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# **STM** finishes in record time

**By Eric Goodhart** Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON - This Special Town Meeting was heavily promoted and preceded by a short video by the Town Administrator in keeping with his open-door transparency policy explaining each of the articles that would be discussed and voted on at the Town meeting.

Town Administrator Nathan Boudreau in his weekly "Hubbardston Headlines" video with Candace Livingston, Town Clerk, gave everyone a heads-up ahead of the date. Plus, ample opportunity to ask questions ahead of time, which Boudreau promised to answer during the meeting.

The meeting was gaveled into order at 7:03 by Moderator, Rene Lafayette. There were six articles on the agenda. The first two were the most significant. They were connected because they concerned amending the budget for fiscal year 2024 to meet the Quabbin Regional School District budget request.

The school district is the biggest employer serving five towns and with the largest operating budget. Barre and Hubbardston being much larger in size with 5,400 and 4,500 citizens respectively; the other three with 4,116 combined is why the home owners in those two towns are asked to contribute more. The Quabbin School District requested a 9.02% increase in Article 9 from Hubbardston at the Annual Town meeting this past June 6.

At the annual meeting, it sparked some discussion, including a personal appeal by the outgoing Superintendent of schools. At the time, Hubbardston approved a 6% (\$325,495) funding increase for the



Quabbin students are busy rehearsing for the upcoming production of "Matilda, the Musical" in the auditorium at Quabbin **Regional High School.** 



BARRE – The Quabbin Performing Arts presents "Matilda, the Musical" at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South

Show dates are Friday, Nov 10 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.Tickets are on sale and may be purchased by visiting www.our.show/quabbin.

#### Submitted photos

Quabbin Performing Arts presents "Matilda, the Musical" on Friday, Nov. 10 at 10 am., Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. They recently held a dress rehearsal.

# Peter Durant wins state Senate seat

Republicans gain a senator in **General Court** 

> **By Ellenor Downer** Editor edowner@turley.com

Cities and towns in the Worcester Hampshire District for Senate in General Court held a Special State Election on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Peter J. Durant, a Republican from Spencer, won the seat previously held by Democrat Anne Gobi, over Jonathan D. Zlotnik of Gardner, the Democratic candidate. In Barre, 17.09% or 712 of the 4,165 registered voters (2,083 precinct 1 and 2,082 precinct 2) went to the polls.

Of those 396 (198 precinct 1 and 198 precinct 2) voted for Peter. J. Durant and 316 (184 precinct 1 and 132 precinct 2) for Jonathan D. Zlotnik. A total of 712 registered went to the polls Tuesday with 382 from precinct 1

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# School district's MCAS scores show 'work in progress'

**By Paula Ouimette** Editor *pouimette@turley.com* 

less than 20 students. "Right now, North Brookfield is in the 'limited to no progress toward targets'...we've been kind of in that spot for a couple years now. We have not made enough growth to move us up toward 'moderate progress toward targets' or 'substantial progress toward targets," he said. McCormick said chronic absenteeism is a concern that is impacting learning.

# Author describes life and death of Bathsheba Spooner

**By Paula Ouimette** Editor



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

also lived in Brookfield.

been an arranged marriage.

her marriage to Spooner.

"Was she insane?" Noone

asked. "We can only speculate." As Bathsheba became increasingly dissatisfied in her marriage. she became involved with teenager Ezra Ross of Topsfield. At just 15 years old, Ross left home and enlisted in the military. After being discharged in 1776, Ross was traveling home through the brutal New England winter, when he became overcome by illness. He found himself at the Spooner residence, where Bathsheba nursed him back to health, and the two formed a bond. Ross stayed with the family as he recovered and eventually became tangled in one of history's most notorious murder trials. Bathsheba had tried to convince Ross to poison her husband, during one of his trips to Worcester author and his-Spooner's property in Princeton, torian Andrew hosted a talk but he was unable to do so. and book signing for his She soon enlisted the help of book "Bathsheba Spooner: British soldiers William Brooks A Revolutionary Murder and James Buchanan, both Conspiracy" at the Town House this past Sunday. of whom were staying at the Spooner home. They ambushed Spooner on Bathsheba's sister Martha Tufts March 1, 1778, beating him to However, the marriage to death before throwing his body down a well. The well is locat-Spooner was not a happy one, ed off East Main Street, marked Noone said, and it could have by an engraved stone that reads "Spooner Well." Known to have a sharp tem-"The night was cold... per, Bathsheba was said to lie he might have wished he had taken his horse," Noone said of Spooner's fateful walk home incessantly and was romantically connected to several men during from the local tavern. A lot remains unknown about Noone said it doesn't appear Spooner, and the type of man he that Ross knew about the plans was, but some records indicate he could have been an abusive for the ambush until his return to

Quabbin School District. That fell short of the School Board's request for a 9.02% increase, which would require an additional \$162,748.

Boudreau and Select Board Clerk Heather Monroe explained that, though the town wants the best resources for all students, the town simply cannot take any more money from the departments, particularly the Fire, Police and Department of Public Works that are already understaffed and challenged with turnover seeking higher wages.

Since then and after very careful review of where money was to be allocated and not using what many towns used during the pandemic to fill budget gaps with "free cash." Article 1 took various budgeted funds and moved them around to fit what was needed from services that were not needed, like the \$14,000 budgeted from the Chapter 115 benefits eligible veterans fund because there are presently no eligible veterans in town.

These purpose-specific, one-year funds will cover the increased costs for this fiscal year. Reallocating these funds will not require permanent cuts to essential services or tapping into Fiscal Year 2024 Free Cash reserves. This is a stopgap measure to get through the current Fiscal Year 24 while protecting critical services going forward without cutting them.

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NORTH BROOKFIELD Superintendent Timothy McCormick shared the school district's results from the spring Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System testing.

At the Oct. 26 School Committee meeting, McCormick said MCAS has been around for over 20 years now, and this spring, all students across the commonwealth tested on Next-Generation, which was launched in 2017. The original MCAS test is now known as Legacy.

Next-Gen is more focused on critical thinking and the test became more rigorous. Testing is also done solely on a computer.

McCormick said that since questions on Next-Gen are more in-depth, students that may have scored "proficient" on Legacy, may not score "meeting expectations" on Next-Gen.

"The test itself is more challenging," he said.

McCormick said the spring MCAS scores are a "work in progress.'

All grade levels are currently scoring below the state average in English Language Arts. Science is also below the state average for all grade levels.

For math, grade four scored higher than the state average, while other grades continue to need work.

Data collected from 2021-2023 looks at growth. Grade six showed growth in ELA, but most grade levels for the past two years have "trickled off."

McCormick said growth could not be calculated for classes with

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"We have too many kids who are at 10 or more absences for the year," he said.

McCormick said the High School received four out of four points for advanced coursework completion.

"That was an asset to our High School," he said.

Compared to similar school districts, North Brookfield is ranked at 23% for "meeting or exceeding" in ELA for grades three through eight, The lowest scoring in the cohort of school districts is North Adams at 22% and the highest being Hull at 47%.

Quaboag Regional School District ranked at 36%.

For meeting or exceeding in math for grades three through eight, North Brookfield ranked 22%, compared to North Adams at 17%, Hull at 44% and Quaboag at 28%

Grade 10 ranked 38% for ELA and 30% for math. Grades five through eight ranked 23% for science.

"This is not where we want to be," McCormick. "What we really need to stress are the next steps and what we are doing right now and

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HARDWICK - It's hard to imagine the peaceful, rolling hills of Hardwick as once being the home to one of history's most infamous women; Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner.

On Nov. 5, the Harwick Historical Society hosted author and historian Andrew Noone to discuss his book, "Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy". Noone read excerpts from the book, detailing the life of Bathsheba, as well as her public execution for plotting the murder of her husband, Joshua Spooner.

Bathsheba was the daughter of Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles, a British Loyalist who settled his family on a farm on Upper Church Street and who is credited with founding the oldest fair in the U.S., the Hardwick Fair. A summertime tradition residents in town still celebrate over 260 years later.

Traces of the property are still noticeable today, including a large boulder that sits in the midst of a field, where Ruggles proudly flew the Union Jack that could be seen from miles away.

Bathsheba was also her father's favorite child, Noone said.

"Few men were as detested in Massachusetts in the year 1774," Noone said of Ruggles, who was ultimately banished and later exiled to Novia Scotia.

Noone said the Bathsheba married Spooner and settled in Brookfield to raise their family.

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# News of the Towns



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# **Veterans Day** ceremony set for Nov. 11

On Veterans Day, Saturday Nov.11, there will be a brief ceremony at Veterans Park, on the Common, at 11 a.m. All Veterans are encouraged to join the ranks. Local residents are invited to attend.

#### **American Legion Auxiliary**

The American LegionAuxiliary - Unit 2 Barre will meet at 7pm on Monday, Nov. 13 in Post 2 headquarters. 450 South Barre Road. Refreshments will be served by Anne Hardaker, Robin Vancot and Diane Cooley

Christmas in Barre Holiday Craft Fair This year the Christmas in Barre Holiday Craft Fair will be held the Saturday before the Christmas in Barre events. The Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., in the cafeteria. The craft fair is a chance for shoppers to support local for the holidays and buy gifts early from over 50 vendors. Items include knitted and crocheted items, candies, baked items, jewelry, stained glass pieces, candles and more.

#### **English Social Tea**

The first event of the 250th anniversary year will be a free English Social Tea on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 from 2-4 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. Reservations are required and may be made by email at 250anniversary@townofbarre.com. People may also sign up at the Barre Senior Center or at Grand View Terrace by Friday, Jan. 5, 2024

## **Cool Kids to perform** in North Brookfield on Nov. 17

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The Cool Kids Choir will perform a show beginning at 6 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 17.

In addition to the energetic and enthusiastic singing and dancing of the Cool Kids, the concert will feature an original song written and performed by the fifth and sixth grade ALOT Kids (All Leaders of Tomorrow) and a special performance by Cool Kids' Director Channing LeBlanc.

Cool Kids Choir is an award-winning ten-week program for elementary school aged children in grades two-six who love to move and love music.

The after-school workshop utilizes popular music to inspire and empower children to be the best version of themselves while giving them opportunities to feel pride. Singing, moving, listening, speaking, being silly and being in control, showing respect and kindness - life skills are taught

# **OHA sponsors walk to Coldbrook Springs**



Local historian, Bob Locke, center, with Frank Morrill next to him led a hike with about 25 people to Coldbrook Springs sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association on Saturday, Oct. 28 after three rain postponements. They ended up with a summer like day.

This is of the **Boston and** Maine Coldbrook Depot from the Frank Morrill's extensive collection of the glass negatives by renowned early 1900s photographer, William Bullard.



# **Food Pantry holds monthly distribution**

BARRE – The next Barre unteers and between volunteers Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Nov. 16 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 the COVID-19 sub variant viruses.

Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due and clients Nov. 16 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, 30 Park St.

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 to their age and/or underlying of their vehicle by volunteers health conditions. The Barre at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well. The Barre Food Pantry also needs food donations. Donations of shelf stable groceries such as

canned, boxed and bottled food items to share with neighbors who lack food security. Items may be dropped off at the Woods Memorial Library at 19 Pleasant St., the Barre Senior Center at 450 South Barre Road, the Barre Health Center at Worcester Road or the Taproot Bookstore, 5 Exchange St.

People should not arrive to volunteer on Nov. 16 without first calling Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921, Dave Petrovick at 978-852-1696 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

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# **Unitarian church** to hold **Gingerbread Fair**

The First Parish Unitarian Church, on the Common, will hold their annual Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be spices, candy, home baked goods, crafts, knitting, raffles, fresh laurel wreaths and baskets evergreen.

#### **Old Fashion Country Christmas Fair**

The annual Old Fashion Country Christmas Fair is coming to the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This event features handmade crafts by many talented local artisans. It's the perfect place to find unique gifts for the holidays. Browse an assortment of lovely homemade items like knitted goods, baked treats, jams, soaps and more. There will also be fun activities like a Chinese auction, lottery tree and other games. There will be home-cooked food like soups and fresh bread available for dining in or taking home. Special guests Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be stopping by from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. so bring the children for photos and some holiday magic.

#### SHINE counselor

Open Enrollment runs from Sunday, Oct. 15 through Thursday, Dec. 7. During this time, people can change their Medicare Plan effective Monday, Jan. 1. People may contact the Hubbardston Senior Center to speak with a Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone counsellor in person or over the phone. SHINE has certified counselors to help you with questions about Medicare. The services are free and unbiased. SHINE counselors are available to discuss all options related to Medicare and additional coverage. They do not sell any plans.

#### Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m.. It's renewal time for health insurance. This is an opportunity to ask questions.

# **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 Nov. 13. 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 Mornay, Couscous, Roman blend vegetables, butterscotch pudding, diet = sugar free vanilla pudding, marble rye bread TUESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread WEDNESDAY - Apricot roast pork, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, chocolate pudding, diet = sugar free vanilla pudding, French bread THURSDAY - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, fruited ambrosia, diet = pineapple, marble rye bread FRIDAY – Fish with parmesan cream sauce, wild rice, broccoli, peaches, pumpernickel bread \*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

and reinforced through songs the children know and love.

CKC is sponsored by the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House as part of its ROAR program. The Friends are grateful for the support of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

#### Barre Family Pharmacy 547 Summer Street, Barre 978-355-2359 Call Today for an **Easy Prescription Transfer** After Hours: 508-864-6540 mybarrepharmacy.com

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Food Pantry Board of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between vol-

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

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in the Town House with pro-

ceeds to benefit Hardwick's

A cookie walk will be held

### **Classic Christmas on the Common is Nov. 26** winter hat and 2024 calendar

HARDWICK - Classic Christmas on the Common will be held Sunday, Nov. 26 from 3-7 p.m. on the town common. There will be holiday fun

with a visit from Santa, games

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Please contact Pat James 413-726-8661.

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### **Red Door Fayre is Nov. 11**

NORTH BROOKFIELD - Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will host its Red Door Fayre on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be raffles, an exquisite table, a Christmas table, a bake table, pies and a craft table. A homemade luncheon includes soups, sandwiches and apple crisp. Free lunch served to all veterans.





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# **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### BARRE.

Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 9 and Jan. 11, 2024 at 3 p.m. Council on Aging – Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals - Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. Select Board - Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. Water Commission – Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm. DPW Commission – Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Conservation Committee – Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Sewer Commission – Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Board of Health - Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Cemetery Commission – Dec. 28 at 11 a.m.

#### HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen – Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Recycling Commission – Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Planning Board – Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Conservation Committee – Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. Historical Commission – Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Capital Planning Committee – Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. Gilbertville Water District – Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Board of Health – Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Paige Library Trustees – Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

#### **HUBBARDSTON**

Emergency Management Committee - Nov. 14 at 3 p.m.

Cultural Council - Nov. 14, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

Board of Health – Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26 at 7 p.m. Council on Aging – Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Memorial Day Committee – Nov. 15 at 4 p.m.

Planning Board - Nov. 16, Dec. 6 and Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Cultural Council – Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Conservation Commission – Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. Downtown Development Committee - Nov. 13 and Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission – Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Select Board - Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board – Nov. 22 and Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. Special Town Meeting – Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

#### OAKHAM

Cable/Internet Committee – Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. Select Board - Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11 and Dec. 26 at 6 p.m. Board of Health - Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. Special Town Meeting – Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

#### PETERSHAM

Select Board – Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. Board of Assessors – Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. Cemetery Commission – Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. Board of Health – Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. Petersham Historic District – Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.

# **FOSC** host concert to welcome the holiday season Dec. 10

GILBERTVILLE - Daniel Brevik, bass-baritone and Jennifer Fijal-Brevik, mezzo-soprano, will present a medley of stunning vocal performance of classical, musical theater, and holiday season songs, accompanied by pianist, Ania Bostock, on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St.

A public reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 at the door or online by visiting https:// www.tickettailor.com/events/ friendsofthestonechurch/888277. Youth under 18 and holders of the Massachusetts Cultural Council "Card to Culture" will be admitted at no charge.

American bass-baritone Daniel Brevik is praised for having a "massive, focused, rich warm timbre." Boasting a fan base of over 60,000 monthly listeners on Spotify and more on TikTik, his singing in classical and popular genres reaches audiences on a global scale. A recipient of Opera

Theater of Saint Louis' Richard Gaddes Career Grant and the Wendy Shattuck Presidential Scholarship at the New England Conservatory, Brevik was hailed by The Washington Post for having 'an impressive, sonorous voice" while Opera Today claimed he could "rattle the rafters one moment and be lullingly

conversational the next." A Massachusetts resident, Brevik has made lasting impressions as a soloist in Boston performances of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Handel's Messiah and the Mozart Requiem. Jennifer Fijal-Brevik, mez-

zo-soprano, holds a Bachelor's degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from Plymouth State University and a Master's in Voice and Opera from the New England Conservatory, where she performed in the American premiere of Rossini's historic opera La Gazzetta. She sang in Don Boothman's quartet at "Let



Daniel and Jennifer Brevik perform concert of holiday songs.

Joy Resound," the re-opening concert for the Stone Church in April of 2016. She has appeared in FOSC concerts twice since that time. Fijal-Brevik grew up in Palmer and was mentored by Boothman, a renowned baritone and Hardwick resident for many years. She serves as Music Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Hartford, teaches voice and is the Director of Education at Falcetti School of Music.

Piano instructor and collaborative pianist Ania Bostock won the New England Piano Championship in 2001 and started teaching music at age 16. She is Music Director of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in South Hadley. Ania is faculty pianist at several local schools and colleges and teaches at Falcetti School of Music.

When the Breviks last appeared together at the Stone Church, in December of 2019, audience members expressed awe at the quality of their performance. This concert will open with a pair of classical gems: Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Samuel Barber's 1958 English-language aria "Must the Winter come so soon?" and "Aleko's Cavetina" from Sergei Rachmaninoff's first opera. These lyrical songs of nature and tragic love will resonate with listeners approaching a New England winter.

The program will then switch magically to Disney-inspired songs: Liz Calloway's show-stop-

New Braintree Library holds story time

ping "Once Upon a December," nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Original Song, and the transformative "Evermore," as Beauty and the Beast's title character learns to love and expresses his heartbreak and loneliness for the first time. Delights continue with beloved gems from musical theater. In the second half of the program, the talented singers will open up their gifts for holiday season listening.

This concert is supported in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Council, a state agency.

At home viewers may enjoy watching recordings of previous concerts through links on the Friends of the Stone Church website by visiting FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org/ music/.

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and community group organized in 2015 and open to all. They are currently in Phase 4 of stabilizing the stone tower, with funding, in part, from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, a program of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, administered through a collaborative agreement between MassDevelopment and the Mass Cultural Council. They welcome donations toward the ongoing preservation project and the programs at FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.



# Sea Cadets to host Veterans breakfast

The United States Navy Sea Cadets will hold a breakfast for Veterans on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9-11 a.m. at the Municipal Building on Barre Road. All veterans are invited.

#### **OHA annual lottery**

The Oakham Historical Association will be selling tickets for their Annual Lottery at the Oakham Congregational Church fair on Saturday, Nov. 18. There are 20 chances to win \$50 with each ticket. It runs from Tuesday, Jan. 9 to Thursday, March 14, 2024. Every Tuesday and Thursday during that time the middle two numbers of the evening drawing of the Mass Lottery Game is the winning number. A check for \$50 will be senPeople can also purchase a ticket through December by sending a check for \$20 made out to Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068. There are only 100 tickets and they go fast. If people have any questions, they may call Kathy Young at 508-882-3137 or Linda Housman at 508-882-3990. They should leave a message if there is no answer and they will get back to them.

#### SHINE counselor

A Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone counselor will be at the Oakham Senior Center, located in the lower level of Town Hall on Thursdays, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m., Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.and Nov. 30 at 1 p.m.

#### Church fair

The Harvest and Holly Fair sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will be held Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Fair Committee seeks crafters and vendors for the day of the fair. Cost is \$20. Anyone interested in having a table should call Ellie Downer at 774-262-5882 or email mybackyard88@aol.com. The church will have a baked table, cookie walk, snack bar, craft table, raffles, quilt raffle and white elephant room.

#### White elephant table donations

Anyone wishing to donate holiday decorations, household items, small appliances, toys, puzzles or tools for the White Elephant table at the church fair may leave then in the side door hallway. Please no electronics or clothes.

### Author presents Quabbin history talk at Grange on Nov. 20

WARE -Join author Elena Palladino in a discussion of her book "Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley: Drowned by the Quabbin" and learn about the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir, and along with it, the

The discussion will take place on Monday, Nov. Parental supervision is grams on Monday, Nov. 6 and ries will be "Barnyard Dance" 20, at 7 p.m. at Ware Grange, 297 Belchertown Road. RUTLAND by Sandra Boynton and "Big Monday, Nov. 20, both at 9 a.m. required. People may call the There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome. Library Trustees - Nov.. 9 at 7 p.m. Red Barn" by Margaret Wise This reading and crafts prolibrary at 508-867-7650 during Copies of the book will be available for sale after Special Town Meeting – Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. gram for preschool children is Brown. Monday, Nov. 20 will regular business for more inforthe program. held twice a month on Mondays feature "10 Fat Turkeys" by mation. Kim's Quilts and Crafts **Editorial deadline reminder** Hubbardston Scholarship Committee Places to go... Things to do... of Belchertown Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon LONGARM SERVICE on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday. 413-362-9467 蒙爾小 Stars & Stripes Diner **BARRE GAZETTE** Sunday, November 12th, 2023 **Statement of Ownership** Serving 8:00am to 11:00am 32 Main St., Hubbardston • 978-820-1600 Management and Circulation (Required by 39 U.S.C. 3685) 20% OFF HUBBARDSTON ROD & GUN CLUB PAXTON MA Date of Filing: Wednesday, November 8, 2022 Kitchen / Bath Title of Publication: Barre Gazette 35 Williamsville Road **For Veterans Only Design / Sales / Installation** Publication Number: 044560 ~ **MENU** ~ Frequency of Issue: Weekly We Sell On Saturday, November 11 Annual Subscription Price: \$33 1 year Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Check Out Our Facebook Page For Specials Complete mailing address **Cabinets** of known office of publication: Like Us On Facebook@hubbtowndiner Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Barre Gazette Call to schedule THE THE Juice, Coffee, Tea 80 Main St., Ware, MA 01082 an appointment 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 In home or showroom Adults \$10.00 • Children under 6 \$5.00 Complete mailing address of headquarters 774-366-5517 or general business office of publisher: **Turley Publications** mitawoodworking@aol.com 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 Hampden County Editor: Ellenor Downer, Barre Gazette hardwickcrossing.com 80 Main St., Ware, MA 01082 tasukelis Full name and complete mailing addresses of · APPLIANCE & TV publisher, editor, and managing editor: 262 Lower Road, Gilbertville Patrick H. Turley, Turley Publications WE SERVICE ALL 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 774-757-8907 HARDWICK CROSSING **MAJOR BRAND** Issue date for circulation data 11/2/2022. Total number of copies of single issues published nearest to filing date (net press run): 2,000, mailed outside county paid **APPLIANCES** Pro Shop 774-261-2634 **COUNTRY CLUB** subscriptions stated on PS Form 3541 (include paid NAME BRAND distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies): 85, mailed in-county **OPEN 7 DAYS FOR LUNCH, DINNER & GOLF** APPLIANCES & TV'S AT paid subscriptions stated on PS Form 3541 (include WAREHOUSE PRICES paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof 🛐 Specials Posted on Facebook & Instagram 💿 copies, and exchange copies): 850, paid distribution 287 Main Street outside the mails including sales through dealers and **Paint And Sip** carriers, street vendors, counter sales, and other paid distribution outside USPS: 750, paid distribution by **Purchase Your** Gardner 2024 Golf Membership Now other classes of mail through the USPS: 10, total paid 978-632-0241 Tuesday, December 5 and distribuion: 1,695, free or nominal rate outside county copies included on PS Form 3541: 5, free or nominal rate And Receive A Complimentary **Tuesday, December 19** in-county copies included on PS Form 3541: 15, free or Gift Card Up To \$225 Visit Our Website for Information nominal rate copies mailed at other classes through Support the local the USPS (e.g. First-Class Mail): 0, free or nominal rate distribution outside the mail (carriers or other means): businesses that support **PRIME RIB Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday** 0, total free or nominal rate distribution: 20, total distribution: 1,715, copies not distributed: 285, total: Function your local newspaper. Space **Tuesday Night Special - Two Entrees & Appetizer \$50** 2,000, percent paid: 98.83%. Let them know you **Ellenor Downer** Available Sunday & Monday Nights \$1 Wings saw their ad in the Editor BG11/9/23 Monday Night Trivia 6 p.m. · Wednesday Night Music Bingo Keno **Barre Gazette** 

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# **Opinion**

## **Guest Column**



# When should I retire and claim my Social Security benefits?

Dear Rusty: I am 64 years old and having difficulty working due to my arthritis, but I can continue part time as a podiatrist. I do not know the best way to determine when to retire. What is the formula or a way to determine which is a better choice?

Signed: Undecided

#### **Dear Undecided**

There is a difference between deciding when to retire from working and deciding when to claim your Social Security benefits. For the former, you should consult with a certified financial advisor, but I'll provide you with how Social Security fits into your personal circumstances. In deciding when to claim Social Security, you should look at your financial needs, your life expectancy, your work status and your marital status. There is no one formula right for everyone because everyone's circumstances are different, but here are some things to help decide what is right for you:

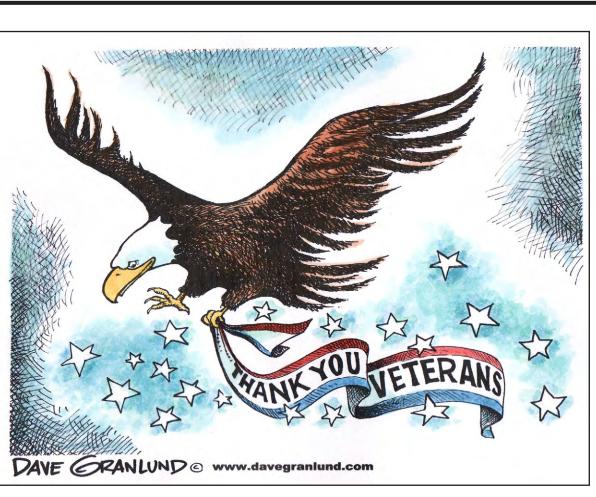
Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their Full Retirement Age. Your FRA is 66 years and 8 months and that is the point at which you get 100% of the SS benefit earned from a lifetime of working.

If you collect SS before your FRA and continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn without jeopardizing your benefits. For example, the earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" benefits by withholding future payments until they recover the penalty for exceeding the limit. If your earnings are substantially over the limit, you will be ineligible to collect Social Security until either your earnings are less or you reach your FRA.

If you claim SS before your FRA your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. If, for example, you claim SS to start at age 65 your monthly benefit will be about 89% of what it would be at your FRA. That reduced benefit would not change thereafter except for Cost of Living Adjustments usually granted annually.

If Social Security will be a major part of your retirement income, then waiting to get a higher monthly benefit may be a prudent strategy for you. The longer you wait to claim the more your benefit will be.

Your SS benefit will continue to grow until you



# **In Past Pages**

#### 5 years (Nov. 15, 2018)

The cold winds blew across Barre Common as residents, veterans and cadets from the Quabbin Regional High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp program came out to remember the 100th anniversary of the World War I armistice. The signing of the armistice took place in a rial car in Compiegne, France with Germany and representatives of the Allies from France and Great Britain at 5 a.m. n the morning to end fighting, which went into effect six hours later at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918. The Barre Historical Society opened after the ceremony so people could look through its World War I exhibit. In the next town over, the Oakham Historical Museum also held special hours Sunday so people could see its World War I exhibit. During the ceremony, Robert Bentley read the names of the 13 that lost their lives in the "Great War" following the moment of silence.

Christmas comes early as member of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish invite one and all to their annual Holiday Fair in the center of Barre on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. "This event is for everyone in Central Massachusetts to spend a day together enjoying each other's company and purchasing some wonder gifts," said fair organizer, Kathy Inman. Held in the hall of St. Joseph's Church on Barre Common, the fair kicks off with a breakfast from 8:30-10:30 a.m. For those who cannot make breakfast, the elves will be busy cooking up lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Plenty of shopping options are available including craft table, one of a kind jewelry pieces, outdoor Christmas baskets, baked goods, raffles and

### LOOK BACK New Officers at Barre

Historical Society - 1997



Pictured are the new Barre Historical Society officers elected at a meeting on May 1, 1997. From left are, Olive Tuttle, secretary; Ann Meilus Smith, vice president; Victoria King, treasurer; Rita Robinson, president; Gordon Robinson, assistant treasurer and Ed Yaglou, board of directors.

names on the original plaque would tee is working on the rest of the ome out and add his name for goals. The committee, in addition \$265. Selectmen approved the place to Dyer, includes Gabriella Carroll, of his name and the cost to have it Joseph Higgins, Lois Mortelli, Earl Sample, Joshua Smith and engraved on the plaque. Ann Spence Historical date and The Quabbin Regional High maps are being researched. Town School Naval Junior Reserve Administrator Lorraine Leno has Officer Training Corps held their been appointed the bonded manager annual inspection ceremony last of funds, a stipulation of the grant.

# **Guest** Column



# Two ways to enjoy bulbs next spring

My spring bulbs are almost all in the ground. That is saying a lot, considering at work I plant over 2,000 of them! Daffodils, tulips and hyacinth will all welcome visitors to the museum in April and May.

Bulb planting is a ritual that I have come to love. I think in part because the process assists Mother Nature in her efforts to usher in springtime and all of its glorious color!

Did you ever wonder why certain bulbs bloom in the spring? Once you understand the life cycle of specific bulbs you can succeed with bulbs outdoors as well as inside.

Most spring flowering bulbs are native to areas of the world where the fall and winter is cool, and rainfall is abundant. Summers are typically hot and dry.

During the summer bulbs lie dormant, but when temperatures drop and rain moistens the soil each fall, they are awakened and begin to grow new roots and mature their flower buds. Roughly three months later, as soil temperatures rise, bulbs send up foliage and flowers.

When spring rains cease and the soil dries out, bulbs are cued into dormancy once again - their foliage yellows and disappears and the bulbs wait out the arrival of fall to start the cycle all over again.

What this tells us is that we should plant our bulbs before the mercury dips too low. This will give them a chance to root.

Soil temperatures of 50-55 degrees are ideal. If the fall is dry, providing supplemental watering is also a good idea to encourage the rooting process...this year we don't have to worry about that.

What do roots do exactly? You know that they provide food and water to the bulb, but in addition, they anchor it into the soil - very necessary during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter and early spring.

We also learned that there are two times when the bulb is in active growth - when it is rooting, and again in the spring when it sends up its leaves and flower

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# REAL

Love knowing you're real Not a figment of imagination Known as the, "real deal" Not a moonbeam I've been chasing.

are 70 years old and at 70 your monthly benefit will be about 27% more than it would be at your FRA. Your maximum SS benefit will be attained at age 70 but waiting until age 70 to claim is only prudent if you anticipate a long life expectancy.

Life expectancy is a very important factor in deciding when to claim SS. If you claim at age 70 instead of at your FRA, you will need to live until you are about 83 to breakeven money wise. If you live even longer than that, then waiting until 70 will yield the highest monthly amount and the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. But if your anticipated life expectancy is less, claiming earlier may be a better choice.

If you are married and expect your wife to survive you, consider that the benefit your wife can get as your widow will be based on your SS benefit when you die, thus the longer you wait to claim the more your wife's benefit as your widow may be.

If you predecease your wife, her benefit will be based on the amount you were receiving at your death if that is more than her personally earned SS benefit.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security is a decision to be made after carefully evaluating your personal circumstances as described above. I hope this provides what you need to make an informed decision, but if you have further questions, people may call 1-888-750-2622 or email SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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Mesa Farm, 67 Muschopauge Road, Rutland, will hold a living Nativity Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9. Two performances will be held each evening at 4 and 5:30 p.m. The hour long shows will consist of carol singing and a narration and re-enactment of the nativity story in a barn with live animals There will be no charge although attendees are requested to bring a plate of cookies to share. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. The Sunday performances will have sign language interpretation.

more.

#### 10 years (Nov. 14, 2013)

The Oakham Board of Selectmen on the recommendation of Police Chief Fred Gehring unanimously promoted Sgt. Michael Sweet to Deputy Chief and Officer Kevin Tucker to Sergeant. Sweet has been on the Oakham police force since 1997 and Officer Tucker since 2010. Chief Gehring said the hours would remain the same for the two officers, but their hourly rate would increase by \$1.

Eva Grimes asked Oakham Selectmen to Put Gardner Morse's name on the War Memorial plaque in the upstairs hall of the Oakham Town Hall building. She said he served for years during the Vietnam War. She presented the board with copies of his papers showing Oakham as his town of origin when he entered the armed forces. She said the company that engraved the

Thursday in the high school gym. After the company formation, the ceremony opened with the welcoming of the official party complete with a bell and side boys. After the presentation of the colors, several NJROtC cadets and the National Anthem acepella.

#### 25 years (Nov. 12, 1998)

The road was new, not even open to traffic yet, on that summer day in 1937 when the first major accident and fatality was recorded. This began the history fo the intersection where Routes 122 and 32 meet in Petersham. Police Chief Denis Legere said his records indicate a "multitude of accidents" have happened there in the past 61 years, a good many since he came to the Petersham Police Department in 1970. The safety issue became major as recently as Sept. 11 when the latest crash critically injured John C. Coolidge of New Salem, whose parents Mr. and Mrs Horace Coolidge are Petersham residents. Coolidge, who remains hospitalized with major injuries, had to be extricated by the Jaws of Life and the rescue team from Athol. He was struck by a vehicle coming up Hardwick Road from the south, a situation that Legere says has been the predominant pattern, though it may seem strange to some, who find crossing the bigger road from the town side to be a more tricky entrance.

Sarah Dyer, chairman of the Barre Common Rehabilitation Committee, has announce the town has applied for a construction grant to fund the Barre Common project and has set gals to be achieved by the next public meeting on Jan. 28, 1999. Some of the goals have already been accomplished and the seven-member commit-

A Valentine's Dance and Carver's Buffet will be held at Coldbrook Country Club in Barre on Saturday, Feb. 13 with a champagne toast and music by Perfect Gentlemen. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. An auction with the help of auctioneer Paul Varney will be held during the evening to raise funds for the parade and fireworks in July of 1999 as part of the 225th Anniversary Celebration in Barre.

#### 38 years (Nov. 14, 1985)

Ivy Enterprises has been instructed by the state Department of Environmental and Quality Engineering to hire an engineer, who will determine what chemicals are present in two polluted Barre lagoons and the best method of clean-up according to Stephen McCormack of the Barre Board of Health. The condition of the two lagoons, which are located near rivers, has been a subject of controversy for several years. In 1979, the town instructed Ivy Enterprises to hire an engineer to determine the cause of the "severe odor' emanating form these lagoons. The Reitzel Report was completed in February of the year, a time when Ivy Enterprises was shutting operations down.

Local historian, Albert L. Clark spoke last Friday evening at the first event celebrating the centennial of Barre Library Association. He delved into the past to learn what he could of the 17 men, who were the original members of the library association. But, being more than a historian of local matter, he prefaced his remarks on the 17 members, with a discourse on the spirit

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No flash in the pan Alakazam Ship in the night Cancelled flight Ticket of chance Fleeting glance

Love knowing you're real Love knowing you know how I feel.

– Patricia Masten

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noon.



# **Serenity Hill Sampler**

by Jane McCauley

How do you like the change of time? It is dark at 5 p.m. now.

дJ

I went to bed very early on Saturday night after I changed the clocks back one hour. Ken will be 92 on Sunday. Patrice and family plan to come up for a visit on Saturday. It seems like he just had his 90th birthday party at the Rod and Gun Club.

I have been working outside on any day that the sun is out. The leaves are falling so fast and most are oak leaves.

We don't have any acorns here this year, but there are plenty of pine cones. I am saving some to use when I make my Christmas wreaths. I need to put them in a paper grocery bag and put the oven on low and get the pitch removed.

It will stink up the house, but I will have to do it when I can open a window. Remember to use Crisco to remove any pitch on your hands when working with cones

I did pick a few branches of holly with berries. I will pick some laurel for the wreaths and I like to use rhododendron leaves also.

I like a mixture of greens when I can find them. I set up a table in the cellar and work on the wreaths in my spare time. I need to make a large one for the upper deck and two smaller ones for the front door windows.

I will go down to the cemetery and trim the boxwood tree at my grandparents grave to get some boxwood. Boxwood makes a nice kissing ball and is also nice in a dish for the table. It lasts a long time.

Once November comes people start getting ready for the Christmas season. I have put out the Thanksgiving and harvest people. I have a wallhanging I made a long time ago with pilgrims. I'm leaving the pumpkin quilts on the balcony banister. The Christmas decorations won't come out until Dec. 1.

The little garden room off the garage is really very full right now as I had to bring in so many of the garden things. I also have two shelves in which I keep all my vases and pots. The other two shelves contain watering cans, flags for the seasons and other garden related things. I keep a good supply of wreath wires for making the wreaths.

We are trying to get the gas powered leaf blower going as the battery on the other one wears out too fast. I do keep the decks clear of leaves with that one.

Here is the recipe of the week that readers may

enjoy. Chicken is always a good thing to have on hand as there are so many dishes that can be made with it. **PROSCIUTTO STUFFED CHICKEN CUTLETS** 

- l jar of Alfredo sauce 1/4 cup white wine
- 1 seeded and diced tomato
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 4 slices boneless, skinless chicken breast
- *4 thin slices prosciutto*
- 12 basil leaves
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup shredded fontina cheese

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. In a two quart bakng dish, mix sauce, wine, tomato and scallions. Top

each chicken slice with 1 slice of prosciutto and three basil leaves. Fold in half crosswise and secure with a toothpick. Coat chicken with flour. In nonstick skillet heat oil over medium high heat; add chicken. Cook. Flipping once, until browned two to three minutes per side. Transfer to baking dish. Top with cheese. Bake until cooked through 10 to 15 minutes. Broil three to four minutes.

#### This and That

I worked on a star wallhanging using wool of various colors and black wool for the background. It was a long project, but I finished it this week.

I was given a gift of many skeins of nice three ply yarn so I am working on scarves. I took down the scarecrow and washed his outfit for another year. I did throw away the hat as it had gotten a little ratty. I will look for a new one for next year.

Thanks to all the veterans, who served our country. It is a nice display that they have of pictures at the Stars and Strips Diner.

My handyman has been doing several needed projects this week and I really appreciate him. Ken loves to play with his dog. Buddy.

I hope everyone has a good week and enjoys the nice weather. We did get our first frost on Nov. 1 so the scrappers and brushes have gone into the car.

I make sure to have sand on hand. I have the shovel in the garage so it will be handy when I need it.

We have commissioned a local contractor to do our driveway this year.

The furnace has been cleaned and my super son-inlaw cleaned and started the generator just in case we need it. Now to get the leaves out of the gutters.

Cooper's hawks may show up at bird feeders especially during the winter months, when it roams a wider area for food. Cooper's hawks inhabit mixed forests and open woodlands. They make a loud repeated "kek kek kek kek" call given during alarm or during pair interaction. As mentioned in the email above, the Cooper's hawks were decimated in the 1950s and 1960s due to the use of DDT.

#### Other birds by the lake

He lives on a lake and said, "There is an old pine the Bald Eagles love to fish from. There are two Red Shouldered Hawks' nests within three or four hundred feet of each other and when the young start yelling for food the other nest invariably starts and I have them in stereo. Last year a pair of Blue Heron nested, but this year there is only one who patrols the cove shoreline alone. The eagles seem to ignore the adult." He also sees Golden eagles as well.

#### **Bird tally**

I received an email from a reader, who visits ponds in Warren. He sent a tally of bird observed on Nov. 2, 3 and 4. They included on Nov. 2 46 Canada geese and again the same number on Nov. 3 and six on Nov. 4; one pied-billed grebe on Nov. 3, four great blue herons on Nov. 2, two on Nov.. 3 and 3 on Nov. 4; a red-tailed hawk on Nov. 2 and one bald eagle on Nov. He also reported seeing two American crows on Nov. 2, a yellow-bellied sapsucker on Nov. 2, two blue jays on Nov. 2, a titmouse on Nov. 2, one bluebird on Nov. 2 and two on Nov. 3, six robins on Nov. 2, two yellow-dumped warblers on Nov. 2 and again on Nov. 3 and three song sparrows on Nov. 2. Yellow-bellied sapsuckers, yellow-rumped warblers and bluebirds were eating poison ivy berries.

# **THE GREAT PUMPKIN R**

#### HES PTO hosts 3rd annual fun-filled contest

HARDWICK -Autumn brings with it a host of exciting activities for children to enjoy.

One such event that captures the spirit of the season is Hardwick Elementary School's annual Pumpkin Rolling Contest.

Sponsored by the school's PTO, this delightful competition not only showcases the creativity and enthusiasm of young participants, it also fosters a sense of community and friendly competition. The goal is to get their pumpkin to travel the furthest distance, but there are also prizes for most destroyed and shortest roll.



Children get ready for some post-Halloween fun.



Braiden Hutchins-Bowles, age 8 and Jace Hutchins-Bowles, age 6, were ready to roll their pumpkins at the Hardwick Elementary School PTO's annual Pumpkin Rolling Contest held this past Saturday.



Participants get ready for the 3rd annual Pumpkin Rolling Contest hosted by the Hardwick **Elementary School PTO.** 







#### **Cooper's hawk**

I received an email from a reader, who had a Cooper's hawk in his yard for two days. He said, "The barred tail was distinctive flying through the yard ... and looked like a dart with the tail straight out. Many people don't realize they, like the Peregrine Falcon, were decimated by DDT and pesticides." The Cooper's hawk is 16 inches long and as the reader said in his email they have a long tail with barring.



They also have fine streaking on the breast. They are gray above with reddish brown barring. Their crown is darker than the back. The immature Cooper's hawk is dark brown above and light below with thin streaking. Immature plumage is kept for one year.

During the breeding season, these hawks have a regular feeding route where it hunts for common medium sized birds such as mourning doves, blue jays and starlings

The female lays three to six pale blue green eggs with dark marks in a platform nest of sticks place in a tree ten to 70 feet high.

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of the times, "The Era of Confidence," as he called it. The ingenuity level needed to wage the Civil War, carried over into the years beyond, he said. The war over, the United States became a world power. Boys no longer thought only of growing up toe be farmers, they dreamed of being inventors. It was the age of machines, of new wealth. Locally, the well-to-do aspired to have the finest carriage, the best horse. It was in the spirit of these times that Barre citizens looked at their library, housed as it was in the post office.

Police are still investigating two break-ins that

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#### Canada geese

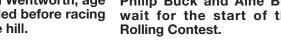
This weekend my granddaughter and I saw about two dozen Canada geese fly over her house. They were honking as they flew overhead. They headed for a beaver pond across the street.

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

occurred Thursday, Nov. 7 at R.J. McDonald Co. on Worcester Road and at the Quabbin Office Building on near-by Valley Road. According to police, they fee the break-ins could have been done by the same people. Both were discovered by employees when they went to work on Thursday morning. A small amount of cash was taken from the safe at McDonald's and about \$2,000 in property damage occurred at the Quabbin building.

Isabelle Wentworth, age 12, William Wentworth, age 11 and Rose Wentworth, age 7 smiled before racing their pumpkins to the bottom of the hill.

Philip Buck and Aine Buck, age 10, wait for the start of the Pumpkin





The Lance family enjoyed racing their pumpkins in the Pumpkin Rolling Contest.



Bryn Jones, age 9, won the award for "Most Destroyed" pumpkin.

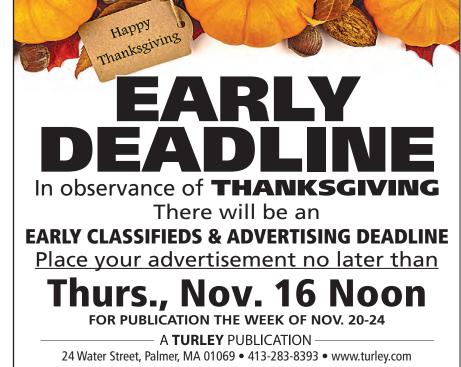
# **POSITION OPENING: Winter Plow Drivers-Laborer**

Town of New Braintree (pop. 998) is seeking winter Plow Drivers both non-CDL and CDL to plow and treat roadways with our trucks. Salary dependent upon experience.

Further position details and job applications are available at the Board of Selectmen's Office, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531.

You can also contact the *New Braintree Highway* Superintendent by calling 508-847-2628.







#### **THURSDAY, NOV. 9**

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS are held every Thursday night, at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. The choral group of 23 years sings in four-part harmony and often in other languages. People may email julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 for more information. They preform several concerts during the year. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay.

MOVIE NIGHT will be held at the Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., Petersham today at 7 p.m. Mel Brook's movie, "Young Frankenstein," will be shown. There is no admission and some refreshments will be provided. Comfy cushions and food to share will be welcome.

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 10

'MATILDA, the MUSICAL' will be presented by Quabbin Performing Arts at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., Barre today at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. For tickets, people may visit our.show/ quabbin.

WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY continues its 18th season with performances of a concert titled "A Sense of Place" in West Boylston and Worcester today and Nov. 12. The first performance will be held today at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 26 Central St., West Boylston. Pre-concert talk is at 7 p.m. The second concert will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4 pm, at Curtis Hall at Assumption University, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester. Pre-concert talk is at 3:30 p.m. Tickets available by visiting https://worcesterchambermusic. org/time-changes/. Venues are handicapped accessible.

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 11

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY will be held today at 11 a.m. on Veteran's Park, North Common, Barre. All Veterans are encouraged to join the ranks. Local residents are invited to attend.

VETERAN PLAQUE DEDICATION, a Boy Scout Eagle Award project, conceived and constructed by Liam Deaden, will take place today at 1 p.m. on the upper common in front of Rutland's Community Hall rain or shine. The project upgraded the Veterans' monument to honor those Rutland veterans has been finalized and a plaque recently installed by Rutland Post 310 American Legion. Refreshments immediately will follow at the Rutland Congregational Church. The criteria to have a name put on this plaque was their "Home of Record" listed as Rutland, Massachusetts when they entered into service, having received an Honorable Discharge and military service between August 1990 and August 2021

HOLIDAY BAZAAR sponsored by the Athol Congregational Church, 1225 Chestnut St., Athol, will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This annual event includes crafts, gift items, bake table, theme baskets, gift card raffles, jewelry, "Winner Wonderland", holiday tag sale and snack bar.

# Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Nov. 13. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Gary Brigham, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the new gazebo on Rutland Common, Main Street, Route 122A, Rutland.

#### MONDAY, NOV. 13

COLORED PENCIL WORKSHOP with Mathilde Duffy will be held today from 6-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. The drawing workshop will focus on learning interesting techniques with many kinds of colored pencils. Some pencils work with water, some blend better than others and some are intended as base layers in a build-up process. The artist will provide materials and subjects, flowers and seashells, but people may wish to bring their own photos or flowers. The end results will be cards to send or drawings to be framed. Space is limited, so register early.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – UNIT 2 BARRE will meet today at 7 p.m. in Barre Post 2 Legion, 440 South Barre Road, Barre, Refreshments will be served by Anne Hardaker, Robin Vancot, and Diane Cooley

#### **TUESDAY, NOV. 14**

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY will present a taste of recipes from old Rutland cookbooks and see the collection of old kitchen gadgets today form 7-9 p.m If people have a favorite old kitchen utensil please bring it with them for display that evening. They should put their name with it and maybe a short story about its history. The cookbooks range in age from 1932 to a recent one. There will be plenty of recipes to sample. This event is free and open to the public.

#### **THURSDAY, NOV. 16**

TRIP TO IWO JIMA IN 2013 will be recounted by Bill Shea, owner of Ruptured Duck, today from

6-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. He is a collector, appraiser, consultant and longtime Hubbardston resident. He will tell of his threeyear delay to get there, a grueling travel schedule and the final success on reaching the summit of Mount Suribachi. The Battle for Iwo Jima echoes through history, come listen to Bill Shea's journey.

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 17

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

#### SATURDAY, NOV. 18

YULETIDE CRAFT FAIR sponsored by the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging will be held today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center, on 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. There will be vendors, lunch and bake sale at affordable prices.

HARVEST AND HOLLY FAIR will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. The church will have a bake table, craft table, raffles, quilt raffle, snack bar and White Elephant Table. The Cookie Walk returns this year. There will also be local crafters and vendors.

WINTER GRIEF SEMINAR, "Embracing loss during the holidays," will be held today from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. This seminar offers practical ways to honor grief when people find it hard to celebrate. The seminar is free, open to everyone, and each attendee will receive lunch and a free book. People may call 508-829-4434 to register. For more information, they may visit www. milesfuneralhome.com.

14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR sponsored by the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. This bazaar is a full day of shopping with over 25 exhibitors, offering handmade soaps, greeting cards. Christmas ornaments, doggie goodies, and more. Their famous huge Raffle offers many chances to bring home a lovely gift basket or other gifts. Lunch prepared by the folks at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing in Springfield cook up meatball grinders, or pick a sweet treat from the bake sale of muffins, cookies and more. Hot coffee will be available. Santa Claus will be riding into town at 11 a.m. and will stay until 2 p.m. for visits with children of all ages, who can get their picture taken. All children receive a free gift. This years event proceeds will support Recognition Programs of Friends Volunteers. For more information, people may call AnnMarie at 413-599-4803.

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 19

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held today at 3 p.m. in the First Congregational Parish, Unitarian, on the Petersham Common, with the three church communities, First Congregational Parish Unitarian, the Orthodox Congregational Church, and St. Peter's Church, participating in the service. The Reverend John Pastor, who is well-known in the community as parish minister, supply preacher, and chaplain will be offering the homily. Congregants from the three parishes will be participating. . Refreshments will be served at a community gathering directly after the service. All are welcome. For more information, people may call 978-724-3401.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 1

SMALL WORKS AND HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE will be held today and Friday, Dec. 8 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2; Sunday, Dec. 3; Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Princeton Senior and Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. People may browse, shop and enjoy hundreds of fine art and artisan-made, affordable holiday gift items made by members of the Princeton Arts Society. There will be wonderful small wall art in many media available and tables will overflow with jewelry, cards, prints, ornaments, fabric items, original books, bags, ceramics, woodworking, and much, much more. Your holiday shopping will be made all the more meaningful by supporting local artists. The Princeton Arts Society is a nonprofit organization promoting the arts in Central Massachusetts through programs, events and shows.

#### **SATURDAY, DEC. 2**

LIVING NATIVITY will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1 Hager Park Road, Westminster, located at the junction of Routes 2 and 140 today and tomorrow, Sunday, Dec. 3 from 6-8 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, people may email office@oursaviorlcms.com, call 978-874-2479 or visit www.livingnativity.net.

# **Police Association seeks** donations for Toys-For-Joy

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Police Association Toys-For-Joy program is asking for donations of new, unwrapped, toys, games, crafts and sporting equipment for children of all ages.

Cash and check donations (made out to North Brookfield Police Association) are also welcomed. These toys are distributed to families in need within the community.

The "Stuff-the-Bus" event will be held Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Hannaford parking lot.

AA transportation will provide a school bus and driver so that members of the community can come and stuff it full of their toy donations. This event is an overwhelming success every year as citizens come out in droves to show their support and generosity.

As always, gift donations will also be accepted in the North Brookfield Police Station lobby, Dollar General and North Brookfield Savings Bank (Gilbert Street location).

#### **HUBBARDSTON** STM. continued from page 1

Boudreau put major emphasis on the fact that the state has in its annual budget not considered well enough the true needs, educationally and infrastructurally of rural towns in the Commonwealth. "The formulas are off and taking up far too much of Proposition 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>," he said. He encourages everyone to reach out to their state legislators to make sure they are aware of the facts to ensure they will work to support the needs in their districts.

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the Spooner home. All three men were soon arrested for Spooner's murder and so began the trial of the century.

At the time of her conviction for the charges of inciting, abetting and procuring the murder of her husband, Bathsheba asked for a delay in her execution, as she was pregnant. An initial examination determined that she was not, but two other examinations showed that she was.

Those subsequent examinations were rejected by the court.

Following her death, an autopsy revealed that Bathsheba was five months pregnant with a baby boy. Many have determined that Ross could have been the

Both Articles 1 and 2 passed unanimously. As were the next three. The sixth and last article had to do with the disposition of abandoned funds by Commonwealth towns that were unclaimed for extended periods of time. The amounts historically have been small, ranging from \$100 to \$275. Should they stay in the town or given to the state? Seven voters said no, the towns should hold onto those potential refunds until they are claimed and 74 voted yes, give them to the state where they will be annually reported as unclaimed money. In neither case, was the money meant to be used to as a budget allocation.

father of the child.

Bathsheba was represented by lawyer Levi Lincoln, a cousin of President Abraham Lincoln and the namesake for the city of Worcester's Lincoln Square.

All four charged with being involved with Spooner's murder were executed on July 2 at the location that is now Union Station.

Buchanan and Brooks are likely buried under Union Station, and Ross' family carted his body back to Topsfield for burial.

Exactly where Bathsheba and her son are buried is unknown, Noone said.

"It remains Worcester County's biggest mystery," he said.

story. "I wanted to do more than Noone and other historijust relate a melodrama," Noone ans have reason to believe that said.

The Thursday, Oct. 26 town meeting gaveled to a close at 7:27 p.m. It was a record, some said. For those who want to learn more detail, they can visit the Town's website to learn more at https://www.hubbardstonma.us/. While there, people may check the link to "Guide to all Town Meetings" and sign up to receive timely notice for anything they are interested in keeping up to date on as well as many things that are happening in the town. One upcoming event is the annual tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 26 on the Common to conclude Thanksgiving weekend and the start of the Christmas season.

Bathsheba and her child are

buried in Worcester's Green

Hill Park, the former estate of

turned Noone onto the story

of Bathsheba, the first woman

executed in the U.S. follow-

ing the Revolution. Hers was

also the new nation's first cap-

ital case, first mass hanging,

and likely the first trial to use

testimony from an African

first home across from Green

Hill Park, I wanted to know

more," Noone said, of the legend

of Bathsheba. He soon decid-

ed his first book would tell the

"When my family bought our

American.

It was this location that first

her sister, Mary Green.

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and 330 from precinct 2.

Hubbardston had a slightly higher voter turnout than Barre with 19.9% or 707 of the 3,556 registered voters casting ballots. In the unofficial results, 455 voted for Durant and 252 for Zlotnik.

The town of New Braintree had an even higher voter turnout of 21% or 172 of the 819 registered voters heading to the poll. Durant received 109 votes and Zlotnik 63.

North Brookfield continued the trend of electing the Republican candidate with 483 for Durant and 213 for Zlotnik. In Oakham, 24% or 369 of the 1,537 registered votes cast ballots. Durant received 242 votes and Zlotnik 127.

In Rutland, 1,200 of the 7,264 registered voters went to the polls. Durant revived 728 votes (272 precinct 1, 206 precinct 2 and 250 precinct 3). Zlotnik received 471 votes (157 precinct 1, 143 precinct 2 and 171 precinct 3).

Peter Durant, a state representative, will move from the House of Representatives to the State Senate. His opponent, Jonathan Zlotnik will continue as a state Representative.

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# Monty Tech best Quabbin in nonplayoff.action

BARRE - Last Friday night, Monty Tech defeated host Quabbin 41-24 in Week 9. Quabbin held an early lead thanks to a Luke Salvadore touchdown followed by a Chase Talbot two-point conversion run for an 8-6 lead. But Monty Tech scored three touchdowns in the second quarter to take a commanding lead and the Panthers were unable to come back from that. Quabbin faces St. Bernard's in Week 10.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy

**Connor Breeds** breaks up the

pass.



Luke Salvadore makes an interception Chase Talbot runs in for the two-point converthat leads to a touchdown.



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Adam Adams drops back to pass.

# **Panthers win Central Mass. title**



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Annabelle Magil challenges the defender for the ball.

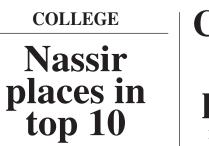
CLINTON – Last Monday night, Quabbin field hockey captured the Central Mass. Athletic Director Tournament championship, defeating Clinton 2-1. Makenzie Casey and Kylie Casey

scored the goals for the Panthers. Quabbin handed Clinton its first loss this season. The Panthers would move on to face St. Paul's in the start the of Division 4 State Tournament last Thursday.



Makenzie Casey carries the ball past the Clinton defenders.





# **Costa scores** pair in playoff win PALMER - Last Friday after-

oon, Pathfinder defeated Hoosa



WESTFIELD - Westfield State men's cross country reined in awards, as first-year Nathan Sylven (Wrentham, Mass./King Phillip) was named Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Runner of the Year along with an All-Conference recognition on Thursday, as the league formally announced it's all conference award winners from the championship meet held last Friday in Devens, Mass.

Coach Marlee Berg-Haryasz took home the BSN Coach of the Year Award as she led the Owls to a team victory and five team members were named to the all-conference team, as Will Buckley (Plymouth, Mass./ North), John Nekitopoulos (West Springfield, Mass.), Abdi Nassir (New Braintree, Mass./ Quabbin) and Scott Porter (Boylston, Mass./Tahanto), also placed in the top 10 at the meet to earn their awards.

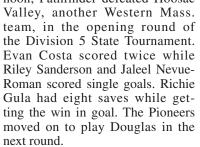
Sylven was the race's individual champ, and on Monday took home the loop's weekly runner and rookie of the week awards. He tripped the 8,000meter championship course in 26:19.91, nearly a full minute clear of his closest foe.

Nekitopoulos took third place to earn his second-straight all conference honor in 27:45.42.

First time All-Conference honorees for the Owls included, Buckley, who came home fifth in the individual standings in 28:03.36

Nassir, a junior, was seventh in 28:19.76, and senior Porter, who was finishing his first year

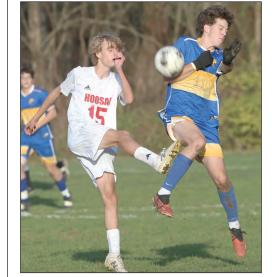
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Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Ethan DeBettencourt catches up to the ball.



Owen Pear sends a shot away.



Evan Costa plays the ball off his side.



Jaleel Nevue-Roman separates from his opponent.



Talon Clark goes after a loose ball.

Jullianna Stanger comes out of the net to make a save.



Farrah Wojick races to beat the Clinton defender.



Madylin Berault goes stick to stick to come up with the ball.





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# Sports

# **Railers drop OT thriller to Adirondack**

WORCESTER – Worcester dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to Adirondack, allowing four power play goals along the way. The overtime goal, scored by Matt Stief, was a 4-on-3 goal with Railers forward Zach White in the penalty box for tripping.

From close up, and on replay, it did not look much like a trip and the Railers were careful not to be critical of the call. That could cost them money. They were not happy, but White stood up and took the blame.

"It wasn't a good play," he said. "I was trying for the puck and then he fell...that was terrible by me.'

Coach Jordan Smotherman discreetly not critical of the officiating. Neither was he critical of his player.

"That's just the kind of guy he is," Smotherman said of White taking the blame.

There was plenty of blame, but plenty of credit in what turned out to be a terrific game after a sluggish first period. After scoring two goals in the game's first 40 minutes the teams combined for seven in the last 23:16.

The overtime loss earned the Railers one point and after the last two seasons when they missed the playoffs by a point, they can understand the value of that. The problem is that in the third period they blew a 3-1 lead and 4-3 lead before the game went into overtime.

"That can't happen,' Smotherman said of the late lapses, "especially their fourth goal. We completely lose our heads and five guys wind up in the corner. That can't happen in small margin games.'

The fourth Adirondack goal was scored by Riley Smith with just 2:34 left in the third period. He drilled a 25-foot shot past Tristan Lennox' blocker. What made it worse was that while it was not officially a shorthanded goal, Thunder defenseman Tristan Thompson had been injured near his own net and was still in the defensive zone trying to get off the ice when Adirondack scored.

The Railers goals were scored by Andrei Bakanov, Ashton Calder and Brendan Robbins. Bakanov had two goals to register the first multi-goal game of his Railers career. Anthony Callin, once again a key offensive player for Worcester, had three assists.

The score after the first 20 minutes would have been about 7-6 if icings had counted as goals. As has been traditional in hockey, they did not. Thus it was a 0-0 game going into the second peri-

About seven minutes into the period the Railers were whistled for icing three times in the span of time and the 5-4 final.

a minute but as things progressed the teams began to generate more offense but could not score.

The Railers and the Thunder traded power play goals in the second period with Adirondack scoring first. Thompson gave his team a 1-0 lead at 9:32 by drilling a 55-foot slapshot home from the right point.

Bakanov tied it at 1-1 at 17:59 with his first goal of the season. It was on the power play as he converted a nice goalmouth pass from Callin. Bakanov gave Worcester the lead at 1:55 of the third period, again on the power play, with a sizzling high wrist shot from between the circles.

Calder scored a marvelous shorthanded goal at 5:45 to make it 3-1. He was sent free on a breakaway when Jake Pivonka batted the puck out of mid-air and sent it directly to his streaking teammate. Calder beat Jeremy Brodeur with a backhander from in close.

Erik Middendorf tied it for Adirondack with goals at 7:29 and 8:57, both on power plays, the first with the Railers two men short. Robbins banged in a rebound off the back wall at 14:26, Callin having taken the original shot, but Smith scored that crucial tying goal exactly three minutes.

From there it was on to over-

# **T-Birds fall to Islanders in weekend finale**

BRIDGEPORT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-5-0-0) could not withstand a late rally by the Bridgeport Islanders (3-5-1-0) in a 3-2 defeat on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena. For the first time in three games this weekend, it would be the T-Birds to get the 1-0 lead in the opening period. Operating a man down at the 8:40 mark, Nathan Walker picked up a feed from Calle Rosen and raced into the Islanders zone on a 2-on-1 with Matthew Peca. The captain served as a decoy and Walker wristed a try through the stick side of Ken Appleby, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge. The goal was Walker's seventh of the season and an AHL-best third shorthanded tally. Walker's goal gave Springfield the lead, but the T-Birds had a difficult time generating much else in the opening 20 minutes, getting outshot 13-5 by Bridgeport in the first frame. While Springfield did successfully kill off nearly a minute of 5-on-3 Bridgeport power play time, the Islanders

were able to parlay that offensive momentum into a tying strike by ex-Providence Bruin Sam Asselin at 16:44, when he grabbed a puck neatly off the right-wing wall, spun toward the faceoff dot, and snapped a shot through Vadim Zherenko to deadlock the game, 1-1, heading into the intermission. Asselin's goal marked the third straight Islanders goal scored by the top-line winger dating back over a four-game span. The T-Birds' power play did not get a chance until the 4:52 mark of the second period, and Springfield did not wait even 10 seconds to get a man-advantage marker for the sixth time in seven games. After Peca won a faceoff, he moved the puck to Joey Duszak at the line, and the veteran defender lifted a wrist shot toward the net. Walker found himself in the middle of the action again as he deflected it through Appleby's equipment to restore Springfield's lead, 2-1, at the 5:00 mark of the second. The T-Birds kept on dealing with a relentless flurry of pres-

sure from the Islanders, but Zherenko and the Springfield defense held the fort to take the 2-1 advantage into the third. Zherenko made 27 saves through the first two periods alone. After a quiet first half of the third period, the T-Birds' defensive levee finally came apart at the 12:02 mark when Matthew Maggio cleaned up a rebound from a Robin Salo shot that had glanced off a T-Birds defender. Maggio tied the score at one apiece, and not even three minutes later, Salo joined the scoring fun, pumping home a rebound off a Karson Kuhlman net drive at 14:25 to give the Islanders their first lead, 3-2. The T-Birds' offense could not find another tally before time ran out, and thus brought an end to the club's five-game win streak. Zherenko finished his night with 32 stops, while Appleby got his

# Education

# MWCC professors present at Trauma-Informed Care Colloquium

GARDNER - Mount Wachusett Community College Education Department professors, Thom Linehan and Maureen Provost, joined Quinsigamond Community College faculty members, Karen O'Neill and Julie Tripori, to organize and present the Trauma-Informed Care Colloquium for Early Childhood Education Faculty and Administrators at Quinsigamond Community College on Friday, Sept. 8.

In attendance were early childhood education faculty, administrators and project participants from across the state. Trauma is a long-standing public health challenge that has started to receive more attention recently, it has significant impacts on young children. The Trauma-Informed Care Colloquium is supported and facilitated by the Massachusetts Association for Community Action as well as the Institute for Community Health.

The project aims to support faculty and institutions of higher education in preparing future educators of young children. The Trauma-Informed Care Colloquium was the culminating event of a multi-year project to develop college courses focused on trauma-informed care for early childhood education students and individuals currently working in

NORTH BROOKFIELD,

what we're doing the next couple

positives to recognize in the data,

including increased participation

in taking the MCAS test, along

with some age groups scoring

above the state average. He said

the school district gained account-

ability points for ELA and math

growth in the Elementary School,

as well as for low chronic absen-

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Health Network, to provide

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Submitted photo

**MWCC** Professors Maureen Provost and Thom Linehan present at the Trauma-Informed Care Colloquium for Early Childhood Education Faculty.

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the field. The faculty involved in this project carefully designed and piloted courses that help educators recognize the impacts of trauma on young children and provide them with constructive, positive strategies for providing care.

"Having the opportunity to work with my colleagues and share solid research and practical information with a broader audience was an essential piece of the Trauma-Informed Care Colloquium," notes Professor Maureen Provost. "Equally important, hearing from attend-

#### Recognition

McCormick recognized four teachers for volunteering their time to work with stakeholders to help plan the future of the school district.

The teachers recognized were Margaret Hanson, Channing LeBlanc, Shelly Lacaire and Caitlyn Malone.

#### School choice numbers

McCormick also shared school choice numbers compared to last year's. He said last year 170 students opted to school choice out of the district and 42 opted to school choice in.

Now, 156 students are going out and 39 are coming in.

"There's money attached to school choice," McCormick. He said there are about 438 students in the district according to data from SchoolBrains.

#### Administrators' reports

High School Principal John Diorio said a homework help group is open to students in grades

Elementary School Principal Sarah Priestley said grade six students attended Nature's Classroom and they bonded as a class.

ees how they will use what they

learned to educate others is excit-

ing! Ultimately, this knowledge

will positively impact the lives

of children, families, communi-

ties, and the educators who serve

Colloquium furthered this work

by sharing the results of the study,

including best practices, curricular

frameworks, and teaching strate-

gies with other Massachusetts

community college professors to

integrate the approach into their

The Trauma-Informed Care

"They had a great time," she said.

Priestley said staff in the school are really focusing on using intervention time effectively, after looking at the MCAS results.

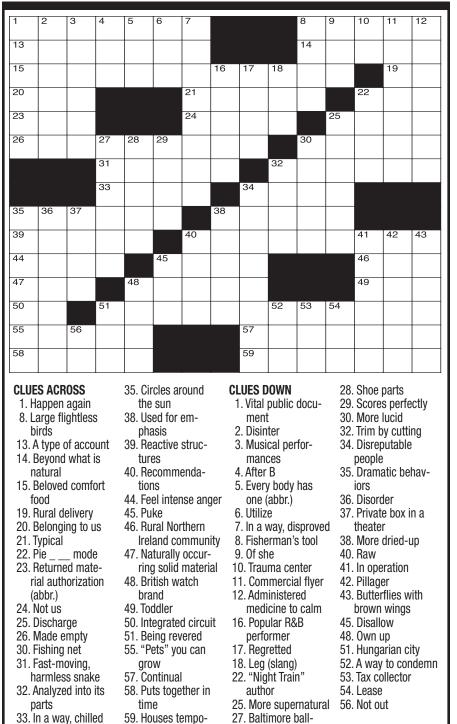
Director of Student Services Ann Knapp said she reviewed physical restraint procedures with Priestley to ensure they meet changing guidelines from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The updated procedures have been added to the school's website, staff and student handbooks.

The School Committee voted to accept the new restraint policy.

She said preschool screenings were also held.

#### **Student Council update**

Student Representative Olivia Giangrande said the homecoming games had to be canceled due



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first win despite only needing to block 17 Springfield offerings. Springfield returned home for the annual T-Birds School Day Game on Wednesday.

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as a cross-country runner after playing two years of soccer for the Owls, finished 10th in 28:31.27 to claim the final berth on the All-Conference Squad.

Berg-Haryasz earned coach of the year honors for the second straight season.

Westfield will be back in action on Nov. 11, when Westfield State hosts the 2023 NCAA Division III Mideast Regional Championship meet at Stanley Park.

days. A consultant helped participants during the first two meetings to frame the work.

ning sessions were held over three

"Through this work, we were able to kind of narrow our focus down. We looked at our vision, our mission. We looked at our core values as a district...and we also looked at what our major overarching initiatives were going to be, plus our strategies to get there," McCormick said.

Individual action steps for each initiative are fluid and may change over the years., McCormick said.

"This team did a fantastic job," he said.

School Committee Vice-Chair Tim Canada said there was a good group of people participating in the strategic planning sessions, with many different opinions. He said they constructively worked together, and he liked the formatting of it.

The strategic planning sessions were comprised of school administrators, teachers, school committee members, students and community members.

McCormick said there were about 20 people involved in the sessions.

seven through 12 after school. He said it is usually staffed by teachers, administrators or college student tutors to help in all subjects.

He said the math department began collaborating on lesson studies. ELA will begin collaboration next.

Diorio said Middle School students were awarded student of the month certificates. This will happen monthly, and Diorio thanked McCormick and the families for supporting the students.

Diorio also congratulated student Diego Cruz who was selected as the first senior of the week.

In High School, grades nine through 12 held a monthly attendance party. Grade 10 won last month, with an attendance rate of 97%, which is over the state average.

Ian Fantasia was selected as North Brookfield's Project 351 ambassador.

Diorio said five Middle School students attended a leadership conference, where they participated in personal reflection, group challenges and dynamic discussions.

to the weather, but the dance was still held. Spirit week was held the week leading up to the dance.

An ice cream bar was set up at the homecoming dance and the Student Council raised a good amount of money.

Halloween room decorating was held, and each grade decorated their advisor's classroom. A Halloween dance was held for students in grades seven to 12.

Students donated canned goods and nonperishable food items for the school's food pantry. Giangrande said donations can be made to the food pantry at any time, by dropping them off at the Main Office.

The Giving Turkey will be set up to collect donations for Toys for Tots for the month of November.

"Students are encouraged to take a feather from the turkey, and then buy whatever item is written on that turkey," she said. "At the end of the event, the grade with the most items donated will received spirit week points."

The Student Council has several upcoming conferences, including

on Nov. 16 at Tantasqua Regional High School. There are also conferences in March and April.

Giangrande said Student Council meetings are usually held every other Monday and all are welcome to attend. She encouraged people to follow the Student Council on social media.

#### New webpage

McCormick said the new webpage has been launched and is very user friendly. An app will be launched soon to access the site through mobile photos.

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Johnson seems to hope so from

her article. She mentions a bill

submitted by State Rep. Angelo

Puppolo of Springfield and State

Senator Patrick O'Connor of

and O'Connor, would allow

Massachusetts to adopt permanent

even if it passes, unless border-

ing states take it up, it will have to

The bill, submitted by Puppolo,

It seems a worthy idea, but

Weymouth.

Standard Time.

# **Church News**

# Local pastors offer sermons

#### Isaiah 6 Part 1

Let us consider this timeless yet timely account from the Book of Isaiah:

#### Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me.'

We do well to realize the timing of this call. Isaiah was called in proximity to the death of Uzziah (v. 1). For many years Uzziah reigned in Judah, and throughout this time the kingdom knew both peace and prosperity. According to one writer: "Uzziah had reigned for fifty-two years, during the greater part of which he and his people had been brilliantly prosperous. Victorious in war, he was also successful in the arts of peaceful industry. The later years of his life were clouded, but on the whole the reign had been a time of great well-being."

However, change was now upon the nation (v. 1). The reign of this longstanding king was in transition, and the storm-clouds of war gathered in the north. One thing was clear for Isaiah and the kingdom of Judah: circumstances were changing and things would never be the same.

It is a fearful thing to live in a season of change! Yet it was in such a season that Isaiah "saw the Lord" (v. 1), noted above. What happened to Isaiah due to this encounter?

1) His Eyes Were Opened to the

go for us?" And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

To what degree do our days mirror those of this ancient figure, Isaiah? To what degree might we experience what he experienced so many centuries ago? Keep such questions in mind for our next edition, as I feel these timeless words have a particular timeliness for our era. May we all have ears to hear what the Spirit of Christ is saying in this hour!

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come.

Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org for more information.

#### **Pastor James Foley**

New Life Assembly of God 60 Main St. South Barre jamesfoley@newlifebarre.org 978-355-6407

### **Twenty Third** Sunday after Pentecost

What does the Lord require of us?"

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com

#### **Scripture Reading: Matthew** 23 v 1-12 and Micah 6 v 8

1. Introduction:

There are many things we are required to do in this life. We must pay our taxes, we need a driver's license to drive a car, we must stop at stop signs, and so forth. The list can be long, and it is difficult to follow these rules and regulations, but they regulate life, for the sake of everyone. There are times when we do not adhere to these rules, and it can lead to chaos and sometimes tyranny in extreme cases.

We know that to live a life of peace and quiet and joyfulness, we all need to do our part to make this peaceful life possible. In our day, it sometimes feels as if we never had any evidence of someone teaching us what it means to love one another and to live a life of goodness. Our passage this morning is a reminder of the values that God is requiring from us to bring us that good life.

2. Introduction:

these external things, He says, but neglect what is more important in the law, in verse 23, which is as follows, "Justice, mercy and faithfulness." These are the important things they need to aspire to and live out.

These are the things that need to be written in front of their heads and carried in their hearts. And these are the values that the Prophet Micah in the late 8th century before Christ, was talking about in Micah Chapter 6 v 8, when he asked this question, "What does the Lord require from you?'

The answer was, "To do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." Right before this, he says, "God has shown you what is good." From the beginning of time, and throughout the history of God's journey with the Israelites, God has shown them what is good, through so many interventions to save them, to feed them and to provide them water when they were thirsty. They were given prophets and judges guiding them and intervening for them with God. All of these and more are captured in this statement, God has shown you what is good.

3. God's Justice, mercy and humility

The Hebrew word for what God requires, is darash, and it means to seek, to be intent and not settle for a lack of these important aspects in our lives. To do justice, mercy and to walk humbly with your God is not a checklist of laws that needed to be followed.

It is, instead, a way of life. To act justly, means that one would look at all others as people who need to be treated in the way God would treat them, meaning they deserve equal and fair treatment. The Hebrew word for justice, means to do what God requires through the laws of Moses which captures the heart of God for the people of God, to live a life of goodness.

God's commandments are commandments of the heart, not the head. Change of heart will be expressed in tender love, mercy, and good ways and actions towards other people. To feel tender towards others requires a kind of inner humble transformation that sees the other as someone who needs the highest level of care.

James C. Howell in his book on Micah, refers to the Psalmist in Psalm 131 v 1-2 as the posture of God in this moving prayer, "O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a quieted child with its mother." 4. Conclusion: What then does God require from us today? To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. This is not a requirement that only belongs to the period of the prophets. No, it transitioned into the New Testament period with Christ ushering in the time of love and mercy and kindness and humility that is different from a legalistic way of life. It is a life of inner transformation, providing us with everything we need to live in a way that is good in the eyes of God. To love God and love one another. This is an intimate way of life that does not build walls between and amongst people, that does not harm, but protect, that does not hate, hurt, or reject. It does not seek violence and war but seeks peace and unity that pleases the heart of God and makes ife on earth enjoyable and peaceful and kind and all those things we cherish

# **Daylight Savings Time**

### Professor Johnson wants to set the right standard

#### **By Richard Murphy** Correspondent

The changeover from Daylight Savings Time is done, sort of.

As this is being written, one still sees the odd clock at the wrong hour, but we are back to Standard Time.

Except our bodies and minds are not yet perfectly aligned to it due to something called circadian rhythm. Circadian rhythm regulates daily body cycles.

The changeover to standard time from daylight savings time and vice versa will put our circadian rhythm out of sync.

Over a short time, most of us will adjust to whatever our clocks say. That does not mean it is a great idea.

Daylight Saving Time was and is a wrong idea and an example of one of humanity's worst afflictions, overthinking.

It has some bad aspects according to Karin Johnson.

Johnson is a professor of neurology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School-Baystate and medical director of the Baystate Health Regional Sleep Program.

She is co-chair of the Coalition for Permanent Standard Time, and

# **Baystate Health begins final transition** from Ware to Palmer hospital

PALMER, - Beginning this month, Baystate Health will begin from Baystate Mary Lane Hospital to Baystate Wing Hospital.

All Baystate Mary Lane Services will move to Baystate Wing Hospital by the end of the year. Effective Friday, Nov. 3, all Radiology services at Baystate Mary Lane closed at end of the day. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, all Women's Imaging (Mammography and Bone Density) will be operational at Baystate Wing Hospital in the newly renovated space located on the first floor, formerly the Baystate Wing ED. Fluoroscopy services will be temporarily sus-

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stem. Feeding during these periods

also vice-president of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Save Standard Time. Johnson is creator and host of its educational video series The Science of Clock Change.

In an Oct. 25 news article Johnson made the point that not just the changeover, but Daylight Savings Time itself is more than just a few restless nights:

"Every year more scientific data is uncovering the hidden harms of Daylight Saving Time. Most people think it is just the clock change that is harmful (it is), but they do not realize the greater harms of living with delayed clocks throughout Daylight Saving Time, which increase the risk of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, depression, suicide, fatal motor vehicle crashes, and decreased workplace productivity and academic achievement. These impacts are disproportionately felt by teenagers, night owls, and workers and parents who have to wake up by 8 a.m. (worse for those with earlier start times), more often minorities and those with lower socio-economic status.'

Proposals for taking up Daylight Savings Time go back well over a hundred years. Mostly they were associated with an economic benefit, Germany and Austria took it on for a military advantage during World War I.

It certainly caught on here and is almost universally observed.

Will that change now that it is known that health can be impacted by the practice?

pended beginning Thursday, Nov. 2, for renovations needed the final transition of services at Baystate Wing, these services

will resume at Baystate Wing in January 2024. Throughout this relocation process, all other radiology services will remain operational at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Additionally, tentative dates have been set for the medical practices to also move to Baystate Wing Hospital. On Friday, Dec. 8, Baystate Women's Health OB/ GYN located at Mary Lane will move to Baystate Wing in the former Cardiology space, located on the first floor. Baystate Medical Practice – Quabbin Pediatrics will move to the former Orthopedic clinic area on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

weeks, daffodils 15-17 weeks and tulips14-20 weeks (depending upon season of bloom).

Pick a date which you'd like

"Baystate Health remains committed to providing skilled and compassionate healthcare in all the communities we serve," said Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals, which includes Baystate Wing Hospital. 'As we reconfigure care delivery in the region to a more sustainable and contemporary model that continues to meet the needs of the many communities served by Baystate Wing Hospital, we deeply value the Mary Lane legacy and recognize the usefulness and sentiment the hospital has had on so many in this community," he said.

For more on Baystate Wing Hospital, people may visit Baystatehealth.org/wing.

ly as the chilling period draws to a close. You will know the bulbs are close to being ready to move to a new location when sprouting occurs and roots are visible through the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well.

wait for implementation according to the professor, "Wary of economic and transportation impacts due to misalignment with border states, many time bills, including the Massachusetts bill, link implementation to similar bills in other states.

Still, it's a start, and should you wish to see it pass, contacting your rep or senator may be in order.

Going in a completely opposite direction, however, are Florida Republican Senator Marco Rubio and Massachusetts Democratic Senator Ed Markey.

Rubio and Markey support the Sunshine Protection Act that proposes permanent daylight savings time.

One is tempted to say the two are trying to give bipartisanship a bad name, but of course, they claim all kinds of improvements as well. The Rubio bill's benefits would be mostly economic.

Evidence seems more on Johnson's side.

Holiness of God. Isaiah came to realize purity, majesty and supremacy divine. Regardless of what was happening amidst Judah and its king, God reigned unrivaled, unchallenged, unmatched and undeterred in heavenly places (v. 1-4).

2) His Eyes Were Opened to Personal and Spiritual Defilement. Isaiah came to recognize not only the uncleanness of wayward Judah, but his own sinfulness in the presence of a holy God (v. 5). What was the sin of the people of God in the days of Isaiah? The opening chapter of the work posits upon the following: rebellion, corruption, apostasy, sexual immorality, religious hypocrisy, violence, thievery and beyond (cf. Isa. 1).

3) He Experienced Cleansing Via God's Mercy and Provision. His willingness to confess his iniquity led to pardon (v. 6-7). How amazing that God was willing to bring remedy to one who was willing to admit need for such! I am reminded of a beloved portion of Isaiah chapter 1: Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

4) He Sensed the Call of God Unto Service. It was in this moment of spiritual revelation that Isaiah sensed the heart of God for those who were lost (Isa. 6:8): "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will

We are aware that during Jesus' earthly ministry and teaching, He was quite critical of the Pharisees and Scribes for their staunch following of the Old Testament laws and yet, He would counsel His disciples and the crowds, to listen to what these religious leaders were teaching, but not to do what they did.

These leaders were very good at expecting the people to obey such heavy-handed laws but did not help them cope with the expectations of it. It was difficult to live under these laws, and it was hard. Instead, we see Jesus telling His disciples in Matthew 11 v 30 that His yoke is light, and requires something completely different, that would be transformative and upbuilding, rather than burdensome and difficult to follow

Here in Matthew 23 Jesus criticizes them for their way of life which has more to do with pleasing people in worship services, but also during social events. Their clothing and attitudes reveal how they were consumed about being recognized by others. One example of that was the wearing of their phylacteries, which were small leather cases worn around their heads and arms.

These leather cases contained texts from the Torah, which was an indication of how they followed the law to the letter. Jesus is criticizing them for that, saying they make these cases even broader to be more visible to others. They focus on all

May God help us all to answer this question from Micah, and from Christ, with an eager response, yes Lord, we will love You and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Amen.

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

#### is most effective.

I generally broadcast a small amount of organic, well-balanced granular fertilizer into the garden, turn over the soil and plant my bulbs, usually in clumps of at least five bulbs, two-three times their width apart and the same for depth. If you are careful about marking where you've planted them, a top dressing of fertilizer can be added in early spring.

Likewise, you could also wait until you see the first stems poke through the ground and feed then.

I'm sure many gardeners never even thought about what flower bulbs did during the summer months. Now that we understand that they are dormant, merely waiting, we can plant them accordingly, away from spots that pool water and that stay as dry as possible.

Now that we understand a bulb's life cycle, how can we use it to ensure some indoor cheer?

Bulbs need anywhere from 11-20 weeks of chilling and a few more thereafter to bloom. This guide can be used: Crocus require 15 weeks of cold; hyacinth 11-14

the bulb to bloom and count backwards. Hypothetically if I want hyacinths to bloom in time for Valentine's Day, planting them within the next week or two would be right on target.

Bulbs can be planted quite close to one another in regular potting soil and your choice of pot. Clay is not recommended because it will dry out readily.

Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. One year I used an old refrigerator; another year the crawl space under our office.

I even tried placing pots of bulbs under the bottom steps of my bulk head. Each worked at maintaining low temps, but did have its own idiosyncrasies.

Keep bulbs away from fruit in storage- especially apples, whereby ethylene gas could disfigure the bulbs, and also be on the lookout for rodents looking for lunch.

Daffodils and hyacinth are usually unappetizing.

Check bulbs often, especial-

After the top has put on an inch of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 50-55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form after a few weeks.

When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess - consider enjoying them in your living spaces during the day, but moving them to a cooler climate at night for increased longevity.

It's about now when the garden centers begin their mark-down of spring bulbs. Try your hand at forcing once and it will become your annual ritual!

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



# Petersham churches offer **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

PETERSHAM - On Sunday, will be offering the homily. Nov, 19 the three church communities, First Congregational Parish Unitarian, the Orthodox Congregational Church and St. Peter's Church, will be offering their annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

The Reverend John Pastor, who is well-known in the community as parish minister, supply preacher, and chaplain,

Congregants from the three parishes will be participating. The service begins at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Parish, Unitarian, located on the common. Refreshments will be served at a community gathering directly after the service. All are welcome.

For more information, people may call 978-724-3401.

### Petersham church to hold movie night

PETERSHAM - The Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., will show the Mel Brooks movie, "Young Frankenstein," on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. There is no admission and some refreshments will be provided. Comfy cushions and food to share will be welcome.

# **Public Safety**

Sunday, Oct. 22

Drive, Referred to Other Agency

Transported to Hospital

Street, Vehicle Towed

Secured

Public Assist

Assist

Oakham

Southbridge

Motor Vehicle With

10:10 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Soucy

10:11 a.m. Emergency Medical

2:50 p.m. Suspicious Activity,

Services - Falls, Nancy Drive,

Campbell Street, Building Checked/

Monday, Oct. 23

Services - Falls, Sassawanna Road,

Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Services, Maple Avenue, Public Assist

Street, Criminal Complaint

License Not in Possession

Wednesday, Oct. 25

8:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Summons: Goderre, Andrew J., 36,

Charges: Unlicensed Operation of

8:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Summons: Bonney, Chrislove, 32,

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle,

9:11 a.m. Animal - ACO Call,

9:30 a.m. Emergency Medical

9:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

9:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

10:39 a.m. Public Assist, Anthony

11:41 a.m. Fire - Structure Fires,

Services - Welfare Check, Maple

Pommogussett Road, Vehicle Removed

Registration Suspended, Operating

Skyline Drive, Information Taken

Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Drive, Information Taken

Main Street, Investigated

Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No,

Pleasantdale Road, Criminal Complaint

1:58 p.m. Emergency Medical

4:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

9:16 a.m. Emergency Medical

9:09 p.m. Assist Other Police

# **Barre Police Log**

#### Sunday, Oct. 22

6:08 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Wheelwright Road, Removed Hazard 6:21 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Oak Street, Report Filed

7 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Wheelwright Road, Referred to Other Agency

11:17 a.m. Police - Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Report Field

11:20 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Hardwick Road, Referred to Other Agency

6:05 pm. Animal – ACO Call, Cathy Lane. Information Given

6:39 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed

10:04 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Area Patrolled

#### Monday, Oct. 23

3:31 a.m. Emergency Medical Service - Falls, Fritscher Road, Transported to Hospital

9:05 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

3:42 p.m. Property - Lost and Found, South Street, Information Taken 4:37 p.m. Public Assist, North

Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party 5:31 p.m. Property - Lost and Found, Hubbardston Road, Removed

Hazard 8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Hubbardston Road, Removed to Court/ Lockup

Arrest: Colon Sanchez, Angel Luis, 36. Sprinafield

Charges: Stop for Police, Fail,

Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, License Revoked Habitual Traffic Offender, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

11:56 p.m. Transport Prisoner, South Street, Removed to Court/Lockup Arrest: Colon Sanchez, Angel Luis,

36. Springfield Charges: Stop for Police, Fail, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, License Revoked Habitual Traffic Offender. Operate Motor Vehicle With, Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

#### Tuesday, Oct. 24

11:42 a.m. Police - Property -Lost and Found, Wheelwright Road, Information Taken

12:17 p.m. Suspicious Activity, South Barre Road, Negative Contact 12:29 p.m. Property - Lost and

Fund, Oakham Town Line, Information Taken 4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle - No

Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Response, Summer Street, Report Filed 4:25 p.m. Emergency Medical

Services, Sick/Unknown, Summer Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

6:32 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Millbury, Officer Spoke to Party

#### Wednesday, Oct. 25

7:40 a.m. Animal Wildlife, South Street, Referred to Other Party

8:27 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Springfield, Information Given 9:03 a.m. Animal - Emergency Animal Call, Mechanic Street, Referred to Other Agency

10:48 a.m Suspicious Activity, South Street, Information Take

10:51 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Pine Tree Terrace. Information Taken 10:52 a.m. Serve Warrant, North

Brookfield Road, Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Harnois, Jeffery J., 32, South Barre

Charges: Warrant

4:06 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Spring Hill Road, Officer Advised

#### Thursday, Oct. 26

8:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Breathing Difficulty, Station Road, Mutual Aid Transport

10:41 a.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Valley Road, Transported to Hospital

9:14 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Report Filed

#### Friday, Oct. 27

5:26 p.m. Property Damage, South Street, No Police Service Necessary 8:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed

#### Saturday, Oct. 28

11:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Citation Issued 12 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Gautier

Road, Peace Restored 12:55 p.m. Police - Erratic Operator,

North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation Issued

## **Oakham Police Log**

#### Monday, Oct. 23 8:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

#### Wednesday, Oct. 25

3:17 p.m. Property - Lost and Found, North Brookfield Road, Information taken 3:28 p.m. Illegal Dumping, North

Brookfield Road, Report Filed

5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning 8:20 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist

Thursday, Oct. 26 4:01 p.m. Safety Concert, Worcester Road. Investigated 7:53 p.m. Public Assist, Hunt Road, Officer Took Call

Saturday, Oct. 27 11:30 a.m. Property Dispute, South

#### Road, Report Filed 12:24 p.m. Assist Other Agency/ Non-Police, North Brookfield Road,

Information Taken 6:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hapgood Road, Area Patrolled

**Rutland Police Log** 

2:43 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Bolyston, Administration Complete

Street, Criminal Complaint

Exceeding Posted Limit

Transported to Hospital

Ambulance Signed Refusal

Worcester

Summons: Cucco, Cassiano, 24,

Charges: Unlicensed Operation of

Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed

6:48 p.m. Emergency Management Services – Falls, Thurston Hill Road,

7:09 p.m. Police – Noise Violation Party, Maple Avenue, Report Filed

Memorial Drive, Fire Extinguished

11:25 p.m. Fire - Vehicle Fires,

Friday, Oct. 27 7:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled,

7:28 a.m. Lockout (Home or

11:32 a.m. Emergency Medical

12:19 p.m. Traffic Hazard, East

2:37 p.m. Police - Erratic Operator,

3:11 p.m. Police - Larceny/Theft,

6:14 p.m. Assist Other Police

8:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

10:49 p.m. Police - Erratic Operator,

Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, Oct. 28

Cloverdale Lane/ Building Checked/

10:28 a.m. Police - Burglary,

11:29 a.m. Police - Abandoned

Vehicle/Parking, Main Street, Officer

Spoke to Party 11:44 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Turkey

1:26 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road,

4:08 p.m. Leg Swelling, Maple

10:23 p.m. Police - Suspicious

Person/Vehicle, Maple Avenue,

Thursday, Oct. 26

Underwood Road, Officer Took Call

Underwood Roar, Investigated

12:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity,

1:20 p.m. Follow-up Investigation,

Friday, Oct. 27

4:53 p.m. Identity Theft, High Street,

6:25 p.m. Police - Abandoned

9:51 p.m. Gunshots, Chicopee

10:30 a.m. Assist Other Police

4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Vehicle/Parking, Moosehorn Hill Circle,

Saturday, Oct. 28

Department, Templeton, Referred to

Hill Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Department, Holden, Officer Spoke to

Pleasantdale Road, No Action Required

Vehicle), Campbell Street, Entry Gained

Services - Sick/Unknown, Miles Road,

County Road, Removed Hazard

Intervale Road, Report Filed

Street, Vehicle Towed

Transported to Hospital

Avenue, Public Assist

Unfounded

Report Field

Investigated

Other Agency

Drive, Area Patrolled

Party

Secured

Barre Paxton Road, Officer Advised

4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Criminal Complaint Summons: Falamino, David Manuel, 62, Barre

Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle, Subsequent Off, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Name/ Address Change, Florida Notify Registry Motor Vehicle of

4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

4:17 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street. Officer Spoke to Party

7:17 p.m. Police - Fraud/Forgery, Crestview Drive, Report Filed

8:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Watson Lane, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Cruz, Nataly Y., 44, Rutland

Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Inspection/ Sticker, No

9:28 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Area Search Negative

11:25 p.m. Police - Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

#### Thursday, Oct. 26

8:43 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Sycamore Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal

8:51 a.m. Subject/Person Down/ Unknown, Charnock Hill Road, No Action Required

9:41 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty 11:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-

Police, Gardner, Information Given 12:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Maple Avenue, Written Warning 1:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued

1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Inwood Road, Citation Issued

12:46 p.m. Police - Suspicious 6:04 p.m. Fire - Structure Fires, Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Report Nates Way, Investigated

6:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

## **Hubbardston Police Log**

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Services - Leg Pain, Williamsville Road,

Wednesday, Oct. 25

9:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Cancer Pain, Hale Road,

1:42 p.m. Police - Larceny/Theft,

4:25 p.m. Gunshots, Adams Road,

5:02 p.m. Recreational Vehicle

Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Party

8:50 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner

6:07 a.m. Emergency Medical

Inspection/Sticker, No,

Stop/Yield, Fail to

Transported to Hospital

District Court, Court Duty

Transported to Hospital

Officer Spoke to Party

Geordie Lane. Report Filed

### **Hardwick Police Log**

During the weeks of Oct. 23-Nov. 6. the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 127 building/property checks, 75 directed/area patrols, 13 traffic controls, 18 emergency 911 calls, 14 radar assignments, three complaints, three motor vehicle investigations, seven investigations, eight assist other agencies, nine citizen assists, three threats, four safety hazards, two fires, one vandalism, six animal calls and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

#### Monday, Oct. 23

Pond Road, Officer Handled 11:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

#### Friday, Oct. 27

1:31 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Services Rendered 6:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to

Hospital 8:30 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Hardwick Road, Negative

Contact 11:45 a.m. Investigation, Simpson

1:11 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered 4 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

#### Wednesday, Nov. 1

2:34 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Broad Street, Services Rendered 3:32 p.m. Investigation, Parker

Court, Officer Handled 5:56 p.m. Complaint, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Nov. 2

Sunday, Oct. 22

6:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued 12:17 p.m. Property Dispute, Gardner Road, Message Delivered 3:07 p.m. Police - Threats, Gardner

Road, Report Filed 3:16 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Brigham Road, Referred to Other Agency 3:22 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service - Bleeding (Non-Traumatic),

4:18 p.m. Police - Threats, Gardner

6:07 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Gardner, Negative Contact 9:02 p.m. Assist Other Police

Parsons Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Road, Report Filed

12:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Main Street, Transported to Hospital 1:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

Muddy Brook Road, Served in Hand 3:41 p.m. Investigation, Church

Lane, Officer Handled 4:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

5:29 p.m. Investigation, Church Lane, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 24 1:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Prouty Road, Officer Handled

11 a.m. Investigation, Church Lane, Spoken To

5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

#### Wednesday, Oct. 25

11:28 a.m. Threat, Parker Court, Peace Restored 1:35 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Sullivan Avenue, Transported to Hospital

- 2:57 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
- 4:08 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Pine Street, Services Rendered 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Investigation, Main Street, Dispatch Handled

#### Thursday, Oct. 26

4:22 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Lower Road, Services Rendered 7:11 a.m. Assist Citizen. Greenwich Road, Transferred Call to C7 9:16 a.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Transferred Call to C7

2:25 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Bridge Street, Report Taken

3:37 p.m. Threat, Sullivan Avenue,

Officer Handled 6:51 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick

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12:41 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Church Lane, Transported to Hospital 12:58 p.m. Investigation, Pine

Street, Officer Handled 1:22 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Officer Handled

1:37 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled 1:41 p.m. Disturbance, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital 3:49 p.m. Threat, Hardwick Pond Road, Officer Handled

4:57 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Lower Road, Investigated 6:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main

Street. Officer Handled

#### Saturday, Oct. 28

10:05 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Pond Road, Negative Contact 10:09 a.m. Assist Citizen, Summer Place, Served in Hand 8:22 p.m. Gunshots, Off Prospect Street, Unfounded

#### Sunday, Oct. 29

6:30 p.m. Disturbance, Unknown, Services Rendered 6:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

#### Monday, Oct. 30

12:40 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 8:30 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Petersham Road, Report Taken 3:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

#### Tuesday, Oct. 31

12 a.m. 911 Complaint, Broad Street, Spoken To 11:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled 11:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Officer Handled

Main Street, Transported to Hospital

8:11 a.m. Vandalism, Main Street, Officer Handled 5:42 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute,

High Street, Peace Restored 10:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Lower Road, Citation Issued

#### Friday, Nov. 3

7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road. Citation Issued 9:21 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Collins Road, Services Rendered 11:54 a.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre

Road, Spoken To 3:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled

5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning 9:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

#### Saturday, Nov. 4

8:22 a.m. Safety Hazard, Pine Street, Services Rendered 1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated 2:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled

2:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

5:05 p.m. Safety Hazard, Red Bridge Road, Officer Handled 11:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Lower Road, Vehicle Towed

#### Sunday, Nov. 5

1:15 a.m. Disturbance, Barre Road, Report Taken

Monday, Nov. 6 5:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Monday, Oct. 23

Department, Gardner, Report Filed

8:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Old Boston Turnpike, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Colon Sanchez, Angel Luis, 36, Springfield

Charges License Suspended/ Revoked, Operating Motor Vehicle With,

During the weeks of Oct. 23-Nov.

6 the Hardwick/New Braintree Police

Department responded to 34 build-

ing/property checks, 53 directed/area

patrols, seven traffic controls, five radar

assignments, four emergency 911 calls.

Departed without Incident

10:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Morgan Road, Transported to Hospital

10:32 p.m. Police - Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Solar Field, Negative Contact

Gardner Road, Written Warning

4:36 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Brigham Road, Referred to Other Agency

4:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Abdominal - Back Pain, Morgan Road, Transported to Hospital

### **New Braintree Police Log**

Thursday, Oct. 26 9:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Siblev Road, Services Rendered

#### Friday, Oct. 27

11:45 a.m. Complaint, Ravine Road, Merge

1:33 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Padre Road, Spoken To

#### Saturday, Oct. 28

4:24 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

5:29 p.m. 911 Animal Call, West Road, No Action Required

#### Sunday, Oct. 29

11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated 4:08 p.m. Trespass, Padre Road, Services Rendered

#### Saturday, Nov. 4

12:13 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Services Rendered 9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

#### Sunday, Nov. 5

2:18 p.m. Hazardous Incident, West Brookfield Road, Removed Hazard

# Senator Markey advocates to make daylight savings permanent

WASHINGTON, D.C. -Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Massachusetts) released a statement recently on making daylight saving time permanent and ending the antiquated practice of changing the clocks twice a year.

Markey, along with Senator Marco Rubio (R-Florida), is an original sponsor of the Sunshine Protection Act, which unanimously passed the Senate in March 2022 but was never brought up for a vote in the House.

"When we 'fall back' and lose the extra hour of daylight saving time on Sunday, we are sacrificing energy savings, crime reduction and economic benefits for darkness," Markey said. "Over the years, I've fought and won to extend daylight saving time-adding two months' worth of sun to the American people's calendar, which saves the same amount of electricity as used by over 100,000 households for an entire vear. It's past time for Congress to take up the Sunshine Protection Act and make daylight saving time permanent to keep the sun shining."

Studies show that making DST permanent would have positive impacts on public health, the economy, and climate change. Representative Vern Buchanan (Florida-16) introduced companion legislation in the House.

As part of the Energy Policy Act in 2005, then-Representatives Markey and Fred Upton (Michigan-06) amended the Uniform Time Act of 1966, extending the duration of DST in the spring by changing its start date from the first Sunday in April to the second Sunday in March, and in the fall by changing its end date from the last Sunday in October to the first Sunday in November.

In 1985, then-Representative Markey also partnered with Representative Carlos Moorhead (California-27) to extend DST by three weeks.

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of New Braintree.

Monday, Oct. 23

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#### **Tax Classification Hearing** TAKE NOTICE that the Select Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Select Board's Meeting Room at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA for the purpose of selecting a residential factor, which will determine the percentages of tax burden to be borne for each class of property for fiscal year 2024. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing

For the Select Board: Greg Balukonis Town Administrator 11/09, 11/16/2023

#### (SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT **Docket Number:** 23 SM 004090 **ORDER OF NOTICE** To: Jamie R. Faucher and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Citibank, N.A., as

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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Barre, numbered 298 Oakham Road, given by Jamie R. Faucher to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated December 28, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40455, Page 302, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated August 1, 2017, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58222, Page 88, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a comServicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United

States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 18, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 1, 2023. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 24004

plaint for determination of 11/09/2023 Defendant's/Defendants'

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT

**DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 23 SM 003999 **ORDER OF NOTICE** 

To: Hiedi L. Mink and to all persons enti-

tled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in South Barre, numbered 61 Pine Tree Terrace, given by Hiedi L. Mink to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated January 21, 2022, and recorded in Worcester

Registry of Deeds in Book 66985, Page 183, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square,

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County (Worcester District) Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 26, 2023. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder 23-008520 11/09/2023

**Town of Barre Public Hearing Notice** Transfer of Liquor License **Change of Manger** 

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Retail License from Dominic's, Inc. to Mile 61 Tavern. Inc. for premises located at 9 Main Street,

South Barre, MA, and Change of Manager to Jason Pietrzak. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing. For the Select Board: Greg Balukonis Interim Town Administrator 11/02,11/09/2023

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