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BOH recommends hiring public health nurse

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HUBBARDSTON – Judy O'Donnell of the Board of Health proposed hiring a public health nurse for the town at the Dec. 4 Select Board meeting.

She said communities, which have public health nurses, are "few and far between" and included Ware and Rutland. At one time, most communities did have public health nurses. The pandemic made the state and communities aware of the need to have this position back.

She said the Board of Health proposed hiring a nurse for 16 hours per month at a rate of \$45. The board had one candidate, who expressed an interest in the position.

O'Donnell said the town currently had a contract with the Montachusett Visiting Nurse Association. She said it would be beneficial to have someone to call to make assessments if needed. She said a neighboring town had a case of tuberculosis and a block of the town's population was exposed. This involved testing of those individuals and more.

O'Donnell said it was her understanding the Board of Health received some of the Holden Hospital Funds along with the Fire Department. Currently, the Fire Department receives all of those funds to run the ambulance.

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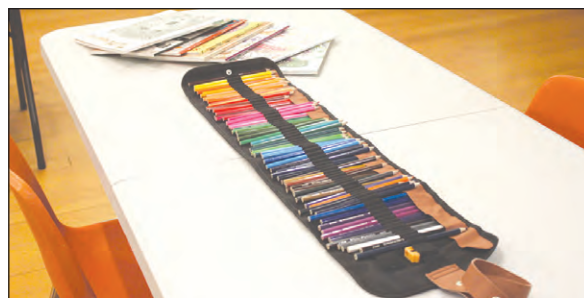


The library was flooded with holiday cheer and decorations along with craft activities.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago



Guests enjoyed the first Cozy Coffee Hour at Woods Memorial Library this past Friday.



Enjoy a cup of coffee while taking up an arts and crafts activity by the library.

Get to know your community members during Cozy Coffee Hour

Barre Library welcomes guests

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Barre- The Woods Memorial Library enjoys the company of the community during a cozy coffee hour.

A new addition to the library is all about bringing a cozy atmosphere and activities while getting

ready for the winter season. The top floor of the Woods Memorial Library was already decorated for the Christmas in Barre and is a delightful feature to go along with a warm cup of coffee. Warm drinks and treats were provided by the library and was organized by Timothea Ford.

Ford is the adult & technology services librarian and wanted to offer a new social activity that brings the community together. It is also an opportunity for locals to explore the library. This past

Friday, Dec. 1 was the first ever Cozy Coffee Hour at the Barre Library and Ford has every intention to provide more Coffee hours in the future.

Signing up in advance is always an option to join Coffee Hour, but walk ins are always welcome. The Coffee Hour is all about getting to know your fellow residents. Sit, socialize, have some warm beverages and enjoy a craft activity together.

The Library also provided crafts such as ornament making,

coloring books, drawing utensils, and other creative projects. The activities at the library are free activities and provide programs for all ages. Ford is the librarian to speak to regarding adult based activities and many are in the works for future social gatherings.

Ford is working on offering more programs for adults at the library. Programs that are lecture-based, community-based,

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Longtime fire chief retires

Deputy and assistant move up

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Deputy Chief Darin Anderson was named North Brookfield's newest fire chief, following the retirement of Fire Chief Joseph Holway.

At the Dec. 5 meeting, the Board of Selectmen expressed their gratitude to Holway for his years of dedicated service to the town and its residents.

"Joey Holway has served this town for many years," Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said. "As a fire chief, as a fireman, and everything in between," including a police sergeant.

Petraitis said according to Massachusetts General Law, Holway has reached the maximum age allowed to be a paid firefighter, and he asked everyone in attendance to join him in giving Holway a round of applause.

Captain David Martin is also retiring from the Fire Department.

"He's been an integral part of the Fire Department, in particular in training," Petraitis said of Martin, who is staying on as an unpaid volunteer to continue assisting with training.

"They've served well, and they've served a long time," Petraitis said.

Holway said he recommended

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Keep Busy with Holiday Activities

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Visit your local Library

BARRE - Get involved with holiday fun by visiting your local community, including your local library.

Woods Memorial Library
The Woods Memorial Library has events for adults and children this holiday season. Keeping it festive this time of year, the Barre library will be hosting The Ugliest of them all ugly sweater making. Dec. 15 is National Ugly Sweater Day and to celebrate around that time is a craft activity to make your own ugly sweater.

The Ugliest of them All will take place at Woods Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. for ages 12 and up. Guests are to bring the sweaters over and the library will provide various supplies to add ugly sweater features.

Also for ages 12 and up, the library will help transform your favorite music artist or book character into a unique piece of wall art. Lyric Silhouette Wall Art will be available on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 6pm.

For adults, get to know your local library and community neighbors during Cozy Coffee Hour on Friday, Dec. 15 at 2:30pm. A chance to get ready for winter during these cozy gatherings at the library. Warm beverages, yummy snacks, and some comforting activities will be setup and provided by the library. A social activity where

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Christmas in New Braintree



Running the raffle table at the Christmas in New Braintree craft fair were volunteers (from left) Dody Ayer, Kathy Letendre, Jessica Bennett, Liam Letendre, Andrea Letendre, Weston Letendre and Ellen Glidden.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Craft fair returns to continue 20+ year tradition

By Paula Ouimette
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NEW BRAINTREE – In what should have been its 23rd year, the Christmas in New Braintree craft fair returned this past Saturday, the first time since the start of the pandemic.

"December of 2019 was our last one," volunteer and organizer Jessica Bennett said.

This year, there were 30 vendors, with all proceeds from the event benefiting the New Braintree Fire Association and the Friends of the New Braintree Revitalization Committee.

"It was busy, but it was great," Bennett said of the day. "A cou-



Ellen Glidden represented the New Braintree Fire Association at the Christmas in New Braintree craft fair.

ple of people said they had the best show they've ever had."

Vendors filled the cafeteria and gymnasium of the New Braintree Grade School and the Town Hall. A café offered by the New Braintree Congregational Church served treats and lunch in the Town

Hall, while National Honor Society students from Quabbin Regional High School helped children make holiday crafts.

The Friends of the New Braintree Public Library hosted a book sale the morning of the

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Submitted Photo by Neil Viner

No matter the weather, Viner demonstrates in all elements and sleeps outside without heat.

Rutland man brings awareness for homeless veterans

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RUTLAND – Every year a man demonstrates homelessness by camping out for a week in the town of Rutland.

Neil Viner of Atlantic Dippers for Homeless Veterans and Veterans in Need has the goal of bringing awareness of our homeless veterans and raising money that goes to Veterans Inc. in Worcester. Veterans Inc is the largest provider of support services to veterans and their families in New England.

Established in 2015, Viner and his wife co-founded the Atlantic Dippers and are based out of Rutland. Viner hopes to fill the needs of the homeless veterans.

For several years, Viner sets up camp on the town common in Rutland and stays in a tent for an entire week to bring as much attention as possible to support this great cause. He does this demonstration to show what it means to be homeless by camping and sleeping outside without heat.

According to Viner, Veterans Inc. services 400-500 veterans per year. By raising money that is ultimately donated to Veterans Inc.,

Viner wishes to contribute in many ways as possible.

In most recent years doing this demonstration, Viner and Atlantic Dippers has brought more awareness during his time in the town common for several years.

Veterans have stopped by to visit Viner and dropped off firewood and express appreciation for him spreading the awareness of homeless veterans. Homeless veterans have visited Viner's campsite in Rutland and had made donations also.

In those moments, Viner can hear the many stories shared by these veterans who crossed his path. It only motivates him to continue with the demonstration.

Kids have thanked Viner for his cause and shows promise for the future of his cause.

"It really touches the public to see what's actually happening and it is making a difference", said Viner.

Doing this demonstration, Viner hopes to pass the tradition on to future generations and continuously support homeless veterans and veterans in need.

Veterans Inc. is across the U.S. and is currently expanding with

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News of the Towns

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Library Book Club to meet
The Monthly Book Club at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., will meet Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The book for December is "The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan.

No. 4 Schoolhouse party
On Sunday, Dec. 17 there will be an annual Christmas Party at the No. 4 Schoolhouse, Farrington Road. The Christmas Party includes a visit from Santa. As a reminder, all functions and ongoing events are achieved through public support and donations. People should R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P. via email to Allison Dea Marinelli at marinellifamily@verizon.net. All are welcome. People should give the number of children, who will visit with Santa. People are asked to bring a snack to share.

This is the last call to purchase raffle tickets. The winners will be picked Friday, Dec. 8. There are numerous gift cards, certificates, passes, cinema tickets and more to giveaway, plus gift baskets and handmade items too. One ticket is \$5, three are \$10 and ten tickets are \$20. The Schoolhouse is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization making all donations tax deductible.

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.

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 Dec. 18. 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 – Lemon pepper fish, rice pilaf, roasted Brussels sprouts, cold baked apples, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY – Holiday Meal Chicken cordon bleu, cranberry herbed stuffing, roasted carrots and broccoli, double chocolate cake, diet = cheesecake mousse, French bread

WEDNESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, chuckwagon corn, mixed fruit, Italian bread

THURSDAY – Greek chicken, steamed white rice, roasted broccoli, brownie, diet = half brownie, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, fresh fruit, marble rye 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.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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Facebook Celebrating 87 years in Gardner



These items were all raffled off to benefit the No. 4 Schoolhouse, Farrington Road, Barre.

No. 4 Schoolhouse has successful fundraiser

BARRE — The No. 4 Schoolhouse Officers thanks the many donors/sponsors and supporters of their recent raffle fundraiser. The generosity of so many is greatly appreciated. These new funds will allow us to continue programming and help with the upkeep of this precious historic Schoolhouse. All winners have been notified. A special thanks to Bridget Lachance on her dedication to the success of this fundraiser.

Founders Museum returns artifacts to Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

BARRE — On Nov. 13, as part of its on-going repatriation project, Founders Museum in Barre, completed the return of a quiver, bow and arrows to representatives of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

Barre Museum Association board members Ann Meilus and Elizabeth Martin brought the items to Cambridge to meet with Kathleen Marshall, Vice Chair of the Elders Council, at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, which is also repatriating items. Marshall is the NAGPRA coordinator for the new Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Museum and Cultural Center in Santa Ynez, California. She was accompanied by Isabella Marshall, culture and language teacher and Hannah Lent, culture programs assistant. The returned items will become part of the collection of the new museum, which is due to open in 2024.

Last year Founders Museum turned over more than 130 items claimed by the Oglala Lakota people in a large public ceremony in Barre. Dr. Aaron Miller of the Abbe Museum in Bangor, Maine, representing Founders Museum, has contacted about 50 more Native American groups in an effort to identify the more than 100 items remaining in Barre.



Hannah Lent, Kathleen Marshall, and Isabella Marshall with the repatriated items



Hannah Lent, Isabella Marshall, Kathleen Marshall are shown with Barre Museum Association board members, Ann Meilus and Elizabeth Martin.

Knights of Columbus donate to Barre Food Pantry



Shown from left are, Matthew Walsh, David Petrovick, Paul Cranston, William King and Leo McCaffrey. The Knights of Columbus St. Cleophas Council donated \$6,000 to the Barre Food Pantry.

BARRE — Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Cleophas Council from Barre present a \$6,000 check to the Barre Food Pantry from the proceeds of their "Fill the Pantry" Golf Tournament. The Tournament held by the Barre, Rutland and Holden Knights of Columbus Councils have raised over \$83,000 with the funds split between the Barre, Rutland and Holden Food Pantries.

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Town holds Annual Town Report Cover Photo Contest

The town of Hubbardston seeks photo submissions from community members for the cover of the 2023 Annual Town Report. Amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to submit images that showcase "What Hubbardston Means to You," -whether it's landscapes, buildings, events or any scenes that capture the spirit of the town. Up to three photographs can be submitted by each entrant along with a short description of the meaning and location of each photo. The Select Board will vote to choose the winning photo during a meeting in February 2024. The selected entry will be featured on the cover of the printed 2023 Hubbardston Annual Town Report as well as online publications. The winning photographer can choose to have their name published with the report.

Submissions Deadline is Feb. 1, 2024. People should email entries to bos@hubbardstonma.us.

People may email contest questions to Toni Walker at bos@hubbardstonma.us or by call 978-928-1400, extension 200.

By entering the contest, photographers grant the town of Hubbardston the right to publish, print and display submitted photos for use in the Annual Town Report and related town promotional materials. The town may alter, edit or crop photos at its discretion.

Christmas Eve service

The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. The service is a very traditional observance of the holiday through music, singing and readings. All are welcome.

Hubbardston Light Fight

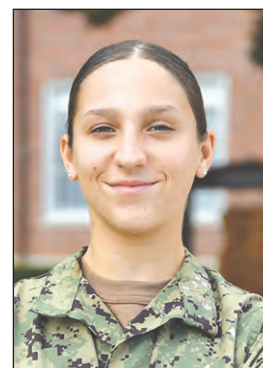
Hubbardston Light Fight takes place the first three weekends in December. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights participating households will turn on their light displays from 5-9 p.m. People may get a map of participating homes at One Stop Shop. Voting closes Monday, Dec. 18. For more information, people may visit <https://www.hubbardstonma.us/special-events/pages/hubbardston-light-fight>.

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..

Airman Nobilini assigned to Aircrew Training School

PENSACOLA, FLA. — Airman Catherine Nobilini of Barre, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to Aviation Enlisted Aircrew Training School.



Airman Catherine Nobilini

Nobilini graduated from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in 2023. The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Barre.

"I learned from my hometown to treat everybody the way you want to be treated," said Nobilini. "In the Navy, you can really impact someone without knowing it if you treat everyone with respect and kindness."

Circle of Song Christmas Concert on Dec. 16

BARRE - Circle of Song Christmas Concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall Exchange Street, Barre.

There will be refreshments at the end of the concert and time for socializing. Circle of Song is always looking for new members to join in the group, the fellowship and camaraderie, and the challenge of making music together. All skill levels and ages are welcome.

Contact Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or 978-257-1192. Circle of Song will resume in January of 2024.

New Braintree Library holds story time Dec. 18

NEW BRAINTREE — The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering the next story time program on Monday, Dec. 18 at 9 a.m.

The stories featured "Pete the Cat Saves Christmas" by Eric Litwin and "The Animals' Santa" by Jan Brett. Parental supervision is required.

People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

QRSD Audit Subcommittee – Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
 QRSD School Committee – Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Jan., 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Jan. 3 at 1 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Water Commission – Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.
 9/11 Memorial Development Committee – Jan. 10 at 5 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Jan. 11 at 3 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Jan. 25 at 1:30 p.m.

HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Historical Commission – Dec. 19 at 12:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – Jan., 3 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Council on Aging – Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 21 and Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Jan. 2 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Select Board – Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 27 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM.

Board of Health – Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.
 Select Board – Dec. 26, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Petersham Historic District – Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Dec. 28 at 5:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Jan. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Jan., 2 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Jan. 8 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Dec. 14 at 6:15 p.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Board of Trustees – Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

Library to hold 'Feliz Naviduckie' soap making workshop

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library will be offering a "Feliz Naviduckie" soap making workshop for children ages 8+ on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10-11 a.m., hosted by Gariné Arakelian of Kulina Folk Arts.

This event is free to attend.

Participants will get to make their own soap creations using glycerin based soap and adding colors and scents, topped with an adorable festive rubber ducky. These are perfect to give as gifts (or to keep for yourself).

Children must be 8 or older to participate and must be accompanied by an adult. No admission will be allowed after initial instructions are given, due to safety reasons.

Although this is primarily a children's workshop, adults are encouraged to sign up too. Arakelian has developed youth art programs for the Worcester and Fitchburg art museums, and the Worcester Center for Crafts. She hosts many different creative workshops in the area including soap and candle making, painting, paper crafts, and skin care.

To register for this event, please call the library at 508-867-0208 or email Youth Services Librarian Brianna Lamb at blamb@cwmar.org. Space is limited.

Holiday fun enjoyed by many families

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HARDWICK – For the second year in a row, the Hardwick Crossing Country Club invited hundreds of guests for a series of events.

At the Crossing, you can eat, drink, play golf, shop, and be with your friends and family.

Throughout the day, guests were greeted by the Grinch and Mrs. Claus. The two loveable holiday characters were all around Hardwick Crossing greeting guests, taking pictures and keeping the guests entertained.

While many guests were awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus and the hayride to come back around to the country club building, Grinch and Mrs. Claus kept them company. Outside near the hayride line, a hot cocoa booth was set up for folks to enjoy a warm beverage prior to their visit.

The hayride was a fun relaxing retreat to explore the beautiful grounds of the country club. Part of the tour brought families to a sneak peak of Santa's source of transportation to the Hardwick Crossing.

Over by the railroad tracks was a train stationed for Santa Claus to meet the children during Christmas at the Crossing. Families took pictures with Santa as the kids got to ask him what they wanted for Christmas.

Guests were brought down to the train by hayride.

Back at the country club, the dining hall had well over 100 visitors as a series of holiday activities took place. The kids got to enjoy decorating cookies and ornaments as the staff of Hardwick Crossing were helping them out.

Over by the Christmas tree was a mailbox for Santa Claus. Children got a chance to write letters to Santa Claus and drop them off in the mailbox.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

The Grinch visited guests at Hardwick Crossing.



Mrs. Claus enjoyed a hot cocoa break.

For shoppers, a holiday craft fair was available in the dining hall and was incredibly busy. The vendors offered a selection of craft goods that would be perfect for holiday gifts.

Guests got to look around and find some possibly gifts such as winter crafts, jewelry, jackets, flannel shirts, toys and signs. Many guests got to get Christmas shopping done thanks to the craft fair.

Christmas at the Crossing was a family fun experience as holiday fun in all forms was included. Hardwick Crossing Country Club also offers a restaurant and bar with plenty of seating in the restaurant, bar area and out on the deck outside.

Visit Hardwick Crossing at 262 Lower Road, Gilbertville. More information about Hardwick Crossing can be found at www.hardwickcrossing.com.



The Christmas tree was decorated in the dining hall of Hardwick Crossing.



Kids could write a letter and mail it to Santa Claus as the mailbox next to the Christmas tree.



A craft fair took place during Christmas at the Crossing and offered shoppers a chance to find some unique gifts.

Oakham

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OHA lottery tickets sold out

The Oakham Historical Association has sold all of lottery tickets. They went so fast this year, the treasurer is still getting requests for the tickets and has been sending the checks back.

The Oakham Historical Association thanks everyone, who has supported us this year and all the previous years. It is greatly appreciated.

Lessons and Carols

Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church. Rehearsals will begin at next month at a time and date to be determined. This year's cantata "Go Sing It on the Mountain" by Pepper Choplin.

Penpal letters reminder

The second student penpal letters will be ready for pickup at the back door of Fobes Memorial Library on Friday, Dec. 15. Senior response letters are due back to the box by Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024.

Church pageant

The Oakham Congregational Church Sunday School will present the annual Christmas pageant during the 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship. Following the pageant, everyone will gather in Fellowship Hall to celebrated Jesus' birthday with cake and finger rolls.

Council on Aging

On Friday, Dec. 15 the Lunch Bunch will go The Duck Restaurant in Sturbridge at 12:30 p.m. and following lunch they will take the Christmas Lights Walk at Old Sturbridge Village.

The Council on Aging will hold a Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 20. There will be a cookie swap followed by the film "Miracle on 34th St." at 12:30 p.m.

Meal site

Elder Services of Worcester effective the first of January increased the suggested donation for meals served at the Back Door Cafe from \$2.50 to \$3 per meal.

Weekend fire displaces family; house deemed total loss

WEST BROOKFIELD – At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, West Brookfield Fire Department was toned for a fire at a residence at 319 Long Hill Road.

According to a press release from Fire Chief Richard Lapiere, at the time of the call, the deck attached to the house was on fire, and residents were evacuating. Car 1 signed on en route within a minute of the initial tone.

The address is four miles from the station in a southerly direction at the Warren town line. Halfway up Long Hill Road, Car 1 requested an engine from Warren Fire Department due to the location of the residence and because of the distance to get there.

Heavy smoke was visible from about a mile from the scene and Car 1 requested a second alarm assignment for outside the hydrant district.

On arrival Car 1 reported a working fire. Fire was visible from the rooftop and the entire back of the house. West Brookfield Engine 1 was first on scene and pulled a line to the rear of the building to try to knock down the fire.

Warren Engine 3 was second on scene and pulled a line to the front of the house to try and make entry. At this point the fire was already coming from windows in the front of the house.

As crews arrived two more additional hand lines from West Brookfield Engine 1 were pulled to assist with extinguishment. At one point, the house integrity was compromised, and all crews were pulled from the building and a defense tactic was initiated until some control could be gained.

A rural hitch system was set up for water supply. As tankers arrived, they supplied water to the rural hitch and the scene maintained water throughout.

Lapiere said the home is a total loss as a result except for contents in the garage, basement and a few items on the first floor. The cause of the fire was determined by a District 7 Fire Investigation Unit member as careless disposal of woodstove ashes under the deck from two days ago.

West Brookfield Fire Department would like to thank West Brookfield Rescue Squad for their rehab assistance with West Brookfield Emergency Management. Also, West Brookfield Police Department for their assistance as well as Warren Police Department.

Lapiere also thanked departments providing mutual aid, which included Warren Fire Department, Ware Fire Department, Brookfield Fire Department, Brimfield Fire Department, East Brookfield Fire Department, North Brookfield Fire Department, New Braintree Fire Department and Hardwick Fire Department.

Lapiere also thanked the Red Cross for their assistance with the family and National Grid for cutting power to the scene.

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

I'm returning to work; what should I do about Social Security?

Dear Rusty
I started collecting Social Security at age 62 earlier this year.
I had an opportunity to partner in a new business this year that will allow me to earn about \$200,000 in 2024. Because this is significantly above the allowed earnings when collecting early benefits, I need advice on how I handle this with the Social Security Administration.
Am I supposed to call them and advise them of my change in income for 2024? If so, am I going to be penalized in any way? I expect they will stop all payments in 2024 once I alert them to the change. Will I be eligible for Social Security payments when I retire again? This is planned to take place before I reach full retirement age of 67. For information, my 2023 income will not exceed the 2023 allowable income limit.

Signed: Un-retiring Temporally

Dear Un-retiring

You have a couple of options, considering that you recently claimed early Social Security benefits but are returning to work with income significantly more than the 2024 earnings limit of \$22,320.

The first is to simply contact Social Security and tell them you are returning to the work force and tell them your anticipated 2024 income. They will suspend your SS benefits for all of 2024 to avoid overpaying you and making you return those 2024 payments later. If you plan to continue in your new business beyond 2024, you can advise them of that as well and they will continue the suspension of your benefits, until such time as you either discontinue working or reach your Full Retirement Age, the earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA.

At that time, SS will resume your monthly Social Security payments and, at your FRA, will give you time credit for all months your benefits were suspended, providing you with a higher monthly payment after your full retirement age is attained with an adjustment for benefits already paid).

Your other option is to contact Social Security soon and request that your recent application for Social Security benefits submitted earlier this year be withdrawn. You have 12 months from the date of your application to do this, but you will need to repay Social Security all money which they paid to you or on your behalf (including your monthly payments, any income tax you had withheld from those payments, and any dependent benefits which might have been paid based on your record).

That will effectively "wipe the slate clean" with Social Security and will be as though you had never claimed, allowing you to simply wait until you stop working or until your FRA or even beyond your FRA, to re-apply for Social Security at a higher monthly amount. The advantage of this option is that when your benefit restarts there will be no adjustment (reduction) for past benefits paid.

What I suggest you do not do is simply wait to see what happens. That would result in Social Security catching up after the IRS informs them of your 2024 earnings, resulting in you receiving an Overpayment Notice from the SSA demanding repayment of 2024 benefits paid.

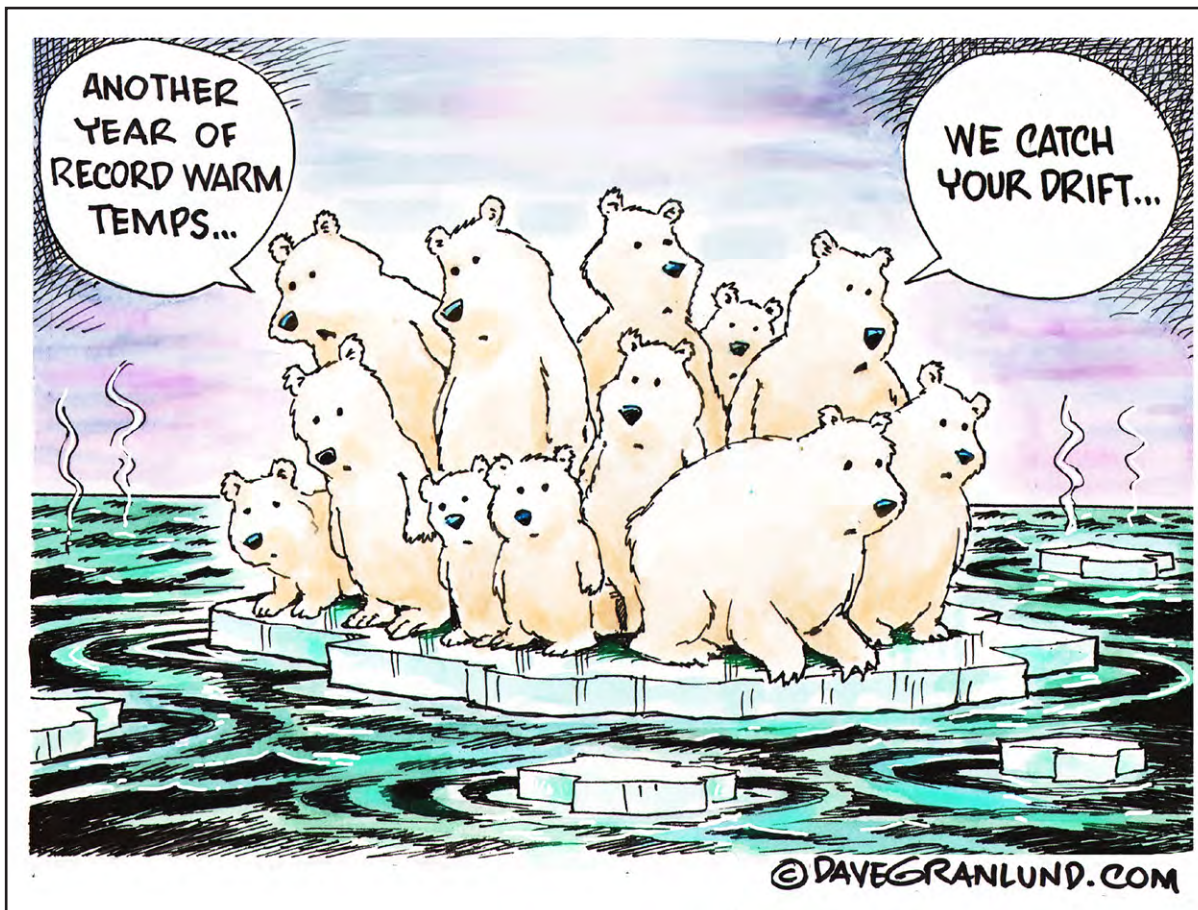
In that case, you would need to quickly repay Social Security in a large lump-sum or have your SS benefits withheld until the debt for exceeding the earnings limit was repaid. In a nutshell, I suggest you call Social Security and tell them you are returning to work, what your earnings are expected to be, and for how long.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Dec. 29, 2018)

Saturday, Dec. 29, the East Quabbin Land Trust will hold its first bird count event. All ages and birding experience levels are invited to join. The day begins at the EQLT office, 120 Ridge Road, in Hardwick at 8:30 a.m. with a complimentary breakfast and fun bird identification training session. Attendees will then split into groups led by expert birders to nearby bird watching locations to begin the count. The groups will reconvene at the office at 2 p.m. to tally their counting totals. Organized by EQLT's tow TerraCorps members, Jess Cusworth and Haley Hewitt, the day promises to be fun and education exploration into citizen science.

The Quabbin Regional High School present set seventh annual Quabbin alumni band concert on Sunday, Jan. 6 in the Corridor F. Trask Auditorium. The performance will feature more than 40 plus former QRHS students and/or educators, spanning the course of four decades. As the tradition of music at QRHS runs deep through the fabric of the community, many of the music graduates are current music educators and professional performers in a multitude of genres across the country. Band members travel from all corners of the country including Oregon, Georgia, Ohio, Maine and Massachusetts to participate in the annual week-end event. This year's concert will feature works by Grainger Reed, Mackey, Ticheli, Newman, Vaughn, Williams and Fillmore.

The East Quabbin Land Trust will host a New Year's Day walk or ski on the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail Tuesday, Jan. 1 at noon. Participants should meet at the parking area/entrance located at the junction of West Road and Hardwick/Ravine Road. People should dress for the weather.

10 years (Dec. 19, 2013)

"A Fun Night of Comedy" with dinner and entertainment will be presented by the Heart to Heart Foundation, Inc. at the North Brookfield Elementary School on Friday, Dec. 20 from 6-9 p.m. This is an emergency fundraiser to benefit victims of the Phillipine Islands disaster. Admission is \$10 and includes a spaghetti dinner catered by E. B. Flatts, music by Rick Hennessy, comedy entertainment, raffles and 50/50.

Cynthia Henshaw, executive director of the East Quabbin Land Trust, announced the Country Store building in Petersham was officially purchased from Polus Center on Tuesday, Dec. 10. The land trust worked with the Petersham community to coordinate and complete the purchase of one of the oldest Country Stores in Massachusetts from Polus Center. EQLT is assisting the community in this project, but a Petersham based non-profit is eventually expected to become the owner and steward of the building. EQLT board member.

Several town residents attended the Petersham Select Board

LOOK BACK Barre Sportsmen's Club - 1959



File photo
Albert Regienus, left surveys and Ed Taylor holds the stick the plot foundation site for the building at the Barre Sportsmen's Club on Oct. 15, 1959.

meeting to express their concerns about the West Road tree hearing scheduled for Dec. 23 at 8:30 a.m. Lynn Shaw said she had two concerns, the fact the meeting was scheduled early on a Monday morning two days before Christmas and that the only information available prior to the meeting is the work is to be done by National Grid is for the upgrade of poles and lines. Roy Nilson commented the meeting is not presented on the town website.

25 years (Dec. 17, 1998)

Daniel Pearson, son of Martha and Gary Pearson, was presented the Eagle award during a special ceremony held Oct. 26 at the Barre Congregational Church hall. It is not surprising that Dan achieved his goal of Eagle Scout. When he sets a goal, he works hard until he achieves as is evident by his many extracurricular activities at school and in the community. A senior at Quabbin Regional High School in Barre, he is an honor student, a member of the National Honor Society, a cross country star and a former company commander of the school's Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. Dan said he joined Scouts in the fifth grade and prior to that was a Cub Scout He said his mother was a Cub Scout leader and his father was Scout leader.

After a second lengthy interview on Tuesday night, selectmen voted to appoint acting chief J. Loring "Larry" Barrett, as the Town of Hubbardston's new Chief of Police. The three candidates, Barrett, James Bennett and Donald Sandos, were the finalist from an original 27, who applied for the position. Each candidate participated in about an hour of questioning by members of the Select Board, with all being asked the same questions.

Anne Tolley of Hardwick was installed as Barre's new postmaster in a special ceremony held Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Harding Allen Estate. She was assigned to Barre in June of 1997 and was officially sworn in Thursday in front of many family members, co-workers and friends while her son, Max, age 10, held the Bible. Many digni-

taries were on hand to honor Anne including Sherry Baboin from U. S. Rep. John Olver's office, Carolyn Pitzzi from Rep. David Tuttle's office and Sen. Stephen Brewer and several postal officials.

38 years (Dec. 19, 1985)

Sewer construction should move ahead as planned after the Barre Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and Sewer Commissioners agreed at a meeting of Dec. 10 to put aside their differences or any doubts of feasibility of the project, at least for now and vote for approval of the sewer design as it now stands. As a result of the voted, a letter was sent on Wednesday to the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering office in Boston stating the design approved by the DEQE on Sept. 30 is the design with which the town wishes to continue.

Thomas M. Moriarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Moriarty of Gilbertville, recently was offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Maureen Marshall, Principal at Quabbin Regional High School, also announced that Thomas recently received a four-year Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps college scholarship, which he rejected in view of his Annapolis appointment. His class will be sworn in on July 7, 1986. Thomas was nominated for the appointment by Captain J. W. Martin USN (ret.), NJROTC department head at Quabbin, based on his overall performance during his three years in the program. Thomas is the first Quabbin student to receive an appointment to the Navy Academy by means of a nomination through the NJROTC program. The large majority of nominees receive Congressional appointments.

Raimo K. Puntanen, Jr., 20, of Rutland was one of 258 soldiers with a U.S Army 101st Airborne Division, returning from the Middle East and who was killed when their chartered Arrow Air K-8 crashed on take-off from Newfoundland. He joined the Army shortly after graduation and served for 18 months.

Guest Column



Experiment with American Holly seeds

I was taking a walk in my yard along the wood line and came across the tiniest holly plant I have ever seen.

I got so excited that I snapped a picture and sent it to my husband. When we bought this house, we inherited a twenty foot tall, pyramid shaped holly bush-tree.

It fruits almost every year. While this year's berry show is mediocre, the year prior was outstanding!

The birds must have dined on some of the red berries awhile back and planted them for me resulting in this photo opportunity. I got to thinking about what needed to happen for holly seeds to germinate in the first place.

Read on for a bit of a botany lesson on a beloved holiday plant.

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) are native plants and dioecious, meaning there are male plants and female plants. In the home landscape you need one of each nearby for berry production; in natural conditions this typically happens on its own.

One of my neighbors must have a male so that I end up with berries. The tiny white flowers on my holly bush-tree usually come in such abundance that you hear the buzzing a good distance from the plant.

I get excited about that, too!

It is said that less than 5% of the world's plants are dioecious. Others well-known and ironically, also holiday plants, include a cousin of the American Holly, Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) and Bayberry (*Myrica pennsylvanica*).

If you would like to try and get some holly seeds to germinate, first you need to pick the berries and squish them to get the seeds out. This becomes a little easier after the seeds have sat awhile; mixing them with water also helps.

Once the seeds are separated from the skin, they need to go through a pretreatment. Not an actual sowing, but a time of waiting whereby the seed coat can break down.

Mix the seed with sand and compost and let it sit outside for the summer and through the following winter, totaling about eighteen months. It's a good idea to protect this mixture from mice who would find the seeds delectable.

As the seed coat breaks down, water can be absorbed, and the germination process begins.

Take a look at the seeds and if you see a root emerging, it's time to plant them in pots. Young holly seedlings do not like to be disturbed, so for that reason the seeds are planted individually, one per 3-4-inch pot.

Keep the pots outside and water as needed.

During the growing season the plants could put on up to seven inches of growth, and by fall, could use a new, bigger pot. Transplant carefully, allowing the plant to grow for another season before finally planting in its permanent location.

American Holly can thrive in varying exposures from sun to shade. It is tolerant of heat and cold, but

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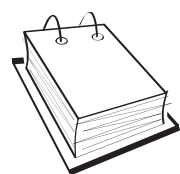


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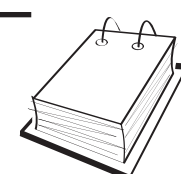
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, DEC. 14

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 perform 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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

CIRCLE OF SONG CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall Exchange Street, Barre. There will be refreshments at the end of the concert and time for socializing. Circle of Song is always looking for new members to join in the group, the fellowship and camaraderie, and the challenge of making music together. All skill levels and ages are welcome. Contact Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net or 978-257-1192. Circle of Song will resume in January of 2024.

COOKIES WITH SANTA sponsored by the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee will hold cookies and cocoa with Santa today from 4-6 p.m. Santa will arrive by Fire Truck at 4:30 p.m. Children can pose with Santa for a picture.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

NO. 4 SCHOOLHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held today at 4 p.m. at the No. 4 Schoolhouse, Farrington Road, Barre. The Christmas Party includes a visit from Santa, who arrives at 4:45 p.m. As a reminder, all functions and ongoing events are achieved through public support and donations. People should R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P. via email to Allison Dea Marinelli at marinellifamily@verizon.net. All are welcome. People should give the number of children, who will visit with Santa. People are asked to bring a snack to share.

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Dec. 18. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was Fire Station on School Street North Brookfield.

CHRISTMAS AT MECHANICS HALL will be held today at 7 p.m. Tickets are adult \$20; Senior, \$15 and free age 12 and under. Organist and composer, Leonardo Ciampa, will explore the great Christmas melodies from across centuries and around the globe. Ciampa is joined by The First Unitarian Choir and

Friends, with Allegra Martin conducting; members of the Henry Purcell Society of Boston, with Jessica Cooper directing; tenor Christon Carney; guitarist Dave McLellan; and the Auburn High School Chamber Singers with George Eisenhauer conducting. This annual concert has become a beloved Worcester

event, as Maestro Ciampa displays his renowned skills as composer and arranger as well as his special affinity for renowned Worcester "Hook" Organ at Mechanics Hall. To purchase tickets, people may visit the Mechanics Hall website at mechanicshall.org, or call the Box Office at 508-752-5608.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

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@sevenhillsg.org to register or for more information.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will take place at 7 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. Sue Musnicki is coordinating the service.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will take place at 11 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church 30 Park St., Barre. Rev. Charlie Page will be preaching and the choir will be singing.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE will take place today at 5 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, Hubbardston. The service is a very traditional observance of the holiday through music, singing and readings. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

ENGLISH SOCIAL TEA, the first 250th Anniversary event, will be held today from 2-4 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. Admission is free. Reservations are required by Friday, Jan. 5 by email at 250anniversary@townofbarre.com or by signing up at either the Barre Senior Center or Grand View Terrace. Snow date is Sunday, Jan. 21.

Christmas in New Braintree



Emily of sweet + wild shop offered a variety of fun and unique notebooks, pens and more.



John Thompson of Thompson's Maple Farm in New Braintree had maple products and homemade ice cream available.



National Honor Society students from Quabbin Regional High School volunteered their time at the Christmas in New Braintree event. Sitting from left are Seth Twarog and Bella Smith; standing in middle is elementary school student Charley Chauvin; and back row from left are Julianna Stanger and Haley Ayer. Not shown is Jaxon Warburton.

Barbara Pilch of In-A-Jam in West Brookfield had homemade jams as well as treats for four-legged friends.



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event, giving people a chance to stock up for those cozy winter nights spent curled up with a book.

Following the close of the craft fair, tractor rides were given, along with more refreshments, crafts, letters for Santa, caroling and the lighting of the town's Christmas tree.

Many families took advantage of the Christmas in New Braintree event as the perfect

opportunity to select their own Christmas tree, courtesy of Kip's Christmas Tree Farm.

The New Braintree Fire Association held a raffle to win a scratch ticket basket, to help raise money to purchase a new combination tool for the rescue squad. The tool has multiple purposes and can be used for spreading, cutting, squeezing and pulling.

This lightweight tool is useful in tactical operations, road traffic incidents and urban search and rescue missions. It is especially suited for operations where



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Liam Letendre pulled the winning raffle ticket for the scratch ticket basket while his brother Weston held the bucket.



Mathilde Duffy of Barre had humorous, one-of-a-kind greeting cards, bookmarks and more, featuring photos she took of pets and farm animals.



Katherine Landine and her daughter Emma Landine represented the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department.

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folks have a chance to connect with others in community & conversation. Call, email or visit the library to register for the event.

Join the library for a monthly book discussion every last Tuesday evening of each month. It's the holidays and the month of December the book club will be reading Jenny Colgan's "The Christmas Bookshop." The book club takes place on Tuesday, Dec 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Visit the Woods Memorial Library at 19 Pleasant St, Barre. Events and information can be found on www.barrelibrary.org.

Paige Memorial Library
Hardwick- The Paige Memorial Library is in the holiday spirit with activities available during the month of December. If you missed cinnamon clay ornaments and Christmas stockings, set a date for paper casting at Hardwick's library.

Guests are to bring a roll of toilet paper along with cookie molds. During the activity you

will be pressing paper into cookie molds and rubber stamps to make charming paper crafts which will become paper ornaments. Fun holiday crafts to be kept for years to come.

Visit Paige Memorial Library at 87 Petersham Rd, Hardwick or call the library at 413-477-6704.

Haston Free Public Library
North Brookfield- Join the Haston Free Public Library for a series of holiday events during the month of December. Craft Night for Adults will feature book page ornaments. The craft night will take place on

Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

Enjoy soap making at the library with Kulina Folk Arts offering Feliz Naviduckie. The soap making workshop will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10am in the Haston Library children's room.

For Storytime, Haston Library offers Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30am and will be featuring many fun Christmas stories for the kids. Storytime takes place in the children's room of the Haston Free Public Library. Visit the library at 161 North Main St. in North Brookfield.

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Quinn Geary drives to the hoop.

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Kyle Clark a force under the basket.

Panthers look for return to tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—For only the sixth time during the past 32 years, the Quabbin boys' varsity basketball team didn't qualify for the postseason tournament.

With only one senior and seven juniors listed on this year's varsity roster, the Panthers are still in the regeneration process.

"This is the youngest basketball team that I've coached since the 2003-04 season," said Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextradeur. "We struggled that season, but we did win the Clark Tournament title and advanced to the semifinals of the Central Mass. Division 1 tournament in 2005. We just need to be very patient with this group of players."

The Panthers graduated five players from last year's team, which finished with a 4-16 overall record. They are Will Hood, Tyler Clark, Mark Halaby, Kyle Vander



Jacoboy Dilling with a hard-earned layup.

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Panthers prepare for regular season



Riley Bassett with a quick jump shot.

BARRE – In their final tune-up before the start of the regular season, Quabbin girls basketball faced Monty Tech in a scrimmage late last week. The Panthers had a game scheduled Monday night to start the regular season, and are next in action on Friday, Dec. 15 at Hudson High School at 7 p.m.



Turley photos by Ray Duffy
Meg Doyle wins the tip off.



Luke Salvadore with a left-handed layup.

Pioneers pick up season-opener victory

SPRINGFIELD – Last Thursday night, Pathfinder was aggressive early on and was able to score a win over Pioneer Valley Christian School 58-46 in the season opener for both teams. The Pioneers remained on the road facing Mt. Everett earlier this week and host Ludlow in its home opener this Friday evening at 7 p.m.



Richie Gula reaches up to try and bring in a rebound.



Adam Slonker takes a shot.



Following a defensive rebound, Adrian Moskovitz sprints down the court.



Hunter Griswold takes a free throw in the first quarter.

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Seth Mitchell looks to get around an opponent and head for the hoop.



Brianna Whitelaw hits a three-pointer for the Panthers



Mikalah Kingsbury passes through a crowd of defenders.



Hannah Baxter grabs a rebound and puts the shot up.

Hurricanes take win in season opener

WESTFIELD – Last Friday night, Amherst Regional hockey, which co-ops with Pathfinder Regional, won its season opener against Southwick Regional at Amelia Park Arena in Westfield. Jack Dyjach had a hat trick in the 6-2 win. Cooper Beckwith, Joshua Goodhind, and Eric

Chin also scored goals for the Hurricanes, which are 1-0 in its first week of action.

The Hurricanes face Agawam Dec. 14 followed by a home matchup with McCann Tech on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. at Orr Rink on the campus of Amherst College.

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Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Failure Part

Failure is a universal human constant. Though we do all that we can to avoid failure and the unwanted pain it brings, failure remains an enduring companion in life and living. However, have you ever considered that failure can prove an invaluable teacher? What lessons can we glean from this harsh yet insightful instructor?

1) Failure Can Teach Us the Cost of Our Sinfulness
Failure has a way of making us feel the cost of prioritizing our desires over those of the Lord. When we hit rock bottom after foolishly persisting in a direction contrary to the ways of our heavenly Father, we come to understand the dead end which is sin. Do you want to see a classic example of this principle? Consider the first half of Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son:

Luke 15:11-17
11 Jesus [taught]: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them."
13 Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe fam-

ine in that whole country and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death." 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." 20 So he got up and went to his father.

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But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." 22 But the father said to his servants, "Quick, bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate."

I wonder what effect such grace had upon this young man. I wonder what effect it should have upon us! What effect will you allow it to have upon you?
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Petersham Interfaith Committee announces Christmas Eve services

PETERSHAM —The Petersham Interfaith Committees announces the services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at all five locations in town. They include: Candlelight Service and collection for Food Pantry at First Unitarian Parish, 1 Common St. at 4 p.m.; Vespers St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery, 271 North Main St. at

4:30 p.m.; Christmas Eve Mass St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 18 North St. at 6 p.m.; Christmas Eve Mass Most Holy Trinity Maronite Monastery, 67 Dugway Road at 8 p.m.; Classic Carols and Lessons Services and Food Pantry collection Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., at 11:30 p.m. and Midnight Mass St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery, 271 North Main St., at midnight.

Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery, 271 North Main St., at 10 p.m.; Classic Carols and Lessons Service and Food Pantry collection Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., at 11:30 p.m. and Midnight Mass St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery, 271 North Main St., at midnight.



View of campsite on the Rutland Town Common with a sign displaying a message to support homeless veterans.

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different programs. Since the 1990s, the organization has helped more than 90,000 veterans in need and today operates offices and programs in all six New England states.

Veterans Inc. receive many donations, but there are particular items that are always in high demand for our veterans and their families. Items such as clothing, food, bed and bath products, and gift certificates are greatly appreciated.

Demonstrations are during the first week of December. Explaining what homeless veterans go through. It is the one and only activity Viner continues to demonstrate to spread awareness for homeless veterans and veterans in need.

"It works when it comes to awareness of the public witnessing the demonstration and making donations", said Viner.

Atlantic Dippers has raised \$2,000 so far this year in 2023. All donations go to Veterans Inc.

Visit Veterans Inc at 69 Grove St in Worcester. Learn more information about the organization on



Submitted Photos by Neil Viner

View from Viner's tent on the town common of Rutland. their website www.veteransinc.org. Their mission is to be there for our veterans and their families in their time of need with the goal to end homelessness among veterans. To help our veterans regain self-sufficiency through the provision of holistic supportive services. For more information about Atlantic Dippers for Homeless Veterans and Veterans in Need, follow them on their Facebook page.

Obituaries

Michael P. Sullivan, 60

HOLLAND — Michael P. Sullivan, 60, was surrounded by his loving family when he died on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, after a very brave fight with cancer.

He is survived by his daughters, Jessica Sullivan and her mother, Dina Parretti and Samantha Sullivan; his grandson, Evan Michael; his mother, Carol J. (Gulino) Sullivan; his father, Paul J. Sullivan; his two brothers, Craig Sullivan, and Mark Sullivan and his wife, Diana; his sister, Laurie Ward, and her husband, Paul; three nieces: Kylie Sullivan, and Haley and Audrey Ward; his nephew, Brendyn Sullivan; step-brothers Marty Aither and Todd Aither; step-sister Kelly Aither; three Godchildren, Emma Clark, Brittany Brusco and Mark Materas; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Mike was born in Tacoma, Washington on June 18, 1963. He graduated from Quabbin Regional High School with the class of 1981. He attended Quinsigamond Community College where he earned an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

Mike began his career as

a Police Officer in the town of Charlton where he worked from May 2, 1988-September 10, 1990. He laterally transferred to the town of Southbridge and on Sept. 18, 1990 he began his 28 year career serving and protecting Southbridge.

During his career in Southbridge, he was promoted to the rank of Detective in 1993, working 12 years for the Detective Division. On Nov. 12, 2012, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He retired from the Southbridge Police Department on July 5, 2018, but he continued to work, and was a friendly face while doing so, road details until very recently.

Mike enjoyed riding his motorcycle; he just rode his bike to and from Sturgis, South Dakota in August, a trip he had been looking forward to for a very long time. His greatest joys came from spending time with his beloved family and friends, but Evan Michael was the joy of his life. Mike also enjoyed



monthly trips with his brothers to Vermont to visit with his father and friends, taking his bike to spend time with his mother and always said "family is all you have." He also enjoyed football; especially trips to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers with his sister, their favorite team.

Calling hours for Mike will be Friday, Dec. 15, 2023 from 4-6PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge. All other services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, Mike's family asks that you kindly consider making a memorial donation in Mike's name to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701.

DEATH NOTICE

Sullivan, Michael P.
Died Nov. 29, 2023
Calling hour Dec. 15
4-6 p.m.
Sansoucy Funeral Home
Service private

Second Chance receives awards

EAST BROOKFIELD — Second Chance Animal Services founder and CEO Sheryl Blanco had the honor to accept not one, but two awards recognizing the nonprofit's vet hospitals in a single day.

The Springfield Regional Chamber awarded Second Chance's Springfield Community Veterinary Hospital with a Super 60 Award in the nonprofit category at a ceremony held on Nov. 9 at the MassMutt Center. The award recognized organizations that have displayed selfless dedication to serving the community through exceptional programming and support.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible diversity and innovation within our business community through this year's Super 60 program," said Diana Szyal, President of the Springfield Regional Chamber. "Small busi-

nesses are the heart and soul of our region, and we're excited to celebrate so many nonprofits that make a difference in our community. As we continue to overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic, it's more important than ever to shine a light on the accomplishments and unwavering resilience of our local businesses and non-profits."

Later that evening, Second Chance once again took home the Best Veterinary Clinic award in the Telegram & Gazette Best of Central Mass as voted by the community at a ceremony at the DCU Center.

"These awards are a testament to the trust and confidence the community places in our commitment to excellence," said Blanco. "They are a reflection of the dedication of our amazing, compassionate vet team and the support of our community. Their generosity has been enabling us to assist

more pets at subsidized rates than ever before, ensuring that every pet receives the high-quality care they deserve.

Blanco is urging animal lovers in the community to rise to the challenge at a time when pets need help more than ever before. Donations may be mailed to Second Chance, 111 Young Road, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need. Today Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all. For more information, people may visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Red Cross seeks blood donations

MEDFORD — From a record number of people expected to travel to seasonal illnesses and the potential for hazardous winter weather, it can be difficult for the Red Cross to collect enough blood for patients during the winter months.

Making and keeping appointments throughout the month can help safeguard the national blood supply into the new year. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities at the Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St, Worcester are:

Thursday, Dec. 14 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 15 from 8:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18 from 12:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 12:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 12:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 22 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 23 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 24 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 26 from 12:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 12:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 28 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 29 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec.

30 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 31 from 8:30-3:30 p.m.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission.

For more information, people may visit redcross.org or CruzRojAamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 26
12:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Daley, April Rose, 33, Ashaw, R.I.
Charges: Operating Under Influence OR .08%, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Poses Open Container of, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued
S u m m o n s : P e a s e , Brandon S., 32, Baldwinville
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, No
2:28 p.m. Police – Vandalism, Butterworth Road, Officer Advised
7:26 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Area Patrolled

Monday, Nov. 27
8:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Gynecology/Obstetrics/Pregnancy, Transported to Hospital
11:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, Nov. 28
5:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Seizures, Old Dana Road, Mutual Aid Transport
8:16 a.m. Property Dispute, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Nov. 29
5:35 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Exchange Street, Report Filed
11:54 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Dana Road, Message Delivered

5:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist

Thursday, Nov. 30
12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning

Friday, Nov. 30
12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
8:42 a.m. Complaint, Town Farm Road, Information Taken
9:52 a.m. Police – Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Old Hardwick Road, Investigated
11:45 a.m. Fire – Porta Potty, Worcester Road, Fire Extinguished
2:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unknown Medical, School North Street, Transported to Hospital
8:13 p.m. Serve Warrant, Hubbardston Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Hey, Andrew A., 34, Barre
Charges: Warrant
10:48 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, North Brookfield Road, No Action Required
Arrest: Burgess, Christopher, 31, Marlborough
Charges: Operating Under Influence OR .08%, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of

Friday, Dec. 1
8:55 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
9:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Services, Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Hubbardston Road,

Ambulance Signed Refusal
1:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Edema/Liver Disease, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
2:49 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, West Street, Officer Advised
2:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Coldbrook Road, Mutual Aid Transport
4:02 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Route 32, Negative Contact
10:52 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact
11:42 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Dec. 2
1:31 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, School North Street, Vehicle Towed
4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
5:12 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Wauwinet Road, Call Transferred
6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed
Summons: Goodman, Lillian, 29, Danielson, CT.
Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
7:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
8:20 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Chamberlain Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Sunday, Nov. 26
3:58 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:02 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Gardner Road, Mutual Aid Transported

Monday, Nov. 27
6:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, High Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Choking, Healdville Road, Transported to Hospital
10:09 a.m. Property Dispute, Brigham Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Nov. 28
7:58 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Brigham Street, Transported to Hospital
8:45 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
6:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
8:54 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic),

Hubbardston Police Log

Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 29
1:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Worcester Road, No Fire Service Necessary
7:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer Took Call
10:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Removed Hazard
5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Gardner Road, Report Filed
Summons: Bajolo, Harrison, 21, Spencer
Charges: Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Leave Scene of Property Damage, Use Motor Vehicle Without Authority, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Marked Lanes Violation, Stop for Police, Fail, Yield at Intersection/Oncoming Traffic, Fail, Resist Arrest, Keep Right for Oncoming Motor Vehicle, Fail to, Vandalize Property c266 §126A, Charges Expunged

Thursday, Nov. 30
8:35 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
1:10 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained

Friday, Dec. 1
12:56 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Mt. Jefferson, Officer Spoke to Party
7:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Stroke (CVA), Madison Way, Transported to Hospital
8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint
12:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Weakness/Dizziness, Transported to Hospital
9:40 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Dec. 2
10:19 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Peace Restored
10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, New Templeton Road, Recovered

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 26
5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, Nov. 28
5:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Nov. 29
9 a.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Rutherford Road, Report Filed
10:45 a.m. Infection, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Nov. 27
9 a.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Rutherford Road, Report Filed
10:45 a.m. Infection, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 30
2:11 p.m. Police – Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, North Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed

Friday, Dec. 1
2:35 p.m. Officer Initiated, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:42 p.m. Public Assist, Barre Road, Information Given

Saturday, Dec. 2
8:59 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) Bechan Road, Entry Gained

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 26
1:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
1:58 a.m. Courtesy Transport, Worcester Road, Public Assist
4:32 a.m. By-Law Violation, Vista Circle, Written Warning
4:42 a.m. By-Law Violation, Grizzly Drive, Written Warning
4:57 a.m. By-Law Violation, Oakridge Drive, Written Warning
5:08 a.m. By-Law Violation, Rolling Ridge Road, Written Warning
5:27 a.m. By-Law Violation, Highland Park Road, Written Warning
5:33 a.m. By-Law Violation, Edith Lane, Written Warning
5:44 a.m. By-Law Violation, Forest Hill Drive, Written Warning
5:49 a.m. By-Law Violation, Forest Hill Drive, Written Warning
11:22 Property – Lost and Found, East County Road, Located/Found
2:23 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Whitehall Road, Officer Advised
3:42 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, East County Road, Officer Advised
6:43 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Barre Plains Road, Transported to Hospital
8:50 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
9:08 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Helen Avenue, Entry Gained

Monday, Nov. 27
6:52 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Negative Contact
8:36 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
8:55 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Irish Lane, Entry Gained
9 a.m. Property Returned, Main Street, Property Picked Up
10:45 a.m. Infection, Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital
12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
12:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
1:04 p.m. Gunshots, Bernard Road, Negative Contact
1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Injured Knee, Forest Hill Drive, Public Assist
1:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
1:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
2:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
5:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Inwood Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 28
12:26 a.m. Sick/Vomiting, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
2:38 a.m. By-Law Violation, Julie Ann Circle, Written Warning
2:49 a.m. By-Law Violation, Kalloch Drive, Written Warning
2:52 a.m. By-Law Violation, Olivia Lane, Written Warning
3:23 a.m. By-Law Violation, Forbes Road, Written Warning
3:38 a.m. By-Law Violation, Milne Road, Written Warning
3:40 a.m. By-Law Violation, Milne Road, Written Warning
4:18 a.m. By-Law Violation, Jamie Ann Drive, Written Warning
4:36 a.m. By-Law Violation, Clearview Road, Written Warning
9:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
12:01 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Naquag Street, Information Given
1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – General Weakness, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
1:34 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
5 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Welfare Check, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:23 p.m. Soliciting, Watson Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Nov. 29
3:30 a.m. By-Law Violation, Valley View Circle, Written Warning
3:42 a.m. By-Law Violation, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
3:51 a.m. By-Law Violation, Highland Park Road, Written Warning
4:40 a.m. By-Law Violation, Grizzly Drive, Written Warning
10:07 a.m. Harassment, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
11:54 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Dana Road, Message Delivered
12:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
5:49 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Transported
9 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Nov. 30
6:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Vomiting Blood, Wildbrook Drive, Transported to Hospital
12:07 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
12:34 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) Barre Paxton Road, Entry Gained
1:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:12 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Main Street, Message Delivered
7:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated

Friday, Dec. 1
4:56 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Main Street, Information Taken
8:28 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Dispatch Handled
10:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Clark, Angela, 40, New Salem
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with
10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Jacques, Thomas J. Jr., 67, Rutland
Charges: Warrant

Saturday, Dec. 2
8:31 a.m. Fire – Mutual Aid Ambulance, Holden, Transported to Hospital
10:23 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Peace Restored
12:24 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Holden, Transported to Hospital
2:27 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Holden, Transported to Hospital
9:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Headache, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Dec. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 62 building/property checks, 35 directed/area patrols, 10 traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, 13 radar assignments, two complaints, one motor vehicle investigation, one investigation, seven citizen assists, one trespass, one scam and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Dec. 4
12:42 p.m. Burglar Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
3:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Dispatch Handled
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, Dec. 5
10:13 a.m. Trespass, North Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, Dec. 6
10:56 a.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Dispatch Handled
10:57 a.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
11:01 a.m. Gunshots, Church Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
11:08 a.m. Scam, Old Greenwich Plains Road, No Action Required
11:44 a.m. Investigation, Church Street, Services Rendered
12:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, River Run, Services Rendered

Thursday, Dec. 7
1:32 a.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
9:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hillside View, Transported to Hospital
12:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
4:08 p.m. Complaint, Dow Road, Officer Handled
7:41 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
7:57 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Parker Court, Negative Contact
11:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
11:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Friday, Dec. 8
6:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Petersham Road, Written Warning
9:36 a.m. 911 Alarm, Main Street, Services Rendered
12:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Oxford, Dispatch Handled
1:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ridge Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
3:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
6:34 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled
10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
10:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Muddy Brook Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Dec. 9
8:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
3:41 p.m. 911 Trespass, Maple Street, Officer Handled

Sunday, Dec. 10
1:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered
11:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Dec. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, 42 directed/area patrols, five traffic controls, two radar assignments, one safety hazard, one assist citizen, one motor vehicle investigation, two emergency 911 calls, two animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Dec. 7
7:46 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Oakham Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Dec. 8
12:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued
9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Dec. 10
8:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Dec. 11
4:58 a.m. Safety Hazard, Padre Road, Removed Hazard

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES**
December 11, 2023

The owner(s), occupant(s) and public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of the Town of New Braintree and Worcester County, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the year 2020 as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be taken by the Town of New Braintree on **Friday, December 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** for non-payment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged.

Property Location: 105 RAVINE ROAD
Assessed Owners: HOLMES, STEVEN R.
Bill Number: 243
2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$2,418.45
Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon,

containing about 5.100 acres described as parcel 401.0 0000 0007.0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE identified in book and page 55238 285, WORCESTER Registry of Deeds.

Property Location: 0 OAKHAM ROAD
Assessed Owners: TELLER, STEVEN F.
Bill Number: 583
2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES: \$43.30

Description: A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 4.200 acres described as parcel 405.0 0000 0014.0 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE identified in book and page 59036 154, WORCESTER Registry of Deeds.

Janet A. Pierce
Collector of Taxes
Town of New Braintree

12/14/2023

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Sec 39A**

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12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023

**Town of New Braintree
PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon the petitions of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., the Select Board of New Braintree has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, **December 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** at the New Braintree Town Hall.
Plan marked jointly for National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. No. 30708490 dated September 22, 2023, for permission to install 1 JO Pole on Ravine Road beginning at a point approximately 60 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Hardwick Road and Ravine Road. Installing JO pole# 30 for DOT Project.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Copy of map of pole petition is in the Select Board office if you would like to review.

The public is welcome to attend.

By: Erin Ballard
Executive Secretary
12/07, 12/14/2023

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