

# BARRE GAZETTE

USPS 044560

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

June 6, 2024 | Vol. 190, No. 9 | \$1.00

www.barregazette.turley.com



Turley photo by Karen Lewis

Quabbin's NJROTC Color Guard presents the colors before the class of 2024 and all in attendance.

## Class of 2024 graduates under sunny skies

By Ellenor Downer  
edowner@turley.com

BARRE – This year the sun shone upon the Quabbin Regional High School's 120 graduates last Friday evening.

With the Symphonic Winds playing "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar, the Class of 2024 walked out of the front entrance of Quabbin Regional High School. Marshals Isabela Smith and Jaxson Warburton led the procession.

The Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard, which included Isabele

LaBelle, Hunter LaBier, Richard Tucker and Jordan Blanchard, carried the American flag and the NJROTC flag.

Superintendent Colleen Mucha, Principal Purnima DeMoraes, Assistant Principal Jason Gilmartin, Assistant Principal Janet Hicks and Assistant Principal Steve Nicora walked in the procession along with members of the Quabbin Regional School Committee.

Chalice Riendeau, Senior Class Vice President, lead her class and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Senior Class

President Vivienne Benoit-Smith gave the welcome

She thanked the steadfast support of parents and gave thanks to the teachers, who gave them second chances. She said during the last four years she watched students communicate with each other and especially during the last few weeks of high school.

Quabbin Regional High School Principal Purnima DeMoraes said to the soon to be graduates that whatever chapter they take: military, college or workforce, remember kindness. She reminded them to "be the light that helps others

see."

Valedictorian Michael Tobin compared his life to a game of chess. He said his grandfather, who was "one of my best friends I ever had," was a master chess player and took him under his wing. It was a long time before he was able to beat his grandfather in chess, but he did, he beat him seven times in a row.

The senior musicians joined the Symphonic Winds in performing "Halcyon Hearts" by Kathy Copley.

The Salutatorian Camryn Orsini spoke after the band selection.

She talked about reading the book "Everything About Love" by Dolly Alderton, who as a teenager, felt romantic love was most important.

She said the way we treat other has an impact and pause to appreciate little things. She said the best tis yet to come.

Although she is not sure what the next chapter holds, she looks forward to what is next.

Student speaker Charles McKinstry said he has done things he never thought he could. He said our truth followed respect.

The Symphonic Winds performed "Home," a piece composed

by a member of the Class of 2024, Benjamin Vasseur.

Riley Basset was the final student speaker. She said it wasn't until the COVID pandemic was over, did she find what high school was really like. She quoted one of her teachers, Mr. Schroeder, "Saddest part of my day is the emptying of my coffee."

The Quabbin Singers then sang "Wild Mountain Thyme" arranged by Jacob Narverud.

Mucha before certifying the Class of 2024 met all requirements

See GRADUATION, page 12



Turley photo by Eric Goodhart

The Hubbardston Memorial Day Committee had the McGann Marching Band for the parade and celebration.

## Memorial Day is a day for reflection

By Eric Goodhart  
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – The threat of rain did not stop a large gathering of Hubbardston citizens and friends from joining local veterans and town and state administrators in this year's special celebration on the town Common opposite the library.

Following the well-organized band-led parade from the multi-use Athletic Field north of town, kudos to the town's Memorial Day Committee. The Committee this year engaged the McGann Marching Band for the celebration. Everyone was impressed with them. The musician who played Taps to perfection at the flag-raising was particularly mem-

orable. The silence pierced by such a simple melody is poetic. Someone once said "The struggle of these men and women is over. But through the darkness of death in war, Taps stirs emotions. Though sometimes not felt by the living, those who have fallen are in a better place." We honor their sacrifice.

Hubbardston has a rich history of residents who have participated in conflicts. Names of those patriots who fought in the Revolution to the Vietnam War are chiseled in stone on beautifully designed monuments at the Common. Regrettably, Vietnam did not mark the end of the US involvement in international conflicts. That is the ugly nature of humankind often initiated by those who have control over others.

One thoughtful veteran told this reporter, that "division of the populace is the easiest way to control entire societies. We must be

vigilant and aware of the distractions that take our eyes off what is truly important toward maintaining peace."

For the 25th year, Captain Tom Colyer, USN was the Master of Ceremonies. A graduate of the US Naval Academy he served in the Vietnam conflict. He introduced Reverend Jane Grisbach, to open the program at noon with an invocation.

Annaleigh Moncoeur sang the Star Spangled Banner. She is a fifth grader and beautifully recited the iconic remembrance poem "Flanders Field" written in 1915. The poem is timeless and speaks to the duty of the living to carry on the fight and honor the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in war.

Captain Colyer thanked all who came and helped organize the day including the very active Select Board and Memorial Day

See HUBBARDSTON, page 6

## Town passes \$4.8 million budget

Retiree health benefits garner debate

By Ellenor Downer  
Editor  
edowner@turley.com

OAKHAM – Over 120 registered voters approved a \$4,842,256 budget for Fiscal 2025 at the Monday night Annual Town Meeting.

This year the budget included the schools in the total budget rather than having a separate article for education. The Town Accountant recommended doing this as it was considered an accounting best practice and followed by many other towns.

To balance the budget, the town used \$170,000 in free cash. Using free cash for operating costs instead of capital projects is a policy the town tries to avoid.

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Colleen Mucha said the school committee cut the budget from 10% increase to 3%. This included a reduction in 15.4 staff members, due in part the retirement of staff, which were not being replaced. She said Oakham has 224 students in the 2,191 total student population in the five-member district. She also said the school district had increased costs just like the towns. Transportation costs increased by 18%.

Article 16 to see if the town would adopt Section 9-A of Chapter 328 of Massachusetts General Law generated a lengthy discussion. If approved, the town would pay one half of the premium costs of a retired employee for health and dental insurance. The vote on this article was by paper ballot and passed by a narrow mar-

gin. Last year, the article failed to pass at Annual Town Meeting. Cost would be about \$2,260 per year. An employee must be eligible to retire, be full-time and have at least 10 years credible service. At the present time, only one employee was eligible for this benefit.

Article 17 related to the previous article asked voters to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 328, Section 20 and establish an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust. The trust account allows the insurance costs to be funded for retired employees.

Every year, there is an article to fund \$1,000 as a grant for Wachusett Greenways, Inc., an eight-town collaborative to continue create and maintain trails. An amendment by Matthew Brunelle to use the \$1,000, which was com-

See OAKHAM, page 6

## Day ends with this beautiful sunset

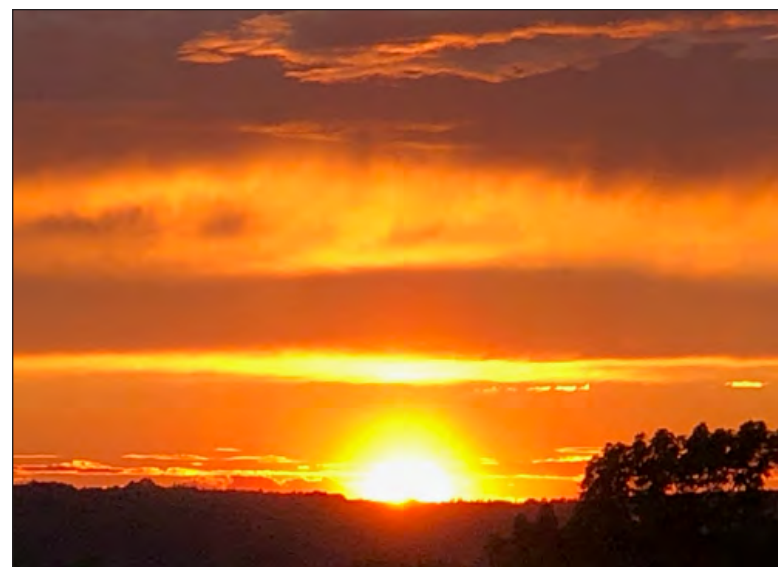


Photo by Barbara Kempski

This is a gorgeous view of the sunset on Route 67 in Barre on May 28.

## 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.



8 04879 13177 9

# News of the Towns

**Round Town**  
Ellenor Downer  
edowner@turley.com

**Hubbardston**  
Ellenor Downer  
edowner@turley.com

**Quabbin Community Band season begins**  
The first concert of the season for the Quabbin Community Band will be on Sunday, June 16 starting at 6 p.m. in Normay Park, South Barre. Concerts will be held every Sunday evening through mid-August. The season starts with the concerts in South Barre and moves to the Barre Common latter.

**Founder's Day**  
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.

**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.

## Historical Society rededicates Hugh Cook headstone

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society will hold the Rededication of Hugh Cook's headstone at Goose Hill Cemetery, located on Charnock Hill Road on Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m.  
Hugh Cook, was a Rutland resident at the time of his death and veteran of the Civil War. A headstone has recently been placed on the grave site and a ceremony to honor him at this time is fitting.  
Following the ceremony there will be refreshments at the Wood House, 232 Main St This program is open to the public.

**Editorial deadline reminder**  
Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday.



Higgins Family pose with sleigh, from left, Chris Higgins, Larry Higgins, Ron Higgins and Jen Higgins.

## Higgins family gives sleigh to Historical Society

BARRE – Recently, Ron Higgins and the Higgins Family delivered the antique horse-drawn sleigh once used by Dr. George Brown, one of Barre's leading citizens of the mid-19th century, to the Barre Historical Society and Museum.  
Ron's grandfather, Joseph H. Higgins, a local auctioneer of the mid-20th century, obtained the sleigh sometime after Dr. Brown's private school closed in 1946 and it has been in storage since that time. This donation is an important addition to our collection of horse-drawn vehicles and farm implements. The sleigh is now on exhibit in the Carter and Stevens Gallery in our museum building.  
As many know, Dr. George Brown was the Superintendent of The Elm Hill Private School and Home for the Education of Feeble-Minded Youth in Barre, beginning in 1851 through 1892. This school was the first school of its kind in the United States. It was founded in 1848 by Dr. Hervey Backus Wilbur, and Dr. George Brown took over as superintendent three years later.  
Never accepting more than 100 residents and remaining private, Elm Hill was run by the Brown family until it ceased operation. George Artemas Brown (b.1858-1942), who graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York (Columbia Medical School), was the second Brown to become superintendent. George Artemas' son George Percy Brown (b.1888-1971), who went to Yale and then Harvard Medical School, took over from his father. Elm Hill closed in August 1946.  
The Barre Historical Society and Museum welcome all artifacts of Barre History and encourage people to contact them with any questions. Their hours are Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. People may email barrehistory@gmail.com.

## 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/>.

## Historical Society to hold garden tour and pie sale

The Hubbardston Historical Society will hold a pie sale on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road. A garden tour will also be held on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Garden tour tickets are available on line by visiting [hubbardstonhistorical.org](http://hubbardstonhistorical.org) or at the Chapel the day of the tour for \$20 cash only the day of the tour from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Ed the Wizard**  
Ed the Wizard's "Reading is Magic" performance will appear at the Hubbardston Public Library on Tuesday, June 18 starting at 4 p.m. This family friendly interactive magic performance is full of comedy and suspense as Ed the Wizard weaves together the importance of building and maintaining one's reading skills. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**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.

**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.

## 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 10. 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 – Teriyaki meatballs, brown rice, roasted California blend vegetables, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread  
TUESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, succotash, Rice Krispie Bar, whole wheat bread  
WEDNESDAY – Roast turkey with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, green peas, baked cinnamon pears, Italian bread  
THURSDAY – Chicken with broccoli and cheese, cornbread stuffing, roasted Brussels sprouts, carrot cake, diet = plain piece, French bread  
FRIDAY – Ham salad, tomato and cuke salad, potato salad, melon, pita bread  
\*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.

## Orange Community Band begins summer season

ORANGE – The Orange Community Band will begin its summer season rehearsals Wednesday June 5 at the Orange Central Congregational Church at 7 p.m. and will continue through the end of July.  
Six summer concerts begin Friday, June 21 and continue on Fridays until July 26. There will also be a back to school special concert Aug. 30.  
The Orange Community Band traces its roots back to the 1850s, when a "Town band" performed in Orange. The same core group of musicians was involved as the Mechanics Band, the New Home Band, and then the Minute Tapioca Band.  
Since 1976 the group has been known as the Orange Community Band. They have all performed free family style concerts in Butterfield Park. The purpose remains the same: to provide musical entertainment for the families of Orange and the surrounding area. Corporate support ended when the Tapioca Company moved out, the band has been sponsored, first by the town and now by the generosity of businesses and individuals throughout the community.  
Area musicians are welcome to join the band by coming to the June rehearsals or contacting an officer. Band members range in age from middle school to nonagenarians and musicians of all levels are welcome.

**Lawton's Optical World**  
(508) 829-7333  
"CERTIFIED CONTACT LENS & EYEGLASS SPECIALISTS"  
Compare Our Prices, Service and Selection.  
It's Worth the Trip!  
1015 MAIN STREET, HOLDEN MASSACHUSETTS 01520

**SUBMISSIONS ALWAYS WELCOME**  
Send your stories and photos to [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com)

**Junk & Bulk Trash Removal**  
**Clean Out Solutions**  
Basement, Attic, Shed & Whole House Cleanouts  
Shed, Pool & Hot Tub Removals  
Arthur "Skip" Gervais  
(774)397-6500

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?  
**We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.**  
This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.  
Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661.**

"Join the team that does more by 9am than some do all day!"  
Train now to a new career in 6 weeks. High hourly wages and generous bonus program. Van work available too!  
Call or text 774-200-6762 or email [jobs@mccarthybus.com](mailto:jobs@mccarthybus.com) to apply  
**J.P. McCarthy & Sons**  
WWW.MCCARTHYBUS.COM

**THE CENTERED PLACE**  
SINCE 1988  
**Yoga & Meditation Classes**  
Offering both onsite and online classes  
Voted Best Yoga in the region by Town & Country Living Magazine  
**Yoga leaves you more relaxed, centered, open and energized. Come experience this for yourself.**  
413 436 7374  
286 BRIDGE ST, WARREN MA  
[WWW.THECENTEREDPLACE.COM](http://WWW.THECENTEREDPLACE.COM)

**FOR RENT**  
**Quabbin Estates**  
41 Church Lane, Wheelwright, MA 01094  
Accepting applications for immediate occupation. The apartment features - w/w carpeting, kitchen appliances, maintenance coverage, laundry facilities. We specialize in Senior Housing and "Barrier Free" accessible units. Rent is \$810/mo. or 30% of income, whichever is lower. RD regulations. Handicap Accessible apartments when available.  
**CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT**  
413-477-6496  
TDD (800)439-2379

**Our advertisers make this publication possible.**  
Let them know you saw their ad in the **Barre Gazette**

# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

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.  
 Council on Aging – June 12 at 12:30 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – June 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – June 12 at 6:30 p.m. and June 17 at 6 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

Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – June 12 at 4 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – June 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – June 17 at 3 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – June 18 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – June 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Finance Committee – June 6 at 6 p.m.  
 Library Board of Trustees – June 6 at 6 p.m.  
 Parks and Rec – June 6 at 6 p.m.  
 Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging – June 10 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – June 10 at 2 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – June 11 at 7 p.m.  
 Fire Highway Building Committee – June 13 at 4 p.m.  
 Special Town Meeting – Friday, June 14 at 6:45 p.m.  
 Annual Town Meeting – Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – June 18 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – June 19 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Board of Registrars – June 6 at 3 p.m.  
 Oakham Select Board – June 10 and June 24 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – June 10 at 6 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – June 14 at noon  
 Planning Board – June 18 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Advisory Finance Committee – June 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – June 6 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.  
 Petersham Historic District – June 20 at 6 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 25 at 6 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Earthworks Board – June 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – June 6 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Health – June 10 at 5 p.m.  
 Planning Board Hearing – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Economic Development Commission – June 12 at 7 p.m.  
 Finance Committee – June 27 at 6:45 p.m.

## Petersham holds benefit for Southern Brazil flood victims

**PETERSHAM** – Communities around the world are feeling the effects of climate change and environmental destruction.

For most people environmental disasters are but headlines in the local newspapers or on-line, yet when a local resident's family and communities are greatly affected by extraordinary weather events, local residents take notice. For Ricardo Frota, a resident of Petersham and native of Southern Brazil, whose home village of Porto-Alegre has been inundated with very high flood waters, has brought such environmental tragedies to the attention of local communities.

Ricardo, an internationally known Brazilian musician and rainforest activist has stepped-up to help his local Brazilian community by offering a Benefit Fundraising Event for his Southern Brazil Flood Victims on Saturday, June 22 at 5 p.m. on the Petersham Common. Ricardo, a violinist/percussionist trained at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston will bring his remarkable array of instruments and sound objects to the benefit. Ricardo is best known for playing an eight foot high tree like a drum and for mimicking the sounds of the Brazilian rainforest.

The tragedy in southern Brazil is for real when in early April, days of torrential rains brought raging floods and mudslides to all local communities. The region's largest ever climate catastrophe flooded 342 towns and villages, leaving thousands of homes and businesses destroyed. Ricardo said, "My home town has been hit with nearly eight feet of flood water, including my family's home where I grew-up."

At the June event Ricardo will be joined by local musicians, story tellers and environmental activists, including Maurice Cahen, French guitarist; Greta Bro, singer/songwriter and Kaja Esser, singer. The event will be emceed by local storyteller and performer,



Ricardo Frota of Petersham plays this eight foot tree like a drum. He along with the University in the Wild will host a benefit for Southern Brazil flood victims on Saturday, June 22 at 5 p.m. on the Petersham Common.

er, Brother NorthStar, Medicine Walker ,who has spent over twenty-five years walking on global pilgrimages to bring attention to social and environmental injustices.

The program is sponsored by the local non-profit University of the Wild. Dr. Larry Buell, founder and director of the UofWild lives in the community with Ricardo Frota and witnesses the effect the Brazilian floods have on his family and community. Buell said, "When we can see and feel the effects of climate change in our own family and friends, be they wildfires, hurricanes or floods we must act in support and solidarity so that resilience and action can come about."

While the intention of the June 22nd benefit event is to raise funds to be sent to Ricardo's local community, it is also a time for local residents and friends to learn more about the Brazilian rainforests and witness some really good music and hear some amazing stories. Donations though a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit may be given at the event, sent to UofWild, 73 Glasheen Road, Petersham, MA 01366, or made on-line at the secure website [www.UofWild.org](http://www.UofWild.org) through its Donate button.

For information, people may email Ricardo Frota at [ricardofrota3@gmail.com](mailto:ricardofrota3@gmail.com) or call 978-353-9185 or visit [www.RicardoFrota.com](http://www.RicardoFrota.com) and [www.facebook.com/ricardo.frota.798](http://www.facebook.com/ricardo.frota.798). They may email Larry Buell at [Larry@UofWild.org](mailto:Larry@UofWild.org) or call 978-855-1420.

### Oakham

Ellenor Downer  
 edowner@turley.com

### Summer concerts begin June 27

The Oakham summer concert series begins Thursday, June 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. with the Weir River Jazz. The Otters will perform on Thursday, July 11 and Wylie and the Boogiemen on Thursday, July 25. On Thursday, Aug. 8 Say Uncle will entertain and on Thursday, Aug. 22 Quintessential Brass. All concerts are held on the Oakham Common from 6:30-8 p.m. People may purchase popcorn, cold drinks and water at the concerts. People may bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

### 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.

## University of Wild lists summer programs

**PETERSHAM** – The University of the Wild in some form of legal entity has been offering Earth-based programs in the Quabbin Region for nearly sixty years.

Today, the UofWild has grown into a vital local, regional and international environmental organization offering programs and services that include credit granting self-directed study through UMass Amherst, an international network called Wild Earth Communities and Households International and most recently a partnership with the international Global Roots Farm, formerly Rice's Roots Farm, to grow and market local food and offer "Place-based" education.

The UofWild follows in the footsteps of the famous local Harvard Forest programs where historic influencers and change-makers have studied, like Bob Marshall, founder of the Wilderness Society; Benton Mackaye, creator of the Appalachian Trail and recently, New York Times best selling author, Linda Mapes for her classic Witness Tree book.

To continue in this historic tradition, the UofWild offers local and regional residents programs in the theme of "Think Global, Act Local."

Highlights of upcoming programs include: Thursday, June 13 at 4 p.m. Symposium of the Swift River Valley The Cultural and Natural History of the Valley; Sunday, June 16 at 2 p.m. Hike to Gibo's Cabin in the Swift River Valley. Larry Buell returns to the site of the 1964 Original Earthlands Vision and Saturday, June 22 at 5 p.m. a benefit concert for Brazilian flood victims with Ricardo Frota, Brazilian native and rainforest activist and friends.

On Sunday, July 14 at 4 p.m., people will learn the story of the Global Roots Farm. Learn the stories of the Farm on a hike with local land historian, Larry Buell. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 23-25 32nd Annual Earth Alive Retreat will take place. Join a community based on Deep Ecology and Sustainable Principles.

In addition with dates to be announced, will be programs on Putting up Sacred Stonework with local stonemason, Jim Dowd, introduction to Ancient Living Skills with Frank Gindrod, learn skills of shelter, food and fire and a University of the Wild Sampler Introduction to UofWild's curriculum and student-centered learning.

For information on the UofWild's programs, people may visit [www.UofWild.org](http://www.UofWild.org).

## FOSC hosts free concerts on the lawn

**GILBERTVILLE** – Jazz and swing music will ring forth on the Route 32 hill on Sunday June 9 at 2 p.m. when the Weir River Jazz ensemble offers "Jazz in June," and on Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. when the Weir River Concert Band will perform "Highlights from Stage and Screen," its summer salute to Broadway and movie music.

John P. Sacco, music educator and U.S. Air Force veteran will conduct both concerts at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St. (Route 32). All are welcome to these free events. FOSC invites attendees to bring a lawn chair and sunshade and will provide some tents space

and chairs as well. Tent space on June 9 will be a little more limited than in prior years.

On June 23, the Weir River Concert Band will perform a challenging program highlighted by the "Theme from Schindler's List," "Man of LaMancha," and a "Salute to the Cinema." The program features solos by Matt Gromosky on trumpet, Alyssa Rusciecki on flute and Arnold Cerezo on clarinet.

The Weir River Concert Band now is managed by a volunteer board of musician-directors:

Amy Sacco, the manager who selects the music for each concert; Gary Lapine, Heather Malin, Christine Thompson-

Boyer, and Joanne Meegan, chair.

Country Bank is sponsoring Concerts on the Lawn as part of its community giving program. Partial support also comes from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency and from the Cultural Councils of Barre and Petersham, local agencies supported by the Mass Cultural Council. New Braintree-based company Batch Microcreamery will sell ice cream from its truck on June 23 only. Donations to the non-profit Friends of the Stone Church (FOSC) for the preservation of the building will be gratefully accepted at both concerts.

## Strawberry Festival takes place June 22

**NEW BRAINTREE** – The annual Strawberry Festival will be sponsored by the New Braintree Congregational Church at the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive at 5:30 p.m. Saturday June 22.

The menu of baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and beverages will be followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. There will be one sitting. Reservations must be made by calling 508-410-7424 or 508-477-6653. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$12 for children ages 5 – 10 and free for children under 5.

## Friends of COA's annual meeting is June 10

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging, Inc. will hold its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 10 at the Senior Center on 29 Forest St.

Friends who have paid the \$10 annual membership fee will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors for the upcoming 2024-2025 year. The Friends welcome your attendance at this important meeting. You do not need to be a North Brookfield resident to join the group.

Please support this hard-working board and offer either your ideas or your time to improve the lives of seniors in the community. For more information, please call 508-867-0220.

## NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

## Farber & Lindley ATTORNEYS AT LAW

56 Common Street, Barre  
**978-257-8389**



*Personal Injury  
 Automobile Accident  
 Slip and Fall*

[www.farberandlindley.com](http://www.farberandlindley.com)

## Places to go... Things to do...

### hardwickcrossing.com

262 Lower Road, Gilbertville  
 774-757-8907  
 Pro Shop 774-261-2634

**BOOK YOUR EVENT WITH US!**

**HARDWICK CROSSING COUNTRY CLUB**  
EST. 2022

**OPEN 7 DAYS FOR LUNCH, DINNER & GOLF**  
 Specials Posted on Facebook & Instagram

<b>Monday - 6:30 p.m.</b> TRIVIA NIGHT	<b>Large Wedding &amp; Event Hall Available</b>	<b>Large Outdoor Dining Seating Area</b>
<b>Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</b> MUSIC BINGO	<b>Father's Day Specials All Weekend</b> Check Our Facebook For Details	

**Prime Rib**  
 Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
 Online Ordering & Curbside Pick-up Available

**Join Us On Father's Day For A Free Round of Golf With Cart** (Free Round for Dads Only)  
**Golf Course Open To The Public**

# Opinion

## Guest Column



### Social Security's earnings test and Cost of Living Adjustments

Dear Rusty  
Is there a limit on earnings when you're fully retired? Also, should all retirees receive Cost of Living Adjustments or is there an exception?  
Signed: Retired But Wondering

Dear Retired  
Your questions are fairly simple but, nevertheless, often perplexing to those wishing to apply for Social Security, because the SS rules are many over 2,700 of them and those about to apply for their benefits may be simply unsure and want to avoid a costly mistake. I'm happy to answer your questions and, hopefully, clarify any uncertainties you have on these topics.

Social Security imposes an earnings limit on anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their Full retirement Age. If you haven't yet reached your FRA somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born and you continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits.

So, the answer to your first question is, yes, there is an earnings limit \$22,320 for 2024 if you haven't yet reached your Full Retirement Age. If the annual earnings limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits (\$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, up to the year you attain FRA when the assessment is less). However, if you have already reached your Full Retirement Age the earnings limit no longer applies and you can earn as much as you like without consequence. And here's a nuance to be aware of: if you work and exceed the earnings limit and have some benefits withheld as a result, when you reach your FRA, you will get time credit for any months you didn't get benefits, which will result in your monthly amount being a bit higher after your FRA.

Regarding Cost of Living Adjustment, everyone, without exception, who has earned a Social Security benefit and reached eligibility age (62) receives the annual COLA increase whether they are already collecting their benefits or not. If you're not yet collecting, the COLA is added to your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA" on which your benefit will be based when you claim.

If you are already collecting SS, COLA will be added to your gross monthly SS benefit amount. However, since there was a \$9.80 increase in the 2024 Medicare Part B premium, and since the Part B premium is taken from everyone's SS benefit payment, Social Security recipients enrolled in Medicare Part B will not see the full 3.2% COLA in their net monthly Social Security payment. Everyone will receive the COLA increase, but no one enrolled in Medicare Part B will get the full COLA increase in their net SS payment because some of the COLA increase is used to pay their increased Medicare premium.

Social Security's rules are myriad and often confusing, but no question is too simple to be asked. The AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service is available, at no charge, to answer all your Social Security questions - SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org via email or call 1-888-750-2622.

*The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for informational purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.*

### 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](mailto: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.

**PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID AT BARRE, MA**  
The Barre Gazette is a weekly newspaper published every Thursday by Barre Gazette, Inc., with offices located at 5 Exchange St., Barre, MA 01005 and at 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. Telephone at 978-355-4000 or FAX at 978-355-6274. USPS number is 044-560. Postmaster: Send address changes to:  
Barre Gazette, 24 Water St. Palmer, MA 01069 \$1.00 per copy  
Subscription rate: \$33 for one year, \$44 for two years  
Out of State: \$38 for one year, \$54 for two years

CHECK OUT ALL THE

**Turley Publications**

[www.newspapers.turley.com](http://www.newspapers.turley.com)



DAVE GRANLUND © www.davegranlund.com

## In Past Pages

### 5 years (June 13, 2019)

Voters in Hubbardston did not pass the question on the ballot for a proposition 2 1/2 override with 219 no and 190 yes according to unofficial election results. The Annual Town Election Tuesday, June 11 had 418 of the 3,327 or 12.6% registered voters casting ballots. Question 1, the only question on the ballot read, "Shall the town of Hubbardston be allowed to assess an additional \$350,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the municipal road repair and maintenance and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019?" Voters approved the creation of a Stabilization Fund known as the Municipal Road Repair and Maintenance Fund by the necessary 2/3 majority at the Annual Town Meeting last week. That vote was 109 yes and 34 no. The ballot was the second part of the process.

In anticipation of upcoming Annual Town Meetings in its member towns, the Quabbin Regional School District Committee voted to lower the budget increase from 2.8% to 2.24%. Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, said the extra funds came from several estimated cost figures that came in at a lower estimate and the decision to put the Middle School and grade 9 and 10 International Baccalaureate IB program on hold. Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said the state required the district to either move forward with an IB program for grades 7-10 this school year or terminate the process. She said the district could opt to move forward with the Middle School, grade 9 and 10 IB program at another time. The IB program for grades 11 and 12 would continue.

The Orthodox Congregational church of Petersham and Quabbin High School Drama Club present "Trouble at the Tropicana," an audience participation murder-mystery comedy in the Petersham Town Hall Saturday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a meal of lasagna and salad followed by desserts. The show will start right after the dinner. Prizes will be awarded to the first three people to solve the murder at this rollicking, "I Love Lucy" style who dun nit.

### 10 years (June 12, 2014)

Selectmen gave the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee the go ahead to hold the burnouts on Coldbrook Road in front of the Oakham Town Hall during the Block Party on Saturday, June 21 as long as there is a hose and the burnout period lasts 10 to 15 seconds. Parks and Recreation member, Adam Przek, told selectmen that the burnout period for each vehicle would be limited to the 10 to 15 seconds and he would be standing by with a hose and give a stop signal.

On June 4, the Oakham Historical Association sponsored a program about the 1774 Worcester Revolution featuring guest speaker, Michale Fishbein. Fishbein is the presi-

### LOOK BACK Senior's Dinner - 1995



Randy Phelps, left, chef at Quabbin Regional High School, was in charge of ordering and preparing the Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens. With him are Sal Imperato, center and George Buck, right, who worked on the event.

dent of the Sons of the American Revolution and has been instrumental in organizing a year long celebration commemorating the 140th anniversary of an event that changed the course of American history. He began his presentation discussing the real beginnings of the American Revolution, months and even years before Lexington and Concord and the "shot heard 'round the world." He recounted how Great Britain imposes a series of taxes on the Colonists. These acts incited early uprisings against the British government including the Boston Massacre in 1770 and the Boston Tea Party in 1773. It was during these turbulent years in the 1770s, he said, when Committees of Correspondence were formed throughout the colonies, an information network that kept the colonists informed of British actions and when towns began forming militia units.

The Friday Market returns to the Petersham Town Common for its fourth season on Friday, June 13 and will continue each Friday until mid-October. The market will be open from 3-6 p.m.. The market offers local gardeners, growers and crafters a place to show their wares. The market has plenty of space and welcomes craft vendors, gardeners and growers from the region.

### 25 years (June 10, 1999)

A public informational meeting was held in Barre Town Hall May 24 to solicit input from Barre citizens relative to the Master Plan for the rehabilitation of Barre Common and its development to date. About 40 people attended the

meeting. Sarah Dyer, chairman of the Barre Commons Advisory Committee, recapped the history and progress of the committee. She introduced Don Leighton of Gates, Leighton and Associates, the landscape architects, who explained some of the details of the project using display boards. New configuration of parking areas in front of the businesses has resulted in an additional four spaces, with a further eight spaces in front of Town Hall.

On June 15, Hubbardston voters will be considering 65 articles, a total from both the Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants. The Special Town Meeting has 23 measures to be voted upon and the Annual Town Meeting will cover 42 articles. The warrant mailed out to all voters contained a record 20 legal-sized pages. Pressing for continued fiscal practicality and accountability, Selectmen and Finance Committee members have held a number of meetings with department heads, resulting in a conservative budget.

On Thursday, June 17 at 1 p.m., the bells in Barre's churches, the Barre Players Theater, Ruggles Lane School and the Tow Hall will ring for 225 seconds to mark Barre's birth as a town 225 years ago. Anniversary Committee chairman Richard Stevens invites everyone to attend the Founders' Day ceremony to be held at North Park. In the event of rain, the program will be held in the Town Hall.

See PAST PAGES, page 5

### 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](mailto: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.



### Bobolink

I receive an email from a Brimfield resident. He said, "In Brimfield I found bobolinks at two locations, a field off of Hollow Road, and a field bisected by Agard Road. I'll check back to see if the birds at either



field are successful in raising young."

The male bobolink has a black head and body with a yellowish nape and white feathers on the rump and wings. The white rump is visible in flight. The female has brown streaks on the back and flanks, buff breast and dark line behind the eye.

Bobolinks feed on the ground, eating insects, weed and grass seeds. They inhabit hayfields and grasslands. Their population declined due to loss of grassland breeding habitat and hunting during the last century to protect rice crops.

The female lays four to six cinnamon colored eggs with brown blotches in a nest of coarse grass and sedge lined with finer material on the ground. Urban development, reforestation and loss of dairy farms resulted in loss of their breeding habitat. Early cutting of hayfields can kill more than 80% of unfledged young. There song is a long bubbling sound given by the male in flight. The call is a "pink."

### Hummingbirds

I receive an email from a resident of Lake Lashaway in North Brookfield. She said, "Hummingbirds arrived at my feeder May 3. They visited for a week, but I have not seen one in the last week and a half." She changed the sugar water mix, but still no hummingbirds. She said a neighbor has not seen hummingbirds recently.

### Dusting turkey

A Brimfield resident, who frequently sends emails, said, "Recently I had noticed an area behind the house where the ground had been disturbed. I thought I knew what had caused the disturbance, but wanted to be sure so I set up a wildlife camera near the area. When I checked the camera some of the pictures showed what I expected, a turkey taking a dust bath."

On one occasion, he said, "the bird spent over half an hour taking a dust bath. Shortly after the bird finished one of our resident gray foxes spent some time checking out the area."

He also saw a great crested flycatcher taking a dust bath. He said, "On three different days, a flycatcher was seen taking a dust bath." The great crested flycatcher and a house wren are both using nesting boxes he put up in the yard.

### Bear

The Brimfield resident had a bear take down his oriole jelly/oranges feeder. The jelly was eaten, but the oranges were untouched. He put the feeder back up with just oranges and no jelly. Last night nothing bothered the feeder.

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

### Turley Publications Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor should be 350 words or less in length. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require letter writers to include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources. Send letters to: Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005 or via email to [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com). The deadline for submissions is Friday at noon.

### BARRE GAZETTE TEAM



The Barre Gazette (USPS 044560) is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069.

© Barre Gazette  
WEB  
[www.barregazette.turley.com](http://www.barregazette.turley.com)

PATRICK H. TURLEY  
CEO

KEITH TURLEY  
President

DEANNA SLOAT  
Graphics Manager



[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

The gardens are so colorful this week with four Rhododendrons in full bloom and the Viburnum and Wisteria in full bloom.

I picked some blossoms to bring into the house. I also picked some wild irises. I finally planted some of the broccoli seedlings that were big enough to put in the planters. These two planters have a fertilizer and water supply so you have to cut the top cardboard to plant the seedlings which is a little difficult, but I used an Exacto knife.

I read on the Internet how to get rid of ants. They suggested, vinegar, cinnamon, boiling water, Boric Acid, orange peels, lemon juice, Club Soda and pepper. I will keep trying each of the methods as I don't want to use poisons as the Handyman's dog visits.

I put some peppermint extract and corn meal on the kitchen counter also. The handyman fertilized the blueberry bushes and then put some of the wood chips around the bushes. Hopefully we will get a good crop of blueberries.

He did pick some rhubarb for me and I plan to make this dessert this week:

## APPLE-RHUBARB CRISP

- 2 cups apples, peeled and sliced
- 2 cups rhubarb chopped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons apple juice
- 1 tablespoon flour

Combine all of first ingredients in a large bowl. Place in a 9 or 10 inch pie pan. Top with crumb topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Makes 6 servings.

## CRUMB TOPPING

- 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/4 cup walnuts
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon apple juice

2 tablespoons apple juice

Topping, place oatmeal and walnuts in a food processor. Pulse until fine and well blended. In small bowl, combine oatmeal walnut mixture, flour, sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle apple juice on top and fluff with fork until blended and crumbly. Mixture will resemble streusel topping. If too wet, add more flour, 1 tablespoon at a time.

## This and That

I attended my brother Alden Adams burial on Saturday. I was unable to attend his funeral so the minister asked me if I would like to say a few words about my brother. It was nice to meet some of their children's spouses that I had never met.

I'm still working on cleaning in the garage and finding things I forgot I had. Some things went back into boxes for the sale items and some went into the dish closets.

I work in the cellar on rainy days. There is always so much to do. The laundry is in the cellar so most every day I go to the cellar.

Instead of using hoses to water plants etc. I take out plastic bottles to water things in pots. I broke down and bought myself a beautiful rose geranium with 13 buds and blossoms. I have that hanging by the front door.

I bought a flat of deep pink petunias, which I potted for a pot on the deck table. A flat of bright pink impatiens was planted next to the Looking Good Rose bushes. I guess I am done with purchasing plants. I have enough to tend to.

Each week something new seems to come in blossom. The lilacs are done blossoming and now the peonies and irises are out.

Have a good week and it is hard to believe we are in June all ready. I hope we have a better summer than we did last year. It rained so much.

Happy trails.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Oakham Scouts BSA Troop 144 honored Eagle Scout Richard J. Tucker at a Court of Honor this past Sunday. Tucker, fourth from left, is shown with his family.

# Troop 144 honors Eagle Scout

## Richard J. Tucker earns Scouts BSA's highest rank

By Paula Ouimette  
pouimette@turley.com

OAKHAM – The trail to Eagle Scout is one that many set out to travel, but only a small few ever reach its peak.

This past Sunday, Scouts BSA Troop 144 of Oakham recognized Eagle Scout Richard J. "RJ" Tucker for achieving this goal, and earning Scouts BSA's highest rank.

Scoutmaster Glenn Carter welcomed all in attendance, and invited Tucker to light a candle for each rank he earned during his journey through Scouting.

"Look back on the trail you took to get to Eagle," Carter said. "These experiences should not be forgotten."

Tucker began his journey as a Cub Scout in North Brookfield Pack 128, crossing over to Scouts BSA Troop 257 before moving to Troop 144. From there, Tucker went on to complete 41 merit badges, earn six awards and hold the positions of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader.

Carter said in order to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Tucker had to show a "superior ability to lead."

Tucker was able to do this by organizing a team of Scouts, cadets from Quabbin Regional High School's NJROTC, adult leaders and volunteers to clean 34 headstones of veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I in the Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware.

These veterans originated from the "Lost Towns" of the Quabbin Reservoir: Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott. During the construction of the reservoir, each gravesite and headstone was relocated, with over 6,000 being reinterred in the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

During this project, Tucker enlisted the help of Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux, who guided him on the care and cleaning of the headstones.

Theroux said he is "extremely grateful and proud" of Tucker's project, presenting him with certificates for his accomplishments from the American Legion Department of Massachusetts and from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, L.A. Tiff Camp 15.

Tucker also received a certificate from Sons of

the American Revolution Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Honor Commander Chris Tourtellot, along with Scott Tourtellot. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives honored Tucker with citations signed by state Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.

Explaining the Eagle Scout Responsibilities was Tucker's uncle, Brian Tucker. He urged the new Eagle Scout to live with honor, loyalty, courage and service.

Assistant Scoutmaster Tyler Giancaterino led all attending Eagle Scouts in the Eagle Scout Oath and retired Scoutmaster for Troop 257 Robert Pariseau read the Eagle Charge.

Tucker had his Eagle medal pinned on him by his mother, Maria, along with palms of bronze, gold and silver. His father, Kevin, presented him with his Eagle Scout certificate.

Assistant Scoutmaster Patrick O'Donnell adorned Tucker with his Eagle Scout neckerchief, and Assistant Scoutmaster Audric

Fauteux presented him with a five-year membership to the National Eagle Scout Association, as a gift from the Troop.

Tucker presented his Mentor pin to Assistant Scoutmaster Steven Labarre, who has been with him throughout his Scouting journey.

"You've taught me a lot of things, you're just a great overall guy," Tucker said to Labarre.

Labarre said receiving the Mentor pin was "very meaningful and surprising," to him and he shared praise for Tucker's determination to succeed.

"He was ready to take ownership of Scouting," Labarre said. "It's really quite impressive...he's a natural leader and he's grown into this role."

Tucker thanked everyone who attended, and all of those who helped him along the trail to Eagle Scout, including his fellow Scouts of Troop 144.

"I stand at the peak of the greatest summit along the Eagle trail," Tucker said. "I don't stand here just because of my own effort."



Eagle Scout Richard J. Tucker lights candles that symbolize each rank he had earned on his Scouting journey, while Scouts BSA Troop 144 Scoutmaster Glenn Carter looks on.



## June question for the Garden Lady

Aline, who gardens in Springfield wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "In my yard I have several trees with a grey/white substance. A plant expert at Sixteen Acres Garden Center diagnosed it as lichen. He said there was nothing I could do to treat it. This substance is covering my trees. Could lime on the soil help? My soil is acidic. I also have Japanese maple trees. I do not want lichen to attack them. There has to be a solution. Thank you for your assistance."

This was one of my more interesting questions!

Lichen is a living organism that is part fungus, part algae. It grows on many different things, from rocks, to trees, even the ground and other surfaces like grave-stones and metal fences.

As far as your trees go, it isn't hurting them.

Because it grows on the surface of the bark, it doesn't affect the vascular system of the tree. In other words, it doesn't rob the tree of vital nutrients or moisture because it cannot penetrate that part of the plant; it is only on the surface.

Lichen simply needs sunlight, moisture from the air and a place to attach! Kind of amazing, if you think of it.

I realize you don't like it though, so what can we do?

One expert recommended spraying a soapy solution (made with a mild detergent) on the lichen and rubbing it off with a soft brush. I would be extra careful if I did that, especially on young trees or trees that

have soft bark.

As you may have gathered, liming the soil will not help.

Melissa wrote in with this question: "Lilacs are among my favorite bushes! I really wish they had a longer bloom time than they do – doesn't everyone!? I didn't have as many flowers as I should have this year. I think my shrub needs to be pruned. Can you please advise? I remember hearing that you shouldn't do it too late in the summer, and how much is too much? I have some old stems that are a good 5-6 inches in diameter. I think they need to go but I wanted to hear what you had to say. Thank you!"

Here are the basics of lilac pruning, starting with deadheading. As soon as possible after the flowers have gone by it's important to remove spent blossoms down to the first leaf.

By doing this you will stop seed formation, energy will be conserved and redirected to next season's flower production. Since buds are set in summer you should tackle any necessary stem or branch pruning soon after flowering.

If pruning takes place in fall, winter, or in spring prior to bloom there is a good chance you will cut off next year's flowers!

How do you know if pruning is necessary?

One reason to prune would be because your flowers are out of reach- the bushes have simply gotten too tall. Another reason, and it usually joins the first, would be that the main stems have gotten woody and unsightly – this sounds like your concern.

Consider rejuvenating the plant.

Start in the center of the bush at ground level and work out, cutting out the oldest stems. Then concentrate on reducing the overall height to 6-8 feet.

Severely overgrown lilacs can be handled in this manner over a three year period, pruning out 1/3 each year. You will see flower production increase dramatically if you follow these directions.

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.

## PAST PAGES, continued from page 4

38 years (June 12, 1986)

Seventy percent of the graduating seniors from Quabbin Regional Junior Senior High School will be attending either two or four year colleges. This announcement was made by Maureen Marshall, Principal and soon to be Superintendent of the Quabbin District at the graduation ceremonies held in the gymnasium at Quabbin. Twenty percent of the graduates will go to work; 8.6% are entering the military and two students are undecided.

A Special Town Meeting was scheduled for July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Ruggles Lane Elementary School by the Barre Board of Selectmen at their Monday evening meeting. One of the articles on the warrant will be Quabbin Regional School District's revised assessment for FY87. The Selectmen reviewed the new budget to be revoted on by Barre residents. The original budget and assessment figures submitted by the Quabbin Regional School Committee were voted down by both Hardwick and Barre at their Annual Town Meetings held in May. Because of this action, the

School Committee had to revise the budget and resubmit it to both towns.

Julia Marietta Sullivan, daughter of James Sullivan of Summer Street and the late Francis Elizabeth Sullivan, graduated magna cum laude in English and American language and literature from Harvard University in ceremonies conducted on Thursday, June 5. She has been awarded a University Excellence Fellowship by Rutgers University where she will teach as well as pursue graduate studies in American literature.

TO ADVERTISE IN THE BARRE GAZETTE, CALL TIM MARA AT 978-355-2254

**McNeely Tree Service**  
Insured • References

- Hazardous Tree Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Bobcat Work
- Lot Clearing • Storm work
- Furnace Wood
- Firewood \$275/cord
- 101 ft Aerial Lift Rental POR
- Credit Cards, Cash & Venmo Accepted

H: 508-867-6119 • C: 978-888-1693

**LOCAL KETONE PROMOTER**  
Call For Information  
**413-813-2391**  
Leave Message  
Check Out Facebook at  
**Denise Dubowski**  
Save Up To 25% OFF  
Retail Prices

**Stasukelis**  
APPLIANCE & TV  
WE SERVICE ALL MAJOR BRAND APPLIANCES  
NAME BRAND APPLIANCES & TV'S AT WAREHOUSE PRICES  
287 Main Street Gardner  
978-632-0241

Announce Your Wedding or Engagement  
*Share Your Joy!*



*Bridal* GUIDE

Your wedding or engagement announcement will be included in our Bridal Guide, out September 30, 2024 for FREE!

Be sure to include the following with photograph. Deadline September 4, 2024:

Bride's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bride's Town Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Groom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Groom's Town Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Location: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL TO: JAMIE@TURLEY.COM  
**BRIDAL GUIDE**  
800.824.6548 | www.turley.com

Be sure to include a high resolution, clear photograph for printing.

# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, May 26**  
12:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Truax, Alicia, 55, Fitchburg  
Charges: Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with  
5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Lelievre, Keith, 50, South Barre  
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Inspection/Sticker, No  
8:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fever, Harty Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:03 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Pleasant Street, Entry Gained  
11:37 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, West Street, Negative Contact  
  
**Monday, May 27**  
3:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Maple Lane, Transported to Hospital  
7:21 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Northbridge, Message Delivered  
5:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Alcohol Withdrawal, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital  
5:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose Poisoning, Old Dana Road, Mutual Aid Transported  
6:07 p.m. Threats, Old Dana Road, Removed to Court/Lockup  
Arrest: Malooly, Andrew, 43, Brookfield  
Charges: Larceny from Building, Assault and Battery, Drug, Possess to Distribute Class E, Drug, Possess to

Distribute, Class B Subsequent c94C §32A(b)  
**Tuesday, May 28**  
5:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital  
6:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Leblanc, Richard, 48, Gardner  
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Subsequent Offense  
7:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Root Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Exchange Street, Report Filed  
1:52 p.m. Disabled Vehicle, West Street, Information Given  
2:02 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency  
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:05 p.m. Drone Training, Police Headquarters, Administration/Test Complete  
10:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Olivieri, Jennifer Marie, 57, Franklin  
Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Marked Lane Violation, Warrant  
  
**Wednesday, May 29**  
9:25 a.m. Missing Person, Mechanic Street, Report Filed  
11:40 a.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued  
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South

Barre Road, Citation Issued  
**Thursday, May 30**  
7:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Hancock Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:20 p.m. Harassment, Pleasant Street, Report Filed  
9:14 p.m. Threats, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
  
**Friday, May 31**  
9:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Dana Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:14 a.m. Drone Training, Police Headquarters, Administration/ Test Complete  
1:21 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Putnam, CT, Officer Took Call  
  
**Saturday, June 1**  
9:02 a.m. Drill or Simulated Accident, East Hill Road, Drill/Training Complete  
11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Common Street, Citation Issued  
Summons: Donlin, Gregory, 75, Barre  
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
1:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:24 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Peace Restored  
2:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Coldbrook Road, Public Assist  
4:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact  
5:56 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, School South Street, Report Filed

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, May 26**  
10:32 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
3:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Soucy Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:09 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Negative Contact  
5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Erickson, Jacqueline, 36, Worcester  
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
8:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
8:06 p.m. Complaint, Arline Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued  
11:59 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Animal Brought to Tufts  
  
**Monday, May 27**  
9:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Oakview Lane, Transported to Hospital  
11:47 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:50 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Pommogussett Road, Referred to Other Agency  
12:58 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Report Filed  
1:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued  
8:56 p.m. Fire – Water Problem, Maple Avenue, Investigated

1:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:53 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Settlers Lane, Animal Returned to Owner  
4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued  
4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Paquette, Robert, 58, Cape Coral, Florida  
Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ten Rod Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Wilkins, Matthew, 37, Sterling  
Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with  
8:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued  
  
**Wednesday, May 29**  
12:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued  
8:23 a.m. Complaint, Pommogussett Road, Information Taken  
9:43 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
12:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Juniper Lane, Transported to Hospital  
12:49 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Prescott Street, Report Filed  
12:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
1:07 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Crawford Road, Animal Brought to Vet  
3 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Animal Returned to Owner  
3:32 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Kentucky, Officer Spoke to Party  
3:38 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed  
3:56 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Turkey Hill Road, Transported to Hospital  
  
**Thursday, May 30**  
7:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Citation Issued  
9:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued  
1:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
3:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Lowry Lane, Transported to Hospital  
4:24 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Glenwood Road, Information Taken  
10:32 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Animal Returned to Owner  
10:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Information Taken  
  
**Friday, May 31**  
7:09 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Barre Paxton Road, Removed Hazard  
9:51 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Report Filed  
12:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
12:37 p.m. ACO – Lost and/or Found/Wildlife, Turkey Hill Road, Animal Returned to Owner  
1:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:15 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Milne Road, Report Filed  
8:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital  
  
**Saturday, June 1**  
7:40 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Paxton Road, Referred to Other Agency  
8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
10:08 a.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Victoria Avenue, Fire Extinguished  
10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
10:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
11:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Olivia Lane, Mutual Aid Transport  
11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
12:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Emerald Road, Citation Issued  
1:16 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Report Filed  
1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Emerald Road, Citation Issued  
2:37 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Muscopaouge Road, Fire Extinguished

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, May 26**  
8:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transported  
2:16 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Gardner Road, Report Filed  
5:36 p.m. Property Damage, Mt. Jefferson Road, Information Taken  
  
**Monday, May 27**  
12:43 p.m. Assault and Battery, Streeter Road, Report Filed  
  
**Tuesday, May 28**  
9:12 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
10:35 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Old/New Westminster Road, Negative Contact  
2:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Canceled  
2:43 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Road, Message Delivered  
4:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Hale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
  
**Wednesday, May 29**  
1:04 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Overdose/Poisoning, New Templeton Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:53 p.m. Assault and Battery, Streeter Road, Officer Took Call  
5:33 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, Main Street, Information Given  
Summons: Doyle, Murphy, 21, Princeton  
Charges: Assault and Battery  
8:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact  
  
**Thursday, May 30**  
7:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/ Syncope, Old Princeton Road, Referred to Other Agency  
9:33 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
1:32 p.m. Complaint, Hale Road, Dispatch Handled  
9 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Doyle, Murphy, 21, Princeton  
Charges: Assault and Battery  
Summons: Doyle, Murphy, 21, Princeton  
Charges: Destruction of Property

\$1200, Malicious c266 §127  
  
**Friday, May 31**  
3:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Laurel Street, Vehicle Towed  
10:19 a.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Westminster Road, Animal Returned to Owner  
  
**Saturday, June 1**  
3:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Grimes Road, Mutual Aid Assist  
9:13 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Mutual Aid Assist  
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Gardner Road, Report Filed  
9:28 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Princeton Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
9:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:44 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Princeton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, May 28**  
6:53 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Brooke Haven Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:20 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Brooke Haven Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
10:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Response, Birchwood Road, Report Filed  
10:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vista Circle, Written Warning  
1:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

**Wednesday, May 29**  
11:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Pierce Road, Officer Handled  
  
**Thursday, May 30**  
8:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

**Saturday, June 1**  
11:22 a.m. 911 Gunshots, Padre Road, Officer Handled  
8:59 p.m. Complaint, Barr Road, Unfounded  
  
**Sunday, June 2**  
3:17 p.m. 911 Complaint, Ravine Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
  
**Monday, June 3**  
4:38 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Services Rendered

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 27-June 3, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, one traffic control, nine emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, three assist other agencies, two complaints, two harassments, one trespass, one motor vehicle investigation, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident, one brush fire, three animal calls and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.  
  
**Monday, May 27**  
9:18 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Parker Court, Arrest(s) Made  
12:21 p.m. 911 Alarm, Gaudet Road, Transferred Call to C7  
5 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
9:57 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled  
  
**Tuesday, May 28**  
12:57 a.m. Harassment, Broad Street, Officer Handled

**Wednesday, May 29**  
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
12:02 p.m. Assist Other Agency, River Run, Voice Message Left  
12:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
1:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Removed Hazard  
1:57 p.m. Trespass, Ridge Road, Spoken To  
11:30 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Bridge Street, Report Taken  
  
**Thursday, May 30**  
2:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lucas Road, Officer Handled  
3:14 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Turkey Street, Officer Handled  
4:39 p.m. Harassment, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled  
  
**Friday, May 31**  
6:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
11:42 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Road, Dispatch Handled  
12:29 p.m. 911 Animal Call, River

Run, Officer Handled  
1:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
  
**Saturday, June 1**  
2:45 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Church Lane, Vehicle Towed  
8:19 a.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Barre Road, Could Not Locate  
10:42 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
7:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
  
**Sunday, June 2**  
1:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled  
12:34 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact  
3:19 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lucas Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
4:25 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Officer Handled

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of May 27-June 3, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 29 directed/area patrols, one radar assignment, four emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, two complaints, one utilities issue, three animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.  
  
**Tuesday, May 28**  
8:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Unitas Road, Transported to Hospital

9:56 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To  
3:03 p.m. Utility Issues, Barr Road, Officer Handled  
  
**Wednesday, May 29**  
11:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Pierce Road, Officer Handled  
  
**Thursday, May 30**  
8:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Voters also heard the report by Phil Warbasse of the Town Hall Planning Committee. In his report, he listed options, which included remodeling the existing Town Hall to build an elevator to allow access to the upper hall and add a second story to the voting room, a gut rehabilitation, building a new structure or move to the Center School. Many of the options were cost prohibitive or logistically not possible. The Committee also recommended the town reconsider the Community Preservation Act and to hold a resident survey on the proposals.  
During the meeting, the Fire Department responded to a call with several residents leaving the meeting. They did come back later in the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

### OAKHAM, continued from page 1

further balance the budget did not pass. Voters approved the article as written.  
Article 10 and 11 were related. The first of the two established an Oakham Center School Capital Stabilization account and the other article put \$15,000 from free cash into the account. Both articles passed.  
Voters also approved the establishment of a revolving fund for inspection fees by the Fire Department with limit not to exceed \$25,000. Fire Chief Timothy Howe said he collects yearly \$3,000 to \$4,000 in state required inspections by the Fire Department. The fee revenue went

into the town’s general fund. He would like to utilize those fees to offset training costs for his department, which took a \$5,000 cut in the FY25 budget.  
Voters approved the transfer of \$11,000 from free cash to the Police Department Stabilization Account. They also passed an article to transfer \$55,000 from the Police Department Stabilization Account to purchase a new cruiser.  
An article to amend a general bylaw regarding the Finance Committee was tabled as the article did not include the struck through language as stated. Voters passed over an article to amend the personnel bylaws on the recommendation of the Select Board. Select Board Chair Lucy Tessnau said the article would be brought up at a Special Town Meeting.

### HUBBARDSTON, continued from page 1

Committee. He introduced the day’s Grand Marshall, Robert Bennie Meagher. He served in WW II along with his six brothers; all but his brother Earl, returned home. Bennie is a lifelong resident of Hubbardston.  
Tom’s wife, Andrea, also spoke that day. She has performed her part and then some to serve. As a military spouse of a Naval Air Force officer with never-ending responsibility, she has moved the family many times over the years. In her speech, she shared some statistics on wartime casualties. There were, not including deaths after

the wars stemming from injuries or other factors during service, a total of 810,650 military personnel deaths. That is the total deaths of in WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan combined.  
We also should remember that the most military American casualties occurred here at home between 1861 and 1865. It is estimated that at least 657,500 Americans died, not including civilians.  
After her speech, Bria Duncan, a third grader at the Hubbardston Center School, was introduced. She recited one of the most important paragraphs ever written by the framers of the US Constitution in 1787. It was the introduction to the highest law of the land, the

Constitution.  
Representatives of each of the military services then place a poppy onto the ceremonial wreath. The band played each service song accompanied by Jeannine Como and her talented singing group the Hubbardston Swingin’ Singin’ Seniors  
The day ended with prayer and the singing of “America the Beautiful” by three members of the Green family. The Senior Center, once again, opened its doors for its much-appreciated delicious “Ice Cream Social,” which follows special events throughout the year. How spoiled are the Hubbardston residents? “Very.”

# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Names of God Part 1

*Scripture employs an array of names and titles for God which speak to His nature and work.*

The following quotations, penned by Larry Richards in Every Name of God in the Bible, articulate the significance of this reality: "Names were particularly important in the biblical world. The New International Encyclopedia of Bible Words reminds us that 'in biblical cultures a name did more than identify; it communicated something of the essence, the character, or the reputation of the person or thing named.' This fact helps us understand why the Bible is filled with so many and wonderful names of God. Each name reveals something about the essential nature and character of God (and no one name or title could possibly sum up who He is)."

"Scripture's names and titles [for God] are unveilings. Through the names and titles given, God unveils Himself, stripping off the layers of mystery, so that we might see Him as He really is."

Let us take the time in this new series to identify and explore a bevy of names for God (with an Old Testament emphasis)!

1) 'El  
'El is likely derived from a term meaning strength, power or might. 'El is the primary name for deity in the Semitic language family, of which biblical Hebrew is but a part. Thus, a number of ancient Middle Eastern cultures would have been familiar with the word 'El. However, since the Jews sought to distinguish the One God from the pagan gods of neighboring nations, 'El was rarely used as a stand-alone term. Rather, it was often connected to a descriptive word or phrase for deepened meaning (e.g., 'El 'Emet as the God of Truth or 'El Ehad as the One God, etc.). It is as if the writers of the Old Testament wanted to ensure that the One about whom they spoke or wrote was not lost among the many false gods, but kept distinct and separate.

2) 'El 'Olam  
The first member of the 'El family of names we will consider is 'El 'Olam, meaning "the Everlasting God." 'Olam is a Hebrew term which is often translated as eternal or everlasting. 'Olam appears some 300 times in the Old Testament, also being rendered as forever, perpetual and ancient. God is specifically called "the Everlasting God" or 'El 'Olam in four Old Testament texts (though the broader precept appears ongoingly). Note its first biblical appearance:

**Genesis 21:22b-33 (NIV)**  
22 . . . Abimelek and Phicol the commander of his forces said to Abraham, "God is with you in everything you do. 23 Now swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you now reside as a foreigner the same kindness I have shown to you." 24 Abraham said, "I swear it." 25 Then Abraham complained to Abimelek about a well of water that Abimelek's servants had seized. 26 But Abimelek said, "I don't know who has done this. You did not tell me, and I heard about it only today." 27 So Abraham brought sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelek, and the two men made a treaty. 28 Abraham set apart seven ewe lambs from the flock, 29 and Abimelek asked Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs you have set apart by themselves?" 30 He replied, "Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well." 31 So that place was called Beersheba [lit. "well of seven" or "well of the oath"], because the two men swore an oath there. 32 After the treaty had been made at Beersheba, Abimelek and Phicol the commander of his forces returned to the land of the Philistines. 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Eternal God.

Verse 33 identifies the Lord as "the Eternal God." This name had significance in context, for in calling upon 'El 'Olam, Abraham affirmed his awareness that the activities of men (e.g., treaties and oaths) were finite, vulnerable and

subject to the failings of wayward humanity. Yet the Lord remained permanent, secure and beyond all change! This is a recurring theme in the Old Testament, whereby the finite nature of man is often contrasted with the eternity of God. For instance:

#### Psalm 90:1-4

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.  
2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

4 A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

How should the reality of an enduring or everlasting God-One who is beyond both death and change-impact us in 2024?

We will continue in upcoming editions with 'El 'Shaddai, 'El Roi and 'El 'Elyon. Until then, 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](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

#### Pastor James Foley

New Life Assembly of God  
60 Main St. South Barre  
[jamesfoley@newlifebarre.org](mailto:jamesfoley@newlifebarre.org)  
978-355-6407

### Second Sunday after Pentecost

*"The Son of God is Lord even of the Sabbath."*

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com) and Facebook page.

#### Scripture Reading: Mark 2 v 23 – 3 v 6

##### I. Introduction:

We are all trying our best to live a good life, to follow laws and regulations and all the things that are expected from us to do. None of us are perfect, right? We sometimes fail to do what is right and then we know there are consequences for our actions.

But there are also moments when we understand that mistakes happen and that it is important to help someone through the mistake, to forgive and to let go. It is, however, not that easy for many of us to do so. It is not easy to forgive, to let go of past hurts, or live a life that is less rigid. To make a mistake can become an unforgivable sin. What does Jesus teach us about all this this morning?

##### II. Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath

Last week we encountered Nicodemus, a prominent Pharisee and religious leader during the time of Jesus' ministry. He was a staunch follower of the law, and so were those in the Pharisaic tradition. Here in Mark, but particularly in Matthew Chapter 23, we see how the authority of the Pharisees in relation to Jewish law, came into contrast with the way of Jesus Christ. The way of those who followed the law to the letter was to impress on its followers to be obedient without fault, and to keep to all the rituals expected of them.

So, when the leadership encountered Jesus and saw and heard the way He spoke to His followers, with empathy and in a less legalistic way, it concerned them, because He went against the core of their teachings. They did not understand Him. He was a mystery to them, especially, because He, Jesus Himself was very well educated in the Old Testament laws, so it was not a matter of Him not knowing what to do or not to do. They knew that He understood where they were coming from. Their problem was that He just did not agree with their approach to the law.

When Jesus' disciples picked some of the grain in the fields on the Sabbath, the holy day for the Jews, a day they should not be working, the Pharisees were quick to criticize them, and challenged Jesus for the sinful deeds of His disciples. One can understand that they would be upset with what

they saw happening. Jesus instead reminded them of David and his companions who came to the tabernacle in Nod, hungry, and the priest gave them the consecrated bread to eat, bread that was meant for the priests only.

Jesus includes in His reminder to them that these men were hungry, and they needed something to eat. For Jesus it was more important to meet the needs of those who were hungry, than to uphold ritualistic observances. Similarly, He intentionally asked the man with the deformed hand to stand up in front of all of them so that He could heal him. Again, the law prohibited any form of medical intervention, unless the person's life was in danger.

He came to it from a place of deep concern for the needs of those around Him and put the concept of need above the strict observance of the law. The true spirit of the law was about justice, yes, but also of mercy and faith, and the meeting of the needs of humanity. He then went on to explain His position on the Sabbath, that it was created for the benefit of humanity, not for humanity to become slaves of the Sabbath.

Mark then describes the Son of Man as Lord even of the Sabbath. Jesus' authority over the Sabbath, the Holy Day for the Jews, of which He Himself was part of, is now being made known. He is the Son of God, who created the Sabbath for the purpose of rest and worship, but in His authority, He offers another way to look at this Day, a day where one could choose to let someone suffer from hunger, because the Day is too holy to go outside of the norms prescribed to the population, or one could simply go out into the fields and pick grain so that those who were hungry could eat.

Jesus is teaching us the ethics of the law, compassion and human needs. To say it another way, love your neighbor as yourself. Mark L. Strauss in his commentary on Mark interprets Jesus' statement in Chapter 3 v 3-4 as follows. "If it is right to do good and wrong to do evil on the Sabbath, then it is even more right to save a life and more wrong to kill."

The man with the deformed hand was not going to die, if Jesus did not heal Him, but Jesus wanted to make a point that one can follow the law to the extreme and have consequences on those who disobeyed the laws regarding work on the Sabbath. He came to preach another way, of forgiveness and healing and restoration of humanity.

##### III. Conclusion:

It is good to have a day where we worship God, and where we can be at peace and rest, focusing on one's spiritual lives and being together as a faith community and family. It is good to have a day where one can be restored, renewed for the week ahead. Similarly, in life it is good to have policies and laws in place to regulate life. What Jesus is teaching us, is that we are all fallible, with needs, and that the covenant of loving God and each other go so much further in the building of good relationships and peace in this world, than trying to follow religious observances so strictly and punitively. We also make mistakes in life, and it is important to understand that, and be able to forgive and let go of past hurts.

The values of compassion and mercy and humility and kindness are the things that make for a good life with God and one another. This is what He wanted to convey then and today. It is about coming together in humble service and hearts filled with peace and joy. May God bless us all as we observe our own Day of worship and may we all remember that it is first and foremost a day of rest and worship, but that there are times one must work and heal and meet the needs of each other. May God help us to show love and mutual understanding around issues we disagree on so deeply, and help us to forgive one another forgiveness on this day and every other day to fulfill the purpose of our lives on earth.

Amen

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**  
Barre Congregational Church  
30 Park St., Barre

# Students honor service and sacrifice during ceremony

By Paula Ouimette  
[pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com)

**HARDWICK** – In recognition of Memorial Day, students and staff at Hardwick Elementary School placed a field of American flags in front of the school's entrance.

Containing 181 American flags, one from each student, the idea for the field was presented by acting Principal Susanne Musnicki as a way to honor our nation's veterans who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

"I've always admired the flag ceremony in Boston," Musnicki said.

During this ceremony, 37,000 American flags are placed on Boston Common to represent each of the commonwealth's servicemembers who died in the line of duty.

Musnicki brought this tradition to the Quabbin Regional School District a few years ago when she was Co-Principal of Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre. Like the one in Barre, Musnicki hopes that Hardwick's field of flags will continue to serve as a reminder of the solemnity of Memorial Day.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

**Staff and students at Hardwick Elementary School planted a field of flags in honor of Memorial Day.**

"It just shows a tribute to people that died in war," she said. "What it really means on Memorial Day."

As students in preschool through grade five gathered in front of the school, Musnicki explained the history of Memorial Day, which was originally called

Decoration Day, that started with placing American flags and flowers on veterans graves.

"Every flag has a meaning," Musnicki said of the field.

She asked the students to look at the flags and think about all of those soldiers who gave their lives for their freedom.

Musnicki thanked the students for their participation in the field of flags ceremony. She also thanked the Facilities Department for preparing the ground for the flags.

"This is what you created, and that's a big step to honor those that came before us," she said to the students.

The flags will be displayed in front of the school, located at 76 School House Drive, Gilbertville, through the last day of school on June 18.

**First graders prepare to place their American flags in the field.**



**Acting Principal Susanne Musnicki guides a student to her flag's location.**



**Fourth grader Dylan holds his American flag.**



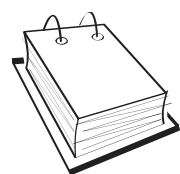
**Fourth grader Lola brings her American flag to the field.**



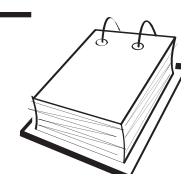
**Fifth grader Garrett brings his American flag to the field.**



**One hundred and eighty-one flags were placed in front of Hardwick Elementary School.**



# Calendar of Events



## FRIDAY, JUNE 7

**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](mailto:petershamfridaymarket@gmail.com) for more information about joining the market. The Friday Market charges no vendor fees.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 8

**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.

**REDEDICATION OF HUGH COOK HEADSTONE** sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society will take place today at 1 p.m. at Goose Hill Cemetery, located on Charnock Hill Road, Rutland. Hugh Cook was a Rutland resident at the time of his death and veteran of the Civil War. A headstone has recently been placed on the grave site and a ceremony to honor him at this time is fitting. People are invited after the ceremony to the Wood House, 232 Main St., Rutland for refreshments. This program is open to the public.

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

**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 coleslaw, 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

## Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 11. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Barbara Crawford, Raul Laborde, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the flower garden in front of the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham.

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.

## MONDAY, JUNE 10

**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.

## 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 Phillip 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](mailto: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.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18

**ED THE WIZARD'S "Reading is Magic"** performance will appear at the Hubbardston Public Library today starting at 4 p.m. This family friendly interactive magic performance is full of comedy and suspense as Ed the Wizard weaves together the importance of building and maintaining one's reading skills. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hubbardston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21

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

# Happy Father's Day!



**GIVE DAD THE GIFT OF TIME**

**20% OFF WATCHES**

**GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE**

- Watches
- Diamonds
- Fine Jewelry
- Repairs

**BRUCE'S WATCH AND JEWELRY**

WEST LYNDEN ST., GARDNER | (978) 631-5715  
Hours: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 9-5, Thurs. 9-6

**CELEBRATE DAD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

**Stars & Stripes Diner**  
32 Main St., Hubbardston • 978-820-1600

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**  
Check Out Our Facebook Page For Specials!

Check Out Our Facebook Page For Specials  
Like Us On Facebook@hubbtowndiner

**J & J Family Restaurant**  
815 Worcester Road, (Route 122), Barre  
978-355-2122

**Open Father's Day**  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Check Our Facebook page for Our Father's Day Specials

Regular Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Happy Father's Day**

**We Deliver!**

**PARKER HOUSE OF PIZZA**  
17 Pleasant Street, Downtown Gardner  
The Building with the Blue Awning  
978-632-9383

Open Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Closed Sunday

**LADD'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**  
"A Restaurant for the Whole Family"

Barre-Paxton Road  
Route 122  
Rutland

**Let Us Take Care of Father's Day**

**Open Father's Day**  
11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Having a Party or Event During the Summer of Celebration?  
Let Us Worry About the Food, Catering Available.

**Prime Rib • Fresh Seafood • Brick Oven Pizza**

**Open for Lunch Saturday & Sunday**  
508-886-4771

Restaurant & Lounge Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Fri. 2:00 pm - 9:30 pm • Saturday 11:30 am - 9:30 pm • Sunday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Visit our website: [www.laddsrestaurant.com](http://www.laddsrestaurant.com)

**For Father's Day Give Dad His Favorite...**

**Dad's Favorites**

- French Roll
- Non-pareils
- Asst. Chocolates
- Cashews

**Priscilla Candy Shop**  
4 Main Street Gardner (978) 632-7148  
Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday

19 Walden Street, Concord, MA (978) 371-0585

[www.priscillacandy.com](http://www.priscillacandy.com)

**COUPON**

*Celebrate Your Dad or Grad*

**15% Off All Watches In Stock**  
With this ad.  
Expires June 30, 2024

**Cormier Jewelers & ART GALLERY**  
152 Main Street • Spencer • 508-885-3385  
[www.cormierspencer.com](http://www.cormierspencer.com)



# Class of 2024 Graduates



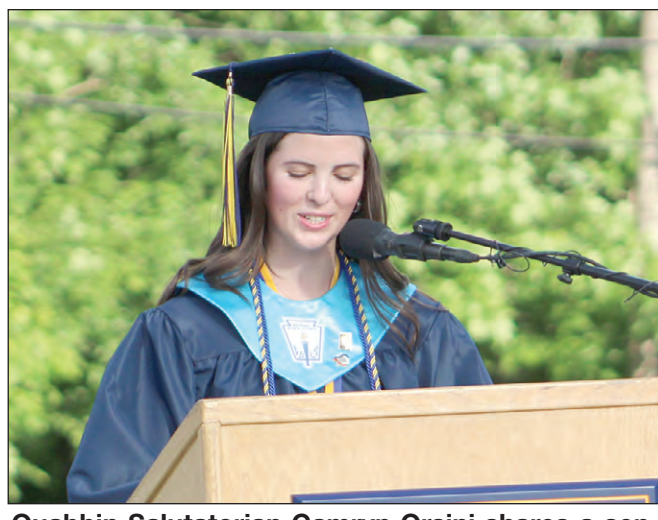
The Quabbin Class of 2024 rejoice in the traditional throwing of the caps after being formally recognized as graduates.



Quabbin School Committee member David Marsh shares a special moment with daughter Kelsey Marsh after being able to award her diploma.



Quabbin Valedictorian Michael Tobin addresses his classmates and the audience.



Quabbin Salutatorian Camryn Orsini shares a sentiment with her classmates during last Friday's program



The Quabbin Singers perform "Wild Mountain Thyme" during the graduation program.

Good Luck Class of 2024

**Quail Hollow**  
Golf & Country Club  
1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham  
www.quailhollowgolf.net • 508-882-5516  
Deborah & Garrett Donlin

Good Luck CLASS OF 2024

**Amanda McHugh**  
AdventurUs Travel

*Amanda Makes Magic*  
TRAVEL

Agents of AdventurUS Travel  
✉ amanda.mchugh@adventurustravel.com  
@amanda\_makes\_magic

Good Luck Class of 2024

**ROBERT A. RAPISARDA**  
D.M.D.

48 Allen Drive  
Barre  
978-355-4656

[www.drrapisarda.com](http://www.drrapisarda.com)

Congratulations CLASS OF 2024!

**PARKER HOUSE OF PIZZA**

17 Pleasant St. Downtown Gardner  
The Building with the Blue Awning **978-632-9383**  
Open Monday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Closed Sundays

**WHOLE SOME**  
Farmers Market

**SIGNUP!**

**GO ONLINE TODAY & REGISTER** for our REWARDS PROGRAM and to receive our weekly ad sent to your inbox EVERY THURSDAY

We are a *specialty market* with great deals & full service departments

*Congratulations... to the Class of 2024!*

We have it all for Your Graduation Party... Apps, Deli Platters, Hot Entrées & Artisan Pizzas, discover the Wholesome Fresh Difference!

596 Summer Street, Barre, MA 01005 978-257-8107  
OPEN DAILY 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2024

**BREKKA & BREKKA**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

KENNETH L. BREKKA, ESQ.  
CLARE FRAIN BREKKA, ESQ.  
WILLIAM N. BREKKA, ESQ.  
KATHLEEN F. FISHER, ESQ.

2 Worcester Road, Hubbardston  
978-928-5000  
www.brekka.com

Congratulations Von Salvadore!

We Can't Wait To See Where The Road Ahead Takes You.

Love Mom, Dad, Veanna, Grampa and Grammie

And Your Salvadore Auto Group Family

Congratulations CLASS OF 2024

**LANDRY & MEILUS**  
Attorneys at Law

21 Summer Street, Barre  
978-355-2289

We are very proud of you!

**Celebrating Our Graduates**

Congratulations & best wishes!

Your Success is **BIG NEWS!**

From your friends at **Turley Publications, Inc.**

24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069  
413-283-8393 • www.turley.com

Congratulations To My Son **Mathew Tolman Jr.** & all the members of the 2024 Quabbin Regional High School Graduating Class

**TOLMAN**  
HOME SOLUTIONS, LLC

www.tolman.pro  
**508-277-0120**

**2024 Class OF** congratulations

With Special Regards To Graduates

Gavin Majoy, Carlee Rich, Abigail Whitelaw, Brianna Whitelaw and Nicholas Whitelaw

from the **BARRE GAZETTE**

80 Main Street, Ware  
**413-967-3505**

# Quabbin Regional High School **Class of 2024**



**Klara Allen**  
Gap Year Work and Travel



**Caelyn Amistadi**  
Mount Wachusett  
Community College



**Alena Arnold**  
Worcester Polytechnic  
Institute



**Riley Bassett**  
Nichols College



**Hannah Baxter**  
Anna Maria College



**Vivienne Benoit-Smith**  
Bryant University



**Trinity Boissoneau**  
Worcester State University



**Sophie Borbone**  
Lasell University



**Conner Breeds**  
Sacred Heart University



**Brianna Caponigro**  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst



**Kylie Casey**  
Worcester State University



**Brett Clarkson**  
Military  
Army National Guard



**Matthieu Clifford**  
Gap Year and Workforce



**Rachel Conlon**  
Quinsigamond  
Community College



**Natalie Cruz**  
Coastal Carolina University



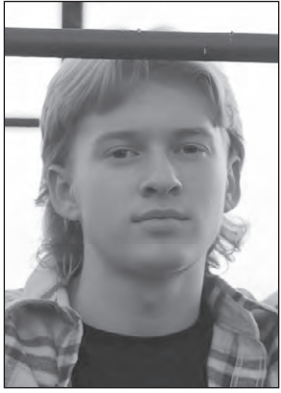
**Chloe Dennis**  
Coastal Carolina University



**Meaghan Doyle**  
New Jersey City University



**Samantha Dube**  
University of Rhode Island



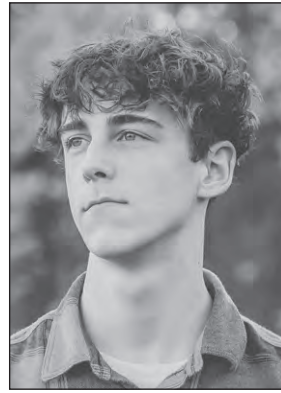
**Callahan Durant**  
Undecided



**Leona Farmer**  
Mount Wachusett  
Community College



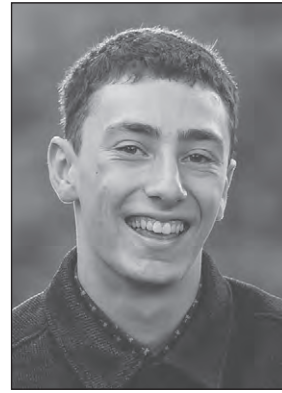
**Lucas Faucher**  
Wentworth  
Institute of Technology



**Cody Flynn**  
Fitchburg State University



**Damian Gaumont**  
Gap Year



**Jady Gonzalez**  
Westfield State University

*Good Luck*  
CLASS OF 2024  
**CLARK'S POOL WATER INC.**  
Swimming Pool Water  
978-355-6141 • 1-800-479-6141

*Best Wishes!*  
CLASS OF 2024  
**HIGGINS Powersports**  
140 Worcester Road, Barre  
978-355-6343  
higginspowersports.com

*Good Luck*  
CLASS OF 2024  
**HIGGINS ENERGY ALTERNATIVES**  
140 Worcester Road, Barre  
978-355-6343 • higginsenergy.com

*Best Wishes Class of 2024*  
**HUBB EQUIPMENT INC.**  
31 Old Boston Road, Hubbardston  
978-928-4258

*Congratulations Class of 2024*  
**BRUCE COFFIN C.P.A. INC. & STAFF**  
926 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham  
508-882-3394

*Good Luck*  
CLASS OF 2024  
**DAVE'S TOW & TRANSPORT WHITE VALLEY MOTORS**  
24 Hour Towing • Used Vehicle Sales  
Route 122, Barre  
978-355-2200

*Congratulations Class of 2024*  
WITH SPECIAL REGARDS TO GRADUATE  
**Mariah Berard**  
**HARDWICK CROSSING COUNTRY CLUB**  
262 Lower Road, Gilbertville • 774-757-8907

*Good Luck Class of 2024*  
With Special Regards to Graduates  
Erin Eldredge & Jake Leazott  
**CAPTAIN T'S**  
25 Exchange Street  
Barre  
978-257-8116

**ANJALI MASSON**  
*Anjali,*  
I am so proud of you.  
Good luck in your future endeavors.  
I miss you very much.  
*Love, Mini*

*Congratulations Class of 2024*  
with special regards to graduate  
Gavin Majoy  
**CRANSTON & CRANSTON Attorneys at Law**  
26 Valley Road, Barre • 978-355-2100

*Congratulations!*  
CLASS OF 2024  
May The Road Ahead Bring You Happiness And Success.  
**SALVADORE FAMILY OF DEALERSHIPS**  
442 West Broadway, Gardner | SalvadoreAuto.com

*Good Luck*  
CLASS OF 2024!  
With Special Regards to Graduates  
Lillian Thibeault & Michael Tobin  
**BARRE PIZZA**  
Seafood Fridays  
On the Common, Barre  
978-355-4595

*Best Wishes*  
CLASS OF 2024  
**BROBERG INSURANCE GROUP INC.**  
Representing Many Companies Including Safety Insurance Company  
9 Exchange Street Barre 978-355-4028  
53 Gardner Road Hubbardston 978-928-5875

*Congratulations Class of 2024*  
with Special Regards to  
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Graduate Our Grandson  
**CONNOR BROWN & Quabbin High School Graduate RILEY BASSETT**  
from  
**BROWN'S TRUCKING & EXCAVATING, INC.**  
530 Valley Road, Barre  
978-355-2745

# Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2024



**Colin Harmon**  
Bentley University



**Carsyn Harty**  
Mount Wachusett  
Community College



**Emmath Hinckley**  
Springfield College



**Abigail Hughes**  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst



**Kara Hunter**  
Westfield State University



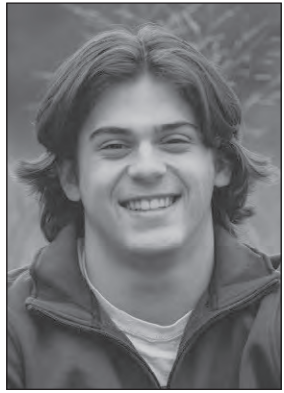
**Sophia Januszewski**  
University of California  
Davis



**Jaxon Kelley**  
Electrical Apprentice



**Shea Lanier**  
Mount Wachusett  
Community College



**Sean LaPointe**  
Coastal Carolina University



**Grace LaValley**  
Savannah College  
of Art and Design



**Jake Leazott**  
Plymouth State University



**Ally Legare**  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst



**Paige Lindley**  
Merrimack College



**Jamison Loomer**  
Workforce



**Annabelle Magill**  
Worcester  
Polytechnic Institute



**Gavin Majoy**  
Franklin Pierce University



**Natalia Marchand**  
Springfield College



**Joshua Marcotte Jr.**  
Fitchburg State University



**Kelsey Marsh**  
Sacred Heart University



**Grant McConaughy**  
Northern Kentucky  
University



**Charles McKinstry**  
Workforce



**Jenkins Miller**  
Keene State College



**Camryn Orsini**  
Providence College



**Haleigh Parkinson**  
Gap Year

**Congratulations**  
*Kelsey Marsh*

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. We can't wait to see what your future holds at Sacred Heart!

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Abby & Matthew

**Congratulations**  
**CLASS OF 2024**

With Special Regards to  
Quabbin Graduates:  
**Kelsey Marsh, Jake Leazott,  
Leona Farmer, Tippiie Sullivan**  
North Brookfield Graduates:  
**Diego Cruz, Lukas Kimball,**  
Tantasqua Graduate: **Ava Sargent**

**PINE ACRES**  
FAMILY CAMPING RESORT  
203 Bechan Road, Oakham • (508) 882-9509  
www.PineAcresResort.com

*Stars & Stripes Diner*

**Congrats**  
TO THE CLASS OF  
**2024!**

32 Main St., Hubbardston • 978-820-1600

**Congratulations**  
**Mariah**

We are so incredibly proud of your hard work and achievements. We know you will continue to be successful in the future.

Love,  
Mom, Stepfather,  
Gracie & Dallas

**Good Luck**  
**CLASS OF 2024**

**OWP**

25 Town Farm Road, South Barre  
978-355-4641

*Good Luck Class of 2024*

**NORTHEAST  
PIZZA**

570 Summer Street, Barre  
978-355-4333  
www.northeastpizza.com

**Congratulations**  
**CLASS OF 2024**

**QUABBIN  
AUTO REPAIR**  
8 Broad Street • Barre  
978-355-6763

**Good Luck Class of 2024**  
with special regards to Monty Tech Graduates  
Jenna Nadeau,  
Patrick Chute & Nikoli Howard  
and GCVS Graduate  
Madi Beauregard

**SHEAR EXPRESSIONS  
HAIR DESIGN**  
24 North Brookfield Road, Barre Plains  
978-355-4467

*Good Luck*  
**Class of 2024**

**R.J. McDonald**  
HEATING OILS • PROPANE • DIESEL FUELS  
71 Worcester Road • Barre, MA 01005  
978-355-6649  
www.rjmenergy.com

*Good Luck*  
**CLASS OF 2024**

**J.C.  
POOLS  
INC.**

In Ground & Above Ground Pools  
Service & Water Supplies  
108 Main Street, South Barre  
978-355-6465 508-882-3913

**Congratulations**  
**Class of 2024**

With Special  
Regards To  
Graduates  
Mariah Berard  
Meaghan Doyle  
Jordan Piktelis

**J&J  
FAMILY RESTAURANT**  
815 Worcester Road, Route 122, Barre  
978-355-2122

*Good Luck*  
**CLASS OF 2024**

**W.R.  
ROBINSON  
LUMBER  
CO., INC.**

Cleveland Road, Wheelwright  
**413-477-6050**

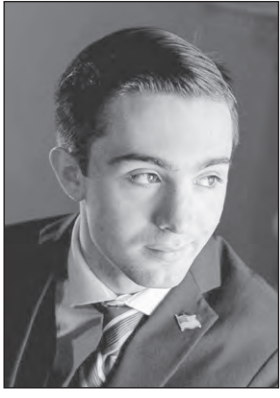
**Congratulations**  
**CLASS OF 2024**  
with special regards to graduate  
Paige Lindley

**FARBER  
&  
LINDLEY**  
Attorneys At Law  
56 Common Street, Barre  
978-257-8389

# Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2024



**Kayleigh Patch**  
Springfield College



**Christian Paydos**  
Mount Wachusett  
Community College



**John Prentiss**  
Gap Year



**Molly Procopio**  
Saint Michael's College



**Aubrey Raposa**  
Fitchburg State University



**Carlee Rich**  
Worcester State University



**Siera Rivera-Boucher**  
Worcester State University



**Von Salvatore**  
Workforce



**Sylvie Sanderson**  
Workforce



**Kaya Sherblom**  
Fitchburg State University



**Julianna Stanger**  
Anna Maria College



**Amy Stauder**  
University of  
New Hampshire



**Aaron Stein**  
Military  
U.S. Army



**Martin Stoddard**  
Gap Year



**Heather Stuart**  
Worcester  
Polytechnic Institute



**Tippiie Sullivan**  
Wentworth  
Institute of Technology



**Lillian Thibeault**  
Nichols College



**Michael Tobin**  
Brown University



**Rylee Toohil**  
Mitchell College



**Seth Twarog**  
Springfield College



**Benjamin Vasseur**  
Worcester  
Polytechnic Institute



**Abigail Whitelaw**  
University of Massachusetts  
Dartmouth



**Brianna Whitelaw**  
Franklin Pierce University



**Nicholas Whitelaw**  
Suffolk University



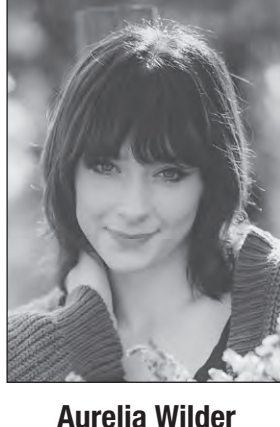
Quabbin Student Speaker Charles McKinstry engages his peers and the audience.



Quabbin senior Sean Lapointe plays for a final time with the Symphonic Winds at the ceremony.



**Hannah Wiggin**  
Bay Path University



**Aurelia Wilder**  
University of Vermont



**Hunter Wojcik**  
Worcester State University

## GRADUATION, continued from page 1

to graduate gave them one last assignment. It was to record what is their endgame and to use it as a tool.

Debra Chamberlain, Vice Chair of the Quabbin School Committee spoke about her mother when diagnosed with pancreatic cancer went to work on her fulfilling her bucket list. Before she died, she got to go to the beach, feel the sun on her face and put her feet in the water.

Assisting the Superintendent in handing out diplomas were Peggy Thompson, Quabbin School Committee member, and class advisors, Regina Trumbull and Brittany Ljungberg. School Committee member David Marsh presented his daughter, Kelsey with her diploma.

Kelsey Marsh, Senior Class Treasurer led her class in the moving of the tassels. Then the mortar boards went flying into the air, a long standing Quabbin tradition.

The ceremony ended with "Fanfare and Recessional" by James D. Ployhar.

## PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



**Carleton Asher**  
Cosmetology  
Oakham



**Jeffery Brady**  
Electrical Co-Op  
Oakham



**Dylan Howard**  
Collision Repair  
Barre



**Sean Jubinville**  
Collision Repair  
Barre



**Spencer Skowrya**  
Business Tech  
Oakham



**Ashley Vessella**  
Hospitality  
Barre

**Best Wishes Class of 2024**  
with Special Regards to Graduates  
**Julianna Stanger & Gavin Majoy**

**E.P. WINE INC.**  
L.P. Gas and Appliance

160 West Street, Barre  
978-355-2311

*Congratulations Graduates!*

Since 1978  
**Waterwheel Realty**  
978-355-4438  
Professional Real Estate Services  
Serving Barre and Surrounding Towns  
Before you buy or rent-to-own, visit ...

**Waterwheel Village**

A Unique 55+ Better Mobile Home Community  
Call Paul 978-355-3454

**Good Luck CLASS OF 2024**

**Red Tomato PIZZA & RESTAURANT**

~ Weekly Specials ~  
11 Exchange Street, Barre  
978-355-3536  
Open Sunday-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

*Congratulations Class of*  
**2024**

**QUABBIN PLAZA LIQUORS**

578 Summer Street, Barre  
978-355-6496

# SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibell  
**Sammy Breault runs for the long jump pit.**



**Irene Stolgitis tosses the javelin.**

## Unified track holds latest meet

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Unified track team held its most recent meet last Thursday afternoon at home.

The Panthers hosted Narragansett for the second time this season. The Panthers were also scheduled to participate in the league meet in North Middlesex.



**John Waltz heads up to the javelin throw line.**



**Cara Gerardi gets ready to land**

## Pathfinder falls to Granby in finale



**Kendra Burke extends and makes a pitch to the plate.**

GRANBY – In its regular season finale, Pathfinder softball fell to Granby 15-3 last week. The Pioneers did not qualify for the Western Mass. play-offs. The Pioneers did make the state tournament and were set to open play last weekend. Highlights from their state tournament opener will be in next week's edition.

Turley photos by David Henry  
www.sweetdogphotos.com



**Greenly Lagimoniere catches the ball in center field.**



**Shortstop Emma Chavalier makes a throw to first.**



**Isabella Nompleggi catches the out at first.**



**Lianna Carrasquillo looks to catch an out at third.**

## Panthers head into second round

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis team has had an outstanding regular season and now enters the Division 4 state tournament. The Panthers hosted Randolph High School in their opener, edging the visitor 3-2.

Annabelle Magill, who has been outstanding all season long, scored a

6-4, 6-2 win in straight sets.

The doubles teams of Farrah Wojcik and Kalina Dyer and Elizabeth Matheson and Madelyn Stauder also picked up wins, both in three sets to help Quabbin advance in the tournament. The Panthers were next set to take on North Middlesex.

## Pioneers fall in regular season finale

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School baseball team fell to St. Mary's 9-4 in its regular season finale on May 22. The Pioneers would finish the season win an overall 10-7 record and drew Monson on the road in the preliminary round of the state tournament. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.

Turley photos by David Henry  
www.sweetdogphotos.com

**Derek Rivera sends a throw to first.**



**Zander Auffrey makes the play on the grass.**

**Branden Hnitecki sends a throw back to the infield.**

**Brayden Mega sends a pitch home.**



## Pioneers piling up goals, pick up another shutout



**Gianluca Cersoismo sends a long kick away.**

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

**By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent**

LUDLOW—The Western Mass. Pioneers outscored their first four opponents of the regular season, 14-0.

The Pioneers improved to a perfect 4-0-0 and remained in first place in the USL-2 Northeast Division standings with a 5-0 shut-out victory over Black Rock FC before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Friday night.

"It's always very nice to win a home match," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We scored a couple of early goals, which took a lot of pressure off the players. The starters and the reserve players played very well tonight. I'm very happy with the performance."

The Seacoast United Phantoms, who are the only USL-2 team to beat the Pioneers on their home turf since the start of the 2019 regular

**See PIONEERS, page 13**

## Sports

### T-Birds hosting Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual. This marks the second annual iteration of this community program.

The T-Birds Community Caravan will make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

Saturday, June 8 - Look Park (Northampton), 12 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 20 - Forest Park (Springfield), 1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, August 17 - Amelia Park Arena (Westfield), 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, street hockey activities, and various food options. Additionally, each Caravan will also feature a benefactoring non-profit organization.

“We’re delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community,” said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the MassMutual

Foundation. “Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we’re proud to be a part of it!”

“After a successful launch of this event last summer, we are excited to see it grow even more this year,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “We are excited to welcome MassMutual as a new partner for this initiative, and we thank them for sharing in our goal of being champions within our community, even in our offseason months.”

More details of each Caravan stop will

### New names make Bay States Games HOF

BOSTON – Boston Field Hockey Umpires Association, Fred Roach (Softball Coach), and Kevin Cummings (BSG Executive Director) have been selected for induction into the 2024 Bay State Games’ Hall of Fame. The inductees received their award at a pre-game ceremony at Fenway Park on May 25 prior to the Red Sox game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Boston Field Hockey Umpires Association - Field Hockey

The Boston Field Hockey Umpires Association (BFHUA) was founded in the mid 1960’s and is the largest field hockey umpire association in Massachusetts with over 200 members that officiate at the middle and high school level. BFHUA has supported Bay State Games on a volunteer basis since the early 1980’s. Accepting the award, Patti Rowe has been on the organization’s executive board since 1987 and has served as president since 2020. Fred Roach - Softball

Fred Roach is from South

Hadley, Massachusetts. Fred has coached high school softball in western Massachusetts for the past 24 years, currently at West Springfield High School. Fred has been Head Coach of the West Region softball team for 21 seasons, having led the team to many gold medals. He has served as a dedicated volunteer for decades and mentored countless western Massachusetts softball players who have gone on to successful playing careers in college. Kevin Cummings - Bay State Games Executive Director

Kevin Cummings from Medford, Massachusetts has been involved with the Bay State Games since 1984 and is celebrating his 40th year with the organization in 2024. Kevin started with the organization as a Sport Coordinator and was promoted to Executive Director in 1999. He has dedicated his life’s work to organizing the Bay State Summer & Winter Games and helping to provide opportunities

to tens of thousands of athletes over 40 years. Kevin’s induction into the Hall of Fame was a surprise organized by board members and fellow staff members. The Bay State Games Hall of Fame was created to recognize past participants who have gone on to prestigious and successful athletic careers, as well as former and current coaches, officials, sports organizers, and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization throughout its 38-year history. Past inductees among the over 60 previous honorees include the NBA’s Dana Barros (’06), Tom Thibodeau (’17) and the late Reggie Lewis (’02); WNBA’s Rebecca Lobo (’03), the NHL’s Bill Guerin (’09) and Keith Yandle (’14); Major League Baseball’s Carlos Pena (’11) and Rich Hill (’13); Olympians Nancy Kerrigan (’07), Jim Pedro (’04) and Bill Cleary (’14) as well as US Paralympic Gold Medalist Joe Lemar (’15).

### PIONEERS, continued from page 13

season, will be making their only visit to Ludlow during the regular season on Friday night.

“That’s going to be a very big match,” Molinari added. “The players have been working hard so far this season. We must continue to work hard next week at practice and remain focused.”

While the Pioneers will have a full week to get ready for the home match, the Phantoms (3-0-0) were scheduled to play at Block Rock FC on Tuesday night.

“We’re now looking forward to next week’s home match against Seacoast,” said Pioneers forward Alec Hughes. “If we can win that one, we’ll be a very tough team to beat this year. We’re the top two teams in the Division and it’s a game that you always want to win.”

A year ago, Seacoast walked into Lusitano Stadium and celebrated a 2-1 victory. It was the Pioneers’ only home loss during the 2023 regular season.

The dynamic duo of Scott Testori and Hughes combined to score three of the five Pioneers goals in last Friday’s home match against Black Rock.

“I scored two goals and Scott scored one goal, but I also thought we left a few goals on the table,” said Hughes, who has another year remaining as a member of the UMass men’s soccer team. “We share a lot of the same traits and it’s a lot of fun playing with him. We work well together.”

Testori, who plays college soc-



Jared Smith tries to settle the ball.

cer at UConn, scored the first goal of the match on a tap in during the sixth minute of the opening half.

Patrick Gryczewski was credited with the assist.

During the 20<sup>th</sup> minute, Hughes added his name to the scoring sheet following a corner kick goal.

Jared Smith sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Hughes headed it into the net past Black Rock goalie Christian Braea-Anderson.

“It’s always nice to score a goal, especially on a set piece,” Hughes said. “It gave us an early 2-0 lead.”

The Pioneers third goal also came on a header from Aidan Kelly

following another corner kick.

Braudilio Rodrigues, who was a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers in 2022, was recognized during a ceremony at halftime. He’s currently playing professional soccer for the Seattle Sounders.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Gryczewski sent a pass from the right side to Hughes, who finished off the scoring play by putting a low shot into the left corner of the net.

Lawrence Goddard, who scored a pair of goals in the Pioneers’ previous road match against the Albany Rush, replaced Hughes.

About ten minutes later, Mamadi Jiana, who played soccer at Chicopee High School, also came off the bench and scored an unassisted goal.

Holding a commanding 5-0 lead, the only question remaining for the Pioneers faithful supporters during the final twenty minutes of the match was if goalie Gianluca Cersosimo would post his fourth consecutive shutout.

“This is just an amazing team,” said Cersosimo, who didn’t have to make any saves. “Even though I didn’t have to make any saves, I still had to remain focused for the entire match, especially during the final twenty minutes. Shutouts are nice, but the most important thing for us are the wins.”

Cersosimo, who’s a second-year member of the Pioneers, graduated from Long Island University. He also replaced Nicholas Oberrauch as the team captain for the match. Oberrauch didn’t play against Black Rock because of an injury.

## Education

### Cadet Schuster receives Bronze Junior ROTC Medal award

The General Ebenezer Learned Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter of Oxford announces the recipient of the Bronze Junior ROTC Medal from Quabbin Regional High School is Cadet Kaitlynn Marie Schuster.

This is awarded to either a junior or senior student in a high school/secondary school JROTC program that shows outstanding ability and achievement in high school ROTC programs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force. Recipients

must have demonstrated loyalty and patriotism and earned a record of military and scholastic achievement during their participation in an ROTC program. Students must be in the upper 25% of their classes in military and academic subjects. They must have shown qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training. Congratulations to Cadet Schuster.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women’s service Organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact their local DAR chapters for more detailed information on these programs



Submitted photo Subaru Representatives are shown with MWCC Automotive Technology students and faculty members.

### MWCC automotive program receives vehicle donation

GARDNER – Subaru, in collaboration with Patrick Subaru, North Reading Subaru and Subaru of New England, donated a brand-new 2024 Crosstrek to Mount Wachusett Community College automotive technology program.

This donation underscores Subaru’s commitment to fostering educational excellence and supporting the next generation of automotive professionals. “We have had a long partnership with Subaru and this generous donation is going to pave the way for the next generation of automotive technicians. The 2024 Crosstrek exposes our students to the newest technology available on the market and will enhance their learning tremendously. This wouldn’t have been possible without our partnership with Subaru and their investment in student learning at MWCC,” stated Eric Almeida, Professor and Automotive Program Director.

Representatives from Subaru and MWCC, including Rebecca Carr, Community Love Promise Manager at Subaru of New England, Jeff LeClair, Subaru University Educational Manager at Subaru of New England, highlighted the significance of the partnership between Subaru and MWCC, emphasizing the importance of equipping students with the tools they need to excel in their careers.

“We are pleased to be partnered with the MWCC Automotive Technology Department and hope that this donation will better equip students to develop career tools and learn trending customer

Dan Enderle, District Parts and Service Manager at Subaru of New England were on hand for the delivery of the vehicle on April 24 at the MWCC Automotive facility in Gardner. Rebecca Carr, Community Love Promise Manager at Subaru of New England, expressed Subaru’s dedication to making a positive impact through education, stating, “This is part of Subaru’s Love Promise to help make the world a better place through providing quality education opportunities. We are happy to provide a new 2024 Subaru to allow students to learn and enhance their career pathways.”

Jeff LeClair, Subaru University Educational Manager at Subaru of New England, highlighted the significance of the partnership between Subaru and MWCC, emphasizing the importance of equipping students with the tools they need to excel in their careers. “We are pleased to be partnered with the MWCC Automotive Technology Department and hope that this donation will better equip students to develop career tools and learn trending customer

needs,” said LeClair. “Subaru has a long history with the College and feels privileged to be part of mentoring the next generation of skilled trades professionals.”

Student Rebecca Buell said, “It was nice getting a chance to network with the Subaru partners. The care and investment they put into student learning is incredible! Through the donation of the beautiful Crosstrek, the emphasis they place on job training, and exposure through cooperative work placements, it has been amazing to be a part of it.”

The MWCC Automotive Technology Program is dedicated to providing students with comprehensive training and preparation for careers in automotive service and repair. The addition of the 2024 Subaru Crosstrek to the program’s fleet will undoubtedly contribute to the success of its students and reinforce MWCC’s position as a leader in automotive education.

For more information about the MWCC Automotive Technology Program and how to support its mission, people may visit mwcc.edu.

## Public Notices

### 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 specifications 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

### DEPARTEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WETLANDS PROGRAM 401 Water Quality Certification Application Public Notice

Pursuant to 33.U.S.C.1341 and MGL c21 §43, notice is hereby given of a 401 Water Quality

Certification (WQC) application for the Cusky Pond Dam Removal and Culvert Replacement Project in New Braintree by the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (MassWildlife), 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA, 01581 on property owned by MassWildlife. The project involves the removal of an existing dam, earthen embankment, and associated structures for ecological restoration, in addition to the replacement of an existing downstream culvert on Barre Road. Additional information may be obtained from the applicant’s agent – Tighe & Bond, Inc. c/o Daniel R. Buttrick, PE, 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085 (413-562-1600).

Written comments on this 401 WQC Application may be emailed to:

David Wong

(David.W.Wong@mass.gov) Department of Environmental Protection Wetlands Program 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 874-7155

Within 21 days of this notice. The Department will consider all written comments on this 401 WQC Application received by the Public Comments Deadline.

Any group of ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any government body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department’s Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. 06/06/2024

**CORRESPONDENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Turley Publications seeks Experienced Writers/Journalists to produce news and/or feature stories of local interest for various towns and cities.

- Must be dependable, professional and able to meet strict deadlines
- Salary based on a flat rate by story and photo

Send writing samples with resume to  
Deanna Sloat  
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069  
or email directly to dsloat@turley.com

**Turley Publications, Inc.**  
www.turley.com

**Get Ready for Your SUMMER VACATION**

Be sure your tires are ready to go!

**ORIGINAL TIRE CO.**

SOUTH ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL 978-249-3477  
Mon., Wed., Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.;  
Tues. & Thurs. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WE’VE EXPANDED OUR WEB SITE

**PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE**

- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts’ public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

**VISIT**  
[www.publicnotices.turley.com](http://www.publicnotices.turley.com)

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.



# Your BUYLINE CONNECTION

**DON'T BUY TIL YOU SEE US!!!  
BETTER THAN ANY BIG BOX STORE!!!!**

**1,000S OF A/CS & DEHUMIDIFIERS IN STOCK!!!  
HUGE APPLIANCE REBATES!  
WEBER GRILL SALE!!!  
E BIKE & BIKE SALE!!!!**

**WHITCO TOY & BIKE**   
12 MONTHS 0% FINANCING **140 Main St., Spencer** **www.whitcosales.com** **508-885-9343**  
Open: Mon.-Fri. 10am-8:30pm, Sat. 9am-8pm, Sun. 12pm-7pm

**WARREN: Ranch with 2 car garage - \$315,000**



Well maintained Ranch allowing for first floor living. One bedroom, one bath with attached 2 car garage. Owner converted one bedroom into a dining-room and the other to a walk-in closet/storage area. This is the perfect starter home or someone looking to downsize. Very nice country location yet minutes to major highways. This home is ready to have you just move in!



**CENTURY 21** Century 21 North East *Ready to Buy or Sell? Call Me!*  
North East 180 West St., Ware 1-978-434-1990

**WHERE EVERYONE GOES FOR THEIR PIECE OF THE EARTH!**

**LANDSCAPE STONE**  
ALL SIZES  
White • Blush • Blue • Brown • Purple  
Red • Lt Gray • Dark Gray

**SCREENED LOAM STORED IN BUILDING**

Construction Stone • Title V Septic Sand  
Concrete Sand • Chicken Coop Sand • Utility Sand  
Chip Stone • Stone Dust • Silt • Crushed Gravel  
Crushed Asphalt • Crushed Concrete • Cold Patch

**Homeowner Friendly • No Minimums**  
**PICK-UP OR CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR DELIVERY TODAY!**

*Bond* 98 North Spencer Road,  
Route 31N, Spencer, MA  
**508-885-6100**  
**508-885-2480**  
Sand, Gravel & Asphalt   
**www.bondsandandgravel.com** 

*Adventure tours of Warren*  
Share the Adventure with us! 

**DAY TRIPS A SPECIALTY**  
Call Now!  
Availability Limited!



July 13 ..... **Cape Cod Canal & Lunch** ..... \$130  
July 20 ..... **Perkins Cove, Ogunquit** ..... \$99  
July 27 ..... **Block Island** ..... \$110  
Oct 5 ..... **Turkey Train** ..... \$165  
March 15 .. **8-Night Bahamas Cruise**.... from \$1499

**Share the Adventure with us soon!**  
For further information call Randall at (413) 436-5357  
or email [adventuretours@att.net](mailto:adventuretours@att.net)  
or go to [www.adventuretoursofwarren.com](http://www.adventuretoursofwarren.com)

**POST ROAD REALTY**  **BUYING OR SELLING....  
WE HAVE THE PERFECT FIT FOR YOU!**

**www.PostRoadRealty.com**

**NEW LISTING - \$479,900 - 451 CRONIN ROAD, WARREN**

Stunning BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION ranch with 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and a partially finished lower level. This home boasts cathedral ceilings, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and a center island. The open floor plan flows seamlessly from the living area to the kitchen and dining area with sliders, that open to a large composite deck overlooking the backyard. Modern finishes and thoughtful design create a convenient and comfortable living space. The walkout lower level provides additional flexibility for living space or entertaining. With a spacious 2 car garage and a prime location, this pristine property offers the perfect opportunity for your next home.



**Cassie Paolucci**  
**774-200-3523** 

Support Your Hometown Businesses  
**SHOP LOCAL**

Homes are still selling quickly. If you're in the market to sell your home in 2024, call and ask about my **SPRING SPECIAL!**



Listing Specialist  
Representing Buyers & Sellers for over 18 years  
**508-341-8299**  
\*Opening New Doors For Families Everyday\*  
If you have friends or family who may need real estate services, I would appreciate your referral.

 **LISA CARON** REAL ESTATE  
Broker/Owner • LISA CARON • Notary Public  
[caronlisarick@aol.com](mailto:caronlisarick@aol.com) • [lisacaron.com](http://lisacaron.com)  
42 West Main Street • Brookfield, MA 01506  
ABR, GRI, SRES, MRP, CDPPE, PSA, SRS, RENE, E-PRO, C2EX

**BUDGET®  
BLINDS**

Style and service for every budget.®

*Now Servicing  
Your Area*



Call us today!  
☎ 774-670-2093

Free Consultation with a Design Expert BLINDS • SHUTTERS • SHADES • DRAPES • HOME AUTOMATION



**GRADUATION PARTY CATERING**  
**An unforgettable feast for your Grad**

There's nothing but farm-fresh goodness on the menu for your special graduation celebration. Check out our catering menu at [FarmerMatt.com/catering](http://FarmerMatt.com/catering).

[FarmerMatt.com](http://FarmerMatt.com) • 508-980-7085

 **Farmer Matt®** FARM-FRESH • LOCAL  
FarmerMatt.com  
860 West Brookfield Rd.  
New Braintree, MA

  
**Farmer Matt®**  
FARM-FRESH • LOCAL  
860 West Brookfield Rd., New Braintree, MA  
[FarmerMatt.com](http://FarmerMatt.com) | (508) 980-7085



**Get Dad what he really wants this Father's Day**

Forget the ties and socks this Father's Day. Give Dad the gift of farm-raised, dry-aged Angus beef from Farmer Matt. Treat him to the mouthwatering delight of a Cowboy Steak, Bone-in Ribeye, Tenderloin, king cut 3-inch thick Porterhouse steaks, and more. Not sure what he wants? We have Gift Cards available, too. Make this Father's Day truly special with a gift he'll savor and remember.

**Browse the selection at [FarmerMatt.com](http://FarmerMatt.com)**