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BOH recommends hiring public health nurse

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

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 posi-

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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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago The library was flooded with holiday cheer and decorations along with



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

> By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

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 Friday, Dec. 1 was the first ever coloring books, drawing utensils, 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

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, 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** pouimette@turley.com

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**

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

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.

Craft fair returns to continue 20+ year tradition

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

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

"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

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

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

hear the many stories shared by these veterans who crossed his path. It only motivates him to continue with the demonstration.

In those moments, Viner can

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

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



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 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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No. 4 Schoolhouse has successful fundraiser

Schoolhouse Officers thanks the many donors/sponsors and supporters of their recent raffle fundraiser. The gener-

appreciated. These new funds will allow us to continue the upkeep of this precious the success of this fundraiser.

BARRE - The No.4 osity of so many is greatly historic Schoolhouse. All winners have been notified. A special thanks to Bridget programming and help with Lachance on her dedication to

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



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.

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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.

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



Nobilini

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 Chrismast 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

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 informatio



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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 art 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 your-

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

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@cwmars.org. Space is limited.

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News of the Towns Holiday fun enjoyed by many families

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

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

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.



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.



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



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



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

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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

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 Lapierre, 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.

Lapierre 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. Lapierre 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. Lapierre also thanked the Red Cross for their assis-

tance with the family and National Grid for cutting power to the scene.

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

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

Signed: Un-retiring Temporarily

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 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 sci-

The Quabbin Regional High School present set seventh annual Quabbin alumni band concert on Sunday, Jan. 6 in the Corridon F. Trask Auditorium. The performance will feature more than 40 plus former ORHS 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, Ohiuom Maine and Massachusetts to participate in the annual weekend 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 Phillippine 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



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 heartwo 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 ReserveOfficers 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 Hardng 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 ing scheduled for Dec. 23 at 8:30 U. S. Rep. John Olver's office, a.m. Lynn Shaw said she had Carolyn Pitzi 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 DEOE 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 form the Middle East and who was killed when their chartered Arrow Air K-8 crashed on take-of 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

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 ber-

ries 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

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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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas.

Lights are lighted on the town common and in homes. I hope I can get out and see some of the Light Fight candidates, but we don't drive at night.

I've been writing my Christmas cards and trying to get things done that need to be done. I lifted a heavy box and hurt my muscles so I am having a hard time getting around. Thank goodness for our

Here is a recipe that my friend Nancy from New Hampshire sent me. We love chicken wings and often order them from a local pizza shop, but I also like to

CRISPY BAKED CHICKEN WINGS

3 lbs. chicken wings, separated at the joint and tip discarded

2 tablespoons butter, melted

1 teaspoon garlic powder, smoked paprika, black pepper and kosher salt

1 teaspoon chili powder, optional

Preheat oven to 400 degree. Toss chicken wings with butter and seasonings. Spread wings on a foil-

lined baking tray. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes turning several times. For extra crispy wings, once cooked turn oven off and leave wings in oven for 30 to 45 minutes

This and That

I understand a very nice group of people walked the Ware River Rail Trail on Saturday. On Sunday a group of 12 worked on clearing the walking trail on

I noticed that the Nativity Scene has been placed at the intersection of Williamsville Road and Gardner Road in front of the Congregational Church by the Senior Group. It looks very nice.

I heard from two former residents via emails and on the telephone recently and that included Eeva Stromski of Charlton and Barbara Beaumont of Rhode Island. I miss my friends. They belonged to a quilting club I belonged to.

One of my grandsons just sent me a Christmas list and I had to laugh as he added some cheap land. I don't think you can find that now a days.

Have a good week.

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Town Administrator Nathan Boudreau said he would like more time to look into the funding for this position, which would be about \$8,600 per year. Select Board Chair Jeff Williams said there was a lot to find out and discussion would continue at a later meeting.

Financial forecast

Town Administrator Boudreau gave a presentation to the Select Board on a financial forecast for the upcoming years. He said the 35 page document was available by visiting the town website at https:// www.hubbardstonma.us.

He said the three main revenue sources are property taxes about 77%, state aid about 6.5% and local receipts about 12%. Other

sources included money for state owned land and solar and marijuana fees. He said special permits for two new Solar plots were before the Planning Board.

He anticipated a 6% increase in insurance and a 7 to 8% increase in education this year. He said the town was "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

He said the town was looking at about a \$492,000 deficit next year and if the trends continued, a \$2 million deficit in 2029. The Town Administrator said the town was already breaking the policy of using free cash for the operating budget. Currently, the Stabilization Funds were at the goal set, but if the town failed to put some of free cash in Stabilization, those numbers would fall.

Other things he recommended

was looking at increases in town fees. He would be looking into the fee schedules in other towns to make recommendations. He said several towns raised fees.

He said other options included pursuing regionalization, considering debt exclusions on capital projects and exploring proposition 2 ½ override. The proposition override was unlikely, but it still would be looked into. The Town Administrator said the town would need \$17 million in new growth to get above the financial problem.

Other business

The Select Board approved the appointments and wage authorizations of Brian Colwell, Department of Public Works temporary laborer/driver and Paul Sweeny and Edward Gallant DPW seasonal plow drivers.

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promoting Anderson to fill his position, with current Assistant Chief Keith Marshall then becoming the new Deputy Chief. Holway said the assistant chief position will be filled at a later date.

Holway said Anderson and Marshall are both qualified and familiar with the community.

"I think Darin is a good candidate," Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair John Tripp said. "He's been doing a lot of training, and I know he's been under your wing for quite a few years, and I know Keith has been with you guys also ... and the rest of the crew is phenomenal."

Tripp said he was sorry to see Holway retire.

"I just want to thank everybody," Holway said. "It's been a ride. I loved every minute of it and everybody that I worked with. My whole life's been doing this, with my dad and everybody...and you guys just make it all worthwhile. There's 30 individuals here that will stand behind these new guys as a family - they always will. I'm real proud of every single one of them."

Holway thanked everyone in attendance for allowing him to serve as fire chief.

"It's been just unbelievably wonderful," he said of the experi-

Holway thanked the Board for supporting the new Fire Department building and renovation of the existing one, which he said has been an ongoing project since two fire chiefs before.

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"Jimmy Black, Brad Gannon...

we've been trying to do this for a long time," Holway said of the building projects. "That's a really great accomplishment."

ARPA recommendations

Petraitis said at the American Rescue Plan Act Committee's meeting on Nov. 29 the committee made the following spending recommendations for repairs at the Haston Free Public Library: \$13,960 for two dual temperature pumps for the HVAC system, including installation of new pumps, salvage of existing pumps and system monitoring and calibration; and \$1,795 for two condensate mini pumps for the HVAC system.

Selectmen voted in favor of approving the recommendations.

Resident Joanne Carev asked the Selectmen to rescind their Oct. 24 approval of an additional \$100,000 in ARPA funding to go toward hiring a town administrator. Carey said the money could be spent on water and broadband infrastructure

Carey said using ARPA for a town administrator was a "misuse" of the funds.

Carey said the town could share a town administrator with another town, which would reduce the salary by half.

Petraitis said the Board would take Carey's concerns under advisement.

Broadband letter

Petraitis read a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen to the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, regarding Verizon's application for the Broadband Infrastructure Gap Network's grant program.

"We're pleased that Verizon

plans to expand their fiber optic network and facilitate broadband for unserved and underserved residents and businesses in North Brookfield," Petraitis read from the letter. "Access to broadband is critical to full participation in a global, digital economy."

License renewals

The Selectmen approved the following license renewals for 2024: alcohol for Still Hart's Café, Stars & Stripes, North Brookfield Liquors, Bob's Deli, North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club, American Legion Post 41, Common Ground Ciderworks and North Brookfield Farms: common victualler for Vibram Corporation, Brookfield Orchards, North Brookfield Pizza Palace, North Brookfield Subway, Hannaford Food and Drug, Jim's Pizza, North Brookfield Liquors, Bob's Deli, American Legion Post 41, North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club, Still Hart's Café, Stars & Stripes, North Brookfield Farms and Common Ground Ciderworks; auctioneer for Dupre Metal Recycling; pool table for Stars & Stripes and Still Hart's Café; jukebox/pinball/ video games for Stars & Stripes and Still Hart's Café; live entertainment for North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club, Still Hart's Café and Common Ground Ciderworks; Class II for Country Auto Body, Dupre Metal Recycling and Stephen M. Woods Auto Sales; and Class III for Dupre Metal Recycling.

Financial items

The Town Collector requested approval to purchase two ink jet cartridges at \$154 each for a total of \$308. Selectmen approved the request.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Santa delivers presents in New Braintree

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

NEW BRAINTREE - Santa Claus came to visit Sunday morning as there were presents to be delivered all over town.

A busy day was ahead for Santa as his reindeer took the day off and had to seek a different source of transportation.

Thanks to the New Braintree Police Department and the New Braintree Fire Department, Santa didn't have to work alone. For the past four years with the help of transportation from one of the fire trucks, Santa has been able to deliver some early Christmas presents to the children of New Braintree.

This year, the firetruck serving as Santa's sleigh delivered to more than 20 homes throughout New Braintree. The truck pulls up to your house and delivers a present to your front door.

Joining Santa on the delivery was Lt. Josh Gagnon of the New Braintree Fire Department.

Santa enjoyed his time in New Braintree and the town appreci-

Joshua Pease to interim Fire

Braintree Fire Department.

gifts around the town.

their generous efforts of bringing

fire department will be working

In the spring, the police and

Fire Chief Raymond Walker said Pease has been on the Fire Department for 14 years, and the past two years Pease has taken online classes.

The Select Board voted to appoint Pease as interim Fire Chief, and will negotiate his pay rate at a later date.

Citizen's concerns

Kat Riley from the Whistle available to residents.

I've worked on this," she said, citing issues she's experienced

Riley said she shouldn't have to go from person to person to seek help through this process when the Building Inspector could help her from the start. She said others have shared similar complaints.

"I think that we could do a lot The Select Board voted not here." Riley said, with the extension of her building.

All other Class II and III Vollheim requested that Riley

Conservation Commission Chair Bill Zinni said they have been working with the East yet.

Quabbin Land Trust to conserve

Easter time. Santa in New

Braintree will continue next

Christmas as a fun holiday tradi-

Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Class II license not renewed for Affordable Car

Santa Claus stands alongside Lt. Josh Gagnon of the New

ates him and the departments for with the Easter Bunny around

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

HARDWICK - Town Administrator Nicole Parker said the Police Department conducted a site visit of Affordable Car, 2089 Greenwich Road, after concerns were raised at a previous Select Board meeting.

During the site visit, the Police found 53 vehicles, along with car parts. No one from Affordable Car was on site at the time of the

At the Dec. 11 Select Board meeting, Parker said the Police Department did make contact with owner Brian Gillespie the day after the site visit. She said the Police requested to review the vehicle record book and were told by Gillespie that he hasn't sold any cars this year. Jim St. Laurent, co-owner of

2089 Greenwich Road, where Gillespie leases a building brought a witness to share her experience with Affordable Car.

"Within 100 miles the car died," the woman said, after she had helped purchase a car for her granddaughter in October of 2021.

to renew the Class II license for Affordable Cars.

icenses were renewed

Interim fire chief

Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim said they need to notify the State Fire Marshal in their decision to appoint Deputy Chief Chief.

"He has completed the necessary steps as far as the Fire Chief's position," Walker said.

Stop Restaurant said she has been working with the town to bring a train to her site, and increase the number of jobs "It's been well over a year that

with the Building Inspector.

Select Board Chair Eric submit a letter, regarding her concerns.

Conservation restriction

several properties, including 34.5 acres owned by EQLT in Wheelwright, located near the rail trail and the Ware River.

Zinni said the parcel has 2,700 feet of frontage along the river that is priority wildlife habitat, wetlands, and has an existing walking trail and more. There is no road access to the parcel.

The Select Board voted to accept the conservation restriction Cable proposal

Parker said she was contacted

by Matrix, a cable service company, seeking to service parts of Spring Hill Road in Barre and surrounding roads. Matrix worked in the town of Petersham to bring cable to unserved areas.

Parker said Matrix will submit more information about their service at a January meeting.

Annual renewals

The following liquor licenses were renewed for 2024: Hardwick Crossing, Hardwick House of Pizza, Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, Hardwick Rod and Gun Club, Eagle Hill School Foundation, Hardwick Market and Package Store, Old Furnace General Store, Mimi's Coffeehouse, South Barre Rod and Gun Club and Lost Towns Brewing Company

EV charging stations Parker said the electric vehi-

cle charging stations have been installed but they are not online

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and educational. Guests who joined Ford for coffee believe she is fantastic host as is the Woods Memorial Library.

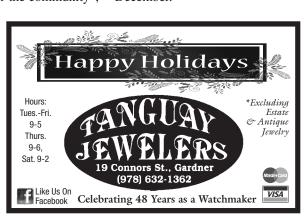
"Guests believe Timothea is the hostess of the mostest", said one of the guests during Cozy Coffee Hour.

In addition to adult activities, Woods Memorial Library have youth programs as well. The library is a friendly atmosphere and is all about bringing people together as is the cozy coffee

"The idea of the library is being a place for the community", said Ford.

The next Cozy Coffee Hour will be on Friday, Dec. 15 from 2:30pm-3:30pm. For more information and future events, visit barrelibrary.org. The Woods Memorial Library offers a newsletter and a new feature will be released in the middle of December.





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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

trees or shrubs. Similar instructions apply!

"Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Barre Gazette



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 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.

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 he 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 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?



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This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, 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@sevenhillsorg 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.

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





John Thompson of Thompson's Maple Farm in

Braintree had maple products and homemade ice cream available.

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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



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.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

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



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



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

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

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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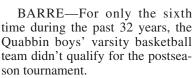
Quinn Geary drives to the hoop.



Kyle Clark a force under the basket.

Panthers look for return to tournament

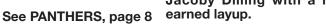
By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent



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,





Jacoby Dilling with a hard-

which finished with a 4-16 overall record. They are Will Hood, Tyler Clark, Mark Halaby, Kyle Vander Luke Salvadore with a left-handed layup.

Pioneers pick up season-opener victory



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

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.

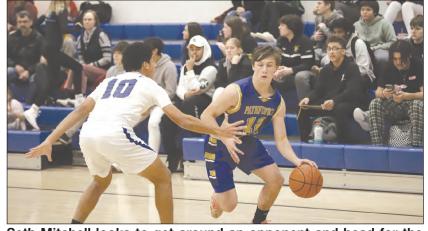


Adam Slonker takes a shot.



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





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

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.





Brianna Whitelaw hits a three-pointer for the Panthers



Mikalah Kingsbury passes through a crowd of defenders.



rebound and puts the shot up.

Hurricanes take win in season opener

WESTFIELD - Last Friday Chin also scored goals for the 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

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



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Sports

T-Birds stuff Islanders on Teddy Bear Night

Springfield Thunderbirds (12-8-2-0) thoroughly controlled the game and came away with a defiant 5-1 win over the Bridgeport Islanders (6-15-1-0) on Saturday night before a soldout crowd of 6,793 for the annual Teddy Bear Toss.

Fans did not have to wait long to chuck their stuffed animals onto the ice, as Mathias Laferriere cleaned up a loose puck rebound in front of Jakub Skarek and tucked it home on the backhand just 1:40 into the game, bringing about thousands of bears raining onto the ice

After a delay in picking up all the stuffed donations, the T-Birds picked right up where

they left off, and just 6:10 after the Laferriere goal, the top line generated another marker. Adam Gaudette connected on a pass to the right side to Nathan Walker. Dylan Coghlan quickly raced up into the play as a trailer and perfectly placed a wrist shot over Skarek's blocker arm to make it a 2-0 game at 7:50.

Vadim Zherenko was mostly untested in the T-Birds' net, as the offense for both teams went dry for well over the next 30 minutes of game action.

The game's temperature then

rose at the 3:18 mark of the third as Sam Bitten and Travis Mitchell dropped the mitts in an old-school style scrap, bringing up the noise on both benches and inside the building. When the matching minors three minutes later, the T-Birds put the game out of reach with two goals in short order.

First, Calle Rosen drifted back toward his blue line and stunned the Islanders with a perfect diagonal pass to a streaking Walker, who beat Skarek with a backhander to make it 3-0 at 7:18 of the third. Just 22 seconds later, Walker was the distributor off the rush, setting up Wyatt Kalynuk for a snapper through Skarek's five-hole, and in a matter of a half minute, the lead had ballooned to 4-0 for the T-Birds.

Matt Maggio broke up Zherenko's shutout bid with a shot that caromed off a defender and through Zherenko's legs at

game moved to 4-on-4 following 10:27 to make it a 4-1 game, but that would be all the Isles could muster on this night.

> Coghlan would add his second of the night on Walker's fourth point of the evening, blasting a one-time power play slapper through Skarek's legs at 13:59, rounding out the scoring with his seventh goal of the year and his second multi-goal game.

> For the first time this season, the T-Birds went the full 60 minutes without having to play shorthanded, and Springfield scored on their lone power play chance to make it a perfect night in special teams. Zherenko got his fourth straight win with 34 saves. In his last four outings, the second-year netminder has stopped 126 out of 132 shots.

Education

News from the Quabbin Regional School District

From the desk of Colleen Mucha, Interim Superintendent of QRSD

If you have had the opportunity to step on the campus of the Quabbin Regional Middle High School chances are that you have met Sergeant Russell Davidson, School Resource Officer.

Officer Davidson wears a warm smile and is able to put people at ease. Students report that he is "kind and car-

Officer Davidson strives to build positive relationships within the school setting and the community. His days are spent at QRMHS and Ruggles Lane Elementary School. Establishing strong connections ensures that Officer Davidson knows students well and is able to mentor, coach and teach kids whether he sees them in the hallways or down on the common.

Principal DeMorais states "Officer Davidson is a consistent safety presence for our staff, students and families. He promotes a positive school culture throughout the day especially during important informal school times including student arrival, lunch and dismiss-

Students come to Sgt. Davidson for all kinds of advice. Student Samantha Dube reports that "he makes everyone feel safer just having him around." Student Hunter Young states, "I talk to him every day after school, he cares about my well being."

Town of Barre Police Chief, James Sabourin, is passionate about the impact and importance of Sergeant Davidson's position. "I strongly believe that an SRO is essential for not only ensuring a safe learning environment, but also for developing a positive relationship between the Police and the public. Sgt. Davidson's impact reaches far beyond a positive relationship with students, he also fosters a strong trusting relation-



Shown from left, Max Camacho, Grade 10 and Riley Scott, Grade 11 with Sergeant Davidson enjoy a moment connecting during

ship with staff and family members. Of course, students, staff and family are the community, so this relationship builds trust and legitimacy with the Barre Police Department as a whole."

Here at Quabbin Regional School District, we are grateful for the partnership and support from the Barre Police Department. Officer Davidson truly brings warmth and caring to our schools and our students. We could not be prouder to have him on our team.

This is also true of all of our towns, while each school may not have a full time school resource officer, all of our students know their local police chiefs by name and sight. They visit our schools frequently and not only share their smiles but their knowledge. We recognize and thank them for their commitment to our students, staff, families and communities. We are better together.

Railers suffer loss to Thunder

WORCESTER - The Railers stop offense with great goaltendropped a 3-2 shootout to the Adirondack Thunder here Saturday before a loud Teddy Bear Toss crowd of 5,029. While Worcester did not dominate play in this one as much as it did in Friday's 4-2 triumph, the Railers had more and better chances than the Thunder.

However, Adirondack was 1 for 2 on its power plays, Worcester 0 for 1. This marked the ninth time in 21 games this season the Railers were outscored by the opposition on special teams. Worcester is 2-4-3 in those games.

The Railers did not get a power play until overtime. At 3:08 of the fourth period, something happened that typified the night. A Worcester shot rang off the post, rolled into the back of Thunder goaltender Vinnie Purpura, then bounced back towards the net.

It stopped on the goal line.

Worcester outshot the visitors, 38-28. That included a 21-6 edge in the first period, which ended

1-1 but could have been 5-1. "Stay the course," was coach Jordan Smotherman's advice to his team in the dressing room. "That's two really good games out of us. We have 80 shots in two nights and we should win both those games. Obviously, we'll take the three-point week-

end but prefer the four. "There's a lot to build on."

was exactly what hockey's honchos had in mind when they thought up the idea. It was non-

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ding from Worcester's Tristan Lennox and Purpura, both of whom stopped five shots.

The shootout was the kind of thing hockey's honchos are trying to avoid. The teams traded slow-motion approaches to the net. Adirondack's Patrick Grasso had the only goal in eight tries, a

12-foot wrist shot along the ice. Keeghan Howdeshell and Anthony Repaci had the Railers goals. Worcester never led. Jack Jeffers and Mike Gillespie scored

for Adirondack Howdeshell's goal came at 19:07 of the first period. It was set up by a physical play by Riley Piercey along the right boards. Repaci redirected a long pass from the right point by Todd Goehring at 13:33 of the second

In the last four games the Railers have outshot the opposition by 160-108 but have been outscored — goalie in the net by 11-8. Worcester's shots have not been time-to-change lines softballs, either. The Railers are pummeling opposing goalies.

"It's the old adage in hockey," Smotherman said. "If you keep getting the chances they're gonna go in at some point. I'd rather be getting them than not.'

Saturday night's game marked the 16th time the Railers and Thunder have met in the last 30 games going back to the end of last season. That ridiculous The seven-minute overtime overload is almost over. The teams play just three more times this year, one of those games

Winter Showdown to feature SK **Type Open Modified programs**

WINTER HAVEN, FL – As tradition has it, motorsports fans from coast to coast will soon be flocking to the Sunshine State, ready to elude the abrasive winter chill in exchange for a full month of racing at a variety of ovals across the peninsula. Auburndale Speedway in Winter Haven, Florida, centrally located between Tampa and Orlando, will join in on the winter action, ready to host its highly-anticipated Winter Showdown on February 6-10.

In total, seven different asphalt divisions will be taking to the Auburndale shorttrack, all of which anchored with the 602 Tour Type Modifieds, and the Tour/SK Type Open Modifieds, that will headline the week-long Winter Showdown agenda on Thursday through Saturday. The 602 Modifieds, battling for \$500-to-win in each of their respective programs, will compete on all three of the aforementioned evenings with the Tour/SK Type Open Modifieds competing for \$2,000-to-win paydays on Friday and Saturday, only.

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Competitors should note, Modifieds will utilize the F45 Hoosier; additional rules will

be posted in the coming days. In addition to the aforementioned Modified divisions, Legends/Bandoleros (highlighted with double programs on Wednesday and Thursday), Mighty TQ Midgets (chasing a \$5,000 total purse), USAC Eastern Midgets, the National Compact Tour, and the infamous Crown Vics, will also join in on the Winter Showdown, activating officially with open practice and track rental sessions beginning Tuesday, February 6.

Registration Auburndale Speedway's Winter Showdown is officially open. Competitors seeking to pre-register can do so by clicking the link below. Online registration will close on February 1 with additional registration opportunities available at-track during each day's respective program.

Speed Sport TV, home to the widest variety of motorsports events, award-winning shows and exclusive features with live and on-demand capabilities, is the official broadcast partner of the annual Winter Showdown and is set to broadcast each evening live. Race coverage packages and pricing will be available soon. Learn more at www.speedsport.tv.

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Jake Nadeau inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma junior and/or senior years. Inductees

MANCHESTER, NH - Saint Anselm College student Jake Nadeau of Rutland, a business major in the class of 2024, has been inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, a national scholar-athlete honor society, for the 2022-2023 academic

Chi Alpha Sigma recognizes college students, who receive a varsity letter in their sport while maintaining a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA throughout their rank among the top student athletes in the country. The National College Athlete

Honor Society was founded at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1996 by Nick Mourouzis, DePauw head football coach and professor of kinesiology. Saint Anselm College has been a member of Chi Alpha Sigma since

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Baan, and Aidan Welch.

According to Dextradeur, the ramifications of the COVID 19 pandemic is still impacting his squad.

"The pandemic years without a program and facilities really set us back in a devasting way," he said. "We are dealing with the repercussions and results now. We didn't have a middle school program or a youth program for two years."

Under the direction of Tim Hay, who's one of the 1,000 point scorers in the history of the Quabbin boys' basketball team, the Quabbin Youth Basketball League is in the rebuilding process. The program has more than 300 participants this year.

"Tim Hay has done an outstanding job of rebuilding the youth basketball program, which is our feeder system," Dextradeur said. "We have more than 300 players playing in the league this year. We're hoping to get back to where we were before the pandemic started. We do have a great group of kids on the varsity basketball team.'

The Panthers lone senior on the varsity roster is Nick Whitelaw, who's a forward.

"Nick is an outstanding defensive player," Dextradeur said. "He moves up and down the court very well. He's someone that the younger basketball players should watch during our games. He gets the most out of his ability.'

The seven juniors are Kyle Clark, Quinn Geary, Frederick Jenoure, Luke Salvadore, Zeke Santoro, Bryce Venne, and Jaxon Warburton. Whitelaw and Geary, who's a guard,

were chosen as the Panthers co-captains. The duo are also returning varsity play-

"Naming the team captain was a community wide decision," Dextradeur said. 'You can pick your captains, but you

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can't choose your leaders. Nick and Quin are our two leaders this year."

Geary, who's the only returning starter, was the Panthers leading scorer last season. He averaged nine points per game.

Clark, who's a power forward, is another returning varsity player.

Rounding out the Panthers varsity roster are freshman Jacoby Dilling, who's a returning varsity player, and eighth grader Brady Patchen.

"Jacoby and Brady are the only eighth graders to play for the varsity team during my coaching career," Dextradeur said. "They're learning how to compete at this level from the older players."

Dextradeur coached Patchen's father, Harley, at the AAU level. He was a 1,000 point scorer at North Brookfield High School. "Brady has a basketball mind and

great instincts," Dextradeur said. "What we need to do is slow down the game for him. He has a very bright future.' The Panthers are a member of the

Mid-Wach C League, along with Hudson, Maynard, Tyngsborough, Clinton, Littleton, and Gardner. "All of the top teams in our league

are returning their best players this season," Dextradeur said. "We're still in the rebuilding process, but we'll be trying to improve in every game. We're also hoping to qualify for the postseason tournament.'

The Panthers, who haven't won a league title since 2020, are scheduled to play three games this week.

The season began with a home contest with Murdock on Monday night. After playing at Narragansett Regional on Wednesday night, the Panthers will be returning home to battle Hudson High School on Friday night.

The members of the Panthers coaching staff are Jason Ayer, who's an associate varsity coach, Eli Sulmasy, who's the j.v. coach, and Nick Farrell, who coaches the middle school boys team.

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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 15:11:11-17

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-

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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."

Did the choices of this wayward son bring about the life he desired or was this a moment of much needed realization?

2) Failure Can Teach Us the Wonder of His Grace

Failure, properly navigated, can awaken our senses and compel us back to the One we abandoned. When we hit rock bottom and find the sense to go home to our Father, we discover anew His willingness to show His amazing grace. Let us continue with the latter portions of the Parable of the Prodigal Son:

Luke 15:17–24 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

Petersham Interfaith Committee

announces Christmas Eve services

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 collec-

tion Orthodox Congregational

Church, 21 North Main St., at 9

PETERSHAM –The Petersham 4:30 p.m.; Christmas Eve Mass St.

Monastery, 271 North Main St. at p.m.; Christmas Eve Vigils St.

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, "Ouick, 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?

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.

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Monastery, 271 North Main St., at

midnight.

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 Bruso 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.

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 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 Mike began his career as 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 Blancato had the honor to accept not one, but two awards recognizing the nonprofit's vet hospitals in a single

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 MassMutual 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 Szynal, President of the Springfield Regional Chamber. "Small busi-

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 Blancato. "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

nesses are the heart and soul of our more pets at subsidized rates than ever before, ensuring that every pet receives the high-quality care they deserve.

> Blancato 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

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-

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

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View from Viner's tent on the town common of Rutland.

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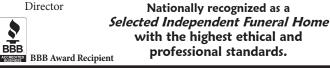
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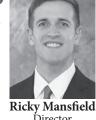
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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 26 12:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Daley, Aprile Rose, 33,

Ashawy, R.I. Charges: Operating Under Influence OR .08%, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Posses Open Container of, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit 12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued Summons: 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

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 pm. 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

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 pm. 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

Hubbardston Police Log

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),

Worcester Road, Transported to

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,

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

6:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service - Bleeding (Non-traumatic) Barre Plains Road, Transported to

7:28 p.m. Police - Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Verbal Warning Monday, Nov. 27

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

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 9:25 a.m. Court Duty, East

Brookfield District Court, Court Duty 6:26 p.m. Police - Fraud/Forgery, Barre Road, Report Field

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

Services - Abdominal/Back Pain, Main

12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

9 p.m. Police - Erratic Operator,

Street, Transported to Hospital

Avenue, Citation Issued

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,

During the week of Dec. 4-11,

the Hardwick/New Braintree Police

Department responded to 15 build-

ing/property checks, 42 directed/area

patrols, five traffic controls, two radar

assignments, one safety hazard, one

assist citizen, one motor vehicle inves-

tigation, two emergency 911 calls, two

animal calls and four motor vehicle

stops in the town of New Braintree.

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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

Officer Handled

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,

7:57 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Parker Court, Negative

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,

New Braintree Police Log

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Wednesday, Dec. 8

12:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Oakham Road, Services Rendered

Drive, Officer Handled

Ravine Road, Citation Issued

7:46 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

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

Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer

Sunday, Dec. 10

Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Dec. 11

8:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

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avine Road, Citation Issued

9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Road, Removed Hazard

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

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

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

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

Wachusett Street, Citation Issued 5:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - Chest Pain/Heart Problem.

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

3:23 a.m. By-Law Violation, Forbes Road, Written Warning

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

Clearview Road, Written Warning 9:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

12:01 p.m. Police Information Given

Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital 1:34 p.m. Property - Lost and

5 p.m. Emergency Medical Services Welfare Check, East County Road,

Wednesday, Nov. 29 3:30 a.m. By-Law Violation, Valley View Circle, Written Warning

Avenue, Written Warning 3:51 a.m. By-Law Violation, Highland Park Road, Written Warning

Drive, Written Warning 10:07 a.m. Harassment, Maple Avenue, Report Filed 11:54 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Old

Hospital

Rutland

12:24 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Holden, Transported to Hospital Holden, Transported to Hospital

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Street, Written Warning 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued

4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Inwood Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 28 12:26 a.m. Sick/Vomiting, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Lane, Written Warning

3:38 a.m. By-Law Violation, Milne

4:36 a.m. By-Law Violation,

Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Fraud/Forgery, Naquag Street, 1:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Services - General Weakness,

Found, Main Street, Officer Spoke to

Officer Spoke to Party 5:23 p.m. Soliciting, Watson Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

3:42 a.m. By-Law Violation, Maple

4:40 a.m. By-Law Violation, Grizzly

Dana Road, Message Delivered 12:02 p.m. Emergency Medical

Avenue, Citation Issued 5:49 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Transported

Thursday, Nov. 30 6:53 a.m. Emergency Medical

East County Road, Negative Contact

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

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,

Charges: Warrant Saturday, Dec. 2

8:31 a.m. Fire - Mutual Aid Ambulance, Holden, Transported to 10:23 a.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Princeton, Peace Restored

2:27 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, 9:08 p.m. Emergency Medical

Services - Headache, Maple Avenue,

NEWS & FEATURES

Transported to Hospital

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Public Notices

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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:

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:

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 Notice is hereby given by: Dave's Tow & Transport,

Inc pursuant to the provisions of MGL C.255 sec 39a, that on 12/22/23 at 843 Worcester Rd, Barre, MA the following motor vehicle will be sold by private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges and other expenses incurred, including sales costs

2008 Yamaha Raider Base VIN: JYAVP27E88A002143 Justin D Martel 21 Prouty Ln

Rutland, MA 01543 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 pur-

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

The public is welcome to attend.

Erin Ballard **Executive Secretary** 12/07, 12/14/2023

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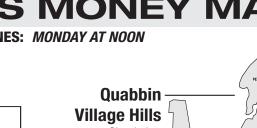
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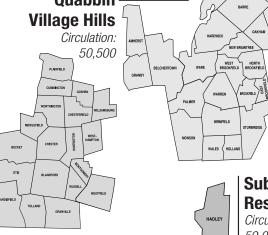
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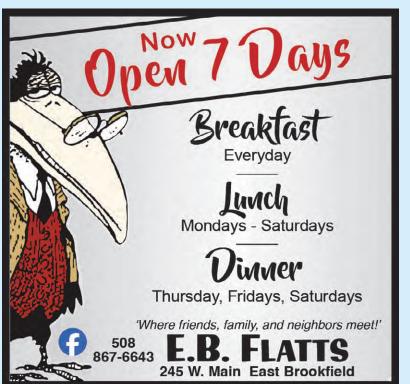


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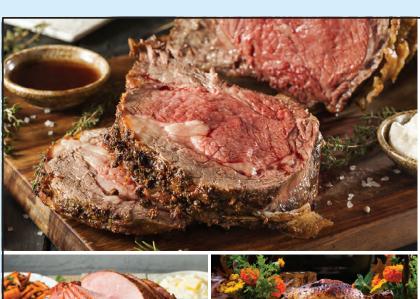
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