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Students make memories for a lifetime

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School students had one of the most memorable nights of their lives at prom last week, with the help of Q-DRUG and other community supporters.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Office of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., Q-DRUG was able to book a luxury coach to drive students to and from prom, ensuring the night was both fun and safe.

Local businesses also supported the event, by providing sweet treats, flowers and more. Donating to the event were Giacomo's Gourmet Foods, Mimi's Coffeehouse of Hardwick, Howes Farm and Garden, Hardwick Farmers Co-op, Wholesome Farmers Market and Dunkin Donuts.

Q-DRUG also credited student interns Colin and Kylie for their efforts to bring this event together.



High schoolers strike their best "Charlie's Angels" pose before heading off to prom. Turley Publications Photo by Mary Whitelaw

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School committee votes to borrow money

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By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, asked the Quabbin Regional School District to incur debt in the amount of over \$738,000.

The amount included \$387,344 to replace the chiller for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system at Quabbin Regional Middle High School and \$350,684 for the press box and bleachers on Alumni Field. She said the district's financial advisor recommended a bond anticipation note under Section D rather than taking out a bond. The other option, Section N, required a ballot election.

She said the school committee must approve the borrowing by a 2/3 majority. If approved, the school committee secretary within seven days of the vote must notify the Select Boards or Board of Selectmen in the five member towns of Barre, Hardwick,

Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham of the decision to borrow money and list the amount. The Select Boards then have 60 days to hold a town meeting to not affirm the school committee vote to incur debt. All five towns must approve the borrowing by majority vote per the school regional agreement under section 6, page 8.

Duval said the chiller was no longer working and if it was not replaced, the start of school at the middle high school would be delayed as the building would be too hot. The chiller regulated heat throughout the building, was an essential repair to the HVAC system and was not an air conditioner.

Duval also asked the committee to authorize the use of reserves to purchase the chiller so the project would start after school ends and completed before school opened in late August.

School committee member, Mark Wigler, said the committee could "make a case for the chiller, but not the press box." School committee vice chair Debra Chamberlain said the towns can't afford their assessments and the chiller was a necessity. She said it was a "not wise to include the press box," which was not a neces-

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QRSD committee accepts gift of metal building

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BARRE – Northfield Mount Herman School offered the Quabbin Regional School District a gift of an 110-foot long metal building the school purchased in 2020 and the QRSD School Committee approved the acceptance of the gift at their Thursday, May 11 meeting.

The only stipulations from the donor were Quabbin dismantle the building, haul it away and clean up the site by the end of the month. Superintendent Sheila Muir said the plants and facility department

looked at the building and said they could dismantle it and move it to the high school with their own vehicles with the exception of using a large truck for the long sections. She said the structure was in good shape and would be erected near the football field.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Muir said Sgt. Russell Davidson will return as the full-time school resource officer for the Quabbin Regional Middle High School and Ruggles Lane Elementary School this fall. She said the district purchased four vans, with one a wheel chair lift van and a pickup truck for plant and facilities using rural

school aid money.

She said the district currently uses Van Pool to transport the post grad students to locations where they volunteer or have internships. She said the eight passenger vans did not require a special license to drive and would be used to transport special education students during the day. She said the vans would be available after school hours to transport athletic teams to games. This would save on the cost of transportation and would be in use soon. She also said the school safety consultants would be in the schools next week.

New hires

She said the district hired Erin

Cook as the new principal at the Hubbardston Center School and Tim Kane as an elementary school music teacher. He is a drummer and trombone player, who taught at Eagle Hill School.

Student Advisory Council

A group of Hubbardston Center School students read poems via Zoom, which they wrote entitled "I Am." Jacob Blanchard's poem began, "I am a soccer player who loves soccer." Nora MacDonald wrote, "I am a Starbucks lover, who loves pink drinks."

Avery Melanson in her poem wrote, "I am a girl, who loves kittens." Michelle Lee wrote, "I am a girl who is a farmer." Two students,

Ryan Colgate and Liam Shaw did not attend and Principal Jill Peterson read their poems. Ryan wrote, "I am a baseball player and an artist" and Liam wrote, "I am a boy, who plays sports."

Gareth White, a sixth grader at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, said he was glad the sixth grade was at the middle school. He also said he was looking forward to the Boston trip next year.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, said the firm of Livingston & Haynes would be closing their Ware office and the district would no lon-

ger have a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer after the end of the Fiscal Year. She asked the school committee to rescind the appointments of Kathleen Bourcier, treasurer and Mr. Richardson as assistant treasurer, which they did. The committee empowered Duval to present possible candidates to the committee. Currently, the two positions are employees of the district, but the committee could also hire a consultants as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

Other reports

Kristin Cmapione said the

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Post 2 lists Memorial Day schedule

BARRE – American Legion Post 2 lists the order of exercise for Memorial Day Monday, May 29.

Post #2 Commandeer Michael Blaney will be assisted by Sgt. At Arms Charles Fullam. At 9:15 a.m. there will be a ceremony on South Barre Common with a prayer and address by Pastor James Foley. The ceremony includes the placing of the wreaths, salute by firing squad, Taps and the National Anthem followed by a benediction by Pastor James Foley.

They will reassemble at St. Joseph's Cemetery at 10 a.m. where there will be a prayer, placing of wreaths, salute by firing squad, Taps and the National Anthem.

The group will reassemble at Glen Valley Cemetery with a prayer, placing of wreaths, salute



by firing squad, Taps and the National Anthem.

The American Legion group will assemble for the Memorial Day parade around the Common to North Park. Participants include Post #2 Commandeer, colors, firing squad, Legion members, Veterans, Auxiliary members, State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, clergy, Select Board, Barre Police Officers, Band, Barre Firefighters, cars, Barre Riding and Driving Club, Scouts,

Brownies, Little League, other organizations, fire vehicles, rescue squad and rescue vehicles.

The sound system is donated and automobiles are donated by Salvadore Auto Group.

The ceremony will be at noon with the invocation by Post 2 Chaplain Daniel Tremblay. Post 2 Commander Michael Blaney will read Proclamation 351. Guest speaker is Pastor James Foley. State Rep. Donald Berthiaume will give some remarks and the Quabbin Community Band will provide music. Eliza Brown will recite the "Gettysburg Address" and Julia Blanchard will read "In Flanders Field."

Commander Michael Blaney will read the list of fallen veterans. There will be the placing of wreaths, salute by firing squad, Taps and the National Anthem by the Quabbin Community Band. Dennis Fleming will give an update on the 9/11 Memorial. Pastor Foley will give the benediction.

Girl Scout Troop donate First Aid kits to Barre Food Bank

OAKHAM – Girl Scout Troop 65008 completed their bronze award on Thursday, May 18. They donated 20 First Aid kits to the Barre Food Bank. They identified a lack of hospitals in the areas and used Girl Scout Cookie

Submitted photo
Shown from left in front are Sophia S., Teagan H., Aviendha O. and Violet, B. and back row from left, leaders Ariana O'Neill and Kelly Hillcoff at the Barre Congregational Church in Barre during the monthly food distribution for there Barre Food Pantry.



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News of the Towns

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Women's Guild to hold yard sale

The Women's Guild of St. Francis Parish will hold a yard sale on Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m.-noon at St. Joseph's Chapel, South Street. There will be household items, Snow Village pieces, Depression glass dinner ware. Yard sale items include donations from a person, who is moving.

Father's Day weekend

The South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road, Barre/Hardwick line will host on Saturday, June 17 a chicken barbecue and the Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show at noon. Tickets are \$20 per person and can pick them up at clubhouse or call 413-477-6879. There will be numerous raffle items, music and a cash bar.

Barre Farmers Market

The Barre Farmers Market is held Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on the Barre Common, now through October. The market includes fruits and vegetables in season, plants, crafts, dairy products, honey, maple syrup and more.

State Representative chief of staff

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume's chief of staff, Donna Farmer, will be at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, on Tuesday, June 13 from 10-10:45 a.m. Constituents and town officials may meet with her to discuss any concerns, ideas or issues.

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 29. 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 – Chicken with barbecue sauce, mashed potatoes, summer corn, mixed fruit, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, green beans, Mandarin oranges, French bread

THURSDAY – Beef with onions and peppers, red bliss potatoes, honey glazed carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Fish with Parmesan cream sauce, buttery quinoa, cabbage and carrots, brownie, diet = small piece, pumpernickel bread

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

Book discussion group meets May 30

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library's book discussion group will meet Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m.

The book this month is "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabelle Allende.

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

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From its many generations.
Your home town is so grateful, your state and nation too.
And 'oh so' full of pride.
The sacrifices you had made for us
And for Liberty, Freedom and Justice world wide.
So welcome Home Marine
Thanks for a job well done.
Enjoy your time with your sister, mom and dad
Your family will now smother you with love that you deserve.
From your grandma and your aunts and uncles to the wee ones
with wide eyes staring at such a brave man.
Welcome Home
Lt. Colonel Matthew Bronson, USMC
-Dennis G. Fleming

St. Aloysius hosts second annual 5K fundraiser

By Dallas Gagnon
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WARE – Friends and family gathered at Grenville Park this weekend to support St. Aloysius Catholic School's second annual 5K run in an effort to raise money for a school playground.

Saturday's event raised \$4,466.66 towards the cause, with 104 runners registered and about 80 volunteers helping make the fundraiser possible.

A majority of the money raised came from sponsors, registration fees and raffle tickets.

Baskets were donated from a variety of local businesses including Workshop13 of Ware donating an activity and art basket and North Brookfield Savings Bank donating a scratch ticket basket.

Administrative Assistant Kayla Casiello said runners completed three laps throughout the park, though it was "a little bit more" than the 3.1-mile required in a 5K.

While St. Aloysius Catholic School has been open for seven years, students do not have a playground to play on.

Casiello said the school has been trying to raise money for years, but because they are in the private sector, they do not qualify for many grants or state aid.

Casiello said, "People don't realize how much more expensive school playgrounds are compared to backyard playgrounds." Schools are also required to meet several safety and American Disabilities Act requirements, increasing the costs.

She added the school is also located on a watershed and needs an underlay as well as fencing.

"It puts up a lot of walls," said Casiello.

She added the school needs about \$80,000 for the play-



Grandfather Wally Plouffe and grandson Nicholas Barkoskie are shown taking a break from helping at the Remax vendor table and enjoying a moment with the Springfield Thunderbird mascot.

Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon

If people would like to donate to the cause, they can go on the St. Aloysius Catholic School website, staloyuscs.com.

Parent Lisa Barkoskie said the event was "great" and a lot of people showed up.

Some attendees eagerly awaited an opportunity to try out a hot air balloon ride, though the rides were canceled as it was too windy.

Donna Plouffe, Remax staff member and grandmother to a St. Aloysius student, said the hot air balloon rides usually draw attention from "a good amount of people."

Remax hosts about one event a year, depending on the year, said Plouffe.

Casiello said, "We're hoping to have more vendors this year and more activities... The food trucks were a great addition."

Jill LaRochelle, a St. Aloysius parent, said "it's amazing the way the community comes together... and they give."

Thanks to Pioneer Valley Environmental, water tables were accessible in various spots in the park for runners to stop and keep hydrated.



Kayla Casiello and Scott Mosso smile as they sport their sponsorship T-shirts and support the students at St. Aloysius Catholic School.

Several local food vendors were also available, selling anything from friend dough and corn dogs to cupcakes or barbeque.

Casiello thanked all the race sponsors, food truck vendors, raffle basket donors, DJ Brian LaRochelle and PVE for their contributions.

Rutland to hold Memorial Day parade and ceremony May 29

RUTLAND – The Rutland Post 310 American Legion will meet on Monday, May 29 at 7 a.m. in the lower level of Community Hall to get all the flags and equipment ready and to prepare participants for their places.

At 7:45 a.m. they will travel in vehicles to the following locations: New Boston Cemetery, Charnock Hill Road; West Rutland Cemetery, Barre Paxton Road; Brooks Square at Prescott Street and Maple

Avenue; Memorial Field, Memorial Drive and Veterans Memorial behind Wood House at 232 Main St. At each location, the group will assemble with prayer and reflection, rifle salute, placing of flags and Taps.

They will return to Community Hall for coffee. The parade will assemble at 9:45 a.m. in front of Community Hall. Veterans, all Scouts, community groups and any other interested participants will lineup for the parade.

At 10 a.m. the parade starts and proceed to Rural Cemetery's Central area where they will be laying of a wreath, prayer and reflections, rifle salute and Taps. The parade will return up Main Street to the Town Common for the placing of wreath at the WWI Memorial, Old Burial Ground and Common Memorials. The ceremony will end at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Hubbardston
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Memorial Day Parade takes place May 29

The Annual Hubbardston Memorial Day parade will take place Monday, May 29 with parade line up at 10:15 a.m. at Curtis Recreation Field. The parade begins at 11:05 a.m. and ends at the Hubbardston Town Common. The Memorial Day ceremony will follow at noon on the Town Common. Following the ceremony the Hubbardston Lions Club will provide free hotdogs and ice cream courtesy of Cream Crock Ice Cream of Sterling. It will be served across the street at the Hubbardston Senior Center. People should arrive early to avoid road closures and bring their own chairs as seating is not provided. The event will be held rain or shine.

State Rep. Berthiaume Chief of Staff

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume's Chief of Staff, Donna Farmer, on Tuesday, June 13 will be at the Hubbardston Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m. Constituents and town officials may meet with her to express any concerns, ideas or issues.

Annual Town Meeting

The Hubbardston Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

Town Election

The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, June 13 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Polling location is the gym at the Hubbardston Center School, 8 Elm St. Deadline to request mail in ballots is Tuesday, June 6 at 5 p.m. Mail in ballots must be received by the close of polls 8 p.m. on election day in order to be counted. There is no in-person early voting for Hubbardston's municipal elections. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, May 27 at 5 p.m. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Election is Saturday, June 3 at 5 p.m.

Library 5K run/walk

The 26th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Wednesday, Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall first place male/female runners and walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can call Mark Wigler, race director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2022 race/walk raised over \$3,500 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

Senior center events

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

Second Chance Golf holds Tournament July 24

EAST BROOKFIELD - Second Chance Animal Services 11th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown on Monday, July 24. The event offers golfers a great golf outing on a world-class course and will benefit programs assisting the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals in Springfield, Worcester, Southbridge, and North Brookfield.

Golfers will be treated to a box lunch and banquet dinner, a bucket of balls for the range and a commemorative gift. The course and team challenges will include prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line, a yellow ball contest and more. The hole in one contest offers a chance to win a spa from Teddy Bear Pools. There will also be raffles and a small silent auction which will begin online a week before the tournament.

Second Chance is inviting local businesses to partner with them in the fight to end pet homelessness through access to veterinary care. The nonprofit is welcoming sponsors for the Second Chance Golf Tournament and is accepting donations for the tournament silent auction and raffle. Information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

Those interested in golfing can purchase tickets online at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/. Individuals and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. Check in will be at 9 am and the tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 10 am.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Cemetery Commission – May 25 at 11 a.m.
 QRSD Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – May 30 at 10 a.m.
 QRSD School Committee – May 30 and May 31 at 6:30 p.m.
 9/11 Memorial Development Committee – May 31 at 5 p.m.
 Select Board – June 5 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 6 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – June 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 6 at 7 p.m., June 17 at 9 a.m. and June 20 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 7 at 1 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – June 8 at 3 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – June 8 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 12 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – June 12 at 7 p.m.
 DPW Commission – June 12 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – June 13 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – June 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – June 1 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – June 1 at 7 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – June 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – June 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 14 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – June 14 at 4 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – June 20 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – May 31 at 7 p.m.
 Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing – June 1 at 7 p.m.
 Historic Commission – June 3 at 10 a.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 7 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 7 and June 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 13 and June 27 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – May 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Board of Trustees – June 1 at 3 p.m.
 Downtown Development Committee – June 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – June 6 and June 20 at 6 p.m.
 Friends of the Town House – June 13 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 21 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

Planning Board – May 25 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 1 at 9 a.m.
 Board of Health – June 1 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – June 6 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 6 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 13 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – June 15 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – May 30 at 1 p.m.
 Select Board Hearing – May 30 at 6 p.m.

Area fire departments train in empty hospital

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Thirty firefighters from Ware, Hardwick, Belchertown and West Brookfield attended a training at the former Baystate Mary Lane Hospital building Sunday morning and afternoon.

Using the third and fourth floors of the hospital, firefighters worked in crews to sweep rooms in search of potential victims. The fourth floor was obscured by thick smoke, supplied by smoke machines.

Ware Fire Chief Jim Martinez said this training happened thanks to the efforts of Lieutenant Jason McNeaney and the town of Ware. The town gave the fire departments permission to use the hospital, along with Baystate Health.

Air Support from Westover Fire Department brought its air compressor trailer to fill the firefighter's air bottles.

Using a rope as their guide, crews assembled up the stairwell to the third floor, following the commands of Martinez, who managed ground operations from the parking lot.

Crew captains gave directions from the floor, offering guidance to firefighters as they navigated the large building on their hands and knees.

Belchertown Captain Jeff Haughey said this the first large-scale training the departments have done together.

Haughey, who has been with the Belchertown Fire Department since 2004 and also teaches at the Fire Academy, said having access to a building of this size



Hardwick Fire Captain Nick Gaumont, left, talks with a member of his crew.

provides firefighters with a level of training hard to find anywhere else.

"This is an awesome opportunity to get in here," he said.

As crew members cleared each room, Haughey explained how the firefighters use the rope to be able to find their way back. In a smoke-filled room, there would be little to no visibility, and it would be easy to get disoriented.

He said a member of the crew acts as an anchor and stays in the hall with the bag of rope, while two firefighters check rooms, making sure to check under beds and in closets and bathrooms.

Once the firefighter's air supply reaches the halfway point, they know its time to retrace their route and exit the building.

"It's a very time consuming and exhaustive search," Haughey said.

After the training, firefighters talked about challenges they faced, and things they could have done differently.

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A West Brookfield firefighter puts on her self-contained breathing apparatus.

East Quabbin Land Trust is looking for Youth Education Coordinator

East Quabbin Land Trust is interviewing candidates for a Youth Education Coordinator. The YEC will engage with the Executive Director to manage volunteers on community service projects, educate or train individuals in environmental stewardship or environmentally conscious practices, and complete three capacity building projects.

"I think back to my service year with the East Quabbin Land Trust as a defining time, shaping my career, ambition, and confidence all at once," said Louisa Rossell, former YEC at EQLT. "I learned that facilitating youth connection to the Earth can be done in a mul-

titude of ways. I was given the space, resources, and community connection to dream big and create spaces for nature-inspired mindfulness, storytelling, and garden education. As I move forward in my farm education career, the lessons, hands-on skills, and self-assuredness I developed during my time at EQLT will continue to guide my way."

YECs are encouraged to bring their own passions, skills and experiences to this year of service and develop capacity building projects of their own.

Applications for this position must be submitted via the TerraCorps online application. The position description for

the East Quabbin Land Trust's Youth Education Coordinator can be found at terracorps.org/available-member-positions.

TerraCorps partners with a network of 40+ nonprofits in Massachusetts and Rhode Island focused on community needs related to local land conservation and sustainable agriculture. These partners act as service sites for a new cohort of up to 60 AmeriCorps service members annually. Service members are paired with a site supervisor who provides guidance and mentorship while they learn to manage community programs and projects over an 11-month, 1700-hour service term.

Oakham

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OHA holds open house May 28

The Oakham Historical Association will hold its first open house of the season on Sunday, May 28 from 1-4 p.m. New exhibits include a collection of English composition papers written by an Oakham Harvard student in the mid 1800s and collection of Chamberlain family letters written between 1840-1869. Also on display are a collection of compositions created by Oakham residents describing the impact of Covid and 911 on their lives, written in 2022. The OHA will continue to hold open house the last Sunday of the month through October.

Memorial Day parade

The Oakham Memorial Day parade will line up on Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. at the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive and depart for the Town Common at 10:30 a.m. The parade will be led by the Quabbin Regional High School Band and Quabbin High Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. Prior to the parade the Scouts of America will place flags on veterans graves beginning at 8 a.m.

Elder bus news

In order to make a reservation on the Elder Bus for doctors' appointments or food shopping or picking up prescriptions, people should call 1-800-321-0243 at least 48 hours in advance. Reservations are also necessary 48 hours in advance to take advantage of these regular offerings: a trip to Hannaford's in North Brookfield every Wednesday and a trip to Walmart in Leicester the 4th/4th Tuesday of each month. It's really a good deal.

Clean up and recycling day

The Oakham Board of Health sponsors a clean up and recycling day on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m.-noon behind the Fire and Highway Building, Barre Road. It will be held rain or shine.

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

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

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

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

Accepted items and fees for disposal are: tires \$8-\$25; TVs, monitors, computers, laptops and gaming systems \$15; AC's/dehumidifiers \$10; VCR/microwave \$5 and propane tank \$8. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Oakham. For questions, people may email boh@oakham-ma.gov or call 508-882-4069.

Memorial car show planned for June 24

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club will be hosting the 2nd Annual Tim Morin Memorial Car Show on Saturday, June 24 at 20 Boynton Road.

Registration is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., with plaques awarded at 1:30 p.m. Donation is \$15 per show vehicle. Spectators are free.

Lunch, cash bar and 50/50 raffle will be available. Music will be provided by DJ Bruce Marshall.

For show information, call Gary at 508-450-8643.

Library 5K fundraiser set for Sept. 9

HUBBARDSTON – The 26th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9.

This event will mark more than a quarter century of support for the Hubbardston Library and raised close to \$80,000 for the library's ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School.

Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Wednesday, Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners.

Awards to overall first place male/female runners and walkers as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals.

For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can call Mark Wigler, race director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2022 race/walk raised over \$3,500 for support of the library's activities and Scholarship Fund.

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Senior concerned about Social Security solvency

Dear Rusty: I retired at age 58. My husband and I worked 40 years of employment each. I had a 401K only...no other benefits. We saved, we invested through our financial advisor and have done okay watching our investments grow (except for the last three years). Neither my husband nor I have taken Social Security; we were both waiting until age 70 to get full benefits. Do you think this is still wise? I'm concerned there will not be any funds in five years when we both turn 70.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior: Your question relates to Social Security solvency, no doubt inspired by the recent spate of media discussion on this topic. Most articles I've read promote a "doomsday" scenario and, in fairness, Social Security's financial issues are serious. The latest report from the Trustees of Social Security warned Congress that the reserves now held in Social Security's Trust Fund, which enable full benefits to be paid, will be depleted as early as 2033. What you may not know is that this is not new news – the Trustees have sounded the same warning for decades to multiple Congresses, which have neglected to enact corrective measures. And, unfortunately, they are likely to continue to drag their feet for a while because the reform needed is not politically palatable and the impact is still a few years away.

Nevertheless, although Social Security's looming financial issues are serious, they are not fatal. Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial issues – they just currently lack the bipartisan spirit and political will needed to do so. The clock, however, is ticking and Congress will be forced to act soon, which we are confident will happen before the Trust Funds run dry. What motivates most politicians is getting reelected and allowing an across the board cut to all Social Security recipients, which would happen if the Trust Fund reserves were depleted, would be political suicide. Therefore, I'm confident that reform will occur in time, and I don't suggest changing your Social Security claiming strategy over worries about Social Security's solvency.

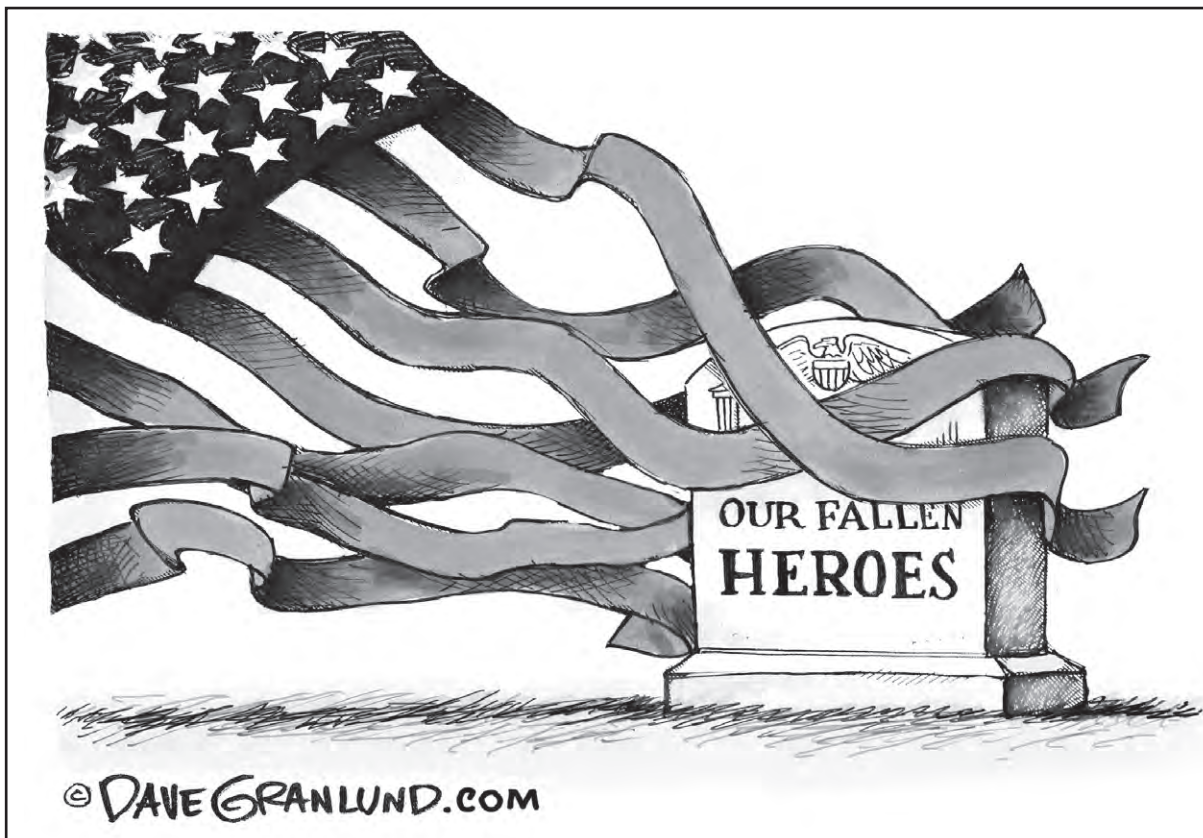
Let me further allay your fears by explaining what would hypothetically happen in the worst case scenario, if Congress doesn't act and Trust Funds are depleted. If that were to occur, when the reserves are depleted in about 2033, everyone would face an across the board benefit cut. Social Security can't go bankrupt because there would still be about 175 million workers contributing to the program but, since Social Security by law can only pay benefits from revenue received, everyone's benefit would be reduced by about 23%, according to the Trustees. Every beneficiary would still get benefits, but only to the extent available from income received. Which brings me to your specific question – whether it is still wise to wait until age 70 to claim or to claim your benefits now.

Ask yourself this question: which would result in a larger monthly payment, a 23% cut to your age 70 S.S. payment amount or a 23% cut to your current benefit amount? The answer, of course, is that your monthly payment would be more if you stay with your current strategy and wait until age 70 to claim a plan, which I assume you developed considering your current financial needs as well as your life expectancy, both of which are very important to that decision.

Again, I do not believe the worst case scenario will happen. Congress already knows how to restore Social Security to full solvency and they will almost certainly act in time to avoid an across the board cut to everyone's benefit. The Association of Mature American Citizens has proposed legislation which would restore the Social Security program to full solvency for generations without raising payroll taxes, a summary of which people can review by visiting www.amac.us/social-security. AMAC has provided this proposal to various members of Congress for consideration.

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In Past Pages

5 years (May 2018)

This November marks the 100th anniversary of the WW I Armistice (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918) and the Legion remembered the 14 men from Barre, who died in that war. Robert Bentley, the main speaker and former American Legion Post 2 Commander, did extensive research along with help from Lucy Allen and other on those fallen soldiers. Bentley had two relatives on that list, on his grandfather. His father like so many children of war casualties grew up without a father.

Walking on the beach may never be the same for Quabbin junior Sarah Rouch and freshman Joseph Mailing. The pair of Naval Junior Reserve Officers Train Corps cadets recently re-enacted the "Project Vigil" video at the annual Memorial Day assembly for Quabbin Middle and High School students last Friday afternoon. The video, made on the 70th anniversary of D-Day in June of 2014 on one of the beaches of Normandy, depicted a young American boy honoring those who fought and those who lost their lives in that conflict.

Newly appointed Hubbardston Area Veteran's Agent, Sgt. Jared Sharp, gave people plenty to think about on Memorial Day as he addressed the audience as the guest speaker at the Hubbardston Memorial Day Service this past Monday afternoon on the Town Common. Sharp went on to describe his time as an infantry soldier in the army and the struggles he had when he came back to United States after a tour go Iraq.

10 years (May 30, 2013)

The Oakham Board of Selectmen after tabling the decision on summer hours for the highway department until after the annual town election unanimously approved the request. The highway department employees will work Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. and have Fridays off. They will start the 10-hour days on Monday, June 3 and they will end Labor Day. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen William Storie referred to the shorter summer weeks as "nice compensation for the long winter hours" that they work.

State officials traveled to Petersham earlier this month in officially announce the designation of Petersham as a Green Community Commissioner of Massachusetts Department of Resources Mark Sylvia. Green Communities Director Lisa Capone were on had to present the town with a plaque and road signs, along with a check for \$138,425, which will be used to upgrade town buildings to make them more energy efficient. The ceremony culminated years of effort

LOOK BACK Insight Meditation Center - October 1979



File Photo

The Dalai Lama bows before entering the Insight Meditation Center for his visit to the site in Barre on Friday, Oct. 12

on the part of Petersham Energy Committee Chairwoman Linda Paquet.

At a lively and sometimes contentious public information meeting town residents took advantage of the opportunity to question the Petersham Advisory Finance Committee regarding the town budget. More than one during the meeting, speakers were asked to be civil. In opening remarks, AFC Chairman Dr. David Davis said the town is run by volunteers. Some of them get a small stipend he said and some town employees do receive a salary, but everyone works more hours than he or she it paid.

25 years (May 28, 1998)

Parade Marshal Dominic Franciose looked quite spiffy and stepped smartly as he led marchers in the Memorial Day parade onto Barre Common for the 25th time. Franciose has been involved with parades in Barre for 52 years, according to Sen. Stephen Brewer, who dedicated his speech to this long-time Legionnaire. The faces looked familiar as the parade passed the crowds of spectators gathered for yet another Memorial Day, so it's likely that many more of the Legionnaires and /auxiliary members have joined Franciose for those 52 years.

Hubbardston Fire Chief Seth Knipe completed an intensive 10-day Chief Fire Officers Management Training course on May 21. The course was developed and offered by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute for Governmental Service in conjunction with the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, a division of the Department of Fire Services. It was designed to track the national professional qualification standards for chief fire officers.

Dog licenses were due on April 1 in New Braintree. Delinquent dog owners will be fined \$10 on June 1. Licenses are \$8 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 for males or females. Mail orders are accepted, but they must include copy of the dog's latest rabies certificate and a check made payable in the Town of New Braintree.

38 years (May 30, 1985)

After a morning trip to Oakham, member of Barre Post 2 and George L. Thoring Post 404 joined Barre town officials and other elements of the parade for the march to South Barre Commons where prayers was offered by Rev. Humbert A. Thomas and a short address was given by Rev. Anthony F. X. DiPucchio. St. Joseph's and Glen Valley Cemeteries were visited, wreaths were laid and salutes given. Prayers were offered in the cemeteries by Rev. Eugene F. Berthiaume and Rev. W. Gary Hayward. A sun splashed march around the Common led to ceremonies in North Park where Rev. Michael Petrucci gave the invocation. The main address was given by state Sen. Robert Wetmore.

On June 17, 1885, one hundred years ago, the citizens of Hubbardston dedicated their soldier's Civil War Monument. On June 5, the public is invited to red-dedication ceremonies at the Civil War Monument on the Town Common at 7:15 p.m. J.F. Von Deek, a history teacher at Oakmont High School, will be the featured speaker. A list of the dead heroes will be read by Barry Heiniluoma, Constance Marean and Alice Streeter. A laurel wreath made by Kathleen Heiniluoma will be placed at the monument.

Barre Library Trustees are considering whether the purchase of a computer for public use would be an addition to or a distraction from the kind of services that has been offered to the public in the 128 years since the library began in a section of the town post office in 1857. Input form all interested members of the community is solicited and desires and can be effected by mail, phone, in direct conversation with library personnel or by dropping a slip in the "input"

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,
I have been a very bad cat lately and only lapping off the butter on my morning toast.

Missy got upset with me and I have not had any toast for three whole days. Maybe, if I purr loudly and rub her legs this morning, she will relent. Yep, it worked. However, I was very careful to eat every crumb.

I hope she will continue and give me my toast tomorrow morning. Then, I wandered into the computer room after I had my breakfast and what did I spy, but a drawer in her filing cabinet open about four inches. I reached in with my paw and hauled out some papers.

Boy, this is fun. I have a large pile in front of me. Perhaps, I better stop before Missy comes in to read her daily emails. I'll just jump up on the computer table and play with the string that is attached to the wall light.

It has a nice knot attached to the bottom of the string and it swings nicely. Oh, oh, I hear Missy coming so I'll better hide under the bed. I do like that new hiding place by the night stand.

I have just arisen from my morning nap and am headed for the front hall. Missy brought home a lot of books the other day and maybe I can play with a few. They are in a box and I may be able to fish out one.

If that doesn't work, I can crawl into the big red shopping bag and roll around. That type of exercise would be good for my back. Next, I found a large rubber band by the red bag and started playing and twisting with that.

The only thing is it was missing the next morning. I guess the cleaner picked up. Oh, well, I'll find something else to play with. I noticed a pen on the coffee table next to Missy.

I often sit up on the rack next to her chair in the morning as she sips her coffee. She won't get mad if I play with the pen. Oh, oh I hear her sputtering about all the papers, I pulled out of the file cabinet. I guess I better get out of sight for a little while.

Love,
Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Finally we got some much needed rain Saturday night.

Using a bucket, I have been watering my potted things and some things I have transplanted. The soil has been very dry and hard.

I went to the flea market and bought a few things on Sunday. I only did a few rows, as I needed to get home before Ken got out of bed.

I spread some lime on the front lawn and gardens and will do the back this week. New England always needs lime according to Ray Crawford.

I have a handyman now and boy is he good and fast. He has gathered all the pine branches and leaves and placed them in the woods so the lawns are now clear. I have several more projects for him to do.

He is very interested in rare wildflowers and when he finds one he puts in a painted stake. He has many lovely pictures of his finds on his camera phone, which he showed me.

I have been trying to learn my ferns so I bought a new book at the flea market on ferns, but they are houseplant ferns. I also have a book on outside ferns of the area. To help learn which is which, I take a clipping of them and press them in a book and then put between a plastic sleeve and label them. I have found about eight different ones on our property so far.

The Japanese painted ferns and the maidenhair ferns were purchased and planted. They have spread quite a lot and I put them in the hosta bed mostly.

The Viburnum bush is in full bloom this week as are the lilacs.

I went to the Hubbardston Senior Center plant sale and purchased two flats of tomatoes and some pansies. I planted the pansies in the window box on the wood shed and in various hanging pots. The petunias from Mothers' Day have been planted in hanging pots also.

Here is a recipe I plan to make this week as I have some ham and crescent rolls.

HAM RING

- 2 packages crescent rolls
- 1/4 lb. ham
- 1/4 lb. Provolone cheese
- 1/4 lb. broccoli
- 1 small onion
- 2 tablespoons mustard

In pizza pan, form crescent rolls into a ring with the points on outside. Overlap a little, then roll with a roller to flatten. Chop ham, cheese, broccoli and onion into very small pieces. Mix together with mustard. Spoon mix onto crescent ring.

Bring points of the crescent rolls over top of mix. Fold under edge to close (there will be spaces showing inside mix). Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until brown. Serves six.

This and That

Hopefully our deck will be sealed before I have to put the houseplants out at the end of May. I have put some of the hollyhock seedlings out to harden them before I plant them.

I have not seen any sign of the beautiful hollyhocks we had last year. I checked the vegetable garden where they were along the fence and there is no sign of them.

There is a large lupine plant and the strawberries are in blossom. The blueberries are in both blossom and berries. The wild ones are in berry and the cultivated ones are in blossom. Hopefully the frost did not injure them.

There are quite a few blossoms on the apple trees and I hope the bees pollinated them. The crab apple and pear trees have lost their blossoms now.

I hope you can get a good walk in, but be careful along roadways as there are a lot of branches hanging from the winter ice storm.

Did you notice that the electric bills have finally gone down?



Dazed for dahlias

Do you ever get sidetracked?

Well, last night I went into my mudroom to assess my dahlia collection in preparation for planting. Besides housing baskets and buckets of dahlia tubers, the mudroom contains a wood box, lots of coats and shoes, and when the temperatures dip into into the negative realm, it may house a chicken or two.

Our big, upright freezer is also in the mudroom. Why were the floorboards in front of the door wet?

Upon inspection, the freezer wasn't at temperature and the contents had partially thawed. Just what I needed on a Saturday night.

After the mess was cleaned up and what could be salvaged was, I rewarded myself with some alone-time with my dahlias.

I chuckle when I think that the last time I wrote about dahlias I had four varieties. I'm at 10 in two short years - oops, make that 11 after the tuber I purchased at the plant sale yesterday.

It's hard not to become a collector when they come in so very many flower types and sizes, from a mere couple of inches to the size of a dinner plate.

Read on for a refresher course on dahlia growing, and if you become inspired to purchase a tuber or two, rest easy with the cost: you'll be giving the off-spring away before you know it!

Plant dahlias in full sun, in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about 3 inches deep and 1-3 feet away from one another, depending on plant size. Providing enough air circulation between plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches or so depending on variety. Without the use of stakes, large flowers will likely topple in the wind and rain,

sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with it.

Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip.

This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers. Once blooming starts it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it.

Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted. Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth.

As the growing season draws to a close, hold back on water and any supplemental fertilization you have been providing. This will give the tubers a chance to harden off before they are removed from the ground.

Dig up dahlia tubers either just prior to or soon after frost hits. Leave a small portion of stem attached to the tubers - it is a great place to adhere a label.

Take it from me - it is easy to forget a name over the winter months!

Soil should be eased off the tubers with a spray of water before placing in storage. Choose a location to overwinter your tubers that maintain 40-50 degrees temps and 90% humidity.

These conditions will keep them dormant and healthy until it is time to replant. Many people have good luck using a cold basement or root cellar; small quantities of tubers can be stored in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

Placing tubers in damp peat moss, saw dust, shredded leaves, or even ventilated plastic bags will help to prevent shriveling. Be sure to check on your tubers every couple of weeks throughout the offseason.

Should you see shriveling, mist them with clean water and re-dampen the medium in which they were placed. If you see mold, bring down the temperature and humidity level.

Some dahlias like to get a jump-start on the season by prestarting dahlias indoors.

We have done this occasionally at Old Sturbridge Village and I am always amazed at just how fast the plants grow, and how quickly they outgrow their pots and become leggy. If you attempt it, four weeks prior to the last spring frost would be soon enough.

It's my hope that you will venture into the land of dahlia growing and love it as much as I do!

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

DCR opens new multi-use trail

BARRE – In the Barre woods just north of where the Ware River crosses Rt 122 lies a section of trail fondly referred to as T8.

Long used by hikers and equestrians, T8 has for just as long been a problem for all, including the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection who manages the land. Steep and rocky in places, it is flanked by numerous water crossings and muddy patches. These wet locations have kept Dan Clark, DWSP Quabbin/Ware River Regional Director, up at night because they drain into the public water supply. Recently, beavers added to the problem by expanding the watery areas.

Dan worked to devise a new trail that skirts these problem areas. To pitch his idea, he met with the Ware River Watershed

Advisory Committee, Trails Subcommittee (TSC). This panel of 21 citizen volunteers represents 9 organizations and committees from the four primary towns in the watershed.

Less than half a mile long, the new trail presents a variety of eye-catching sights. Starting at the single-lane, gravel-topped Granger Road, the new trail crosses an open field, passes through classic New England style stone walls, traverses the top of a small ridge overlooking a one-acre beaver pond with a magnificent lodge in the middle and then slopes down past the beaver dam before connecting with the Ware River Rail Trail.

The TSC stepped up to build the new trail. Brett Russ, Director of the TSC and President of the Wachusett Chapter of the New England Mountain Biker

Association mapped out the trail's exact GPS coordinates. Lynne Goodnow, President of the Barre Riding and Driving Club, organized volunteers. As soon as all the necessary paperwork was neatly submitted, Dan signed off on the project.

Armed with loppers, rakes, and shovels, the small army of 20 officially-sanctioned volunteers went to work on April 29. The primary obstacles were numerous blown down trees, scraggle left over from previous logging, and what seemed like an endless array of brush and small saplings. Care was taken to leave the ground and stone walls as undisturbed as possible, and no live trees were taken. With the new trail in place, the old trail was blocked off with fallen tree trunks, and the new trail was officially opened for all to enjoy.

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Other members agreed. School committee chair Mark Brophy said the committee should borrow the \$387,344 (a state bid) for the chiller replacement, but instead should continue to

encourage donations for the press box and bleachers. The district received over \$30,000 in donations to date.

Duval said she was not sure the school district could borrow such a small amount so she emailed the financial advisor, who responded back in the affirmative. They

also changed some wording of the article written by bond counsel to only list the chiller and not the second project and to include a reference to the section of the regional school agreement. The board unanimously approved the motion made by committee member "Lee" Wolanin.

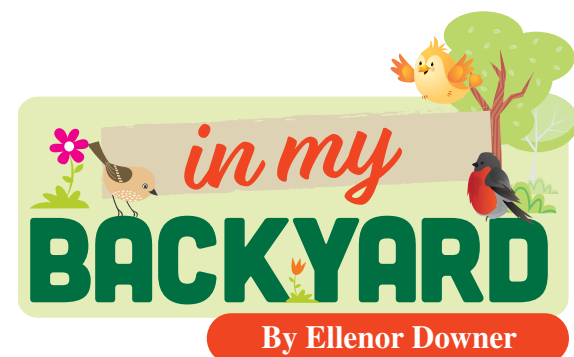
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Quabbin School District would host the Special Olympics on May 25. John Wyman said an open house for school choice students and parents was held earlier this month and a sixth grade transition

night the end of April. He said about 20 students would be going to Sisson Engineering in Orange and another group visited Flexicon in Spencer.

Greg Devine said there would be an early college process informational meeting on June 7. He also mentioned a free summer program offered by Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner

for high school students. He said Assumption University offered a two day summer program for eighth and ninth graders to experience what college was like. The post grad students will be holding a town wide yard sale June 10 in New Braintree. People may drop off donations for the yard sale at the New Braintree Grade School during regular school hours.



Sandhill crane



I received an email from an Oakham resident last week, who had "three very raucous sandhill cranes" fly past his house, heading northeast.

He said he went to a web site to verify their call and he included the link in his email. To hear sandhill cranes visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYnHI9MqkE0>.

The sandhill crane is a 45 inches tall heron like bird. It is gray with a dark red patch on its forehead and a black bill. Some feathers on the back and wings are rusty-colored, possibly due to staining while preening from iron rich mud on its bill. They feed by picking or probing with the bill and eating weeds, agricultural grains and small animals.

A pair of sandhill cranes have nested in Hardwick for several years and successfully raised young. The cranes the Oakham resident heard flying over might be those.

The sandhill crane makes a mound like nest of arch plants, grasses and weeds placed on the ground

or in shallow water. The female lays one to three olive eggs with dark marks. There call is a low pitched "karoooo, karoooo karoooo." Courtship displays are often seen during migration and involve graceful jumps off the ground in a dance like manner.

Years ago, a Barre resident saw a pair doing their courtship antics while they were in a field in Barre. This was years before the nesting pair appeared in Hardwick, so I assume they were in route to their summer breeding grounds further north.

Sandhill cranes form huge flocks in winter and during migration. They are often seen in agricultural fields and roost at night in the center of shallow lakes or large shallow rivers.

Nesting bluebirds

An Oakham resident said she has nesting bluebirds again this year. She said usually the bluebirds and swallows squabble over the nest box, but she has not seen the swallows this year. She was wondering if anyone else has seen swallows.

I have seen them in my hayfield and I also saw some flying over Long Pond in Rutland.

Nesting ospreys

I received another email this week about the nesting pair of ospreys in Wilbraham. He said the pair were on or near the nest. If the eggs hatched, the young were too small to be seen. He will make a return trip later.

In a previous column he said for anyone wanting to go see this nest the best place to view the nest is from the Wilbraham Senior Center parking lot and park on the side of the lot facing the playing fields. There are stick nests on three light poles.

Hummingbirds

An Oakham couple reported lots of hummingbirds at their feeder. They keep busy filling the nectar feeders. People may make their own nectar by adding 1/4 cup white sugar to 1 cup water and bring to a boil. I make extra nectar, which I keep in the refrigerator. It will keep up to a week, but I am refilling every two to three days so it never gets past the one week mark.

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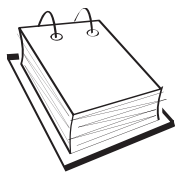
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 25

ORANGE FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. now through Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Orange Armory, 135 East Main St., Orange. Vendors offer a full range of Farmers Market products: veggies (in season), flowers, baked goods, annual and perennial plants, herbal remedies, milk and ice cream, soaps, craft items and more. Music entertainment will also take place at the market thanks to an Orange Cultural Council grant.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28

13 ANNUAL WARE REMEMBERS CEREMONY 2023 sponsored by the Ware Historical Society will be held today at 6 p.m. at the Ware Center Meeting House. This lovely and moving ceremony, at the first town hall and the first church in Ware, will be held on Memorial Day weekend to honor loved ones, military and civilian, residents from Ware and elsewhere, living and deceased. Forms are available at the Ware River News, All Saints Church, Ware Post Office Lobby Bulletin Board, Ware YMLA Library or call Polli at 413-967-6882 for more information. Please join the event to honor a loved one with a flag, then join us for our ceremony, in person. One form, one flag, one name, one \$5 donation will guarantee an American flag will be placed on the historic Meeting House green through Flag Day. Multiple forms and donations are welcome. Anonymous donors must provide a phone number. Make checks payable to the Ware Historical Society. People may drop off or mail donations to Ware Remembers-2023, 67 West Main St., Ware, MA 01082. All completed forms and donations must be received by Monday, May 22.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

YOUNG FOREST HABITAT HIKE in the Ware River Watershed will take place today from 10 a.m.-noon for a one-mile moderate hike. Participants will meet at the Department of Conservation and Recreation Oakham Field Office, 578 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. People will carpool to the walk site

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Barre. 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 29. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, James Laramie and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. Bill Bowles also correctly identified the week before mystery photo. Last week's photo was the

People should register by visiting https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/events?_page=1.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre and will be held every Monday night. People may email Julie at julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 or just show up at rehearsals. Margaret Reidy is the director.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

YARD SALE sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. Francis Parish will be held today from 9 a.m.-noon at St. Joseph's Chapel, South Street, Barre. There will

be household items, Snow Village pieces, Depression glass dinner ware. Yard sale items include donations from a person, who is moving.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S DAY with the Weir River Jazz will be held today at 2 p.m. on the lawn on the Stone Church Cultural Center, Main Street, (Route 32), Gilbertville. All are welcome to this free concert. Refreshments will be provided.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

FREE CONCERT WITH LEONARDO CIAMPA will take place today at 7:30 p.m. in Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester in memory of Dr. Sherrill A.

"Ted" Gonna, a well-known Worcester music lover and supporter. CIAMPA will perform on both the piano and organ with guest artists: Letitia Stevens, soprano; Dianne Spoto, flue and Nino Ciampa, percussion and the Henry Purcell Society of Boston. Admission is free, but pre-registration is recommended. People may register by calling 508-752-5608 or on line by visiting mechanicshall.org. Seating in the Great Hall will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND at South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road, Hardwick will have a chicken barbecue and the Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show at noon. Tickets are \$20 per person and can pick them up at clubhouse or call 413-477-6879. There will be numerous raffle items, music and a cash bar.

30TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL will be held today from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Parish, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. The menu includes baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade potato salad, homemade Cole slaw, rolls, coffee, water and strawberry shortcake. The meal will be served family style and take out is also available. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$7 per child age 5- 10 years old. Tickets are available after Masses or by calling the rectory at 508-867-6811.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

ORANGE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS are held on the bandstand in Butterfield Park, Orange today, June 30, and July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28 at 7 p.m. The band rehearses Wednesdays, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 evenings at the Central Congregational Church in Orange.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

TIM MORAN MEMORIAL CAR SHOW will take place today with registration from 8:30-11:30 a.m. with plaques at 1:30 p.m. at the North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club, 20 Boynton Road, North Brookfield. Donation is \$15 per show vehicle and spectators are free. There will be lunch, cash bar and 50/50 raffle. D.J. Bruce Marshall will provide music. For show information, people may call Gary at 508-450-8643.



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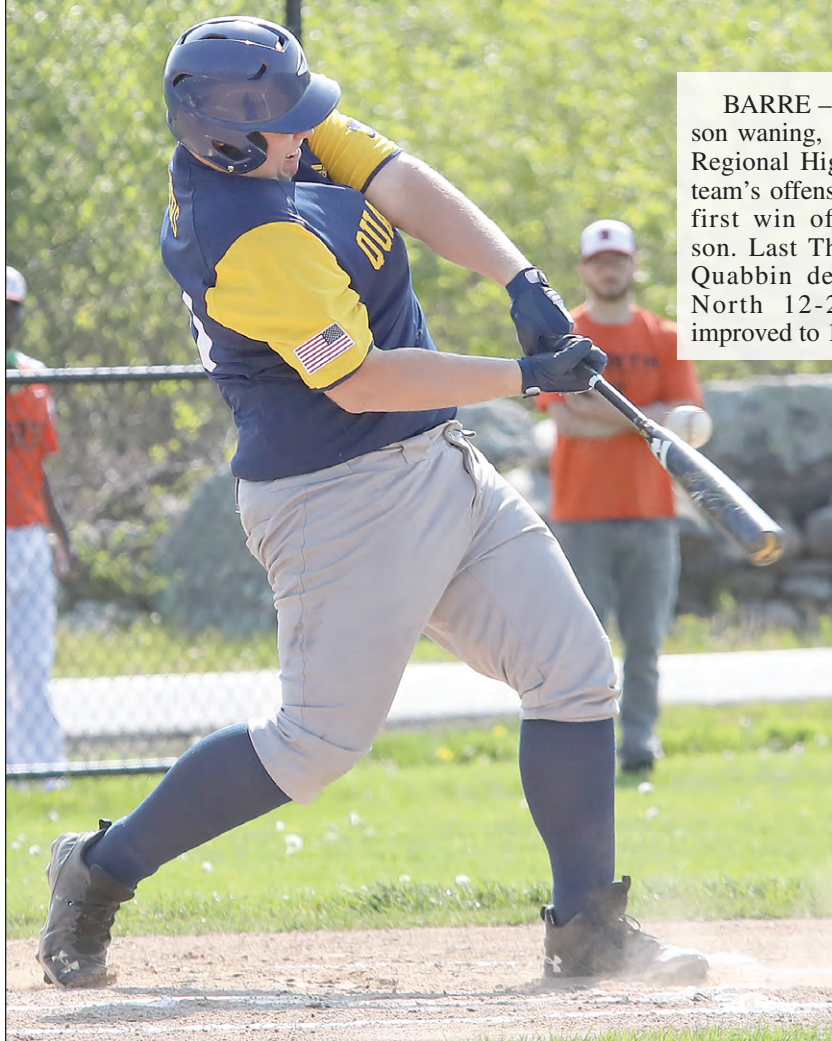
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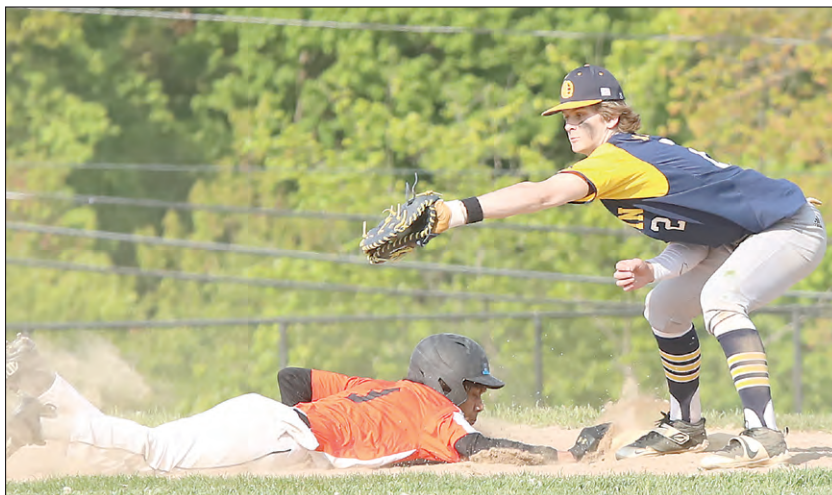
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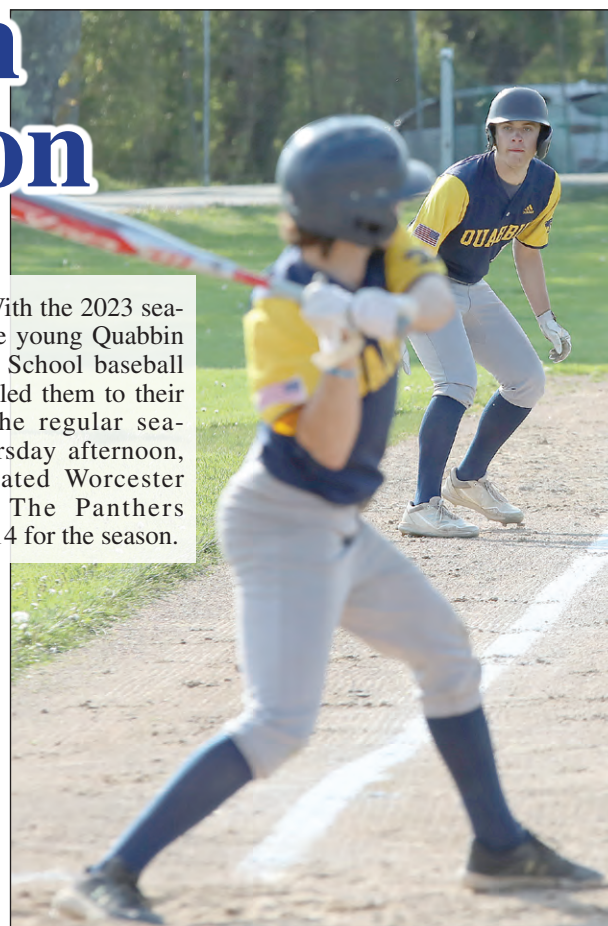
Colton Wells leads off the first with a single.

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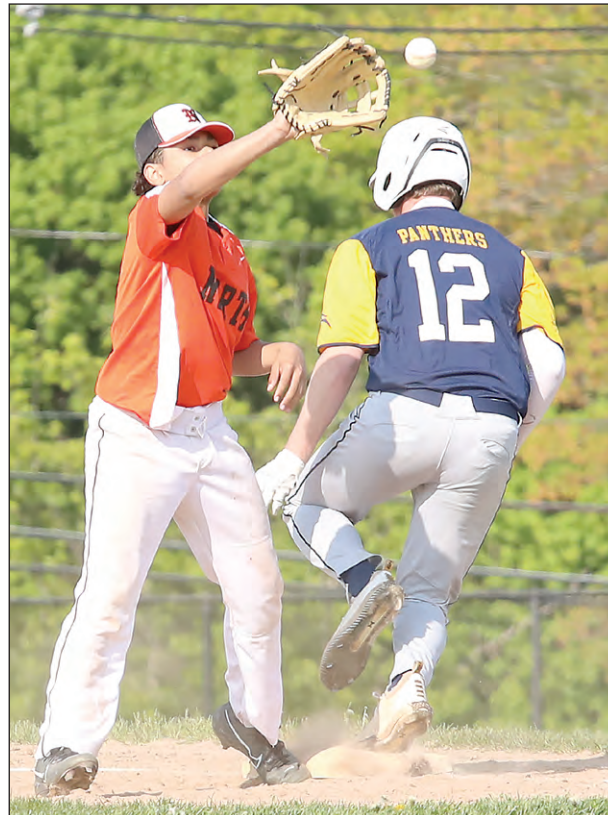


Matt Sands beats out the play.

BARRE – With the 2023 season waning, the young Quabbin Regional High School baseball team's offense led them to their first win of the regular season. Last Thursday afternoon, Quabbin defeated Worcester North 12-2. The Panthers improved to 1-14 for the season.



Tyler Clarks carefully leads off third base.



Nick Warburton catches a runner at first base.

Panthers complete the walk-off against Gardner

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Two weeks after the Quabbin varsity softball team celebrated their first victory of the regular season with a blowout win against the Gardner Wildcats, the second meeting between the Mid-Wach League rivals was a much closer affair.

The Lady Panthers, who were trailing, 5-1, entering the bottom of the fourth inning, battled back on senior day for an exciting 6-5 walk off victory over the Lady Wildcats, last Thursday afternoon.

Senior catcher Tori Brewer delivered the game winning hit with a single into right field with one-out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"Tori has been a very consistent hitter all season long," said Quabbin head coach Chris Nosek. "Every time that she steps into the batter's box, you always feel like she's going to deliver a base hit. It was her first game winning hit in the two years that she's been playing for the varsity softball team."

The Lady Panthers, who are in the rebuilding process this spring, finished the regular season with a 2-14 record. They were scheduled to host Leicester High School in a non-playoff game on Wednesday afternoon.

Brewer, along with classmates, Brynn Adams, who starts in center field, and Sydney Giorgi, who starts at first base, were honored in a ceremony before the start of the Gardner game.

"All three of our seniors have been out-

standing captains this year," Nosek said. "Each of them bring something different to the team. We're really going to miss them next year."

The score was tied 5-5 entering the bottom of the seventh inning.

With one-out, eighth grader Kherington Deschanes, who was a pinch hitter, began the Lady Panthers rally with a double to center field. Then sophomore right fielder Jordan Blanchard hit a pop-up that landed close to the first base line. Instead of letting the ball roll into foul territory, a Gardner player touched the ball on the line putting runners at the corners. Following a walk to junior Mady Breault, which loaded the

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Unified track hosts meet



Gavin Majoy launches the javelin while Simon Gregory looks on.

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School has been privileged to host Unified Track for the second consecutive season. The program has been an incredible success and Quabbin has also been the host school for a league meet among teams in the area.

Photos by Ray Duffy

Max Mazeika throws the shot put.



Livy Gregory is assisted by Julie McIntyre setting up for a javelin throw.



Sam Breault takes her turn with the throw.



Goalie Gianluca Cerosimo kicks the ball away.

Photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Pioneers open regular campaign with win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Alec Hughes scored ten goals for the UMass men's soccer team as a junior. The forward has netted almost half that many goals in the Western Mass. Pioneers first two regular season matches.

Hughes scored a pair of goals in the season opening shutout victory at the Boston Bolts on May 16. He added two more goals to his stat sheet in the home opener, as the Pioneers celebrated a 3-0 win over Pathfinder FC on a miserable, rainy night at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday.

"I had never played a match at this stadium before last week's friendly, so scoring two goals in the home opener is very special for me," said Hughes, who's from Glastonbury, Connecticut. "Despite the rain, we still had a very good crowd here tonight. I can't wait to see the atmosphere at this stadium on a nice night. I just want to do anything that I can to help me team win."

Ben Brewster, who's the associate head coach of the UMass men's soccer team, recommended Hughes to Pioneers head

coach Federico Molinari. Brewster, who's a former Pioneers player, also coaches the club's USL Academy boys' team.

"I was very impressed with Alec when I watched him play for UMass last year," Molinari said. "He's a key player for us, but we need everyone to contribute in order to have a successful team."

Hughes, who played for Hartford City a year ago, thinks playing for the Pioneers will help him prepare for his senior season at UMass.

"We have several players from several different countries on this team," Hughes added. "It's also a little bit higher level than the Hartford team that I played for last summer."

The Pioneers, who are looking to qualify for the USL League Two playoffs for the fourth time since 2019, had several scoring chances during the first 45 minutes, but the contest was still scoreless at halftime.

"It was a little bit frustrating not scoring any goals during the first half," said Hughes, one of the first-year players listed on the Pioneers roster. "We had some good scoring opportunities, but we finally scored in the second half."

A little more than ten minutes into the opening half, Western Mass. midfielder Khalid Rose sent a pass into the box from the right side. A shot attempt from Tomas Duben, who's also a forward, was deflected away by Pathfinder FC goalkeeper Eirik Elvestad, who made the diving save.

Hughes also had a couple of headers during the first twenty minutes, but they either sailed wide or were saved by Elvestad, who finished the match with a total of five saves.

Pathfinder FC, who played their first match of the season, are from the Poughkeepsie, New York area.

Down at the other end of the field, first-year Western Mass. starting goalie Gianluca Cerosimo didn't see very much action on the rainy and windy night.

Cerosimo, who was a grad student on the L.I.U men's soccer team last fall, made a kick save late in the first half. It wound up being his only save of the match.

Cerosimo received plenty of support from his defense, which was led by Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro, Gabriel

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Sports

Bonsignore gets the checkered flag at Riverhead

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – A classic short-track battle between two of the veterans of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour ended with Justin Bonsignore's 10th career Riverhead Raceway win on Sunday afternoon in the Buzz Chew 200. Bonsignore started from the top spot after scoring his 25th career pole in qualifying and ran second for much of the race, but was able to roll the outside lane by Ron Silk on a late restart to get back to Victory Lane.



Submitted photo

Justin Bonsignore scored a modified win at Riverhead Raceway last weekend.

Silk led much of the race – but a caution late stacked the field up and gave Bonsignore another shot. The two battled side-by-side, beating and banging during a short-track battle in New York. Off turn four, Bonsignore was sideways on the outside lane, but a caution flew for a multiple-car accident and Bonsignore was out front, holding the advantage for the final restart of the 200-lap race.

Bonsignore drove off turn four to the checkered flag. The victory places Bonsignore just one short of the Whelen Modified Tour wins record at Riverhead – 11 – held by Mike Ewanitsko. Bonsignore will have a chance to tie when the series returns to Riverhead on June 24.

The win was also Bonsignore's 36th career – giving him sole possession of fourth place on the all-time wins list on the Whelen Modified Tour. He now sits just seven wins short of Ted Christopher for the top-three.

"Ron and I have been beating the heck out of each other all year," Bonsignore said. "The caution towards the end was good for us. You just have to keep yourself in these races and it fell our way today. It's unbelievable to get number 10 at Riverhead. I can't thank everyone on this team enough. It's a cool way to get to Victory Lane. All of these are special. Tying Mike has been a goal of ours for a long time and to get this close to the record is special. These races never get any easier to win."

In just six days, Justin Bonsignore will return to the track with the next race on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule – the Granite State Derby at Lee USA Speedway – on Saturday, May 27. For more information and tickets for the race, visit JDVProductions.com.

For more information on Justin Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports team, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates.

Hall of Fame Classic teams announced

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the field of teams for the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic at the MassMutual Center on Saturday, Dec. 16. Florida Atlantic, whose 2022-23 season culminated in a Final Four berth, will join UMass, West Virginia, and St. Bonaventure in an exciting doubleheader.

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"We are thrilled to welcome these four teams to Springfield in December for what is sure to be an exciting doubleheader," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Since the City of Springfield is the birthplace of basketball, we look forward to providing a unique experience to the teams and their fans which will include a visit to the Hall of Fame."

The Basketball Hall of Fame Classic is one event in the Hall of Fame's series of collegiate events, which continues

to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to continue its relationship with LEARFIELD for sponsorship representation of its portfolio of collegiate events and Position Sports in an event operations, content and communications capacity.

Tickets for the 2023 Basketball Hall of Fame Classic will go on sale Friday, June 2 via massmutualcenter.com and the MassMutual Center Box Office. Game times and television broadcast details will be released at a later date. For more information, please visit hoophall.com.

Correction

In the May 11 edition of the Barre Gazette, Quabbin boys track photos were incorrectly attributed. The photos were by Ray Duffy. We apologize for the error.

Education

MWCC holds pinning ceremony for veterinary technology graduates

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College welcomed fourteen students to the veterinary technology profession on May 9 in a traditional pinning ceremony.

Dean Veronica Guay, Program Director Tara Novak, CVT, LATG, President James Vander Hooven and Gardner Mayor Michael Nicholson welcomed the students.

"I offer my deepest congratulations and appreciation to our graduates, you have successfully made it through a very difficult program," Vander Hooven told students. "You have chosen a caring profession, one which will require you to not only care for animals, but to empathize with their humans as well. You are going to make an enormous difference and impact in our community and the world, and we wish you luck."

The MWCC Veterinary Technology program extends its thanks to its partnering veterinary hospitals and local farms: Gardner Animal Care Center, Minglewood Farm and Hanson Farm both of North Brookfield, Hemlock Hill Farm in Ashby,



Submitted photo

Shown from left are, Professor Jen Davis, Jenna Hasche, Angelica Marfisi, Assistant Professor Hilary Blair, Sabrina Poirier, Kailyn Parker, Zach Serafini, Program Director Tara Novak, Emily Locke, Kate Firth, Maija Blomquist, Alina Oberg, Lindsey Raymond, Casey Wayrynen, and Leanne Proctor.

and Charles River Laboratories in Worcester.

The students were pinned by a family member, friend or faculty and then recited the Veterinary Technician Oath as the newest member's veterinary field.

They included: Maija

Blomquist of Hubbardston; Rebecca Epstein of Pepperell; Katelyn Firth of Westborough; Jenna Hasche of Westford; Emily Locke of Brookfield; Angelic Marfisi of Gardner; Alina Oberg of Fitchburg; Kailyn Parker of Westminster;

Sabrina Poirier of Leominster; Leanne Proctor of Lunenburg; Lindsey Raymond of Athol; Megan Rossi of Fitchburg; Zachary Serafini of Rindge, New Hampshire and Casey Wayrynen of New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

COLLEGE NEWS

Seraya Dauksewich inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD – Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society welcomed Seraya Dauksewich of Ware into Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society on April 27 at the Western New England University chapter's annual induction ceremony in the University Commons.

Dauksewich is working toward a degree in business.

Beta Gamma Sigma is

a national honor society for business majors at schools accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Students are selected from the top 7% of juniors, top 10% of seniors, and top 20% of graduate students. Candidates must have completed two semesters of study at Western New England University.

Rachel Benefiel makes Cedarville University Dean's List

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Rachel Benefiel of Hubbardston and majoring in English, was named to the spring 2023 Dean's Honor List at Cedarville

University. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Angelina Howard graduates from SUNY Potsdam

POTSDAM, NY – Angelina Howard of Oakham graduated cum laude from the State University of New York at Potsdam with a Bachelor of Music degree in music business and arts management.

SUNY Potsdam honored candidates for graduation at commencement on Saturday,

May 20. During commencement, SUNY Potsdam honors students who have either earned their degree or are eligible to graduate during that calendar year.

To learn more about commencement at SUNY Potsdam, people may visit www.potsdam.edu/commencement.

SNHU announces Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH – Southern New Hampshire University announces the winter 2023 Dean's List.

The winter term run from January to May.

Local students making the Dean's List are: Chelsea Sanders of North Brookfield and Matthew Wiktor of Hardwick.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

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bases, Brewer (3-for-4) stepped into the batter's box and ended the game with a base hit.

Breault, who started the game at second base, wound up as the winning pitcher.

She replaced eighth grader Abby Rogowski in the middle of the circle with no outs in the

fourth inning.

The Quabbin varsity softball coach is looking forward to watching Rogowski pitch during the next four years.

"Abby is a self-taught pitcher," Nosek said. "She has a high ceiling and I'm very excited about what's going to happen over the next four years. She always challenges herself to be perfect every time that she's hitting, pitching,

and fielding. Our plan for today's game was to pitch Abby the first three innings and have Mady pitch the final four. They pitched very well in today's game."

While Rogowski allowed five runs on four hits, Breault didn't allow any runs on only three hits. She retired the final six batters of the game, which gave her teammates the opportunity to make a comeback.

Gardner (1-15) managed to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Quabbin got one of those runs right back in the home half of the inning when junior Meg Doyle hit a ground rule double to center scoring Adams, who walked.

Just like Brewer, Doyle finished the game with three base hits. She needed a triple to hit for the cycle.

The Lady Wildcats scored another run in the second and two more in the fourth inning.

Trailing 5-1, the Lady Panthers began their comeback in the bottom of the fourth with back-to-back RBI singles from Brewer and Adams.

Doyle leadoff the following inning by hitting a towering home run over the centerfield fence closing the gap to 5-4.

With one-out in the sixth inning, Brewer drew a walk and Adams (2-for-3) hit a blooper into right field for a single. Then a pop-up hit by Giorgi was dropped by the second baseman, but because there was only one out, the base umpire had already enforced the infield fly rule. The batter was automatically out, but the base runners can advance at their own risk. Brewer took off towards third base and she wound up scoring the tying run on a throwing error.

Quabbin did strand two runners in scoring position in that frame, but they managed to take the lead for the first time in their final at-bats.

It was a perfect way to end the Lady Panthers senior day.

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Athlete of the Month



NAME: Will Hood
SCHOOL: Quabbin

In a recent boys track meet, Hood paced the competition with a win in the 100-meter race.

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Sunday, May 7
 7:02 Animal – Animal Complaint, Old Hardwick Road, Message Delivered
 8:41 a.m. Tree in Wires, Old Hardwick Road, No Action Required
 10:21 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Services Rendered
 6:29 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Peach Street, Information Given
 11:12 p.m.. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Report Filed

Monday, May 8
 9:23 a.m. Fire – Public Service Call, Sunrise Avenue, Public Assistant
 3:03 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
 3:45 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 9
 6:30 a.m. Missing Person, Town Farm Road, Report Filed
 11:46 a.m. Death Notification, Town Farm Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, May 10
 6:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning
 8:58 a.m. Serve Warrant, North Brookfield Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Remillard, Jessie D., 37, Barre
 Charges: Warrant
 Arrest: Murray, Ashley M., 36, South Barre
 Charges: Warrant
 10:09 a.m. Overdose/Poisoning,

North Brookfield Road, No Transport Required
 11:54 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:01 p.m. Abdominal-Back Pain, Worcester Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 6:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 11
 7:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Wells, Carol Jean, 70, Barre
 Charges: Warrant
 1:40 p.m. Falls, Edward Lane, No Action Required
 4:08 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Report Filed
 Summons: Laza, Malvin A., 37, South Barre
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Number Plate Violation to Cancel ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued
 10:39 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Services Rendered

Friday, May 12
 12:54 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Services Rendered
 9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Vehicle Towed
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Higgins, Raymond J. Jr., 66, Barre

Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 7:15 p.m. Fire – Appliance Fire, Main Street, Fire Extinguished
 7:48 p.m. Sick/Unknown, South Street, No Fire Service Necessary
 10:10 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital
 10:28 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Harty Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Saturday, May 13
 1:09 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:48 a.m. Vandalism, Exchange Street, Investigated
 11:27 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital
 12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
 8:35 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint, North Brookfield Road, Peace Restored

SOUTH BARRE

Monday, May 8
 1:54 p.m. Threats, Cedar Street, Officer Advised
 2:52 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Report Filed

Wednesday, May 10
 9:29 a.m. Arrest, North Brookfield Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Remillard, Jessie D., 37, Barre
 Charges: Warrant

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, May 7
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fishermans Road, Written Warning
 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prospect Street, Written Warning
 2:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prescott Road, Written Warning
 3:46 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Watson Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:21 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Orchard Hill Drive, Negative Contact
 8:26 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Services Rendered

Monday, May 8
 5:43 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Eastern Lane, Transported to Hospital
 8:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Jamie Ann Drive, Report Filed
 12:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Glenwood Road, Services Rendered
 2:22 p.m. Threats, Clealand Circle, Report Filed
 8:31 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Edson Avenue, Officer Advised

Tuesday, May 9
 2:18 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Maple Avenue, Services Rendered
 7:51 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Woodside Avenue, Report Filed

3:32 p.m. Serve Warrant, Settlers Lane, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Bettencourt, Scott Cole, 27, Rutland
 Charges: Warrant
 10:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 Summons: Kenda, Timothy A., 34, Rutland
 Charges: Leave Scene of Property Damage, Vandalize Property, Trespass, Breaking and Entering for Misdemeanor, Wanton Defacement of Property

Wednesday, May 10
7:10 a.m. Fuel Spill, Maple Avenue, Services Rendered
 8:30 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, No Action Required
 12:51 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Edson Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 11
 8:42 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 10:26 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brintnal Drive, Written Warning
 4:27 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Birchwood Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 5:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 6:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 7:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:51 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, River Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, May 12
 12:31 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non Police, Worcester Road, Services Rendered
 3:44 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 6:38 a.m. Serve Warrant, Bigelow Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest: Michaud, Michelle M., 52, Rutland
 Charges: Warrant
 8:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 2:09 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 3:52 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Tanglewood Circle, Report Filed
 8:26 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 10:55 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Spencer, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:15 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, Miles Road, No Action Required

Saturday, May 13
 11:01 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Negative Contact
 11:40 a.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 4 p.m. Water Rescue, Crawford Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:20 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Bushy Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:14 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, May 7
 1:44 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Gardner Road, Information Taken
 3:25 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Birches Road, Animal Returned to Owner
 8:24 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Service Rendered

Sunday, May 8
 7:26 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 3:15 p.m. Erratic Operator, New Westminster Road, Officer Advised
 4:03 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Richards Avenue, Officer Advised

Tuesday, May 9
 9:30 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation,

High Street, Negative Contact
 9:15 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Old Boston Turnpike, Information Taken

Wednesday, May 10
 1:26 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 11
 12:56 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Geordie Lane, Referred to Other Agency
 1:43 p.m. Fire – Mutual Aid Ambulance, Barre, No Fire Service Necessary

Friday, May 12
 12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Toledo, Haysha M., 31, Worcester

Charges: Number Plate Violation, Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 10:19 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:20 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), George Howard Road, Referred to Other Agency
 7:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Elm Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, May 13
 12:46 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Gardner Road, Services Rendered
 1:39 p.m. Brush and Wildland Fires, Old Boston Turnpike, Fire Extinguished
 9:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, No Action Required

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, May 7
 10:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Gacal, Jamal H, 28, South Barre
 Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR 08%

Monday, May 8
 8:20 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 11:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 9
 11:02 a.m. Unattended Death, Coldbrook Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, May 10
 12:51 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Edson Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road,, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 11
 8:58 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Old

Turnpike Road, Negative Contact
 10:26 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, May 12
 1:38 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, May 13
 8:54 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Services Rendered

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 41 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, four traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, 10 radar assignments, two citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one identity theft, one harassment, one safety hazard, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one motor vehicle investigation and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 15
 7:56 p.m. Identity Theft, Greenwich Road, Report Taken

Tuesday, May 16
 4:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, May 17
 1:42 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Gaudet Road, Spoken To

Thursday, May 18
 10:04 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 11:26 a.m. Harassment, Lyman Road, Report Taken

Friday, May 19
 8:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Dispatch Handled
 9:46 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered
 12:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Police Department, Spoken To
 5:22 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Maple Street, Merge

Saturday, May 20
 12:25 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated
 7:35 p.m. Fire Alarm, Bridge Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, May 21
 6:23 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered
 7:27 p.m. 911 Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Covered Bridge, Services Rendered
 9:47 p.m. Disturbance, North Street, Spoken To

Monday, May 22
 2 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Investigated
 3:02 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Church Lane, No Action Required

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of May 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 14 building/property checks, 36 directed/area patrols, three traffic controls, 10 radar assignments, one citizen assist, one complaint, two emergency 911 calls, one motor vehicle investigation, one safety hazard, one investigation, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, May 15
 5:34 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 16
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated

Wednesday, May 17
 9:47 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Oakham Road, Report Taken
 7:43 p.m. Investigation, Worcester Road, Investigated

Friday, May 19
 10:57 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Dennis Whitney Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, May 20
 11:52 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Ravine Road, Negative Contact

Sunday, May 21
 3:31 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Mara Road, Report Taken
 4:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mara Road, Officer Handled

MassDOT encourages drivers to keep eye out for motorcycles

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is raising awareness for motorcyclist safety and urging drivers to be mindful that as the weather becomes warmer, more motorcyclists will begin traveling on roadways throughout the Commonwealth.

Roadway safety is a shared responsibility and vehicle drivers play an essential role in motorcyclist safety by looking twice for motorcycles when pulling out onto roads and changing lanes. In addition, motorcyclists are encouraged to wear visible clothing, drive with caution and obey all rules of the road. Motorcyclists are also encouraged to only allow qualified and experienced individuals to use their motorcycles.

“Tragically, on average, about four motorcyclists were killed each month last year in crashes on Massachusetts roads,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca.

Recent data collected of roadway crashes in Massachusetts and nationwide have shown an alarming rate of roadway fatalities involving motorcycles. The total number of motorcycle fatalities in Massachusetts was 42 deaths in the calendar year 2022. Additionally, preliminary data from the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) suggests that nationwide there was a nine percent increase in motorcycle fatalities in traffic crashes from 2020 to 2021.

“The RMV underscores the importance of motorcycle safety, and the critical need for motorcyclists to be properly educated, trained and licensed to be able to safely and cautiously operate motorcycles, and navigate all types of roadway conditions in various weather conditions,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. “Riding a motorcycle can be exhilarating and fun but can also be dangerous as there is a higher risk for severe injury or fatality, so we encourage motorcyclists to be prepared, wear appropriate safety gear and helmets and always try to be bright and visible.”

Motorcyclists face an increased risk of severe injury and death when crashes occur. The two most common roadway fatality crashes are single-vehicle crashes that involve a motorcycle driver failing to negotiate a curve in the road, and crashes involving a left-turning vehicle striking a motorcycle.

Motorcyclists are encouraged to be prepared and participate in educational training courses that are offered through the state-sponsored Rider Education Program. The program seeks to increase

rider skills and safety on the road by providing quality rider education and training to both novice and experienced motorcycle riders. The program is specifically designed to assist riders of all levels and to promote the safe operation of motorcycles.

License waiver courses include Basic Rider Course, Basic Rider Course 2, Returning Rider – Basic Rider Course, and 3 Wheel – Basic Rider Course. MREP also offers additional non-licensing courses for motorcyclists that already have their motorcycle license. In 2022, approximately 6,782 individuals participated in MREP and out-of-state rider training education programs.

Additionally, the RMV has posted a series of PSA “At Home” motorcycle safety videos which highlight 14 licensed motorcyclists who are MassDOT employees sharing their riding experiences and discussing common safety problems facing motorcyclists on roadways. The interviews have safe driving tips, suggestions for motorcycle training, mention the dangers posed by vehicles making unsafe left turns, and include the slogan: “RIDE SMART.” The videos can be found on MassDOT’s YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzBxrvXzs-5EU2B-HxbDXa12eSUJxcskZB>.

Norovirus is in the community; Here’s what you need to know

SPRINGFIELD – Norovirus, which can infect adults and children throughout the year but is more prevalent from November to April, is now present in the local community, according to a news release from Baystate Health.

Norovirus is a very contagious virus that causes inflammation of the stomach or intestines called gastroenteritis with symptoms occurring 24 to 48 hours after infection. Noroviruses are the leading cause of foodborne illness in the United States, the release states.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the virus “can result in making you feel extremely ill accompanied by vomiting and diarrhea many times a day,” along with general nausea and abdominal pain. Other symptoms can include fever, headache, and body aches.

“When some people get infected with norovirus, they usually claim they have food poisoning, which is entirely possible, or they refer to their symptoms as having the ‘stomach bug’ or ‘stomach flu,’ while in the U.K. it is called the ‘winter vomiting bug,’” said Dr. Armando Paez, chief of Infectious Diseases at Baystate Health.

“The term ‘stomach flu’ is a misnomer because the illness has no relation to the flu, which is caused by the influenza virus, which is primarily a respiratory virus, and is still circulating in our communities,” said Paez.

“Thankfully, one usually recovers from the symptoms of norovirus infection in two-to-three days, while the flu can last up to a week with a lingering cough or tiredness,” Paez said.

Like many viral infections, there is no cure for the norovirus infection other than supportive care for your symptoms, including:

- Replating fluid losses by drinking oral rehydration solutions containing electrolytes to help to prevent further dehydration.
- Getting plenty of rest.
- Eating only plain foods such as soup, toast, rice, pasta, saltine crackers.
- Taking over-the-counter medicines to relieve nausea, fever, aches, and with caution, anti-diarrhea agents.
- “Older adults, adults with a weakened immune system, and adults with severe diarrhea or symptoms of dehydration should contact their doctors,” Paez said.
- “Always check with your child’s pediatrician before giving them any over-the-counter medicines, especially Imodium, Pepto-Bismol or Kaopectate.”
- The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases recommends that if your child has viral gastroenteritis, give them an oral rehydration solution – such as Pedialyte, Naturalyte, Infalyte, and Ceralyte – as directed to replace lost fluids and electrolytes. Oral rehydration

solutions are liquids that contain glucose and electrolytes. Talk with a doctor about giving these solutions to your infant. Infants should continue to drink breast milk or formula as usual.

IS IT CONTAGIOUS?

Norovirus is extremely contagious. You can get infected with the virus by accidentally getting tiny particles of feces or vomit from an infected person to your mouth, or from eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water, by touching a surface that has become contaminated with the virus and then touching your mouth, or by having direct contact with someone who is infected with norovirus such as by caring for them or sharing food or eating utensils with them.

“Similar to protecting yourself from many viruses, you should practice proper hand hygiene by washing your hands thoroughly with soap and water to help prevent the spread of norovirus. Unfortunately, hand sanitizers usually do not work against this virus,” Paez said.

Also, If you are sick, do not prepare food for others at least two days have passed after your symptoms have resolved. Clean and disinfect any area contaminated with vomit or feces that can harbor this virus.

For more information about Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org.

Public Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS PROBATE COURT 23P0857PM

To all persons interested in the estate of **Jane A. Klorer** of Oakham in said County, person under conservatorship.

A petition has been presented to said Court for authority to sell - private sale, certain real estate of said Jane A. Klorer for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before, ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **thirteenth day of June 2023**, the return day of this citation.

Witness **LEILAH A. KEAMY** Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of May 2023.

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
05/25/2023

New Braintree Property Inspections to Resume

The Board of Assessors in the town of New Braintree announces that Patrick J. Haring, MAA, a specialist in residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property will conduct a portion of property inspections throughout the town during the months of May - September. The purpose of the cyclical visits is to enable the New Braintree Assessors to maintain quality and current data regarding the condition of New Braintree properties. An exterior inspection includes the measurement of the building(s). An interior inspection is necessary to assure accurate and equitable assessment. It is hoped that residents will be aware the Mr. Haring may be visiting their properties. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessors Office at 508-867-2071, extension 103 or assessors@newbraintree.org. 05/18, 05/25/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO23P1727EA Estate of: Hazel Sokoloski Date of Death: 02/05/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative**

has been filed by **Fitchburg Healthcare of Fitchburg, 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: **Matthew Weir of Holden, 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 06/13/2023**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to 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 17, 2023
Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
05/25/2023

Town of Barre Board of Sewer Commissioners Public Hearing
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Sewer Commissioners relative to increasing the Sewer User

Fees. This hearing will be held on **Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:15PM** at the Department of Public Works Building, 441 Wheelwright Road, Barre, Massachusetts. Any person wishing to comment may do so at that time. Any questions may be directed to the DPW by phone: 978-355-5013 or email: dpw@townofbarre.com. 05/25/2023

Trial Court of Massachusetts The Superior Court Dennis P. McManus Clerk of Courts Worcester County Worcester Superior Court 225 Main Street Room 1008 Worcester, MA 01608 DOCKET NUMBER 2385CV00536-C ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Country Bank for Savings v David J. Twiss TO: David J. Twiss, Worcester MA, all in said Commonwealth;

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 et seq.;

Country Bank for Savings claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in MA, known and numbered as 175 Pleasant Street, Barre MA 01005

given by David J. Twiss to Country Bank for Savings dated 02/24/2016, and recorded in Worcester County District Registry of Deeds, in Book 54975, Page 172 has/have filed with this court a Complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemember status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Worcester Superior Court** on or before **06/28/2023** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **Judith Fabricant**, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Worcester, Massachusetts, this 17th day of May, 2023.

Dennis P. McManus Clerk of Courts
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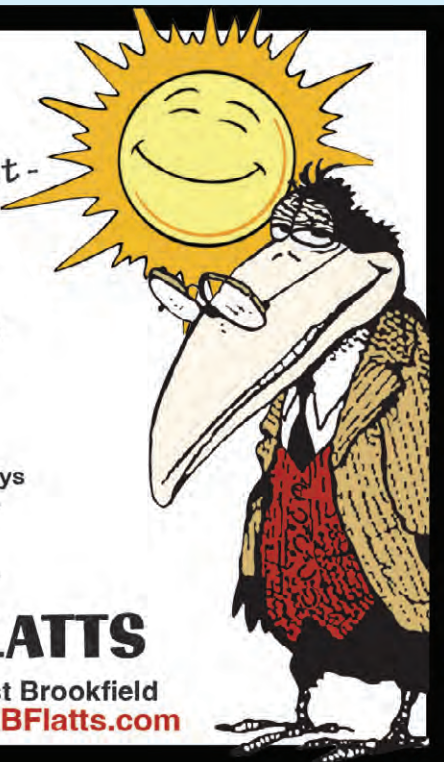
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