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The American Legion Color Guard and other Veterans march in the Barre Memorial Day parade.



Every Memorial Day Margo Petracone of Barre rides her horse in the Memorial Day Parade. She carries an American Flag and her horse has a flag themed saddle pad and red, white and blue leg wraps.

Barre remembers those who gave their lives

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – The weather forecast predicted rain for Memorial Day.

Although many towns cancelled their Memorial Day parades or moved their ceremonies inside, Barre held theirs. There was intermittent rain, fog and colder weather than the sunny, hot weather earlier in the weekend.

A large crowd attended with many carrying umbrellas or wearing rain gear. Showing patriotism and remembering those who gave their lives for their country, many dressed in

red, white and blue colors.

This year it was Barre's turn to have the Quabbin Regional High School Band and the Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps from the high school. Members of the Quabbin Community Band also participated.

Every year, Margo Petracone of Barre rides her horse in the parade. She proudly carries an American flag and her horse sports a flag themed saddle pad and red, white and blue leg wraps. The Higgins family provided an array of military vehicles. Angelo Salvatore behind

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Barre Police Chief James Sabourin, right front and members of the Barre Police Department wear their dress uniforms.

Oakham honors the fallen servicemen and women

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OAKHAM – A foggy and drizzling Memorial Day kept some people at home, but despite the weather many came out for the Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

Fire Chief Timothy Howe acted as Master of Ceremonies. The Boy Scouts placed a wreath on the Veteran's Memorial Monument and conducted the flag ceremony. Alisha sang the National Anthem. This year the Oakham Fire Department Honor Guard provided the 21 gun salute followed by the playing of "Taps" by Brandon.

There were two speakers this year, Lucy Tessnau, a member of

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Turley Photo by Elizabeth Laramée

The Oakham Fire Department Honor Guard marched in the Memorial Day parade in Oakham on May 27.



The Girl Scouts also marched in the parade along with their leaders.

Circus Show performed at Barre Library



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Peter Cannizzaro of Clown Care did a circus show at Woods Memorial Library. Cannizzaro alongside kids who volunteered during one of his acts.

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BARRE - The Woods Memorial Library welcomed Peter Cannizzaro and his Spectacular Circus Show.

This was Cannizzaro's first time visiting the Barre Library and was ready to perform in front of dozens of kids and their families. Kids got to enjoy a half day off and come to the library to see a circus show. The show took place inside the Allen Hall of the Woods Memorial Library.

Cannizzaro hales from Newton, Massachusetts and has been a circus performer for the last 10 years. For the last two years Cannizzaro has done his solo act full-time and performs in all sorts of programs. One of his commitments is after school programming in his hometown of Newton.

Cannizzaro got his start in the circus industry as a stagehand for

Big Apple Circus and soon made his way into the performance. His act mainly consists of juggling, balancing, and the infamous musical saw.

Cannizzaro books a lot of circus shows through his company, Clown Care LLC. Through Clown Care, folks go through Clown Care as a kick starter for clown licensing and clown registration. Clown Care LLC provides multiple services through clowning workshops, tutorials and residency programs. Cannizzaro says Clown Care is a platform that welcomes all clown acts and forms.

"Inclusive to all types of clowns", Cannizzaro said.

Clowning is a state of mind where a performer has a heightened connection with the audience. Those connections were certainly made as Cannizzaro amazed the young audience and their families.

For every act, Cannizzaro

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Board accepts bid for Town Hall painting

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BARRE – Town Administrator Tammy Martin said she received one bid for the painting of the front facade of the Town Hall.

The bid from John Leacock of Palmer included two options: the painting of the front of the Town Hall for \$7,660 or the painting of the facade and clock tower for \$8,340. The Select Board voted unanimously to approve the bid for the front facade and clock tower with American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Select Board Chair Maureen

Marshall said Leacock specialized in historical restorations and did a good job at both at the Barre Congregational Church and the Woods Memorial Library.

The Town Administrator said work on the fire escapes at both the Town Hall and the Woods Memorial Building would be done. The town's insurance carrier during an inspection said both fire escapes needed to be repaired.

One-day liquor license

The Select Board voted to grant a one-day liquor license to the Barre Historical Society in conjunction with Stone Cow Brewery for the town's 250th Anniversary celebration on

Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. It will be a Barre Hunt Club revival themed gathering. The Barre Hunt Club was located in the Hotel Barre until the building burned down.

Richard Stevens, Chair of the 250th Anniversary Committee, said the committee was concerned about safety that day and he was not in favor of the one day license on the Sept. 21. He said the committee planned this to be a family event. The Select Board voted two for and one opposed with Select Board member Mark Regienus voting no.

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Committee continues talks about MLH property

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – The Hospital Review Committee continued discussion about the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital property, and potential reuse for any or all of the buildings.

Condition of buildings

At the May 15 meeting, Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he doesn't believe that anything has progressed on the demolition of the buildings and said that the town has reached out to ask Baystate Health to continue to maintain the property and mow the lawn through the summer and the fall, while under the demolition delay.

Beckley said the Gilbert building has effectively been gutted following asbestos abatement, and it is a wide open space. He said some spaces are being sealed up.

Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said it's important that the property doesn't become an eyesore during this time.

Trietsch said the asbestos abatement may make the property more appealing to a new owner.

Memory Garden and plaques

Beckley said Baystate Health has offered to distribute plants from the Memory Garden, primarily to schools.

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund said only one rosebush was moved from the Memory Garden and the rest was put into a pile.

Granlund said all of the plaques from inside the hospital have not been located either.

"It's just the usual process of just delaying the public another 30 days," he said.

His wife, Barbara Granlund, said she was told that a box of plaques was disposed of in either 2011 or 2012.

"Those are gone," she said.

Another person in attendance at the meeting said a box of plaques had been found in the basement, and that she had offered her help to

Baystate Health in order to return them to the families they came from. She said Baystate Health wouldn't accept her help.

Roof

Ware resident Cindy Bourcier said it appears that roof panels are being removed from the hospital, which you can see when you drive by the property.

Bourcier said the panels haven't been in place for over a week and she is concerned about water damaging the interior of the building.

Beckley said he will have Building Commissioner Anna Marques reach out to Baystate Health.

Reuse of property

Committee member Elena Palladino, who also serves on the

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News of the Towns



Round Town
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Town celebrated Founder's Day June 17

The Founder's Day Celebration will be held on Monday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Barre's North Bark, on the Common. This momentous occasion celebrates Barre's official 250th anniversary. This historic event will take place at the heart of the community, Barre Common and will feature a variety of presentations to honor Barre's rich heritage including speeches, historical readings, student essay reading, flag ceremony and visiting dignitaries. This day is not only a tribute to the town's founders, but also a celebration of the entire community that has helped Barre thrive for 250 years.

Annual Town Meeting

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

Grand marshal nominations

The 250th Anniversary Committee are accepting nominations for the parade grand marshal. They are looking for members of the community to nominate people, who they believe embody the spirit of Barre. The grand marshal will be presented with a commemorative sash and be invited to hold a place of honor during the grand parade. Nominations can be emailed to 250anniversary@townofbarre.com, via the survey form on their facebook or website by visiting barre250.com.

Farmer's Market

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

Summerfest

On Saturday, July 27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Summerfest sponsored by Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee will be held at Felton Field, Old Coldbrook Road. This event is a revival of the Barre Fairs that began in the 1800s at the same location. There will be live music, food trucks, beer and wine vendors, axe throwing for adults and children, old fashioned fair games such as frog jumping and sack races. A pie eating contest will be sponsored by Table Talk Pies. There will be bouncy houses, reptile show and more. People may visit their Facebook page or at www.barre250.com for more information.

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 June 3. 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 — Sloppy Joes, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, sandwich roll

TUESDAY — Haddock with parmesan cream sauce, lemon seasoned potatoes, green beans, chocolate pudding, diet = sugar free chocolate pudding, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY — Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, brownie, diet = small piece, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY — Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, baked apples, hot dog bun, sandwich roll

FRIDAY — Buttermilk chicken, scalloped potatoes, country blend vegetables, fresh fruit, apple cinnamon muffin

*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.

A railroad, and its important history



A model engine of the Rabbit Run Train, stationed and ready for passengers in Ken Levine's diorama.

By Emily-Rose Pappas
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BELCHERTOWN — Between the years of 1871-1938, the Rabbit Run Railroad was a hub for travelers, school children, and workers to travel through the area that we now know as the Quabbin Reservoir.

The rail ran from Athol to Springfield, and up until its last ticket was sold in 1938, served as an important part of the area.

"The Rabbit Railroad was the lifeblood of the Swift River Valley," Ken Levine of the Petersham Historical Society said at a recent program at the Clapp Memorial Library.

The valley was important to many people, and because of that, the Swift River Historical Society in New Salem wanted to preserve the history for all to see and learn about.

"I felt there was a lot of history that deserved attention in the area," Levine said. "The valley was important to many people, and it was heartbreaking when people had to leave."

After the valley filled with water to become



Ken Levine is shown holding his banjo with a map of the Rabbit Run Railroad.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

what is now the Quabbin Reservoir, most of the tracks became submerged in water, however, there are still areas where parts of the tracks are still visible.

Levine created a diorama of the Rabbit Run Railroad, that can now be seen at the Society today. Two years in the making, it is a wonderful and beautiful creation.

"As a kid, I always found making shoebox dioramas exciting," Levine said. "It was like having your own little world."

The diorama itself is huge, using the map of the area to create the parts of the towns to be as realistic as possible.

The Rabbit Run is an important part of our history, and Levine has captured it in his diorama, as if it was frozen in time.

Barre Food Pantry holds two distributions

BARRE — The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday June 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, June 20 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, June 12 or in the evening on Thursday, June 20, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of disease viruses. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but decided that

the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients June 12 and June 20 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

On Tuesday night, June 11 at 5 p.m. the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to sort through donated groceries, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning. If people can help pitch in for an hour on the June 11, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

People should not arrive to volunteer on June 11, 12 or 20 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates by visiting the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Learn how to twist your own balloon animals

HARDWICK — Ed the Wizard and his Balloon Animal Twisting Workshop will appear at the Gilbertville Public Library, 283 Main St., Gilbertville on Tuesday, June 11 starting at 3 p.m.

Patrons will learn the art of balloon twisting as they

create their own elephant, giraffe and more. No balloon twisting experienced required.

This program is free and open to the public but may require pre-registration. Please contact the library for more information and registration by calling 413-477-

6312.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council Cultural, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Hubbardston

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Annual Town meeting set for June 4

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. People may view the warrant by visiting the town website at www.hubbardstonma.us.

Town Election

The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, June 11 in the gym at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. The polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Story time during ATM

A story time will be offered on Tuesday, June 4 so parents can attend the Annual Town Meeting. Children of all ages may participate. It begins at 7 p.m. and they will meet in the Hubbardston Center School cafeteria. To help with planning, parents are asked to register in advance by visiting the website and filling out the form. <https://forms.gle/UeMBm9N3maz61Kb6>. Miss Tricia will offer a fun-filled evening of stories, crafts and activities.

Drumming workshop

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

Senior center events

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

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18th annual Tri-Parish Community Church event is June 1 and 2

HARDWICK — The Tri Parish Community Church welcomes the public to their 18th annual plant, bake, tag and craft sale Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the beautiful Hardwick common.

The sale will feature traditional, favorite, and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs.

A delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The proceeds from the plant and bake sale support the operational expenses of the church.

The church will be holding a drawing featuring the "best" of the plant sale. No purchase is necessary to win.

Live music will be provided on Sunday though a grant to the Paige Memorial Library from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Several activities will be available for children as well.

A number of tag and craft vendors have rented space on the common for the event.

The Tri Parish Community Church's Pastor, Nathan Pederson, will lead a brief prayer service Sunday morning on the common in lieu of the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Browse the plants and vendor booths, connect with old friends, visit the Hardwick Historical Society that will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. both days, and the 1906 Paige Memorial library which will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. The library is holding an on-going book sale on their lower level.

All are welcome. This is a rain or shine event.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Select Board – June 3 at 6 p.m. and June 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 4 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 4 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 10 at 5:15 p.m.
 Water Commission – June 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – June 10 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – June 11 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – June 11 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – June 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – June 13 at 1 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – June 20 at 7 p.m.
 Annual Town Meeting – June 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 27 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Select Board – May 30 and June 5 at 5 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – May 30 and June 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – May 30 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 4 at 5:30 p.m.
 Recycling commission – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Personnel Committee – June 5 at 4 p.m.
 Finance Committee – June 5 at 5 p.m.
 Select Board – June 5 at 5 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 12 at 4 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – June 12 at 4 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – June 17 at 3 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – May 30 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Fire/Highway Building Committee – May 30 at 4 p.m.
 Parks and Recreation – May 30 at 6 p.m.
 Downtown Development Committee – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – June 4 and June 18 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – June 19 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health – May 30 at 5 p.m.
 Oakham Select Board – June 10 and June 24 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – June 14 at noon
 Planning Board – June 18 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – May 30 at 5:30 p.m., June 3 at 6:15 p.m. and June 6 at 5:30 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – May 30 at 6 p.m. and June 3 at 6:15 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – May 30 and June 20 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 4 and June 25 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – June 4 at 7 p.m.
 Petersham Forest and Shade Tree Committee – June 5 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – June 6 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – June 11 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Assessors – June 18 at 5:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

Senior Center seeks volunteers and donations

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Council on Aging and the Friends of the COA are seeking new members to join them.

Any age adult can join either group; you do not have to be a senior.

The annual meeting will be held on Monday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. Currently the Friends are looking for volunteers to fill the positions of secretary and treasurer.

Both the Friends of the COA and the COA are looking for new members. To inquire about the COA, you must fill out a request form at the Town Offices. To serve on the Friends, please call Mary Dolan at 508-867-7647.

The COA is also seeking volunteers including Med Drivers since they are trying to get their ride program up and running again. Volunteer drivers must pass a CORI and will receive a stipend for their time.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Courtenay at 508-867-0220.

The COA is also in need of wheelchairs, as the few they own have not been returned. If anyone has a wheelchair they are no longer using, or borrowed one from the COA and did not return it, please drop it off Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

St. Joseph's Parish holds Strawberry Festival June 8

NORTH BROOKFIELD – St. Joseph's Parish, 296 North Main St. will be having its 31st annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 8 in the Parish Hall.

The menu will offer baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade potato salad, homemade cole slaw, rolls, ice tea, coffee, water and the always delicious strawberry shortcake. Tickets can be obtained by calling the parish office at 508-867-6469. Tickets are adults \$15 and children ages 5-10 years old, \$7. Take out is also available.

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Car shows, climbs and cruisin'

Palmer Motorsports Park announces new sponsor

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – Get ready to start your engines, as car show season prepares to shift into high gear, bringing with it a new collaboration between Palmer Motorsports Park and Stonewall Insurance Group.

Palmer Motorsports Park is revving up for its ninth season since the track opened and has recently teamed up with Jeff DeMarey, president of Stonewall Insurance Group in Wilbraham to put on three benefit car shows.

"The track is going to be a great partner," DeMarey said.

Helping to bring them together was the Pioneer Valley's "King of Cruise" himself, Bruce Marshall of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1250 AM.

Marshall will be live broadcasting from all three benefit car shows, in addition to over 20 other shows and regular weekly cruise nights across the region.

Palmer Motorsports Park Club Director Al Sandy, said the All Wheels Car Show, which will also be held on Wednesdays, July 10 and Aug. 21, is not only a way to support local charities, but also allow the public to experience the thrill of Whiskey Hill.

Admission to the All Wheels Car Show is \$10 per car, or three nonperishable food items. The track is located at 58 West Ware Road.

DeMarey, like Sandy and Marshall, has always had a love for classic and vintage cars which he has used to shape his career in the insurance agency under Stonewall Insurance Group, which he founded in 2008.

Stonewall is an independent insurance agency that provides coverage for home, auto, boat and business, and specializes in classic and collector car insurance.

DeMarey enjoys sharing his love of cars with his customers and those around him, which inspired him to start the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation five years ago. The foundation strives to educate students on all levels about antique transportation, including maintenance and repairs.

"It just keeps growing and growing," he said.

DeMarey and his foundation are also the driving force behind the Wilbraham Hill Climb, the oldest hill climb in America that is steeper than Pike's Peak. The climb ascends Monson Road, with a 23% grade and a 700 foot elevation gain.

First started in 1908, the hill climb was a way for auto manufacturers to test and show off their cars. The cars were timed over a measured mile, with the Knox Automobile clocking the best time in the inaugural event with 1 minute and 8 seconds, with an average speed of 52.9 mph and Stevens-Duryea winning the most events with seven



Palmer Motorsports Park's Club Director Al Sandy (left) is shown with Bruce Marshall of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1025 AM and Jeff DeMarey, president of Stonewall Insurance Group and founder of the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation.

victories.

"They all used it as a test track," DeMarey said. "It was also bragging rights."

By the 1950s, the hill climb had stopped up until 2013 when Wilbraham resident George Holman brought it back for the town's 250th anniversary celebration, keeping it going bi-annually up until the pandemic.

In 2022, Holman asked DeMarey to take over as chair of the event, and together they decided to make it a bigger, community event by partnering with the local high school, vendors, museums, food trucks, as well as offering a plant and craft sale.

"The event is just a lot of great fun and gets the community involved," he said.

This year, the Wilbraham Hill Climb was held on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., rain or shine.

DeMarey thanked the event's sponsors, including LUSO Federal Credit Union, along with town departments and the community for helping make the event a continued success.

About the sponsors

For more information about Stonewall Insurance Group, visit stonewallinsurancegroup.com or find them on social media. For more information about the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation or the Wilbraham Hill Climb, visit www.springfieldtoboston.com and www.wilbrahamhillclimb.com.

Find Marshall at area car

shows and cruise nights including the Minnechaug Car Show in Wilbraham on May 25, Heritage Woods in Agawam on June 8, the North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club in North Brookfield on June 22, Cedarbrook Village in Ware on July 13, Oakholm Brewery in Brookfield on July 20, Hardwick Vineyard & Winery in Hardwick on Aug. 10, the Blandford Fair in Blandford on Sept. 2, Christopher Heights Cars and Coffee in Belchertown on Sept. 8, St. Francis of Assisi Cars and Coffee in Belchertown on Sept. 14, All Makes and Models at Moose Center in Chicopee on Oct. 5 and the Brimfield Winery Car Show in Brimfield on Oct. 12.

Cruise nights are held on Fridays at Brimfield Winery now through Sept. 27.

Find him on Facebook under "Cruisin' with Bruce Marshall" or online at classichits977.com for a complete schedule.

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The Wilbraham Hill Climb, the oldest hill climb in America dating back to 1908, will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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Pine Grove Cemetery closed June 3-7

Pine Grove Cemetery, Old Turnpike Road, will be closed for visitors Monday, June 3 to Friday, June 7 due to extensive tree cutting and the use of large equipment.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will take place Monday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in the Fire Station, Barre Road.

Kids' Fest

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

Senior Center activities

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

Sunday School

Sunday School at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will not be held now through the summer. Sunday School will resume in September.

Community party celebrates directors at Listening

BARRE – The Board of Directors at Listening Wellness Center invites the community to join us on Monday, June 10 to wish Laura Dusha Nelson a farewell and good luck on her new journey, and to welcome Beatriz Arroyo as the new Executive Director.

Join them on The Porch at Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP appreciated by emailing director@listeningwellness.org or by calling 978-355-3501.

Summer Reading starts June 25 at Paige library

HARDWICK – What are you doing this Summer? The Paige Memorial Library hopes you will be joining its Summer Reading program, "Read, Renew, Repeat," which will start on June 25 and end on Aug. 7 and will offer activities for all ages.

The library staff are planning many activities and want your input. Come to the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, to register for programs featuring the conservation idea, a movement focused on protecting, maintaining, and restoring.

"Read, Renew, Repeat" encourages reading, creative activities, and socializing as restorative methods of self-improvement and self-preservation and will respect conservation by encouraging the reuse and recycling of materials.

The library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call 413-477-6704.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

I'm working after age 65; Why aren't I exempt from Medicare Part B Premium?

Dear Rusty:
Why, as I continue to work after age 65 and have FICA taxes taken from my check, am I or anyone also compelled under the threat of penalties, rate increases, etc. to immediately take Medicare Part B?
Am I not then effectively paying into the system twice? As more and more people over 65 continue to work, isn't that a consideration that should be evaluated by Congress, if one is working past 65, above a specific level of income and paying FICA taxes, the Medicare Part B premium is waived?
Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior:
FYI, 6.2% of the FICA payroll taxes you pay while working goes to Social Security and another 1.45% goes to fund Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage, which is free to you). None of the FICA payroll tax you pay from your work earnings goes to fund Medicare Part B, coverage for outpatient services, which is the part of Medicare for which you must pay a premium.

Said another way, your FICA payroll taxes do fund Medicare Part A, which is free to you, but do not provide any funding for Medicare Part B. Part B is funded from two primary sources: the premiums paid by beneficiaries and the federal government from the general Treasury. Premiums from enrollees pay for about 25% of Part B healthcare expenses and the remaining 75% of Part B operating expenses are paid from the general U.S. Treasury, not from Social Security money.

So, it's necessary to separate Part B from your thinking about the payroll taxes you pay while working you're not paying anything to fund Part B through your FICA taxes. You aren't compelled to enroll in Part B (it's optional), but if you don't enroll during your initial enrollment period (3 months on either side of the month you turn 65) and don't have other equivalent "creditable" coverage from an employer, and you enroll in Part B later, a late enrollment penalty will apply (10% additional premium for each full year after age 65 you go without creditable healthcare coverage).

So, your premise in suggesting that Part B be free (the premium waived) if you're working over a certain age or after an amount of time contributing to the program isn't valid, because no one contributes to Medicare Part B through FICA payroll taxes. Part B beneficiary contributions are only made through premiums paid by those enrolled in it. And you don't need to enroll in Part B if you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from an employer. The Part B non-enrollment penalty only applies if you enroll after your initial enrollment period has expired and didn't have "creditable" healthcare coverage after you turned 65. "Creditable" is a group plan with more than 20 participants.

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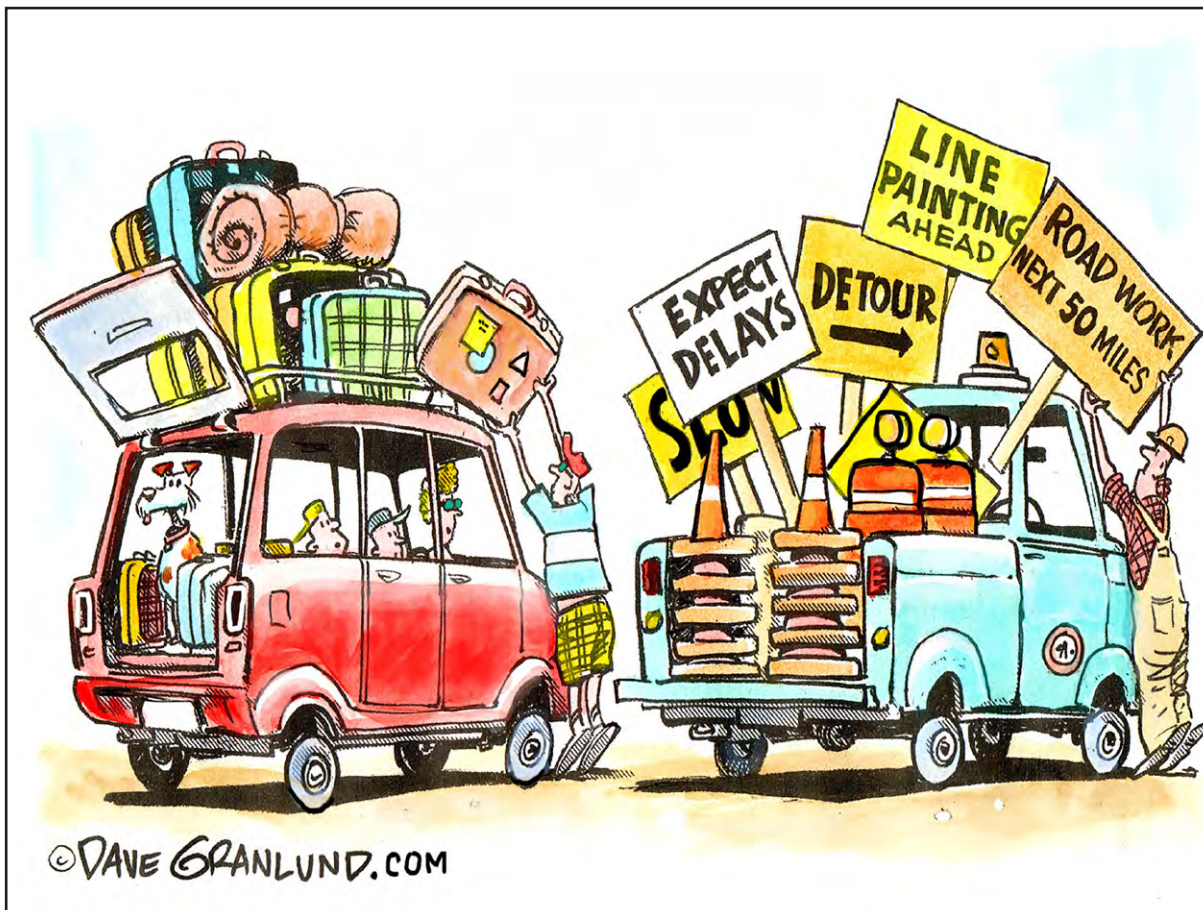
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In Past Pages

5 years (June 6, 2019)

In his welcome, Quabbin High's senior class president, Joseph Day shared a line from Tony Start of "Avengers Endgame," "Part of the journey is the end." Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2019 celebrated the end of 13 years in school - kindergarten through 12th grade - last Friday evening on the lawn in front of the high school. Led by the Quabbin High NJROTC color guard, 133 classmates Marche out of the high school front door for their graduation May 31.

The Barre Board of Selectmen received notification that Stephanie Young, Library Director at the Woods Memorial Library will be leaving for a position in the private sector. She will stay for another month to facilitate the transition. Young worked of the town for about 20 years. Jenna Garvey, Circulation Librarian, will fill in as Acting Director until the town hires a replacement. Selectman Vice Chair Gregory O'Sullivan said he was in favor of posting the Library Director position internally before advertising the position to the public. The Select voted to post internally first.

For many people in North Brookfield, Sunday's graduation ceremony was a time to be celebrated, but for North Brookfield Jr. Sr. High School Principal William Evans, it was his final goodbye. "What I have learned here has been a great joy in life," said Evans. "I am leaving so much richer than when I came." Evans reflected on his past commencement speeches while speaking to the 35 graduates, focusing on his top ten favorite pieces of advice and the top 10 things he himself has learned while at North Brookfield.

10 years (June 5, 2014)

The Barre Advanced Life Support Coordinator William Dino and the Ambulance Director Charlie Fullam met with Selectmen Monday night to discuss regionalizing Emergency Medical Services. The ALS Coordinator said regionalizing was just a concept at this time. Dino explained each town would have to give up some control. He said Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission tried to introduce a regional chase car for ALS service with several surrounding towns, but it did not happen. He said the town could approach local college that offer business programs to see if a student as an internship project would do a feasibility study for Barre.

The town of Hubbardston held a Special Town Meeting followed by the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday night. Moderator Edward Leonard moved through the five article special warrant within ten minutes. Voters approved wit only two opposed changes to the town's general bylaws. They approved an article to transfer from the town

LOOK BACK Barre Saving Bank - 1985



On Oct. 30., 1985 the Barre Savings addition begins construction.

to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation of 46 plus acres of land-locked parcel off Natty Pond Drive this is part of a land swap with the DCR that would give the town 12 acres of state owned land on Gardner Road.

The Petersham Annual Town Meeting convened on Monday, June 2 in the Town Hall. There was a four article Special Town Meeting before the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting began at 7:44 p.m. after a slight delay due to lac of the required 90 voters for a quorum. The STM concluded in ten minutes. The ATM began at 7:55 p.m. Voters granted permission for several non-voters to be seated with residents including Mahar Regional Superintendent Terry Thomas, Town Administrator Steve Boudreau and Petersham Center School Principal Chris Dodge.

25 years (June 3, 1999)

Albert Clark of Barre gave a talk on the village of Williamsville recently to a capacity audience of Hubbardston Historical Society members and former residents of the village in the Williamsville Chapel. He explained a village is a group of homes and noted Williamsville is a fine example of a New England village. Clark said a village usually began with a saw-mill or grist mill, then a store was added and later a blacksmith shop and a school. Some villages were made up of homes that belonged to an industry as west the case with

Williamsville. The homes there were built for members of the wax factory.

Captain Thomas Colyer, U.S. Navy Retired, gave the Monday, May 31 Memorial Day speech in Barre. He said "Each Mary we gather on this day to honor those who gave their lives to reserve our country our way of life and our freedom of choice." He said, "It is good that we do gather to remember. However, had you ever thought what the people we are honoring today would have to say if they could." I think the answer might be the work might be in the word "expectations." "I suspect that most of them had no expectation that they would be the one called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice."

The Barre Historical Society's 1859 stagecoach returned to Barre recently after having some conservation work completed by Brian Howard. Abbot Coach Company of Concord, New Hampshire built this 12-passenger coach. Today, it is one of only two remaining. The Wayside Inn owns the other and houses it at the Collins Foundation. Sadly, many stagecoaches were lost in the making of motion pictures, as they were used as props for "western or oater: movies. Fortunately, Barre's coach was not one of them. It was bought at auction in 1869 by Ginnery Twitchell of Barre, a well-known stage driv-

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Barre Gazette welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the Barre Gazette care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to edowner@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

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

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in the Barre Gazette.

Guest Column



There's still time to sow Morning Glories seeds

It's amazing how quickly some seeds can germinate.

I was worried that I was late in sowing my Morning Glory seeds when I planted them on the 17th of May. Lo and behold, two days later they are sprouted, and here we are a week plus more and they are nearly ready to be planted in the garden!

My first experience with Morning Glories was with a childhood friend. Her dad used to grow them so that they climbed up his fancy, road-side mailbox.

That memory has to be over four decades old at this point, but I still remember how well he grew those morning glories.

Are you interested in enhancing a lamp post or trellis with summer color? This annual flowering vine can put on upwards of ten feet of growth in just two months!

Although the trumpet-shaped flowers bloom from just dawn to late morning, most gardeners are enamored by them and their lovely heart-shaped leaves.

Here are some tips to get them off and running:

Morning glories have hard seed coats. To speed up germination, nick the seeds lightly with a file and soak them overnight in lukewarm water.

If you are nervous about the nicking part, even just soaking will help. Sow them one-half inch deep directly in the ground in a spot in your yard that receives full sun or light shade.

It is not necessary to fertilize the soil heavily prior to planting. In fact, soil that is too rich will produce abundant foliage at the expense of flowers.

Once the plants are up and growing, thin morning glories to at least three inches apart. It is important to provide them with some sort of support immediately.

Therefore, install your trellis before planting and provide enough twiggy low branches up against lamp posts or fences for twining stems to reach for until they get established. Wire fencing and twine "cages" will also do the trick.

Morning glories require little care other than water during droughty periods.

The hardest part about growing these climbers is deciding which variety to grow! Choose the deep purple, red-throated heirloom "Grandpa Ott's."

It climbs to a remarkable 15 feet with support and will self-sow abundantly each year. Another old favorite and readily available morning glory is "Heavenly Blue."

This variety has five-inch sky blue flowers with creamy white throats. It will top off at six to eight feet.

How about the 1939 All American Selections award winner "Scarlett O'Hara?" Her rosy red flowers are three to four inches wide, borne on vines eight to ten feet tall.

A new and most interesting morning glory goes by the name "Cotton Candy." Its flowers are double and ruffled, with a shape similar to that of a nasturtium.

With a height of just six feet, this variety is useful on shorter trellises. Another double variety goes by the

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

What beautiful weather this week.

I spent part of Sunday cutting back and digging up some Fiddle Head Ferns in the front hosta bed as they have gotten out of control. I will place them in another garden that is in the shade and does not seem to grow things well.

Japanese Ferns are another kind of fern that starts to get invasive so I will try to control them. The Maidenhair fern seems to keep to itself. Maybe I need to make a fern garden as we have quite a number of ferns. I have been trying to learn the names of them. So many of them look alike. The Interrupted fern is easy to know as it is fashioned very different.

I had a nice surprise with a visit from a lovely couple from Bemis road. They delivered a wonderful two drawer filing cabinet on special wheels with a smaller drawer at the top. I have it filled with the files that will go to the Historical Society Museum when I pass. They are files of people, who lived in Hubbardston, including pictures etc. I also have notebooks for many of the residents also, clipping newspapers and genealogy papers.

Another project I did this week was pick over my summer clothes. I just have too many short sleeve tee shirts. I made a big pile of ones that I had more colors of and will donate them to the Senior Center clothing sale.

My handyman has been busy this week also. On Thursday I had to go to the dentist so he stayed with Ken and did a list of chores. Among the chores was cutting up a white birch tree, which lost its top. He left a stump of about four feet and he put a bird house on the top.

He also mowed the lawns and put soil and fertilizer in the planter boxes. I have not planted them as I am waiting for the veggies I started to get a little bigger.

I did go to the Rural Glen Cemetery on Saturday to check out my step grandmother and grandfather's grave site. The boxwood has grown too tall and wide so I had brought my trimmers and did a good job so now the inscription can be seen.

The cemetery was looking very good and hats off to the Cemetery Commission.

With the cuttings from the boxwood I took a metal window box and filled it with potting soil and dipped the Boxwood stems in water and then in hormone pow-

der and hope to get some rooted. I've done this with my Seven Sisters Rose Bush and it worked. I need to do more of them.

The Rhododendrons are starting to blossom out and they are going to be beautiful. The lilacs were beautiful this year and the Viburnum is in full bloom. I get a very good view up it from the upstairs bedroom deck. The blossoms are white and flat at the top so it is very colorful.

Not to be in competition with the Gardening Lady of the Barre Gazette but so far I have been writing mostly about gardening.

Speaking of gardening the rhubarb is ready and here is a recipe

RHUBARB CHUTNEY

- 4 cups rhubarb, cut in small pieces
- 1 cup of packed brown sugar
- 1 cup of granulated sugar
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 t. ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon curry powder

Combine ingredients in stainless saucepan. Bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for one hour, stirring frequently. Makes 4 half pint jars. Note; Serve with meat or poultry. This recipe may be cut in half.

This and That

I was sorry to read of the passing of Janice Ouellette. She was the wife of Roger Ouellette who used to live in Hubbardston and now lives in Gilbertville.

Another dear friend of mine passed recently, Joyce Provencher of Templeton. She and I used to work at F.W. Woolworth when we first got out of high school. We have been friends for years and her daughter is our God Child.

We tried getting rid of the ant hill by pouring boiling water but some still lived so then I sprinkled corn meal on the hill and will see if that helps.

There sure have been a lot of pine cones this year. They are still falling on the lawn and driveway.

Have a good week and hope you can get a good walk in.

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the wheel was in an ambulance Jeep along with his wife, Melanie.

Members of American Legion Post 2 not only organized the Memorial Day event, but participated as well along with Auxiliary members. Some marched and others rode in vintage cars. A contingent of Barre Police Officers wearing dress uniforms marched in the parade along with Scouts, sport teams and of course, fire trucks and ambulance. Select Board members Maureen

Marshall and John Dixon along with Pastor James Foley of New Life Assembly of God marched in Monday's parade. A police vehicle lead the parade.

Following the parade, the participants and parade watchers headed to North Common, also known as Veteran's Park for the Memorial Day Ceremony. The ceremony included a prayer of invocation, the reading of Governor Healey's Proclamation and the naming of those Barre veterans, who passed away since the previous Memorial Day. Two students from Ruggles Lane

Elementary School read President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae.

The ceremony also included the playing of the National Anthem by the band, gun salute by the firing squad and the playing of "Taps." The Scouts helped the American Legion Auxiliary place wreaths on the war memorials in North Park.

Once again, there was a field of flags on North Common, which the Ruggles Elementary School students placed in the ground earlier in the month.



This year it was Barre's turn to have the Quabbin Regional High School Band and the Quabbin High School NJROTC Unit. Members of the Quabbin Community Band also participated in the parade.

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Welcome to Barre signs

The welcome to Barre sign located where the town scales used on the suggestion of the Barre Historical Commission will be green and similar to the sign at the Woods Memorial Library. There used to be another Welcome to Barre sign located on Pleasant Street. A resident presented the Select Board with photos of the granite sign. Chris Higgins said his father has long

wanted to place a replica of that sign in town and would like to "facilitate" the replacing of this lost sign. They will discuss this with the Historical Commission on where they would like that sign placed.

Use of Senior Center

A spokesperson for AA said the organization met at the Barre Senior Center and was recently told to vacate the building. Select Board Chair Marshall said there had been some theft and the locks were changed at the Senior Center. Many people

previously had keys. The Board did offer the Town Hall for those groups, which were meeting at the Senior Center. She said the Board recently hired a new Senior Center Director and the Council on Aging and Town Administrator would be working on a new building policy to present to the Select Board. They would be looking at finding a way to separate the building off so groups would have access to a meeting room, but not the entire building as it previously was.

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er, who ran a route from Worcester to Athol.

38 years (June 5, 1986)

A chain-link fence topped with two strands of barbed wire constructed by Romeo Salvatore on his lot on Grove Street across from the Hotel Barre, meets the building codes and will remain in place, as is. Harold Nichols, acting under the directive of the Barre Selectmen, inspected the controversial fence last week and made the determination that the fence met with the local building codes. The decision

about the fence and the problems and issued regarding the fence and Salvatore's lot was the topic of a special session at the Selectmen's meeting on Monday, June 1. The session was in response to public objection of the fence.

The Wachusett Home Health Agency will sponsor a presentation entitled "Health and Safety" at the June Oakham Senior Citizen blood pressure clinic. The Oakham Clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 1986 at the Town Hall. Residents sixty years of age and older are encouraged to stop in for a free blood pressure check. The Wachusett Home Health Agency

has been providing multiple community education programs, screening clines and elderly home health services.

Air Force Staff Sergeant Pamela Orde Fraser, daughter of Mrs. Betram Orde (Louisa) of Grandview Terrace, will arrive June 9 for a five-day visit with her mother. She is between duty stations and has been in Japan for the past two years and is now on her way to Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. This is a much looked forward to reunion between mother and daughter after more than two years.

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name of "Sunrise Serenade."

This one boasts three inch flowers with ruby red, frilly petals. Although its height tops off at 15 feet, "Sunrise Serenade" will bloom earlier and stay open longer than most other varieties.

Consult your favorite seed catalog for other neat morning glories, including a pure white, a rosy

"chocolate" and numerous bicolors. The sky is literally the limit, and these plants will sure reach for it!

If you want to get a head start next year, sow the seeds indoors two weeks prior to setting out. You will be delighted with flowers earlier in the summer.

Be careful when transplanting, however, or the vines will be set back. Also, use caution when handling the seeds around children and

pets; they are considered poisonous.

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



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Cannizzaro juggling in front of an entertained crowd of kids and their families.

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starts off with some pre-show music and a quick juggling routine. It wouldn't be long until Cannizzaro got kids involved in his act. Four kids got to volunteer and participate in the spinning plate on a stick act. The kids successfully passed the spinning plate along to each other and got a nice round of applause from the audience.

One of Cannizzaro's favorite acts is a balancing act with a spinning top. At one point of the act, Cannizzaro brought one volunteer up and was able to perfectly balance the top on the kid's hand.

Another amazing balance act was Cannizzaro perfectly balancing 12 wooden blocks on his chin. With the help of one youth volunteer Cannizzaro was able to build all 12 blocks and place them on his chin. What was also amazing was how Cannizzaro carefully disassembled his tower of wooden blocks neatly without dropping a single one.

For the grand finale, Cannizzaro would seek out help from an adult in the audience. Assistant Youth Services Librarian Kate Murray graciously volunteered during Cannizzaro's juggling act with knives. Murray got into the spirit of clowning by supporting a red clown nose.

Cannizzaro would juggle the knives on a rolling balancing board on top of his supply box. The crowd was amazed and thanked Cannizzaro for his performance. At the conclusion, Cannizzaro wanted to acknowledge everyone who volunteered during his circus show.

There are many programs Clown Care LLC offers to youth and adults. In the TRC student showcase program, youth participate in a variety of hands-on workshops proven to promote early childhood development.

Clown Care also has In-school circus arts residency programs. These programs are a great way to get students excited about physical activity, teamwork, and creativity. They offer students the opportunity to learn new skills in a safe and supportive environ-

ment and teach students about the importance of discipline, practice, and risk-taking. They help to improve students' physical fitness, self-confidence, and academic performance.

Visit clowncare.com to learn more and view some of the YouTube videos of Cannizzaro's activities and performances. Cannizzaro performs year round and has many tutorials on YouTube to help encourage future performers and clowns.

Clown Care LLC can be reached at 1 914-261-4044 or email at Hello@ClownCare.com.

For future events at Woods Memorial Library, visit www.barrelibrary.org or call 978-355-2533 or email barrelibrary@gmail.com

Cannizzaro playing music with an ordinary wood saw.



Cannizzaro balancing on a wood board while juggling knives.

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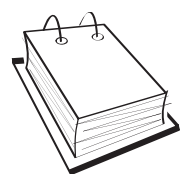
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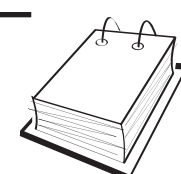
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 30

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

FRIDAY, MAY 31

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

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

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

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

A number of tag and craft vendors have rented space on the common for the event. They will be offering a selection of home crafted goods, artwork, jewelry, maple syrup products, tag sale treasures and

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. 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, June 3. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the basketball court on Grove Street in North Brookfield.

collectables, including Annalee dolls. The Tri-Parish Community Church's Pastor, Nathan Pederson, will lead a brief prayer service Sunday morning on the common at 10 a.m. in lieu of the regular service. The event is held rain or shine.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

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

PINE GROVE CEMETERY TEMPORARILY CLOSED today through Friday June 7 due to extensive tree cutting and the use of large equipment. Pine Grove Cemetery is located on Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

31ST STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL will take place today from 5-7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish in the Parish Hall, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. The menu will offer baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade potato salad, homemade cole slaw, rolls, ice tea, coffee, water and the always delicious strawberry shortcake. Tickets can be obtained by calling the parish office at 508-867-6469. Tickets are adults \$15 and children, 5-10 yrs. old, \$7. Take out is also available.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

WEIR RIVER JAZZ ENSEMBLE will perform a free concert today at 2 p.m. on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Rte. 32, Gilbertville. People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, but some chairs and tent space will be available.

CHASING BIRDS VIDEO 'Meet the Makers' series profiles Princeton watercolor nature artist Barry Van Dusen today at 2 p.m. at the Princeton Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

NEW BRAINTREE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will present a program today at 6:30 p.m. on the Winnimuset Valley at their museum, 10 Utley Road, New Braintree. Paul Benoit will host a round table discussion of the Winnimuset Valley where King Philip

had a campsite, where Sarah and Mary Rowlandson were taken after a raid of their home in Lancaster, where the Barre Hiller Airport, the Benoit Farm and the Dump fight took place. They will also discuss where the now abandoned roads and home were. Refreshments will be served. If people have any questions, they may call Deb at 508-867-3324.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION will be held today at 10:30 a.m. in Barre's North Bark, on the Common, Barre. This momentous occasion celebrates Barre's official 250th anniversary. This historic event will take place at the heart of the community, Barre Common and will feature a variety of presentations to honor Barre's rich heritage including speeches, historical readings, student essay reading, flag ceremony and visiting dignitaries. This day is not only a tribute to the town's founders, but also a celebration of the entire community that has helped Barre thrive for 250 years.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

WEIR RIVER CONCERT BAND will perform a free concert today at 2 p.m. on the lawn of the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Rte. 32, Gilbertville. People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, but some chairs and tent space will be available.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

OAKHAM SUMMER CONCERT SERIES begins today from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gazebo, located on the Oakham Common. The first concert on Thursday, June 27 will feature the Weir River Jazz. Other performers are The Otters on Thursday, July 11; Wylie and the Boogiemen on Thursday, July 25; Say Uncle on Thursday, Aug. 8 and Quintessential Brass on Thursday, Aug. 22. All concerts are 6:30-8 p.m.

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Oakham's newest fire truck took up the rear of the parade with Jeff Nahkala behind the wheel.

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the Select Board and Matthew Brunelle, a resident with family members who served in the U.S. Marines. Tessnau talked about how Memorial Day came into being. It started in the South after the Civil War with Southerners decorating the graves of those who served on their side in the Civil War. The North liked the idea. Union General John Logan called for an official nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868, a date selected because it wasn't the anniversary of a particular battle.

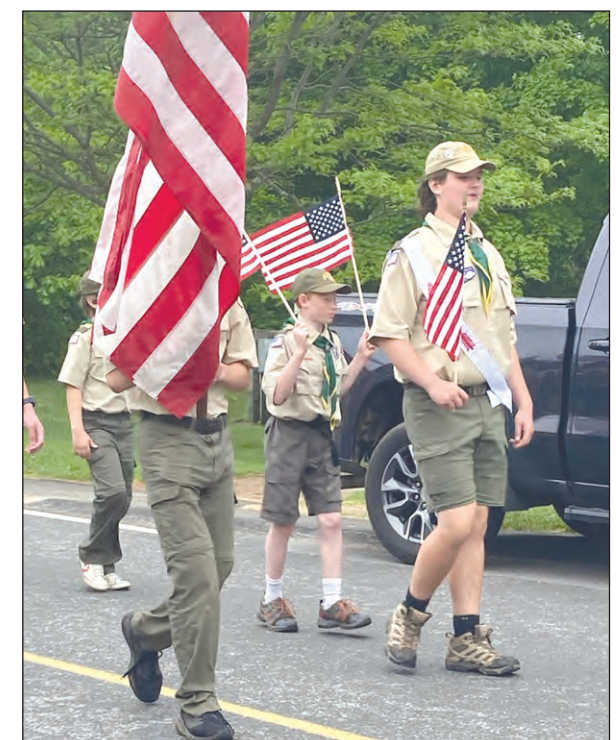


The two fifth grade essay contest winners, Ava Blancato and Brady Malin, marched in the parade and read their essays during the Memorial Day ceremony.

She said 100 Oakham men served in the Civil War with the first 21 men signing up with the 25th Massachusetts regiment. They ranged in age from 18 to 39.

Brunelle said he did not serve in the Armed Forces, but he is "blessed to be from a family of Marines." He talked about the service members, who do not make it home and how their loved ones will not let them be forgotten. Their comrades, who made it home, never forget the fallen either.

The two Oakham Center School essay winners, Ava Blancato and Brady Malin, read their essay. This is a long standing tradition that begin as a memory to Robert Wile by his wife, Jocelyn.



The Oakham Boy Scouts displaced patriotic spirit as one of the Scouts carried the American flag and the others carried smaller flags at the Oakham Memorial Day parade. The Scouts and their leaders marched in the parade.

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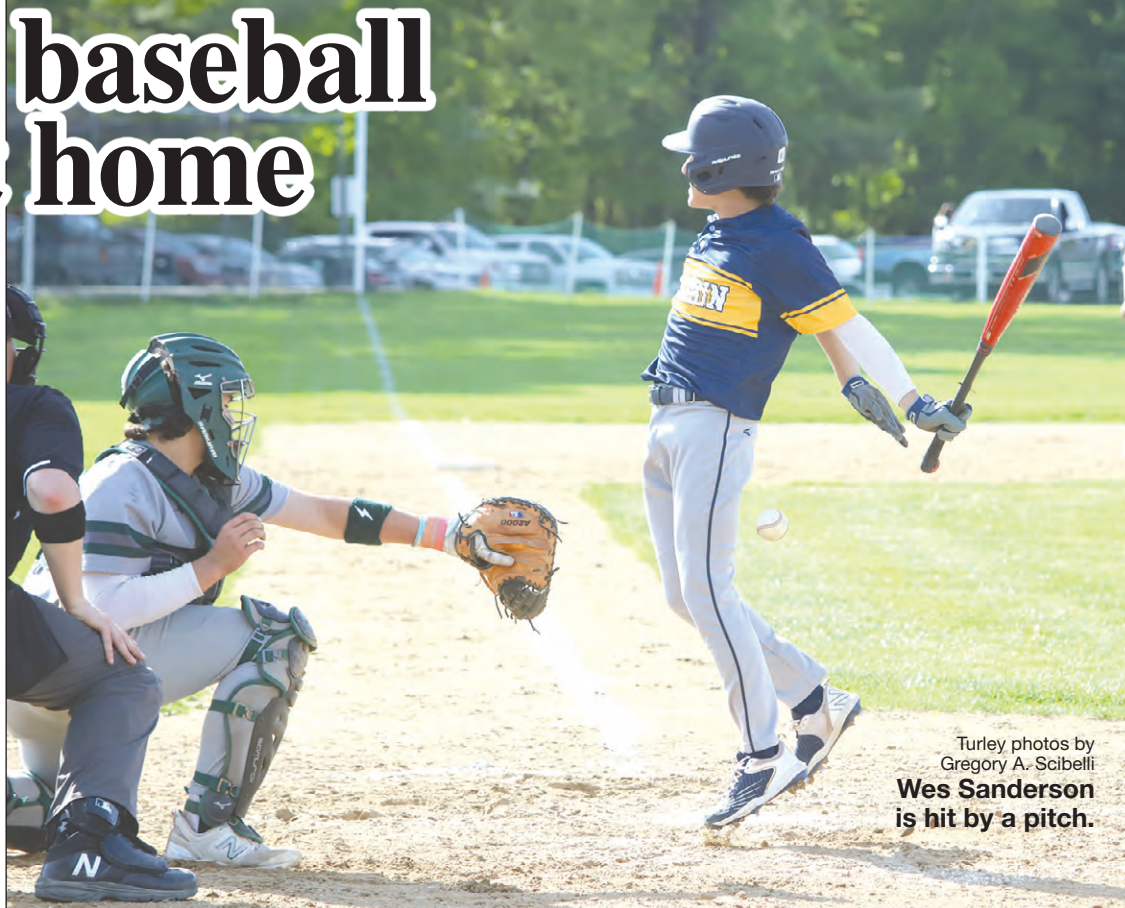
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Quabbin baseball falls at home

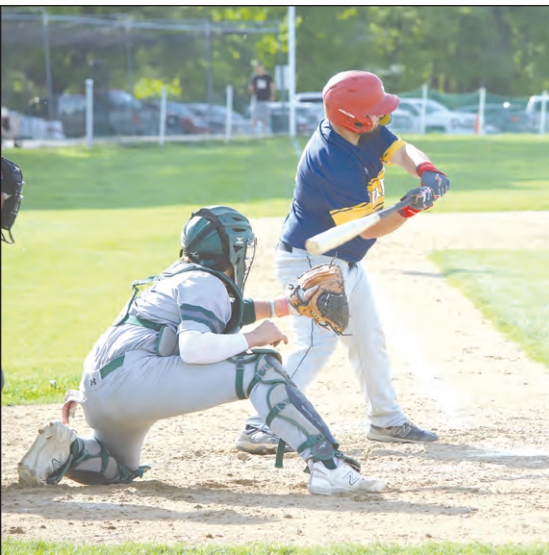
BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School baseball team suffered a 6-1 loss at home against Oakmont. The Panthers followed that with a 6-5 win over Leicester before finishing the regular season with a 6-4 loss against Montachusett. The Panthers regular season finishes with a 5-12 record. As of press time, the Panthers were on the outside of the top 32 in the Division 4 rankings.



Andrew Warfield makes the throw to first.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Wes Sanderson is hit by a pitch.



Sean LaPointe swings and connects.



Martin Stoddard sends a pitch home.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Jordan Blanchard comes up throwing to first.

Panthers edge Oakmont

BARRE – Some key plays helped lead Quabbin High School softball to a win over Oakmont 8-7. The Panthers head into the tournament season at 4-14 and are unlikely to reach the state tournament.



Juliana Guilderson corraling a pitch.

Pathfinder softball headed for tournament



Lianna Carrasquillo makes a throw to first for the out.

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional softball team had a strong finish to its season with a 14-4 record. The Pioneers did fall in their season finale, but won eight straight games leading up to that for a 13-4 regular season. The Pioneers were awaiting their seeding for the Division 5 tournament this week. Preliminary round games were scheduled to begin May 30 or 31.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Isabella Nompoggi rounds second and heads for third.



Mady Breault sends a pitch to the plate.



Meg Doyle comes up throwing from center.



Kendra Burke sends a pitch to the plate.



Emma Chavalier makes a catch on a pop-up to short.



Megan Bly catches the out at first.

Girls tennis concludes outstanding season

BARRE – Last week, Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis completed an outstanding season with a split of matches against Leicester and Auburn. Auburn, a much larger school, handed Quabbin a 3-2 defeat, while the Panthers rebounded the following day to beat Leicester by the same score.

With the regular season in the books, Quabbin is an amazing 14-2 for the season. The Panthers got just above the midpoint of the top 32 in

Division 4 and were ranked No. 15. The Panthers therefore will have a home match. That was scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 against No. 18 Randolph High School.

If Quabbin is able to get through the round, they would have a tough draw in the second round, potentially facing the No. 2 seed Manchester Essex, which went 15-3 in Eastern Mass. Manchester Essex faces the winner of No. 31 Joseph Case and No. 34 Mohawk of Western Mass.

Pioneers post shutout in home opener

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent
LUDLOW—A couple of hours after winning his first soccer match as the New England Mutiny head coach, Federico Molinari guided the Western Mass. Pioneers to another win in their home opener. The Pioneers, who held a 2-0 lead five minutes into the contest, posted a 4-0 shutout victory over Pathfinder FC at Lusitano Stadium on May 18. “It feels very good to win our first game of the season in front

of our fans. I’m happy for them,” Molinari said. “Scoring the two early goals gave the team a lot of confidence.” The Pioneers (2-0) began the regular season with a 1-0 shutout road victory against the Boston Bolts on May 14. The only goal of that contest was scored on a header by Scott Testori following a corner kick in the middle of the second half. “Our first game of the season was very close,” Testori said. “It was still scoreless going into the last twenty minutes. Then Jared

Smith sent a perfect corner kick to me, and I headed it home. We were able to keep the clean sheet in that game.” Testori, who’s one of the Pioneers first-year players, assisted on the Pioneers first goal in the home opener, which was scored by Alec Hughes during the third minute. Hughes is a second-year Pioneers player. A couple of minutes later, Testori received a pass from Camilo Comi before lining a shot into the right corner of the net. “We really needed to have a

quick start in tonight’s game,” said Testori, who’ll be a senior member of the UConn men’s soccer team this fall. “Alec got things going with a huge goal. Then Camilo made a perfect pass to me, and I was able to finish the play by scoring a goal of my own. I’m very excited about being a member of this soccer team.” Testori and Hughes, who was a senior on last year’s UMass men’s soccer team, both graduated from different high schools in Connecticut.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Alec Hughes clears the ball away.

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Sports

Doiron dominant in Granite homecoming

CLAREMONT, N.H. - The last time the Granite State Pro Stock Series raced at Claremont Motorsports Park, Joey Doiron turned in a dominant performance to take home the big winner's purse.

And neither a year away from the tricky third-mile nor a different car could keep the two-time GSPSS champion from the winner's circle.

Doiron led every lap of Sunday night's Key Auto Group 125, earning his seventh career GSPSS win and a \$5,000 check.

The veteran racer from Berwick, Maine, was quick all night, turning the fastest lap in time trials and handily winning his qualifying heat. Former series regular Jeremy Sorel lined up alongside Doiron after his own heat win, but Doiron jumped out to an early lead as Sorel faced challenges from Casey Call and Cory Casagrande.

Call and Casagrande settled into second and third, and as the field stretched out over a long green-flag run, the three leaders drew closer together, setting up a thrilling battle for the closing laps.

Contact between Alex Quarterley and Ryan Green brought out the race's second caution on lap 77, though, and as the yellow flag waved, Call made a beeline for the pits with

a flat tire. Casagrande, still searching for his first GSPSS win, lined up alongside Doiron for the restart, but Doiron slipped away with the advantage.

Once again, Casagrande reeled in Doiron, closing the gap as the laps wound down. But he could not catch Doiron to make a move, and the veteran racer held on for his third career win at Claremont.

"I don't know how much [Casagrande] had left," Doiron said after the race. "But if that was all he had, I had a little bit more in the tank."

Doiron joins Gabe Brown and Ray Christian III as drivers who have scored consecutive GSPSS wins at Claremont. Doiron's third win also ties him with Brown, Christian and D.J. Shaw for the most series wins at the track.

Casagrande matched his GSPSS career best with his runner-up performance. Outside polesitter Sorel matched his own career best in third. Call drove back from his flat tire to place fourth, while Sorel's teammate and crew chief, Quarterley, was fifth in his GSPSS debut.

With top-five finishes in the first two races of 2024, Casey Call unofficially leads the point standings headed to the series' next race, a stop at Speedway 95 in Maine on June 16.

Konowalchuk named new head coach of T-Birds

ST. LOUIS, MO — St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today that the team has named Steve Konowalchuk head coach of the Springfield Thunderbirds.



"We went through an extensive interview process, and through those conversations, it became clear that Steve best fit what we were seeking in a head coach," said Thunderbirds General Manager Kevin Maxwell. "We look forward to seeing him work with the next wave of Blues prospects and developing them into successful NHL players in St. Louis."

Konowalchuk, 51, spent last season as an associate coach with the AHL's Colorado Eagles, where he helped lead the team to a 40-25-7 regular-season record and a 5th-place finish in the Western Conference. The Salt Lake City, Utah, native's coaching career began in Colorado where he served two

seasons as an assistant coach for the Avalanche. Then, in 2011, he was named head coach of the WHL's Seattle Thunderbirds and went on to spend six seasons behind their bench. During his tenure, he guided the Thunderbirds to five postseason appearances, including 2017 when they captured the Ed Chynoweth Cup (WHL championship). Following his time in Seattle, Konowalchuk served one season as an assistant coach with the Anaheim Ducks before spending two seasons as head coach of the WHL's Red Deer Rebels.

As a player, Konowalchuk was drafted by the Washington Capitals in 1991 and enjoyed a 14-year NHL career. Overall, he dressed in 790 career NHL regular-season games, including 693 with the Capitals. He also represented the United States in several international competitions, including the 1996 World Cup of Hockey, where he captured a gold medal.

Quabbin League wants to fill remaining roster spots

Rosters spots are dwindling, but there are still some spots available as the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball has begun its season. There are still several open spots to get filled despite the season being underway.

Registration for the 2024 season is now open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league.

The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley used as well some

expansion to the surrounding area this season. The league does not play on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekends.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all-abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2024. The league is also able to entertaining taking in an entire group as a team to add to the league.

Please email the league board for to inquire about entering a team. The league can also pro-rate registration at this point. Simply contact a league board member. Contact information is located at the registration link.

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Education

Student receives award for Arson Watch Poster Contest

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School District welcomed members of local fire and police departments to provide an assembly at the middle school regarding fire safety.

This special presentation on May 24 taught students the importance of making an emergency call, fire prevention, fire safe practices and how to recognize an emergency. Barre Firefighter and EMT Christina Gustafson spoke during the assembly and explained to students how important it is to report an emergency to the police or fire department.

"Let fire and police know what you know", Gustafson said.

For fire safety, Gustafson would go on explaining the importance of fire safe habits and encouraged students to not misuse fire or flammable tools. Fire is a tool and should only be used for its intended purpose when required, and it is always encouraged to use them with permission and under supervision.

Fire must be used safely, otherwise situations can get bad very quickly. According to a study, flames can spread and double in size every 30 seconds.

The fire department staff encouraged youth and adults to always report when an incident occurs.

"See something, say some-



Silas Flint was the winner of the 2024 Arson Watch Reward Poster Contest. Flint is shown alongside his parents and Christina Gustafson of the Barre Fire Department.

thing," Gustafson said. "Do not wait."

Gustafson said in Massachusetts alone, there were 86 reported fire incidents that were caused by juvenile misuse. It was shared during the assembly that every fire is investigated in order to determine the cause.

The annual Arson Watch Reward Program Poster Contest is sponsored by the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Association and the Rhode Island Joint Reinsurance Association, on behalf of all

property and casualty insurance companies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The poster theme is "Fire Prevention – Everyone/Everyday".

Fire safety education is important at any age level, but especially for children. Many children who play with fire do not realize the dangers and injuries their play can cause. T

The Arson Watch Reward Program was established in 1981 and was one of the first programs sponsored by any group to advocate for an active public response to the senseless inci-

Silas Flint is shown with Barre Firefighter and EMT Christina Gustafson.

student Silas Flint was the winner of the Poster Contest. Flint was the first place winner in Worcester County and second place in the whole Commonwealth.

The school and the departments congratulated Flint as he received a trophy at the assembly and held a framed copy of the poster he created. Joining Gustafson in the presentation was Taylor Wilkinson of the Hubbardston Fire Department and New Braintree Fire Chief Dennis Letendre, Jr.

After the award, the departments took questions from the students at the assembly. It was a great way for the departments to connect with the youth of the community and help them understand real life emergency situations.

Fitchburg State University announces spring graduates

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University announces the spring graduates.

They are: Melissa Bell of Barre, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Shannon A. Nowicki of Barre Master Business Administration; Sabrina A. Patch of Barre, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Kassandra Patch of Barre Bachelor of Science in nursing; Hannah Paige Perron of Barre Bachelor of Science in elementary education 1-6; Cole Boudreau Carignan of Hubbardston Bachelor of Science in criminal justice; Ashley Morgan Girouard of Hubbardston, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Celeste Nichole Thomas

of Hubbardston, Master in Education curriculum and teaching; Andrew R. Bedard of Rutland, Bachelor of Science in business administration; Jaelyn S. Breeds of Rutland, Master in Business Administration; Sandra Leann Dorsey of Rutland, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Justin M. Gilroy of Rutland, Bachelor of Science in communications media; Olivia Carolann Kephart of Rutland, Bachelor of Science in criminal justice; Andrew Richard Lauer of Rutland, Masters in Business Administration and Sophia N. Mason of Rutland, Bachelor of Science in psychological sci-

MWCC holds 59th Commencement Ceremony

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College celebrated the academic achievements of its graduates during the college's 59th Commencement on May 15.

A total of 620 students graduated, with 441 associate degrees and 234 certificates being conferred.

The graduates of the Class of 2024 are: Hailey Rose Brewer of Barre, Taylor-Lee Violet Chick of Barre

Brian Thomas Conaty of Barre, Deniel E. Ewing of Barre, Christina Jewel Hills of Barre, Jennifer D. Hylan of Barre, Izabella Jordan Montiverdi of Barre, Rachael R. Strom of Barre, Noah James Willigar of Gilbertville, Jahzara Desravines of Hubbardston, Antonio J. Doherty, of Hubbardston, Katie Lynn Holgerson of

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Megean Joanne Wessell of Rutland, Liana Nicole Brouillet of South Barre and Melanie Ann Chapman of South Barre.

Serenity Ayala competed on lacrosse team

WESTON – Serenity Ayala of North Brookfield, a sophomore student-athlete studying nursing, competed on the Regis women's lacrosse team during the spring 2024 season.

The women's lacrosse team concluded the 2024 season with a 9-8 overall record, the most victories for the team since the 2019 season.

Head coach Courtney Duggan earned her 100th career coaching win against College of Lady of Elms on Saturday, April 6 as the team finished third in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference South Division with a 5-2 divisional record and qualified for the GNAC Women's Lacrosse Tournament.

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"My high school soccer team never played against Alec's team," Testori said. "Our club soccer teams did face each other a few times. It has been a lot of fun being teammates with him for the first time. He's an outstanding soccer player. We complement each other very well."

Last Saturday's home opener wasn't the first time that Testori played a match on the turf soccer field located on Winsor Street in Ludlow. A couple of years ago, he played for AC Connecticut, which lost to the Pioneers.

"I've played a game in this stadium two years ago, so I already knew what the atmosphere was like here," said Testori, who signed several autographs following the match. "To have these fans rooting for you is just a great feeling. This is a talented soccer team, so I wanted to join them this year. I'm hoping that we can qualify for the playoffs."

During the 36th minute,



Patrick Gryczewski advances the ball up the field

Patrick Gryczewski dribbled the ball down the right side before cutting into the middle of the box. He then slid a shot into the lower right corner for the Pioneers third goal of the match, which was unassisted. Gryczewski, who's also from the Nutmeg state, plays college soccer at U.R.I.



Jared Smith looks to get around an opponent.

Holding a commanding 3-0 halftime lead, the Pioneers final goal was scored by Lawrence Goddard, who's a returning player, during the 72nd minute.

Western Mass goalie Gianluca Cersosimo didn't see very much action in recording his second consecutive clean sheet.

The Pioneers defensive unit is led by Jared Smith, Zach Sauer, Aidan Kelly, and team captain Nicholas Oberrauch.

The Pioneers were scheduled to play at the Albany Rush on Wednesday night (May 22) before returning home to face Black Rock FC at 7 p.m. on May 31.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Christian Growth Part 9

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

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

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

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

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

What are the varying aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Let us conclude our exploration of said fruit with biblical self-control.

What is self-control? Self-control, also translated as temperance, is the capacity for self-mastery; the ability to say “no” to the world, the flesh and the devil and “yes” to God. Such elements are wonderfully articulated in the following selection:

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Let us consider another beloved passage on the theme of self-mastery:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

Herein, Paul likens the Christian experience to an athlete preparing for the stadium games. Ancient athletes, much like their modern counterparts, went into strict training in preparation for their races (i.e., that they might perform effectively). You see, quality performance required self-mastery. Otherwise, competitors might yield to desires which yield disastrous ends (e.g., the breaking of diets and the ditching of workouts, etc.). Self-control was critical for those who wished to win!

In the same way, Christians are engaged in a life-long spiritual marathon which is often difficult and grueling. If we are going

to run in such a way to get the prize, that being heavenly reward, we cannot afford to waste time or energy on yielding to sinful appetites. We cannot “run” effectively or endure as long as we are trifling with carnality and wickedness. No, we must learn to practice self-control, self-mastery and restraint in the Lord. We do well to ask: If an athlete can so train in order to attain an earthly award that will fade, how can we not learn to master ourselves and run with endurance for a crown that will never diminish? Our spiritual forefathers—like the apostle Paul—knew of the heavenly reward to come:

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

To what degree do we, like Paul, long for the reward that is to come? Let us practice self-control and run our race in Christ.

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

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

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Trinity Sunday / Memorial Day Weekend

“You must be born from above,” Jesus said.

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com and Facebook page. Scripture Reading: John 3 v 1-17
I. Introduction

If we were to truly listen to each other, what we are trying to convey, our thoughts and ideas, our beliefs about something, and more, then perhaps there would be less time for misunderstandings, arguments, divisions, and much more. We would be in a place where our relationships would be more harmonious, our ideas would be shared and respected, even though we would not necessarily agree with each other. We would be able to find our way together and build a better world where we all can live together in peace. Let’s see what the Gospel of John is trying to convey to us in this nightly visit of Nicodemus to Jesus.

II. You must be born from above

As a Jewish leader, Pharisee and skilled theologian, Nicodemus had his own ideas about God, religion, and the good life. He was a member of the ruling class, and of the Sanhedrin, and he stressed the careful observance of the Law and tradition of the elders. That was the way of salvation for him. He was curious, though about Jesus and His message of love and forgiveness, the miracles and signs He performed.

It was a bit awkward for a Pharisee and religious leader to come and spend time with Jesus, to have a conversation, instead of arguing with Jesus. He was there to listen, to understand, even

though he had his own ideas about religion and spirituality. He was respectful and even paid Jesus a compliment about His spiritual gifts and acknowledged that Jesus was a teacher and sent by God.

But Jesus gave Nicodemus a different kind of response, one that puzzled him a bit. Jesus is providing him with an existentially different view of what he, Nicodemus thinks life with God is about. “No one can see the Kingdom of God, unless he is born again, with water and with the Spirit”. To be born with water meant that he would need repentance and purification from his reward to come.

No human effort and obedience to specific laws can bring about the re-birth of the inner being that is necessary to enter the Spiritual Kingdom of God. A person must also be reborn with the Spirit to experience the inner working of God in their lives. So, it is good and well to observe that I am sent by God, Jesus says, and to acknowledge my message and gifts, but I need you to understand that no laws can save you from entering the Kingdom of God.

You must be born from above, from the heavens, meaning, you must have God working in you, and then you need Me, the Son of God in your life and then you need the re-birth of the Spirit of God to live inside of you, to live a spiritual life to the fullest. This was difficult news for Nicodemus, but he remained respectful of Jesus, defending Him with the chief priests later on when they challenged the temple guards for failing to bring Jesus to them. Nicodemus’ response was that Jewish law required that a person could not be condemned without first being heard and he even joined Joseph from Arimathea helping him to lay Jesus’ body in a nearby tomb. We don’t know what happened to Nicodemus after that, but his interaction with Jesus must have made him think about his own beliefs. He did not reject Jesus’ views, instead he listened, and allowed Jesus to teach him. In addition, Jesus’ comment about the Spirit, that “the wind blows where it pleases...must have had an impact on his life.

III. Conclusion

On this Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the power of God and the Son and the Holy Spirit in our lives. We need all of God to be with us, to live inside of us, for our salvation, but also for our daily lives and that deep relationship with God that makes life easier to manage and that provides us with God’s peace inside of us. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is crucial for us, as it brings us closer to our purpose and calling in this life. Through the Holy Spirit we become partners with God in fulfilling God’s will for us and this world. God wants to show us the way, but we can only experience that extraordinary gift of God’s guidance by allowing the Spirit to move inside and through us.

So, the gift of the Son and the Holy Spirit is God’s way of saying, you are born from above, from the heavens, so that the Kingdom of God can come down to this earthly Kingdom, with the gifts of love and peace and justice and kindness bestowed upon on all the earth. May God make this message clearer to all of us every day and help us to be grateful listeners first to God, and then to one another so that God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Pastor Margaret Keyser
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO24P1363EA Estate of: Robert S. Hayward Sr. Also Known As: Robert S. Hayward Date of Death: March 18, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jerusha E. Fish of Alton, NH

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jerusha E. Fish of Alton, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 05/30/2024

Town of New Braintree Invitation To Bid

The Town of New Braintree will accept sealed bids for materials to be used in road construction and general road maintenance of various town roads. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to bid is for FY2025. All bids signed with the name and address of the bidder should be submitted in a sealed envelope that is plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope “Goods and Services FY2025”. All bidders are required to be in compliance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Prevailing wage rates, where applicable. The Town of New Braintree reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities in the bidding if they deem it in the best interest of the town to do so. Bid spec-

ifications must be obtained from the Select Board office, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or can be emailed upon request by calling the Highway Department at (508) 867-2451. Bidders must be prequalified by the Contract Engineer of Mass. D.O.T., before specifications can be handed out. Bids will be received until 6:30 p.m., Monday June 24, 2024, and will be opened and read at 6:35 p.m. in the office of the Select Board. The bid shall include a statement of non-collusion. 05/30, 06/06/2024

MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

The street address of the Property (if applicable) is: 175 Pleasant Street, Barre

The permanent tax identification number of the Property is: E110

The legal description of the property is:

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

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

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

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

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

Thence N. 17° 42’ 52” E. 138.37 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 75° 34’ 16” E.

90.42 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence S. 8° 45’ 11” E. 219.56 feet by land now or formerly of Brewer to a stone bound;

Thence N. 80° 58’ 07” E. 117.27 feet by said Brewer land to a gun barrel set at the westerly line of Pleasant Street;

Thence S. 10° 54’ 21” E. 66.54 feet by said Street to a gun barrel;

Thence by said Street and a curve to the left with a radius of 1,374.75 feet, a distance of 166.66 feet to the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant Street and the northerly line of Glancy Road, being the point of beginning.

Being shown on a plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 427, Plan 64.

EXCEPTING and EXCLUDING a certain parcel of land situated westerly of Pleasant Street in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in a certain Quitclaim Deed dated August 5, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54134, Page 53.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to the Grantor herein by Massachusetts Foreclosure Deed by Corporation dated July 8, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54086, Page 267 being the parcel marked as “Remaining Land of Country Bank for Savings” containing 52,877 S.F.

Being the same premises conveyed to David J. Twiss by Deed of Country Bank for Savings dated January 8, 2016 recorded in Book 54975 Page 169.”

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder’s sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE:

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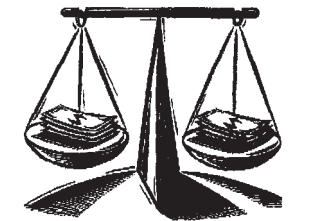
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Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Country Bank for Savings, Present Holder of said Mortgage

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, May 19
 12:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Public Assist
 10:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
 5 p.m. Dizziness, Exchange Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, May 20
 8:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Elm North Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
 11:45 a.m. Property Damage, South Street, Investigated
 4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Clem Court, Citation Issued
 8:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 21
 3:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Maple Lane, Transported to Hospital
 4:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transported
 9:54 a.m. Court Duty, Barre Police Headquarters, Court Duty
 12:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Coldbrook Road, Citation Issued
 4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Coldbrook Road, Citation Issued
 4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest: Lawrence, Derrick, 45, Gilbertville
 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B

Wednesday, May 22
 10:35 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Williamsville Road, Removed Hazard
 1:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 4 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Peace Restored
 9:24 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Debra Lane, Fire Extinguished
 11:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Written Warning

Thursday, May 23
 8 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 9:46 a.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Officer Advised
 12:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Sunrise Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:48 p.m. Medical Alarm, Vernon Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Hit

and Run, South Street, Officer Advised
 9:57 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Hey, Matthew, 32, Barre
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Stop for Police, Fail, Snow/Rec Vehicle – Public Way Violation, Stop/Yield, Fail To, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Marked Lanes Violation, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Snow/Rec Vehicle – Unregistered

Friday, May 24
 9:37 a.m. Property Damage, Mechanic Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:32 p.m. Public Assist, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:42 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Hubbardston Road, Animal Owned to Owner
 1:59 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Broad Street, Negative Contact
 6:04 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:36 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, May 25
 12:10 a.m. Noise Complaint, Edward Lane, Area Patrolled
 4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pine Tree Terrace, Written Warning
 8:06 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Fruitland Road, Referred to Other Agency

Rutland Police Log

May 19
 10:48 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasantdale Road, Area Search Negative
 5:49 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Pleasantdale Road, Entry Gained
 9:26 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, May 20
 6:34 a.m. Escort/Transport, Worcester to Court, Court Duty
 9:09 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 10:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 10:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Clearview Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street, Written Warning
 11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 11:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warring

1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Finn Park Road, Citation Issued
 1:19 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Prescott Street, Information Taken
 1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 3:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA) Oakview Lane, Transported to Hospital
 6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 21
 7:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Sanchez, Jorge, 27, Meriden, CT
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Electronic Device, Use While Operating Motor Vehicle, First Offense
 7:40 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken
 9:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Duque Ortiz, Marlon Alexis, 26, Saugus
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 10:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Rodriguez, Jaserika Nil, 24, Gardner
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 12:30 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Message Delivered
 1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Metellus, Kerlinx, 26, Brookline
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, License Not in Possession
 2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Lara Clausell, Kerlaniss, 23, Dorchester
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J
 3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Henderson, Keira Rose, 21, Princeton
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Inspection/Sticker, No C90 S20
 4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Village Way, Citation Issued
 5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Naquag Street, Written Warning
 5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 6:40 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist
 9:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Returned to Family
 10:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Peters Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, May 22
 7:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Peters Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 7:56 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Juniper Lane, No Action Required
 10:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Shaw, Dylan, 27, Rutland
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23
 Summons: Beer, Katelyn, 31, Rutland
 Charges: Unlicensed/Suspended Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit C90 S12(B)

10:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 11:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Putin, Arthur, 65, Webster
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle, Subsequent Offense C90 S23, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Inspection/Sticker No C90 S20
 12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 3:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:02 p.m. Property Damage, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
 4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 5:08 p.m. ACO – Lost and Found/Wildlife, Athens Avenue, Information Taken
 5:24 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Glenwood Road, Report Filed
 6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Thursday, May 23
 12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

12:58 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Lewis Street, Public Assist
 8:38 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, River Road, Information Taken
 9:40 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Wachusett Street, Information Taken
 10:53 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Lewis Street, Officer Took Call
 2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Charnock Hill Road, Written Warning
 3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Cross, Patrick, 53, Paxton
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 4:17 p.m. Fire – Suspicious Package/Letter, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:23 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Advised
 9:57 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Hey, Matthew, 32, Barre
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Stop for Police, Fail, Snow/Rec Vehicle – Public Way Violation, Stop/Yield, Fail to, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Marked Lanes Violation, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Snow/Rec Vehicle – Unregistered
 11:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, May 24
 8:25 a.m. ACO – Lost and Found/Wildlife, Charnock Hill Road, Negative Contact
 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:06 p.m. Property Damage, Prouty Lane, Officer Advised
 4:58 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Naquag Street, Citation Issued
 Summons: Daniels, Nicholas, 21, Leicester
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With C90 S23
 11:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

Saturday, May 25
 12:18 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Emerald Road, Referred to Other Agency
 4:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 Summons: True, Samantha, 34, Rutland
 Charges: Inspection/Sticker, N C 90 S20, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With C90 S23
 6:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 7:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Stroke (CVA), Kenwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 10:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Dog Bites, Wachusett Street, Dispatch Handled
 11:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Vista Circle, Transported to Hospital
 2:45 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Victoria Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 37 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, 14 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, six complaints, four motor vehicle investigations, two motor vehicle accidents, one missing person, one vandalism, one threat, one safety hazard, two animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Lower Road, Services Rendered
 4:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Wednesday, May 22
 9:09 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Patril Hollow Road, Officer Handled
 10:10 p.m. Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 23
 1:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 4:34 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 6:09 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Parker Court, Officer Handled
 6:10 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Negative Contact
 8:39 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:53 p.m. Assist Citizen, Grove Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, May 24
 4:08 a.m. Missing Person, Jackson Road, Services Rendered
 10:06 a.m. Vandalism, Main Street, Officer Handled
 12:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Investigation, Town Hall, Officer Handled

1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Officer Handled
 2:48 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Lower Road, Negative Contact
 3:12 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Spoken To
 5:51 p.m. Safety Hazard, Thayer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 9:18 p.m. Threat, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 9:50 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Spoken To

Saturday, May 25
 3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
 7:33 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, River Run, Spoken To

Sunday, May 26
 1:44 p.m. 911 Misdiagn, Grove Street, Spoken TO
 4:33 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 9:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

1:05 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Gardner, Officer Handled
 1:36 p.m. Medical Emergency, Utley Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, West Road, Report Taken

Sunday, May 26
 10:08 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of May 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to six building/property checks, 24 directed/area patrols, one radar assignment, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle accident, one scam, two fire/illegal burns, one complaint, three animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Friday, May 24
 11:58 a.m. Scam, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled
 1:31 p.m. Welfare Check, Barre Cut Off Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:42 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, May 25
 12:01 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, May 19
 1:25 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:48 p.m. Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Morgan Road, Mutual Aid Transported

Monday, May 20
 1228 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Gardner Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Kyermeh, Bernard, 54, Westborough
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 3:49 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Acevedo Rivera, Ismael Ismael, 34, Worcester
 Charges: Marked Lanes Violation, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 7:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Morgan Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, May 21
 12:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

9:03 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 11:52 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Burnshirt Road, Message Delivered
 1:27 p.m. ACO Lost and/or Found/Wildlife, Lombard Road, Message Delivered
 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
 7:35 p.m. Animal– Wildlife, Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, May 22
 8:12 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Gardner Road, Public Assist
 9:13 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 9:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:22 a.m. Identity Theft, New Templeton Road, Report Filed
 12:28 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 1:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 1:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Road, Written Warning

Thursday, May 23
 3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning

4 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, High Bridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:57 p.m. Assist Other Police Department , New Templeton Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Hey, Matthew, 32, Barre
 Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Stop for Police, Fail, Snow/Rec Vehicle – Public Way Violation, Stop/Yield, Fail to, Negligent Operation of Moto Vehicle., Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Marked Lanes Violation, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Snow/Rec Vehicle – Unregistered

Friday, May 24
 8:16 p.m. Identity Theft, Kruse Road, Information Taken
 8:55 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 10:12 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:38 p.m. Complaint, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning
 3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Saturday, May 25
 10:29 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed
 11:30 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, New Templeton Road, Rescued

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, May 19
 12:42 p.m. Open Door or Window, Gaffney Road, Building Checked/Secured

Monday, May 20
 10:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 1:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 3:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Stroke (CVA), Oakview

Lane, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, May 21
 7:39 p.m. Parking, New Braintree Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, May 22
 10:19 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Oak Drive, Rescued
 11:18 a.m. Erratic Operator, Hunt Road, Information Given
 3:02 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Bechan Road, Negative

Contact
 3:37 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, May 23
 9:42 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

Friday, May 24
 8:36 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Edson Road, No Action Required

Gas prices decrease two cents

WESTWOOD – Since mid-May, gasoline prices have been falling as inventories swelled and demand has trended slightly below last year's levels.

In addition, price declines have been driven by oil prices hovering around \$80 a barrel, weak global oil and gasoline demand and uncertainty about the pace of anticipated federal interest rate cuts. Next week, the Energy Information Administration will report demand figures from Memorial Day weekend, which could show a surge in demand that may buck the current trend.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is down two cents over last week (\$3.55), averaging \$3.53 per gallon. Today's price is six cents lower than a month ago (\$3.59) and a penny higher than May 28, 2023 (\$3.52). Massachusetts's average gas price is 5 cents lower than the national average.

"The latest EIA data shows gasoline demand reached 9.3m barrels a day, the highest level of 2024 to date, the week ahead of the holiday, and numbers from Memorial Day weekend are expected to show strong demand," said Mark

Schildrop, Senior Spokesperson, AAA Northeast. "However, it will take several weeks of strong, sustained demand to put a dent in inventories. Currently, domestic refiners are producing upwards of 10m barrels a day of motor fuels."

AAA Northeast's May 28 survey of fuel prices found the current national average down a penny from last week (\$3.59), averaging \$3.58 a gallon. Today's national average price is seven cents lower than a month ago (\$3.65) and a penny higher than this day last year (\$3.57).

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Historical Commission, said the commission has talked about zoning at the site, and they are reaching out to any company or organization that could possibly fit the allowed uses.

They have also reached out to 33 acute care facilities.

Palladino said the commission has now reached out to 78 entities and has not heard back from any of them.

Beckley said the town met with Way Finders, but he has not heard if they met with Baystate Health representatives yet.

Trietsch said reuse of the property is complicated, without a clear understanding of the trust and the deed.

"This has not been clarified yet," Trietsch said.

Trietsch encouraged the commission to broaden their outreach just in case a particular use will be allowed once the parameters of the trust and deed are established.

Legislative involvement

Committee member Cathy Cascio asked Beckley if the town's letter to state legislators about the closure and demolition of the hospital received any response.

Beckley said the legislators have been very involved on this topic,

but nothing specific came back in response to the letter.

He said Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi has also expressed her willingness to be involved.

Committee members discussed holding a regional forum about health care needs in rural areas with Gobi and local state senators and representatives.

Trust and deed

Beckley said the trust, will and deed are being reviewed by two attorneys from Mirick O'Connell, on behalf of the town.

He said discussion have also been ongoing with the Attorney General and Bank of America (the trustee of the trust).

Beckley said after the attorneys talk to the Attorney General, they will talk with Baystate Health about the trust and land use issue.

Bourcier said she is also meeting with the Attorney General and is asking for an inventory of endowments held by Baystate.

Granlund said he has also enlisted the help of an attorney who lives in Gilbertville, and has offered her services pro bono.

"She's going to assist, not as an official attorney," Granlund said.

Currently, town of Ware has allocated \$10,000 to pay for the two Mirick O'Connell attorneys.

Transfer of beneficiary

Granlund read from a 2016 letter written by Dr. Louis Grace to the Baystate Health Foundation. Grace was a doctor on staff at Mary Lane Hospital for his entire 50-year career, and even transferred ownership of his \$100,000 life insurance policy to the Baystate Health Foundation in 2006.

The policy benefit would be used to create an endowment following his death "to be used exclusively for the benefit of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, or its lawful successors in interest."

In his letter, Grace said unlike Lewis Gilbert, he was "alive to wit-

ness the dismantling and the evolution of Mary Lane Hospital under the direction of the Baystate Health system (evidently to be phased out over time). My and numerous others' financial support was not intended to be misdirected to facilities in Springfield, Palmer or elsewhere."

Grace requested that the foundation transfer ownership of the policy back to him, which they did.

Granlund said he believes the residents of Ware and Gilbertville can get the money in the trust back, just as Grace regained ownership of his policy.

"We're in the same boat," he said.

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