charges Hiring Vehicle, Fraud In
 5:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
Friday, April 24
 3:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Exchange Street, Returned
 3:58 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Rutland Road, Returned
 7:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Wheelwright Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 11:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Williamsville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Saturday, April 25
 9:26 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued
 9:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Wauwinet Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 Road, Report Filed
 5:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Winchendon, Mutual Aid Assist
 8:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, No Fire Service Necessary
Saturday, April 27
 4:28 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Cheyenne Drive, Transported to Hospital
 9:53 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Verbal Warning
 10:53 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Mutual Aid Assist
 2:25 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, High Street, Referred to Other Agency
 6:04 p.m. Threats, Brigham Street, Report Filed
 6:34 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, Old Boston Turnpike, Unfounded

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, April 21
 9:56 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Templeton Road, Message Delivered
 7:36 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
Monday, April 22
 2:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Gynecology/Obstetrics/Pregnancy, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, April 23
 9:13 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 11:18 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 11:32 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Cutoff Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Wednesday, April 24
 9:31 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 1:43 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Healdsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed
Thursday, April 25
 2:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:26 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Madison Avenue, Investigated
Friday, April 26
 9:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:36 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Kruse

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, April 19
 4:32 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Spencer Road, Investigated
Monday, April 20
 8:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 2:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 2:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
Tuesday, April 21
 4:47 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Crocker Nye Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:23 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Crocker Nye Road, Returned
 9:53 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Wednesday, April 22
 3:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Shore Drive, Transported to Hospital
Thursday, April 23
 9:24 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Hunt Road, Information Taken
 10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 12:38 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency
 2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 5:16 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Spencer Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Cox, Jessica, 31, Athol
 Charges Marked Lanes Violation * C89 S4A, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle C90 S10
Friday, April 24
 3:58 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Rutland Road, Returned
Saturday, April 25
 8:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Ware Corner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 Road, Transported to Hospital
 Tuesday, May 5
 3:16 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, West Road, Negative Contact
 5:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 5:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
Wednesday, May 6
 10:42 a.m. Scam, West Road, Spoken To
 2:31 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
Thursday, May 7
 9:43 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
 1:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drie, Officer Handled
 3:51 p.m. 911 Misdial, West Road, Spoken To
 4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Criminal Complaint
Friday, May 8
 9:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 7:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
Saturday, May 9
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning
Sunday, May 10
 11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 2:26 p.m. Medical Alarm, Barre Road, Patient Refusal
 1:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 4:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To
Friday, May 11
 7:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 10:20 a.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 12:21 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Charles Lane Road, No Action Required
 5:59 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Old Turnpike Road, Services Rendered
Saturday, May 12
 9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
Sunday, May 13
 8:26 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 During the week of May 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to nine building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, two traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one assist other agency, one scam, one motor vehicle investigation, one animal call and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 27-May 4, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 20 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, two traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one motor vehicle accident, one scam, three investigations, one motor vehicle investigation and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.
 1:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 4:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To
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 7:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
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Monday, April 27
 1:01 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 1:03 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 1:07 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Memorial Drive, Spoken To
 1:23 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
Tuesday, April 28
 6:34 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sibley Road, Transported to Hospital
 Wednesday, April 29
 9:10 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 12:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 2:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered
Thursday, April 30
 7:20 a.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 11:38 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 1:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 4:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To
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NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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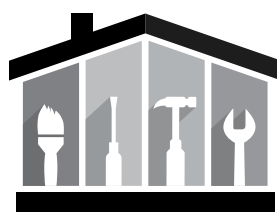
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DCR presents 'Discovering The Other Lost Valley'

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BARRE – The Barre Historical Society in partnership with Maria Beiter-Tucker, the interpretive services director at the Department of Conservation and Recreation gave a presentation titled "Discovering the Other Lost Valley," which revolved around the Ware River Watershed, and the towns impacted by its creation.

The event was held at the Barre Town Hall.

Tucker started the presentation by talking about the Ware River Watershed, saying there are eight towns in it, and 41% of it is managed by the DCR. She said a lot of the acquired areas for the watershed were in Barre, Oakham, Rutland and Hubbardston. Tucker talked about the history of some of the particular parts of town taken for the creation of the watershed, including West Rutland, Coldbrook Springs in Oakham and White Valley in Barre.

West Rutland

Starting with West Rutland, Tucker said it was a place with a lot of textile factories owned by William Stearns. She said they would burn on occasion, and be rebuilt and sometimes re-named.

She said the village also

featured housing for factory workers, stores and a school. She said there was a dairy farm in the village also owned by Stearns, and it was later operated by his wife and son.

Tucker said the Mass Central Railway went right through West Rutland, and there were depots around town for the transport of goods and people. She said the Mass Central Rail Trail runs the same path as the old railway, and some of the directional markers are still visible.

Tucker also talked about the Rutland Prison Camps, which were opened in 1903, and had an area of over 900 acres.

She said the camps were controversial in town, but they were only used for low risk offenders, and they would work their sentences at the camps. She said it was very minimally guarded, and there was only one documented escape.

She said there were a lot of buildings on the site, including places for eggs and dairy to be farmed. She said one of the only remaining structures, the root cellar, was used for growing potatoes.

Tucker said one of the buildings on site was a tuberculosis hospital that had about a 50% survival rate, which was typical for the time. She said 59 prisoners died at the hospital and were buried on the grounds.



Coldbrook Springs

Moving on to Coldbrook Springs, Tucker said that area was known for its natural springs, and it drew a lot of visitors for their perceived medicinal purposes. She said one of the buildings was the Coldbrook Hotel, which was fairly popular for the time, but the overall village was small with only 35 houses.

She said the town gained notoriety for a tragedy in 1901, when Lizzie Naramore killed her six children and attempted to kill herself, as she was in an abusive relationship with her husband.

She said that Naramore was given the choice to send her five kids to foster care, and have herself and her baby sent to a home.

She said the funeral was held at the Coldbrook Baptist Church where the local pastor Charles Talmage gave a sermon putting much of the blame for this strategy on the community and Naramore's husband.

Tucker said there was no headstone for Naramore until 100 years later when the Barre Historical Society put one up.

Tucker said the church was sold and moved to Greenfield, and used by many different denominations while it was there, but the city sold it back to Barre, where it is now in possession of the Stone Cow Brewery.

Another notable person from the area, Tucker said, was Jacob Riis, a photojournalist who photographed poverty, who bought a farm and died in Barre. She said he has a headstone outside of the Riverside Cemetery.

There is also a gravesite for Quock Walker, who is well known as someone who helped the state outlaw slavery.

White Valley

Tucker said the area of Barre known as White Valley was originally called Smithville Mills, named after the founder of mills in the area, John Smith. She said Smith ran the mills until he committed suicide, then his sons took over until one of them also committed suicide.

One of the buildings in the village was a weave mill, Tucker said, which is now used as a water resource facility.

Why the watershed exists

Tucker said the project

to make reservoirs and get water into Boston and its metro area started in 1872, when there was a fire that took 65 acres of the city, mostly because they did not have enough water to put it out.

She said the projects to get water into the city started at the Sudbury River before they created the Wachusett Reservoir around Clinton and West Boylston, which at the time was the largest reservoir in the world.

Tucker said the Massachusetts Board of Health said the Wachusett Reservoir wasn't enough, so the state settled on the Swift River. She said the state decided that the factories and populations were small enough to move forward.

In 1922, the official proposal to build the Quabbin aqueduct was written, and the Ware River Act passed in 1926, allowing for a tunnel connecting the Wachusett Reservoir to the Ware River.

She said 21,000 acres were purchased in the Ware River Watershed, 100 structures were removed and 350 people were displaced. She said there were 13 deaths in the construction of the aqueduct, many stemming from one explosion.

The DCR regulates activities in the Ware River Watershed, and their public access plans can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/locations/ware-river-watershed>.

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