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Quabbin High School graduates 103

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BARRE – After holding graduation inside last year due to heavy rain, the Class of 2026 had perfect weather for an outdoor graduation.

Led by the Quabbin Regional High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard, the 103 students marched out of the front doors of the high school for the last time on Friday, June 5. School Administrators, School Committee members and faculty followed the Color Guard of Logan Bruley, Brody Faucher, Kayleigh Fuller and Jillian LaMontagne.

Leading the soon to be graduates were marshals, Madeleine Boisselle and Ella Reeves.

The Symphonic Winds under the direction of Toni Brown played the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar for the procession to the podium and bleachers.

Garrett Erickson, Senior Class Vice President led the



Quabbin Regional High School's Class of 2026 walked out of the school for the last time as students.

Turley Photo by Mary Whitelaw

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Select board hears update on earmarks

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RUTLAND – The Select Board met Monday, where they heard updates on earmarks, and made their recommendations for the articles on the June 16 special town meeting.

At the June 8 meeting, state Sen. Peter Durant was present to give an update on earmarks that have been submitted by the town, and whether they have been approved or denied by the state. Sheila Dibb, chair of the Select Board said this discussion was meant to give the town an understanding of how to manage the money with staff cuts coming July 1.

Durant gave an outline on how earmarks work, saying the 22 towns in the Worcester and Hampshire district meet with state representatives and senators, where they submit a list of needs, or in some cases do not request anything. He said the house and senate often approve different amounts.

He said there are three main types of earmarks: local earmarks, regional earmarks and state earmarks. Durant said Rutland sent in requests to state Rep. Kimberly Ferguson, which included \$40,000 for the pool, \$50,000 for senior center improvements and \$150,000 for a roof project.

Durant said the pool and senior center requests were approved, but not the roof. He said requests in the \$25,000-\$75,000 range are more likely to pass than requests of over \$100,000.

Town Administrator Heather Butler said the \$50,000 for the senior cen-

ter improvements are being used for an electronic door and bathroom improvements, and the senior center director is working to spend the money before the end of the fiscal year.

STM recommendations

The board voted their recommendations on each of the three articles on the June 16 special town meeting warrant. They voted for favorable action on article's 1 and 2, which are to accept the Wachusett Regional School District assessment and petition the general court for an additional alcohol license at Rutland Marketplace.

The board also voted for no action on the citizens petition seeking a public services override.

The board also went over some concerns about the warrant from the Finance Committee about transparency and communication, including providing too much information in the explanation of articles.

Butler said what Rutland provides on their warrants is much more than what is required by the Division of Local Services.

They also discussed the May 9 annual town meeting, where board member Alex Mowatt said people wanted handouts of the motions, or for them to be put on a projector.

Butler said a separate packet with just explanations could get confusing for voters if they have to go back and forth. Dibb said since this warrant is only three articles, they will experiment with putting the information on the projector.

FY 27 Select Board goals

Dibb talked about some overall goals the Select Board should try to achieve this coming fiscal year, including communication, financial

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ATM approves budget, Quabbin resolution

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HARDWICK – Hardwick held its annual town meeting last Saturday at Hardwick Elementary School, where 134 residents voted on the fiscal year 2027 budget, a Quabbin Watershed resolution, bylaw changes and several transfers.

FY 27 budget
Article 12 on the town

meeting warrant was for the operating budget. The Finance Committee did not recommend approval of the presented budget of \$7.295 million, which was presented by the Select Board, because it was being funded by two one-time revenues.

Christopher Culross, chair of the Finance Committee said one time revenues should go to free cash and stabilization funds, where the money can be used for capital projects.

Select Board Clerk Zack Spencer said funding the budget with one-time revenue is a standard practice, and the estimates made were conservative. He said the Select Board version of the budget keeps the town under the proposition 2.5 limit.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker said the two one-time revenues estimated at \$100,000 each are expected to be received by June 30 of next year, but they are not received yet.

According to Culross, the average one-time revenue to fund budgets per year is \$50,000.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said portions of the Finance Committee's recommendations violate general laws, like budgeting IT expenses for less than the cost in the existing contract. Tinker said the town is supposed to be

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Colter, left, and East Quabbin Land Trust's Youth Education Coordinator Ellie Shea were checking for spiderwebs underneath one of the picnic tables in the field next to the Paige Memorial Library.

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HARDWICK – Kids explored the world of bugs as the Paige Memorial Library hosted Bug Time this past week.

The library welcomed Youth Education Coordinator Ellie Shea of the East Quabbin Land Trust to teach kids about insects. The program began with a few stories as Shea read the classic story, “The

Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle.

This classic picture book has many educational themes including the life cycle of a butterfly, which some kids hope to find later outside. Shea also read Eric Carle's “The Grouchy Ladybug”, another insect kids hoped to find when they explored outside of the Paige Memorial Library.

After story time was finished, Shea led the young explorers to the

backyard and playground of the Paige Memorial Library.

Kids shared about what their favorite bugs are. The most popular answers were ladybugs, beetles, spiders, and dragonflies.

Shea shared some of the most common areas outside where bugs can be spotted. Bugs can be found under rocks, in grass, trees and on branches.

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SB, FinCom review STM articles

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RUTLAND – The Select Board held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee along with the Board of Assessors last Monday to discuss the special town meeting warrant for June 16, and hear about tax relief programs from the assessors.

At the June 1 meeting, the board went over four articles, three of which will appear on the town meeting warrant. There was an article on the warrant that would have spent about \$300,000 in free cash to fund July and August of fiscal year 2027, but the article did not receive a motion to be placed on the warrant.

According to the board, the funding for the two months is the amount needed to cover an entire year of the town's budget divided by 12, and then multiplied by two because it would be for two months. The funding for two months would anticipate delaying layoffs, and voting on a reduced override in the fall.

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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QCB concerts begin June 21

Nornay Park, Main Street, hosts the Quabbin Community Band for the first three concerts of their season: Sundays, June 21, June 28 and July 5. The concerts begin at 6 p.m. There are some benches available and even a picnic table. To ensure a seat, concert goers should bring lawn chairs.

For the remainder of the Quabbin Community Band concerts, the band moves up to Barre Center to the Harding Allen Bandstand located on Middle Common, Barre. Dates include: July 12, 19 and 26 and Aug. 2, 9 and 16, all concerts start at 6 p.m. Concerts move to the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, when raining. Concerts are June 21 Welcome to Summer South Barre; June 28 Children’s concert South Barre; July 5 Happy 250th America South Barre; July 12 Classics on the Common Barre Common; July 19 Movie Night Barre Common; July 26 Band Stand Favorites Barre Common; Aug. 2 Hats off to Broadway Barre Common; Aug. 9 Barre on Parade Alumni Event Barre Common early time 5 p.m. and Aug. 16 Dixieland Night Barre Common. Except for the Aug. 9 concert, which is at 5 p.m. all others are at 6 p.m.

Nornay Saturday night concerts

In addition to hosting the Quabbin Community Band for three Sundays in June, Nornay Park holds Saturday night concerts as well. Concerts are Uncle Country on June 13, Kidd Hurricane on June 27, Otters on July 11 and Cropdusters on July 25, all from 6-8 p.m. The August concerts are The Other Guys on Aug. 8 and Alive’n Kickin’ on Aug. 22; the time is earlier from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Barre Lions Club run a concession stand at all the Saturday concerts.

Barre Food Pantry

The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, June 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

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. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients June 18 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. People should not arrive to volunteer on Thursday, June 18 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Barre Players Theater

‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’ by William Shakespeare takes place at Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., Barre Friday, June 12; Saturday, June 13; Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 at 7:30 and Sunday, June 14 and June 21 at 2 p.m. People may visit barreplayers.ludus.com/index.php or call 978-257-8393 for tickets. This is part of the theater’s 100th anniversary.

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 15. 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 – Chicken stir fry, steamed rice, roasted broccoli, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

TUESDAY – Beef Bourginon, garlic mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, mixed fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Lasagna and meatballs, peas and carrots, baked cinnamon pears, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Father’s Day Chicken with broccoli and cheese, gravy, cranberry stuffing. Brussels sprouts, tiramisu cupcakes, diet = cheesecake mousse, dinner roll

FRIDAY – Juneteenth No meal served.

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

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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 has considered changing how the pantry currently

operates, but has decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as we have since March of 2020.

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Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on 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/

Paige Memorial Library lists summer events

HARDWICK – Mark your calendars for summer events with the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Thursday, June 11 from 6-7 p.m., a special gift from EcoTarium: Build Your World will be held at the Town House, 32 Common St. A K-6 family event to explore forces and motion in small groups, planning, testing, building, and improving a way to cross a model river with only simple materials.

Tuesday, June 9 from 6-7p.m., Drawing Tesselations. Liz Buck will teach a fun and relaxing way to create interlocking patterns inspired by M.C. Escher.

Everyone will create their own pattern piece in pencil and add color and details with their choice of media. Open to all.

Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m.-noon, Make It for Dad! Make a special Shrinky-Dink keychain charm for your special person.

Thursday, June 18 from 7-8 p.m., Drumming with the Wendell Warriors on the Common outside the Hardwick Town House. Join this drumming experience where you

will learn to play different tones on the drum before you make music together. This activity is funded by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council.

Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., look for the Paige Memorial Library table at the Wellness Fair at Eagle Hill School. The library will be open regular hours.

Drop by both places to say hello.

Summer Reading begins June 23. The Dig In and Read program will offer activities and prizes for children through adult readers.

The theme encourages exploration of history, science, and culture and digs into dinosaurs, paleontology, archaeology, American history, and plants, nature and gardening.

Wednesday, June 24 from 2-3:30 p.m., blood pressure and glucose screening. No appointment necessary.

Avoid the stress of visiting a doctor’s office, get a free monthly wellness check, and chat with Registered Nurse Sandra Knipe of the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition.

Saturday, June 27 at 10 a.m. at the Town House, Rainforest Reptiles spon-

sored by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library.

These animals come from law enforcement seizures, abuse or neglect cases, or were surrendered by owners. Now, they help people connect with wildlife and learn about conservation.

You will see frogs, bugs, snakes, lizards, and real animal artifacts. A uniformed, trained herpetologist will present a red or yellow-footed tortoise, a monitor or tegu lizard, a 6

six-10 foot boa or python, a three to four-foot American Alligator. You will have the chance to safely touch some of the animals and to volunteer to assist.

On July 11, Vintage Base Ball will be played at Roach Field. Join team, the Hardwick Haymakers, to defeat the Westfield Wheelman in a baseball game with Civil War rules or just come to watch the action and eat hot dogs and popcorn provided by the Parks and Recreation Committee to support their work.

Please call 413-477-6704 or email paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com for any questions or to secure your place at an event.

Historical Society to host lemonade social and open house on June 28

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., hosts their annual lemonade social and open house on Sunday, June 28 from 1-3 p.m.People may browse through the museum and discover

the rich cultural history of Rutland’s Finnish American residents and Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja, celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Memorabilia commemorating this milestone will be on display.



OAKHAM

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ATM takes place June 22

The Annual Town Meeting will take place Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. in the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive. The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting may be viewed by visiting the town website at www.oakham-ma.gov.

Summer band concerts

The summer band concert series begins on Thursday, June 25 from 6:30-8 p.m. on the Oakham. The Friends of the Oakham Bandstand sell popcorn, drinks and ice cream. Other Thursday concert dates include: July 9 The Traveling Homebodies, July 23 The Long Run: Songs of the Eagles, Aug. 13 The Cropdusters and Aug. 20 The Otters.

Kids Fest

Kids Fest to kick off summer takes place at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., on Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a bounce house, do it yourself tie-dye, bubbles by Malay, petting Pea by Family Education Center, performances and demo by WildKat Hoops, face painting, snacks and beverages. This event is free and open to all.

COA events

The monthly Council on Aging meeting will take place Friday, June 12 at noon in the voting room at Town Hall. Podiatry clinic takes place Mondays, June 15 and June 22 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. by appointment only. Bemis Butterfly Buffet workshop takes place on Tuesday, June 16 at 1 p.m. at the Fire Station. Cost is \$15, payable at the workshop. People may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 to sign up by Friday, June 12.

Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Hardwick Crossing, 262 Lower Road, Gilbertville on Friday, June 19 at 12:30 p.m.. People should call the Senior Center to sign up so the group can make reservations. Glucose and blood pressure screening takes place Tuesday, June 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. No appointment is needed. Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., \$3 per class Walking groups and weigh in on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Air Force concert band performs July 5

NEW BRAINTREE – The U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Concert Band performs Sunday, July 5 at 2:30 p.m. as New Braintree kicks off their 275th and the country’s 250th anniversary celebrations.

This is a free, family-friendly event for all ages to enjoy. Attendees are invited to bring their lawn chairs or blankets to the green, lying between the New Braintree Historical Society/Post Office at 10 Utley Road and Town Hall at 20 Memorial Drive.

People may visit the town website at https://www.newbraintreema.us for more information. All are welcome.

Church hosts annual chicken BBQ June 20

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will host its annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 20 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The meal includes a ½ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, drink and fresh strawberry shortcake. Take-out or eat in.

Tickets are \$20 per person and will be sold at the door or they can be reserved by calling Sandi at 508-867-3272 or Mary at 508-662-8174.

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Editorial deadline reminder

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

News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Quabbin Regional School Committee – June 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Select Board – June 15 at 5 p.m.
Board of Assessors – June 16 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – June 16 at 7 p.m.
Barre Common Oversight Committee – June 18 at 5 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – June 18 at 6 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – June 25 at 11 a.m.
Council on Aging – July 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – July 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – July 13 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – July 13 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – July 13 at 6 p.m.

HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – June 15 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – June 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – June 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – June 22 at 2 p.m.
Select Board – June 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – June 23 and July 21 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – June 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – July 2 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Board of Parks Commissioners – June 11 at 6 p.m.
Local Emergency Management planning Committee – June 16 at 1 p.m.
Council on Aging – June 17 at 4 p.m.
Planning Board – June 18, July 1 and July 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – June 22 at 5 p.m.
Board of Health – June 23, July 14 and July 28 at 7 p.m.
Community Preservation Committee – June 25 at 7 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees – July 2 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – July 15 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Special Town Meeting – June 12 at 6:45 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting – June 12 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – June 17 all day

OAKHAM

Finance Committee – June 11 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – June 17 at 6 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting – June 22 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – June 11 at 5:30 p.m., June 12 at 9 a.m., June 18 and June 25 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – June 18 at 6 p.m.
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Committee – June 19 at 9 a.m.
Board of Assessors – June 26 at 9 a.m.
Conservation Commission – July 7 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – June 11 at 6 p.m. and June 16 at 5:15 p.m.
Select Board – June 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – June 25 at 6 p.m.



Kids worked on a bug craft as part of Bug Time.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

As part of the Bug Time program, kids practiced their observation skills to look for bugs outside. The whole group gathered around one of the trees to find bugs that crawl up trees.

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The group began by looking closely at the grass to see if any bugs appeared. The kids saw ants crawling their way through the grass.

The next spot was one of the maple trees and there were several ants and even spiders crawling their way up and down the tree. Shea noticed how good of a job the kids were doing at observing the entire field and being able to spot and identify various insects.

“They’re showing very good investigation skills,” Shea said.

One of the insect investigators, Colter, was exploring around one of the picnic tables and found three spiderwebs. The children also spotted ant hills on the side of the hill by the library.

The group also spotted a couple caterpillars crawling on one of the trees by the front entrance to the library. Shea mentioned that these types of caterpillars will later turn into moths.

The Bug Time explorers made their way back into the library and began working on a craft. Kids got to create their own bug drawing with cutouts of construction paper to help shape the bug and past it on a sheet of paper.

There were also insect themed bookmarks kids could make while they were crafting.

The Paige Memorial and Gilbertville Public Libraries will be welcoming an Ecotarium program. The event is on Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at the Town House. To register, call the Paige Memorial Library at

413-477-6704.

The East Quabbin Land Trust will be hosting a Hills of East Quabbin Ride from Farmer Matt’s, 860 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree. The ride starts on Saturday, June 27 at 9 a.m., registration is \$60. Registration information can be found under the events page at eqlt.org.

The East Quabbin Land Trust is also celebrating the summer solstice with a hike, sunset view, and Moth Mania. For the hike, RSVP with Ellie Shea at eshea@eqlt.org. For Moth Mania, sign up with Michael Bellefleur at mbellefleur@eqlt.org.

The celebration of the Summer Solstice will take place on Saturday, June 20, at Mandell Hill, 660 Barre Road.

HUBBARDSTON

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Historical Society holds pie and bake sale

The Hubbardston Historical Society annual pie and bake sale is being held on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel 4 Burnshirt Road. People should arrive early for best selections.

Library 5K

The 29th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K run/walk takes place Saturday Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. This annual event represents more than a quarter century of community support for the library, approaching \$95,000 raised for ongoing operations. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$25 and \$30 for those who register after Sunday, Aug. 2. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall 1st place Male/Female Runners and Walkers as well as medals/prizes to age group winners will be provided. Prizes are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals. For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors may call Mark Wigler, Race Director at 978-928-5120 or email MTWigler@gmail.com. The 2025 Race/Walk raised over \$4,100 for support of the library’s activities and Scholarship Fund.

DCR boat launch closure

Beginning on Tuesday, May 26 and continuing through Tuesday, June 30, the Department of Conservation will close the boat launch parking lot at Asnacomet Pond in the town of Hubbardston to accommodate paving work. The pond’s beach area will remain accessible during this time.

Senior Center events

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Francheska Alicia-Vazquez inducted into Delta Alpha Pi

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College inducted Francheska Alicia-Vazquez of Barre and a member of the Class of 2026 into The Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society.

DAPI is an academic honor society that recognizes students with disabilities for their academic achievements.

To be eligible, students must have completed twenty-four credits and earned an overall GPA of 3.10. DAPI inductees pledge to demonstrate leadership in advancing the rights of individuals with disabilities, to serve as a role model for other students and to advocate for themselves and other individuals with disabilities.

Established in 2017, the MWCC Delta Alpha Pi chapter is one of only fifteen in the Commonwealth.

Corrections policy

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Opinion



Defeating glyphosate like we did tobacco

By Jack Kittredge

I was 19 years old in 1964 when Luther Terry, U.S. Surgeon General, warned the nation about tobacco.

He released a historic study linking cigarette smoking to cancer and other serious diseases. The reaction was fast and furious.

Legislation flew through both houses of Congress to require warning labels on cigarette packages and in tobacco ads. It went into effect the next year, in 1965. Cigarettes are still sold and smoked today, but nowhere nearly as widely, having declined among US adults by about 70%.

The industry had disputed such studies for over a decade, contesting their methodology and challenging the authors’ credibility. They even published a number of articles in scientific journals whitewashing smoking, which were later retracted, including ones on nicotine and liver disease, heart attacks, and diabetes. But the 1964 report was unequivocal, conclusive, and carried the authority of the highest health official in the U.S. government.

Such a precedent may seem inconsequential today, considering all the problems confronting us now. But to those millions of people who never took up smoking because of it, that firm action by the federal government was a life-saver. We are presented with a quite similar situation today.

According to a Jan. 2 article in the New York Times, a 2000 study whitewashing the herbicide glyphosate has been retracted by the scientific journal that published it. Glyphosate is the active ingredient of the pesticide Roundup and in the study it was absolved of being a carcinogen. The paper went on to become the cornerstone of regulations that deemed the pesticide safe.

In recently retracting the study, though, the journal, Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology, cited “serious ethical concerns” regarding the authors of it and indications (gained from emails later discovered during lawsuits) that they had received compensation for it from the weed-killer’s maker Monsanto before its recent sale to Bayer.

“This is a seismic, long-awaited correction of the scientific record,” said Dr. Philip J. Landrigan, Boston College’s director of the College in Global Public Health. “It pulls the veil off decades of industry efforts to create a false narrative that glyphosate is safe.”

The chemical is widely used in industrial farming and food production, leaving traces in corn, soy, bread, cereal, beans and most snacks. It is so common because it is used both as a herbicide and as a desiccant to dry crops before harvest. Glyphosate is almost universally found in human urine now and many studies of midwestern farmers using it have shown an increase in cancers, as did reports emerging from Colombia after US spraying of glyphosate over thousands of acres of cocoa fields.

In 2015 the World Health Organization classified it as “probably carcinogenic to humans.” The question confronting us now is: Shall our country continue this long-standing corrupt effort (at great human health expense) to deceive the public into using a toxic chemical, or do we speak up and say clearly how dangerous it is?

Many juries are now making awards to victims of cancer caused by glyphosate. As a result Bayer has been lobbying Congress to exempt them from responsibility for such damages.

Last fall Bayer offered an amendment to a Congressional funding bill effectively holding them harmless, but its adoption was defeated by a concerted and well-organized consumer effort. Is the tobacco example actually going to be repeated?

The Supreme Court recently heard a case examining current law regarding this exact question: In what way can government shield a company from responsibility for its products. So the battle is not yet won.

But the Congressional victory and the presence of national health agencies which have flipped the food pyramid and called for us to eat real food instead of the highly processed stuff, gives us all hope. Perhaps we do still have the courage to see corruption and confront it.



In Past Pages

Look Back – Barre Common – 1950s



This photo from 1950s shows an event at Barre Common.

5 years (June 17, 2021)

The Hardwick Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee via Zoom Monday night at 6 p.m. Highway Superintendent Marty Gryszowka said his department has been level funded for years. He said there are three of them making up the entire department and he has been pushing them very hard to get stuff done. Lori Hoffman said the highway department is having difficulty employing anyone with a CDL at their current pay rate. Gryszowka said they are having a hard time getting employees to stay and he hoped to give the two he has an incentive by raising their salaries by \$2,080 (about \$1 more an hour, per year). BOS Chair Kelly Kemp said the non-contracted town employees were not receiving increases due to budget constraints. Finance Committee Chair Cheryl Wolfe asked how much this salary increase would raise the highway department budget. BOS Vice Chair Julie Quink said it is roughly a 4.5 percent increase. Wolfe asked Gryszowka if a 3 percent increase would be enough.

Gryszowka said “anything is better than nothing...an incentive would be great.”

About 40 registered voters along with several guests attended the Annual Oakham Town Meeting Monday night, held in the Oakham Fire Station. Before acting on the 25 article warrant, town moderator Dennis Bergin, asked for a moment of silence for residents and a former Oakham police officer, who had passes away since the last town meeting. He said the town lost Gretchen Nahkala, an EMT and ambulance director; Richard Bechan, a volunteer firefighter, police officer and finance committee member; Wesley Dwelly, highway superintendent, tree warden and historical commissioner and Emmanuel “Manny” Familia, a Worcester Police Officer, who started his police carrier in Oakham.

The North Brookfield School Committee held a meeting on Monday, May 17 via Zoom. The committee reorganized positions as follows: Chair, Maria Tucker; Vice-Chair, Tim Canada; and Secretary, Christie Omasta. School Superintendent Richard Lind recognized for-

mer School Committee member Elisabeth Melad, saying he appreciated all of her efforts on the committee.

10 years (June 16, 2016)

Baltazar Contractors, Inc. will be having All States Asphalt reclaiming Stage 4 of the Barre Common project, which is lower Pleasant Street and West Street, Summer and James Street and South Street. The reclamation will take place Monday and Tuesday and the remaining days the general contractor will be fine grading these areas.

The long wished for Barre public safety building will soon be a reality due in part to a \$3 million grant and a land gift. Officials gathered last Friday morning to officially break ground at the site of the soon to be Stephen M. Brewer Public Safety Building. Construction had already begun with the Barre Department of Public Works doing some of the site preparation and P & P General Contractors already working at the site. Several years ago, then state Sen. Stephen M. Brewer, was instrumen-

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By Ellenor Downer



Indigo bunting

A reader emailed she saw an indigo bunting at her feeder.

The indigo bunting is sometimes called the “blue

canary.”

However, the indigo bunting like all blue colored birds, lack blue pigment. Their color comes instead from microscopic structures in the feathers that refract and reflect blue light, much like the airborne particles that cause the sky to look blue.

Bunting plumage contains the pigment melanin, whose dull brown-black hue is seen

when holding a blue feather up so the light comes from behind it, instead of toward it.

The bunting is sparrow size and about 4.7–5.5 inches long. The adult male Indigo Bunting is dark blue in the spring and summer. Females are brown, usually with fine streaks on the chest and a blue tinge on the tail. A one-year-old male in summer may be blue with a white belly.

Males are often seen singing from a perch in a tall tree. For years, a male indigo bunting sang from a dead limb on a tall tree. Rarely, I spotted the female usually in a brushy area.

They inhabit brushy pastures and bushy wood edges. For nesting, the indigo bunting favors roadsides, old fields growing up to bushes, edges of woodlands and other edge habitats such as

along rights-of-way for power lines or railroads.

The male indigo bunting establishes territory in the spring and defends it with song. A male may have more than one mate at a time living on his territory.

The nest site is usually one to three feet above ground, rarely up to 30 feet or more, in dense shrub or low trees.

The female lays three to four white to bluish-white eggs with brown or purple spot. Females incubate the eggs and feed the young.

Males will help feed young when they are nearly old enough to fly. Young usually leave nest 9-12 days after hatching.

The male sometimes takes over feeding of fledged young while the female begins second nesting attempt as she has two broods per year.

Indigo buntings forage at all levels from the ground up into shrubs and trees. They take insects from leaves, seeds from the ground or stems and berries from shrubs.

They eat mostly seeds and insects. In breeding season, the indigo bunting feeds mainly on insects and spiders and also some seeds and berries.

Young in the nest are fed mostly insects at first. In winter, they eat many seeds and also some insects.

Indigo buntings migrate at night, using the stars for guidance.

The oldest recorded wild indigo bunting was a male and at least 13 years, 3 months old when he was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in Ohio in 2013.

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Polus Center Blind in the Baystate documentary film viewing June 24

BARRE – The Polus Center for Social and Economic Development, Inc. announces a public screening of their new documentary film, “Blind in the Baystate: Stories from Across the Generations,” on Wednesday, June 24 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Mile 61 Eclectic Tavern, 90 Main St., formerly the Barre Mill Restaurant.

The film will be shown after a brief introduction by Josh Pearson, a Polus Center Project Director who grew up in Barre and co-produced the film along with Katie Crocker, followed by question and answer.

Light refreshments will be served and there is a cash bar. Admission is free though donations to help cover film production costs would be welcome.

Blind in the Baystate high-

lights the stories of a diverse group of legally blind people throughout Massachusetts who grew up in different eras, exploring the impact that technology, disability legislation and availability of services have had on people’s success and on public perceptions of blindness and disability.

It was created by blind and low vision employees and interns from the Polus Center along with Director/Editor Victoria Leger. The film is intended for all audiences: people who are currently sighted, people losing their vision or supporting family members who are and for people who are blind or visually impaired themselves.

It is narrated by audio description to be accessible for

all and to highlight one tool that blind people use to navigate a sight dominated world. This project was made possible with funding from Mass Humanities, which receives support from the Mass Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public viewing is supported in part by a grant from the Barre Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

RSVPs are requested by not required by emailing Polus Center Executive Director Theresa Kane, tkane@polus-center.org, or texting/calling 978-270-2457. For more information about the Polus Center or to make a donation, people may visit www.poluscenter.org.

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Weather has been fairly nice this week and rain is predicted on Sunday.

We really do need it. The weigela bush is in full bloom next to the rhododendron and dogwood.

It is quite colorful with the fiddlehead ferns in the front. The planters are growing each day but have to water them twice a day.

My daughter got the car inspected so that is good. It is nine years old, but it has very little mileage as I don’t drive much anymore.

The handyman was a big help and got our groceries for us this week. I guess I

will have to look into having them and prescriptions delivered.

I did order from Walmart some new bathroom rugs for both of the bathrooms. We have a freezer in the cellar that we brought to this house in 1988 and must be at least 40 years old.

When I get my meat, I divide it into daily sections just for the two of us. One package goes to the freezer in the cellar and one in the freezer above the refrigerator.

This week I plan to make stuffed green peppers with the hamburger, chicken thighs

with a variety of vegetables in the oven and covered with cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup.

Pizza and kielbasa will be on the menu also.

I have been picking over items and made two big boxes to donate to the senior yard sale, which will be held June 25, 26 and 27. It is always a wonderful sale and hopefully I can get there this year.

I was sorry not to be able to attend the Hubbardston Fair at Curtis Field.

Have a good week and enjoy the nice weather.

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Other birds

Besides seeing an indigo bunting, the reader also has several Baltimore orioles, rose breasted grosbeaks and goldfinches.

She stated, “Around the corner at the Brook Road pond in West Warren, there was a lone swan. There was a lone swan there for a couple

years about six years ago and it made me wonder if it was the same one.”

Pileated woodpecker

I received another email on June 6 from a Belchertown resident.

She stated, “My husband and I witnessed a beautiful pileated woodpecker mating ritual in our backyard this morning.... They jumped around the tree on opposite

sides going around several times before then jumping to other trees moving farther back into the woods during the process.”

She stated, “After looking them up, I realized that I have heard their calls and rapid pecking sounds in my backyard for the past two years, but never saw them until now. What a joy to watch and video. They are beautiful birds.”

She also stated her home has semi dense woods immediately behind that is a haven for several bird species, robins, yellow finch, bluebirds and blue jays. The property also borders some wetlands that attract a variety of species from time to time, including hawks, owls and ducks.

Mute swans

My brother, who lives in

Sutton, has a pond bordering his property. For several years, a pair of mute swans have raised their family on the pond. They are back this year.

Bluebirds

I often see a pair of bluebirds in my yard. After seeing them, I put out dried mealworms for them. I don’t feed the birds in summer because of the black

bears. Hopefully, bears are not interested in a few mealworms and the birds will eat the mealworms before the bear.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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tal in acquiring a \$3 million grant to build a public safety building for his hometown. In order to stay within budget, a goal that the board of selectmen set, the project got downsized to include just the police department and ambulance squad. The building was designed so that at a later date, an addition for the fire department could be added.

At the Hubbardston annual town election, voters gave approval for a \$250,000 one-year debt exclusion to purchase a new ambulance (349 yes, 315 no). They said no to a \$280,158 proposition 2 1/2 override for the Quabbin school budget (221 yes, 442 no). Six hundred sixty six of the 3,265 registered voters or 20% cast ballots in the annual town election Tuesday, June 14. All results are unofficial at this time. In addition to the two override questions, there

were two contests on the ballot. Richard J. Haddad won a one-year term to the board of selectmen with 309 votes. His challenger, Randy J. Mizereck received 224 votes. Scott Joseph LeBlanc won a one-year term to the planning board in the other contested position. LeBlanc received 284 votes and Kendall B. Daly got 175.

25 years (June 14, 2001)

Two hundred Barre voters attended the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 11 at Ruggles Lane School. The moderator, Paul Cranston, delayed the meeting to allow all people to check in with the registrars. Voters acted on the school portion of the budget first to allow Superintendent Maureen Marshall to also attend the Hubbardston Town Meeting. The only question asked the superintendent was by a Finance Committee member on how the educa-

tional facility building would be funded. Funding would come from the reserve fund and from borrowing the remainder. The \$3,129,452 school budget passed.

In a meeting virtually without discussion, just over 100 voters speedily dispatched the 47 article Annual Town Meeting warrant, preceded by a three article Special Town Meeting. In less than two hours, they approved a total budget of \$2,297,639, divided into \$1,847,124 for the general budget and \$450,506 for special articles. The new figure is 18% over the current year, but escapes proposition 2 ½ because \$93,000 is debt service toward the Mahar Regional School and therefore exempt.

The tents, bleachers and chairs were up several days before the Saturday June 9 graduation. This year the tents protected the crowd

from the sun not raindrops. It was a perfect day for a graduation as family, friends, faculty and Quabbin students attend the graduation at Quabbin Regional High School. Led by the NJROTC Color Guard, the class marshals, school officials, State Sen. Stephen Brewer, State Rep. David Bunker and elementary school principals; the class of 2001 walked from the high school for the final time.

38 years (June 18, 1988)

At the June 15 meeting Barre Police Chief James Thompson presented to Selectmen a plan for parking and safer driving on Exchange Street. Thompson said he has been observing the area for a few weeks and the plan will temporarily remedy some existing safety issues. As Exchange Street is now, traffic passes through an area with undefined lines. The new plan includes painting

liens to clarify lanes and creating parking spaces perpendicular to the common. These minor changes should help to create a distinction between the street and a parking lot. The parking in front of Town Hall and Uptown Video will remain as it is.

The weather could not have been more dismal nor spirits brighter, as Quabbin Regional High School bade farewell to its latest proud achievement – the 140 members of the Class of 1998. Marching in hesitation step with their alma mater, the graduates marked the conclusion of their high school careers just as their educational home reaches the end of a long and successful building and renovation program. The Class of 1998 has secured its place in history, being the 31st to leave Quabbin proper and the first to graduate from the rejuvenated campus.

Sarah Bottomley, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Bottomley of Hardwick, recently earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. She was among 10 Senior Girl Scouts from the Massachusetts Girl Scout Council honored at a Gold Award ceremony at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Sarah belongs to Troop 102. Besides earning required badges, she performed community service, demonstrated leadership skills and completed a service project. Sarah’s service project was the development of a book exchange program at the Hardwick Recycling Center. She set up shelving, donated by Hardwick Farmer’s Co-op in a corner of the recycling center to receive donated books. Then she organized the books into sections of children’s, non-fiction, reference and adult novels.

REVIEW FROM PAGE 1

Select Board Chair Sheila Dibb said there were a lot of risks involved, including one a member of the Finance Committee brought up that employees would get their full benefits come July 1. A Finance Committee member also said the town should have been funded for three months if they were going to have an election in September.

Dibb said they did not have enough money to do that, and there was a possibility of a Sept. 1 election coinciding with the state primary, or attempting to hold one in August. She said the cost of the election would be nearly \$6,000.

Dibb also said there was correspondence from town employees saying they did not want that option to pass.

Resident Louis Cornacchioli said the town needs an override, but the town has to plan for them better, and get more voters to the polls.

“Either shut the town down or we get together and present a reasonable override,” he said.

After the discussion, the article was not placed on the warrant.

Other articles

There will be three articles on the warrant, including the raising and appropriating of \$524,161 to pay for the discretionary assessment from the Wachusett Regional School District, a citizen’s petition calling for an override, and an additional alcohol

license.

Finance Committee Chair Darren Ross said the committee “can’t take lightly” the fact that the town is about to lose multiple positions due to the failed override, but the schools are not losing 25% of their employees.

Dibb said the Wachusett budget failed because both Rutland and Paxton did not approve it, and the Wachusett School Committee brought forward a new budget reduced by about \$135,000.

Wachusett Superintendent James Reilly said this was the lowest budget in the past 10 years excluding the COVID year, and the school used \$2.6 million in revenue to reduce individual town’s assessments. Reilly also said there are only 28 districts in the state that spend less money per student, and Wachusett spends \$3,400 less than the state average per student.

He also said 12 positions were eliminated, but only two of those were people with active positions. Reilly said the discretionary assessment went up 0.4% over last year.

Linda Woodland, the chair of the Wachusett School Committee said they used a needs based budget, to determine whether certain positions or classrooms are actually needed.

The citizens petition article was placed because it received the required signatures. Town Administrator Heather Butler said it is not binding. The article is proposing a \$1.125 million dollar override for public safety.

The other article will petition the general court

for one additional off premises alcohol license for the Rutland Marketplace at 26 Pommogusset Road.

Tax relief programs

The Board of Assessors talked about a tax exemption program, with member Robin Tirani saying they have 121 exemptions, and are looking to increase that number. She said they are looking to increase the senior work off program to 15 seats from 10, and looking to get more veterans to apply because there are ten seats but only two applications.

The board also said they are looking to increase the amount given to veterans from \$750 to \$2,000, which would come from the overlay account. Tirani said the overlay account is a buffer for abatements or unexpected adjustments, which has averaged \$90,000 over the last five years.

Tirani said any local exemption does not get reimbursed, and has to be voted for at a town meeting. She said veterans exemption (i) increases 2.7% with the cost of living increase, exemption 22s get \$400 of their tax bill, which would increase by ten dollars with the COLA increase.

She said exemption 22e gets \$1,000 off, which would increase to \$1,029 with COLA. Tirani said exemption 22j can qualify for up to 100% exemption.

Tirani also said there are exemptions for affordable housing for people who rent their property, and senior means exemptions. Tirani said the exemptions have to

be made up by other taxpayers in town.

Fourth of July

The board acknowledged the offer from Sherriff Lew Evangelidis to provide services for the town’s independence day celebrations, but 4th of July Committee member Karen Greenwood said the parade has already been canceled, and there is no time to reorganize it.

Greenwood also said she was disheartened by the comments on social media toward the committee and town employees.

As for the donations, Dibb said when donations are made for a certain cause, they are not refundable because the money is not traceable, and any money donated stays in the account for its intended cause.

Town Administrator’s report

Butler said as of July 1, the town hall will only be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays. She said the senior center will be open

Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with a half day on Friday.

Butler also said the senior center director’s hours have been reduced to 32 hours, and has lost her outreach. She said meeting postings would not be affected as much, because they can be posted remotely.

Butler said the town applied for three grants as part of the One Stop for Community Growth grant for things like housing, a zoning bylaw and road reconstruction.



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Church News

Local pastor offer sermon

Second Sunday after Pentecost

“The Journey to Believe in God.”

Scripture Readings:
Matthew 9:9-13 & 18 – 26
and Romans 4 v 13 -22

I. Introduction
We all have our journeys with God.
We all have stories to tell—stories of hopes, and dreams, and of prayers we believe God has answered in ways that changed our lives for the better.

We also carry stories of disappointment, pain, and suffering, along with the feeling that if we tried harder, read the Bible more, and followed its teachings more faithfully, things might be different.

Yet when we release those stories and feelings, return to God, and rest in God’s grace, mercy, and acceptance, something begins to change. God’s grace quiets our uncertainties and brings about unexpected transformation in our lives.

II. The Journey to Believe in God

In both scripture readings, those who encountered Jesus and hoped for a changed life were on a journey of faith in Him and in God. They believed, but they were also found and healed both physically and spiritually by the Son of God.

After Jesus called Matthew to follow Him, He joined Matthew and many other tax collectors at Matthew’s house for a meal. He shared fellowship with them, even though they were seen as sinners—men who served the unpopular ruler Herod Antipas, collected more taxes than necessary, and were despised by the Jewish people.

When the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with

tax collectors, He used a proverb to show that His ministry is for those who are sick, not those who are well. His mission is to extend mercy rather than enforce a law that demands sacrifice and punishment for failure.

We see Matthew, a man who believed in Jesus and in what He stood for—compassion and mercy—and followed Him. He received forgiveness and salvation from Him, and He transformed His life and Matthew became His disciple.

We see a man whose daughter had died, yet he knelt before Jesus in faith, believing that if Jesus came to his home and laid His hand on her, she would live. Though touching the dead would make him ceremonially unclean, he still came to Jesus and pleaded for his daughter’s life. Jesus answered his plea, and she lived.

We see a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years and was likely considered ritually unclean. Because of this, she was also socially isolated. She believed this Man would not reject her. He seemed to rise above judgment and to welcome those who suffered and were rejected by society.

So, she trusted in His mercy and believed He would not hold the law against her. So, if she could just touch His garment, she would be healed.

She believed in that and she believed in Him. Jesus saw her faith and healed her. In these physical healings, Jesus also restored their emotional and spiritual lives. Their stories show a journey toward faith in Christ. They had to overcome personal struggles and social barriers, trusting that He would show them mercy.

And He did—He not only healed them but made them

whole.

In the Letter to the Romans, Paul explained to the church in Rome the concept of God’s grace through Jesus Christ.

They must understand that in the same way Abraham was declared righteous through his faith, not by works or following the law, all human beings are now living under that dispensation of God’s grace, and forgiveness of sin through the death and resurrection of Christ.

He reassures them that if they believe, they will receive their salvation, and they will be free from sin that has a hold on them. They must let go of the hard work, and journey back to God whose grace is sufficient for them.

III. Conclusion

Our journeys toward God must always involve faith in God for our lives. God reaches for us and responds to our prayers and our longing for healing. God wants us to know that hard work has its place, but when we stand in God’s presence, we must surrender our feelings of inadequacy, our suffering, the barriers to healing and transformation and the fears we carry within us.

Then we can let God do the deeper work of healing our lives, even when others have given up on us. God wants us to know that no barrier will remain between God and us, when we say we believe Lord.

May God helps us all to believe like Matthew and the Tax collectors, the ruler who came to let Jesus heal his daughter, and the bleeding woman who came at all odds, believing that Jesus will heal her.

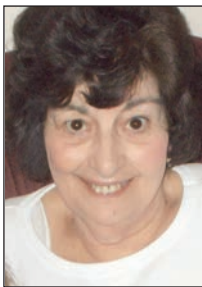
May God help us to believe and trust in the mysterious and wondrous work of God in our lives.

Amen.

Camille Rose Patterson, 83

Camille Rose Patterson, 83, of Barre, MA, passed away peacefully at Holden Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center on May 10, 2026, after a longer illness. She is predeceased by her son, Patrick Patterson (1970 – 2007), and is survived by her husband, Frank Owen Patterson, 81, of Barre, her daughter, Darlene (Patterson) Dobisch of Wohltorf, Germany, and her two grandchildren, Myria and Leander.

Camille was born in Barre, MA to Marion (Staiti) and Raymond McMahon, and lived in Wheelwright and Gilbertville, before settling back in her hometown of Barre in 2001. Sheworked for a few years as a hair-



dresser before turning her full attention to her raising her children. She went back to work as a cleaner at Quabbin Regional High School when they were older, and stayed there until her retirement in 2007. She enjoyed crotcheting, her dogs, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

No funeral services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Barre Emergency and Rescue Squad in her name would be appreciated. Contact Information: Barre Fire and Rescue: Station 1 Headquarters, 61 School St. North, P.O. Box 430, Barre, MA 01005. Phone (978) 355-5030. Email: Barrefire@townofbarre.com.

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Leo F. Tamkus, Sr., 97

WHEELWRIGHT—Leo F. Tamkus Sr. - passed away on May 30, 2026, at the age of 97.

Born in Hardwick, on Nov. 4, 1928, he was the son of Anthony and Benedicta (Liakus) Tamkus. Raised in Hardwick and Barre, he was a graduate of Barre High School.

Upon graduation, he took over his father’s dairy farm until 1964. Always an avid car buff, he opened L & S Auto, repairing and selling used cars. He also enjoyed playing golf, bocce ball and traveling.

He is survived by his son, Leo F. Jr. and his wife Cindy; his daughter Joy and his son Edward, all of Wheelwright. He is also sur-



vived by his longtime companion, Bette Hahns of Hardwick; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley (Tamkus), of 61 years, and by two sisters, Bernice Klem and Aldona Hay.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. For an online tribute please visit: WWW.Pillsburyfuneralhome.com.

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health, capital projects and preparing for debt and human resources. Select Board member Harry Sechman said another goal could be to create a roundtable of town officials in the regional school district to do activism at the state level.

MMA program

Butler said she will be completing a course provided by Suffolk University for a Massachusetts Municipal Association certificate program, which will be finished next year, which goes over aspects of the job of a town administrator. Dibb said the cost of this is \$2,850 for tuition, and the town has \$11,000 left in the town administrator search committee fund.

Butler said she would reimburse the town if she voluntarily leaves the position before the end of the contract.

Liquor license

The board received a request for a one day liquor license at the town common on June 19 for a concert on the common. The request was submitted by the Rutland

Sportsmen’s Club.

Sechman said the club asked about a group discount for these concerts since they will offer their venue in the case of a rain-out. The board voted to prepare all of the licenses, but vote them separately at their regular meetings to reimburse the \$60 cost if the event is rained out.

Town communications

The board went over a social media policy, including whether comments should be permitted on posts or not, as Butler said they have been difficult to manage recently, but if they do not allow comments on one post, it must apply to all posts.

Dibb also said the town could form a communications advisory committee, and the town referenced a charge that already exists in Belchertown.

Gift acceptance

The board accepted a solar light for a town owned flag pole donated by resident Lou Cornacchioli.

Public comment

Cornacchioli said the meeting of June 1 with

the Finance Committee, Select Board and Board of Assessor’s went well, and everybody was civil. He said he was “taken aback” by a member of the Finance Committee making a comment about the former chair of the Select Board, and nobody from the board responded to it.

Dibb said she would reach out and give an apology.

Cornacchioli also said the Finance Committee is spreading negativity in regards to the school, and “now is not the time to be banging away on one another.”

Resident Mike Dvareckas also said it is time to come together, and the state funding for schools is “pitiful.” He said people understood the consequences of voting no on the override, but could not afford it.

“Differences can lead to solutions if we work together,” Dvareckas said.

Dibb also used public comment to congratulate recent graduates and to congratulate the first farmer’s market on the common.

Town Administrator’s report

Butler said the town is

holding collective bargaining meetings with employees set to be laid off or have reduced hours effective July 1.

She also said the plumbing and electrical inspectors both submitted resignations. She said the town planner position has been partially funded at 12 hours a week, and the description will be posted.

Butler said the library trustees filled a position for assistant library director at 19 hours a week.

Butler said the town has submitted grant applications for housing production, a zoning bylaw and an Americans with Disability Act update. She said they are accepting applications for an ADA commission.

Butler said the town is closing out the books on FY 26, and there will be a couple year-end transfers at the next regular meeting.

Butler said Finn Park is requesting a proclamation

and the Select Board to attend their June 28 100th anniversary event to present it.

She said there are new library hours effective July 1. The library will be closed on Mondays, open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesdays, noon-8 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. She also said the trustees decided to not allow meetings to be held in the building after hours, except for the Select Board’s Monday meetings.

Correspondence

The board received correspondence from resident Michael Pantos to send a letter to the state in support of the audit of the legislature.

The board will meet next June 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Glenwood Elementary School before the special town meeting.



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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

‘MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM’ by William Shakespeare takes place at Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., Barre tonight; Saturday, June 13; Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 at 7:30 and Sunday, June 14 and June 21 at 2 p.m. People may visit barreplayers.ludus.com/index.php or call 978-257-8393 for tickets. This is part of the theater’s 100th anniversary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

GRASSLAND BIRD MONITORING will take place today at 7:30 a.m. at Wendemuth Meadow, 25 Bates St., North Brookfield. Participants should bring their own binoculars or borrow a pair from East Quabbin Land Trust. This will help document, which species are on the land this summer. People may email chenshaw@eqlt.org if they are coming or for more information.

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL hosted by the New Braintree Congregational Church takes place today at 5:30 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree. This family-style meal includes baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and beverages followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$12 for children ages 5 to 10 and free for children 4 and under. There will be one sitting. People should make their reservations by calling 508-410-7424 or 413-477-6653.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

RUTLAND LIBRARY 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the building happens today from 1-4 p.m. at the library building located at 280 Main St., Rutland. The public is invited and numerous activities are planned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

FREE SUMMER HERBALISM WORKSHOPS by Tip Top Co-op will take place today and Thursday, July 16, both at 7 p.m. conducted by Dina LeDuke in her barn located at 7 Sherman St., Brookfield. The workshops are funded by a grant from Quaboag Hills Community Health Improvement plan. Please register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL-Sev3cUX2uiyXs4zWI8ZoJ6R7LwCkp-JzW-ThFclWcU-JUn6Lg/viewform> prior to June 13 by 7 p.m. Seating is limited.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

ORANGE COMMUNITY BAND opens its concert season tonight at 7 p.m. on the bandstand in Butterfield Park in Orange. The band rehearses Wednesday evenings now through July 29 at the Congregational Church in Orange. The June 19 concert will be “Just an Old Fashioned Band Concert” and will feature band favorites and some new music from Broadway, Disney, and classic repertoire.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

SOLSTICE SING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE takes place today at 7 p.m. in The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, UCC, 36 N. Main St. W. Brookfield. A social hour takes place from 6-7 p.m. Solstice Sing for Peace and Justice - Songs to Cultivate Community, Compassion, and Commitment features local singing group, A Chorus for These Times, directed by Nym Cook with instrumentalists and guest artist Leslie Sweetnam. All are welcome. Snacks will be served. There is no admission charge. but donations will be accepted to

Where is this?



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This week’s mystery photo is from Rutland. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, June 15. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of Connor Pond in Petersham.

support Abby’s House, Worcester’s For more information, people may call the church at 508-867-7078, email Karen Murphy at kmurphy718@charter.net or Nym Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com.

FINNISH AMERICAN COMEDIAN MISKA KAJANUS will perform today at 6 p.m. This family fun evening will have food available from 4-6 p.m. before his performance. Following the performance, there will be a dance. Kajanus is recognized as the 2024 Performer of the Year by the Finlandia Foundation National. Admission is \$5 per person: for advanced ticket sales, people should call 508-365-4062.

FILL A TRUCK WITH FOOD to benefit The Westborough Food Pantry takes place today from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Roche Bros. at Bay State Commons, located at 1100 Union St., Westborough. Mark’s Moving and Storage, also based in Westborough, organizer and sponsor of the event, are also donating and providing a tractor trailer truck for the event. The public is encouraged to bring donations or purchase extra items at Roche Bros. The food drive wish list includes: brownie mix, cake mix and frosting, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, pancake mix, pancake syrup, jams and jelly, salad dressing, dry beans (all kinds), tomato paste, Ramen, Rice a Roni, Dinty Moore beef stew, Hamburg Helper and cookies.

UNIVERSITY OF WILD offers a range of programs starting today with the Earth Writers Retreat where local authors and readers come to share their work. On Saturday, July 18 there will be an introduction to Ancient Living Skills for building Earth-based shelter and forging food. On the weekend of Aug. 21 through Aug. 23 there be an Earthlands/University of the Wild Reunion focused on stories of former participants, followed by the annual Earth Alive Retreat where a range of populations come

together to share stories, learn new skills of living with the land, and offering activism for the well-being of the Earth and all life. On Saturday, Sept. 19, there will be a co-sponsored program with the Petersham Historical Society for a day at Walden Pond and the Fruitlands Community as part of the initiative to learn more of the Transcendental Movement, which has a foundation of living lightly on the Earth.

ANNUAL PIE AND BAKE SALE sponsored by the Hubbardston Historical Society takes place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel 4 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. People should arrive early for best selections.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND opens its concert season tonight at 6 p.m. at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre. Concerts on June 28 and July 5 will also be held at Nornay Park. The remainder of the concerts will be held on Barre Common in the center of Town.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets today at 7 p.m. in Hope Lodge, 42 Central St., Gardner. The topic is “Unearthing 1776 A Deep Dive into the Lives of Revolutionary Era Ancestors.” Sara Campbell will be the speaker. People may join on zoom by visiting CMGSO.ORG and adding their name to the list.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

‘BLIND IN THE BAYSTATE’ a documentary film sponsored by the Polis Center for Social and Economic Development Inc. will be shown today beginning at 6 p.m. at the Mile 61 Electric Tavern, 90 Main St., South Barre, formerly the Barre Mill

Restaurant. The film will be shown after a brief introduction by Josh Pearson, a Polus Center Project Director ,who grew up in Barre and co-produced the film along with Katie Crocker, followed by question and answer. Light refreshments will be served and there is a cash bar. Admission is free though donations to help cover film production costs would be welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

KIDS FEST to kick off summer takes place at the Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., Oakham from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a bounce house, do it yourself tie-dye, bubbles by Malay, petting Pea by Family Education Center, performances and demo by WildKat Hoops, face painting, snacks and beverages. This event is free and open to all.

HILLS OF EAST QUABBIN RIDE takes place today. Bicyclist have a choice of a short loop, 24.2 miles or a long loop, 47.5 miles. Both start and finish at Farmer Matt’s, 860 west Brookfield Road, New Braintree. People may visit BikeReg.com/hills-of-east-quabbin-ride to register or for more information.

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY takes place today from 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, June 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, June 28 on West Brookfield Town Common, Rte. 9, West Brookfield. The public is invited. Field Day is the largest on air amateur radio exercise in the United States, bringing together tens of thousands of licensed operators to demonstrate the reliability, resilience, and public service value of amateur radio.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

LEMONADE SOCIAL AND OPEN HOUSE hosted by he Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., Rutland takes place today from 1-3 p.m. People may browse through the museum and discover the rich cultural history of Rutland’s Finnish American residents and Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja, celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Memorabilia commemorating this milestone will be on display.

SUNDAY JULY 5

U.S. AIR FORCE HERITAGE CONCERT BAND performs today at 2:30 p.m. as New Braintree kicks off their 275th and the country’s 250th anniversary celebrations. This is a free, family-friendly event for all ages to enjoy. Attendees are invited to bring their lawn chairs or blankets to the green, lying between the New Braintree Historical Society/Post Office at 10 Utley Road and Town Hall at 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree People may visit the town website at <https://www.newbraintreema.us> for more information. All are welcome.

Calendar Policy

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HARDWICK POLICE FROM PAGE 6

Street, Services Rendered
10:40 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered
9:58 p.m. 911 Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Ridge Road, Officer Handled
11:22 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Ridge Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, June 4
8:29 a.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Services Rendered

11:10 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
1 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Street, Officer Handled
2:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Street, Officer Handled
9:43 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
9:56 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Unfounded
11:56 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

Friday, June 5
2:05 a.m. 911 Complaint, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
2:59 a.m. 911 Complaint, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
6:08 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Officer Handled
3:24 p.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Goddard Road, Transported to Hospital
7:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Services Rendered
9:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
9:09 p.m. 911 Complaint, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered
9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
9:50 p.m. Complaint, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered
9:59 p.m. Threat, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
10:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Officer Handled

Saturday, June 6
12:21 p.m. Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Patient Refusal
4:35 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, June 7
1:01 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Prospect Street, Peace Restored
3:43 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled
11:26 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Negative Contact

Monday, June 8
1:51 a.m. Complaint, Bridge Street, Negative Contact

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SPORTS

Unified track holds final home meet

BARRE – On May 28, the Quabbin Regional High School Unified Track team held their final home meet of the season, concluding another excellent season for the program. The unified program will be back this fall with basketball.



Sam Breault turns into her throw of the shot put.



Ella Reeves soars through the air in the long jump.



Janelle Hutchinson hurls the javelin.



John-Paul McDuffie launches himself in the long jump.



Honour Michael smiles as he nears the finish line in the 100-meter race.



Zachary Thompson, center, dashes for the finish line as the crowd cheers the racers.



Hemily Halaby gains speed in the 100-meter race.



Arianna Fargnoli runs the 800-meter race.



Kenneth Abram heaves the shot put

Newest Hall of Fame class announced

BARRE – Four athletes, two coaches, an outstanding contributor and a pair of championship teams will be honored at the eleventh induction ceremony of the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame to be held on Nov. 7 at Teresa’s Restaurant in Ware.

Dating back to the first induction held in 2006, this will bring the total number of honorees to 82.

The individual inductees include Louis Panaccione (’75), Eugene Rich (’95), Matthew Brunelle (2008), and Steffany Halfrey (’15), coaches Cheryl Adams (golf) and Debra Spinelli (field hockey, basketball), and athletic director/contributor Ted Gumula. In addition, the 1979 District champion field hockey team and the 1998-99 District champion and State Finalist boys basketball team will also be honored.

Here is a profile of the first four inductees:

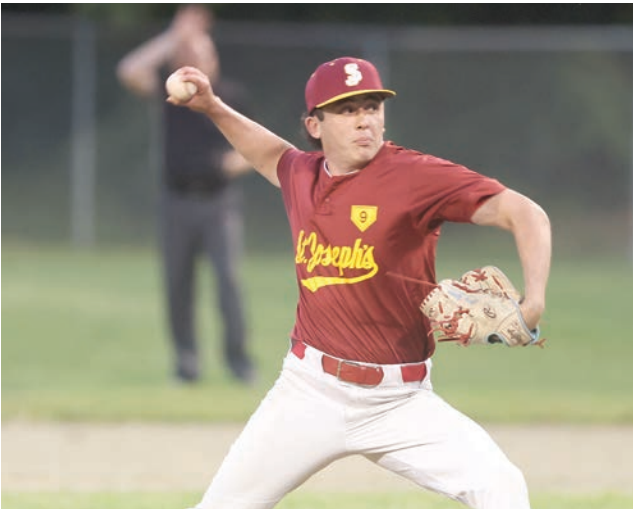
Louis Panaccione (Class of 1975)

Louis Panaccione was one of the most outstanding cross country runners in the early history of Quabbin Regional High School. Often finishing one-two in most races behind teammate Dino Lamacchia, he showed vast improvement as a junior placing ahead of his teammate in several races. That year, he captured the Wachusett Invitational and helped the team to a first-place finish.

In the fall of 1974, Louie

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Tri-County Baseball season opens up



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Trey Yesu pitches for St. Joe’s.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE – PeoplesBank has captured the Tri-County League championship title the past twelve years.

Teddy Bear Pools and Spas and the St. Joseph’s Saints are two of the TCL teams looking to end the PeoplesBank dynasty this summer.

The first meeting of the regular season between the two squads was an old fashion slugfest.

Teddy Bear Pools pounded out 17 base hits leading

to a 12-6 victory over the Saints at St. Joe’s Park, last Friday night.

“It’s always a lot of fun whenever we play against St. Joe’s, especially at this field,” said Teddy Bear Pools player/coach Ryan Magni. “We had trouble scoring runs last year, but we did the job offensively, which made the difference in tonight’s game.”

The road win improved Teddy Bear Pools record to 2-0.

Before moving to Teddy

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Matt Drobiak delivers a pitch home.

Busy schedule continues for Mutiny

LUDLOW – The New England Mutiny continues double duty, playing in both the UWS and USL-W leagues. Last week, they were in action

for two games, facing both the Maine Mystics in a UWS game, then followed that with a USL-W game against rival AC Connecticut. Neither

final score was reported. The Mutiny were in action earlier this week against Hudson Valley and next face the Maine Footy on Saturday, June 13.



Jenna Kalwa settles the ball.



Laci Lewis turns play around.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Caleigh Foley sends a quick pass away.



Rachel Marchini winds up for a free kick.



Kayleigh Lukasik rears back for a touch.

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made the Quabbin cross country course his own breaking Lamacchia's course record. In addition, he achieved a rare triple crown as a senior, winning the Wachusett Invitational, the Lunenburg Invitational and the District III cross country meet. He went on to place fifth in the state and was named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic cross country team, selected by the Mass. High School cross country coaches. During his senior year he was also Central Mass. District track champion in the 2 Mile.

Eugene Rich (Class of 1995)

An exceptional four-sport high school athlete, he served as captain of the soccer, basketball and track and field teams, and also played baseball for one season. He was selected the Most Valuable Player for the basketball and track teams his senior year. He was also selected a Mid-Wach All-Star in both track and basketball. As an outstanding player on the court, he helped Quabbin capture the school's first district basketball championship in 1995.

Following his high school career, he returned to Quabbin where he

coached both the boys' and girls' basketball teams. He later moved on to Ware High School where he was the varsity basketball coach there for many years winning over 100 games.

Matthew Brunelle (Class of 2008)

Brunelle distinguished himself as one of the top long-distance runners at Quabbin, a consistent winner on the cross country course, as well as a top-notch miler and two-miler on the indoor and outdoor track teams. He was captain of the cross country teams of 2006 and 2007, where he was also the team's Most Valuable Player each season, competing in the All-State meets. He set the course records at Quabbin, Quaboag and Marlboro. With the indoor track teams he was Mid-Wach All Star in 2007 and 2008 and MVP in 2007. He was a member of the outdoor track team all four years of high school, serving as captain in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He was a consistent winner in the mile, two-mile and 800 meters, where he was a Mid-Wach All Star in 2007 and 2008.

After competing four years at Fairfield University, where he received an athletic scholarship to run, he returned to Quabbin and served as

Middle School girls' cross country coach, as well as assistant boys spring track coach for several years.

Steffany Halfrey (Class of 2015)

One of only two female runners in Quabbin history to run in the All-State cross country meet all four years of high school, she was also a Telegram and Gazette All-Star all four years. In cross country, she was named the team's MVP and a Mid-Wach League All-Star all four years and once held the Quabbin course record. Her success continued on the indoor track team where she was team MVP for two years and competed in the mile, two-mile and shot put.

She continued to pick up the hardware on the spring track team where she was again named MVP all four years in high school, competing in the mile, shot put, javelin and the 4x800 relay team. In all, she was a 10-time team MVP while competing in the league, district and state meets every season. She was also a member of the varsity basketball team for two years before switching to indoor track.

Ticket information will be announced at a future time.

The final three inductees will be profiled in the next edition.

TRI-COUNTY
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Bear Pools, Magni played eight seasons for St. Joe's. His brother, Brandon, is listed on the Saints roster, but he didn't play in last Friday's game.

"I played eight seasons for St. Joe's," Magni said. "I'm still friends with a lot of their players."

One of those players is St. Joe's player/coach Brian Hayes.

"Ryan and I are good friends," Hayes said. "We talked on the phone for an hour earlier today. I also have a batting cage at my house that he uses."

St. Joesph's entered the home game with a 3-0 record.

The winning pitcher was Matt Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School. The righthander allowed four runs on six hits during the first four innings. He walked one and struck out one.

"In the Tri-County League, a starter only needs to go four innings to be the winning pitcher," said Magni, who pitched the final three innings to earn the save. "Matt pitched very well in tonight's game. I also coached him at Holyoke Community College the past two years."

Magni, who began last

Friday's game at second base and had two base hits, took over as the baseball coach at HCC in 2022. He isn't going to return to that position next spring.

Drobiak had a 3-0 lead to protect before throwing his first pitch in the bottom of the first inning.

Teddy Bear's first three runs against righty Jack Feltovic scored on RBI singles by catcher Willie Landman (3-for-5), third baseman Ramon Jimenez (3-for-4), and centerfielder Xavion Maldonado, who also finished the game with three base hits.

Feltovic worked the first three innings. He was replaced on the mound by Trey Yesu, who was the ace of the Bridgewater State University pitching staff during the past couple of years. Yesu graduated from Monson High School.

The home team responded in the bottom half of the opening frame with a double by centerfielder Pat Fitzgibbons (2-for-4), which scored shortstop Devin Slattery, who leadoff with a single to left.

Slattery, who graduated from Ware High School, was named as the Tri-County League MVP last year. He led his team with three base hits against Teddy Bear Pools.

The visiting team put two more runs on the right field scoreboard with two outs in the second inning.

Shortstop Ray Toth, who graduated from Granby High School, doubled home the first run. He scored when Jimenez blasted a triple to right field.

Teddy Bear Pools, who are playing their home games at South Hadley High School, scored another run in the third giving them a 6-1 lead.

St. Joe's, who had nine base hits, answered back with an RBI single from Fitzgibbons and a sacrifice fly by first baseman Bobby Triggillo.

Both teams scored a run in the fourth inning.

Then Teddy Bear Pools pretty much put the game out of reach by scoring five more runs in the fifth inning.

Toth, who's currently a member of the Wheaton College baseball team, contributed with a two-run single. After loading the bases, right fielder Bailey Griggs cleared them with a triple to right.

Trailing, 12-4, St. Joe's could only score single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

St. Joe's will be looking to even the season series when they host Teddy Bear Pools for the second time on June 19.

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Aaron Bodine and Emily Black smiled after the graduation exercises ended.



Luis Pagan was one of the student speakers.



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Valedictorian Elizabeth Matheson received her diploma.



Alexis Holden and Aidan Mahoney walked together during the processional.



Madeleine Hardy waved to her family and friends.



Garrett Erickson, Elizabeth Lambert and Julianna Lindsten performed during Superintendent Colleen Mucha's speech.



Aiden Fuller performed with the Symphonic Winds.



Salutatorian Tricia Bruso received her diploma.



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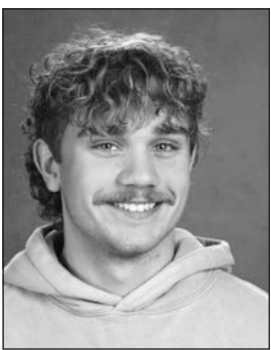
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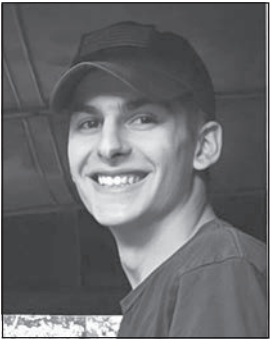
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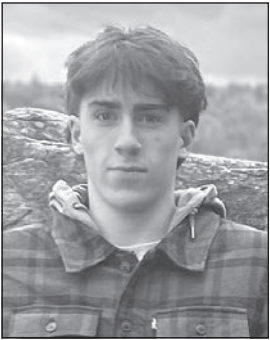
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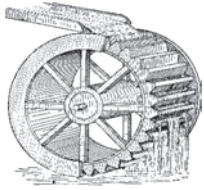


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Class of 2026 announce future plans

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2026, 800 South St., announce their future plans.he 103 graduates, 45 will attend a four year college or university and 27 at two year community college. Four will enter the military with two in the U.S. Air Force, one in the U.S. Navy and one in the Army National Guard.	ter the work force and eight plan a gap year. Here is a list of the graduates ant their future plans.
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audience in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Finnegan Leander, Senior Class President, gave the welcome from the Class of 2026. He said, “Uniqueness makes society successful.”

He also urged people to “step away from their clusters and seek out others not in their group.”

Quabbin Regional High School Principal Abigail Rigney greeted the audience and acted as emcee.

She said “growing up in a small town can be challenging.”

She said those small town connections represent roots. She said not everyone will stay near to their hometown.

However, “wherever they stay, they should put down roots and wherever your journey takes you remember your roots.”

The first student speaker was Elizabeth Matheson, Valedictorian. She said she was referred to as a Nerd, in a positive way.

She said she believed being a Nerd was being passionate about something. She told about her journey to become an Eagle Scout and the hours she spent to achieve that honor.

The next speaker was Tricia Bruso, Salutatorian. She talked about “resilience” and how it helped her achieve.

Graduating seniors joined the Symphonic Winds to perform “Havana Nights” by

Randall Standridge.

The next student speaker, Luis Pagan, took to the podium. He talked about how their high school journey began in a pandemic. Despite the chaos, they still learned a lot.

Following his speech, Julianna Lindsten sang “Amor Eterno” by Juan Gabriel. She recently received the Seal of Biliteryacy in Spanish.

The final student speaker was Owen Breuer. He said he imagined this day for a long time and dreamed he would speak at his graduation.

The seniors joined the Quabbin Singers for “No Time” by Susan Bramfield. Julia Tuttle directed the Singers.

Q R S D S c h o o l Superintendent Colleen Mucha certified the seniors met all the requirements for graduation. She said “leaving high school was the ultimate road trip.” She said they would need snacks and a play list. Principal Rigney provided all the graduates with what she referred to as “car candy.”

The Superintendent asked three students: Julianna Lindsten, Elizabeth Lambert and Garrett Erickson to help her with the playlist.

Lindsten and Lambert sang duets for four songs on the superintendent’s playlist for the graduates. Erickson accompanied them on guitar. They sang a few lines from “Life in a Bottle,” “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” “Imagine” and “Miss

Me When I’m Gone.”

QRSD Committee member, David Deschamps, spoke to the graduates before the awarding of diplomas. He said one of his favorite authors was Louise Penny. The chief character in her series of books followed these four tenets. “I don’t know. I need help. I was wrong and I am sorry.”

Then, Supt. Mucha; Walter Nutter, QRSD Committee member and class advisors, Molly Sczucka and Colleen Fors, handed out the diplomas.

Just before Fanfare and Recessional by James D. Phoyhar, senior class secretary, Owen Breuer and senior class treasurer, Brooke Roseberry led their class in the moving of the tassels.



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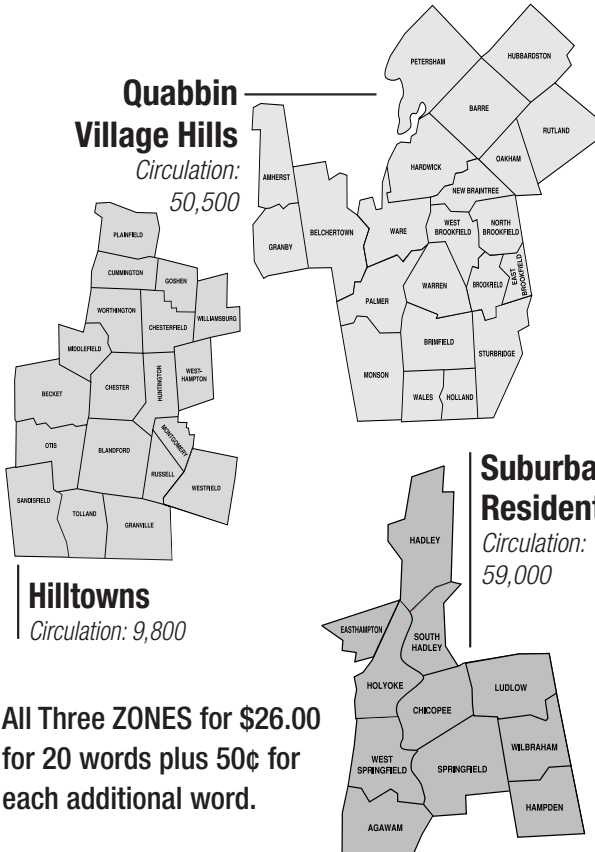
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BUDGET FROM PAGE 1

doing an IT audit soon.
 Since the Finance Committee did not recommend approval of the budget, superintendent of Quabbin Regional School District Colleen Mucha said if Hardwick does not pass the budget and the school assessment, and all other four towns in the district did, Hardwick would still have to pay their share of the cost.
 An amendment was made on the town meeting floor by resident Judy Kohn, to only accept the budget for two months, and then come back and vote again. Town counsel said if that happened, the Department of Revenue would not accept the tax rate and the amendment failed.
 After a five minute recess, the Finance Committee recommended funding the schools in full, and finding \$41,000 more to cut from the

budget. Some residents went through certain line items on the budget looking for places to cut, but Select Board Chair Jeff Schaaf said it was too late for line by line examination, and said he wanted the town to vote for the Select Board budget as presented.
 The motion was called to a vote, and the Select Board budget passed 83-25, with all of the Finance Committee and Tinker opposed.
Quabbin watershed resolution
 This article was a resolution in support of Massachusetts articles S546 and H1042, which would establish a Quabbin Communities Trust Fund. Resident William Zinni, also a member of the Conservation Commission, said the legislation is currently pending, but Governor Maura Healey has set up a conference committee, and if it passes it

would create a trust fund of \$35 million annually for the 12 Quabbin border towns, including Hardwick.
 Zinni said there is a placeholder number for FY 27 and FY 28 which will give each community \$50,000 each year. Zinni said the bills are being supported by Sen. Joanne Comerford, Sen. Aaron Saunders, Sen. Peter Durant, Sen. Jake Oliveira and Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.
 Zinni said another goal of these bills is increased representation on the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Board of Directors.
Bylaw changes and general law acceptances
 Articles 17-23 were general law acceptances or town bylaw changes. Article 17 accepted MGL chapter 44 section 53F3/4 for a public access revenue fund. Article 18 accepted the second para-

graph of MGL chapter 60 section 2, which allows the tax collector to abate taxes in certain cases.
 Article 19 accepted MGL chapter 59 section 57A which makes a tax bill up to \$100 payable in one installment, and if unpaid subject to the same interest as any delinquent tax.
 Article 20 accepted MGL chapter 44 section 54(b), which allows town trust funds to be invested in accordance with MGL chapter 203C, the "prudent investment rule." Article 21 accepted MGL chapter 64G section 3A, which imposes a 6% excise tax on short term rentals, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and other lodging in the town.
 Article 22 amended the town's general bylaws to change the cemetery revolving fund from \$5,000 to \$11,500 a year. Article 23 also amended the general

bylaws to change the planning board's revolving fund from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year.
Library article
 Article 25 was a citizen's petition to allow the town to acquire the Gilbertville Public Library, but the submitter of the article, Cheryl Wolfe, requested to table the article. She said there are two part-time employees who work at the library, totaling \$21,000 a year that the town does not cover. She said the town covers expenses at the Gilbertville library, but the endowment fund ran out.
 She said the trustees want to merge the Gilbertville Public Library and Paige Memorial Library into one. Wolfe said the town will get a historic building she estimates is worth \$500,000, and there will be cost savings by merging.
 Wolfe said the trustees will campaign to raise money to

keep the library open in the meantime.
Capital purchase
 Article 10 was a capital purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 for \$63,475. The money was transferred from the sewer enterprise fund retained earnings to the sewer enterprise fund.
All other articles
 Every other article voted on passed at town meeting. Many of them were transfers. Article 1 accepted town reports. Article 4 allowed the Board of Assessors to appoint one member to a full-time position.
 Article 9 approved the operating budget of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright water pollution control facilities of \$974,161.
 Articles 2 and 24 were passed over.

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