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Memorial Day honors those who gave 'last full measure'

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BARRE – Once again American Legion Post #2 honored those in the words of Abraham Lincoln who gave "the last full measure of devotion."

These words spoken by the 16th President at the dedication of the Gettysburg Cemetery referred to the Union soldiers, who gave their lives fighting in the Civil War. The words spoken over 160 years ago still ring true today.

This year's Memorial Day in Barre included the dedication of the 911 Monument as part of the ceremony. Dennis Fleming, Chairman of the 911 Memorial Committee spoke briefly before the dedication and ribbon cutting. He acknowledged the many donors for the project espe-



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American Legion members march past the Barre Historical Building on Common Street, Barre in the Memorial Day on Monday, May 26.

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Joe Szczepanke gives a salute.

Hardwick honors the fallen

HARDWICK – On the Sunday before Memorial Day, residents of town gathered throughout each village to join their veterans, police, fire, EMS and town officials honor those who served our country.

Starting in Wheelwright, Parade Marshal Donald Martel led the assembly to

the World War II memorial where Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos read the names of the deceased veterans. A wreath was positioned at each monument, and the veterans were honored by a salute from the firing detail and the playing

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The Boy Scouts carry the American flag and their Troop flag in the Memorial Day parade in Oakham on Monday, May 26.

Oakham remembers Memorial Day

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OAKHAM – With the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee lacking members, Dennis and Sherrie Bergin stepped forward to organize this year's Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

Everything went smoothly with the Police Department, Fire Department, Girl and Boy Scouts, Little League and baseball teams marching in the parade Susan Turnbull was the speaker and Fire Chief Timothy Howe was Master of Ceremonies.

The sun came out to shine on the parade with a route starting at Oakham Center School and ending on the Town Common Monday, May 26. Carissa Rodriguez, interim lay minister at the Oakham Congregational Church gave the prayer of invocation and the benediction. The Girl Scouts placed the wreath on the War Memorial and the Boy Scouts conducted the flag



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Marching down Maple Street toward the Oakham Common are the Little League, softball and baseball teams along with their coaches.

ceremony; the raising of the American flag from half to full staff.

Eliza Brown from Barre sang the National Anthem a capella and followed by the playing of taps. The Fire and Police Department provided the 21 gun salute.

Every year the winners of the Robert Wile Essay Contest read their essays at the Memorial Day Ceremony. Their essays appear on page seven of this edition. Riley Green read her essay followed by her classmate, Sophia Serrano. Susan Turnbull talked

about some of her relatives, who served in the military. Her father was a WW II veteran, who was drafted at age 34. He went off to war with many 17 year olds. Turnbull also recited the poem "In Flanders Field" written by Canadian physician Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae during the WW I.

As is the tradition in Oakham, prior to the ceremony and parade a bus took the Boy and Girl Scouts, their leaders and other interested adults to the cemeteries in town to place American flags on veterans graves.

Memorial Day celebrated at Quabbin Park Cemetery

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Quabbin Park Cemetery is a special place to honor those who served our communities and our nation.

On May 25, Quabbin Park Cemetery hosted its annual Memorial Day program, which is conducted by the Veterans Council of Belchertown with the support from the Friends of Quabbin, Inc., the Department of Conservation and

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

The Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day program began with a parade and march.

Historical Society attends Quabbin Parks Cemetery Memorial



Barre Historical Society Directors carried the Barre Historical Society banner at the march and ceremony held at Quabbin Park Cemetery on Sunday, May 25. Shown from left are Jim Van Wert, Kay Potter Flick, Stephanie Young and Robert Bentley.



Submitted photos
All the Historical Societies members in attendance line up with their banners.

BARRE – Along with being open on Thursday and Saturday hours which continue through the spring/summer/fall seasons, some of the Barre Historical Society Directors attended the Memorial Day Program on Sunday, May 25 at the Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware.

Annually, a march and program ceremony is held there, which includes those Historical Societies located in the surrounding towns that border the four towns that were disincorporated by the Massachusetts legislature in 1938 to create the Quabbin Reservoir. The Barre Historical Society and Museum directors joined other Historical Societies attending from Athol, Belchertown, Hardwick, New Salem, Orange, Pelham, Petersham, Shutesbury and Ware at Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware. Each society carried their respective banners.

News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Nornay Park lists concerts

Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre will hold Saturday night concerts from 6-8 p.m. unless indicated. The schedule includes Uncle Country on Saturday, June 21; Kidd Hurricane on Saturday, June 28; Otter on Saturday, July 12; Crop Duster on Saturday, July 26; The Other Guys (new Glenn Carter) on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Alive 'n Kickin' (new Rocket Ralph) on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club will man the concession stand for the Saturday concerts. The Quabbin Community Band will perform Sundays, June 15, 22 and 29 beginning at 6 p.m. Event cancellations are usually only done for severe weather. The cancellation and rescheduling are at the discretion of the band/event. To schedule an event or wedding contact, people may call 978-355-2504, extension 8 or email barreboards@townofbarre.com.

Church dinner cancelled

The Supper Committee at the Barre Congregational Church cancelled the chicken barbecue scheduled for Saturday, May 31. The main reason is the weather does not sound promising for this Saturday, chickens can't be cooked in the rain, it just doesn't work well. The second reason the count was rather low, in order for this dinner to be profitable they need to have at least 50 dinners. They are sorry for any inconvenience and hope to have another dinner in the future.

Quabbin Community Band rehearsals and concerts

Quabbin Community Band rehearsals will be held Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. They are every Monday through Aug. 4, at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St. The band has nine concerts on Sunday evenings starting on Sunday, June 15 and ending on Sunday, Aug. 10. Concerts are at 6 p.m. and start in South Barre at Nornay Park. Concerts in July move to the center of town and are played on the bandstands on the Common. Membership is free. It being a summer band, it is fine not to come to every rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a lifelong musician and music educator, is the conductor.

Farmers Market

The Barre's Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common. The market is held rain or shine. The market runs May to October and has a wide variety of local farmers along with home made items.

Town Wide Yard Sale

The Town Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sign up fee is \$10 and it will be held rain or shine. Checks should be made payable to Town of Barre, 40 West Street-Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005 Address of yard sale is required to be put on the map.

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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Remembering the fallen



Submitted photo
Stars and Stripes Diner, 32 Main St., Hubbardston set up this display remembering the Prisoners of War and fallen service members for Memorial Day.



OAKHAM

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Residents urged to gather on Common May 30

On this Friday, May 30, Channel 7 News is coming to Oakham at 1.30 p.m. All residents are urged to gather on the Oakham Common so the news station can see the level of support in Oakham for defeating the Battery Energy Storage System in town. People may stop at the senior center, lower level of Town Hall, to either make their own anti BESS sign or get one already made.

Fobes Memorial Library events

The Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., announces June events. Weekly read and play is held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. On Tuesday, June 24 from 4-6 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons Jr. Guild meets. On Thursday, June 26 at 11 a.m. there is a Homeschool Do It Yourself. Registration is required for Dungeons and Dragons and Homeschool DIY. To register, people should visit the library website at <https://www.oakham-ma.gov/fobes-memorial-library>. Kids' Fest will be held on Saturday, June 28 at 10 a.m.

Summer concert series

Summer concerts are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gazebo located on the Oakham Common, corner of Maple Street and Coldbrook Road. Concerts are June 26 Holdin Back, July 10 Quabbin Community Band, July 24 Eagles Nest, Aug. 7 The Otters and Aug. 21 The Bad Tickers. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or a lawn chair to listen to this free concert. People may also visit the town website at www.oakham-mass.gov for the concert schedule. Concerts are not held in bad weather and will be postponed if possible.

Senior center news

On Monday, June 23: Podiatry clinic will be held from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Reservations are required by calling the Oakham Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave a message and number. Someone will call them back.

On Thursday June 19 someone from Serving the Health Needs of Everyone will be at the Senior Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations are required by either stopping in and signing up or calling the number listed above. On Tuesday, June 24 blood pressure/glucose testing will take place from 11 a.m.-noon. On Thursday, June 12 Blood Pressure will be taken from 11 a.m.- noon, just stop in. On Tuesday, June 24 SNAP benefits information will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; there is no age restrictions.

On going activities include Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon puzzling, Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. walking group meet at Senior Center ad Tuesday through Thursdays at 11 a.m. Walking Group meet at Senior Center. Those that would like to join the walking groups should ask to be added to the text message group by calling the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave their cell phone number.

On Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center. The donation is \$3 per class

Thursdays at noon is Weigh in at the Senior Center with the support weight loss group. Fridays at 10.30 a.m. and Functional Fitness meets at the New Braintree Town Hall. Cost is \$3 per class.

Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

On Friday, June 13 COA meeting at noon. Lunch for Brunch meets the third Friday. On, June 20 the group will go to Charlie's Diner in Spencer. There is a sign up sheet at the Senior Center in the Main Room. Bemis Farm is coming Tuesday, June 10 at 1 p.m. at the Fire Station, located on Barre Road. They will make "The Flying Flower Café." The pot that attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Cost is \$15 per pot. People should sign up by stopping at the senior center, e-mailing COA@Oakham-MA.gov or calling the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave a message.

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 26. 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 — Pork-rib-i-que with barbecue sauce, mac'n cheese, green beans, pineapple, sandwich roll

TUESDAY — Swedish meatballs, garlic mashed potatoes, Italian blend vegetables, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY — Sloppy Joe's, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, sandwich roll

THURSDAY — Chicken cacciatore, Gemelli pasta, roasted broccoli, Lorna Doone cookies, whole wheat bread

FRIDAY — Fish with crumb topping, rice pilaf, spinach, lemon pudding, diet = sugar free tapioca pudding, marble rye bread, tarter sauce

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

Concerts on the Common start on May 31

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Concerts on the Common will be held on select Saturdays on the town common from 6-8 p.m.

The first concert will be held on Saturday, May 31 and features Ravenwood. Other dates and performers include June 28, DJ Tabby Leblanc, dance

party and karaoke; July 26, Stan Matthews an the Rough Riders; and Aug. 30, Superchargers.

These concerts are free, but tips for the band and free will donations toward future events are appreciated. Food trucks will be available, or people are welcome to bring their own.

Chairs, blankets or something to sit on are encouraged, as well as insect, sun and weather protection.

The Concerts on the Common series is made possible by the North Brookfield Parks and Recreation and the North Brookfield Cultural Council.

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Select Board – June 2 at 6 p.m. and June 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 3 at 6 p.m.
 Finance Committee – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 3 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 9 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – June 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – June 9 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 10 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 11 at 12:30 a.m.
 Library Trustees – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – June 11 at 6:30 p.m. and June 15 at 5 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – June 12 at 1 p.m.
 Town Meeting – June 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 26 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – June 4 at 6:45 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – June 5 at 7 p.m.
 Town Meeting – June 7 at 9 a.m.
 Council on Aging – June 11 at 12:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – June 11 at 3 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – June 12 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – June 16 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – June 17 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Board of Parks Commissioners – June 11 at 5:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Board of Selectmen – June 3 and June 17 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 18 at 6 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume's Office hour – June 24 from 10-10:45 a.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Assessors – June 2 at 6 p.m.
 Finance Committee – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Advisory Finance Committee – May 29 at 5:30 p.m., June 2 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – May 29 at 5:45 p.m., June 2 at 6 p.m. June 5 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham School Committee – June 2 at 10 a.m.
 Open Space & Recreation Committee – June 3 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 3 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 4 at 7:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 6 at 9 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 10 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – July 17 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

Monty Tech teams up with Lions Club for blood drive

Lions Club in partnership with the Montachusett Regional Technological High School- aka. Monty Tech in Fitchburg sponsored a blood drive with Massachusetts General Hospital Bloodmobile on Saturday, May 3.

It was a beautiful sunny day and the blood drive garnished 38 units of blood. Among the donors were nine students. Everyone, who donated, became a life saver with their donations.

This is the third year that the Petersham Lions Club and Monty Tech have collaborated in offering the blood drive. The Petersham Lions Club collaborates with the students in the National Honor Society to spread the word and encourage donors to sign up.

The May event was led by National Honor Society student Sophia Carlson. Her fellow students were Chloe Hill, Isabella Williams, Eyan McGrath and Ava Wislocki. Massachusetts General Hospital is the only mobile blood drive in the state. MGH's bloodmobile is a self-contained bus that has four recliners for those donating, a wonderful friendly and highly experienced staff of registered nurses and phlebotomists.

They offer drinks and snacks afterwards for donors. The entire process takes 30-45 minutes including completing paperwork, a pre-screening by a bloodmobile staff member and the actual donation which itself takes only about 10 minutes.

Donors are able to book appointments online through the MGH Bloodmobile website. The next Bloodmobile date at Monty Tech will be Saturday, Nov. 1. Each time slot has between two and four donation openings. The exclusion criteria are also listed on the website and with the advancements in blood testing, processing and medical care, there are very few exceptions. If people thought they were not eligi-



Submitted photo

Students from Montachusett Regional Technical High School teamed up with the Petersham Lions Club to hold a blood drive on May 3. The next blood drive through the Massachusetts General Hospital Bloodmobile will be on Saturday, Nov.. 1.

ble to donate, please check the new guidelines as they may now qualify.

Blood cannot be manufactured or created. Only a person can donate blood. One pint can serve up to three adults and even more children and babies. Blood is needed for those with medical conditions needing regular transfusions, surgery patients and trauma victims. It could go to a newborn just fighting to stay alive, a young child battling leukemia, a teen in a car accident, a young woman with anemia, a middle-aged man with a bleeding ulcer or an elderly woman having a heart operation. Blood can be made

available to someone in need within 24-48 hours after donating. According to facts from the MGH Blood Center, about a pint of blood is taken and adults have between 9 and 12 pints. There body will replace the blood within 24 hours. People need only wait eight weeks between donations, so they can give often, up to six times a year. Less than 3% of the population donates, yet 80% will need a transfusion of one or more units in their lifetime. In less than an hour people can save up to three lives.

The Lions and Monty Tech hope to see you at the Monty Tech blood drive on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Free jazz concert on the lawn is June 1

HARDWICK – Weir River Jazz will present Classical Jazz for Summer Daze, a big band concert, on the grounds of the Stone Church Cultural Center on Route 32 in Gilbertville on Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m.

Come join the musicians "under the tent" to hear the great sounds of a traditional Big Band. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax to some great sounds.

This concert is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. In

case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the sanctuary section of the church building.

This concert is sponsored in part by the Mass Cultural Council and Country Bank for Savings.

HUBBARDSTON

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Town Election takes place June 17

The Annual Town Election will take place Tuesday, June 17 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. Voters will elect Moderator, Select Board, Assessors, Library Trustees, Quabbin Regional School Committee, Cemetery Commission, Planning Board, Finance Committee, Board of Health and Parks Commission.

Town wide yard sale

The Hubbardston Town-Wide Yard Sale returns on Saturday, May 31 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Residents and visitors are invited to enjoy a day of community connection, local treasure hunting and great deals across town. This event is a great opportunity to declutter your space, make a little extra money, and help keep usable items out of the waste stream while connecting with neighbors.

People who would like to be included on the official map should email the Parks Department at hubbardstonmaparks@gmail.com with the following: street address, brief list of items they will be selling, yard sale hours if different from the 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Their location will be available online and printed materials to help guide shoppers on the big day. The Parks Department has limited spaces available in the center of town for those who wish to participate but do not have a suitable location. They should email to inquire about details. A map of all registered yard sale locations will be available as the event approaches.

Senior Center

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

Farmers Market returns for 15th season on June 4

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Farmers Market returns on Wednesday, June 4 on the beautiful West Brookfield Common for its 15th consecutive season. The market is held on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m., rain or shine, throughout the spring, summer and early fall.

The 2025 season the market will feature 17 vendors with a wide array of locally grown and made goods including three new vendors sure to please the palate.

Roundtable Farm from Hardwick is bringing in a variety of farm made cheeses and cuts of goat meat from their farm. Deep Roots Distillery from Sturbridge will be offering artisan breads from their kitchen plus spirit tastings and bottle sales. Lastly, the market welcomes Wildberry Acres from Brookfield with their take and bake meals, soups and fresh fruit pies.

The West Brookfield Farmers Market is held every Wednesday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. on the common starting on June 4 through Oct. 8, rain or shine.

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Opinion

Letter to Editor Tri-Parish church has successful fundraiser

The Tri-Parish Community Church thanks everyone who helped to make our annual Plant, Bake, Craft and Tag sale a success May 17 and 18 on the Hardwick common.

We had a great weekend, even though the weather was challenging, and we have the entire community to thank. So many folks helped; from our vendors and volunteers, to all the wonderful people who stopped by to support our efforts through the purchase of additions to their home gardens and flower beds,

the delicious variety of baked goods, and the great assortment of items for sale from our craft and tag sale vendors. Special thanks to Inishowen Farm of North Brookfield, Howes Farm and Garden and Stillman's Farm of New Braintree, and the private gardeners who supplied all the plants offered for sale. We hope to see all of you again at our Baked Potato Sale during the Hardwick Fair in August.

Jennifer Pollard
New Braintree

Treasury phasing out penny...



SOCIAL SECURITY Matters
By Russell Gloor

How do I apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don't even know where to start.

Signed: Seeking Assistance

Dear Seeking:

It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at www.ssa.gov/ apply. However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security Full Retirement Age. Your FRA is when you get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction. Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also means that if you are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test.

The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe.

So, you can apply for your Social Security ben-

efits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security's earnings limit. The earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty.

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don't need to take your Social Security benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it's easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1-888-750-2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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5 years (June 4, 2020)

The Barre Finance Committee meet with the communication director of the Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center to discuss their budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Michael Moriarty, director of communications for RRECC said the regional assessments were about \$670,000 less than last year. He said part of the reduction was due to the town of Warren joining Rutland, Barre, Hubbardston and Oakham and increasing call volume. The center also received over \$452,000 in grant awards.

The Barre Finance Committee also met with Quabbin Regional School District officials to discuss their FY 2021 budget. School Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said at the school budget hearing March 12 the QRSD Committee reduced its budget from 5.3% to 3.2%. She said, "FY21 was built on the school back then before COVID-19," she said. She said the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education hired a consulting firm to work on a plan for reopening schools. She said the information changes rapidly and the school district will know the plan by the end of June. Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, said until the district knows its revenue stream or costs related to school reopening in the fall, it was not prudent to make rash decisions. The school budget hoped to use about one million in school choice revenue for FY 21.

The Barre Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, June 23. Selectmen rescheduled the election form Monday, April 6 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are two contests on the ballot – a three year term on the Board of Health and a five-year term on the Planning Board. Candidates for on position on the Board of Health include Karen Keegan and Anthony F. Mobilio. Barre candidates for the one position

In Past Pages

Look Back Tornado – 1953



The two tenement house on Old Stage Coach Road, occupied by Mr and Mrs. Wallace Strong and family and Mr. and Mrs. James White and family, was completely destroyed by the tornado last Tuesday, June 11, 1953.

on the Planning Board for a five year term are Elisha S. Musgraves and Ralph Hallowell Rogers. All other candidates on the ballot are unopposed.

10 years (June 4, 2015)

Barre Selectmen met with Nicholas J. DaDalt, Director of Communications for the Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center to go over the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget. The regional center serves four towns: Rutland, Barre, Hubbardston and Oakham. Barre's estimated share is 24.46% or \$113,422.52. The figure is based on certified populations from the Town Clerk. The total operating cost was \$758,692.53 less grant funding of \$294,986.40 for a total shared cost to the member towns of \$463,706.13.

The Quabbin Regional School District Committee approved a lower budget figure last Thursday. The new figure of \$3321,150,360 included additional costs in plants and facilities and positions as well as using about 2/3 of FY 16 school choice money. In the past, the district used school choice funds from the past year. This year it will use

last year's school choice and a portion of anticipated school choice funds in the next fiscal year. This will enable the district to keep and strengthen its programs.

One hundred fifty eight Oakham voters attended the Annual Town Meeting Tuesday night. The final two articles had the most discussion. The first seven articles, all routine, passed without discussion. Voters approved a total operating budget for the town of \$1,308,815. Of the \$1.3 million plus, the town voted to raise and appropriate \$1,017,786 and transfer \$246,047 from free cash and \$45,000 from ambulance receipts.

25 years (June 1, 2000)

Local legislators expressed serious concern about an amendment to the state Senate's budget plan, which would give the Tate the authority to implement needle exchange programs in local communities without local approval. Since the state authorized 10 sud programs several years ago in response to rising AIDS rates in major cities, communities wanting the program had to give it local approval.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

This week has been an odd week for weather.

The sun would come out and then it would rain. It was hard to garden, but the gardens loved it.

I spent Saturday transplanting some hostas, yellow marigolds and some peppers. Then it rained so I did not have to water them.

On Sunday I decided to bring all my house plants out as it was a year ago that I did the same. It is always a relief once they all get outside. I hope we don't get a frost now.

The houseplants go in a corner of our back deck except for two big pots of mixed houseplants. One goes on the front deck and one goes on the back deck.

I always have a large pot of coleus that I have started from propagating. I saved over winter my pink geraniums and they are in blossom so they go in two big pots on stumps.

I have been digging hostas and Japanese painted ferns that have wandered into the lawn. The back lawn is now totally moss and will not have to be mowed.

The Handyman will be happy about that. The front lawn is started to be covered with blue ajuga and that will not have to be mowed soon.

My biggest concern with the yard right now is that my batteries for the leaf blower will not charge and I am without a leaf blower to do the back deck. First we have the seed pods from the maple trees, leafs from the oak trees and pine needles.

Seems like the squirrels are cutting leaves from the trees and the yard is covered with green leaves. That is why I need the leaf blower.

The lilacs did not bloom well this year so I guess they need cutting back some. The VI Burnham is absolutely beautiful this year. I view it from our upper deck as the blossoms tend to reach skyward.

My Handyman was the Master of Ceremonies for the local Memorial Day Service on the Town Common. He also marched in the parade with his Navy uniform, so he gave our household a demonstration of marching ability, complete with his officer's hat and marching music from his phone.

I was sorry to read in the local newspapers of the passing of Richard Hackett of Ragged Hill Road. He was very active in the Senior Center and was the one who made the coffee quite often.

I was going through some articles I have written over the years and noticed we had the tornado in Hubbardston on June

22, 1981. There was a lot of damage. The tornado started in the woods off of Parsons Road and went across Williamsville Road and Route 68 and High Street.

I happened to be wallpapering in our home on Parsons Road at the time and it was odd that I was also wallpapering in my family home on Main Street when the 1953 tornado in Petersham, Barre, Rutland, Holden Worcester and beyond came through.

This week I made this recipe and thought the readers might enjoy it as we did. There is a good supply of asparagus in the markets now.

CREAMY CHICKEN WITH ASPARAGUS

2 tablespoon olive oil
package of chicken thighs
1 pound asparagus
1 lemon
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup milk
2 ounces cream cheese
Cooked egg noodles to serve

In a 12 inch skillet, heat the oil. Season the chicken with salt and add to the oil. Saute for about three minutes and turn. Meanwhile trim the asparagus and cut in half. Grate one teaspoon of lemon zest and one tablespoon juice from lemon. Transfer the chicken to a plate.

In the skillet add one tablespoon oil and flour stirring to get the brown bits up and then add chicken broth and milk. Add lemon zest and juice. Add cream cheese and cook two minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Return chicken to skillet and asparagus and cook for 6 to 8 minutes. Serve over the noodles.

This and That

I have a helper, who comes on Tuesday and Friday. Just to give her something interesting to do, I had her take all my quilts out of the spare room closet and refold them. We also chose four to hang on the upper banister that were spring-like. We also hung one in the den on the quilt rack that had to do with gardening.

I am one who likes to change things around by seasons so we also changed some pictures.

On Saturday I went to a local cemetery. People were busy planting flowers and making sure their loved ones graves were taken care of. I found the cemetery very well taken care of.

June 1 was my mother's birthday. I miss her every day. She was a wonderful Mother. I hope my children will say that about me someday. Have a nice week.



More basil? Yes, please!

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Regular readers of the column will remember just how much pleasure I get out of making and freezing my version of pesto. In other words, pesto without the expensive pine nuts.

We use this spread in the rue for butternut squash lasagna and on pizza in place of marinara sauce. Sadly, we ran out of our frozen "cubes" over a month ago and have had to resort to the store bought tubes of the paste.

They're okay, but certainly not as tasty as homegrown. I vow I will grow more basil this year. Alas, if only the weather would cooperate.

Read on to learn how to grow, harvest and ultimately turn these flavorful leaves into "summer in an ice cube."

Over the years I have found that there are just a few obstacles to growing

great basil. Seeds should be planted indoors – rarely will they do well from an outdoor sowing.

Start basil about the same time that tomatoes are sown, in mid to late March. Basil is particularly cold sensitive, so be sure that all danger of frost has passed before transplanting it into the garden.

As mentioned, we are waiting for the weather to take a turn for the better. Plants will die in a frost, but will languish during rainy days with temperatures in the forties. Hopefully this trend is going to subside soon.

Basil foliage has also been known to burn if planted outdoors without a period of hardening off. For this reason, gradually get seedlings used to bright sun and wind over the course of a week before planting in the garden. Provide your trans-

plants with fertile, well-drained soil in a sunny spot.

If, over the course of the summer you notice that the leaves are no longer grass-green, but instead are pale or even turning brown, your plants may have a nitrogen deficiency. I usually have had to "top dress" my basil twice after planting, each time with a sprinkling of balanced organic fertilizer and some aged compost.

Usually they green up in a matter of days.

Basil has the insatiable desire to flower. We must "deadhead" or the plant will fulfill its earthly desire to reproduce by making and dropping seed, all at the expense of foliage production. Since we grow this plant for its leaves and not its seed, or its flowers for that matter, clip away the buds at the first sign of them.

Another challenge to basil growing has been the Japanese beetle. Basil leaves riddled with chew marks should best be removed.

Japanese beetles are relatively easy to hand pick in the morning and at night. A gentle tap on a leaf will easily knock beetles into a wide mouth jar of soapy water positioned underneath.

Ideally, basil leaves should be harvested after the dew has dried in the morning but before the sun shines too brightly; at that particu-

lar time its oils are the most pungent.

As mentioned, I like freezing basil in paste form. Simply take two cups of rinsed and blotted dry basil leaves and coarsely chop them in a food processor. While the motor is running drizzle in one-quarter to one-third of a cup of extra virgin olive oil. You can add parmesan cheese to taste or save that step for later.

Spoon the paste into containers, or as I like to do, into ice cube trays to be frozen for use later on. If you like garlic, go ahead and add that in. Fan of pine nuts? Go for it!

Pop the frozen cubes out of the tray and into freezer bags. Then you can grab what you need for a particular recipe.

All this talk of basil has got me itching to get my transplants into the ground. Soon enough, let's hope!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.



By Ellenor Downer

Yellow bellied sapsucker



A Brimfield resident reported a yellow bellied sapsucker pair in his yard.

He said in an email, "I began seeing a male yellow-bellied sapsucker at a dogwood tree in front of the house. The bird was there every day last week. On Saturday, I saw a female on the same tree. I'll try to find a nest, I did find a sapsucker nest in the Brimfield State Forest a few years ago." He also has a mountain ash in his yard with lots of sapsucker holes.

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers lap up the leaking sap and

any trapped insects with its specialized, brush-tipped tongue from holes they makes in a variety of trees especially birch and maples

Like many of the woodpecker family, it has barred black and white feathers with a red cap. The male also has a red throat. They sit still on tree trunks for long intervals while feeding. To find one, listen for their loud mewing calls or stuttered drumming.

Sapsuckers inhabit young deciduous forests. To find a sapsucker's territory, people should keep an eye out for their distinctive, neatly organized rows of sap wells. They cling motionless to trees while calling, birders should look closely at the trees around the for their sharply contrasting black-and-white face stripes and the bright-red patches on their heads.

The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker makes two kinds of holes in trees to harvest sap. Round holes extend deep in the tree and are not enlarged. The sapsucker inserts its bill into the hole to probe for sap. Rectangular

holes are shallower and must be maintained continually for the sap to flow. The sapsucker licks the sap from these holes, and eats the cambium of the tree too. New holes usually are made in a line with old holes, or in a new line above the old.

The sap wells made by yellow-bellied sapsuckers attract hummingbirds, which also feed off the sap flowing from the tree. Other birds as well as bats and porcupines also visit sapsucker sap wells. Although a few individuals remain throughout much of the winter in the southern part of the breeding range, most head farther south, going as far south as Panama. Females tend to migrate farther south than do males.

Other birds

The Brimfield resident reports the return of the rose-breasted grosbeak, catbird and great crested flycatcher. His wife saw two great crested flycatcher near the nest box a pair used last year.

Eagle nests

The Brimfield resident also reported a tree with a bald eagle nest at the Stebbins Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow fell down and the fire department rescued two chicks. They have been placed in the care of

a local raptor rehabilitator. The chicks look to be fully grown, but unable to fly. He will care for the birds until they are old enough to release.

In Ludlow there is another eagle nest and there are two chicks in that nest also but they are still very young, their heads are just visible above the rim of the nest.

Solitary sandpiper

The Brimfield resident reported seeing a solitary sandpiper at one of the ponds in Warren. He said he has seen spotted sandpipers there, but this was the first time he saw a solitary sandpiper at that location.

Black bear

Saturday, May 24 I saw a black bear walking down the side of my road about 4:30 p.m. I slowly followed him in my car. He left the road and went up a steep path leading into some woods. At the top of the hill, he turned and looked toward the road. He had a healthy, dark black coat of fur.

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

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In most cases that process proved very difficult.

Two big ticket times to been a growing community will be on the 26 article Hubbardston Annual Town Meeting Warrant to be voted upon June 6 in Hubbardston Center School. One major expenditure that voters will be asked to support is \$299,216 for a pumper tanker for the Fire Department. Payments on the loan for the pumper tanker will not start until July of 2002 because of the extensive lead time in manufacturing the vehicle, which is built to order. Another article asks for \$123,000 to buy and equip and ambulance to establish a town ambulance service.

The Hardwick Municipal Building was transformed into negotiation headquarters last week as Hardwick and State Police attempted to

talk Jeremy Pace into turning himself I to authorities without incident. He was reportedly visiting friends in the Gilbertville section. Other residents of the apartment building and surrounding residences were evacuated.

38 years (June 4, 1987)

Two gravel trucks collided at the intersection of Valley and Town Farm Roads in Barre June 2 sending one through a street sign and over an embankment at the edge of the Prince River. The driver of that truck, John Plumley of Hubbardston, was unhurt in the accident. The driver of the other truck, Greg Pitisci of Barre, was also unhurt. According to Barre Police Chief Michael Ryder, Pitisci's truck, owned by R.J. McDonald Co. of Barre, was pulling out of Town Farm Road into the south bound lane when Plumley's truck, owned by R.T. Curtis

Inc, if /barre was traveling north on Valley Road, side-swiped Pitisci's truck sending it over the bank.

Quabbin Regional High School graduating seniors do not have classes today, Thursday, June 4. On Friday, however, will be a busy day starting at 10 a.m. with rehearsal. The senior class photo will then be taken at 12:20, followed by Class Day exercises from 1-2:10 p.m. in the gymnasium. The Baccalaureate program will follow at 6 p.m.

The Barre School Building Committee met last Tuesday, May 26 to plan procedures for disseminating information to Barre residents regarding the proposed addition to Ruggles Lane School and to draft a warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for June 22. The development of a brochure to be mailed to all residents was a primary gas for the group that night. Also developed were drafts of the warrant article and the motion.

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Every year Margo Petracone rides her horse in the Barre Memorial Day parade. They display patriotic colors and this accomplished equestrian proudly carries an American flag.

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cially the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation, who was one of the largest givers. Jason Benoit designed the monument. Today's keynote speaker, William R. O'Donnell, was at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. during the 9/11 attacks.

O'Donnell in his speech said, "Since 9/11/2001 many have made the 'ultimate sacrifice' in Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Afghanistan from terrorist who want to destroy us." He concluded a monument like this one dedicated today represents our shared humanity. He wished this

monument will teach "freedom is not free." He then had all the veterans in the crowd raise their hands so they could be acknowledged. O'Donnell also presented Post #2 with a piece of the facade from the Pentagon damaged in the 9/11 attack. During the ribbon cutting, the Quabbin Community Band played "Abide with Me."

Pastor Foley opened the ceremony with a prayer of invocation. Post 2 Commander Michael Leonard read the Governor's Proclamation 351. Guest speaker state Representative Donald Berthiaume congratulated the town of Barre on



Faithful participants, Melody and Angelo Salvadore of Barre, wave to the crowd from their U.S. Army Jeep.

Courtesy photos



American Legion Post 2 Sgt. at Arms Robert Bentley smiles and waves to the crowd while riding in a military Jeep.



Turley photo by Ellenor Down

This Memorial Day the 911 Monument was dedicated during the Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 26.



The firing detail gave the salute at the World War II memorial in Wheelwright during Hardwick's Memorial Day observances held on Sunday.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette



The color guard stands at attention for the playing of "Taps".

HARDWICK from page 1

of "Taps". The group then moved to the Civil War memorial on the common, before heading to the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to

the Town House, then on to the Hardwick Cemetery on Petersham Road.

From there, they reassembled in St. Aloysius Cemetery in Gilbertville, before concluding at the World War I memorial in Gilbertville.



Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos reads the names of the military dead at the Civil War memorial alongside Parade Marshal Donald Martel.



Veteran Mike Kubaska, Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos and Select Board members William Tinker and Jeff Schaaf honor the fallen.



Members of the Hardwick Fire Department marched led by Deputy Chief Nicholas Gaumond.



Joe Szczepanek places the wreath on the memorial.



Parade participants stood for the reading of the names.



Randy Noble rings the bell at the Town House.

Memorial Day Celebrated

Bench dedicated to late Col. McEvoy

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Members of the community gathered downtown to remember those who gave their lives to this country in the name of freedom.

Following a parade that started at the Fire Station, a ceremony was held at the war memorials in front of the Haston Free Public Library.

Master of Ceremonies Tim Nason welcomed and thanked all who attended, and Frank Potter Jr. led everyone in prayer.

“Help us to remember the true purpose of this day,” Potter Jr. said.

Nason said prior to the ceremony, they had laid over 800 American Flags on veterans graves in the town’s cemeteries.

Nason invited Selectman Ralph Kay to speak about the late Col. Richard McEvoy, a North Brookfield native who was killed in action in 2015. A memorial bench bearing McEvoy’s name has been placed in front of the war memorials.

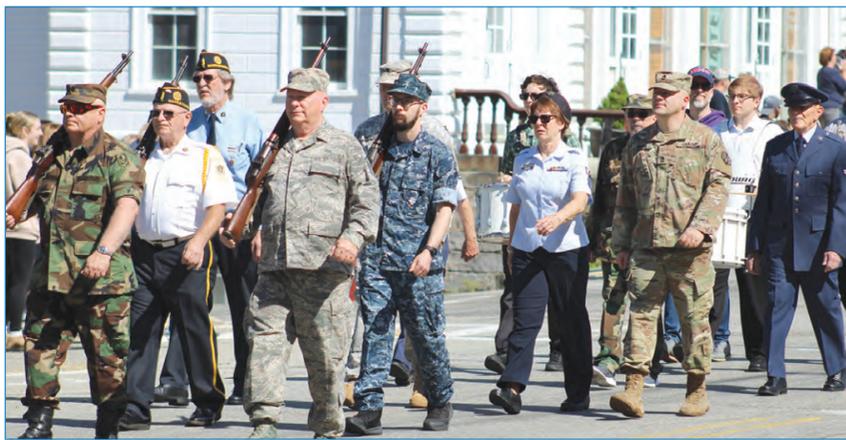
Kay said the McEvoy’s life was an “all-American story,” and that he was the second of five children raised here in town.

Growing up, McEvoy always played with little plastic army men and G.I. Joe action figures, and it was no surprise to those close to him that he pursued a career in the military.

Following his graduation from North Brookfield High School in 1976, McEvoy attended West Point and graduated after four years. McEvoy was then appointed to a position in which he was responsible for training troops in the U.S. Army.

“Col. McEvoy was a persistent, driven man,” Kay said.

McEvoy retired from the U.S. Army in 2008 and took a job as a government contractor for DynCorp



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Veterans march through downtown North Brookfield Monday morning to commemorate Memorial Day.

International. In this position he managed programs in Iraq and Afghanistan, even earning the Valor Award for his heroic actions during an attack on his camp in 2013.

McEvoy was known as a family man, marrying his high school sweetheart Kathleen. The couple shared two children, Michelle and Patrick.

Following a two week vacation in Ireland, McEvoy returned to Afghanistan to tour the bases he oversaw, and was killed by a suicide bomber on Aug. 22, 2015.

“Richard served faithfully,” Kay said.

Several veterans and auxiliary members in attendance read the names of the fallen during the ceremony, including Nason, Potter Jr., Holly Kularski, Joe Jablonski, Richard Eccleston, Mike Kularski, Ken Chisholm, Linda McGourty and Don Smith.

As the names were read, the “poppy girls” placed a red poppy flower on the memorial wreaths for each veteran, with the help of the American Legion Auxiliary. A drum roll followed the reading of each name.

High school junior Rebecca Batchelor read the Gettysburg Address and Richard “Tabby” LeBlanc sang the National Anthem and “America the Beautiful”.

Father Don Ouellette said



A memorial bench has been placed in front of the Haston Free Public Library to honor the late Col. Richard McEvoy.



Frank Potter Jr. led those gathered in prayer.

a prayer and gave the history of Memorial Day, with its start as Decoration Day. Now, the day remembers those who have served in all wars, including those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives for their country.

“These sacrifices should never be forgotten,”



Tim Nason was the master of ceremonies for Memorial Day.

Ouellette said. The firing detail provided a salute, which was followed by the playing of “Taps” by two buglers. After the ceremony had concluded, all were welcomed to enjoy refreshments at the Sawyer-Mathieu-Kearns American Legion Post 41.

Robert Wile Memorial Day essay winners

OAKHAM – Riley Green and Sophia Serrano were the Oakham Center School student winners of the annual Robert Wile Essay Contest. They read their essays at the town Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26. Their essays are printed below.

THE VALIANT
By Riley Green

Memorial Day, a day to honor,
Those who fought day and night
For our flag to soar high and unaltered.

For those who risked their lives
For you to live free,
It’s of utmost importance to say thanks to thee.

They gave us our freedom
To speak and write
To be and to live unruly.

They gave us our lives for theirs in return,
So give a poppy, or even a moment of silence,
To those who died, for our lives.

This day isn’t a vacation, nor even a break.
It’s a national holiday for a reason,
To give us time to ponder.

Of the ones who are keeping us safe,
Every single day
Keeping us free for eternity.

So that’s a reason why it’s important to celebrate,
They fought for a reason to remember,
And that one reason is for me and you.

MEMORIAL DAY
By Sophia Serrano

Memorial Day is a day to remember the soldiers who fought
And died during their military journey.
They fought for us, the USA.
They fought for us, to be free.

On Memorial Day we celebrate
By wreath laying, poems, and poppies.
We also celebrate with
Barbecues, parades, and activities.

We decorate their graves with flowers and flags,
We do it respectfully.
We honor the soldiers with gun shots,
And let them sleep restfully.

The soldiers fought for our freedom,
The civil war especially.
These soldiers fought for us
And our country.

Memorial Day is celebrated all through the USA,
Celebrated by you and me
Krissy Stewart lost her husband, who served as a marine,
She left some words behind
These words we should keep on our minds

“I hope through our family’s loss,
People will pause
And reflect,
That freedom is not free.”

QUABBIN PARK from page 1

Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection in the Quabbin/Ware Region.

This Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery is the result of the cooperative efforts of many organizations and individuals. The following organizations include the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Ware AMVETS #2577, the Belchertown Community Band, Friend of Quabbin, Inc, Swift River Valley Historical Society, Inc and DCR Office of Watershed Management.

The four towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war heroes each year on Memorial Day until the towns were disestablished in 1938 prior to the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir. The tradition of honoring veterans around Memorial Day began at Quabbin Park Cemetery back in 1947.

Guests for the Memorial Day program got to enjoy some refreshments provided by the Friends of Quabbin. A special thanks went to Belchertown Veteran’s Agent Charly Roque for her invaluable assistance in setting up the program.

The celebration began with a parade. The order of march featured the SAR Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Honor Guard, L.A. Tift Camp 15, Belchertown Veteran’s Council, Ware AMVETS #2577, Marine Corps League Detachment, NSDAR Betty Allen and Duxbury Chapters, Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC Cadets, Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281, historical societies, former



Dan Clark, Regional Director of DCR Quabbin/Ware Region spoke during the event.

residents and descendants, the buglers and drummers and state representatives and senators.

The first to speak was Dan Clark, Regional Director of DCR Quabbin/Ware Region. Clark talked about how there are over 7,000 graves at Quabbin Park Cemetery and many who rest in peace on these grounds were service members and community members.

“We recognize their sacrifice and service,” Clark said.

State Rep. Todd Smola spoke during the ceremony and wanted to thank all who attended, including the talents of the Belchertown Community Band, who provided the patriotic music.

Smola wanted to remind everyone of the importance of what Memorial Day is all about and is more than just being celebrated on one day. It is also a way to remember we are all teachers, so future generations understand why we celebrate Memorial Day every year.

“Remember as we all leave, we are also teachers,” Smola said. “The importance of what Memorial Day is all about.”

State Rep. Aaron



L.A. Tift Camp 15, left, represented Civil War veterans and Sons of American Revolution lined up for the Memorial Day Program at Quabbin Park Cemetery.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

The Friends of Quabbin participated in the march.

Saunders spoke at Quabbin Park Cemetery and sees the day as a day to recognize the ultimate sacrifices made by those who live in the region.

State Sen. Peter Durant spoke next and acknowledged 2025 being the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Durant mentioned that those who fought in the revolution were “patriots by choice” and their efforts leaving their family farms and homes to go fight for independence would give birth to the first

Americans and would lay down their lives for the birth of a nation.

State Sen. Joanne Comerford talked about how this region recognizes the four towns that were disincorporated for the purpose of building the Quabbin Reservoir. Those who lived in the four towns are forever remembered at the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

For this year’s Memorial Day program, there was a special tribute for retired Air Force Major Keith



State Sen. Peter Durant shared some comments about the 250th anniversary of Lexington and Concord this year and those who laid down their lives for the birth of our nation.

2024 Hometown Hero. For many years, Poulin was the mainstay at the Quabbin Park Cemetery during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Poulin was awarded a plaque as well as citations from the House of Representatives and the Senate. All who attended this year’s Memorial Day program thanked and applauded Poulin for his many years of service.

The Gettysburg Address was read by Nathaniel

Knight from L.A. Tift Camp 15.

After the address and music provided by the Belchertown Community Band, the placing of the wreaths took place. Family members of those community members and veterans of the four towns; Dana, Enfield, Prescott and Greenwich were in attendance to place the wreaths at Quabbin Park Cemetery.

For Dana, it was Alice Adams-the Dorow Family; for Enfield, Helen Towne-the Boyko Family; Greenwich, Wayne Thresher-the Thresher Family; Prescott, Deborah Smith-the Smith/Penny Family. For the Schmidt Bench, Todd Griswold-the Griswold Family.

Poulin returned to the podium to give a recitation of the poem “In Flanders Field”. After a toast to the flag and the benediction by Steve Kutt, Veterans Agent Charly Roque thanked everyone for putting the event together and reminded everyone that Memorial Day is a solemn holiday that is meant for all to enjoy and it is thanks to those who served, past and present.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 30

EAST QUABBIN RIDE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ends today. People will save \$10 by registering by today. After today the rate will be \$70 per rider. Participants may ride either of two loops - 24.2 miles or 47.5 miles on the back roads and rail trail in the region. The Saturday, June 14 route starts and ends at Farmer Matt's in New Braintree with a rest stop at East Quabbin Land Trust offices, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick. The ride will be held after the ride, locally-sourced Farm-to-Table food is available. Receive a \$5-off coupon for a hamburger, hot dog or veggie burger with your choice of sides from Farmer Matt's. See his delicious menu at <https://farmermatt.com/>. Take-home options are available too.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

BARRE FARMERS MARKET is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market is held rain or shine. The market runs May to October and has a wide variety of local farmers along with home made items.

HUBBARDSTON TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will be held today from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Residents and visitors are invited to enjoy a day of community connection, local treasure hunting and great deals across town. People who would like to be included on the official map should email the Parks Department at hubbardstonmaparks@gmail.com with the following: street address, brief list of items they will be selling, yard sale hours if different from the 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Their location will be available online and printed materials to help guide shoppers on the big day. The Parks Department has limited spaces available in the center of town for those who wish to participate but do not have a suitable location. They should email to inquire about details. A map of all registered yard sale locations will be available as the event approaches.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

WEIR RIVER JAZZ will perform a free community concert on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Ware today at 2 p.m. People should bring a lawn chair the concert is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Country Bank.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND REHEARSALS are held every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through Aug. 4, at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchanges St., Barre. They have concerts on nine Sunday evenings starting on Sunday, June 15, and ending on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. with June concerts in South Barre at Nornay Park and July concert in the center of Barre. Membership is free. It being a summer band, it is fine not to come to every rehearsal or every concert. Margaret Reidy, a lifelong musician and music educator, is the conductor.

HOLYOKE ARTS LEAGUE during the month of June, will host an exhibition of artwork by members at the Wistariahurst Museum at 238 Cabot St., Holyoke. An opening reception and meet the artists will be held today from 5-7 p.m. The museum and gardens are the historic home of the Skinner Family that owned and operated the Skinner Silk Mill, the world's premier silk fabric production facility in the city's Canal District. This event is free and open to the public. Throughout the month of June, the exhibition may be viewed free of charge during the museum's open hours, Mondays from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This juried show will include entries in oil and pastel, watercolor, acrylic, tem-



This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. 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 26. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civiik, Paul Cranston, Stephen Craven, Rosemary Horan and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the gazebo in Nornay Park South Barre.

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pera, gouache and other non-oil wet media, graphite, charcoal, printmaking and other graphic media, sculpture and ceramics. Light refreshments will be served. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

PRINCETON ART SOCIETY presents Familiar Strangers, a high energy acoustic band, today at 7 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 14 Mountain Road, Princeton. Everyone is welcome; a \$10 donation is suggested. Sponsors are the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation and the Princeton Cultural Council.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

EXPLORING THE ROAD TO DANA COMMON will take place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 40, Rte. 32A, Petersham. Participants will visit old foundations, stone walls and shade trees of Dana Common. This 3.6 mile round-trip hike will introduce the group to some of the notable residents of Dana as they discover what life was like in the Swift River Valley over a hundred years ago. They should meet at Gate 40 on Rt 32A in Petersham and bring water and dress appropriately for the weather. All ages welcome. Dogs are not allowed. People should visit Exploring the Road to Dana Common to register.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

SHERIFF'S ANNUAL FREE DRIVE THRU SENIOR PICNIC will take place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Scandinavian Athletic Park, 438 Lake St., Shrewsbury. Due to the success of previous years, the picnic will once again be held as a drive-thru and feature a barbecue boxed lunch, goodie bags, music, giveaways and raffle prizes. The event is free and open to all seniors who are residents of Worcester County. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 508-796-2638 or emailing Nydia@WorcesterCountySheriff.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

WEIR RIVER CONCERT BAND will hold a free concert on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville today at 2 p.m. People should bring a lawn chair. This concert is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Country Bank.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

FLOURISHING AS A COMMUNITY with Mean McDonough will take place today at 5:30 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville. There is no cost for this event. There will be food and a time to explore connecting with one another, reduce loneliness and boost overall well being. Donations are welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

EXPLORING NORTH SIDE OF QUABBIN WATERSHED VIA GATE 22 will take place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Quabbin Reservoir Gate 22, Shutesbury. Participants will take part in a 4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed. They will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest. Walking to the water, the hike covers 2-miles and drops 180 ft. in elevation. They will then backtrack uphill and head back uphill the way they came in. People should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road, Shutesbury. Dogs are not allowed. To register people may visit Exploring the North Side -Gate 22.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND AND SOLDIERS CHORUS will perform a free concert today from noon-1 p.m. in at Mechanic's Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester in the Great Hall. Attendees may bring their own lunch or purchase additional beverage and food options at the event. The Great Hall, located on the third floor is accessible by elevator from the Waldo Street entrance or by stairs from both the Waldo or Main Street

entrances. This concert is in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States Army.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

HUBBARDSTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION will be held today from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street, Hubbardston.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

SILENTS ARE GOLDEN with Peter Edwin Krasinski, who will accompany on organ the silent movie Emil Jennings in "The Last Command" today at 7 p.m. in the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Gilbertville St., Gilbertville.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

QUABBIN PARK CEMETERY TOUR will take place today from 1-2 p.m. at Quabbin Cemetery, Route 9, Ware. The hike is easy, but on uneven ground. Participants will take a walk through the Quabbin Park Cemetery and learn about the history and lives of residents, both prominent and ordinary of the Valley towns. They will meet in the Quabbin Park Cemetery off Rte. 9, Ware and dress Exploring the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

OAKHAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE will take place today from 1-4 p.m. at the museum located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. During the June open house, a program entitled "Clearing the Valley" present by a Department of Conservation representative will take place at 2 p.m.

In 1927 the Swift River Valley was home to four towns and over 2,000 people. This program will focus on how four towns ended and the occupants had to move elsewhere along with the history of some of the families involved.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

OAKHAM TOWN WIDE YARD SALE sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association will take place today. Registration fee is \$15. People may call Kathy at 508-882-3137 for details.

Calendar Policy

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

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Departed Scouts/Scouters to be remembered at annual Memorial Service

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Heart of New England Council will hold its annual Scout/Scouter Memorial Service at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, May 31 at the Walker Scout Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The general public is welcome to attend.

Scouting units from throughout the Council gather on the Saturday after Memorial Day each year to honor departed members of the Scouting community, according to Walker Memorial Committee chair, John Ebersold. This year's ceremony will honor 25 area

Scouts and Scouters.

Participating units will be led into the Memorial Garden by bagpiper, Edie Simpson, from Troop 163, Sturbridge, and a color guard made up of Scouts from Troop 238, East Brookfield, and Troop 163.

The evening's program will include a reading of this year's Memorial Roll Call with brief individual reminders of the Scouting involvement of each Scout and Scouter on the list, remarks from Scouting officials, laying of a memorial wreath, a reading of Scouting founder Baden Powell's farewell message, and presentation

of streamers to participating units.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the Ronald E. Walker Scouting Memorial and Walker Memorial Garden by Norman Walker to honor the memory of his son, Ron, who had been active in Troop 128, chartered to St. Joseph's Church in North Brookfield.

With Walker providing the design and supervision for this "Living Memorial to Scouting," construction started in late 1969. The Garden was dedicated on Memorial Day, May 25, 1970.

104th Fighter Wing to conduct night flying training missions

BARNES AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE WESTFIELD – The 104th Fighter Wing is scheduled to conduct night training flights May 27 through May 29.

Night training maneuvers allow pilots based at Barnes Air National

Guard Base to stay current with mandatory Air Force requirements as a part of their overall readiness training.

The pilots will be training on both critical homeland defense and overseas wartime aviation skills.

EQLT to hold foraging for wild edibles on June 4

HARDWICK – On Wednesday, June 4 from 6-8 p.m. East Quabbin Land Trust will host foraging for wild edibles with Russ Cohen.

People will learn about edible wild plants in the area and how to find them. People may email atrevett@eqlt.org to register. Space is limited to 20

participants. Russ Cohen is author of the book "Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten." Cost is \$10 per person payable through Venmo @ EAST-QUABBIN or on the day of the event. Location (accessible) and other details will be shared with confirmed participants the week prior to the walk.

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Panthers finish outside of playoff picture

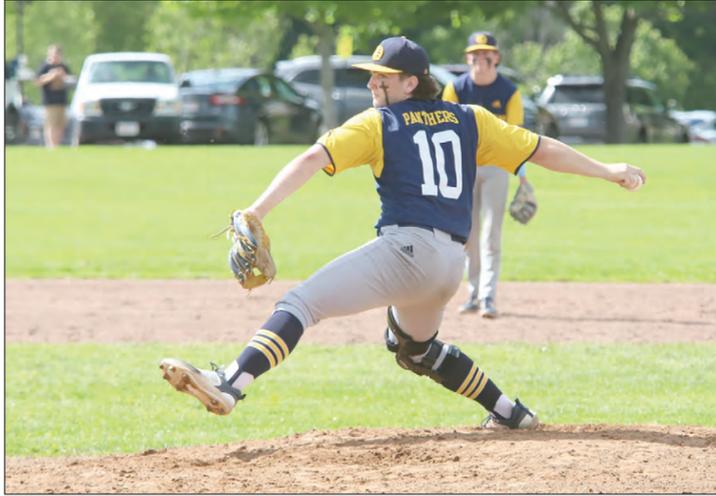
BARRE – Heading into the final week of the regular season, the Quabbin Regional High School baseball team was looking to squeeze into the top 32 of Division 4 to qualify for the state tournament. But the Panthers were defeated in two games last week.

First it was a 5-4 loss against Narragansett, then a 6-2 defeat against South High Community.

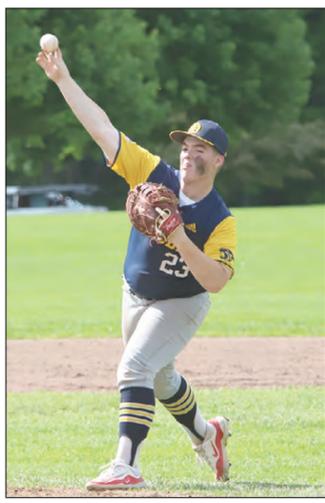
The Panthers had one final matchup scheduled against Gardner on Memorial Day.

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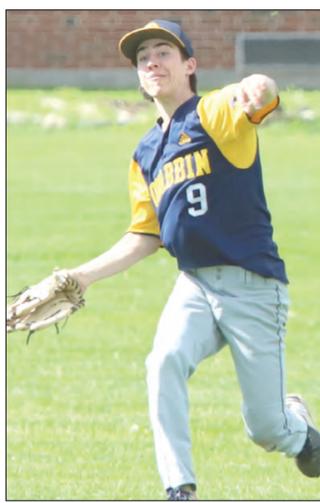
Adam Adams sends a pitch home.



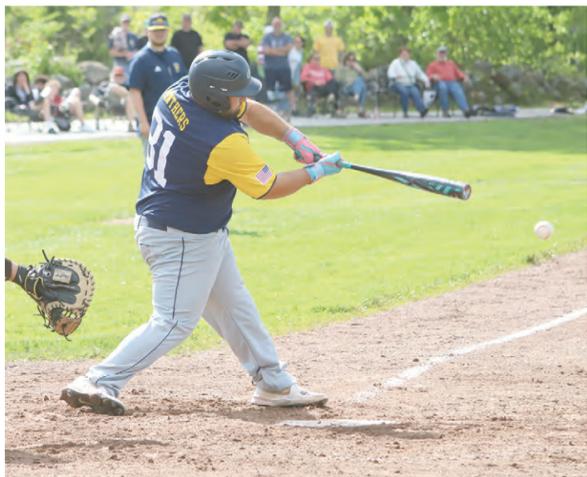
Alijah Flint blocks a throw home.



Finn Leander cuts off a throw and sends it home.



Chase Talbot sends a throw home.



Travis Laroche fouls off a pitch.



Sam Morgan hustles down the line.

Panthers close season with sweep

BARRE – Last Tuesday afternoon on the road, Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis picked up the sweep over host Littleton.

The Panthers finished the regular season with a 15-1 overall record and another league title at a

perfect 12-0.

Farah Wojcik had the sweep in first singles. She won 6-0, 6-1. Kalina Dyer also swept her match and Haley Ayer won third singles in three sets.

In doubles action, Maddy Stauder and Lizzie Matheson

along with Ellie Frost and Audrey Laursen got sweeps in their doubles matches.

The Panthers drew a state tournament matchup at Quaboag Regional that was scheduled to be played on Wednesday afternoon in Warren.

Pioneers win consolation game



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Kendra Burke fires to the plate.

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder softball suffered a tough loss in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Class D Tournament 18-0. The Pioneers would then play a pair of consolation non-playoff games, concluding on Monday with SICS.

The Pioneers defeated the Bulldogs 7-3 to finish the season 12-5 and increase their standing in the Division 5 State Tournament.

Seeds for that tournament will be announced late this week or early next week.



Taylor Thorton connects on a base hit.



Kyleigh Travis pinch-runs at first base.



Emily Forcier fires a throw back to the infield.

Mutiny opens up regular season with victory

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just like they did a year ago, the New England Mutiny didn't have very much trouble dispatching the Maine Footy in the season opener.

Led by Avery Klingensmith, who scored a pair of second half goals, the Mutiny began the 2025 campaign with a 4-1 victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, May 17. The match came to an end during the 73rd minute due to a severe thunderstorm.

"We had a very successful season last year and we're looking forward to picking up right where

we left off," said Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2022. "We do have a lot of returners and several new players this season. We always play very well in front of our home fans."

The Mutiny, who finished the 2024 regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, began last season with a 3-1 win versus the Footy. Their only loss came last July against the Santa Clarita Blue Heat, 3-2, in a penalty shootout in the U.W.S. National Finals in Buffalo, New York.

Klingensmith, who was an All-American soccer player in high school, will be wrapping up her collegiate soccer career at American University, which

is in Washington D.C., in the fall. She was selected to the Patriot League Women's Soccer Academic All-League Team in 2024.

"Being a member of a quality soccer team like this one helps me prepare for my college season," Klingensmith said. "My college soccer team finished with a .500 record last season and we're hoping to make the NCAA Division 1 Tournament this year. American University is also a very good school academically."

Klingensmith was one of the Mutiny starting midfielders in the season opener

There are four other players from Western Massachusetts listed on this

year's Mutiny roster.

"It's always great to have a Western Mass. presence on the team," said Klingensmith, who's beginning her fourth season with the Mutiny. "It's a lot of fun being teammates with them on this team."

Aida Name, who was one of Klingensmith's high school teammates, is another returning player listed on the Mutiny roster. Name, who lives in Chicopee, was a starting defender against Maine.

Another starter was Kendall Bodak, who graduated from Monson High School. She was also selected as an All-American player by the United Soccer Coaches in



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Abbey Jones guides a pass by an opponent.

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Sports

Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes is two weeks into the season.

The Rolling Stones bowled against Sophia's Raiders in week two. In game one, Rolling Stones prevailed with a win by a score 425-410. In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 441-423.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 450-436. Phil Clough had the high game of 113 to help his team get the win. Total pinfall was won by Rolling Stones with a final score of 1302-1283. The highest game by the Rolling Stones was from Cindy Finney with a 99.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Kristen's Squad. In game one, Kristen's Squad were victorious by a score of 431-429. Teammate Bob Button and Emily Black each bowled 101 to start the match.

In game two, Kristen's Squad won again by a score of 435-419. The last game was won by Gutter Fingers by a score of 432-414. Both teams tied for total pinfall at 1280.

Straight Shooters bowled against Gutter Dolls. In game one, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 437-432. Alan Nason of Straight Shooters started the match with 112.

In game two, Gutter Dolls won again by a score of 451-448. The last game was won by Gutter Dolls for a three-game sweep over Straight Shooters. Final score was 1326-1300 in favor of Gutter Dolls.

Gutter Snipes bowled against Clock Barn in week

two of the summer league. In game one, Gutter Snipes won the first game by a score of 441-438. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes began with a 107 game.

In game two, Gutter Snipes won again by a score of 447-423. Vinciulla bested his first game by bowling 111 in game two.

In game three, Gutter Snipes salvaged a three-game sweep over Clock Barn by winning game three, 453-437. Vinciulla finished with 110 and a series of 328. Bob Davenport of Clock Barn finished the match with 109.

Final score was 1341-1298 in favor of Gutter Snipes.

The Wednesday Mixed Summer League welcomed another team to the league. The Swistaks (Dawn, Kathy, Pete and Steve) will be bowling this summer at Bogey Lanes.

HoopHall announces college series

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, announced the field for the 2025 Hall of Fame Series Baltimore at the CFG Bank Arena on Monday, Nov. 3. This marks the Hall of Fame's return to Charm City following last year's successful debut event.

The Baltimore double-header will feature compelling local matchups that celebrate the region's rich basketball heritage. Headlining the night, Maryland will face Coppin State—located 30 and 3 miles from CFG Bank Arena, respectively—while Towson takes on Loyola Maryland, situated just 10 and 6 miles away. These regional matchups promise an electric atmosphere and a can't-miss

night of college basketball.

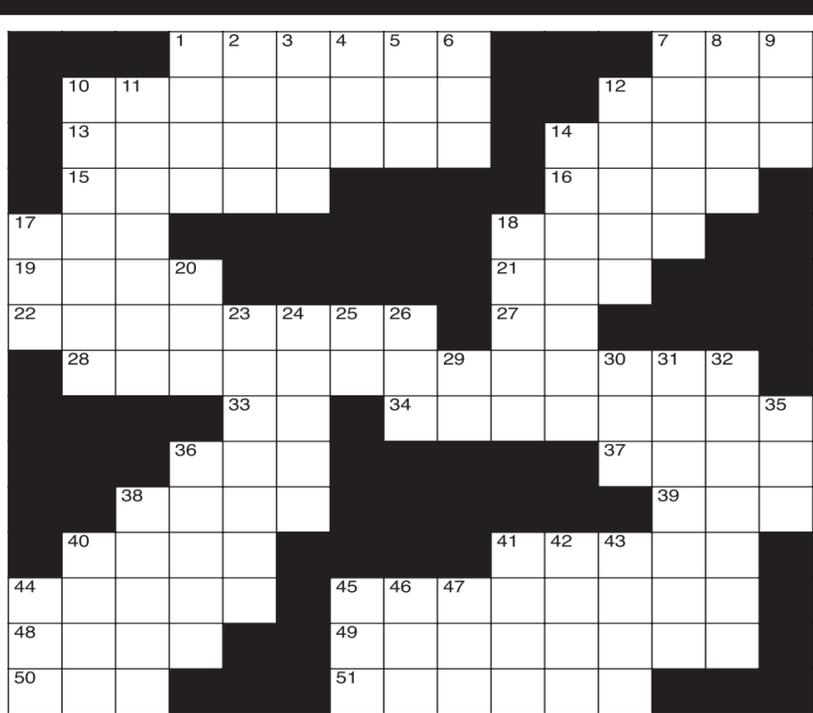
"Returning to Baltimore for a second year demonstrates the growing excitement around the Hall of Fame Series and the region's passion for college basketball," said Melissa Meacham-Grossman, President of Position Sports. "With Maryland headlining alongside respected local programs like Coppin State, Towson, and Loyola, this event highlights the incredible basketball tradition in and around Baltimore. It's an honor to partner with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to bring these matchups back to the world-class CFG Bank Arena."

Fans can sign up for presale information now at HOFSeries.com. Further details regarding ticketing, game time, broadcast cov-

erage, and media credentials for the event will be shared at a later date.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a premier collection of multi-game, singular events that feature top collegiate basketball programs in high-profile non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. Past stops have included the following cities: Baltimore (2024), Charlotte (2023), Las Vegas (2023-24), New York (2024), Phoenix (2023-24), San Antonio (2023), and Toronto (2023).

For more Hall of Fame Series information and updates, please visit HOFSeries.com or follow @HOFSeries on all social platforms.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Bring up
7. Child
10. Formal written defense
12. Bangladeshi currency
13. Burial site
14. In the lead
15. Large recesses in a church
16. Count on
17. Defunct phone company
18. Golf scores
19. Afflicts
21. Defensive nuclear weapon
22. Prominence
27. "The Great Lakes State"
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White

House

34. Magnificence
36. Hip hop songstress
37. Capital of Yemen
38. ___ Blyton, children's author
39. Bomb
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
41. Pinkish-violet color
44. A way to make right
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
48. Region south of Dead Sea
49. Acts out against
50. Harsh cry of a crow
51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN

1. Kitchen devices
2. Wings
3. Mythological birds
4. Everyone has one
5. Matchstick game
6. Bar bill
7. Weights
8. Satisfactorily
9. Small amount
10. Tree types
11. Small protuberances
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
14. Type of horse
17. More (Spanish)
18. Argentinian province
20. A bad act
23. Moving in a circular way

24. Battery type

25. Atomic #58
26. Popular breakfast food
29. An alternative
30. Tooth caregiver
31. A way to conform
32. Disfigured men
35. Cool!
36. Genus of mosses
38. Body part
40. Kashmiri people
41. Round water pot
42. Something to purchase
43. Emit coherent radiation
44. Indicates 10
45. Advertising metric
46. Pitching stat
47. Head movement

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In the Classroom

Callia Arum elected to Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA – Callia Arum of Rutland was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Syracuse University.

Arum is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10%

of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni, who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Andrea Zereski elected to Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA – Andrea Zereski of South Barre was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Framingham State

University. Zereski is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only

the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Becker College gives \$274,212 to MWCC veterinary programs

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College announces a generous donation of \$274,212 from the residual endowment assets of Becker College, which closed its doors in 2021.

This donation will support MWCC's Veterinary Technology Program, which welcomed former Becker College students and acquired equipment when the college closed its veterinary programs. The financial gift represents a significant commitment to the continued success of MWCC's Veterinary Technology Program and will help provide vital resources that directly benefit current and future students. Though the exact allo-

cation of the funds has yet to be determined, the donation is expected to contribute to the ongoing enhancement of the program's quality and support the academic and professional growth of students pursuing careers in veterinary technology.

"We are deeply grateful for this generous donation from the Becker College Endowment," said Tara Novak, CVT, LATG and Director of Veterinary Technology, Mount Wachusett Community College. "This gift will play a crucial role in ensuring that our students have access to the resources and training they need to succeed in their careers."

The MWCC Veterinary Technology Program is one of the leading programs in the region, offering students hands-on experience, cutting-edge technology and a comprehensive education in veterinary care. This donation will continue to build upon the program's strong foundation and further its mission to provide high-quality education and professional opportunities for students in the field.

For more information about Mount Wachusett Community College and its Veterinary Technology Program, people may visit <https://mwcc.edu/academics/degree/veterinary-technology/>.

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high school. She'll be a sophomore member of the women's soccer team at Clemson University in the fall.

Bodak, who's a forward, was listed on the Mutiny roster a year ago, but she didn't play in any matches.

"It's an honor to be a member of this soccer team," Bodak said. "It's also fun being teammates with the other players from Western Mass."

One of Bodak's teammates at Monson High School was Tennessee Murphy, who currently attends The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut. Murphy was also selected as an All-American soccer player last fall. She entered the season opening match for the first time as a defender at the start of the second half.

Another local player on the Mutiny roster is Olivia Crespo, who graduated from Ludlow High School. She'll be entering her senior season at Franklin Pierce University.

For the first time since the Mutiny started playing home games in Ludlow, Hope Santaniello wasn't listed on the opening day roster.

Santaniello, who was an All-American soccer player at Agawam High School, is currently playing for a professional women's soccer team in Iceland.

Alexis Legowski, who was another member of last year's Mutiny squad from South Hadley, is playing for a professional soccer team in Poland.

The Mutiny head coach is Federico Molinari, who also coaches the Western Mass. Pioneers.

"It's always nice to start the season with a win," Molinari said. "I thought we played much better in the second half than we did in the first half."

The Mutiny pretty much dominated the first half, but



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Laci Lewis makes her way up the field.



Taylor Jenkins is tripped up as she tries to clear the ball.

the match remained scoreless until the 43rd minute.

That's when Laci Lewis sent a crossing pass from the right side into the middle of the box where the ball was headed into the back of the net by Taylor Jenkins giving the Mutiny a 1-0 lead.

Lewis and Jenkins were teammates on the UConn women's soccer team last year.

There are a total of six UConn women's soccer players listed on this year's Mutiny roster.

UConn head coach Margaret Rodriguez is a former Mutiny player.

Klingensmith netted her first goal of the season during the 56th minute.

It was assisted by Kate Howarth, who played in her first match for the Mutiny since 2019.

Howarth began playing for the Mutiny in 2012. After playing for the Boston Breakers in 2013, Howarth returned to the Mutiny side as the team captain in 2014.

Following the 2019 season, Howarth, who's the Mutiny's all-time leading goal scorer and points leader, signed with the Orlando Pride, who's a member of the

National Women's Soccer League.

Howarth has been sidelined with a leg injury during the past couple of years, but is healthy again this year.

"It felt very nice to put this jersey on again," Howarth said. "The environment here is outstanding and I love playing for this team. It's a lot of fun."

Joe Ferrara, who's the owner and Managing Director of the Mutiny, was glad to see Howarth back on the field again.

"It's very special having Kate play for us again," Ferrara said. "She's one of the best players in the history of this club."

The duo of Howarth and Klingensmith hooked up again eight minutes later.

The Footy got on the scoreboard following a goal from Ava Feeley during the 70th minute.

Just before the referee stopped the match, Bodak netted her first goal in a Mutiny uniform.

Abbey Jones was credited with the assist.

The Mutiny will have a week off before hosting Ole' Eagles, who are a new U.W.S. squad at 7 p.m. on May 31.

Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Lessons from Guatemala Part 2

I recently served on a short-term mission trip to Guatemala.

I want to offer a series of thoughts born of my travels in kind. Allow me to begin by saying we spent an inordinate amount of time traveling to, from and within the nation of Guatemala. In total, we spent some sixty hours of our nine day trek traversing the highways and byways of that truly beautiful nation, by plane, bus, pickup truck, car and more. The Lord spoke to my heart quite a bit amidst our journeying. Note the following:

1) Rocks Along the Way

Every now and then our bus-driver, Mario, would have to stop to dislodge a rock stuck in the tire. He was surgical with the hammer he wielded in such moments. It was common on more rural roads for these impediments to hinder our progress, requiring physical removal and remediation (i.e., via hammer).

I think this speaks to the journey of life. How often are we going along swimmingly until some matter of sinfulness or a bad attitude creeps in and begins to hinder? What are we to do when such things occur? Stop before God and practice spiritual removal and remediation in Christ. We have to use the tools God has given us in His Word to remove impediments. Consider how this precept is reflected in the following passage:

Hebrews 12:1b-2a (NIV)

1 . . . since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

2) Road Closures and the Unexpected

Road closures are a common phenomenon in Guatemala. Said closures may be the result of nature, as earthquakes and heavy rainfall bring about landslides or rock falls, making roadways impassible. Closures may also be the result of political unrest and protest, which we both experienced and had to contend

with. Such realities meant that plans changed and detours resulted. One has to be flexible and ready for the unexpected in Guatemala.

This is similar to life. It seems that plans change on a dime and we are forced to shift for reasons beyond human control. All we can do is practice patient flexibility, taking the necessary detour God has orchestrated. What other options do we really have in such moments? It is best to keep in step with the Spirit of God! Consider how this principle is evident herein:

Acts 16:6-10

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Remember:

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes [directs] their steps.

3) Travel Matters

Thus said, how we traveled mattered. When confronted with detours and delays, we had a choice in how we responded. We could have chosen to traffic in complaint, grumbling or murmur. We could have chosen to traffic in prayer, thanksgiving and worship. Though we could not control our circumstances, we could control ourselves in the midst of them in Christ. Praise God our team chose to travel well.

This precept speaks to me. You and I cannot control the circumstances we face—we can only control our response to them. This means we can choose wisely or poorly, but each comes with pros and cons. Ultimately, in life, how you travel matters! How do you handle unexpected delays, detours and opposing

forces? Beware of a wrong response. How did complaint work for the Hebrews of the Exodus under Moses?

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." 8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

Let us be a people who seek to obey this series of commands:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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

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

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North Brookfield

Selectmen hear update on downtown project

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Downtown Development Committee Chair Sheila Orsi gave an update to the board about the status of the project along North Main Street.

At the May 20 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Orsi said there has been a change of scope for the project, where the funds are now being used to do some work from School Street toward the park.

"As we're coming down the park, we wanted to use some of our Complete Streets funds for that," Orsi said.

She said the committee has applied for and received two grants: the Shared Streets grant in the amount of \$200,000 and the Complete Streets grant in the amount of \$500,000.

Orsi said initially the town received \$400,000 in grant funding from Complete Streets, but the committee's request for additional funding awarded them an extra \$100,000.

"Because we changed the scope of the project and it wasn't just running down North Main Street where it was originally engineered... Complete Streets is pushing back a little bit on that," Orsi said. "We plan to take the project and make the School Street side and just use Shared Streets for that project... and make it easier by kind of separating the two grants from each other."

Orsi said the original scope of the project was all the way down the north side of North Main Street (in front of Hannaford) to Central Street.

"That scope had been peeled way back," she said. "And we only did what we see now on the street right now, which is from the corner of North Main and School up to Central Street."

Orsi said the original bid for the project came in lower than expected and there are still funds remaining from the first phase of the Complete Streets grant.

"It looks like we have enough funds to actually run the rest of the sidewalk in front of the church stonewall again," she said.

She said the scope of work will need to be renegotiated with the Department of Transportation and BSC Group in order to use the funding to continue the sidewalk. The extra funding needs to be used by the end of the year.

Building project update

Peter Orsi gave an update on the Highway/Fire Buildings Project. He said the steel should be completed by the end of the week and roofers are on site.

"Some of the interior carpentry has been signed off by the Building Inspector," he said.

Orsi said heaters have been installed, and spray foam is expected to be completed in the first week of June.

He said there have been some issues in the 1950s building, including the drain, which may be more expensive to address than planned.

"We're trying to work with contractors, Selectmen, the inspectors, to come up with the best solution we can for the project," he said.

Beaver concerns on Brickyard

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman

addressed the flooding concerns at the rail trail on Brickyard Road caused by beavers.

He said in April of this year, the Selectmen asked the Highway Department to evaluate the situation, and it was determined that the flooding needed to be addressed due to the potential impact to public ways. The culverts were cleaned out and grids were added to prevent materials from lodging inside of the culvert pipes.

"Volunteers have been trying to keep the materials from building up on a regular basis," Gilman said.

Gilman said the board has been communicating with the East Brookfield Board of Selectmen regarding the beavers.

He said the board is also applying for a beaver permit for the area.

Spending requests

The board approved a spending request in the amount of \$2,557.44 from the Highway Department to purchase a piston for the backhoe bucket. This is a specialty part that can only be ordered from two vendors.

The board also approved a spending request from the Senior Center in the amount of \$150 to purchase and install a wireless, solar camera.

Public comment

Brandon Avery reminded people to clean up after their dogs and to keep dogs off of the playground area. He also noted that parking designated for the common should not be used for residential purposes.

Avery said alcohol should not be consumed on the common.

Durant 'outraged' over city officials' treatment of ICE agents and police

WORCESTER – State Sen. Peter Durant, R-Spencer, said he is "appalled and outraged" by the actions of Worcester city leaders including one who physically tried to prevent ICE agents from taking custody of an illegal immigrant charged with violent crimes against a pregnant woman, according to a press release.

"We cannot tolerate local elected officials interfering with law enforcement officers, escalating already perilous situations and placing the community at risk," Durant said in a Facebook post Saturday.

The comments came in response to several videos recorded on Friday morning which show ICE agents attempting to take a woman into custody as a large crowd began surrounding them and a city counselor held onto the woman.

"ICE agents and Worcester Police showed restraint in dealing with a hostile crowd that was whipped up by city politicians who tried to help this wanted person to escape. I applaud the law enforcement agencies involved and I stand with them," Durant said, adding that he stands with Worcester Police and ICE.

As new information came to light on Saturday, Durant said he learned from media reports that agents were arresting Ferreira de Oliveira because she is alleged to have come into the country illegally nearly three years ago and is now charged with assaulting and battering a pregnant woman and committing an armed assault and battery in the city.

"It is a privilege to come to America. We expect those here awaiting citizenship to be on their best behavior and

if they are being arrested on criminal charges, that should be a roadblock for their quest to become citizens," Durant said.

Durant said he has heard from many constituents who agree with his historically tough stance on illegal immigration and noted that they are usually quieter than those who support illegal immigration.

"I understand that my role as a legislator is to represent all of my constituents at the state level and I want those who feel silenced by the boisterous, ostentatious crowd to know: I hear you and I will work to keep you safe," he said.

Durant said his staff is continuing to gather details about Friday's incident and he will release any new information as it becomes available.

Flourishing as a community

Conversation led by McDonough at the Stone Church Cultural Center

HARDWICK – Join Megan McDonough, founder and CEO of Wholebeing Institute, for an evening of meaningful conversation about what it means to flourish as a community.

This free event will take place on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville. A light supper will be served to open the evening in Boothman Hall.

In a time when loneliness and disconnection are on the rise – and even in small towns, lines are drawn and divisions deepen – the science is clear: our well-being is deeply linked to the strength of our relationships and sense of belonging.

Megan will guide a thoughtful, interactive discussion on how we can support one another in cultivating connection, resilience, and shared joy – right here in our local community.

There is no cost to attend and no tickets are required, but RSVPs are appreciated to help the center plan for food. Please email fosegilbertville@gmail.com to let them know you're coming. Donations are welcome to support this and future community programs.

McDonough is a global leader in the field of human flourishing and the founder of Wholebeing Institute, an international educational organization dedicated to the science of well-being.

With decades of experience at the intersection of science and wisdom traditions, she has led programs and spoken on stages in Brazil, Latin America, Australia, and beyond. Yet her deepest roots remain in Hardwick, where she has

lived for over 30 years on a small farm with her husband. Together, they run Hardwick Sugar Shack, crafting maple syrup from the trees just outside their door.

This gathering is hosted by Friends of the Stone Church, a local nonprofit working to preserve and activate this historic landmark for the cultural and communal enrichment of our region. Since 2015, FOSC has been creating opportunities for connection, creativity, and conversation.

Let's come together – neighbors, friends, and fellow seekers – to explore what truly makes us thrive.

To support ongoing preservation and programs at the Stone Church, donations can be made online at www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or mailed to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Friends of the Stone Church is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Church hosts annual chicken BBQ June 14

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 Main St., will hold its annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 14, from

1-2 p.m. The meal includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, drink, and fresh strawberry shortcake. Take-out or eat in available.

Tickets are sold at the door or call Sandi at 508-867-3272 or Mary at 508-662-8174. Tickets are \$20 per person.



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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, May 4
6:46 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Debra Lane, Information Given
8:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Varney Lane, Public Assist

Monday, May 5
8:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Austin Street, Transported to Hospital
12:07 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Oakham Road, Referred to Other Agency
1:25 p.m. Complaint, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact
1:45 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:42 p.m. Public Assist, West Street, Public Assist
9:31 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pleasant Street, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, May 6
2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
3:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
3:13 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Wednesday, May 7
12:49 a.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist
8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
8:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
8:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
9:51 a.m. Complaint, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
10:32 a.m. Court Duty, Barre Police Headquarters, Court Duty
6:53 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned to Family

Thursday, May 8
9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
9:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
1 p.m. Fire – Public Service Call, Marsh Road, Public Assist
2:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
3:27 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Coldbrook Park, Unfounded
4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Friday, May 9
12:59 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Hubbardstnn Road, Referred to Other Agency
7:59 a.m. Harassment, South

Street, Report Filed
9:32 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Wauwinet Road, Chief Met with Party
3:26 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Transported to Hospital
7:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
8:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Nichols Road, No Transport Required

Saturday, May 10
12:59 p.m. Property Damage, Worcester Road, Report Filed
1:42 p.m. Assault ad Battery, Worcester Road, Report Filed
2:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Message Delivered
3:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital
5:21 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Fisher Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
6:03 p.m. Larceny or Theft, South Street, Call Transferred
6:10 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Mechanic Street, Officer/Chief Advised
6:16 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Mutual Aid Transported
8 p.m. Fire – Public Service Call, West Street, Public Assist
9:24 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Fir Street, Officer Took Call
10:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

Hospital
4:48 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Unfounded

Friday, May 9
12:21 p.m. Tree in Wires, Gaffney Road, Referred to Other Agency
5:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Scott Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Saturday, May 10
3:13 p.m. Notification, New Braintree Road, Information Taken
10:10 Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Scott Road, Negative Contact
10:22 Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist

Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, May 9
12:59 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Wires Down/Arcing, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
7:53 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Report Filed
11:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 10
7:59 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hale Road, Removed Hazard
8:15 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Tracy Lane, Referred to Other Agency
11:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick Unknown, Chicopee Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
5:33 p.m. Public Assist, Williamsville Road, Public Assist
6:16 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Mutual Aid Assist

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, May 4
12:02 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Central Tree Road, Report Filed
Summons Falgoust, Ray, 37, Thibadaux, Louisiana
Charges Leave Scene of Property Damage
7:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
10:58 a.m. Follow Up Investigation, Central Tree Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
5 p.m. Property – Lost/Found Surrender, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
10:06 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Mutual Aid Assist

Monday, May 5
3:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Mutual Aid Ambulance, Nelson Way, Mutual Aid Transport
11:51 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Clearview Road, Officer/Chief Advised
9:31 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pleasant Street, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, May 6
9:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Nancy Drive, Transported to Hospital
9:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Laurelwood Road, Mutual Aid Transport
3:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Highland Park Road, No Transport Required
3:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, No Transport Required
4 p.m. Property Damage, Emerald Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:15 p.m. Complaint, Irish Lane, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest Fish, Tyler James, 20, Rutland
Charges Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Vandalize Property c266 §126A (damage to field), License Not in Possession, Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Dangerous Weapon, Carry (Knife), Trespass
Summons Wasiuk, Evan Michael, 23, Rutland
Charges Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, License Not in Possession, Trespass, Vandalize Property c266 §126A
5:12 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Bigelow Road, Returned to Family or Guardian

Wednesday, May 7
1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
1:54 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
2:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning
6:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Thursday, May 8
7:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
Summons Bell, Lori Lee, 61, Townsend
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Inspection/sticker, No
8:38 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
9:18 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Nancy Drive, Negative Contact
10:04 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision Vista Circle, Report Filed
10:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons Yakir, Ido, 22, Framingham
Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No, Number Plate Violation
11:34 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Maple Avenue,, Officer/Chief Advised
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed
3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ten Rod Road, Written Warning
4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:15 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Intervale Road, Negative Contact
Summons Hogan, Dale F., 42, Rutland
Charges Trespass on State/County Property
7:16 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Pommogussett Road, Information Taken
7:44 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Charnock Hill Road, Referred to Other Agency
8:05 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Clealand Circle, Referred to Other Agency
8:37 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Sassawanna Road, Information Given
9:20 p.m. Road Condition Notification, East County Road, Referred to Other Agency
9:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, No Action Required
10:17 p.m. Road Condition Notification, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency

Friday, May 9
4:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:34 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Intervale Road, Referred to Other Agency
11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
11:39 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Brintnal Drive, Removed Hazard
11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
12:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Miles Road, Written Warning
1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
1:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
1:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:44 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Main Street, Removed Hazard
4:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Burns, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Scott Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Fisterman's Road, Negative Contact
11:55 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assist

Saturday, May 10
12:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Wachusett Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
1:15 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Emerald Road, Referred to Other Agency
3:37 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Information Given
3:48 p.m. Public Assist, Barre Paxton Road, Information Given
4:02 p.m. Tree Leaning on Wires, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
5:47 p.m. Landlord/Neighbor Dispute, Kosta Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
7:18 p.m. Fire Power Lines Down/Arcing, Walnut Street, No Fire Service Needed
9:02 p.m. Public Assist, Wachusett Street, Officer/Chief Advised
9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
9:16 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival
9:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Brunelle Drive, Transported to Hospital
10:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact

Oakham Police Log

Monday, May 5
4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
7:32 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), North Brookfield Road, Public Assist

Tuesday, May 6
1:34 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Gaffney Road, Information Given
4:15 p.m. Complaint, Route 122, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest Fish, Tyler James, 20, Rutland
Charges Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Vandalize Property c266 §126A (Damage to Field), License Not in Possession, Number

Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Speeding Rate of Speed exceeding Posted Limit, Dangerous Weapon, Carry (Knife), Trespass
Summons Wasiuk, Evan Michael, 23, Rutland
Charges Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, License Not in Possession, Trespass, Vandalize Property c266 §126A

Wednesday, May 7
9:26 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Grace Lane, Message Delivered

Thursday, May 8
12:46 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Spencer Road, Transported to

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday May 4
3:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Moosehorn Hill Circle, Transported to Hospital
12:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ragged Hill Road Mutual Aid Transport
10:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Bemis Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Monday, May 5
10:59 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Old Princeton Road, Information Taken
1:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Area Patrolled
9:31 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Pleasant Street, Fire Extinguished
10:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Hale Road, No Transport Required

Tuesday, May 6
12:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gardner Road, Transported to

Hospital
12:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Healdville Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Wednesday, May 7
12:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, New Templeton Road, Mutual Aid Transport
9:16 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Gardener Road, Referred to Other Agency
3:43 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardener Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:24 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Gardener Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 8
1:04 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Negative Contact
3:37 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardener Road, Verbal Warning
7:29 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
10:09 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville

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Friday, May 9
12:59 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Wires Down/Arcing, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
7:53 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Report Filed
11:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 10
7:59 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hale Road, Removed Hazard
8:15 a.m. Road Condition Notification, Tracy Lane, Referred to Other Agency
11:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick Unknown, Chicopee Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
5:33 p.m. Public Assist, Williamsville Road, Public Assist
6:16 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Mutual Aid Assist

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BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, floor 3, requested by Town of

Barre - DPW to vote to change the Town's zoning requirement on said parcel identified on the Town of Assessor Map as G356 and as shown at the registry of deeds in Book 2048 Page 0007 (formerly Roger Langley School), 1,9997 acres from an R15 to an R80 district.

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

Floyd Kelley
Chairman
05/22, 05/29/2025

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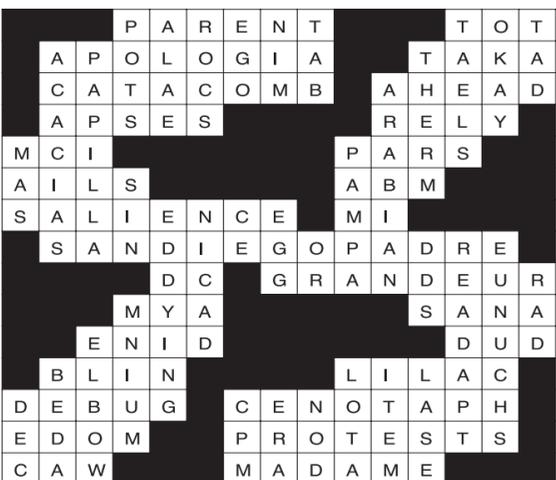
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AAA urges drivers to have increased vigilance for motorcycles

WESTWOOD – As warm weather finally graces the Northeast, everyone is getting out more including motorcyclists.

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motorcyclist fatalities occur between May and September.

The last 10 years of NHTSA data shows motorcycle fatalities spiking by over 32% from April to May, when many motorcyclists begin taking advantage of consistently warmer temperatures.

Motorcyclist fatalities in the U.S. continue to trend dangerously upward. There

were 6,335 motorcyclists killed in 2023, representing 15% of all traffic fatalities, according to NHTSA. This was the highest number of motorcyclists killed since at least 1975, the earliest year of available data.

“The continued increase in motorcyclist fatalities is especially troubling given that most categories of traffic fatalities decreased from

2022 to 2023, while motorcyclist deaths continued their dangerous climb,” said Mark Schieldrop, senior spokesperson for AAA Northeast. “As we all take to the roads more frequently during warmer weather, drivers must keep in mind that staying alert and aware is critical to improving safety, especially as motorcycles can be more difficult to see because of their size.”

In Massachusetts, there were 65 fatal crashes involving motorcycles in 2024, according to the Massachusetts IMPACT data portal.

AAA offers the following tips for drivers.

Increase following distance and take extra care when driving behind a motor, especially when stopping or accelerating.

Carefully check mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles, which are less visible than other vehicles on the road.

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