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FinCom meets with Monty Tech

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BARRE – The Barre Finance Committee met with school officials from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School on Tuesday, May 14.

This was the meeting with the final budget stakeholders before their public hearing and the Annual Town Meeting. The town, which is a member of the Monty Tech District, had 45 students attending. This is three more than the previous year. Barre's share among the member towns was 8.05%.

Barre's assessment for Fiscal Year 2025 would be \$372,382. The assessment included a 4% increase in transportation and a

3% Cost of Living Adjustment for all staff.

Monty Tech district was in the second year of a three-year transportation contract and in the second year of their teachers contract. Technology was another increase for the district as they revamped their cyber security and replaced their network. The School Committee voted to use \$250,000 from Excess and Deficiency Account toward their operating budget in FY 25.

Town Administrator Tammy Martin said the Regional Animal Control Officer budget was \$19,017. She said the number was based on the town's population. The ACO served several towns and was based out of Rutland.

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Local educators honored at 'Above and Beyond' awards

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent



Turley Photo by Karen A. Lewis

Recipients of the 2024 SEPAC Above and Beyond Awards from the Quabbin Regional School District include, back row left to right: Diane McMorro, Melissa Hobson, Beth Olson, Steve Nicora, Mary Fleming, Shannon Harris, Lizz Mallett, Brooke Graves, Emma Madsen, Alex Narvekius, Kristin Perrault, Chrissy Robillard, Brianna Biggs, front row left to right: Nycole Majka, Allison Hart, Katie Gaspar, Caitlin Foster, Kylie Wilson, Debra Tyler, Carla Mederois, Casandra Stagias, Caroline Ludwig, Kristi Haupt, Karen Varney and seated left to right SEPAC Officers Stephanie Uguccione, Chair, Caitlin Bogue, Secretary. Missing from photo: Jesslyn Lapati, Kristi Bliss, Mike Groner, Nikki Rice and Nancee Roy.

BARRE – Going above and beyond is nothing new for Quabbin Regional teacher Lizz Mallett, who embraces her role as the Therapeutic Classroom Special Education Teacher for middle and high school students.

"My goal is to help students learn how to be independent learners who know how to advocate for themselves and understand their strengths and weaknesses," said Mallett, who along with over two dozen other Quabbin educators and staff were recognized on May 8 when the Quabbin Special Education Parent Advisory Council presented their

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Brunelle wins Select Board seat

Candidate requests recount

Editor's Note: As of Wednesday, May 22, one of the candidates for Select Board requested a recount in a close contest with a 12 vote difference.

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OAKHAM – The Annual Town Election ballot had no contests on the ballot, but that changed when Michael Brunelle announced he was a write-in candidate for a three-year term on the Select Board.

In the 2023 election, Aaron Langlois and Michael Brunelle, a former selectman, ran for a one-year term to fill a vacancy after Bradford Taylor resigned earlier.

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Photo by Ellenor Downer

Michael Brunelle ran as a write-in candidate for a three-year term to the Select Board at the Annual Town Election on Monday, May 20. He won over Aaron Langlois, who was on the ballot, by 12 votes.

Select Board reviews warrant articles with Finance Committee

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – The Select Board reviewed warrant articles for the annual town meeting, to be held on Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m. at Hardwick Elementary School, 76 School House Drive.

At the May 20 Select Board meeting, Town Administrator Nicole Parker said articles 1-14 were standard and that article 15 was a citizen's petition, asking to allocate \$8,000 from undetermined sources to the salary line of the Gilbertville Public Library.

Parker said she has reached out to town counsel for guidance, and said while it is illegal to fund private businesses, the library is free and open to

the public. She added that the library does not submit its financial statements to the town, nor does it circulate materials to other libraries.

Parker said a previous audit had stopped the funding for the salary, but the town continues to fund the operating budget.

"I don't think it's good practice, but if it goes to a vote...we need to be able to fund it," Chair Kelly Kemp said.

Article 16 will clarify the structure of the Capital Planning Committee, to be comprised of seven members including one member of the Select Board, one member of the Finance Committee, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Board of Assessors, one at-large mem-

ber, Town Treasurer and Town Administrator. The Town Treasurer and Town Administrator are nonvoting positions.

Currently, the Capital Planning Committee has a member of the School Committee rather than the Planning Board. Parker explained that the committee felt it would be more appropriate to have a member of the Planning Board instead.

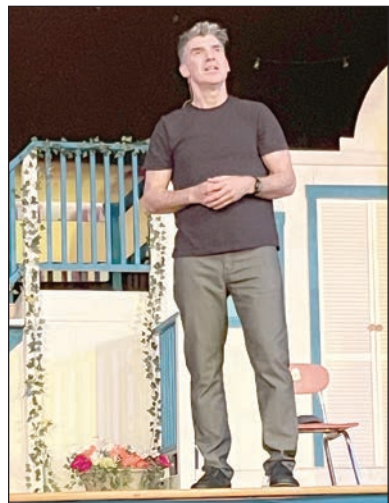
"The Planning Board typically knows about all of the development and things like that," she said.

Article 17 will allow the Moderator to use handheld electronic devices, secret ballot or other means to make and tally votes.

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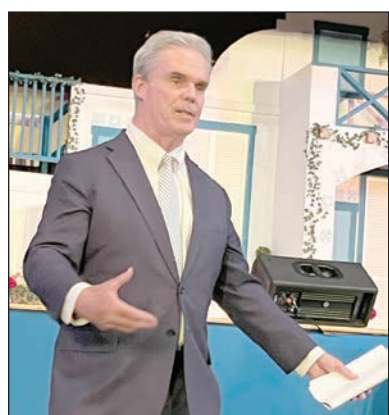
John Morello performs 'Dirt'

By Paula Ouimette
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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

John Morello performed "Dirt" at North Brookfield Elementary School last week to kick off Student Wellness Week.



Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr.'s office provided grant funding for the performance of "Dirt".

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Public Schools partnered with the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance to bring John Morello and his one-man performance of "Dirt" to both the students and the community.

Before the start of the evening performance on May 8, community members had the opportunity to meet with over a dozen local organizations who shared information about the services they provide.

Funded by a grant from the office of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., "Dirt" touches on the challenges that young people are facing today, including bullying, substance use and mental health issues.

With his background in theater, Morello started his career as an actor and stand-up comic before writing and performing "Dirt". Using interwoven fictional characters based on the people and experiences from his childhood, Morello paints a captivating and raw portrait of life and its complexities.

Morello admits that it's unusual that his career shifted from the stage to performing for students in schools over 20 years ago, but it is a path that he continues to travel down and embrace.

"It's very strange I would end up in school for a living," Morello said. "I hated school."

Morello grew up outside of Detroit, Michigan before settling

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MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY Palmer Motorsports Park gives back to those who serve

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – Giving back to those who serve their country and protect our freedom is something that staff and club members at Palmer Motorsports Park look forward to every year.

This past Saturday, 152 veterans, service members, law enforcement personnel and their family and friends, made their way up to the Whiskey Hill track, to enjoy riding passenger-side in a variety of cars driven by a crew of volunteers.

"This is our gift back," PMP Club Director Al Sandy said of the annual event.

This is the seventh year that PMP has teamed up with Race Cars for a Cause, a nonprofit organization founded in 2015 by Jeff Archambeault, dedicated to helping veterans and active military. PMP club members and instructors also donated their time and cars for the event.

This year's event fell on Armed Forces Day, which made Sandy reflect on his memories of his own father, and the gratitude he feels toward those who serve.

As he pinned his father's prop and wings to his lapel, he remembered how his father used to prepare for every patriotic event; carefully laying his uniform out the night before.

"He was so proud to be a veteran," Sandy said.

Veterans came from across New England, with some visiting



U.S. Army veteran Peter Selig, left, enjoyed Military Appreciation Day with his friends Mohamed Fofana and Dawrin Geraldo.

Palmer and surrounding towns for the first time in their lives.

Martha Cobb-Kelly of Carver served over two decades in the U.S. Army, and decided to skip a scheduled motorcycle club ride to attend Military Appreciation Day and fulfill a childhood dream.

"I always wanted to be a race-car driver," Cobb-Kelly said.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Cobb-Kelly moved to the U.S. and served 22 years, nine months and seven days in the military, even serving one tour in Iraq.



Dustin Ruby, Chicopee's Deputy Veterans Service Officer and Tina Brohman, Palmer and Monson's Veterans Service Officer, were on hand to provide information about Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association and its services and opportunities for veterans and their families.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Martha Cobb-Kelly stands next to one of the cars that service members and law enforcement personnel were able to ride along in during Military Appreciation Day at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Saturday.

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News of the Towns



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Post2 to hold chicken barbecue

Barre Post 2, American Legion, will be hosting the annual chicken barbecue on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. Tickets are \$18 and only 120 tickets are available. The meal will be served at 1:15 p.m. The meal is again being prepared by the Masons of Mt. Zion Lodge. For tickets, people may call the Post at 978-355-2730, Tony Musnicki at 978-337-3451, Charlie Fullam at 508-668-7730 and Scott Tourtellot at 508-320-9899.

ATM

The Barre Annual Town Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m., due to the lateness of getting information from the Senate Budget. It will still be held at Ruggles Lane Elementary School. The warrant closing has been extended to Tuesday, May 28 at 5 p.m. For more information, people may contact the Town Administrator's office at 978-355-250, extension 135.

Farmer's Market

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

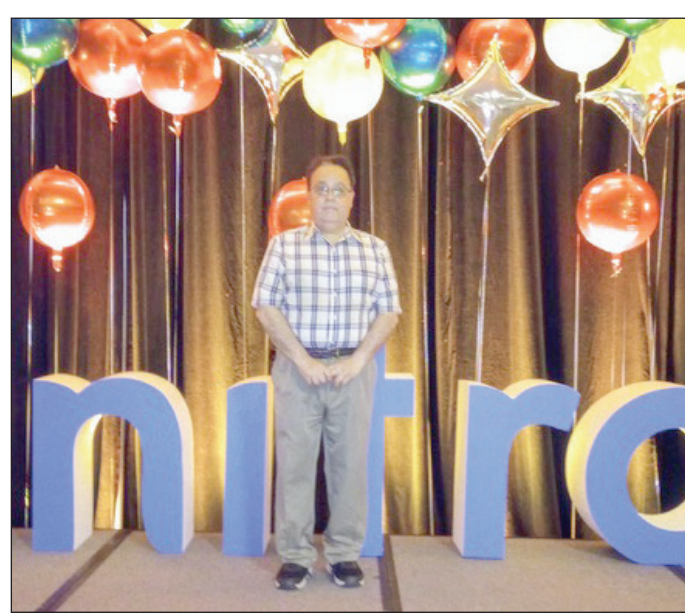
Barre Dining Center

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 27. 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 – Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, Roman blend vegetables, apple crisp, diet – baked apples, marble rye bread
 - WEDNESDAY – Turkey supreme, Yukon gold potatoes, roasted California vegetables, fresh fruit, French bread
 - THURSDAY – Beef with onion and peppers, red bliss potatoes, honey glazed carrots, Rice Krispie Trees, sandwich roll
 - FRIDAY – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, fruited ambrosia, hot dog roll
- *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.

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Submitted photo

Sal Imperato an audiologist from Barre, attended a conference in New Orleans, Louisiana May 1 to 3.

Sal Imperato attends audiologist conference

On May 1 to 3, Sal Imperato of Barre was part of 100 audiologist and hearing aid dispensers to attend a conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Imperato is available to provide hearing tests. Most insurances cover the cost of hearing tests. The future of hearing instruments is over the top. Examples, they can check one's temperature, be remotely adjusted as well as other more exciting technology. He looks forward to offering his customer's hearing needs.

The conference was about how the hearing industry can better assist patients to understanding. At the conference, there were many round table discussions about how hearing is linked to dementia.

FOSC lists upcoming events

GILBERTVILLE – There's much going on at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St.

On Thursday, May 30 from 6-7:30 p.m. architect Phillip Warbasse will present a "Tower Talk," telling the history of the church's stonework and saving the precious 135-foot tower. There will be overviews and scary views. This is free and all are welcome.

On Sunday, June 9 from 2-4 p.m. Weir River Jazz Ensemble presents "Jazz in June," a free jazz concert by FOSC's friends and resident jazz musicians. This event is free and all are welcome. People should bring a lawn chair and hat for shade. Tent space and chairs will be available for early arrivals.

On Sunday, June 23 from 2-4 p.m. the Weir River Concert Band presents "Highlights from Stage and Screen," a free concert with full concert band brass, woodwinds, percussion and an announcer that will take people on their journey through award-winning musical scores. This is a free event and all are welcome. People should bring a lawn chair and hat. Tent space and chairs will be available for early arrivals.

Hubbardston

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Story time offered for children

A story time will be offered on Tuesday, June 4 so parents can attend the Annual Town Meeting. Children of all ages may participate. It begins at 7 p.m. and they will meet in the Hubbardston Center School cafeteria. To help with planning, parents are asked to register in advance by visiting the website and filling out the form. <https://forms.gle/UeMbm9N3maz61Kb6>. Miss Tricia will offer a fun-filled evening of stories, crafts, and activities.

Country Hen Scholarships

The Town of Hubbardston announces Kylie Casey and Michael Tobin, seniors at Quabbin Regional High School, have been awarded the Country Hen Scholarship for 2024. Casey's dedication to community service is evident through her volunteer work with local organizations, such as the Hubbardston Fire Department, field hockey camps and food drives.

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Tobin was involved in various extracurricular activities, such as DECA, Math Team and National Honor Society.

Drumming workshop

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

Senior center events

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

EQLT to hold work session at Pony Truss bridge

NEW BRAINTREE – East Quabbin Land Trust will hold a work session on Saturday, May 25 beginning at 9 a.m. at 1700 Hardwick Road. Strong backs and work gloves are needed. Volunteers will replace timber decking on Pony Truss bridge on the Massachusetts Central Rial Trail. This historic bridge crosses the Ware River at a beautiful spot between Wheelwright and New Braintree.

EQLT will supply snacks, water and all the tools. People should email chenshaw@EQLT.org to let them know they will be participating. The group will meet at 1700 Hardwick Road and carpool to the site.

Reborn dolls visit Barre Senior Center



Jamie Beebe brings reborn dolls to nursing homes, senior centers and those with dementia. Holding a baby or a look alike doll brings comfort to many. Beebe brought eight of her reborn dolls to the Barre Senior Center. Thirty people attended this special program.



Submitted photos

Bruce Velozo has his hand fulls holding two reborn dolls at a recent program at the Barre Senior Center.




Brenda Rich, Outreach Coordinator at the Barre Senior Center holds one of the reborn dolls at a program held last Thursday.

WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

<p>School Choice openings for the 2024-2025 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 1 5 Grade 2 9 Grade 3 5 Grade 4 4 Grade 7 19 Grade 8 21 Grade 9 16 Grade 10 15 Grade 11 12 Grade 12 15 	<p>The School Choice application can be downloaded at www.wareps.org or picked up at Central Office 239 West Street, Ware, MA 01082</p> <p>Deadline to submit applications is May 31, 2024</p> <p>The selection of non-resident students for admission will be in the form of a random drawing, when the number of requests exceed the number of available spaces. The drawing, if needed, will take place on June 3, 2024.</p>
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<p>VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>Virtual High School offers a catalog of full semester courses in the Arts, Foreign Language, Language Arts, Life Skills, Math, Science, Social Studies, Technology and AP1 Study to students in VHS member schools.</p>	<p>MENTION THIS AD & We Will Pay The Sales Tax ON GAS GRILLS ONLY!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thru May 25, 2024</p> 

To learn more about the programs offered at WJSHS, visit: https://whs.wareps.org/for_parents/guidance/course_catalog

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Cemetery Commission – May 23 at 11 a.m.
 Conservation Committee – May 28 at 7 p.m.
 Quabbin Regional School District Central Office/
 Audit/Administrative Review Subcommittee –
 May 29 at 2 p.m.
 Select Board – June 3 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 10 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – June 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – June 10 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 11 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – June 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – June 13 at 1 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – June 20 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Planning Board – May 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – May 30 at
 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 4 at 5:30 p.m.
 Recycling commission – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Personnel Committee – June 5 at 4 p.m.
 Select Board – June 5 at 5 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – June 6 at 7 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – June 10,
 July 8, Aug. 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 12 at 4 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – one 12 at 4 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – June 17 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – May 23 at 7:30 p.m.
 Memorial Day Committee – May 29 at 4 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield – Saturday,
 May 25 at 10 a.m.
 Downtown Development Committee – June 3 at
 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – June 4 and June 18 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 19 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Select Board – May 28, June 10 and June 24 at
 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 14 at noon
 Planning Board – June 18 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – May 23 at 5:30 p.m. and May 24 at
 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – May 23 and June 20 at
 6 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – May 23 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 4 at
 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 4 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 6 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 11 at 10 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board Public Hearing – May 28 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Hearing – May 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Buck family honors veterans



Photo by Dennis Fleming
Nikki Buck and her daughters, Evelyn 5 and Olivia 2 put American flags on Veterans graves at Riverside Cemetery in Barre. The girls father, Joshua Buck is an Army veteran. Nikki has done this for the last 10 years.

Oakham

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Library to hold Kids' Fest

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

Town election

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

Senior Center activities

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

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

American Legion announces Memorial Day events

BARRE – American Legion Post#2 lists events for Memorial Day Monday, May 27.

Ceremonies begin on South Barre Common at 9:15 a.m. Pastor James Foley will give a prayer and the address. Placing of the wreaths, salute by the Firing Squad, playing of "Taps" and the National Anthem by the Quabbin High School Band will follow. Pastor Foley will give the benediction.

The units will reassemble and go to Saint Joseph Ceremony at 10 a.m. There will be a prayer followed by the placing of the wreaths, salute by firing squad,

playing of "Taps" and the National Anthem by the Quabbin High School Band.

The next stop is Glen Valley Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. There will be the placing of wreaths, playing of "Taps" and the National Anthem played by the Quabbin High School Band. The units will assemble at North Park at noon. It begins with an invocation by Post 2 Chaplain Daniel Tremblay. Post 2 Commander Michael Blaney will read Proclamation 351. The main speaker is Brigadier General John J. Driscoll.

A selection by the Quabbin High School Band

follows. Kayla McHugh will recite the "Gettysburg Address" and Sawyer Minton will recite "In Flanders Field."

Michael Blaney will read the names of fallen Veterans. Placing of the wreaths, salute by the firing squad and the playing of "Taps" and the National Anthem will follow. Pastor James Foley will give the benediction. A chicken barbecue will be held at Post #2 hall, 450 South Barre Road, on May 27 at 1:15 p.m. Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge members will prepare the barbecue.

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"It was very stressful," Cobb-Kelly said of that time. She added that she wanted to go back for another tour with her unit, but her mother didn't want her to go back.

Cobb-Kelly had already taken several laps around the track – in a Porsche, Subaru and a Mustang. While she enjoyed each experience, she said "there's nothing like a Mustang."

Peter Selig of the Boston area was joined by his friends, Dawrin Geraldo and Mohamed Fofana, for his first Military Appreciation Day, as well.

Selig has served in the U.S. Army for two years and was waiting for a turn to ride in a blue BMW, after having lapped the mountain in several other BMWs.

Attending this event brought Selig closer to other servicemembers, and made him feel included.

"It's just like you're recognized," he said.

Being in the military means that servicemembers spend a lot of time with each other, and away from their families and support back home. This creates a bond that ties each and every veteran together.

"You feel like you're part of something," Selig said. "Getting to be around other military members, we can all relate."

Military Appreciation Day also gives veterans a chance to meet with various representative from organizations that work to support military members and their families.

Representing the Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association were Chicopee Deputy Veterans Service Officer Dustin Ruby and Palmer and Monson Veterans Service Officer Tina Brohman.

Both Ruby and Brohman work closely with the veterans in their communities, and other organizations.

Christian DiLuzio of Veterans Inc. said all of the organizations rely on each other to offer the best out-

come they can for each individual veteran.

"We all work together, we all cooperate with each other," he said.

Palmer-based HomeFront Strong was represented by its new Chief Program Officer, Melanie Casineau, a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Military Appreciation Day was made possible with support from sponsors Stonewall Insurance Group Inc. and Dunkin'.

About Palmer Motorsports Park

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Medicare increase results in loss of Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty
My wife and I have taken a Social Security "Cut," no 3.2% raise for us, due to something called Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, based on our income.

We actually took, together, a \$400 a month cut. As far as I can tell from what they told me, we are means tested and were too successful, so our Medicare premiums were much higher, which resulted in our reduced Social Security for 2024. Have you sorted this out? And, if so, can I appeal this disgusting situation?

Signed: Baffled Senior

Dear Baffled

We're very familiar with the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, not so affectionately called "IRMAA." IRMAA catches many Social Security beneficiaries by surprise, not only higher earners such as you, but also those who make large withdrawals from a tax-deferred account, who sell property, or who have any other kind of sudden large bump in their taxable income. Essentially, if your income is over certain thresholds for your IRS filing status, you pay a higher IRMAA premium for your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services) and your Part D (prescription drug coverage). And since your Medicare premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security payment, your net monthly Social Security payment goes down.

Any COLA added to your Social Security benefit is often consumed by an IRMAA increase to your Medicare premiums. And, to further complicate matters, your Medicare premium for the current year is determined by your income from two years prior, which means your 2024 Medicare premiums were determined by your 2022 income.

The IRMAA thresholds are different depending on your income tax filing status, but assuming you file your taxes as married/jointly, your combined 2022 income had to be more than \$206,000 to cause IRMAA to apply in 2024. With income between \$206,000 and \$258,000, each of your Part B premiums would be \$244.60 instead of the standard \$174.70 and your Part D premium, if you have Part D, would incur another \$12.90 on top of your regular Part D premium amount.

IRMAA premiums further increase on a sliding scale and those with income of \$750,000 or more would pay a maximum Medicare Part B premium of \$584/month and would incur another \$81 per month added to their normal Part D premium. Thus, as you have noted, Medicare premiums are, indeed, "means-tested."

Can you appeal "this disgusting situation?" Well, you can always appeal any Social Security determination, but appealing IRMAA will only be successful if you can prove that the income they used to determine your 2024 Medicare premium was incorrect or if you can convince them to use a more recent year with a lower income to calculate your Medicare premium. If you believe you can be successful, you should call Social Security (1-800-772-1213) to formally appeal the IRMAA premium, or you can submit form SSA-44 to appeal based on a "life-changing event."

I know that understanding how IRMAA works won't soften your dismay, but I can only explain the rules and how they work. Your 3.2% COLA increase for 2024 was used to offset some of the IRMAA Medicare premium increase caused by your higher income and it is IRMAA which caused your net Social Security payment to go down. FYI, your Medicare premiums are recalculated each year, so if your income goes down to below the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status, then your Medicare premium will revert to the standard amount for each year.

I hope this clarifies why your Social Security payments went down and why you didn't see your COLA increase, but the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer any questions you may have about Social Security.

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In Past Pages

5 years (May 30, 2019)

This Memorial Day it was Oakham's turn to have the Quabbin Regional High School Band and NJROTC Unit participate in the town's parade. Master of Ceremonies Chris Dunbar of the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee commented that he wished Oakham could have the band and NJROTC Unit every year. The band and NJROTC Unit rotate between the member towns. Rev. Timothy Hanley, minister of the Oakham Congregational Church, gave the prayer of invocation. Oakham Selectmen – Steve Labarre, Bradford Taylor and Lucy Tessnau – placed a wreath on the Warm Memorial.

Sargent Angel Mendez was only 20 years old when he died on March 16, 1967. He was serving the United States as a Marine and lost his life many miles away in the country of Vietnam. Quabbin junior and NJROTC Cadet Sarah Rheaume had never heard of Mendez until she was given the assignment to research a name from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. "To be honest, I couldn't find anyone in my family on the Vietnam Wall, so I thought up a random last name, Mendez and chose the filter of Marine Corps because I've been looking into the Marines lately," Rheaume said. What Rheaume found, was a man who was remembered as kind and willing to help – a man who received a mortal wound when he was trying to save his lieutenant in the middle of battle.

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume called Barre "by far the most patriotic town" and Barre's parade and ceremony showed that spirit Monday. The parade followed its traditional route from broad Street to exchange Street and around the Common to North Park for the ceremony. The Barre Police truck led the way, rolled by the color guard, firing squad, Selectmen Matthew Urban and Dylan Clark, state Rep. Donald Berthiaume, state Sen. Anne Gobi, Lester Paquin, Pastor James Foley, American Legion and Auxiliary, Barre Police Department in dress uniforms and the Barre Fire Department.

10 years (May 22, 2014)

Dave Richard of Barre and owner of Dave's Tow and Transport and White Valley Motors requested that Selectmen place an article the Annual Town Meeting warrant regarding abandoned cars. He said the town never adopted Chapter 90 Section 22B of Massachusetts General Laws that provides a more streamlined policy to deal with

LOOK BACK Barre Players Theater – 1996



File photo
Victoria Hopkins and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, also known as Jim Sullivan, rode in an open car commemorating the Barre Players Theater on Aug. 8, 1996.

abandoned cars that have a value less than the towing and storage charges. He said that responsible people would not abandon their vehicles and would not be affected.

The Petersham Country Store, 2 North Main St., (Rte. 32), first opened its door in 1840 and was known as the oldest continuously operated store in America. That distinction ended on Dec. 12, 2012 when the store closed its doors leaving a void in the historic small town. A unique collaboration formed, a group of anonymous local citizens donated the purchase price of \$320,000 to the East Quabbin Land Trust, a non-profit, on June 7, 2013.

The town of Barre will be receiving an additional \$1.3 million in federal aid managed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Barre Common improvement project. This brings the total in federal aid funds from \$2,339,000 to \$3,639,731. This federal funding alone with additional state funds eliminates the need for the town to contribute monies toward the construction phase of the project. The town will continue to fund the design of the project and all services necessary to prepare the project for advertising. State Sen. Stephen Brewer worked diligently to obtain this funding for his hometown.

25 years (May 27, 1999)

The Barre Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Ruggles Lane School auditorium. The war-

rant has 50 articles. The Finance Committee will meet Monday, June 7 to review the articles and make recommendations to voters.

Hubbardston Police Chief Larry Barrett met with Selectmen on May 10 and reviewed his report for April. Barrett said calls to the dispatch center in April were 367 above the March average and 287 more than in April 1998. The new computer system installed in February 1998 breaks the calls into categories and the reports are more accurate now, Barrett said. He said the civilian police academy that was recently completed was a success. It gave those in the community an opportunity to learn about policing and tour the prison in Shirley. Over 50 car owners had their cars windows etched with their Vehicle Identification Numbers at a police sponsored event at the highway barn April 24.

Construction recently began on the new Residential Solid Waste Convenience Center and Commercial Recycling Area, located near the intersection of Barre Depot Road and Vernon Avenue. When completed this project will replace the existing drop-off area located at the entrance of the Martone Landfill. The Barre Board of Health and Resource Central Inc. are working together on the project.

38 years (May 29, 1986)

The final decision whether to purchase the former Pioneer

See PAST PAGES, page 5

Guest Column



Three of the eight areas of incompleteness

There is a lot going on in my yard. That is a true statement. Every fall I say I am going to be smarter about what I take on and then spring hits and I am obsessed with gardening. It is all I think about, and it has been this way since I was a teenager.

I guess I could get myself into worse trouble. Presently I am adding to the front border, redefining a perennial garden, making a permanent spot for dahlias, and waking up the raised beds and vegetable garden. Read on for a taste of what I've been up to.

I'd been on the hunt for a Pink Flowering Dogwood; and this year, because I wanted one, I seemingly saw them everywhere. What a year for the dogwoods!

My husband determined that said tree would be my Mother's Day gift if only we could find one. I made the acquisition early last week and had it planted in the front border within hours.

Cornus 'Rutger's Stellar' is a hardy, disease and borer resistant hybrid, with gorgeous pink bracts.

To plant the tree, I dug a hole bigger than the rootball and amended with nearby soil mixed with moist peat moss. I planted it at the same depth it was in its pot and I'll be careful not to let mulch build up around the trunk.

Now, what can I add to the part sun understory? Astilbe? Japanese painted fern? Hostas? Hmmm. Much to think about in terms of texture and color.

I have lots of perennial gardens here and there. There is a big one in my front yard, left from the original blueprint of the previous owner.

For some reason it was made deep, very deep. Half of this bed is backed by a stone retaining wall, the other half by a white picket fence. I'd like to narrow it up a bit, only keeping a couple of specimen plants and some edgers on the side with the picket fence.

I have one gorgeous Peony plant seems incredibly happy there. It is staked in an extra large tomato cage and for the most part it's doing the trick to hold up what appears to be dozens of potential heavy blossoms.

To use the cage I had to put it in place when the plant was emerging from the soil – to do so now would be disastrous!

If you need to stake your peony and haven't yet, try this method. Insert bamboo or wooden stakes into the ground on the outer edge of the plant to three-quarters of its height. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the stakes, respectively.

Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

The search goes on for exactly what plants will finish up that half of the bed.

Dahlias will make their home in the other half. My collection is still fairly small – I think I have seven varieties, but I can feel the fever building.

See GARDEN, page 5

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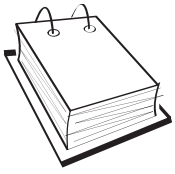
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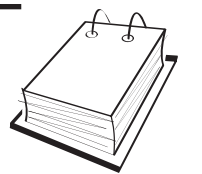
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

PETERSHAM FRIDAY MARKET is held every Friday from 3-6 p.m., once again bringing local food, handmade crafts and live music to the town common. People are invited to come enjoy the day with the vendors and live music. The common provides limited seating or people can bring their own. It is also wheelchair accessible. Fern and Rita is scheduled to provide the first live performance of the 20-week music series. The Petersham Friday Market runs from May 24 – Oct. 4. The live music series is offered thanks to support from the Wild Geese Foundation, Petersham Town Meeting voters, the Petersham Cultural Council, Petersham Grange No. 95, Harvard Forest and other local donors. Vendors of produce and other edibles can email petershamfridaymarket@gmail.com for more information about joining the market. The Friday Market charges no vendor fees.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

WARE REMEMBERS 2024 will take place today at 6 p.m. behind a field of American flags placed in front of the Ware Center Meeting House, Ware. People are invited to bring a lawn chair and join the Ware Historical Society, Veterans of Ware, Boy Scout Troop 281 for the 14 annual Ware Remembers. The ceremony and the reading of names will take place in front of the Ware Center Meeting House. A militia for the Revolutionary War will be present.

PRESENTATION BY DONNA NEYLON, a member of the Oakham Center School Building Committee, will speak at the Oakham Historical Museum today at 2 p.m. She will talk about the members of the committee in the mid 1970s and how they managed to pick the location of the new school, choose an architect, get the building designed and approved at a special town meeting; all this in less than a year.

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, May 27. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Raul Laborde, Evelyn Luukko, Jeremy Varnum and Philip Warbasse** correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of Kip Waugh's Christmas Shop and D.M. Waugh in the center of New Braintree.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

PLANT, BAKE, CRAFT AND TAG SALE sponsored by the Tri-Parish Community Church will be held today and Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the beautiful Hardwick common. The sale will feature traditional, favorite, and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs. There is a wonderful variety in plants offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm and Howe's Farm & Garden both of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, and "homegrown lovelies" from private gardens. A delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The proceeds from the plant and bake sale support the operational expenses of the church. Live music will be provided on Sunday though a grant to the Paige Memorial Library from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Several activities will be available for children as well.

A number of tag and craft vendors have rented space on the common for the event. They will be offering a selection of home crafted goods, artwork, jewelry, maple syrup products, tag sale treasures and collectables, including Annalee dolls. The Tri-Parish Community Church's Pastor, Nathan Pederson, will lead a brief prayer service Sunday morning on the common at 10 a.m. in lieu of the regular service. The event is held rain or shine.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

OAKHAM MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE will be held today from 1-4 p.m. The Oakham Historical Association Museum located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, features a police and fire exhibit. The museum is open the first Sunday of the month May through October.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

CHASING BIRDS VIDEO "Meet the Makers" series profiles Princeton watercolor nature artist

Barry Van Dusen today at 2 p.m. at the Princeton Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

N.E. BIRDS OF PREY BY WINGMASTERS sponsored by the Friends of the New Braintree Public Library will be held today at 3 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. This is a unique educational program by Massachusetts based wildlife rehabilitators WINGMASTERS. The program involves live raptors including hawks, falcons and owls. Participants will learn about predation, the bird's place at the top of the food web, their hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The program is free and open to the public. This program is designed for ages 6 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. People should call 508867-7650 to register. Attendance is limited.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

CHICKEN BARBECUE will take place today at 5:15 p.m. at St. John's Parish, 131 Blaine Avenue, East Brookfield. People may eat at the church hall or take out. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$8 per child under 12 (smaller portion). They should call the Parish Office at 508-867-6469 for tickets or purchase them after Masses at St. John's.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS begin this Sunday at 6 p.m. at the South Barre Common Bandstand, Nornay Park South Barre. Other concerts in South Barre are Sundays, June 23 and 30 at 6 p.m. The remaining Sunday concerts July 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. will be in the Harding Allen Bandstand on Barre Common. The Sunday, Aug. 4 concert will celebrate Barre's 250th anniversary including alumni band members. The Quabbin Community Band will also play during the Barre 250th parade on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. For more information, people may email Julie at julie@mhof.net or call or text 978-257-1192.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

SUPPORT GROUP for grandparent raising grandchildren will be held today from 9:30-11 a.m. at Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday of every month. People should call 508-796-1411 or email yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg to register or for more information.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

THIRD ANNUAL QUABBIN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT takes place from 5-7 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St. Barre

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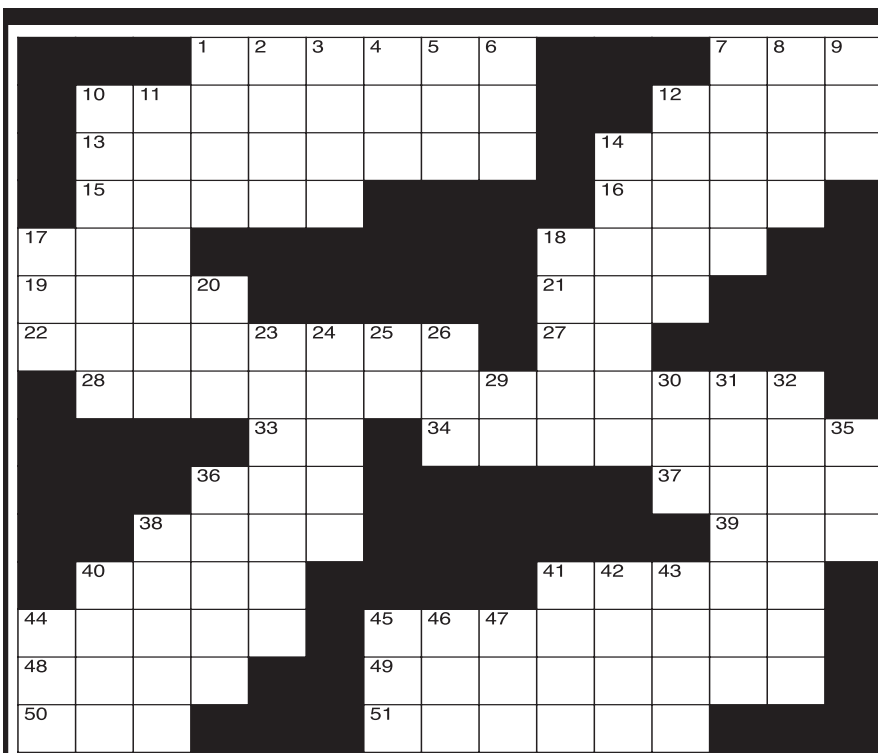
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27. Larry and Curly's pal
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CLUES DOWN

1. How one feels
2. American Nat'l Standards Institute
3. Information
4. Licensed for
34. Made tight
36. Before
37. Actor Nicolas
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39. Talk
40. Pledge
41. Abandon a mission
44. Trims by cutting
45. Aspects of one's character
48. Boxing GOAT's former surname
49. Holy places
50. Body art (slang)
51. Attributes

CLUES ACROSS

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6. Born of
7. Choose to represent
8. Small European freshwater fish
9. Everyone has their own
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14. A way to twist (slang)
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Softball back in action

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Excessive rainouts have delayed the season for North Brookfield softball. The Indians have finally been able to get some game in over the course of May, and so far, the Indians are 2-4 on the season, with more makeup games

scheduled to be played this week. The Indians have defeated Hampden Charter at home and lost on the road at Ware High School. The Indians have also faced Pathfinder and still have two games scheduled against Quaboag Regional.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Pitcher Abby Lindburg sends an offering to the plate.



Whitney Reno makes a strong throw to get an out.



Angie Fritze fires a throw to first.



Kale McPartland fouls off a pitch.



Olivia Holmes looks for the base hit with this contact.

Quabbin girls tennis wins again



Carmyn Orsini goes high to return the ball.



Annabelle Magill starts off play with a good serve.

BARRE – On Monday afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis scored another win, and another shut-out of an opponent, defeating Leominster 5-0. Annabelle Magill had a big match as she scored a win in straight sets 6-0, 6-0. Not far behind her was Camryn Orsini, who won 6-0,

6-2. Carlee Rich and the second doubles team of Elizabeth Matheson and Madelyn Stauder both swept their matches. It took three sets, but Farrah Wojcik and Kalina Dyer won first doubles with a 7-5 win in the third set. Quabbin girls tennis is an impressive 14-1 overall with the playoffs looming.



Carlee Rich gets the low hit to send the ball back over the net.

Pioneers baseball team falls to rival Palmer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER– Eighth grader Grayson Griswold is the starting second baseman for the Palmer varsity baseball team. His older brother, Hunter, is wrapping up his outstanding athletic career down the street at Pathfinder Tech.

The two brothers faced each other for the first and only time in a varsity baseball game last Tuesday night.

It was a memorable evening for Grayson Griswold and his Panthers teammates who celebrated a 6-1 victory over the Pioneers before a large crowd at Legion Field.

“It was a lot of fun playing a baseball game against my older brother’s team for the first time,” said Grayson Griswold, who joined the Palmer varsity baseball team as a seventh grader. “I’m going to be following in Hunter’s footsteps next year. I’ll be playing

football, basketball, and baseball at Pathfinder.”

Hunter Griswold, who’s planning to play college football at Mass. Maritime Academy in the fall, also attended Palmer High School before transferring to Pathfinder tech as a freshman.

“It definitely stinks that we lose a lot of our very good athletes to Pathfinder,” said Jacob Graveline, who’s the current varsity baseball coach at Palmer High School. “I know that they’re only doing it

because they want to learn a trade. Grayson is a very good baseball player who can play several different positions.”

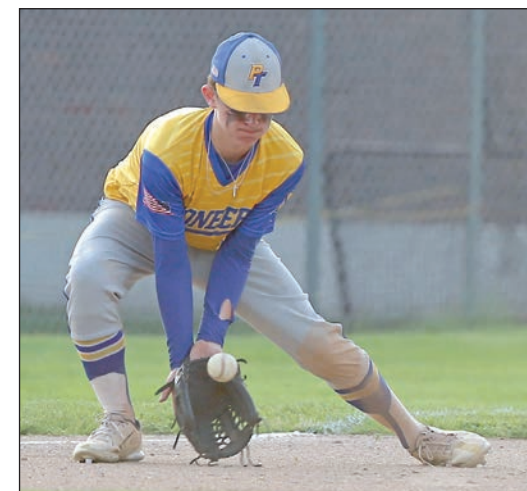
Last Tuesday’s contest was the fourth boys’ game between the two high schools during the 2023-24 school year.

The Pioneers football team didn’t have very much trouble defeating the Panthers, 33-6, in the season opener last September at Legion Field.

The Panthers boys’ basketball team posted a 53-37 victory inside the Pathfinder gymnasium three days after Christmas. The two hoop teams also met in a Division 5 state preliminary round game at the end of February. The Panthers won that contest, 79-51, on their home court.

The two schools also co-op in boys’ soccer, field hockey, wrestling, cross country, and swimming.

The Panthers, who don’t have any seniors listed on their roster, had a 5-11 overall record following their fourth consecutive victory.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Brayden Mega smotheres a grounder to third.



Tim Russell hustles on the basepath.



Miguel Velasquez slings a throw to second.



Hunter Griswold sends a deliver to the plate.



Submitted photo

Teammates surround Kylie Casey, the lone senior celebrated on Monday following their match.

Casey celebrated on Senior Day for Quabbin golf

BARRE – The Quabbin Girls Golf Team concluded their regular season today at Quail Hollow. The Panthers fell to the Westborough/Algonquin 20-28.

Senior Captain Kylie Casey was the co-medalist shooting a 46. Makenzie Casey shot a 47 and took home 7.5 out of 9 points. Sierra Lambert tied

her match. Quabbin ended their regular season 5-10-1. Quabbin was the youngest team in Central Massachusetts with five of the seven players being freshman.



Dayne Shanley slides into third base.

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Sports

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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Kylie Casey
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Kylie Casey was celebrated for her accomplishments with Quabbin High School golf at the Senior Day match this week.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

Bonsignore grabs third-place finish

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. — Justin Bonsignore continued his streak of top-six finishes to open the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season on Sunday afternoon at Riverhead Raceway. Bonsignore brought the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine home in third in the Miller Lite 200 presents Wayne Anderson. The New York native posted his 24th top-five finish in 28 career Whelen Modified Tour starts at Riverhead.

Bonsignore started fifth on Sunday, one day after a heavy mist in the air postponed the Miller Lite 200 Salutes Wayne Anderson. He would fall just outside the top-five early, but then charge back inside and remain there for the duration of the race. He was up to second at one point, but Austin Beers slid by late, eventually finishing second to winner Ron Silk.

"We were a little off today but all in all, a good day for our Phoenix Communications team," Bonsignore said.

Justin Bonsignore will return to the track at Seekonk Speedway for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Seekonk 150 on Saturday, June 1.

Education

Pathfinder students honored at ceremony for National Technical Honors Society

By Marcelo Gusmão mgusmao@turley.com

PALMER — Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School held an awards ceremony for its students being entered into the National Technical Honors Society.

Superintendent Eric Duda presided over the ceremony, which was attended by the students being honored, their families, faculty members, and School Committee members.

Forty-six students were honored at the ceremony, which Duda confirmed is in the top three largest classes of inductees from the school, just shy of the school's record a few years ago at 57.

"I stand before you with a sense of pride and connection, as I was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at this very school, in almost this exact location, 25 years ago," Duda said in his speech at the ceremony. "Being a part of NTHS remains one of the most cherished memories of my high school years."

Following Duda's initial welcoming statements, Cooperative Education Director Caitlin Phelps spoke about the purposes of the NTHS and the symbolism of its logo. Interim Principal Brenda Turner then led the Candlelight Ceremony, in which School Committee members lit candles onstage that signified each of the values promoted by NTHS.

"Perseverance, achievement, teamwork, and honor; sound familiar?" Turner asked. "I sure hope so; these are the core values at Pathfinder Tech, our path to professionalism. You all are shining examples of exactly what we are all about."

Turner said she knows the students didn't get to this point by chance.

"I can say this with 100% certainty...you are all here as a result of hard work and dedication. You show up and push through, even on those days or times when maybe you don't quite feel like it," she said.

The event then turned to the Pinning Ceremony, where Academic Director Dan Whalley read the students' names, and Assistant Principals Patrick Boudette and Lisa Tassone presented the students with their certificates.

The students were then pinned by a family member, and photos were taken by Community Outreach and Communications Coordinator Lindsey Tracy.

"When this school was built 50 years ago, you were exactly what the vision of vocational techni-



Turley Photos by Marcelo Gusmão Heather Martin and Alexander Hastings leaned up against the Pathfinder Tech logo.



Evin Reardon climbed back onstage to get a picture with his family and his certificate.



Evelyn Shilosky was pinned by her father as part of the ceremony.



Superintendent Eric Duda addressed his opening remarks to the 46 students being recognized with the National Technical Honors Society awards.

cal education should be," Turner said to the students. "Securing a range of technical skills, achieving academic success, and exhibiting outstanding character. Pathfinder Tech grads would be exceptional school citizens who would join our communities and contribute — contribute to our towns, our state, our country, and hopefully the world."

Turner said this recognition is just the beginning for the students, and what they will achieve in their future.

"For all that each of you have accomplished thus far, and I know there is more ahead, you are all highly deserving of recognition and celebration tonight," Turner said.

At the end of the ceremony, IT Director Cole Rogers led the students in reciting the NTHS pledge, which states that the students will uphold a high standard of personal conduct, strive toward excellence, and invest their talents to uphold their obligations as a part of their community.

"I recently came across a quote that resonated with me," Duda said. "People are more likely to

Isabella Staiti was identified as one of Pathfinder's 46 inductees into the National Technical Honors Society in 2024.

take steps forward on a path if they see footprints from others on the ground." Your leadership, willingness to take risks, and determination to challenge the status quo are the footprints that pave the way for others to follow."

"Embrace this responsibility as you continue through high school or as you enter your next chapter and embark on your chosen career paths," Duda said.

The National Technical Honor Society is an educational non-profit that exists to recognize and empower students and faculty in technical vocational education. NTHS serves over 100,000 active members annually in both secondary and post-secondary chapters across the country, according to its website.

To learn more about Pathfinder Tech, you can visit their website at pathfindertech.org. For more information about the NTHS, visit their website at nths.org.

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New exhibit to open May 31 at HoopHall

SPRINGFIELD — The grand opening of The Vault: Boston Celtics Unlocked, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame's newest and most innovative exhibit, will be on Friday, May 31, the Hall of Fame announced Friday.

Visitors will step into an immersive bank vault for a one-of-a-kind journey through the history of the NBA's most storied franchise. Current and former Celtics legends will be the guides for a unique celebration

of Celtic Pride.

Visitors will be able to enjoy this exclusive display of Celtics memorabilia for a limited period of time. Tickets for the museum can be purchased online at etix.com or at the door.

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ry. They were scheduled to play at rival Ware in a Western Mass. Class C tournament, but they'll be competing in the MIAA Division 5 state tournament, which starts next week.

The Pioneers (10-7) didn't qualify for the Western Mass. Class C tournament, but they'll be competing in the MIAA Division 5 state tournament, which starts next week. The winning pitcher in last Tuesday's non-league game was sophomore righty Brendan Hess, who's the ace of the Panthers pitching staff. Hess allowed a run on only two base hits. He finished the contest with nine strikeouts and only two walks.

"I thought Branden pitched a great game tonight," said Graveline, who was an outstanding pitcher at Palmer High School a little more than ten years ago. "He just needs to keep throwing strikes."

It wasn't very much fun for Hunter Griswold, who was the Pioneers starting pitcher.

Because of the MIAA pitch count rule, the righthander was limited to only 25 pitches against the Panthers.

After throwing out a baserunner trying to steal in the top half of the first inning, Palmer sophomore catcher Theo Haley blasted a triple to right field leading off the bottom half of the frame. He would score the first run of the non-league game on a wild pitch.

Griswold managed to get out of that inning without allowing any more runs with the help of an inning ending double play.

However, the Panthers put three more runs on the left field scoreboard in their next at-bats.

With one-out, seventh grader Zack Marciniak, who was the DH, lined a single to center and Hess followed with an infield hit. Then Grayson Griswold faced his older brother for the first time in a varsity game. He hit a ground ball to the first baseman which moved both runners into scoring position. Marciniak scored the Panthers second run on another wild pitch. Then freshman centerfielder Taydem Haley drew a walk, which was the final batter Hunter Griswold faced. He was replaced on the mound by junior righty Zander Auffrey, who started the game in left field. Griswold stayed in the game as the catcher.

Theo Haley greeted the Pioneers relief pitcher with a two-run single to left field giving the home team a 4-0 lead.

"Theo is our leadoff hitter, and he has scored more than 20 runs this season," Graveline said. "He has also done an outstanding job replacing Dom Allen as our starting catcher. It's a position that he hadn't played before this season."

Auffrey managed to keep the Panthers off the scoreboard during the next two innings.

With two-outs in the bottom of the fifth inning, back-to-back RBI singles by Grayson Griswold and Taydem Haley gave the Panthers a comfortable 6-0 advantage.

Hunter Griswold beat out an infield hit leading off the sixth inning. After stealing second base and advancing to third on a throwing error, he scored on a sacrifice fly to center by senior right fielder Branden Hnitecki.

Pathfinder senior centerfielder Ethan Nonpleggi-Hawk was hit-by-a-pitch leading off the seventh inning. Hess struck out the next two batters before Grayson Griswold caught a pop-up for the final out, which gave him the bragging rights in his family.

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8th Annual Above and Beyond Awards.

"We hope the staff members who receive these awards feel special and rewarded for all their hard work during the school year," said SEPAC Committee Chair Stephanie Uguccioni. "Oftentimes, students might not be able to express just how much of a difference QRSD staff members have made in their education and lives. We believe this award speaks volumes."

All parents of students in the Quabbin District were given the opportunity to nominate Quabbin staff who they felt excelled beyond the daily job expectation, when a district wide email survey was sent out at the beginning of April.

"We encouraged nominating any and all QRSD staff including, but not limited to teachers, admin-

istrators, office managers, custodians, van and bus drivers, related service providers, paraprofessionals, interventionists and tutors," said Uguccioni.

Categories of the awards included Fostering Community, Differentiated Learning, Preparation Under Pressure, Increased Family Engagement, Exceeding Expectations and Making Learning Fun. Surveys were due back at the beginning of May and from there, a list of deserving teachers and staff was created along with special certificate recognitions.

In the case of Mallett, this year she was the recipient of two awards, both were for Exceeding Expectations. Prior to 2024, she received an award last year and one at the end of her first year at Quabbin.

"The best part of my job is building relationships with kids," Mallett said, who was grateful to be recognized. "The students in

my classroom are like part of my family, and we are all very close. They are all so unique and each contribute so much in their own way to our classroom community. I love watching them learn how to take care of themselves and each other."

Quabbin seventh grade English teacher Nancee Roy received her second award this year.

"It is quite an honor to be recognized," Roy said, who was first awarded five years ago. "My goal as a teacher is to make connections with my students and provide them with an environment where they feel safe and supported. When students know that you care about them as a person, they are more likely to take academic risks, which leads to greater success for them."

Recipients find out on the evening of the ceremony who nominated them.

"It is incredibly important for our educators and staff to be rec-

ognized especially in this way," said Quabbin Superintendent Colleen Mucha. "Children are complex and while we have data to tell us if students are making academic progress and we receive feedback about our instruction, it can be challenging to know if you're having an impact on the whole child. These awards represent both the academic impact and the personal impact. That's the intersection where the magic happens, and our educators work so hard to make that happen."

Mucha praised the work of SEPAC and encourages all families to check the organization out, as they are all inclusive and supportive to all students and families.

"Our (SEPAC) members are passionate about education and they are here to help families navigate some of the celebratory and challenging moments that may arise," said Mucha. "They strive to break down barriers for students

and families with diverse learning needs. It's a great group."

SEPAC offers monthly meetings with a variety of guest speakers covering topics relevant to a wide range of students and their families. Over the current school year, SEPAC has hosted presentations with Quinsigamond Community College, Q-Drug, Worcester Talking Book Library, Making Opportunities Count (MOC), Quabbin Unified Sports and others.

Those interested have the option to either attend in person or by zoom. Further information can be found on the Quabbin school website at https://www.qrsd.org/departments/student-services.

"SEPAC meetings are built around support available for families and the QRSD community," Uguccioni said. "In becoming involved in SEPAC, you will have a direct insight into the district's special education programming. Also, it will provide you with an

additional resource group to help your child in the district."

Recipients of the 2024 Above and Beyond Awards include from Ruggles Lane School: Kristi Bliss, Kristi Haupt, Nikki Rice, Emma Madsen, Kristen Perrault, Alex Narkevicius, and Melissa Hobson, who received two awards for Differentiated Learning and Fostering Community; from Oakham Center School: Caroline Ludwig, Cait Foster, Brooke Graves, Chrissy Robillard, Karen Varney, Brianna Biggs and Casandra Stagias; from Hubbardston Center School: Carla Medeiros and Debi Tyler; from Hardwick Elementary School: Kylie Wilson and Mary Fleming; and from the middle and/or high school: Mike Groner, Nancee Roy, Melissa Hart, Jesslyn Lapati, Steve Nicora, Beth Olson, Nycole Majka, Shannon Harris, Katie Gaspar, Diane McMorrow and Lizz Mallett, recipient of two awards.

Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Christian Growth Part 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

What is gentleness? Gentleness, also called meekness in many translations, speaks to a sense of humility before God and restraint under provocation. Thus said, there are three facets of meekness worthy of our consideration. Please take note:

1) Gentleness as Humility Before God

To begin, gentleness refers to a sense of humility before the Lord. You see, those who recognize their spiritual poverty (Matt. 5:3)

and mourn over the reality of their condition (Matt. 5:4) have only one posture before God: meekness (Matt. 5:5)! Would you like an example of such humility in operation, contrasted with an unjustified sense of pride? If so, let us note:

Luke 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Let us allow the Spirit of God to cultivate such a sense of humility—meekness—within our hearts that we might find life.

2) Gentleness as a Sense of Submission

The outflow of the previous point, the Greek term translated as gentleness or meekness was used by the ancients to describe a horse that had been broken for its master's use. This refers to a sense of "power under control" and submission to authority. We are to be broken before God, ongoingly recognizing our inability to produce or perform apart from Him.

To what degree are you stubborn and unyielding before God? Such is not the nature of one operating in true humility. To what degree are you submissive to the Lord, His call, His leading and

His revealed ways? Such are fit for the Lord's use.

3) Gentleness as Restraint Under Provocation

Those who are meek practice a sense of restraint in response to hostile actors. Thus, whereas the first two aspects of gentleness deal with how we relate to God, this point centers upon how we respond to others in Christ (i.e., particularly enemies). May I ask: How do you respond when others mistreat you? How do you respond when others speak ill of you? To what degree does your life exhibit the following, celebrated by Christ and commanded of those who would follow Him?

Matthew 5:10-11, 43-47

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?"

Christian, you will have enemies in this life. Not everyone will celebrate your desire to serve the Lord. In many seasons you will be called upon to exhibit meekness. May the following resonate in your heart and come to

mind amidst such times:

Romans 12:14, 17-21

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. . . . 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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

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Town Administrator Martin said the Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center figure was still in discussion. The Finance Committee and Town Administrator also discussed the Finance Committee budget, which included membership costs to various associations and the Reserve Fund. Since the overall budget was tight, the amount budgeted was \$20,000.

Obituaries

Gary W. Stevens, 66

BARRE – Gary W. Stevens age 66, of Grandview Terrace Barre, passed away Monday, May 13, 2024 after a brief illness.



Gary was born April 12, 1958. He enlisted in the Army National Guard, at the age of 18. He served two tours in Iraq and earned various medals, badges and honors.

Gary enjoyed many hobbies including fishing, hunting and building model military vehicles, which he had a numerous amount of. He found peace and solace in nature and spending time with his family and friends, that became his strength. Gary was generous and the first to jump in when help was needed.

Gary leaves behind two greatly loved daughters, Stephanie Goodrich of Ohio and Rebecca Stevens of Vermont as well as his grandson, Domonic whom he adored, his sisters: Carol Collins of North Carolina, Cindy

Bosse of Virginia, Barbara Stevens of Massachusetts, Ann Marie Young of Massachusetts and Gloria Kalilainen of Tennessee, Uncle Stanley and Aunt Cynthia Keyes of Princeton as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and life long friends. Gary is predeceased by his infant daughter, Laurie Stevens, his father Robert Stevens and mother, Marjorie Stevens.

A graveside military service will be held May 24, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to National Coalition For Homeless Veterans, <https://nchv.org/>

Arrangements are under the care of Brandon Funeral Home: Kevin J. Mack, Walter C. Taylor and Melissa A. McQuaid, Funeral Directors.

DEATH NOTICES

Stevens, Gary W.

Died May 13, 2024
Graveside military service May 24 at 1 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon

She said the number possibly would be increased at a Special Town Meeting when the town had final revenue numbers from the State and certification of Free Cash.

The Town Administrator gave the Finance Committee copies of the draft of ATM Warrant articles.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruggles Lane Elementary School. The Select Board rescheduled due to the lateness of getting infor-

mation from the Senate Budget. It will be held at Ruggles Lane Elementary School. The warrant closing has been extended to Tuesday, May 28 at 5 p.m.

The Finance Committee set the date for their budget public hearing for Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m. This year they opted to hold the meeting in the Select Board meeting room on the first floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St. to allow recording of the hearing. Previous years, the hearing was held at the Barre Senior Center.

Public Notices

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CHANGE OF MANAGER

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Retail License for Barre Post 2 Building Association, Inc. for premises located at 450 South Barre Road: Change of Manager. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.

For the Select Board:
Tammy Martin
Town Administrator
05/16, 05/23/2024

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Docket No. W024P1664EA
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Date of Death: 04/30/2024
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ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mark E. O'Connor of Barre, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Mark E. O'Connor of Barre, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/18/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an

affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 15, 2024

Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
05/23/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL TIMBER OPERATORS

The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation,

Division of Water Supply Protection, is offering for sale approximately 40 cords of piled fuel wood located on the Wachusett Reservoir Watershed in the town of Sterling. For details, contact the Water Supply Protection Division Office on or before May 28, 2024, at 774-261-1841.
05/23/2024

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by DAVID J. TWISS to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), as nominee for COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS, dated February 24, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 54975, Page 172, as affected by Assignment of Mortgage to Country Bank for Savings dated August 9, 2023 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 69514, Page 325 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of June, 2024, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 175 Pleasant Street, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises

described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"The following described real property located in the County of Worcester State of Massachusetts:

The street address of the Property (if applicable) is: 175 Pleasant Street, Barre
The permanent tax identification number of the Property is: E110

The legal description of the property is:

The land together with building(s) situated thereon located in Barre, Worcester County, Mass. being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant Street and the northern line of Glancy Road:

Thence N. 77° 11' 46" W. 163.79 feet by Glancy Road to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 73° 07' 22" W. 245.82 feet by said road to a drill hole at land now or formerly of Gallery;

Thence N. 20° 43' 17" E. 180.67 feet by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

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Thence N. 75° 34' 16" E. 90.42 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

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By:

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Barre Gazette

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, May 12
12:23 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

Monday, May 13
8:46 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Butterworth Road, Officer Spoke to Party

12:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Grandview Terrace, Transported to Hospital

1 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Information Given
2:32 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, South Street, Investigated
Summons: Basa, Carlos Junior, 21, Brockton

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle
3:32 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Summer Street, Officer Advised
4:32 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Officer Advised

5:08 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Valley Road, Investigated
5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning

6:05 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Dana Road, Transported to Hospital

7:21 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

11:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, May 14
7:05 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Stetson Road, Ambulance Signal Refusal
3:43 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Peace Restored
5:59 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Dana Road, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, May 15
6:38 a.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
8:21 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Church Street, Report Filed

10:53 a.m. Fire – Vehicle Fires, Coldbrook Road, Fire Extinguished
11:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued

11:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
12:43 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Hubbardston Road, Gone on Arrival

12:46 p.m. Unwanted Party, Williamsville Road, Report Filed
2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning

Thursday, May 16
1:46 a.m. Fire – Mutual Aid, Gardner, Unable to Serve

9:07 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard/Worcester Road, Officer Advised

11:03 a.m. Fire – HazMat Incidents, North Andover, Information Taken
1:47 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Officer Advised

5:58 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hawes Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency

6:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:30 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, Gauthier Road, Peace Restored

10:18 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Pleasant Street, Animal Returned to Owner
10:39 p.m. Animal – Lost and / or Found, Old Coldbrook Road, Information Taken

Friday, May 17
6:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, No Action Required
10:42 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Washburn Road, Officer Spoke to Party

4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

4:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Hardwick Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

10:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
Summons: Zimmer, Jeremy Todd, 50, South Barre

Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with

Saturday, May 18
6:38 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pleasant Street, No Fire Service Necessary
7:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, 15 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, four complaints, two brush fires, one motor vehicle investigation, two frauds, one safety hazard, three animal calls and five motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 13
10:02 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
10:02 a.m. 911 Animal Call, North Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

11:48 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
12:37 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
11:44 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 14
12:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled
9 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

12:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

12:26 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered

1:36 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Thresher Road, Extinguished

3:23 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Turkey Street, Negative Contact

4:13 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Dispatch Handled
5:29 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Thresher Road, Extinguished

Wednesday, May 15
1:33 a.m. Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital
6:26 a.m. Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
8:07 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 16
7:35 a.m. Safety Hazard, Mellon Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
9:19 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

1:21 p.m. Fraud, Hardwick, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
5 p.m. 911 Misdial, Lower Road, Services Rendered

Friday, May 17
8:50 a.m. Fraud, North Street, Spoken To
12:59 a.m. 911 Misdial, New Braintree Road, Investigated

2:09 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, May 18
11:05 a.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
1:16 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled

8:35 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Jackson Road, Report Taken
10:16 p.m. 911 Misdial, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, May 19
4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, May 12
12:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Mt. Jefferson Road, Officer Spoke to Party

1:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Kruse Road, Mutual Aid Assist

10:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Choking, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, May 13
1:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency

3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Santiago, Gabriel, 34, Hubbardston

Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Inspection/Sticker

7:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, May 14
7:18 a.m. Complaint, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

9:09 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Old Westminster, Animal Returned to Owner

9:47 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty

6:41 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Negative Contact

9:36 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Halfrey Road, Officer Advised

Wednesday, May 15
8:42 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Administration Complete
12:09 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Geordie Lane, Investigated

Thursday, May 16
12:50 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Iroquois Avenue, Call Transferred

1:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), New Westminster Road, Public Assist

Friday, May 17
6:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal – Back Pain, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

7:26 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Gardner Road, Public Assist

4:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Hubbardston Mutual Aid Ambulance, Mutual Aid Assist

Saturday, May 18
8:03 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Investigated

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, May 12
8:42 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
5:33 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Gone on Arrival
6:35 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised

Monday, May 13
12:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
7:51 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party

8:56 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street Investigation, (On-going)
Arrest: Harmon, Lisa P., 40, Westbrook, Maine

Charges: Credit Card, Receive Stolen, RMV Document, Possess/Use False/Stolen, Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Attempted Larceny, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Drug, Possess Class B

8:58 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

10:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued

1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued

1:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Woodside Avenue, Citation Issued

1:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital

1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Whitehall Road, Citation Issued

1:54 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Lowry Lane, Information Given

2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued

6:48 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist

9:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, May 14
7:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

9:16 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Area Patrolled

Summons: Leslie, Carol Ann, 66, Worcester

Charges: Abandon Motor Vehicle
10:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

12:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

1:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

1:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital

1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Brintnal Drive, Gone on Arrival

3:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Peters Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal

4:01 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, May 15
1:33 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party

4:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Ten Rod Road, Transported to Hospital

4:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Crestview Drive, Mutual Aid Transport

7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Sedlock, Katherine Ann, 33, Jefferson

Charges: Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle

10:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Soucy Lane, Transported to Hospital

11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

12:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

5:03 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Blueberry Lane, Report Filed

Thursday, May 16
12:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

5:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

8:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

8:10 a.m. Sex Offender Registry, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Benitez, Jose Jesus II, 26, Framingham

Charges: Sex Offender, Fail to Register, Level 2/3 Sex Offender Fail to Register

1:33 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Campbell Court, Referred to Other Agency

3:36 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Miles Road, Removed Hazard

3:41 p.m. Fire Structure Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished

4:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital

4:44 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, East County Road, Referred to Other Agency

5:51 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Barre Paxton Road, Property Returned

9:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

9:23 p.m. Harassment, Athens Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, May 17
5 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

5:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

11:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued

12:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

12:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

12:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

3:58 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed

6:56 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Gone on Arrival

Saturday, May 18
6:15 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained

12:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

12:32 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

5:37 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Negative Contact

6:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Johnson Way, Officer Advised

7:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Demond Pond Row, Transported to Hospital

8:03 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Investigated

Oakham Police Log

Monday, May 13
7:21 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, May 14
11:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, May 15
10:21 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Lincoln Road, Report Filed

Thursday, May 16
10:20 Fraud or Forgery, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed

Friday, May 17
6:56 a.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Information Given

Saturday, May 18
12:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of May 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 23 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, four emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one motor vehicle accident, one fraud, seven animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, May 13
8:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, McEvoy Road, Transported to Hospital

9:33 a.m. Assist Citizen, Oakham Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, May 14
4:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Oakham Road, Vehicle Towed

4:37 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

7:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation issued

Wednesday, May 15
4:39 p.m. Fraud, Barre Road, Report Taken

Thursday, May 16
7:42 a.m. Animal Call/Complaint, Ravine Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, May 19
7:38 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Padre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

10:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

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in Worcester. His family life was influenced by poverty, substance use and the traumatic loss of his brother at a young age.

School was a challenge for Morello, who set out to be the class clown to draw attention away from his own struggles.

“I became really good at making fun of other people at school,” Morello said.

Morello remembers one of his high school teachers pulling him aside and telling him that he was really funny and that he loved having him in class. This teacher allowed Morello to tell jokes at the beginning of class, as long as he wasn't disruptive for the rest of the period.

He started coming to school just so that he could attend this class, and tell his jokes.

“I wanted him to be proud of me,” Morello said. “He was an adult who told me I was good at something.”

By his senior year, Morello had turned his school experience around and was bound for

college.

“My life started to change,” he said. “We can't define ourselves by our worst day.”

There were two school subjects that Morello enjoyed; art and science. He remembered how his art teacher used to tell him, “draw what you see; not what you think you see.”

Morello also remembered his science fair entry of “tornado water,” using green colored water in a jar that he swirled to create a vortex. At 16 years old, he left the science fair with his tornado water, and smashed it into a pile of dirt outside the school.

He watched the dirt absorb the green water and thought, “maybe I can become someone else, someone good.”

At this point in the performance of “Dirt”, the audience watched Morello transform into Jason, a classmate who never seemed to be in class.

Jason is often overlooked by his teachers and peers, and labeled as a “burnout.” But Jason is also fiercely loyal and kind to his cousin, who is often the target of bullying by stu-

dents and adults alike.

Jason and his cousin begrudgingly attend a youth poetry contest, where “Pi” or David reads his poem “Dirt”, and the audience is then transported to a support group at a detox center.

David explains he is there for his substance use, and how Jason is one of the nicest kids he knows, and a talented guitarist, despite his dependency on marijuana.

David brings attention to issues with bullying in their school, and a time at lunch when a girl he didn't know but called “Costa Rica” was on the receiving end by a table full of other girls.

The girl goes on to share her story, from surviving a brutal sexual assault, to the loss of a parent.

The last character the audience meets is a World War II veteran, who talks about suicide, depression and discrimination during his time in the military. He talked about protests and civil rights, and how fear changes as he nears the end of his life.

He is also David's grandfather

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